

# PRESCOTT AREA GENEALOGICAL RESOURCE GUIDE



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Offline Research Facilities in Prescott, AZ



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## OFFLINE RESEARCH FACILITIES IN PRESCOTT, AZ

This Prescott Area Genealogical Resource Guide was developed for the local genealogy researcher who would like to augment their online genealogical research with some local offline resources. Or, for the genealogist who is not yet comfortable with using the Internet for genealogical research.

The Prescott, Yavapai County and Northern Arizona area is rich with genealogical research resources, historical societies and repositories holding a wealth of information for finding out about ancestors both from outside of Arizona as well as from within the state.

The facilities listed within this guide contain address, phone numbers or contact information and, if possible, hours of operation. Additionally, an attempt has been made to identify the type(s) of information which can be found at the various repositories.

As with any guide, it is wise to check with the facility before venturing out. Hours of operation can and do change.

At the end of this Guide are a few links for people wishing to research Arizona Ancestors.

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES

Northern Arizona Genealogical Society  
Genealogical Society covering Yavapai and Coconino Counties  
P.O. Box 695, Prescott, AZ 86302  
<http://nags.weebly.com/index.html>

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Camp Verde Historical Society, 435 South Main Street, Camp Verde 86322 928-567-9560  
<http://www.campverde.az.gov/community/vision-statement-2/historical-society-2/>

- Extensive files on pioneer families

Jerome Historical Society, P.O. Box 156, 407 Clark Street, Jerome 86332 928-634-1066  
<http://jeromehistoricalsociety.com/>

(Hours: M-F:10to4)

- Manuscripts
- Audio-Visual
- Family Photos
- Jerome Photos
- Business Records
- Government Records
- Ephemera
- Maps & Blue Prints
- Newspapers

Prescott Valley Historical Society, 7501 E. Civic Center, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Prescott Valley  
<http://pvazhistoricalsociety.org/>

(Hours: M, W: 10to12)

Contact: [darlenepackardaz@gmail.com](mailto:darlenepackardaz@gmail.com)

- Oral Histories
- Library – [http://pvazhistoricalsociety.org/files/book\\_list\\_3\\_27\\_13.pdf](http://pvazhistoricalsociety.org/files/book_list_3_27_13.pdf)  
(Book inventory)

## HISTORICAL SITES

Arizona Pioneer Home, 300 S. McCormick St, Prescott 928-445-2181  
<http://www.azph.gov/>

Sharlot Hall Museum- An Arizona History Adventure, 415 W. Gurley 928-445-3122  
<http://www.sharlot.org> Admission Fee: \$5 without membership  
(Hours: May thru September: Mon-Sat: 10to5; Sun: 12to4.  
October thru April: Mon-Sat: 10to4; Sun: 12to4)

**LIBRARIES**

- Cottonwood Family History Center, 1377 E. Hombre Drive, Cottonwood 86326* 928-649-0116  
(Hours: M-F: 9to5; closed F,S & Su)
- Flagstaff City-Coconino County Public Library, 300 West Aspen Ave, Flagstaff, 86001* 928-213-2331  
(Hours: M-Th: 10to9; F: 10to7; Sat: 10-6; Sun: Closed)
- Prescott Family History Center, 1001 Ruth Street, Prescott* 928-778-2311  
(Hours: M-10to5; T-2to9; W-10to5;Th-2to9;F:10to2. Closed Sat & Sun)
- Access to subscription websites: Fold3 and Ancestry.com
- Prescott Public Library, 214 East Goodwin Street, Prescott* 928-777-1500  
<http://www.prescottlibrary.info/>  
(Hours: M,F & Sat-9to5; T,Th-9to9;W-1to9;Sun-1to5)
- EBSCO A-to-Z a wide selection of online databases
  - EBSCO host
  - EBSCO MasterFile
  - EBSCO Professional Development Collection
  - Heritage Quest (Census, Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty
  - Land Warrant Application Files, Freedman's Bank records)
  - WorldCat online catalog of items not held in Yavapai Library Network
- Prescott Valley Library, 7401 E. Civic Circle, Prescott Valley* 928-759-3040  
(Hours: M: Closed; T, Th-9to8; F-9to5; Sat-9to3)  
<http://www.pvaz.net/Index.aspx?page=285>
- Same as Prescott Library +
  - EBSCO Newspaper Source
- Sharlot Hall Genealogy Library - Located at:*  
*Sharlot Hall Museum- An Arizona History Adventure, 115 S. McCormick St, Prescott* 928-445-3122  
<http://www.sharlot.org/archives/index.html?id=131>  
Includes Fort Whipple military base  
(Hours; W-F-noon to 4)
- Arizona Pioneer's Home Index (1911-2010) (Continuing Care Retirement Home)  
<http://www.sharlot.org/library-archives/pioneer-home-index/>
  - Photographs- over 120,000 historic images
  - Maps  
<http://www.sharlot.org/archives/maps/index.html>  
<http://www.sharlot.org/archives/maps/azlist.html>
  - City of Prescott Death Records (1899-1906)
  - Newspapers: (Microfilm)
    - Arizona Journal Miner Newspaper
    - The Prescott Daily Courier
    - Hoof n' Horn
  - Newspapers (Hardcopy)

- Yavapai County Census Indexes (1870, 1880, 1900 & 1920)
- Newspaper Obituary Index (1973-1995) (1879-1973 is work in progress)
- History – Days Past weekly newspaper articles devoted to the local Yavapai County history
- Library – 10,000 volumes related to Arizona, Yavapai County & the West
- Cemetery (Death & Disposition) Database for 50 cemeteries in Yavapai County
  - Arizona Gravestone Photo Project
  - <http://www.sharlot.org/library-archives/cemetery-database/>
  - All Souls Cemetery
  - Arizona Pioneer home Cemetery
  - Ash Fork Cemetery
  - Azteca Lodge Cemetery
  - Black Canyon City Cemetery
  - Boblett Cemetery
  - Casner Cemetery
  - Centerville Cemetery
  - Cherry Cemetery
  - Chino Valley Cemetery
  - Citizens Cemetery
  - Clear Creek Cemetery
  - Congress Cemetery
  - Cooks Cedar Glade Cemetery
  - Cottonwood Cemetery
  - Dead Horse State Park Cemetery
  - Dugas Cemetery
  - Ferguson-Morell Cemetery
  - Genung Memorial Park Cemetery
  - Guttry Gravesite Cemetery
  - Henderson Cemetery
  - Heritage Memorial Cemetery
  - Hoagland Burial Site Cemetery
  - Humboldt Cemetery
  - I.O.O.F. Cemetery
  - Jerome/Hogback Cemetery
  - Jerome Valley Cemetery
  - Jerome Valley/Lower Jerome Cemetery
  - Las Vegas Ranch Cemetery
  - Masonic Cemetery
  - Mayer Cemetery
  - McCabe Cemetery
  - Middle Verde Cemetery
  - Mountain View Cemetery
  - Old Congress Cemetery
  - People's Valley Cemetery
  - Perkinsville Cemetery
  - Prescott National Cemetery

- Private Land Cemetery
- Red Rock/Schuerman Cemetery
- Rollings Hills Cemetery
- Seligman Cemetery
- Simmons Cemetery
- Skull Valley Cemetery
- Valley View Cemetery
- Walnut Creek Cemetery
- Walnut Grove Cemetery
- Weaver Cemetery
- Yavapai County Cemetery

*Yavapai Community College Library*

928-445-7300

<http://www.yc.edu/v4content/library/>

(Hours: Summer (13 May – 11 Aug) M-Th-8to5; F-Sun-Closed)

- ProQuest Arizona Republic, All Press Watch and New York Times Historical Newspapers
- ProQuest Research Library
- CQ Researcher (Congressional Quarterly)
- GeoRef (EBSCOhost)
- Salem History – Milestone Documents in American History (Primary source documents 1763-2003)
- SIRS Researcher (pro and con viewpoints on leading issues)
- WorldCat (books, magazines, maps and which libraries own)

*Yavapai County Recorder, 1015 Fair Street, Prescott*

928-771-3244

<http://eweb.co.yavapai.az.us/recorder/web/>

- Deeds, deeds of trust, liens – indexed and verified from 1976 – present
- Recorded subdivision maps, 1864-present
- Recorded land surveys – 1864 to present.

## FINDING ARIZONA ANCESTORS

### WEBSITES LINKS FOR FINDING ARIZONA ANCESTORS

Arizona Biographical Database <http://www.azlibrary.gov/bio/Default.aspx>

Arizona Office of Vital Records <http://www.azdhs.gov/vital-records/>

Arizona State Archives

- Arizona Collection: <http://www.azlibrary.gov/archives>
- Genealogy Collection

<http://www.azlibrary.gov/sla/genealogy-and-family-history>

Arizona Historical Foundation and State Museum Library

<http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/library/index.shtml>

Arizona State Libraries Special Collections <http://www.asu.edu/lib/speccoll/>

Cyndi's List – Arizona <http://www.cyndislist.com/us/az>

FamilySearch Wiki – Arizona

<https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Arizona>

Free Newspaper Archives

<http://www.freewebnewspaperarchives.us/free-national-newspapers-collections/>

Google Newspaper Archives

[http://news.google.com/news/advanced\\_news\\_search?as\\_drrb=a](http://news.google.com/news/advanced_news_search?as_drrb=a)

Linkpendium – Arizona

<http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/AZ/>

Northern Arizona University Special Collections

<http://archive.library.nau.edu/index.php>

Museum of Northern Arizona

<http://www.musnaz.org/>

Powell Museum

<http://www.powellmuseum.org/>

Prescott Historical Downtown Walking Tours

<http://prescott.org>

(Every Friday: 10to12)

Southwest Jewish Archives

<http://swja.arizona.edu/>

Yavapai Vital Records

[http://www.yavapaihealth.com/?page\\_id=221](http://www.yavapaihealth.com/?page_id=221)

### WEBSITES LINKS FOR FINDING HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT ARIZONA:

Well before Arizona became a state on February 12, 1912, pioneers were shaping the territory into the state that we are today. Counties in Arizona today are: Apache, Cochise, Coconino, Gila, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Maricopa, Mohave, Navajo, Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yavapai and Yuma.

Generally speaking vital records for birth, marriage and death records for Arizona citizens can be found beginning in 1909.

#### Websites for historical information:

American Association of State and Local History <http://www.aaslh.org/>

Arizona Genealogical and Historical Societies: <http://www.azgab.org/societies.htm>

Arizona Geographic Alliance [http://geoalliance.asu.edu/azga\\_site/](http://geoalliance.asu.edu/azga_site/)

Arizona Historical Society <http://www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/>

Arizona Memory Project <http://azmemory.azlibrary.gov/cdm/>

Arizona State Museum <http://www.statemuseum.arizona.edu/>

National Register of Historical Places <http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/az/state.html>

Nature, Culture and History at the Grand Canyon  
Tucson Museums

<http://grandcanyonhistory.clas.asu.edu/>

<http://www.tucsonmuseums.org/>