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My Library Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# A Quick Guide to: Digital Genealogy Resources



Looking for how to start researching your family history? Check out these digital library resources that can help with genealogy and family history searching. FREE with your library card!

If you need more assistance please call the library at  
412-486-0211

We offer one-on-one appointments through our  
Book-a-Librarian program. Thank you for your support!



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## How can I access these resources?

**Note:** Most of these sites can ONLY be accessed through a library computer with your library card.



## Ancestry



One of the most well-known virtual genealogy resource, Ancestry is available from any library computer or your own device when connected to the library wi-fi.

Here is a list of what you may find on Ancestry to help with your research:

- ◇ Pennsylvania Birth Records in Ancestry at this time cover 1906-1913
- ◇ Pennsylvania Death Records from 1906-1968
- ◇ Census records cover 1790-1950

\*Most of the 1890 census has not survived, but some secondary lists did

### Some tips to get you started:

1. Try to include at least one location whenever you search, whether it's a birthplace of somewhere the person may have lived. Even an educated guess will help the search engine narrow down possible matches.
2. Same goes for birth year– add one if you have it, or make a good guess.
3. Use the Card Catalog to find collections you want to search. Enter a state, county or city name in the Keyword field to find local histories or other local collections.



### Link to their website:

<https://elibrary.einetwork.net/ancestry-in-library/>

### Looking for a tutorial on how to search Ancestry.com's Databases?

#### Check out a tutorial here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4Zm94jPtIE>

- ◆ You can find a link to these resources by going to:

<https://www.shalerlibrary.org/resources/>

- ◆ Click on "Biography, Genealogy & History" to be brought to our eLibrary and you are ready to begin!

# Family Search



**Note:** While this site is free to use, you will need to create a free account to access many of their features.

A great resource for local records including Allegheny county :

- ◇ Marriage Dockets
- ◇ Birth and Death Records
- ◇ Deeds

**TIP:** Many of these local records are not indexed, meaning they will not show up in a general search. Instead, use the Catalog under the Search menu, then search by place to see the list of Allegheny

FamilySearch is also a great source for European records . New records are added every week, so it's worth checking back periodically, and searching the catalog, even if you don't find the right record today.

## Online Genealogy Consultation

FamilySearch offers FREE, 20-minute consultations via Zoom designed to provide you with research guidance and next steps.

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# My Heritage: Library Edition

**Note:** This resource is available through POWER LIBRARY and can be accessed through your home computer with your library card.



This multilingual family history research database includes billions of historical documents from 48 countries, millions of historical photos, public records, indexes, and additional resources that span the past five centuries.

## Content Includes:

- ◇ The U.S. federal census (1790-1950) with images
- ◇ The U.K. census (1790-1950) with images
- ◇ Citizenship and naturalization records
- ◇ Wills and probate records
- ◇ More than 100 million records added every month!

Access My Heritage through Power Library here: **powerlibrary.org**

1. Click "Find e-resources" list by subject
2. Under Browse, select "Genealogy"
3. Select "My Heritage"



## Historic Pittsburgh

Link here: <https://www.historicpittsburgh.org/>

- ◇ Search U.S. Census Schedules for the City of Pittsburgh (1850-1880) and Allegheny City (1850-1870), view images of Historic Pittsburgh maps and photographs.

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## Newspaper Archive

Link here: <https://access.newspaperarchive.com/>

- ◇ An historical newspaper database which contains newspapers from all over the state of Pennsylvania. The archive's date from 1759 to the present.

## Passenger Lists from the National Archives and Records Administration

Link here: <https://aad.archives.gov/aad/print-series-list.jsp?cat=GP44>

- ◇ Four series of passenger lists containing over 6 million names of immigrants from Germany, Italy, Russia and the famine years of Ireland.

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## Sanborn Digital Fire Insurance Maps 1867-1970 Pennsylvania

Link here: <https://digitalsanbornmaps.proquest.com>

- ◇ Sanborn maps are valuable historical tools for urban specialists, local historians, geographers, and anyone who wants to learn about the history, growth, and development of American geographical areas.

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## FOLD3

Link here: <https://www.fold3.com/>

- ◇ US military records as well as access to naturalization records/indexes, city directories, historical newspapers and more.