

# GENEALOGY

E-RESOURCE TOUR



# TODAY, WE WILL...

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## **Access**

Access the library's genealogical resources



## **Understand**

Understand the different features of these resources



In addition to the print resources available in the Genealogy area in the library, NBPL offers a number of online resources that can be used for genealogical research.



RESEARCH RESOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

Ancestry (Library Edition)

HeritageQuest

Geni

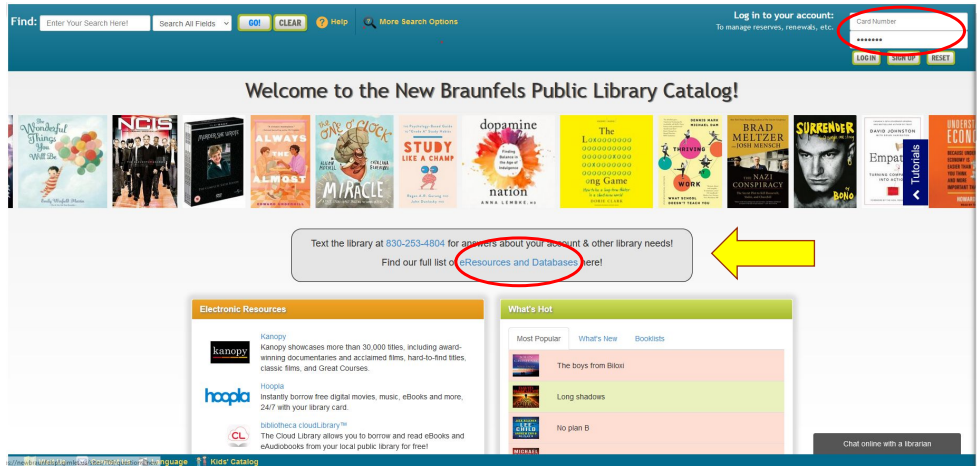
Family Search

ProQuest African American Heritage

Fold3

Today's presentation will focus on Ancestry, HeritageQuest, Geni, and Family Search. We will also find a few other specialized resources that can be accessed through the library. Be on the lookout for yellow arrows as we go through the presentation. These arrows will help you to narrow down the part of the screen we are focused on.

# WHERE CAN I FIND THESE ONLINE RESOURCES?



Go to the New Braunfels Public Library Catalog page. Sign in on the top right using your library card # and password/ PIN. If you do not know your password/ pin, call or visit the library and we can help with setting that up. Once you are logged in, click on eResources and Databases.

# WHERE CAN I FIND THESE ONLINE RESOURCES?

The screenshot shows a search interface with the following elements:

- Search filters: "All Subjects" and "All Database Types" dropdown menus, a "Search for Databases" text box, and a "Go" button.
- Alphabetized list: A row of letters from A to Z with a hash symbol, where the letter 'H' is highlighted in blue.
- Search results: A section titled "8 Databases found" with a sub-header "H". The results list includes:
  - Health Source Nursing Academic Edition
  - Health Source-Consumer Edition
  - Herald-Zeitung
  - HeritageQuest Online** (highlighted with a yellow arrow)
  - Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center
- Additional section: "New / Trial Databases" with a list of new acquisitions including Fold3 Library Edition, Kanopy, National Geographic Kids, and ProQuest African American Heritage.

If you know which specific resource you are looking for, you can use the alphabetized list to find the resource.

The screenshot shows a library database search interface. At the top left, there is a logo for "Ancestry" with the tagline "THOUGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT". Below the logo is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to "Genealogy (5)", which is circled in red. To the right of the search bar are two more dropdown menus: "All Database Types" and "Search for Databases", followed by a "Go" button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with letters A through Z and a hash symbol. The main content area is titled "5 Databases found for Genealogy" and includes a "Clear Filters/Browse All Databases" button. A "Best Bets!" section lists four databases: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Geni, and HeritageQuest Online, each with a brief description and a "Best Bet" badge. Below this is a section for "Family Studies Abstracts". On the right side, there are sections for "Genealogy Experts" and "Genealogy Guides", both indicating that no experts or guides have been assigned to this subject. At the bottom, there is a footer with the text "Powered by Springshare. All rights reserved. Login to LibApps" and a "Report a problem" link. A red circular logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the page.

If you are not sure which resource you would like to use, you can use the first drop box and select "Genealogy" to get a list of the most used resources.

# ANCESTRY- LIBRARY EDITION

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In-library use  
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Learning  
Center with  
Research Aids  
and Maps

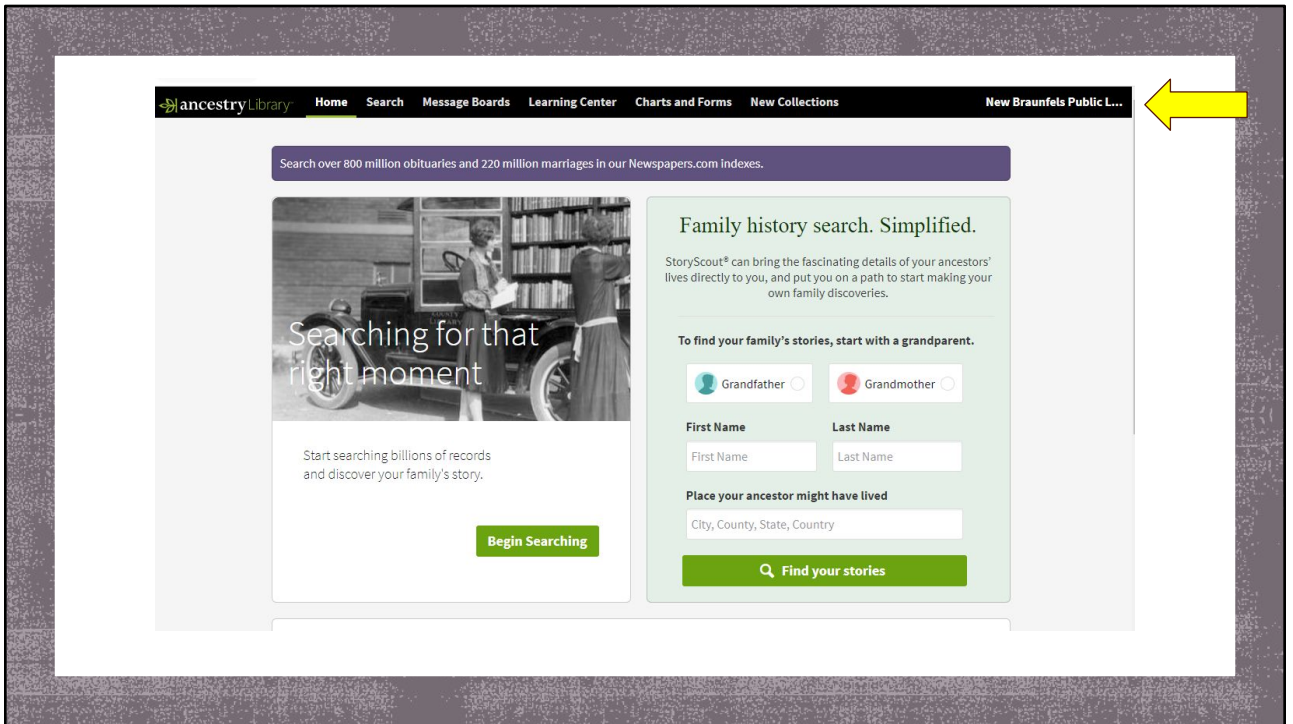
Printable Charts  
and Forms

"Email a Record  
Home" feature



Unlike the individual ancestry accounts, AncestryLibrary is a read-only database and is available for in-library use only. While it has powerful search engines that help you pinpoint genealogical records, you'll need a personal Ancestry.com subscription to create and edit family trees, message or collaborate with other Ancestry.com users, or access One World Tree. Personal Ancestry accounts can be accessed from any device.

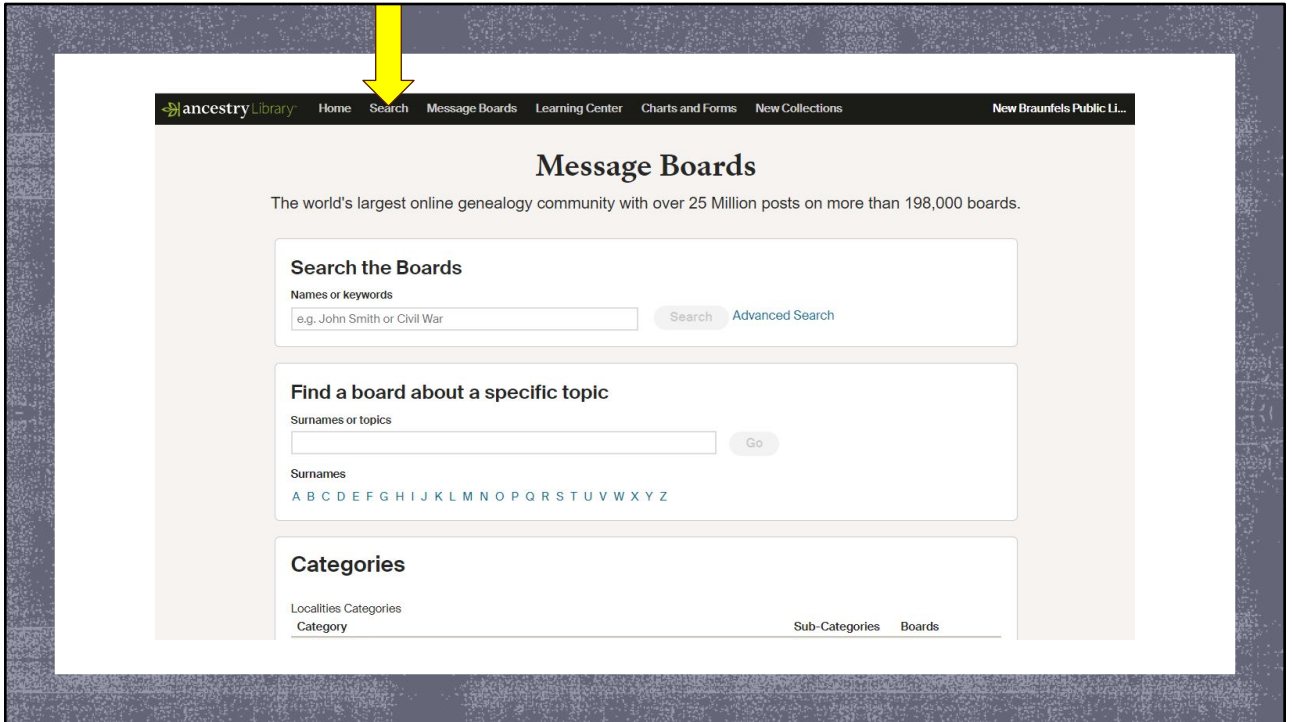
The following pages will highlight some of the features found in Ancestry.



This is the home page. Note the NBPL login (not personalized). Access the features using the tabs at the top of the page.

The screenshot shows the Ancestry Library search interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes 'ancestryLibrary', 'Home', 'Search', 'Message Boards', 'Learning Center', 'Charts and Forms', 'New Collections', and 'New Braunfels'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Search' tab. Below the navigation bar is a search form with fields for 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'City, County, State, Country', and 'Birth Year'. A 'Search' button and a 'Show more options' link are at the bottom of the form. To the right of the search form is a 'View all' button. Below the search form is a map titled 'Explore by location' showing the United States with various states and provinces marked with blue location pins. Below the map are tabs for 'USA', 'Africa', 'Asia', 'Europe', 'North America', 'Oceania', and 'South America'. On the right side of the page is a list of collection categories: 'Explore by collection', 'View all', 'Birth, marriage & death', 'Birth, baptism & christening', 'Marriage & divorce', 'Death, burial, cemetery & obituaries', 'Census & voter lists', 'U.S. Federal Census Collection', 'UK Census Collection', 'Canadian Census Collection', 'More...', 'Immigration & travel', 'Passenger lists', 'Citizenship & naturalization records', 'Border crossings & passports', 'More...', 'Military', 'Draft, enlistment and service', 'Casualties', 'Soldier, veteran & prisoner rolls & lists', 'More...', 'Schools, directories & church histories', 'City & area directories', 'Professional & organizational directories', 'Church histories & records', and 'More...'. A yellow arrow points to the 'U.S. Federal Census Collection' link.

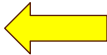
Search by name, location, or birth year or click on a state to search within the records of that state. You can also choose a historical record to search using the links on the right side of the screen.



You can search Message boards for a specific name or topic or peruse the categories listed. These message boards are created by users with a personal ancestry account. You will not be able to post messages using the Library Edition, but you can view posts.

**Find a board about a specific topic**

Surnames or topics

Surnames

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

## Categories

Localities Categories

Category	Sub-Categories	Boards
 Australia	8	3
 Canada	14	5
 United Kingdom and Ireland	7	10
 United States	2	2
 Western Europe	14	3

[More Localities Categories >](#)

This is the search page for the message boards. Notice you can search by surname OR topic, such as a military branch or event.

## Research Aids

Research Aids

[Research Aids](#) [Maps](#)

Looking to jumpstart your research? The experts at Ancestry have assembled a variety of tips and tricks to get your research moving again. Select one of the topics below to help you with your road blocks.



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[Ancestry DNA 101: The Insider's Guide to DNA](#)



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[10 Census Tips](#)

[10 Census Questions That Lead to More Answers](#)

[Follow Your Family Using Census Records](#)

[5 Steps Beyond: The 1910 Census](#)



### BEYOND THE BASICS

Ready to move beyond the census records? Here are a few ideas to get you moving.

[Using Religious Records](#)

[Guide to Searching for Death Records](#)

[5 Military Favorites](#)

[Cemetery Research Primer](#)

[Black Sheep: 10 Things to Know](#)

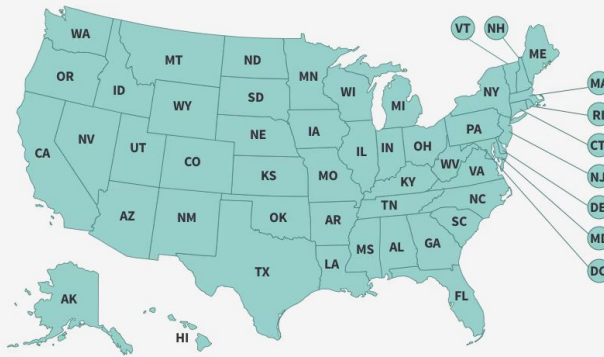
The Learning Center Tab provides Research Aids and Maps. Here are some of the research aids available. This page provides tips to get you started or ways to get past road blocks.

## U.S. Research Guides and Other Resources

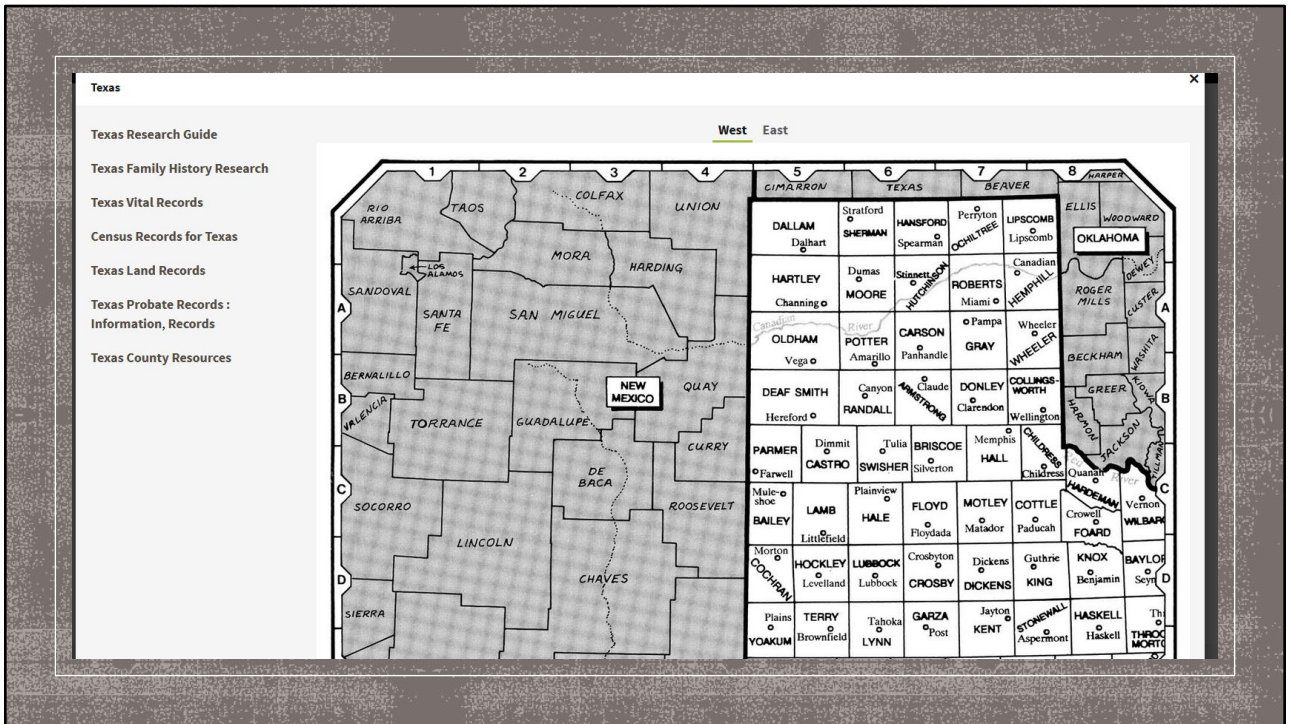
Resources and Guides to Research Your Ancestors

Research Aids Maps

Understanding the state your ancestor lived in will help you better understand them. Click on a state to learn more.



Clicking on a specific state will bring up historical records for that specific state.



Here is an example of the Texas-specific records and a map of counties and county seats.

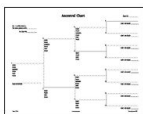
## Charts and Forms

Download these charts and forms to organize your research.

Charts & Forms    Census Forms

### Ancestral Chart

An ancestor chart records the ancestors from whom you directly descend—those for whom you intend to compile a complete and correct family unit. It shows at a glance the progress you have made towards this goal and what remains to be done.



[Download Form](#)

### Research Calendar

The research calendar gives an account of every record source you have searched and serves as a reminder of what you have already done and where you have found pertinent information.

The form is a grid with columns for 'Date', 'Source', 'Type', 'Status', and 'Notes'. It has 10 rows for data entry.

[Download Form](#)

### Research Extract

Use the research extract sheets to summarize information which cannot be photocopied, for which there is no document in your possession, or for

The form is a grid with columns for 'Name', 'Address', 'Occupation', 'Date', and 'Notes'. It has 10 rows for data entry.

### Correspondence Record

It is important to keep track of those with whom you have corresponded, the reasons for writing, and whether or not you have already received an answer.

The form is a grid with columns for 'Name', 'Address', 'Date', 'Reason', 'Status', and 'Notes'. It has 10 rows for data entry.

Printable fill-in forms can be accessed from this page. These forms can help organize your search and track the information you've gathered and notate where the information was found.

The screenshot displays the Ancestry Library Card Catalog interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'ancestryLibrary', 'Home', 'Search', 'Message Boards', 'Learning Center', 'Charts and Forms', 'New Collections', and 'New Braunfels Public Li...'. The main heading is 'Card Catalog' with the subtitle 'Searchable listing of all record collections'. On the left, there are search input fields for 'Title' and 'Keyword(s)', and a 'Search' button. Below these is a 'Filters' sidebar listing various record categories and their counts, such as 'Birth, Marriage & Death' (+1000), 'Census & Voter Lists' (520), 'Court, Land, Wills & Financial' (866), 'Directories & Member Lists' (+1000), 'Family Trees' (3), 'Immigration & Emigration' (456), 'Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers' (123), 'Military' (722), 'Newspapers & Periodicals' (175), 'Pictures' (41), and 'Stories, Memories & Histories' (+1000). The main content area shows 'Results 1-25 of 11,039' and a 'Sort By' dropdown menu set to 'Date Added'. A table lists the following record collections:

Title	Category	Records	NEW
Surrey, England, World War II Home Guard Records, 1940-1945	Military	92,037	NEW
Gwent, Wales, Electoral Registers, 1832-1969	Directories & Member Lists	16,295,916	NEW
Kensington and Chelsea, London, England, Electoral Registers, 1889-1970	Directories & Member Lists	9,747,012	NEW
Salt Lake County, Utah, U.S., Births, 1890-1911	Birth, Marriage & Death	124,451	NEW
Salt Lake County, Utah, U.S., Deaths, 1847-1949	Birth, Marriage & Death	308,471	NEW
Hampshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1921	Birth, Marriage & Death	794,719	NEW
Tver, Russia, Confession Lists, 1728-1913 (in Russian)	Birth, Marriage & Death	0	NEW
Oregon, U.S., Alien and Japanese American Registration Forms, 1942-1947	Military	9,396	NEW
Canada, Royal Canadian Air Force Crash Cards, 1939-1945	Military	35,063	NEW

The New Collections Link will bring us to a list of all the records available. There are over 11,000 records available. You can search by title or keyword or filter by a specific type of record. Remember- the Ancestry Library Edition is only available for In-Library use so your personal account may not have as many records.

# HERITAGEQUEST

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Extensive  
historical record  
databases

Save or email  
records

Let's explore  
[HeritageQuest!](#)



No individual account, family trees, or DNA uploads, but their records are extensive!  
Visit NBPL catalog and access Heritage Quest in the alphabetized list of resources.

## Select Your Library

Welcome to TexShare! Please select your library.

New Braunfels Public Library

TX78130

Show Password

Access

Accessing:



HeritageQuest Online

Need a password? Please contact your local library for assistance.

See [Our FAQ page](#) for more information.

About Us



HeritageQuest is one of our Texshare databases and requires a password. The password for all of the NBPL Texshare databases is circled.

# HeritageQuest Online

Discover your family history today

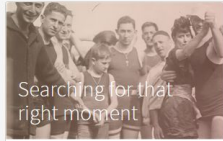
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## Welcome to HeritageQuest Online at the Library

City Directories  
Census Map Guide  
U.S. Indian Census Rolls

Mortality Schedules  
Agricultural and Industrial Schedules  
U.S. Freedman's Bank Record, 1861-1875



### Searching for that right moment

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Grandfather

Grandmother

First Name

Last Name

First Name

Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived

City, Country, State, Country

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### SEARCH US CENSUS



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### SEARCH BOOKS



Find information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.

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### SEARCH REVOLUTIONARY WAR



Search selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-land Warrant Application Files.

[Search Now](#)

### SEARCH CANADA CENSUS



Find ancestors in this set of Canada Census Images from 1825-1921

[Search Now](#)

Home Page

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## SEARCH CENSUS



1950 1940 1930 1920 1910 1900  
1890 1880 1870 1860 1850 1840  
1830 1820 1810 1800 1790 All >>

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## SEARCH BOOKS



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Search wills and probate records from the U.S.

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## SEARCH CITY DIRECTORIES



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## SEARCH MILITARY RECORDS



Military records provide unique facts and insights into the lives of men and women who have served many conflicts including the [Revolutionary War](#).

[Search Now](#)

## SEARCH IMMIGRATION RECORDS



Immigration records can reveal when and where your ancestors migrated as well as who they travelled with.

[Search Now](#)

## PUBLIC RECORDS

Search for your more recent ancestors in our large public records collection. U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1 U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 2

[Search Now](#)

## SOCIAL SECURITY DEATH INDEX

The SSDI contains over 94 million records of deceased persons with social security numbers whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration.

[Search Now](#)

## REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Find the original patriots in your family tree in the complete set of Revolutionary War Pension Files.

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## U.S. SERIAL SET

Search the Memorials, Petitions, and Private-Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress in the ProQuest™ U.S. Serial Set.

[Search Now](#)

## FREEDMAN'S BANK

Search for your African American ancestors in the Freedman's Bank records (1865-1874).

[Search Now](#)

## SEARCH CEMETERIES

Search our Find a Grave indexes for these countries:

[Search Now](#)



Search Tab

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Tips and tricks from our experts

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State	Population	Male	Female	Total
Alabama	1,055,000	525,000	530,000	1,055,000
Alaska	43,000	22,000	21,000	43,000
Arizona	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Arkansas	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
California	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Colorado	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Connecticut	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Delaware	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
District of Columbia	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Florida	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Georgia	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Idaho	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Illinois	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Indiana	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Iowa	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Kansas	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Kentucky	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Louisiana	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Maine	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Maryland	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Massachusetts	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Michigan	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Minnesota	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Mississippi	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Missouri	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Montana	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Nebraska	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Nevada	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
New Hampshire	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
New Jersey	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
New Mexico	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
New York	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
North Carolina	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
North Dakota	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Ohio	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Oklahoma	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Oregon	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Pennsylvania	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Rhode Island	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
South Carolina	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
South Dakota	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Tennessee	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Texas	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Utah	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Vermont	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Virginia	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Washington	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
West Virginia	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Wisconsin	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000
Wyoming	1,000,000	500,000	500,000	1,000,000

### CENSUS

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[Historical U.S. Censuses](#)

[Published Statewide Censuses and Indexes](#)

[Countywide Census Indexes](#)

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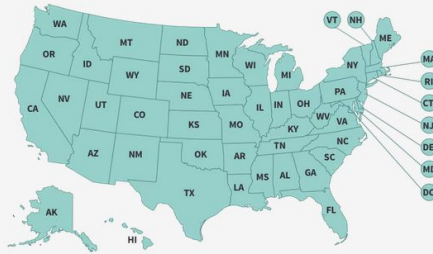
## Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920

Look at your state to see how counties changed over time

[Search](#) [Research Aids](#) [Maps](#)

The counties your ancestors lived in probably changed their boundaries and even their names once or twice during their lifetime. Find your state and look at the changes over time.

Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming  
(Or see the entire U.S. by decade.)



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State specific information. Let's look at an example using Texas.

1820

1830

1840 East

1850

1850 East

1850 West

1860

1860 East

1860 West

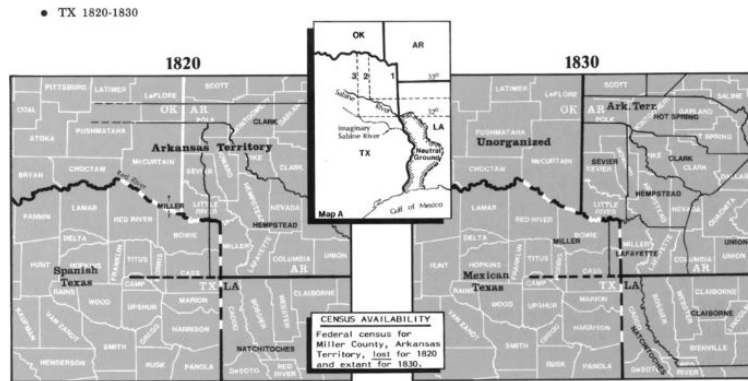
1870

1870 East

1870 West

1880

1880 East



The 1803 Louisiana Purchase caused a border dispute with Spain over the Louisiana-Texas boundary. Spain claimed east to the Red River; the U.S. claimed west at least to the Sabine. They made a temporary compromise in 1806 with the so-called Neutral Ground, where neither exercised jurisdiction, creating a haven for fugitives. Their 1819 treaty (ratified in 1821) finally set the permanent line to run up the Sabine River to the 32nd parallel, then due north to the Red River, which is the modern Texas line with Louisiana and Arkansas. But where the 32nd parallel crossed the Sabine was unknown, so where a line north from this imaginary point would reach the Red River was also unknown. Until the early 1830s this due-north line was so uncertain that Arkansas Territory in April 1830 inadvertently established its Miller County partly inside Texas.

Inset Map A shows how the confusion arose, with the correct, modern line labeled as line 1. Had the 32nd parallel crossed the Sabine farther north, line 2 might have resulted. Or had the Sabine turned west farther south than it does, line 3 was possible. This confusion led in 1820 to the U.S. census of Miller County enumerating the northeast corner of Spanish Texas.

In 1828 the Indian treaty line was established at the modern Oklahoma-Arkansas line, forcing white settlers to leave what is now southeastern Oklahoma. Miller's courthouse was relocated to south of Red River, and the 1830 U.S. census of Miller County, Arkansas Territory, was taken completely inside Mexican Texas. By the mid-1830s the geography was much better understood, so when the republic of Texas created its Red River County in 1836, Miller soon vanished.

The information is brought up by decade. The text below the inset map provides information during that particular time in history. The center box gives you additional historical documents that may be useful in your search.

# GENI

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Must sign up for a free individual account

Focuses on Tree Building and Collaboration

Upload photos, videos, and digitized records to your individual tree

Upload DNA results from some test sites

Let's explore Geni!



No records database.

Only Geni Pro users can access other members' profiles to view and match data. This means that you may need to maintain a family tree on another genealogy website that does provide a searchable records database, if obtaining new records is one of your goals.



Create an account on the home page to begin your family tree and search the database.

### Genealogy Resources on Geni

Geni's vision is to empower our users to create the world's single family tree. We provide a number of collaborative and social resources that help simplify the process of researching genealogy and finding new branches of your family tree. Here is a brief overview of our genealogy resources:



**The World Family Tree**  
Of the over 260 million profiles that Geni users have created, more than 190 million of them are connected together in Geni's World Family Tree, also referred to as the Big Tree by many users. Many new Geni users aspire to build their family tree and find their connection to the Big Tree.  
[Information about the World Family Tree >](#)



**Genealogy Discussions**  
Geni users are very active in discussions, where topics range from collaboration to help for beginners. A wealth of genealogy knowledge is shared in the discussions, and this is a great place for new users to get a feel for what Geni can offer.  
[View Geni's Genealogy Discussions >](#)



**Genealogy Projects**  
Our Projects feature provides a workspace for genealogists with similar interests to collaborate, share learnings, and discuss challenges and discoveries. Projects can exist for specific lineages, surnames, broad interests, and much more.  
[View more than 70000 Genealogy Projects >](#)



**Surnames**  
Surname pages allow users to quickly discover profiles, document, projects, or discussions where that surname is tagged. Surname pages are crowdsourced, so every Geni member can contribute to the "About" text for any given surname.  
[Explore Geni's Surname Pages >](#)



**Popular Genealogy Profiles**  
Of the millions of profiles on Geni, our popular profile list makes it easy to discover some of the most notable figures in Geni's massive genealogy database. From historical figures of centuries ago to names that you'll see on the evening news, this is a valuable list for beginners in genealogy.  
[Browse Geni's Popular Genealogy Profiles >](#)



**The Geni Blog**  
Our frequently updated blog is a portal for learning about new features on Geni, discovering interesting profiles and projects, and getting to know notable members of the Geni community. Follow the blog by subscribing via RSS, liking Geni on Facebook, or following Geni on X.com.  
[Read our Genealogy Blog >](#)

The Genealogy tab at the top of the page will provide links to the resources offered through Geni.

# FAMILY SEARCH

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Digital, limited  
access historical  
records (In  
Library Use)

Database of  
genealogical and  
historical records

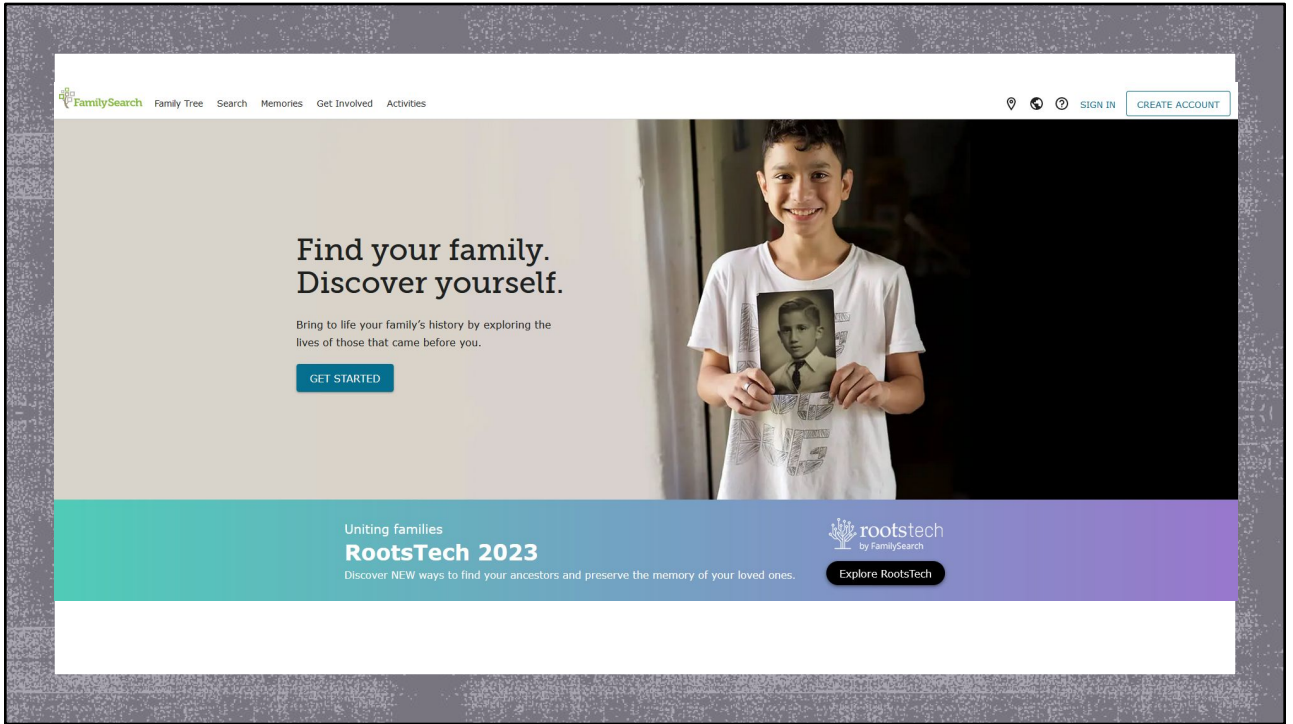
Family trees and  
collaboration  
with family  
members

Must sign up for a  
free individual  
account to create  
and collaborate

Let's explore  
[FamilySearch!](#)



Family Search requires an individual account to save info, create a family tree, and search records. Individual accounts also allow you to digitize your most important memories, photos, and historical documents. In-Library use provides access to additional resources not available through personal accounts.



Once your personal account is created, use the tabs at the top of the page to begin your research.

# WHICH WEBSITE(S) SHOULD I USE?

	Individual account needed	Build Family Tree	Collaborate with other members	Historical Records Databases	DNA Uploads
Ancestry (Library Edition)				✓	
HeritageQuest				✓	
Geni	✓	✓	✓		✓
Family Search	✓	✓	✓	✓	



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# OTHER SPECIALIZED LIBRARY RESOURCES

- [Austin American Statesman 1871-1980 Historical Newspapers](#) - online, easily-searchable first-hand accounts and coverage of the politics, society and events of the time
- [Herald Zeitung 1905-1976 \(Public Domain\)](#)
- [Herald Zeitung 1977-2021 \(In-Library Use only\)](#)
- [Fold3](#)- access to US military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served
- [ProQuest African American Heritage](#)- exclusively devoted to African American family history research



# OTHER ONLINE RESOURC ES

- [Cyndi's List](#)
- [Family History Daily](#)
- [Texas State Library and Archives Commission](#)
- [U.S GenWeb Project](#)
- [Katherine Wilson Genealogy on Facebook List](#)
- [Geneanet.org](#)

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

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**BOOK-A-LIB**  
**RARIAN**

**Sophienburg**



If you're unsure how to get started or have a question, Book-A-Librarian provides you one hour with a librarian. Visit the NBPL website to sign up for this service or click on the link above.

The Sophienburg offers exhibits, local artifacts, photographic images, maps, and documents about the New Braunfels area. Some of their services are available by appointment only and may incur a fee. Check out their website for more information.



QUESTIONS  
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