

What is Genealogy?

“A record or account of the ancestry and descent of a person, family, group, etc.”

“The study of family ancestries and histories.”

Definition from *Webster’s Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary of the English Language*



HeritageQuest - TEL

- What is it?

“... a comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources—rich in unique primary sources, local and family histories, convenient research guides, interactive census maps, and more.

Discover the amazing history of you with HeritageQuest Online. With more than 4.4 billion records, it delivers an essential collection of genealogical and historical sources—with coverage dating back to the 1700s—that can help people find their ancestors and discover a place’s past.

Powered by Ancestry®, this amazing collection consists of the following core data sets:”

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| ❖ Census collection | ❖ Wills and Probate Records |
| ❖ Books collection | ❖ Freedman’s Bank |
| ❖ City Directories | ❖ US Serial Set (subset) |
| ❖ Military Records | ❖ Maps & Photos |

- What can you do with it?

Research family history with census and other records.

- How do you use it?

Access HeritageQuest from the TEL link on ORPL’s website. No account is necessary. Search for and easily locate documents and records; save or print them for later.

Tennessee Historical Records - TEL

- What is it?

“Tennessee records, including birth, death, and tax lists are available online thru a partnership with Ancestry.com. While other Ancestry.com resources require a subscription; these records are free for Tennesseans.”

- What can you do with it?

- ❖ Tennessee, Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909
- ❖ Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1965
- ❖ Tennessee, City Birth Records, 1881-1915
- ❖ North Carolina and Tennessee, Early Land Records, 1753-1931
- ❖ Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895
- ❖ Tennessee, Enumeration of Male Voters, 1891
- ❖ North Carolina and Tennessee, Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783-1843
- ❖ Tennessee, Early Land Registers, 1778-1927
- ❖ Tennessee, City Death Records, 1872-1923
- ❖ Tennessee, Wills and Probate Records, 1779-2008
- ❖ Web: Tennessee, Supreme Court Case Index, 1809-1950

- How do you use it?

Access Tennessee Historical Records from the TEL link on ORPL’s website. A guest Ancestry.com account may be required.

Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers (TEL)

**CHRONICLING
AMERICA**
HISTORIC AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS



- What is it?

“Chronicling America...is a Website providing access to information about historic newspapers and select digitized newspaper pages, and is produced by the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP). NDNP, a partnership between the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Library of Congress (LC), is a long-term effort to develop an Internet-based, searchable database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages. Supported by NEH, this rich digital resource will be developed and permanently maintained at the Library of Congress. An NEH award program will fund the contribution of content from, eventually, all U.S. states and territories.”

- What can you do with it?

“Search America's historic newspaper pages from 1789-1963 or use the U.S. Newspaper Directory to find information about American newspapers published between 1690-present including 125 newspapers from Tennessee.”

- How do you use it?

Access Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers from the TEL link on ORPL's website. No account is necessary.



FamilySearch.com & Family Search Affiliate Library

- What is it?

A free genealogical resource provided by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offering access to over 1 billion historical records to trace family history.

- What can you do with it?

Research family history and create family trees. Resources include:

- ❖ Records like Census, Birth, Death, Marriage, etc.
- ❖ Family Trees
- ❖ Images
- ❖ Books

- How do you use it?

Create an account at www.familysearch.org.

Use the ORPL computers to access resources as the Family Search Affiliate Library.

FindaGrave.com



- What is it?

An open source online database of cemetery records, many including photographs and familial relationships.

- What can you do with it?

Search thousands of cemetery records to locate ancestors, details on birth and death dates, and photographs.

- How do you use it?

Search on www.findagrave.com. No account is necessary.

NewsBank

- What is it?

A news resource including a variety of national newspapers as well as local ones like *The Knoxville News Sentinel* and *The Oak Ridger* (from 1997).

- What can you do with it?

Search for news articles and obituaries in national and local news sources. See Obituary Database also, but this resource is searchable.

- How do you use it?

Login with your ORPL library card.

Obituary Index from ORPL

- What is it?

Created and maintained by the Oak Ridge Public Library, this is an index of obituaries from local newspapers from 1943 to present covering the *Oak Ridge Journal* and *The Oak Ridger*.

- What can you do with it?

Search for obituaries in the local Oak Ridge newspaper dating back to the 1940's. Locate death date, publication date, and page number. Use this information to then find the obituary on microfilm for any date or on NewsBank after 1997.

- How do you use it?

Access through the library website.

COROH



- What is it?

COROH (The Center for Oak Ridge Oral History) comprises over 900 audio and video interviews capturing the story of life, people, and history in the unique “Secret City” of Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Spanning the pre-Oak Ridge era, the Manhattan Project years during WWII, to present day residents.

- What can you do with it?

Read, listen, and watch oral histories from local residents or family during the Manhattan Project or other times relating to Oak Ridge history. Search and find those human touch and personal stories to add depth and human touch to family stories and facts.

- How do you use it?

Access from the library website no library card or account required.

Kingston Demolition Range Photographs

- What is it?

A digital collection of photographs from the pre-Oak Ridge area of all standing buildings prior to US government acquisition during WWII. Includes an index and description.

- What can you do with it?

Locate photos of pre-Oak Ridge family property.

- How do you use it?

Onsite at ORPL or purchase a copy from the Anderson County Historical Society
<https://pellissippi.org/>