

Guide to Genealogical Resources at Douglas County Libraries



Start at www.douglascountylibraries.org

RESEARCH OVERVIEW

Catalog: A good place to start your research. Your search covers not only our library materials, but also some of our most popular online databases, and iGuides. You can type your search term in the search box at the top of any page.

Databases: Purchased by Douglas County Libraries, they include digital versions of newspapers, magazines, books, encyclopedias and other reference works. They are published by reliable companies with timely facts verified by experts, including the information you need to cite these resources in a bibliography.

iGuides: Information pertinent to Douglas County citizens from a broad range of sources including online databases, our library catalog, community groups, reference librarians, readers' advisory specialists and, of course, the World Wide Web.

Ask a Librarian: Get personal help for any of your research projects. Onsite, telephone, live online and email access to personalized research service.

History Research: Historical information from the History Research Center, ranging from oral histories and aerial photos to maps and photographs from the past. A treasure trove of Douglas County, from its birth to the present day.

DATABASES

To access databases from the library's home page, select the menu Research → Research Databases
Browse for databases by title (A-Z) or by subject (i.e. Biography & History, Magazines & Newspapers)
In most cases you will have to provide your library card # and password to access the databases.

AncestryPlus ancestry library edition

For use only in the library, with option to use a library computer or bring your own laptop and access via wifi.

AncestryPlus Library Edition provides access to billions of names and thousands of worldwide databases containing primary source documents and images and a variety of genealogical research features – with new databases added daily. Collections include the following record types: census; vital and church; military; biography and history; court, land and probate; immigration; directories; periodicals and newspapers; compiled genealogies; and reference.

Search Options:

Basic Search: Search all databases for a name

Card Catalog Search: Search a single database, with ability to browse image by image if you don't know the name

Advanced Search Options:

- Select the type of databases to search by **record type**
- Search by geographic **locality** (country or state), including international databases
- Specify **date ranges**
- Perform **soundex** (sound alike) searches
- Search for **keywords** or use **wildcards** if needing to account for variant spellings

How does the Library Edition differ from a personal subscription to Ancestry.com (U.S. Deluxe or World Deluxe)?

The institutional version does not contain individual functionality such as personal family trees, collaboration tools such as message boards and member directory, and the Ancestry.com store. The Library Edition does contain databases from both the U.S. and World Deluxe subscriptions; however, the following select databases are not included in the Library Edition: Historical Newspaper Collection, Family and Local History Collection, Obituary Collection, Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (PLI), Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI), Freedman's Bank Records.

Census: The complete set of US Federal Census images from 1790-1930, including name indexes for many years.

Books: Information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.

PERSI: Information on people and places from this index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles.

Revolutionary War: Selected records of Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.

Freedman's Bank: Information on people in Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), founded to serve African Americans.

U.S. Serial Set: Memorials, Petitions, and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress in the LexisNexis U.S. Serial Set.

Newspaper Databases

New York Times

Full-text coverage of the US newspaper of record. Offers superb coverage of national and international news, plus coverage of important speeches and documents, Supreme Court decisions, and presidential press conference transcripts.

ProQuest Newsstand

Full text of 300+ U.S. and international news sources. Includes coverage of 150+ major U.S. and international newspapers such as The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, and the Times of London, plus hundreds of other news sources and news wires.

Colorado Newsstand

Full-text coverage of major Colorado newspapers including the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News and the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph plus selected coverage of other regional sources.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORY RESEARCH CENTER

The Douglas County History Research Center collects and preserves the history of Douglas County, the High Plains, the Divide area of the Front Range and the State of Colorado, providing historical research resources to the public. Located within DCL's Philip S. Miller branch at 100 S. Wilcox in Castle Rock, DCHRC offers reference services, public programs and online resources, and accepts donations of personal papers, photographs, and memorabilia relating to Douglas County history.

Website: <http://douglascountyhistory.org>

Contact: To make an appointment with an archivist, call (303) 688-7730

Collections Related to Douglas County, CO:

- Biography Files & Obituaries
- Family Histories & Manuscripts
- Aerial & Historic Photographs
- Cemetery Records
- Marriage Indexes & Records
- Newspapers & Magazines
- Phone Books & Yearbooks
- Businesses, Organizations & Institutions
- Land Survey & Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
- Colorado Vital Statistics
- Clippings Notebooks for Communities, Churches, Schools, etc.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Interlibrary loan (ILL) is a great way to conduct genealogy research without having to travel to a distant library. Douglas County residents can request materials not owned by Douglas County Libraries free of charge through interlibrary loan. Books, photocopies of magazine articles, newspaper microfilm, and some genealogy records are available. A Materials Request Form must be filled out via the Douglas County Library website to start the process. It may take 2-6 weeks for the requested item to arrive, depending on its rarity/popularity. Upon arrival, the item may be checked out for up to 3 weeks.