



PPLD Genealogy Resources

Collection

Regional History & Genealogy has noncirculating genealogical research materials covering the U.S. and beyond! Search our [catalog](#) for books, microfilm, maps, archival collections, and more!

Publications

- How-to by ethnic, racial, and national origin, and for early New England settlers/descendants.
- Passenger and immigration lists
- Naturalization records
- Census records
- Cemetery and obituary indexes
- Marriage, Bible, and church records
- Military service and pension indexes
- County and town histories
- Newspaper indexes
- Probate, court, and land abstracts/indexes
- Atlases, maps, genealogical periodicals
- Lineage Books, heraldry, family histories

Microfilm

Most of our microfilm consists of local newspapers ([list of publications](#)), but other records include:

- Census (federal, state, territorial, Indian roles)
- Marriage, death, and burial
- Naturalization
- Military
- Manifests and passenger lists
- DAR lineage books
- City directories

Tip! Regional History & Genealogy has both digital and analog microfilm readers for viewing, enhancing, printing, and saving images!



Services

Interlibrary Loan

This free service allows you to borrow materials (or request scans/photocopies of items) owned by another library or archive. Visit [our website](#) to search other libraries for materials and request interlibrary loans.

Specialized Staff

If you are unsure how to get started, find a resource, or use a database, ask our staff. We are happy to help!

- Visit us - [1905 Carnegie Library](#)
- Call us - 719-531-6333, x7252
- Email us at RegionalHistoryGenealogy@ppld.org

Classes

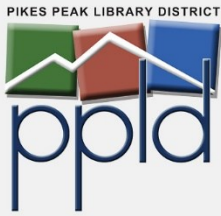
Check our [online calendar](#) for upcoming classes. We offer three classes per month, including the Genealogy Basics class. Classes are generally online and free, but require registration.

View, print, and download class handouts [here](#).

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Databases

PPLD subscribes to several databases providing family historians with free access to billions of genealogical records. Databases marked with an asterisk (*) are accessible remotely. Access these [through PPLD's website](#) and have your library card number and PIN handy. Don't have a library card? [Learn more and apply for a free card online](#).

AncestryLibrary - Search Ancestry.com's large records database and view and search public family trees and message boards. This enormous collection is a great starting point for genealogists.

FamilySearch* - Provided by the LDS, this database offers a substantial records database (plus browsable unindexed images), a free shared family tree, a digital library, and the FamilySearch Research Wiki where you can learn more about how to research almost any location, record, or event. By using FamilySearch at a PPLD library, you have access to additional affiliate site records.

American Ancestors - With a focus on New England and early American research, American Ancestors' records database, library catalog, digital library and archives, chat service, video library, and research guides and templates provides a wealth of information for researching early American ancestors.

Fold3 - If your ancestor served in the military, search Fold3's record database of military records. Most records in these collection relate to U.S. conflicts, but other counties and wars are included as well.

MyHeritage* - Search MyHeritage's sizable records collection including billions of historical documents, as well as numerous family trees contributed by other services and websites.

HeritageQuest* - HeritageQuest provides a large selection of the popular content from Ancestry.com, but with the convenience of remote access. While AncestryLibrary may contain more records, HeritageQuest is a convenient option while researching from home or while travelling.

Colorado Springs City Directories* - City directories can provide valuable genealogical and historical information about people and the communities in which they lived. We have [digitized directories](#) for 1879-1922. Print versions are available in Regional History & Genealogy for 1879 to present.

NewspaperArchive* - The largest online historical newspaper database, NewspaperArchive contains millions of newspaper pages from 1607 to present (U.S. and international).

19th Century Newspapers* - Containing select publications chosen by nineteenth-century American press scholars, this curated database features major publications alongside those published by African Americans, American Indians, women's rights groups, labor groups, and the Confederacy.

Colorado Historic Newspapers Collection* - Includes more than 4.6 million digitized pages, representing more than 775 individual newspaper titles published in Colorado from 1859 to 2023.

Tip! Each database contains unique and overlapping collections, so we recommend using more than one. If you only use Ancestry or MyHeritage, you may miss out on the unique collections offered by American Ancestors or FamilySearch!

Learn more about our databases and how to access them [here](#).

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