



# Genealogy @ Thayer Public Library

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# Where to Start: Online Resources at the Library

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## Ancestry Library Edition

- Free at the library
- In-library use only
- Extensive records
- International Edition
- Easy to use
- Cannot set up a family tree on Library Edition
- Ancestry for home use is subscription based



## Online Resources at the Library, cont.

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### FamilySearch

- FamilySearch Affiliate Library
- Free to use at home
- Find record citations at home; view records in the library
- Extensive records
- Can create a family tree with free account



**FamilySearch**

# Additional Library Resources



## Newspaper Databases

- [America's News](#)
- [Boston Globe](#)
- [Boston Metro Collection](#)
- [Heritage Hub](#)
- [Patriot Ledger Collection](#)

## Local History Collection

- Town Reports
  - Street Directories/List of Residents
  - Genealogies of local families
  - Local history of communities, landmarks, local businesses, etc.
  - Cemeteries
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# Internet Resources



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## Internet Archive

[Archive.org](https://archive.org)

Thousands of searchable scanned books, pamphlets, documents, newspapers, as well as multimedia files. Most are out of copyright.

Some titles require a free Internet Archive library card. Checkout is usually for 24 hours.

## Digital Commonwealth

[Digitalcommonwealth.org](https://digitalcommonwealth.org)

Online library of photographs, manuscripts, audio recordings, and other materials of historical interest from libraries, museums, archives, throughout Massachusetts.

## WorldCat

[WorldCat.org](https://www.worldcat.org)

A global catalog of library materials. Search for books, music, video, articles and much more.

[Archive Grid](https://archivegrid.org) includes over 7 million records describing archival materials, bringing together information about historical documents, personal papers, family histories, and more.

## New England Historical Genealogical Society

[Americanancestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)

New England Historic Genealogical Society is a national center for family history, heritage and culture. A free membership includes access to some webinars and databases.

Free Chat with a Genealogist Monday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

# Other Places to Look



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## Google Books

- [books.google.com](https://books.google.com)
- May have a “snippet” with valuable information
- May find a citation to a book or magazine
- Some digitized books

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## Local Libraries

- Check individual library websites
- Digitized newspapers
- Local history collections
- Digitized maps
- Obituary indexes
- Yearbooks

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## Local Historical Societies

- Maps
- List of residents
- Town Reports
- Local Genealogies
- Local Newspapers
- Local businesses

# Other Resources

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## Google Translate

Find records in a foreign language? If there is no translation available on a website, or you have a hard copy of a document, you can use [Google Translate](#).

## Legacy Family Tree

[Legacy Family Tree](#) is a good resource for free webinars on a variety of topics. They periodically run all day, live webinar marathons on a variety of topics.

Most webinars are free when streaming live and for the two weeks following the live presentation. After that they require a paid membership.

## Genealogy TV

[Genealogy TV](#) on YouTube is all about genealogy, family history education, and resources for researchers.

Beginners to advanced genealogist can find the latest tips, techniques and smart strategies for finding your ancestors faster with these free genealogy videos.

## Find a Grave

[Find a Grave](#) has millions of cemetery records, many with photographs, that can be used to confirm dates of death, identify other family members, and more.