

## Archived books and genealogies

An introduction to online genealogies originally published in book form & digitized, or microfilm genealogies that have been digitized, & other good stuff.

**Ancestry** available for free from inside the library

<https://www.ancestrylibrary.com>

From the library's access to Ancestry.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Stories, Memories & Histories"

Also click on "Public Trees"

**Heritage Quest** use your library card for access from home

<https://www.ancestryheritagequest.com/HQA>

Scroll to bottom of page, click on "Search Books"

Pick out the range of books, or single book, you want to search, or just do a general search, on whatever name you're looking for. Then you have to single out the correct result from the bunch that comes up.

As with any search, the more specific you are, the fewer results, but the more likely to be the correct results.

Both Ancestry & Heritage Quest highlight the name you search in the image results, and you can save the individual images instead of the entire book.

**Internet Archive** available free on the internet

<https://archive.org>

The Internet Archive is your friend! You can read on line or download the full text to a USB drive or PC hard drive or both. Everything on their page is free. If it links to an outside page, that is subject to change.

<https://archive.org/details/microfilm> - click on their Microfilm link and among the things on the front page are the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center Microfilm collection, "Clogher Clergy & Parishes" (about Ireland), "Ontarian Families: Genealogies" and "The Chronological History of the Mosher Family" – and that wasn't even a search for genealogy.

<https://archive.org> >> click on Search and type in “genealog\*” to get both singular & plural and you get 139,503 results – your ancestor may be in there somewhere. Not everything is ancestor research – there are a number of Biblical genealogies of Jesus, King David, etc, but most of the results are the kind you’re looking for. They are NOT limited to English-language books, either. There are also lots of newsletters from various genealogy societies. Or go to <https://archive.org/details/genealogy> for their genealogy collections. Click on the Collections tab to see the books.

If you narrow your search, you can get better results. Narrow by name, state, county, or focus on foreign parts with the same types of items.

Names are not as effective for searching Archive as the other two sites. If you search for Mosher, in addition to the microfilm previously mentioned, you’ll also get everything in the archive written by an author named Mosher, TV clips that contain people named Mosher, and lots of other stuff that may or may not (most likely not) be relevant. If you limit your results to texts, chances are better for getting whole books of genealogies.

If you find a useful book on either Ancestry or Heritage Quest, check for the title on Archive as well – you can download the entire book more easily from Archive than the other two, in any one of several formats. Most of the formats allow full text search, so in addition to getting the exact spot your ancestor is mentioned, you also get the context.

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If you are a student at any MSU college, you can login with your student ID.

You can also find out if any local libraries have a print copy of the book.

Also be sure to check the Internet Archive for the title you found; it might be there also.

### **Genealogy Search webpage**

<http://www.genealogysearch.org/free/digitalpublications.html>

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