



# TSCPL GENEALOGY RESOURCES AND HOW TO FIND THEM

The Dr. Phillip and Betty Baker Genealogy Center is located within the Topeka Room on the second floor of the library. The entire area is set aside as a space to focus on research.

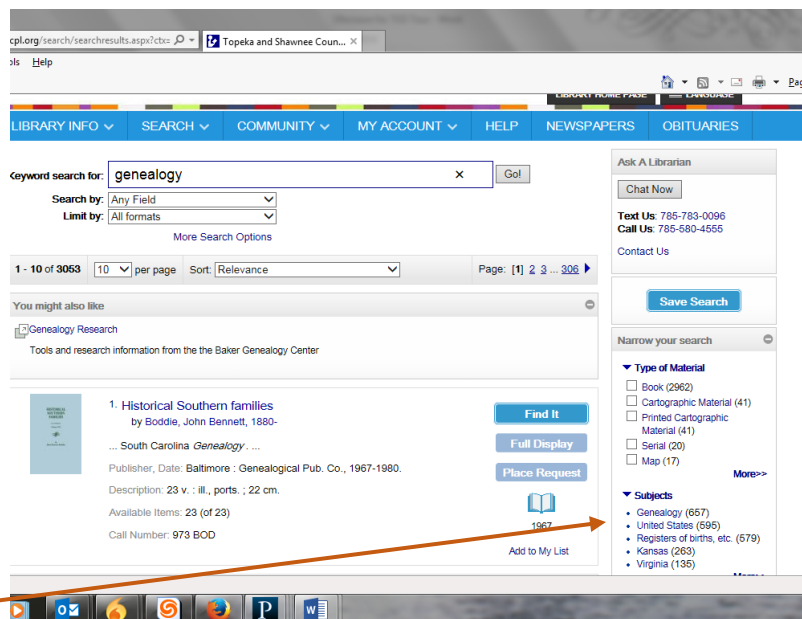
The Baker Center houses, print, electronic form, or on microfilm, the following materials:

- Year books
- Birth, marriage and death records
- Family histories
- Obituaries
- Census records
- Marriage indexes
- Cemetery indexes
- Military records
- Property, tax and probate records
- Plat and insurance maps
- Passenger lists
- Naturalization records
- Topeka city directories

Supplemental local history materials of use to genealogists held in the Topeka Room collection include county and municipal histories, biographies, historic newspapers and migration histories.

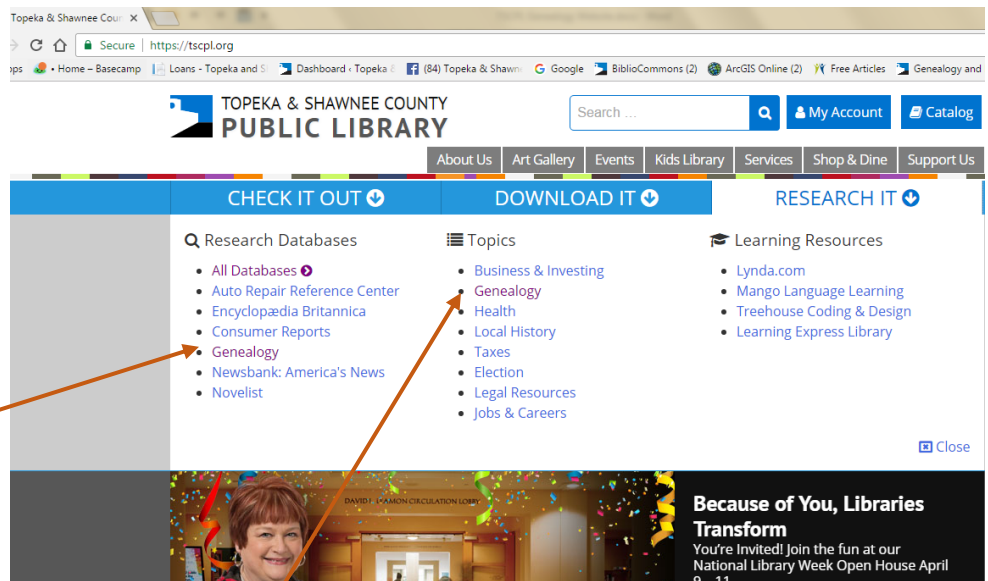
Computers, microfilm reader-printers and a photocopier are all available in the Topeka Room. To ensure full access to the collection, librarians provide professional service 78 hours a week, all hours that the library is open.

If you are looking for genealogy books, go to the catalog and do a keyword search using the word genealogy. You will get many results. If you look on the right side of the screen you will see a column titled "Narrow your search". You can narrow your search several different ways including subject, author, material type, and publishing date.



If you are looking for databases such as Ancestry, Heritage Quest, or America’s Obituaries, there are several ways to find them. The most direct way is to go to our website at tscpl.org and click on the Research It Tab.

A drop down window will open and you can access Genealogy databases by clicking on “Genealogy”. In that same drop down window we have the top 10 databases listed. Ancestry Library Edition is on the list and can be accessed directly.



There are two ways to get to the Genealogy page. We have useful information that will help you in your research. To find our databases and other resources, click on “Popular Tools”.



Along the right side of the screen you will find links to search for and request obituaries.

## POPULAR TOOLS

Use these helpful tools to aid you in family research. We have bookmarked three types of tools described on the following pages:

- LIBRARY RESOURCES
- PRINTABLE WORKSHEETS
- USEFUL LINKS

## **LIBRARY RESOURCES.....Library card required:**

**Ancestry Library Edition** - The world's largest online resource for family history resources. (In Library Only)

**American Ancestors Online**, by New England Historic and Genealogical Society, is a repository for more than 400 million searchable names covering New England, New York, and beyond. It provides access to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register and American Ancestors magazine, databases, and more than 200,000 published genealogies, biographies, local histories, vital records, maps, and other printed materials. (In Library Only)

**African-African History & Genealogy** - Explore African American history, culture and experience from the 16th through 20th centuries in newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, broadsides and other imprints. NewsBank's Archive of Americana family of historical collections give access to a wide range of resources on African Americans.

**America's Obituaries** - The largest and most comprehensive newspaper collection of obituaries and death notices from the late 1990s to the present.

**Family Search Catalog** - Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library is an affiliate site for Family Search microfilm. You can now search the catalog, find microfilm or microfiche and have it sent to our library for you to view. (Library Card Not Required)

**Fold3** is the web's premier collection of original US military records, including many from the US National Archives.

**Genealogy Connect** - Collection of nearly 600 genealogy research and reference publications.

**HeritageQuest** - A free resource for census records and city directories. It has resources for researchers who are either just beginning their family research or who after years of work are still uncovering their past.

**Interlibrary Loan (ILL)** - Find a book to help you with your family research in the Family Search Catalog or another library? Our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department may be able to borrow it for you from another library.

**Sanborn Maps** - American cities, towns and neighborhood histories are digitized via Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1867-1970.

## **GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY PRINTABLE WORKSHEETS**

How To Begin [PDF]

US and Kansas Census Checklist [PDF]

Family Unit Chart [PDF]

Pedigree Chart (Landscape) [PDF]

Records Reminder Checklist [PDF]

Census Checklist [PDF]

Correspondence Log [PDF]

Research Record [PDF]

Pedigree Chart (Portrait) [PDF]

## **GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY LINKS .....No library card required:**

**American Genealogical Index** - The best starting point to find any early New England settlers via the Godfrey Memorial Library.

**BLM General Land Office Records** - Bureau of Land Management records provide live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States, including image access to more than 5 million Federal land titles records issued between 1820 – present.

**Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites** - A helpful list of genealogy resources on the Internet.

**FamilySearch** maintains a collection of records, resources and services designed to help people learn more about their family history.

**Family Tree DNA Offers** yDNA, Family Finder and mtDNA to help you find your kinship through DNA.

**Find a Grave** - A free resource for finding the graves of ancestors and creating virtual memorials.

**Kansas State Historical Society** has served as the State Archives since 1905, including government records, manuscripts, photos and other primary sources. Kansas log in to Newspapers.com.

**KS Maps Online** - Wichita State University Libraries Special Collections and University Archives presents over 325 digitized Kansas maps, dating from 1556 to 1900, for interactive viewing.

**KSGenweb Project** - Volunteers work together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States.

**Making of America** - From the Cornell University Library, a digital library of primary sources in American social history from the antebellum period through reconstruction.

**The Mt. Auburn Cemetery** (zip Files) is located at 916 SE California in Topeka. It was formed August 12, 1909 and forfeited September 15, 1991.

**National Archives** These valuable records include the census, immigration, land records and more.

**National Archives Records Administration NARA** - Many different federal records in which an ancestor may have been documented.

**Nationwide Gravesite Locator** - The National Cemetery Administration department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides the Nationwide Gravesite Locator to help families locate the burial locations of veterans.

**Topeka Genealogy Society** - TGS houses a large and growing collection of more than 12,000 books and 700 genealogical periodical titles and offers resources and learning opportunities.

**Rootsweb** is the Internet's oldest and largest free genealogical community with searchable databases.

**USGenWeb Project** is a group of volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States.