Regional Resources

Talbot County Free Library Maryland Room
tcfl.org/mdroom/
410-822-1626
Materials regarding social, civic, religious, economic, and cultural life in Maryland with emphasis on the Eastern Shore.

Upper Shore Genealogical Society
usgsmd.org
410-482-8072
Research Center contains genealogies and family histories of Maryland’s Eastern Shore.

Maryland State Archives
msa.maryland.gov
800-235-4045 or 410-260-6400
Resources, including vital records, land records, genealogies, local history materials, historical local newspapers, and more.

National Archives at Philadelphia
archives.gov/philadelphia
215-606-0112
Records from the mid-Atlantic region, including census records, passenger lists, naturalization records, and military records.

Library of Congress Local History & Genealogy Reference Services
loc.gov/rr/genealogy
202-707-3399
Genealogy databases, books, miscellaneous materials relating to specific regions, and general genealogy reference materials.

Kent County Public Library

Genealogy and Family History

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Selected resources for building your family tree

Library Hours of Operation

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Most of KCPL’s books related to genealogy are housed at the Chestertown location and can be found in three different collections: General Nonfiction, Maryland Nonfiction, and Maryland Reference.

Books in the nonfiction collections can be checked out. Books in the reference collection must be used onsite.

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Does KCPL have online resources for researching genealogy?

Yes! Our Digital Library includes genealogy and family history resources.

**Ancestry Plus**
Census records, vital records, city directories, and other genealogy resources. *Only available onsite at the library.*

**Gale Courses**
Take a free 6-week online class on basic genealogy research. *KCPL card required to register for classes.*

**Genealogy Connect**
Hundreds of unique family history sources, as well as guidance and tips on the research process.

**HeritageQuest Online**
Census records, Freedman’s Bank records, unique primary sources, local & family histories, and more.

To explore these resources:

Go to [kentcountylibrary.org](http://kentcountylibrary.org)
Select the Digital Library menu and choose Research Databases.
Select Genealogy & Family History.
If onsite, you will have automatic access. If offsite, you may need to enter your library card number.

Other libraries and archives may require an appointment or limit access to collections. Before visiting, contact the organization for details.

**Kent County Resources**

**Historical Society of Kent County**
kentcountyhistory.org
410-778-3499
Reference works, manuscript collections, maps, genealogies, cemetery records, photographs, oral histories, and more. Research assistance available for a small fee.

**Miller Library at Washington College**
washcoll.edu/offices/miller-library/archives-special-collections
410-810-5752
Rare books, local publications, manuscripts, and ephemera related to the college, Chestertown, and the Eastern Shore.

**Online Resources for Local Research**

**Maryland State Archives Digitized Maryland Newspaper**
speccol.msa.maryland.gov/pages/newspaper/digitized.aspx
Digitized local and regional newspapers dating back to the 1800s.

**Kent County Cemeteries**
kentcounty.com/genealogy/cemeteries.php
Location information for over 30 cemeteries in Kent County.