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GENEALOGY NEWSLETTER

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NEW RESOURCES ONLINE

Ancestry Library Edition

Montana, U.S., Military Records, 1904-1918
Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Card Files, 1775-1916
Illinois, U.S., South Pekin Railroad Employment Cards, 1900-1948
U.S., Confederate Army Payrolls for Enslaved Labor, 1840-1883
New Hampshire, U.S., Marriage Records, 1700-1971
New Hampshire, U.S., Death Records, 1650-1969
New Hampshire, U.S., Birth Records, 1631-1920
Australia, Army Militia Service Records, 1901-1940
Ireland, Jameson Distillery Staff Wage and Employment Books, 1862-1969

FamilySearch

England, Surrey Marriages Bonds and Licenses, 1536-1992
England, Middlesex Parish Registers, 1539-1988
England, Hertfordshire, Marriage Bonds, 1682-1837
Netherlands, Archival Indexes, Vital Records, 1600-2000
United States, GenealogyBank Obituaries, 1980-2014
Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800-1991

NEW HOURS IN JUNE

Visits to the branch are no longer subject to time limits. Our maximum capacity is still 13 people (including library staff). Masks are still strongly encouraged. ***Our new hours are:***

Monday: 12 PM – 6 PM
Thursday: 12 PM – 6 PM
Friday: 10 AM – 12 PM, 1 PM – 5 PM
Saturday: 10 AM – 12 PM, 1 PM – 5 PM

TIPS & TRICKS

Records to Use for Tracing Black Sheep Ancestors

These are just a few of the records that can help track down your criminals, rascals, rogues, divorcees, prostitutes, bootleggers, and more.

City Directories

Use directories to follow your ancestors in the years between censuses. Track ancestors who may have regularly changed their **name**, but their **address** stayed the same.

School Yearbooks

Often contain a **photo** and may provide detailed information about their childhoods. You might also find their **friends, siblings**, or perhaps even a **future partner in crime.**

Newspaper Articles

You may find detailed **obituaries** as well as published **reports of crimes,** police blotters, **court proceedings**, fugitives, affairs, divorces, fines, runaway spouses, foreclosures, **local gossip**, and much more.

1880 Federal Census – The Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Schedule

Not everyone included in this schedule of the Federal Census was a black sheep, but you may find lists here of **imprisoned individuals** and those who were **confined to asylums and workhouses**. Coverage and detail varies in these records. Institutions like prisons and county homes were **also enumerated on state and federal censuses.**

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NEW AT THE GENEALOGY BRANCH

Research Quick Guides

www.casscolibrary.org/genealogy/guides

Fold3

Covers the basics of using the Search and Browse features and viewing the digitized images in the military record database.

RootsWeb

Provides tips for searching for and viewing family trees in their WorldConnect database as well as viewing archived features like mailing lists, hosted websites, and message boards.

DNA Testing for Genealogists

Covers basic genetics for genealogists, DNA test options, test providers, the limitations of testing, concerns, and more.

NEW ONLINE RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Record Collection: ***Missouri, U.S. Pre-World War II Adjutant General Enlistment Contracts, 1900-1941***

[NEW] *to both Ancestry Library Edition and FamilySearch*

This collection includes records related to enlistments in Missouri for the years 1900–1941 and may contain the following types of records:

- *Extracts from Service Records*
- *Oath and Certificate of Enlistment*
- *Enlistment Records*
- *Declaration of Applicant*
- *Report of Separation*
- *Physical Examinations*

Information contained here may include:

- *Name*
- *Birthdate*
- *Residence*
- *Date and Place of Enlistment*
- *Name and Address of Nearest Relative*
- *Place of birth*
- *Citizenship Status*
- *Marital Status*
- *Number of Children*
- *Number of Dependents*

DO YOU HAVE A RESEARCH QUESTION?

Patrons can submit a research inquiry to us at any time using:

Email: askgenealogy@casscolibrary.org

Phone: 816-884-6285

TIPS & TRICKS CONT.

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Court, Jail, & Prison Records

For example, you might find them in **U.S. County Circuit Court records**, or a Calendar of Prisoners from various place across the United Kingdom recording prisoners held after a trial in the Assizes or Quarter Sessions. They might also be found in **local and county jail records. State Penitentiary prisoner records** are available in some places.

In most states, **divorce records** are considered court records and are therefore kept by the relevant court.

Census Occupations

During years when **State and Federal Censuses** recorded occupations, you might find an ancestor enumerated there as a *prostitute,* or "works in smut shop," a *drunkard,* a *gambler,* a *harlot,* or even as an *inmate* at a criminal or social institution.

Convict Transportation

Before 1776, **British convicts,** and sometimes their families, were transported to North America or the West Indies. After 1776, they were sent to Australia and Tasmania. Many of these records survive and can be found online.

Local Histories

Maybe instead of a criminal record or problems in court, your ancestor and their antics were simply notorious in their community. Their story may be recorded as a biological sketch in the area's **narrative history**.