

The EPL Genealogy collection includes:

General Reference

Genealogical research guides; U.S./international emigrant and passenger lists; military pension indexes; DAR indexes; Mayflower families; colonial lineages; heraldry

Family Histories

Over 500 volumes of individual families, by surname, including many early Cape Cod families. Periodicals and newsletters from regional, state and national societies.

Town Records

County and town histories of New England and eastern states, including vital records to 1850 for 150+ Massachusetts towns; historic Cape Cod maps, local newspapers and cemetery directories.

Foreign Lineage

International ancestral research guides, including resources for Canada, the Caribbean, Ireland, UK and Europe.

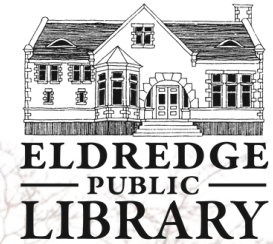
Online Access

Online resources available for free access within EPL include: Family Search (Affiliate Library), Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and American Ancestors.

EPL Genealogy offers a wealth of resources to help you research the people, places, and histories of Cape Cod, the Eastern Seaboard, and beyond.



For almost 50 years, the Eldredge Public Library's special genealogy section has been located on the second floor of the library in a gallery overlooking the main reading room. At its core is the Edgar Francis Waterman Memorial Genealogical Collection, donated to EPL in 1979. The extensive collection of more than 4,000 books and manuscripts, which continues to expand, is augmented by historic maps, newspapers and periodicals as well as free access to a wealth of online genealogy resources.



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Genealogy
@ EPL

Discover
YOUR HISTORY

Hours: Tue 1-4; Sat 10-1

A staff member is available to assist you during the Genealogy department hours or by advance appointment.

CONTACT:

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or call the library: 508-945-5170

SPECIAL ACCESS

Online Resources for EPL Visitors

FAMILY SEARCH

EPL is a Family Search Affiliate Library. When you log in to this extensive genealogy site within the EPL, you will have access to additional records and images not available to individual accounts. Note that you must create your own Family Search account (free) at familysearch.org to view records.

ANCESTRY Library edition

(ancestrylibrary.proquest.com) can be accessed for free, without a subscription from within EPL (on a library or personal device connected to EPL wifi). Ancestry offers >27 billion searchable records including US and international census, marriage, birth, death records, as well as immigration, military and newspaper records.

HISTORICAL LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

EPL has digitized historic Chatham newspapers, which can be accessed online from the library website:

eldredgelibrary.org/research-resources/digital-newspaper-collection/.

The archive includes:

- Chatham Monitor (Oct 1871-Dec 1899, 1918-39, 1941-May 1943)
- Chatham Shopper News (1965-1969)
- Cape Cod Chronicle (1969-2018)

HERITAGE QUEST

Heritage Quest Online, powered by Ancestry, is designed specifically for patrons of public libraries. Visit ancestry.heritagequest.com/HQA to search the collections, which focus on U.S. and Western Europe records, including books and periodicals.

AMERICAN ANCESTORS - NEHGS

At the EPL Genealogy department, we offer free access to americanancestors.org through our membership to the New England Historic Genealogy Society.

OTHER HELPFUL (& FREE) WEBSITES

- cyndislist.com: Comprehensive compilation of links to genealogy sites
- nara.gov/genealogy: National Archives & Records Administration
- heritage.statueofliberty.org/passenger: Ellis Island passenger lists
- loc.gov/collections/chronicling-america: Newspaper archives available through the Library of Congress
- capecodgenealogy.org/research/: Cape Cod Genealogy Society
- brooksfreelibrary.microsearch.net/: Brooks Library's digitized collection of historic local newspapers, includes Harwich Independent (1872-1949)
- chatham.catalogaccess.com/search: Chatham Historical Society archives
- sturgislibrary.org/research: Collection includes digital archive for historic Barnstable newspapers
- capecodgravestones.com



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