Tulsa City-County LIBRARY
Genealogy Resource Center

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HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9 a.m.-9 p.m.
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9 a.m.-6 p.m.
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1-5 p.m.

The Genealogy Resource Center's mission is to provide crucial access to genealogy research resources and offer educational opportunities for customers.

The Genealogy Resource Center's Collection and services help support that mission.

The professional staff remains up-to-date with the latest technology trends and consistently expands their knowledge of new research techniques and new means of connecting with genealogical audiences by attending workshops, webinars, conferences and lectures.

Book a Librarian appointments are available for customers who need help getting started on their genealogical journey or need help breaking through a particularly difficult roadblock.

Visit the Genealogy Resource Center and discover the vast collection of resources and services that are available to family genealogists!

Getting Started With
Ancestry Library Edition

ancestry Library™

What is Ancestry Library Edition?

Like Ancestry.com, Ancestry Library Edition is a powerful genealogy database. Since TCCL pays for a subscription, you can use it for free at any TCCL location by using a TCCL computer or a personal device connected to TCCL Wi-Fi. Ancestry Library Edition is not accessible from your home.

What can I find on Ancestry Library?

Thousands of databases on a variety of topics, such as:

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Census records
- Social Security Death Index
- Immigration records
- Military records

For some records, such as the census records, you can view a scan of the original document and print it out or save to a thumb/USB drive.

Ancestry has linked records together, which makes it easier to make connections across records. Be sure to check the "Suggested records link" to the right of your search results.

How do I access Ancestry Library and conduct a search?

- From any TCCL computer or device connected to TCCL Wi-Fi, go to the Research Page: www.tulsalibrary.org/research
- Click on Ancestry Library Edition.
- On the homepage, use the main search bar to enter:
  - Names
  - Birth and death dates
  - Locations
- Use filters to narrow your results by:
  - Record type (e.g., census, military, immigration, birth, marriage, etc.)
  - Location or geographic region
  - Date range

- Click "Advanced Search" to ...
  - Enter additional details
  - Select exact matches for specific fields
- Click on a record to view the details.
- Review different record collections and follow hints or suggested records to uncover related information.

Search tips

- Do not automatically rule out a result because the name spelling or birth date do not match exactly.
  - Spellings and dates may vary slightly from record to record (within two or three years of birth date).
- Less is more.
  - If search terms are too narrow you may not get any results.
  - Only use first and last names, not middle names or nicknames.
  - Only use the state for the location rather than a city and county.
  - Use approximate birth years if unsure.
- Start with census records to anchor timelines.
- Use wildcard symbols:
  - * for multiple letters (e.g. Wil* = Will, William)
  - ? for one letter (e.g. Sm?th = Smyth)

Keep in mind

Although Ancestry offers a wide range of record types, you will not find everything online!