



# Genealogy: Climbing Your Family Tree

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This guide will help you find information about the study and investigation of ancestry and family history.

## For an introduction to the topic, see:

- **Digitizing Your Family History: Easy Methods for Preserving Your Heirloom Documents, Photos, Home Movies and More in a Digital Format** (Gen 929.1 McC) 2004
- **Unpuzzling Your Past** (Gen 929.1 Cro) 2001
- **Getting Started in Genealogy Online** ( Gen 929.1 Dol) 2008
- **Genealogy Online for Dummies** (Gen 929.1 Hel) 2008
- **The Genealogist's Companion and Sourcebook** (Gen 929.1 Cro) 2003
- **The Official Guide to Ancestry.com** (Gen 025.06 Mor) 2008
- **The Handybook for Genealogist** (Gen 929.1 Han) 2006

## Key resources at a glance:

- *Sioux City Journal* Aug 20, 1864 to present (microfilm)
- *Sioux City Tribune* Jan 3, 1893 to Dec 31, 1948 (microfilm)
- **Woodbury County Cemetery Indexes** (Gen Ref 929.377741)
- **Sioux City Cemetery Indexes, Floyd, Logan and Graceland** (Gen Ref 929.377741)
- **Plat Maps for Woodbury County** 1949 – Present (Local Hist Ref 917.7741 RCB)
- **Sioux City Directories** 1886 to present (also microfilm) (Local Hist Ref 917-77 Pol)
- **Heritage Quest** (Online database available on Library workstations, and licensed for remote access with full-service Library card at [www.siouxcitylibrary.org](http://www.siouxcitylibrary.org)). Genealogical data from the U.S. Federal Census and the Periodical Source Index (PERSI).
- **Ancestry Library Edition** (Online database available on Library workstations at The Wilbur Aalfs Library and the Morningside Branch Library). Provides access to U.S. Federal Census records, passenger lists, birth, death, marriage and military records.
- **Sioux City Journal Index** (Online index available on Library workstations and at [www.siouxcitylibrary.org](http://www.siouxcitylibrary.org)). Begins with December 1981 issues; full-text on microfilm. Search for local obituaries and news articles by subject, title or keyword.

## Reference background:

- **U. S. Census Records for Woodbury County** and the surrounding area (microfilms)
- **Iowa State Census Records for Woodbury County** (microfilms)
- **A. T. Andreas' Illustrated Historical Atlas of the State of Iowa** (Local Hist 912.77 And)
- **Iowa: Past to Present** (Local Hist 977.7 Sch)

## Resources

### Books

- **Sioux City: A Pictorial History** by Scott Sorensen and B. Paul Chicoine (Local Hist 977.741 Sor)
- **History of the Counties of Woodbury and Plymouth, Iowa** (Local Hist 977.7 His)
- **Past and Present of Sioux City and Woodbury County, Iowa** (Local Hist 977.7 Mar)
- **High School Yearbooks** for Central, East, North, West and Heelan High Schools (miscellaneous years)

### Subject Headings

(For online catalogs/print indexes)

- Genealogy
- Heraldry
- Sioux City, Iowa
- Woodbury County, Iowa

### Online Catalogs/Databases

[www.siouxcitylibrary.org](http://www.siouxcitylibrary.org)

*Heritage Quest*

*Ancestry Library Edition*

*Sioux City Journal Index*

## Resources (continued)

### Journals

- *Everton's Genealogical Helper*
- *Iowa Genealogical Society Newsletter*
- *The Waukaw* (Woodbury County Genealogical Society)

### Web Pages and Web Portals

Visit the Online Branch at [www.siouxcitylibrary.org](http://www.siouxcitylibrary.org) for genealogy and local history recommended websites. You'll find them listed under the Research & Databases tab. A sampling is included below.

- Cyndi's List [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com)
- Family Search [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
- Genealogy Home Page [www.genhomepage.com](http://www.genhomepage.com)
- USGenWeb Project [www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org)

### Organizations and Special Collections

- Woodbury County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 624, Sioux City, IA 51102
- LDS Family History Center, 1201 West Clifton, Sioux City, IA 51104 • (712) 255-9686
- Sioux City Public Museum, 607 4th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101 • (712) 224-5001

Sioux City Public Library staff are trained to help you find the best resources to meet your needs. Please ask for assistance at the service desk or call us at (712) 255-2933 extension 221.

### Library Hours

**The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library • 529 Pierce Street  
Sioux City, IA 51101 • (712) 255-2933**

Monday-Thursday	9 am to 8 pm
Friday-Saturday	9 am to 5 pm
Sunday (Sept-May)	1 to 5 pm

**Morningside Branch Library • 4005 Morningside Avenue  
Sioux City, IA 51106 • (712) 255-2924**

Monday-Thursday	10 am to 9 pm
(June-August)	10 am to 8 pm
Friday-Saturday	10 am to 5 pm

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