



PPLD Genealogy Resources

Special Collections

Special Collections contains noncirculating genealogical research materials covering the U.S. and beyond! Search our [catalog](#) for books, microfilm, maps, archival collections, and more!

Publications

- How-to and general reference
- Census records
- Cemetery and obituary indexes
- Marriage, bible, and church records
- Military service and pension indexes
- County and town histories
- Newspaper indexes
- Passenger and immigration lists
- Naturalization records
- 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)
- Burial and death
- Naturalization
- Military
- Marriage
- Manifests and passenger lists
- DAR lineage books
- City directories

Tip! Special Collections has both analog and digital microfilm readers for printing and scanning!



Services

Interlibrary Loan

This free service allows patrons of one library 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, x1253
- Or [send us an email!](#)

Classes

Check our [online calendar](#), sign up for our [newsletter](#), or visit [ConerenceKeeper.org](#) for upcoming classes.

Tip! Have you visited the [Pikes Peak Genealogical Society's website?](#)

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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 international nonprofit, FamilySearch, 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.

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 countries 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.

Findmypast - If you have ancestors from England, Scotland, Wales, or Ireland, check Findmypast's specialized records database. Findmypast also offers the largest online archive of British and Irish newspapers.

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.

HeritageHub* - HeritageHub specializes in U.S. obituaries and death notices from 1704 to present, covering all 50 U.S. states and territories. This database also includes Social Security Death Index records (1899-2014).

Pikes Peak NewsFinder* - Created and maintained by PPLD Special Collections, Pikes Peak NewsFinder is a local news article and obituary index from the Colorado Springs Gazette and other local newspapers. Indexes to other significant local records, such as the Colorado Springs Death Registers (1872-1920), are also included.

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 Findmypast!

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