

Prescott Public Library Genealogy Resources

Library Resources

<http://www.prescottlibrary.info/research/>

Academic OneFile

Contains peer-reviewed, full-text journals and reference sources covering academic subjects including hard sciences, medicine, engineering and business. Includes full text of the New York Times from 1985 to present. Links with JSTOR for archival access to periodicals and thousands of podcasts and transcripts from NPR, CNN and CBC.

Ancestry.com

(available from inside the library only)

Sign in to the library research webpage to access this resource.

Arizona Digital Newspapers

Check to see if your ancestors were identified in any newspaper articles. You might find information about their friends, family, coworkers or important events of the time that will open up more clues about where to look to find more information about your relatives.

The latest print copies (<http://www.azlibrary.gov/sla/arizona-newspapers>) of Arizona Newspapers are kept in the State Library of Arizona in the 1938 addition to the Capitol Building. Newspapers dating from Arizona's Territorial period through two years ago and all newspapers on microfilm are housed in the Polly Rosenbaum Building. Additionally, online access to some state and national newspapers is available to Arizona State Employees and Arizona Residents through [Digital Arizona Library](#). The listing on this page is organized by county and then newspaper name and includes 12 Yavapai county towns with associated papers.

Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970

ProQuest's **Digital Sanborn Maps, 1867-1970** provides academic and public libraries digital access to more than 660,000 large-scale maps of more than 12,000 American towns and cities. In electronic form, Sanborn Maps take on much improved value over the microfilm versions of the same maps, allowing for greater flexibility of use and improved viewing possibilities. Users have the ability to easily manipulate the maps, magnify and zoom in on specific sections.

Sanborn fire insurance maps are the most frequently consulted maps in both public and academic libraries. Sanborn maps are valuable historical tools for urban specialists, social historians, architects, geographers, genealogists, local historians, planners, environmentalists and anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth, and development of American cities, towns, and neighborhoods. They are large-scale plans containing data that can be used to estimate the potential risk for urban structures. This includes information such as the outline of each building, the size, shape and construction materials, heights, and function of structures, location of windows and doors. The maps also give street names, street and sidewalk widths, property boundaries, building use, and house and block numbers. Seven or eight different editions represent some areas.

Gale Genealogy Connect

You can get to this resource from your local library webpage or more easily, start at the Arizona State Library, Archives & Public Records page, (<http://www.azlibrary.gov/dazl>).

- Click on Online Reference Resources
- Scroll down to Genealogy Connect and click (Includes hundreds of authoritative resources formerly available only in print or on CD-ROM.)
- Enter your Arizona zip code and hit Login.
 - This takes you to the Genealogy Connect primary search page where you can see some of the new titles added to their collection listed by collection subjects. Some of these books are still relatively new, such as ***Settlers of Maryland, 1679 – 1783, Consolidated edition in two volumes*** (2011) by Peter Wilson Coldham.
- Using this first search box, you can search by Keyword, Subject or Entire Document. It will search 164,800 documents and return results, which can then be sorted by relevance, document title, publication date or title.

Some features and benefits are: **unlimited simultaneous 24/7 access**; seamless cross-searching across collections; more than 1,500 authoritative resources from Genealogical.com and Clearfield; ability to print, save or e-mail articles and multi-page viewing, thus recreating the book experience.

General OneFile

Contains a comprehensive collection of more than 100 million items including travel guides, NPR programs video files from many news television shows and articles from magazines

Heritage Quest

Includes the digitized UMI Genealogy & Local History Collection, 1790-1930 U.S. Federal Census, the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), the Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Application Files, the Freedman's Bank records and Private Relief Actions, and Memorials and Petitions from the Lexis Nexis® U.S. Serial Set

U.S. History in Context

Coverage of United States historical topics using reference tools, multimedia sources and primary documents. Find out more about the history your ancestor may have been involved in. Learn about other people and events related to your ancestors. Get clues for more in-depth searching.

World History in Context

Video, audio and printed sources covering 5,000 years of world history. Find out more about the history your ancestor may have been involved in. Learn about other people and events related to your ancestors. Get clues for more in-depth searching.

Zinio digital magazines

- *Cobblestone* (for history research)
- *Dig into History* (for history research)
- *Digital Photo Pro* (for saving your photos)
- *Poets & Writers* (for writing your story)
- *Publishers Weekly* (for tracking newly published resources you might not have known about)
- *The Writer* (for writing your story)

Internet accessible

Census Information

<https://www.census.gov/history/www/genealogy/>

(HINT: Family search.org has great search tips for using the various censuses.)

Decennial census records are confidential for 72 years to protect respondents' privacy.

Records from the 1950 to 2010 Censuses can **only** be obtained by the person named in the record or their heir after submitting form [BC-600](#) or [BC-600sp](#) (Spanish).

Historic census records from 1790 to 1940 are maintained by the National Archives and Records Administration, not the U.S. Census Bureau.

Visit the National Archives Web site to access 1940 Census records

<http://1940census.archives.gov>

Online Newspapers

Listing for online newspapers by country

<http://www.newspapers-list.com/>

International Coalition of Newspapers (ICON)

<http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.php>

U.S. Library of Congress Virtual Reading Room

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/oltitles.html>

Prescott Daily Courier (also in microfilm or CD at Prescott Public Library)

<http://dcourier.com/main.asp?LinkID=454&SectionID=255&SubSectionID=1106&S=1>

http://dcourier.com/SearchForm_Advanced.asp

<http://newspaperarchive.com/advancedsearch/?gclid=CNqgh-7r5ckCFVJIfgodmUUCsw>

Google Books

www.books.google.com

Sharlot Hall Museum Online Archives

<http://www.sharlot.org/library-archives/>

<http://www.sharlot.org/library-archives/newspapers-magazines-journals-2/>

Print Resources

Internet Genealogy magazine (new to the library as of Dec 2015/Jan 2016)

Genealogy collection (at the back of the reference shelves)

Including:

- passenger immigration lists
- old Prescott phonebooks/city directories (1925 and later)
- Hassayampa high school yearbooks
- Yavapai County Cemetery lists
- The Compendium of American Genealogy (8 volumes)
- Confederate Military History (12 volumes)
- Colonial Families of the United States of America (7 volumes)
- and more ...

Nonfiction collection (929's in the Dewey classification)

- Genealogy handbooks
- Baby name books
- Name origin books
- and more ...

Fiction Collection (alphabetical by author's last name)

Many historical fiction authors give extensive end notes explaining where they found some of the information they reference and you can use those sources also for your research.

Library Services

Interlibrary Loan Service

For the small postage fee of \$2 per item, library staff can search for relevant items nationwide and if a library which has it is willing to share it, they can send it here at your request for your three-week use. This can take anywhere from four to ten weeks depending on how far it has to come and how quickly the lending library can put it in the mail.

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