

Researching Asian American and Pacific Islander Ancestors

Research Guides

Chinese Genealogy Research: How to Find Your Chinese Ancestors in North America

https://www.familysearch.org/en/blog/chinese-genealogy-research

A FamilySearch.org blog post detailing where to find census records, vital records, immigration passenger lists and published histories about Chinese Americans.

FamilySearch Wiki: Asia

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Asia

Includes a map of Asia with links to specific research pages for each country, including the countries of Northern and Southern Asia as well as Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines.

Hawai'i State Archives: Genealogy Research Guide

http://ags.hawaii.gov/archives/about-us/genealogy-research-guide/

Includes links to vital statistics, passenger manifests, probates and wills, divorce case files, obituary index, naturalization records, census records and Hawaiian genealogy books, along with steps and instructions for research at the archives.

Library of Congress: Asian American and Pacific Islander Studies

https://guides.loc.gov/asian-american-pacific-islander-studies

Includes links to guides featuring digital collections from the Library of Congress. Countries represented include Cambodia, China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines.

• Vancouver Public Library: Chinese American Genealogy

https://www.vpl.ca/guide/chinese-canadian-genealogy/chinese-american-genealogy

Includes information on Chinese American history and genealogical resources such as links to documents and records, books and websites.

Websites & Organizations

• Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation

https://www.aiisf.org/

Contains historic photographs, films, immigrant stories, translations and audio/video recordings of thousands of immigrants who passed through the Port of San Francisco and were processed at Angel Island Immigration Station between 1910 and 1940.

Archives New Zealand

https://www.archives.govt.nz/

Contains thousands of digitized government records, photographs and artwork going back to 1840, including a research guide for Māori genealogy and records.

Densho: Family History and Genealogy

https://densho.org/collections/family-history/

Contains a digital repository of thousands of photographs, newspapers, oral histories, interviews and a name registry for the incarcerated Japanese Americans during WWII.

Guampedia

https://www.guampedia.com/

A digital heritage project with articles and images about the history, geography, government and environment of Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands and information about Chamorro art and culture.

• Historical Society of Pennsylvania: Chinese Genealogy Resources

https://hsp.libguides.com/c.php?g=1164308

Includes published materials, manuscript collections, newspapers and photographs that depict the experiences of Chinese immigrants in Philadelphia and beyond.

Library of Virginia: Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Resources

https://edu.lva.virginia.gov/apidaresources/

Includes a brief history of Asian Americans, links to digital collections, prints and photographs, newspapers and the Virginia Chronicle, exhibitions, and other resources and books on APIDAs available in the Library of Virginia.

• Stanford Libraries: Chinese Railroad Workers Project

https://exhibits.stanford.edu/crrw

A digital exhibition containing images of artifacts and records connected to the Chinese laborers who worked on the U.S. transcontinental railroad from 1864-1849. Includes oral history interviews with the descendants of the railroad workers.

South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA)

https://www.saada.org/

Contains thousands of digital images, newspaper clippings, oral histories, films, articles and other artifacts related to South Asian American history from the 19th century to present.



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• University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library Digital Image Collections

https://digital.library.manoa.hawaii.edu/

Contains digitized images of scrapbooks, photographs, illustrations, maps, music, magic lantern slides and other artifacts from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Library spanning the 18th century to the present.

Welga Digital Archive: Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies

https://welgadigitalarchive.omeka.net/

Contains digital photographs, documents and oral histories pertaining to the Filipino American labor movement and activism in California, including the United Farm Workers (UFW) and Delano grape strike.

WorldGenWeb: AsiaGenWeb

https://www.worldgenweb.org/index.php/asiagenweb

A data repository for queries, family histories and source records as well as a resource center for identifying other databases and resources to assist people researching Asian genealogy.

WorldGenWeb: JapanGenWeb

http://sites.rootsweb.com/~jpnwgw/Eindex.html

Includes links to maps, genealogy sites, family registries, death registries and forums for queries about Japanese genealogy.

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