What is your Family Story?
Introduction to Genealogy for Adults

A SIX WEEK COURSE
NSU ALVIN SHERMAN LIBRARY
2019 ADULT SUMMER PROGRAMMING
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Online Research

NSU Libraries Genealogy Related Databases

Ancestry Library Edition

FamilySearch

Other sources
NSU Libraries
Genealogy Related Databases

ArchiveGrid

New York Times (1851-2013)

North American Immigrant Letters, Diaries and Oral Histories

North American Women's Letters and Diaries

OAIster

Shoah Foundation (Visual History Archive)

https://sherman.library.nova.edu/

Go to databases by subject, type in Genealogy
Ancestry Library Edition

Available locally only through Broward County Libraries:
Also a $ Commercial product you can personally subscribe to.

Accessible at ALL BCL branches (but in-house use only!)
Broward County Library Locations

You will need a Broward County Library Card to log in.
Searching for that right moment

Start searching billions of records and discover your family's story.

Receive Records at Home

Send Your Find Home!

Five Minute Find: Sending Documents

Home From the Library

View Video

SEARCH CENSUS

Find ancestors in the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790-1940, including name indexes.

Search Now

SEARCH VITALS

When did those significant life changing events happen in your ancestors life? Search our Vital Records to find out.

Search Now

SEARCH MILITARY

Did your ancestors serve in the Military? Our collection of military records holds the answers.

Search Now

SEARCH IMMIGRATION

When did your ancestors arrive in the U.S. And how did they get here? Search our passenger lists and other immigration records to learn more.

Search Now
Research Aids
Tips and tricks from our experts

GETTING STARTED
Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for a new perspective on your family tree, these guides will help you get a firm grasp of the research.

CENSUS
Census records are a framework for your ancestor's life. Here are some tips on how to get the most out of them:
- 10 Census Tips
- Census Questions That Lead to More Answers
- Follow Your Family Using Census Records
- A Civic Beyond the 1850 Census

BEYOND THE BASICS
Ready to move beyond the census records? Here are a few ideas to get you started:
- Using Religious Records
- Guide to Searching for South Africa
- Military
- Genealogy Resources
- Black & White: All Things to Know

IMMIGRATION
Where did your ancestors come from, and how do you find them once you know?

MILITARY
Military records are rich with genealogical information that will give your family tree a solid foundation. Here are a few ideas to get you started:
- Wearing your ancestors' African American, Jewish, German or British heritage and

Quick Links
- Public Member Trees
- Birth, Marriage & Death Records
- Military
- Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills
- Stories, Memories & Histories
- Pictures
- Message Boards

City Directories
- Immigration & Travel
- Schools, Directories & Church Histories
- Reference, Dictionaries & Almanacs
- Newspapers
- Maps, Atlases & Gazetteers
- Recently Added/Updated Collections
Card Catalog
Searchable listing of all record collections

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Military

Collection Information

When researching in military records, it is helpful to determine when and where in the armed service a soldier served, and whether he or she was in the enlisted ranks or an officer. Clues may be found in family stories, old newspaper clippings, correspondence, scrapbooks, journals or diaries, service medals and memorabilia, and photographs of the soldier in uniform. The grave marker of a veteran may contain information about
Tax, Criminal, Land and Wills

Collection Information

Court, land, wills, and financial records can be incredibly rich in detail due to the fact that family details and witnesses were often used to identify people. In this category, you'll find indexes as well as some collections of actual records.

Court records can include wills, which include the names and addresses of family members, and details about your ancestor's estate. Tax records will typically include information on taxable items your ancestor owned, as well as his or her income and address.

The right to own land was a great incentive for many of our ancestors to immigrate to the United States. In the days before civil registration, the record of their acquisition of property in some cases can help link generations, as that property passed from one generation to the next.

Bank and insurance records can be particularly helpful because they frequently
City Directories

View sample images and collection details

Search

- Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)   Last Name

Birth

Day   Month   Year   Location

Lived In

City, County, State, Counti

Any Event

City, County, State, Counti

Add family member: Spouse

First & Middle Name(s)   Last Name

Spouse

Keyword

e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"

Gender

-- Select --

Search

Clear search

Browse catalog

Filter By

Filter By Dates:

Location: 1600-1699 30
Australia 25 1700-1799 47
Canada 4 1800-1899 639
Europe 853 1900-1999 713
Mexico 1
USA 390

Featured data collections

- U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995
- U.K., City and County Directories, 1600s-1900s
- U.K. and U.S. Directories, 1680-1830
- Canada, City and Area Directories, 1819-1906
- Sands Directories: Sydney and New South Wales, Australia, 1858-1933

View all in Card Catalog
Immigration and Travel
FamilySearch

https://familysearch.org/

- FamilySearch is a database developed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints - aka The Mormon Church. The FamilySearch website offers free access to digital images of genealogical records as well as family genealogies, online books, a catalog of various holdings (that can be ordered) and even a research wiki. Images include census records, vital records, church and parish records, military records, as well as books and other material.
Find Your Family. Discover Yourself.
Learn where you came from, and get to know who you are. Our free family tree gets you started.

Create your free account

Learn about your family
Pick a family member and see what FamilySearch can find.

First Name
Last Name (Required)
Birthplace
Birth Year
Death place
Death Year

Search

https://www.familysearch.org
Turn Your Heart to Your Family
Thousands of new names are added to the family tree every day.

Sign in to see how your family tree has grown.
Search Historical Records

2,518 historical record collections
You can sort by place, date, type of record and collection by name

Collections include:

- Census & Lists (260)
- Birth, Marriage, & Death (1452)
- Probate & Court (241)
- Military (201)
- Migration & Naturalization (216)
- Miscellaneous (127)
- Ethnicity (13)
Genealogies are trees submitted to FamilySearch that can help fill out family lines within Family Tree. Accuracy of the data in these genealogies varies.

**Guild of One-Name Studies**
- A collection of lineage-linked sourced genealogies from the Guild of One-Name Studies.

**Community Trees and Partner Trees**
- A collection of genealogies from various times.

**Oral Genealogies**
- A growing collection of genealogies obtained by interviewing people in various parts of the world. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

**Partner Trees**
- This growing collection of lineage-linked ancestor trees is submitted, curated and expanded by users of the various partner software applications and websites that integrate with FamilySearch.

**Pedigree Resource File**
- A growing collection of genealogies submitted by users including hundreds of millions of ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. No corrections or merges are made.

**Ancestral File**
- A static collection of genealogies submitted by users, prior to 2003, including 40 million ancestors. Entries include names, family relationships, and dates and places of events. Submissions were merged to eliminate duplication.

**International Genealogical Index (IGI)**
- Information for over 430 million ancestors contributed by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Each record contains one event, including birth, baptism (christening), marriage, or death.
Family Search Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch.

Many items can be loaned to local family history centers around the world.

You can also use the NSU Alvin Sherman Library’s Interlibrary Loan service using Illiad.

In Broward there are four Family History Centers:

https://familysearch.org/locations/centerlocator?cid=hp2-1047

- Coral Springs
- Ft. Lauderdale
- Hollywood
- Plantation
FamilySearch Digital Library is a collection of more than 350,000 digitized genealogy and family history publications from the archives of some of the most important family history libraries in the world.

The collection includes family histories, county and local histories, genealogy magazines and how-to books, gazetteers, and medieval histories and pedigrees.

Fifteen participating libraries including University of Florida!
FamilySearchResearch Wiki

Get genealogical research advice, or learn where to find record collections in over 89,000 articles online

- Search by subject, place or keyword

Useful section on the research process for beginners

- [Family History for Beginners](#)
FamilySearch Research Wiki

A free, online genealogy and family history guide that lists websites, provides research strategies, and suggests records and resources to help you find ancestors from all over the world.

Current number of Wiki articles: 89,958
Other Resources
Other Online Resources

**U.S. GenWeb**
- Free, all-volunteer project arranged by state hosts data and research for virtually every U.S. county, from cemetery surveys to marriage indexes. Plus, historical information on the county and its geographical boundaries and links to additional online resources for research in the locality.

**RootsWeb**
- User contributed databases provide access to transcribed records put online through the efforts of volunteer researchers. The World Connect Project allows you to search a database of user-contributed family trees, containing more than more than 372 million ancestor names. RootsWeb also hosts many major online sources of free genealogy data, including the Obituary Daily Times, FreeBMD (birth, marriage and death indexes) and FreeReg (transcribed parish records) for England and Wales.
More Alternatives!

**The National Archives**
- Offers many genealogical records of interest available for free on the Web site of the U.S. National Archives. Available records cover a wide variety of topics, from WWII Army Enlistment

**Cyndi’s List**
- Organized and cross-referenced directory of sites useful for genealogical research, with hundreds of thousands of links.

**WorldVitalRecords**

**GenealogyBank**

**Family Tree Connections**

**Find My Past**

**Fold3**

**American Ancestors**