

# Online Genealogy Resources

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Clallam County Obituary Index (Port Angeles) [www.nols.org/articles-databases/obituary-search.html](http://www.nols.org/articles-databases/obituary-search.html)

Obituary Index from the Tacoma Public Library <http://search.tacomapubliclibrary.org/obits/default.asp?bisc=1>

Southeast Spokane County Historical Society and Museum [www.fairfieldmuseumwa.org/](http://www.fairfieldmuseumwa.org/)

Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture(Archives) [www.northwestmuseum.org/index.cfm/Research Archives Collections.htm](http://www.northwestmuseum.org/index.cfm/Research_Archives_Collections.htm)

Tacoma Pierce County Genealogical Society [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/index.html](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~watpcgs/index.html)

US GenWeb <http://usgenweb.org/>

US GenWeb – Pierce County <http://wagenweb.org/pierce/>

Pacific Lutheran University – Oral History Collection [www.plu.edu/archives/sie/Oral-History-Collections/home.php](http://www.plu.edu/archives/sie/Oral-History-Collections/home.php)

Puyallup Public Library [www.cityofpuyallup.org/library/](http://www.cityofpuyallup.org/library/)

Obituary Requests – Washington State Library [www.sos.wa.gov/library/Obituaries.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/Obituaries.aspx)

Genealogy at the Washington State Library [www.sos.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/Genealogy.aspx)

WSL - Genealogy Research Links [www.sos.wa.gov/library/genwebresources.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/genwebresources.aspx)

WSL – City Directories and Telephone Books [www.sos.wa.gov/library/cityList.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/cityList.aspx)

WSL - Obituary Index and Cemetery Transcription Links [www.sos.wa.gov/library/ObituaryResources.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/ObituaryResources.aspx)

WSL - Vital Records in Washington State [www.sos.wa.gov/library/VitalRecords.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/VitalRecords.aspx)

WSL – Genealogy Handouts [www.sos.wa.gov/library/genealogyhandouts.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/genealogyhandouts.aspx)

WSL – County Histories Handout [www.sos.wa.gov/assets/library/County%20histories.pdf](http://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/library/County%20histories.pdf)

WSL – State Census Records Handout [www.sos.wa.gov/assets/library/Territorial%20census%20by%20county.pdf](http://www.sos.wa.gov/assets/library/Territorial%20census%20by%20county.pdf)

Washington State Digital Archives [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Home](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Home)

List by Record Series [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:25](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:25)

1854 Pierce County Census [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/1854](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/1854)

**1857 Pierce County Census** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/176](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/176)

**Washington State Death Records** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/472](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/472)

\* Partial transcriptions of WA death certificate for July 1 1907-1960\*

**Fatal Accident Cards, 1915-1928** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/475](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/475)

**Institution Records** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:7](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:7)

**WA State Reformatory, Monroe, Admission Records,1908-1923** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/815](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/815)

**Advanced Search** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Search](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Search)

**Military Records** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:6](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:6)

**WW I Service Statement Cards** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/640](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/640)

**Orting Soldiers' Home files** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/487](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/487)

**Retsil Soldiers' Home files** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/465](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/465)

**Social Security Death Index – Washington State** [www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/2](http://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/2)

**Washington State Archives** [www.sos.wa.gov/archives/](http://www.sos.wa.gov/archives/)

**Social Security Death Index (free)** <http://go.fold3.com/ssdi/>

**Online Death Indexes** [www.deathindexes.com/](http://www.deathindexes.com/)

**CyndisList** [www.cyndislist.com/](http://www.cyndislist.com/)

**Interment.net** [www.interment.net](http://www.interment.net)

**Find A Grave** [www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi)

**Obituary Daily Times** [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/)

**VitalSearch (\$)**[www.vitalsearch-worldwide.com/](http://www.vitalsearch-worldwide.com/)

**Vital Records** <http://vitalrec.com/> **Washington State** <http://vitalrec.com/wa.html>

**WSL – Links to historical newspapers online** [www.sos.wa.gov/library/genwebresources.aspx#newspapers](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/genwebresources.aspx#newspapers)

**Online historical newspapers list** <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinenewspapersite/>

**Seattle Public Library – online access to America's Genealogy Bank** [www.spl.org/library-collection/articles-and-research/magazines-and-newspapers](http://www.spl.org/library-collection/articles-and-research/magazines-and-newspapers)

**WSL – Historic Newspapers on State Library web site** [www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers.aspx)

**WSL – Historic Newspapers Personal Name search** [www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers\\_name.aspx](http://www.sos.wa.gov/history/newspapers_name.aspx)

**Chronicling America (Lib. Of Congress)** <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Google Newspaper Archive <http://news.google.com/newspapers>

Ancestry (\$) [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) Accessible through personal subscription.

Ancestry Library Edition (\$) [www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com) Accessible through local libraries who subscribe.

Family Search [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

### Ancestry Search Tips

1. **Match All Terms Exactly box** [appears when you click on *Show Advanced*]
2. **Use the soundex search** [*restrict to exact* drop down menu]
3. **Use wild cards** [\* for many letters and ? for 1 letter]
4. **Don't fill in every search box**
5. **First name only**
6. **Include family information** [ click on *+add family members*]
7. **Search for wife and kids**