

Genealogy Resources

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1. Library Resources and Services

HeritageQuest

<http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/onlineresources/heritage.aspx>

A research database with Census records, books, PERSI, Revolutionary War records, and Freedman's Bank of African Americans. (Log on using your Deschutes Public Library card)

America's News

<http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/onlineresources/newsbank.aspx>

A database featuring full text newspapers for local (Bend Bulletin) and national locations. (Log on using your Deschutes Public Library card)

Newspaper Chart

<http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/booksandbeyond/libguides/DeschutesCountyNewspaperchart.pdf>

A list of Deschutes County newspapers with date ranges and availability.

Obituary retrieval service by Deschutes Public Library

Submit your request for a local obituary copy by email reference@deschuteslibrary.org, phone 541-617-7080 or visit <http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/ask/>

Oregon Vital Statistics, Downtown Bend Library, 2nd floor

- Death Index, 1915-1970 (microfilm)
- Death Index, 1961-2006 (microfiche)
- Marriage Index (Bride & Groom), 1906-1970 (microfilm)
- Marriage Index (Bride), 1961-2006 (microfiche)
- Marriage Index (Groom), 1961-2006 (microfiche)
- Divorce, 1971-2006 (microfiche)

Oregon Census Rolls, 1850-1930, Downtown Bend Library, 2nd floor (microfilm)

2. Local and State Online Resources

Architecture and Historic Sites

City of Bend's Historic Preservation

http://www.ci.bend.or.us/depts/community_development/planning_division_2/historic_preservation.html

These 3 sections are most useful:

- A [Map of Bend's Historic Resources](#),
- [List of Local Resources Designated by the City Council](#)
- The [National Register of Historic Places Nominations in Bend](#).

Deschutes County Property Search Tool, D.I.A.L.

<http://www.deschutes.org/Assessors-Office/DIAL-Search-Form.aspx>

The DIAL Search Form allows you to search and locate property history from the County Assessor's office. This page also provides a link to LAVA5, a GIS map of current property plats in Deschutes County.

Cemeteries

Tombstone Transcription: Deschutes County, Oregon

<http://www.usgwtombstones.org/oregon/deschutes.htm>

Find-a-Grave: Deschutes County

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=csr&CScty=2213>

Vital Records

Online Oregon Death Records & Indexes

<http://www.deathindexes.com/oregon/index.html>

A privately created and maintained site that attempts to list essential online resources for each state in one location.

Oregon State Archives Vital Records

<http://arcweb.sos.state.or.us/vital.html>

A list of vital records in the Oregon State Archives including information for city, county, state and other Pacific Northwest locations. Vital records include birth, death, marriage, and divorce documents but availability is determined by Oregon Health Division's Administrative Rule [333-011](#).

Other Resources

Oregon Historic Newspapers

<http://oregonnews.uoregon.edu/>

Read full text articles from a selective list of Oregon newspapers published from mid 1800's to early 1900's. Digital copies include photos, full text searching and a printable pdf format. Created and maintained by University of Oregon in conjunction with the Library of Congress project **Chronicling America** <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> digital newspaper project.

Oregon Historical Sites Database

http://heritagedata.prd.state.or.us/historic/index.cfm?do=v.dsp_main

A statewide database of historical sites and buildings, including National Register sites. Search by city or county and limit search by using such criteria as architectural style, builder, year, common property name, etc.

3. General Genealogy Research Websites

Need a little more direction? Here are some general genealogy websites with research tips and specialty search engines that will help you explore family histories around the world. NOTE: Some sites may charge for their services.

Ancestry.com

<http://www.ancestry.com>

Ancestry.com includes a link for genealogy lessons which provides tips to help sharpen your research skills. Use their **Learning Center** <http://learn.ancestry.com/Home/HMLND.aspx> to explore the basic skills necessary to do genealogy research. Much of their content is only available for a fee but access it for free at the Bend LDS Family Research Center.

Cyndi's list of Genealogy sites on the Internet

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

One of the most comprehensive lists of genealogy websites that includes thousands of links arranged alphabetically by category.

GenForum

<http://genforum.genealogy.com>

Great site for chat rooms, message boards, regional queries and surnames searches.

GENUKI: UK & Ireland Genealogy

<http://www.genuki.org.uk>

Use this site if you have family ties to the United Kingdom and Ireland. Explore their "**Getting Started on Genealogy**" page <http://www.genuki.org.uk/gs/> for beginners

LDS Family History Library

<http://www.familysearch.org>

This site searches through the millions of patron submitted family group, pedigree and ancestral information available through the Family History Library. Also includes a link to their microfilm and book holdings.

RootsWeb

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

Affiliated with Ancestry.com This site is the oldest and largest free genealogy site on the web and includes more than 760,000 surname entries. Find genealogy search engines and databases, message boards, family trees, research templates, guides for beginning your research and much more.

US GenWeb Project

<http://usgenweb.org>

The USGenWeb project consists of a large group of volunteers working together to provide Internet websites for genealogical research in every county and every state in the United States. It is a non-commercial project and access is free to everyone.

Social Security Death Index

<http://ssdi.rootsweb.ancestry.com>

This index is an essential tool for anyone doing genealogy research.

4. Local Organizations

Bend Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~orbchdar/index.html>

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Bend Genealogical Society, Inc.

www.orgenweb.org/deschutes/bend-gs/

PO Box 8254

Bend, OR 97708-8254

(541) 317-9553

Email: bgs@bendbroadband.com

Bowman Museum and Historical Society of Crook County

www.bowmanmuseum.org/

246 N. Main Street

Prineville, OR 97754

(541) 447-3715

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family Research Centers

Open to the public.

Bend

1260 NE Thompson Dr

Bend, Deschutes, Oregon, United States

Phone: 541-382-9947

Hours: T-Th 9am-4pm; F 9am-noon by appointment only

Prineville

333 SE Idlewood

Prineville, Crook, Oregon, United States

Phone: 541-447-1488

Hours: Tu. 10am-7pm, Wed. 1pm-7pm, Thur. 10am-2pm, call for evening appointments.

Closed: Closed Major Holidays, July and August

Redmond

450 S Rimrock Dr

Redmond, Deschutes, Oregon, United States

Phone: 541-548-2436

Hours: by appointment

Closed: Closed during Thanksgiving week and the last two weeks of December.

Deschutes County Historical Society

www.deschuteshistory.org/

129 NW Idaho Ave
Bend, OR 97701
(541) 389-1813

Genealogical Forum of Oregon, Inc.

<http://www.gfo.org/>

2505 S.E. 11th Ave., Suite B-18
Portland, OR 97202
(503) 963-1932

The Forum is an all volunteer non-profit organization founded in 1946. It maintains the largest genealogical collection between San Francisco and Seattle.

La Pine Genealogical Society

PO Box 1081
La Pine, OR 97739
Dave Tucker (541)536-1678, k7dlt@hotmail.com

Greater Redmond Historical Society

529 SW 7th Street
Redmond, OR 97756
541-316-1777

5. Library Books

Local History Books

Bend: 100 Years of History

979.587 BEND (Bend Reference & Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1004710>

Bend, in Central Oregon

979.587 HATTON (Bend Reference & Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1305395>

Bend, Oregon Polk City Directory, 1921-2001, incomplete series

917.95 POLK (Bend Reference)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1049690>

Deschutes County Historical Sites

979.5 DESCHUTES (Bend Reference)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1107895>

A History of the Deschutes Country in Oregon

979.587 DESCHUTES (Bend Reference & Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1038154>

Old Town Historic District: National Register Nomination for the Old Town Historic District

979.5 OLD (Bend Reference)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1123030>

A pictorial history of the Bend country

979.587 WILLIAMS ELSIE (Bend Reference & Nonfiction)<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1082051>

Genealogy Research Books for the Beginner

The Bare-Bones Guide to Genealogy

McGlone, Mary T.

929.1072 MCGLONE (Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1141312>

The Everything Family Tree Book

Powell, Kimberly

929.1 POWELL (Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1203793>

Genealogy 101 : how to trace your family's history and heritage

Renick, Barbara

929.1 RENICK

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1145507>

Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-Selling Basic Guide to Genealogy

Croom, Emily A.

929.1 CROOM (Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1036492>

Genealogy Research Books – Special Topics

In Search of Your British & Irish Roots: A Complete Guide

Baxter, Angus

929.1 BAXTER (Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1100507>

In Search of Your European Roots

Baxter, Angus

929.1 BAXTER (Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1118930>

In Search of Your German Roots

Baxter, Angus

929.1 BAXTER (Nonfiction)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1118933>

Irish and Scotch-Irish Ancestral Research (2 volumes)

Falley, Margaret

929.3 FALLEY (Bend Reference)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1143418>

Native American Genealogical Sourcebook

Byers, Paula K.

929.1 NATIVE (Bend Reference)

<http://catalog.dpls.lib.or.us/record=b1054618>