

Genealogy Resources

Physical Collection

Regional History & Genealogy (RH&G) 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 a large collection of local newspapers, but other records include:

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



Services

Interlibrary Loan

This free service allows you to borrow materials (or request scans/photocopies of items) owned by another library or archive. Visit [PPLD's Interlibrary Loan website](#) to search other libraries for materials and request a loan.

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 @ Penrose Library](#)

Call us

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Classes

Check our online calendar to view and register for upcoming no-cost virtual genealogy classes. We offer three classes each month - our Genealogy Basics class and two classes covering intermediate genealogy topics. You can view, print, and download the handouts for each class at our [Genealogy with PPLD website](#).



Regional History & Genealogy at Pikes Peak Library District has both analog and digital microfilm readers for printing and scanning!

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 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 traveling.

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.

Pikes Peak NewsFinder (Digital Collections)* - A local news article and obituary index from the Colorado Springs Gazette and other local newspapers. Created and maintained by PPLD Regional History & Genealogy.

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.



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 at our Genealogy with PPLD website.