



## Genealogy Resources: Online & Onsite

### Washington State Library

[www.sos.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx)

Online Resources available free from any internet connection:

*Digital Archives:* <http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov>

*Washington History:* <http://www.sos.wa.gov/history>

*Washington State Digital Collections:* <http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/digcolls.aspx>

*Family Search Labs:* <http://search.labs.familysearch.com>

Onsite Information:

6880 Capitol Blvd. S., Tumwater, WA 98504

Online Access to subscription databases *AncestryLibrary*, *HeritageQuest*, *GenealogyBank*, *Footnote.com*, and *Sanborn Maps* available through Washington State Library computers.

Type of Resource	Available Online:	Available Onsite:
<b>Atlases, gazetteers, maps (Washington):</b>	<i>Washington State Digital Collections:</i> Historical Maps.	<u>In Print:</u> Metsker maps for each Washington county <u>On Microfilm:</u> Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for most counties/cities in WA <u>Sanborn Maps:</u> database of digitized WA maps
<b>Biography:</b>	<i>Washington State Digital Collections:</i> Washington State Library - Thurston County Pioneers: Before 1870. <i>Washington History:</i> Washington Classics: Pioneer Life.	<u>In Print:</u> Biography and Genealogy Master Index; Washington State DAR Genealogical Records Committee collection.
<b>Birth records (Washington):</b>	<i>Digital Archives:</i> indexes for McNeil Island, Walla Walla City and Adams, Ferry, Benton, Whatcom, Whitman and Spokane Counties.	<u>On Microfilm:</u> indexes from 1907-1929; registers/returns for various counties/cities, mostly 1891-1907; delayed birth certificate index.
<b>Census records: Territorial (Washington):</b>	<i>Digital Archives:</i> 1847-1892 (date ranges vary by county).	<u>On Microfilm:</u> Washington Territorial Census Rolls 1857-1892; Assessment and Census Rolls, by Washington Territory, 1857 and 1860.
<b>Census records: Federal (Washington):</b>	<i>Digital Archives:</i> 1910.	<u>On Microfilm:</u> the Washington State Censuses for 1850-1880, 1900-1930. <u>AncestryLibrary &amp; HeritageQuest:</u> Census records 1790-1930
<b>City /County Directories and Phonebooks (Northwest) :</b>		Directories from every Washington county (except Ferry, Pend Oreille & Stevens) and for Portland, Oregon. Phone books over time from various communities in Washington (earliest 1901); a few out of state directories
<b>County histories (Washington):</b>	<i>Washington History:</i> Washington Classics – County and regional history.	Histories for every county in Washington (except Island and San Juan).

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<b>Death/Cemetery records (Washington):</b>	<u><i>Digital Archives</i></u> : indexes for various counties; Brinnon Cemetery and McNeil Island burials; Social Security Death Index (national); <u><i>WA Death Certificate transcriptions 1907-1960</i></u> at Family Search Labs web site;	<u><b>In Print</b></u> : Miscellaneous published cemetery transcriptions. <u><b>On Microfilm &amp; Microfiche</b></u> : indexes from 1907-2004; early records from approximately 1891-1907 for many counties. <u><b>AncestryLibrary.com</b></u> : WA Death Index 1940-96; Social Security Death Index
<b>Genealogical/Historical Periodicals:</b>		<u><b>In Print</b></u> : a variety of genealogy and local history periodicals emphasizing Washington. <u><b>HeritageQuest</b></u> : <i>PERSI</i> (PERiodical Source Index)
<b>Land/Property records (Washington):</b>	<u><i>Digital Archives</i></u> : Later deeds, plats and surveys from various counties; agreements and contracts various counties	<u><b>On Microfilm</b></u> : donation land claims; tract books for the State of Washington; field notes of land surveys; General Land Office plats.
<b>Marriage/Divorce records (Washington)</b>	<u><i>Digital Archives</i></u> : various counties, dates ranging from 1854-2000.	<u><b>On Microfiche</b></u> : indexes to Washington marriage records 1968-2004.
<b>Military records:</b>	<u><i>Digital Archives</i></u> : First Washington Territorial Volunteer Regiment (Civil War); Soldiers Home & Colony and the Veterans Home; Spokane County WWI Soldiers; some WWI serviceman cards. <u><i>Washington State Digital Collections</i></u> : World War I: Soldiers Remembered.	<u><b>On Microfilm</b></u> : Washington State WWI draft registrations. <u><b>HeritageQuest</b></u> : Revolutionary War pension & bounty land warrant applications <u><b>AncestryLibrary.com</b></u> : WWI draft registrations <u><b>Footnote.com</b></u> : Civil War service and pension records indexes
<b>Native American records (Washington):</b>		<u><b>On Microfilm</b></u> : Indian census rolls, 1885-1940; Bureau of Indian Affairs records; Indian allotments & reservation field notes. <u><b>AncestryLibrary.com</b></u> : Indian Census 1885-1940
<b>Naturalization records (Washington):</b>	<u><i>Digital Archives</i></u> : various Washington counties, dates ranging from 1854-1988.	<u><b>Footnote.com</b></u> : Naturalization indexes and records for various date ranges for CA, LA, MA, MD, NY, PA
<b>Newspapers:</b>	<u><i>Washington History</i></u> : Washington Territorial Newspapers.	<u><b>In Print</b></u> : <i>Washington State Union List of Newspapers on Microfilm</i> . <u><b>On Microfilm</b></u> : newspapers from every Washington County various time periods (ca. 1853-present); <i>New York Times</i> (1921-present); <i>Portland Oregonian</i> (1861-present). <u><b>Footnote.com</b></u> : newspapers from various states, various years <u><b>GenealogyBank</b></u> : historical and current obituaries from various states, various years.
<b>Passenger lists &amp; indexes:</b>		<u><b>In print</b></u> : <i>Passenger and Immigration Lists Index</i> and <i>Germans to America</i> series 1840-June 1897. <u><b>On Microfilm</b></u> : Seattle ports, various other lists. <u><b>AncestryLibrary.com</b></u> : US Immigration Collection; Seattle Passenger & Crew Lists 1882-1957
<b>Public Records (Historical)</b>	<u><i>Digital Archives</i></u> : WA Physicians; Oaths of Office; WA Governors' Executive Orders; Prisoner records from Seatco Prison (Bucoda) and Walla Walla Penitentiary.	<u><b>On Microfilm</b></u> : Records of prisoner commitments, U.S. Penitentiary, McNeil's Island 1887-1939