

**National Archives and Records Administration**  
Almost all Americans can find themselves, their ancestors, or their community in the archives of government records. ([www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov))

### **Social Security Death Index**

Includes over 94 million U.S. citizen death records in the most up-to-date SSDI search for individuals with U.S. Social Security numbers.  
([familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535](http://familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535))

### **State Historical Society of Iowa**

Wide variety of historical records. Reference services are available for a fee. ([www.iowaculture.gov/history](http://www.iowaculture.gov/history))

### **Story County Genealogical Society**

News, upcoming meetings, local projects.  
([www.storygenes.com](http://www.storygenes.com))

### **USGenWeb**

Free genealogy websites for research in every state of the United States. ([usgenweb.org](http://usgenweb.org))

### **IAGenWeb, Story County**

Free genealogy website for research in Story County, IA. ([iagenweb.org/story/](http://iagenweb.org/story/))

## **Newsletters and Blogs**

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### **Family History Daily**

A wealth of resources—many free—and educational articles. ([familyhistorydaily.com](http://familyhistorydaily.com))

### **Genealogy Insider**

News, tips, and resources for genealogy.  
([blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider](http://blog.familytreemagazine.com/insider))

## **Podcasts**

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### **Genealogy Gems**

Lisa Louise Cooke talks about all things genealogy.  
([lisalouisecooke.com](http://lisalouisecooke.com))

### **Story County Genealogical Society**

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# **Resources for Your Genealogy Pursuits**



The Story County Genealogical Society (SCGS) and the Ames Public Library (APL) invite you to connect with your heritage. The following list of select resources will help you get started.

## **Resources at Ames Public Library**

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SCGS and APL partner to offer a collection of more than 900 genealogy reference works available for use in the Library, located on the second floor, west wall.

### **Ames City Directory**

1899, 1917, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1936, 1940, 1949, 1952 - current (with occasional gaps)

### **Ames High School Yearbooks**

1907, 1908, 1911 - current (with occasional gaps)

### **Ames Newspapers**

*Ames Tribune* Digital Archive – various titles, January 1877 – December 2016 – updated annually with 2 year embargo

(<http://ames.advantage-preservation.com/>)

*Ames Tribune* on Microfilm – various titles, January 1877 – current (with occasional gaps)

*Ames Tribune* Print Edition: Current month plus previous 3 months

*Ames Tribune Index*: 1977-1986

### **Ames Telephone Book**

1916 - current (with occasional gaps)

*Ames Tribune* America's News from NewsBank

1999 – current ([www.amespubliclibrary.org](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org))

**Ancestry Library Edition** (*available for free through Ames Public Library's website only in the Library*)

Records of family history.

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

### **Census of Population**

1940, 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980, 1990, 2000

**Family Search** (*affiliate access available for free through Ames Public Library's website only in the Library*)

Free family history, family trees, and genealogy records and resources around the world.

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

**Family Tree Magazine** and **Internet Genealogy**

are both available at the Library in print form.

### **Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive**

This unique archive is from Farwell T. Brown's lifetime collection of original photographs, postcards, advertisements, and news articles which chronicle the history of Ames, Iowa. ([www.amespubliclibrary.org](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org))

### **Federal Census Microfilm**

All Iowa: 1850

Story County: 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930

**HeritageQuest** (*available for free through the Ames Public Library's website*)

Includes free census, family and local history books, Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank records, and more. ([www.amespubliclibrary.org](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org))

### **Roster of Iowa Soldiers: War of the Rebellion Print/Microfilm**

1861 - 1866 (Vol. I – III, V)

### **State of Iowa Census Microfilm**

All Iowa: 1856, 1885, 1895

Story County: 1915, 1920, 1925

### **Story County Census Index**

1856, 1860, 1870, 1885

### **Story County Death Records**

1880 - June 1921

### **Story County Grave Marker Inscriptions**

Volumes 1 - 14

## **Resources at Iowa State University**

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### **University Library, Genealogy Library Guide**

(<http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/genealogy>)

The guide is a mix of free, subscription, print, online and microfilm resources.

The ISU Library collections include U.S. records plus genealogical records on: cemeteries, census, early settlers, ethnicity, Iowa genealogy, maps & atlases, military, newspapers, orphan trains, passenger lists, special collections & university Archives, surname indexes and vital records.

## **Additional Websites**

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### **Ames Historical Society**

Preservation of Ames history, exhibits and programs, book publication, and website.

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

### **Castle Garden**

An extraordinary database of information on 11 million immigrants from 1820 - 1892, the year Ellis Island opened. ([www.castlegarden.org](http://www.castlegarden.org))

### **Chronicling America**

Database of U.S. newspapers with descriptive information and select digitization of historic pages. ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov))

### **Cyndi's List**

A list of thousands of links for family history.

([cyndislist.com](http://cyndislist.com))

### **Ellis Island**

Free access to 25 million immigrant arrival records in the Ellis Island Archives, 1892 - 1954.

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

### **Find a Grave**

Millions of images of gravestones with transcription information, cemetery location, and additional material. ([www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com))

### **Iowa Genealogical Society**

News and events. Research assistance for a fee.

([iowagenealogy.org](http://iowagenealogy.org))