



## Minneapolis Central

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**Genealogy** is the fastest growing hobby in the United States. Minneapolis Central Library is a great place to begin your research or to track down those elusive facts needed to complete some of your work. Come in and browse the Genealogy and Minnesota History Collections located on the 4th floor, learn about our databases and check out a book to learn how to begin to research your family history or to get fresh ideas.

Don't limit your library research to the Genealogy and Minnesota History areas - take advantage of our Library's rich general collection of 2.5 million volumes. We offer maps, atlases, gazetteers, world language dictionaries, histories of most countries of the world, a major U. S. government's depository and a wide assortment of historical periodicals.

### Minneapolis Central Library resources

**Genealogy Collection**-books on research strategy, ethnic groups and their history, military records, genealogy magazines, newsletters, journals. Newsletters and journals include Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International's *Naše rodina = Our families* to Norwegian American Genealogical Association's *Avisen* to the Irish Genealogical Society's *The Septs* and more.

**Census Records and much more**- Access to the U.S. Census (1730-1930) via *Ancestry Library Edition* (available only in the library) and *Heritage Quest* (can be accessed from any computer via the libraries homepage with a library card registered with Hennepin County Library).

**City Directories and Telephone Books**- A comprehensive microfiche collection of the Minneapolis and St Paul City directories from 1859 to 1999, suburban directories from 1956 forward, and a large collection of city directories from communities around the state. Minneapolis telephone books (white and yellow pages) from 1933 forward. Early Mpls phone directories are on microfiche, recent phone directories are in book form.

**The Minnesota History Collection**-This rapidly growing area has county and municipal histories and general historical books on the State of Minnesota and its residents, industries, and organizations.

**Maps, Atlases and Gazetteers** - Historical and specialized atlases and maps including Minneapolis city atlases, ward maps, topographic maps and online Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Minnesota.

**Newspapers** - Extensive microfilm collection of Minnesota newspapers from 1867 to the present and a subject card index to the Minneapolis Journal for the years 1899-1914. The library's database ProQuest *Historical New York Times* and the *Historical Minneapolis Tribune* from 1867 to 1922.

**Vital Records Index**-A microfiche index to marriages 1958-1995, divorces 1970-1995, and deaths 1944-1995 in Minnesota.

### Services & Programs

- **Monthly introductory class** *Genealogy: Getting Started*, offered third Wednesday of the month 10:30-12 (register online <http://www.hclib.org/pub/events/> or call 612.543.8000)



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- **Weekly access to genealogy volunteers** (Tuesdays 5-8 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesdays of month 1-4 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 1-4 p.m.).
- **Internet terminals** dedicated to genealogy.
- **Interlibrary loan** access via MNLink and affiliate library to the FamilySearch Library.
- **General classes on computer and Internet use.**
- **Special genealogy programs**-see the *HCL Catalog of Classes and Events*.
- **Subject guide**- a selected resource of useful databases and websites. See below.

HCL staff is trained to make helpful referrals to other libraries, historical societies and institutions where you can continue your research. Genealogy research often involves visits to many libraries, courthouses, churches and other institutions. Information must be painstakingly pieced together. Within the Twin Cities area alone you may visit a number of useful collections containing materials that will assist you in your family history search.

The Genealogy Collection at Minneapolis Central provides a home base from which you can launch your search, read books on how to proceed, and gradually broaden your exploration to other sources both within the Library and in the larger community. We can help you decide where else you might want to pursue your genealogical information.

## Special Collections

Minneapolis Collection in Special Collections- covers all aspects of the city's and older neighboring suburban history and includes books, photographs, high school yearbooks, archival and manuscript collections, periodicals, maps, and thousands of files of newspaper clippings. The collection includes materials on a diverse variety of topics including city residents, businesses, neighborhoods, and organizations. Many Minneapolis history materials are available online and can be accessed through the department's webpage: <http://www.hclib.org/pub/search/specialcollections/> Classes on how to research the history of a house, neighborhood, or piece of property within Minneapolis city limits are offered throughout the year. Call or email in advance of your visit if possible 612-543-8200 or email: [specialcoll@hclib.org](mailto:specialcoll@hclib.org)

## Hennepin County Library Genealogy SUBJECT GUIDE

The extensive Subject Guide <http://www.hclib.org/pub/search/SubjectGuides.cfm?Topic=Genealogy> for Genealogy is a "must visit" site. The reference staff has carefully selected the databases and websites. It makes finding useful resources easy – and easy to find again! About 170 databases (resources paid for by your tax dollars) are available through the Hennepin County Library system. On the Genealogy Subject Guide, about 20 excellent databases and many, many websites are included. Check out this handy resource!