

Guide to Genealogical Resources at Bemis Public Library

Provided by Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society



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RESEARCH OVERVIEW

Online Catalog: A good place to start your research for library materials. Located under the Online Services in the left menu, the online catalog can be accessed from home at <http://bemis.sirsi.net/uhtbin/cgisirsi/x/0/0/49>. You can search for title, author, subject, periodical, and keyword or phrase by typing the term(s) in the search box at the top of the page.

Databases: Purchased by Bemis Library, they include digital versions of newspapers, magazines, books, encyclopedias and other reference works. They are published by reliable companies with timely facts verified by experts, including the information you need to cite these resources in a bibliography.

Genealogy Collection: Resources pertinent to genealogical research from a broad range of subject matter, time periods, and geographic locations, including a bibliography provided by Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society.

Reference Librarians: Personal help to get started on your research projects, including assistance with the interlibrary loan process. Onsite, telephone and email help is subject to time availability of the reference librarians and may take several appointments if staff is busy. Calling in advance is recommended: **(303) 795-3961**.

DATABASES

Accessing the genealogy subscription databases requires in-library use and a Bemis library card. To access databases from the library's home page, scroll down to the appropriate category and select the database. The Genealogy section contains 3 subscription databases, as well as a link to the Columbine website. Don't forget other resources for genealogical research, such as newspapers, encyclopedias, biographies, and A-Z personal or business directories. For example, the Biography Resource Center database contains over 400,000 biographies from books and periodicals, and can be searched by person or multiple personal facts such as nationality or occupation.

Newspaper Databases

Colorado Newsstand

Full-text coverage of major Colorado newspapers including the Denver Post, Rocky Mountain News and the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph plus selected coverage of other regional sources.

EBSCO's Newspaper Source

Cover-to-cover full-text for 35 national and international newspapers and selective full-text for 375 regional newspapers. In addition, includes TV and radio transcripts.

HeritageQuest Online



Census: The complete set of US Federal Census images from 1790-1930, including name indexes for many years.

Books: Information on people and places described in over 28,000 family and local histories.

PERSI: Information on people and places from this index of over 2.3 million genealogy and local history articles.

Revolutionary War: Selected records of Revolutionary War Era Pension & Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.

Freedman's Bank: Information on people in Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), founded to serve African Americans.

U.S. Serial Set: Memorials, Petitions, and Private Relief Actions of the U.S. Congress in the LexisNexis U.S. Serial Set.

Genealogy

AncestryPlus ancestry library edition

AncestryPlus Library Edition provides access to billions of names and thousands of worldwide databases containing primary source documents and images and a variety of genealogical research features, with new databases added daily. Collections include the following record types: census; vital and church; military; biography and history; court, land and probate; immigration; directories; periodicals and newspapers; compiled genealogies; and reference.

Search Options:

Global Search: Simply search all databases for a name from the Ancestry home page.

Advanced Search Options: Expand your ability to add search criteria or filter the type of records searched.

- Select the type of databases to search by **record type**
- Search by **geographic locality** (country or state), including international databases
- Specify **date ranges**
- Perform **soundex/phonetic** (sound alike) searches
- Search for **keywords** or use **wildcards** if needing to account for variant spellings

Targeted Search: Search a single database, with ability to browse image by image if you don't know the name.

Locate the Card Catalog under the Search menu, and type a title or keyword to locate targeted databases to search.

How does the Library Edition differ from a personal subscription to Ancestry.com (U.S. Deluxe or World Deluxe)?

The institutional version does not contain individual components such as personal family trees, collaboration tools such as message boards and member directory, and the Ancestry.com store, as these components are available for free to anyone who sets up an individual login and password with Ancestry.com. The Library Edition does contain original records databases from both the U.S. and World Deluxe subscriptions; however, the following select databases are not included in the Library Edition: Historical Newspaper Collection, Family and Local History Collection, Obituary Collection, Periodical Source Index (PERSI), Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (PLI), Biography & Genealogy Master Index (BGMI), Freedman's Bank Records.

GENEALOGY COLLECTION

The Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society has donated an extensive collection of historical books to the ever-growing collection at Bemis. The collection contains many items from Colorado—including cemetery indexes and vertical files of biographical sketches and obituaries—as well as items from other states and foreign countries.

The Columbine website has an online bibliography of Bemis' genealogy collection, which allows patrons to narrow their search by states, countries or categories. The bibliography includes items from the reference section, circulation section, and vertical files (manuscripts or uncataloged materials).

Access the bibliography at www.columbinenealogy.com/hub/bib.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Interlibrary loan (ILL) is a great way to conduct genealogy research without having to travel to a distant library. Bemis patrons can request materials not owned by Bemis Library through interlibrary loan. Books, photocopies of magazine articles, newspaper microfilm, and some genealogy records are available. An ILL Request Form must be filled out in-library or via phone with a reference librarian to start the process. Patrons may specify whether the loan must be free of charge (may limit one's chances of obtaining the item), or may specify up to a certain amount willing to be paid if the lending library assesses a fee (increases the likelihood of obtaining the item). It may take 2-6 weeks for the requested item to arrive, depending on its rarity/popularity. Upon arrival, the item may be checked out for a period of time as specified by the lending library, usually about 3 weeks.