

Guide to Genealogical Resources at Douglas County Libraries

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Start at www.douglascountylibraries.org and select the Research tab.

RESEARCH OVERVIEW

Catalog: A good place to start your research. Your search covers not only DCL library materials, but also some of the 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, DCL's library catalog, community groups, reference librarians, readers' advisory specialists, and the Internet.

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 (e.g. 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 in-library use only. Can bring your own laptop and access via Wi-Fi or send information to personal Discovery Page.

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 (Home) Search: Search all 10,000+ 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:

- Limit the search to **historical record collections** (broad or specific types), specify **date ranges** (by century or decade) or explore by geographic **location** (country, state or county), including international databases
- Include or exclude searches for historical records, family trees, stories & publications, or photos & maps
- Search by family member **relationships** (father, mother, sibling, spouse, child), known **life events** (birth, marriage, death, lived in, arrival, departure, or military), or **keyword** (including wildcards)
- Perform **Soundex** (sound alike) and **wildcard** searches for variant spellings, and place **proximity** (nearby)

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 the 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 7 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.

MyHeritage Library Edition

Available for remote use at home with a DCL library card.



Over 6 billion historical records in the following collections:

- Complete U.S. Census collection (1790-1940)
- U.K. & Nordic census collections
- Births, marriages & deaths
- U.S. & world newspapers
- Military collection
- Passenger & immigration lists
- Tombstone indexes and photographs
- Family trees profiles (1.5 billion)
- Digitized biography & history books
- Court, land and probate records
- Public records
- Directories
- Historical maps
- Timelines

Other Databases

Many other library databases can be useful for locating historical information, including the following:

- American History Online
- Biography in Context
- Daily Life Through History
- EBSCOhost eBook Collection
- Gale Virtual Reference Library
- History Reference Center
- History Resources: Facts on File
- Mango Languages
- Modern World History Online
- Newspaper Source
- Universal Class
- WorldCat Discovery Services

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, in order to provide historical research resources to the public. DCHRC offers reference services, public programs and online resources, and accepts donations of personal papers, photographs, and memorabilia relating to the history of Douglas County.

Website: www.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. The best way to find these items is to conduct a search of other libraries' holdings on WorldCat.org. 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.