

## Other Local Options

**Peoria Public Library** • 107 NE Monroe Peoria, IL 61602 • (309) 497-2000

Local History Department, Microfilm: Peoria Journal Star

**Peoria Historical Society** • 611 SW Washington Street • (309) 674-1921

**East Peoria Historical Society** • 324-326 Pekin Ave, East Peoria, IL  
61611 • (309) 699-6755



## Illinois Resources

**Illinois Department of Public Health** – Access uncertified copies of birth and death certificates

**Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) System** – Archival records of counties, townships, municipalities, and school districts

**Illinois State Archives** – Depository of official public records of Illinois state and local governmental agencies

**Illinois State Genealogy Society** – Nonprofit, nonsectarian, educational organization for genealogy research

**Illinois State Library Genealogical Resources** – Collection includes census records, military records, county histories, atlases, and more

## National Resources

**Chronicling America** – Library of Congress' portal to historical, digitized newspapers (1789 -1963) and a comprehensive index to all known newspapers published in the U.S.

**National Archives** – Federal database includes census records, U.S. military records, naturalization records, land records, and more

**National Genealogical Society** – Nonprofit organization that provides education, resources, and training related to genealogy research

**United States Holocaust Memorial Museum** – 42 million records, including a vast database of survivors and Holocaust victims

## DNA Databases

**23andMe** – DNA testing, genetic family tree tools, genetic health reports

**AncestryDNA** – DNA testing, genetic family tree tools, and ancestral migration patterns tracing

**Family Tree DNA** – Provides a range of testing to trace paternal line ancestry and maternal ancestry. Join projects to compare your DNA with others of the same geographic, cultural or surname origin.

**My Heritage** – Online genealogy and DNA testing platform that combines more than 1,400 databases into one subscription-based interface

# General Resources

**AfriGeneas** – Provides education and resources for researching African-American roots

**Ancestry** – A subscription-based service that searches 20+ billion records worldwide

**Fold3** – Subscription site that specializes in historical U.S. military records

**RootsWeb** – Free genealogy community that uses online forums, mailing lists, and other resources to help people research their family history

**BillionGraves.com** – The world's largest resource for searchable GPS cemetery data

**Canadian Genealogy** – Resources for Canadian archives

**Christine's Genealogy Website** – African American genealogy resources

**Cyndi's List** – Free compilation of genealogical sites and directories in the U.S. and around the world

**DAR Library** – A specialized collection of genealogical and historical manuscripts, publications, and on-site database from the Daughters of the American Revolution

**Family History Center** – The Ellis Island Foundation offers 65 million searchable records of passengers from every ship that entered the Port of New York 1892 -1924

**FamilySearch** – Free database of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that includes databases from around the world and a wide range of documents

**FindaGrave** – An online repository of more than 60 million grave records and photos

**GenealogyBank** – Largest digitized newspaper archive for genealogy and family history research (subscription-based)

**Genealogical Research for Native Americans** – Resources compiled by the Smithsonian Institution

**Genealogical Society of Hispanic America** – Promotes Hispanic genealogical and historical research and education

**ItalianGen** – Italian genealogy resources and index of NYC's five boroughs' vital records

**JewishGen** – Thousands of databases, research tools, and other resources are available to research Jewish ancestry

**NewspaperArchive** – More than 120 million digitized newspaper pages dating to 1607

**New England Historic Genealogical Society's American Ancestors** – Unique documents and educational materials dating back to British colonial times

**Obituary Central** – Database for finding obituaries and performing cemetery searches

**World Gen Web** – A non-profit, volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing genealogical and historical records and resources for world-wide access

**US Gen Web Project** – Provides genealogical research in every county and every state in the United States