

## Titles of Local Interest at our Library:

***They Came to Stay*** by The Saint Vrain Historical Society presents short biographies of local pioneers as well as articles on local institutions and ethnic groups.

***We, Too, Came to Stay*** by the Longmont Hispanic Study contains a history of the Longmont Hispanic community and transcripts of oral histories.

***As We Were: Life in Early Longmont, 1871-1900*** selected and edited by Dorothy Large gives a snap shot of early Longmont using articles from the local newspapers.

***Old Burlington, First Town on the St. Vrain, 1860-1871*** by Dorothy Large recounts the history of the town that preceded the Chicago Colony and the founding of Longmont.

***The Chicago-Colorado Colony Founding of Longmont*** by Mabel Downer Durning is a history of the city of Longmont by all who joined the Colorado-Colony in 1871-1872.

***The Longmont Album: History and Folklore of the St. Vrain Valley*** by Betty Ann Newby chronicles the history of Longmont in text and photos.

***Boulder County Pioneers*** compiled and edited by Jennie E. Stewart is a collection of biographies, genealogies, and personal histories of early pioneers and their descendents.

***The Saint Vrain Valley : It's History , 1900-1910*** by Billy Boyles.

## Free Family History Websites:

**Allen County Public Library**  
<http://www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx>

**The Armchair Genealogist: Research and Write Your Family History**  
<http://www.thearmchairgenealogist.com/>

**Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites**  
<http://www.cyndislist.com>

**Digital Scrapbooking 101**  
[http://genealogy.about.com/od/heritage\\_scrapbooking/a/digital.htm](http://genealogy.about.com/od/heritage_scrapbooking/a/digital.htm)

**Family Search (LDS Family History site)**  
<https://www.familysearch.org/>

**Genforum**  
<http://genforum.com>

**National Archives**  
<http://www.archives.gov>

**RootsWeb**  
<http://rootsweb.com>

**StoryCorps (Oral History Projects)**  
<http://www.storycorps.org>

**US Vital Records Information**  
<http://www.vitalrec.com>

### For More Information

Call 303-651-8472

Website - [longmontcolorado.gov/library](http://longmontcolorado.gov/library)

Address - 409 4th Avenue  
Longmont, CO 80501

Ask a Librarian a question  
via e-mail at:

[AskALibrarian@ci.longmont.co.us](mailto:AskALibrarian@ci.longmont.co.us)

## Other Places to Look

**St. Vrain Historical Society**  
<http://www.stvrainhistory.org/>  
303-776-1870

**Longmont Genealogical Society**  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~colgs/>

## Other Local Historical/Genealogical Societies

Most, including our own, have a website that you can access. Many will have a contact person for help and to provide leads.

## Other Libraries

Many public libraries have a local history collection and access to newspaper indexes and microfilm. Some larger libraries have digitized their local newspaper collections.

Most public libraries provide a link on their library homepage to "Ask a Librarian" for information via e-mail. Some libraries will provide obituary, birth and marriage lookups free of charge.

All public libraries take queries seriously so it never hurts to try the "Ask a Librarian" service. Besides, the answering librarian may have other leads for you.

**Longmont Museum & Cultural Center**  
The Longmont Museum has a large collection of local items of historical interest. Erik Mason is the Museum Curator of Research and the official archivist. For more information call the museum at 303-651-8374.

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**Longmont  
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# Family History

## Books On Family History Methods

*Crash Course in Family History: How to Discover Your Family Tree and Stories* by Paul Larsen offers a guide and resource directory.

*Family History Made Easy* by Loretto Szucs covers the basic tools and gives essential instruction to get you started on your family history adventure.

*Finding Your Roots: Easy-to-Do Genealogy and Family History* by Janice Schultz gives advice and encouragement for those eager to uncover their family history.

*Tracing Your Family History: the Complete Guide to Locating Your Ancestors* by Lise Hull helps you discover your roots and also enables you to learn more about yourself.

## Reference Collection

Many sources in the library's Reference Collection can be helpful for genealogical research, including atlases and gazetteers, biographical and historical encyclopedias, city directories, indexes to cemetery and census records, lists of passengers and immigration records, etc.

We also provide a Longmont History pamphlet file that contains news clippings about Longmont history and biographical information on Longmont citizens.

## More Books . . .

*Digitizing Your Family History* by Rhonda R. McClure teaches easy methods for choosing and using scanners, copiers, digital cameras, and software to keep and to share your work.

*Organizing Your Family History Search: Efficient & Effective Ways To Gather and Protect Your Genealogical Research* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack describes the process of organizing family research and ways to streamline the process.

*Recording Your Family History: a Guide to Preserving Oral History* by William P. Fletcher describes interview techniques with suggested topics and questions.

*Scrapbooking Your Family History* by Laura Best describes ways to preserve precious ancestral memories through scrapbooking

*The Story of You: a Guide for Writing Your Personal Stories and Family History* by John Bond is a practical guide for the novice writer on how to chronicle stories of his or her life.

*You Can Write Your Family History* by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack shows writers at all levels exactly how to record the fascinating tales of their ancestors.

## Videos (DVDs)

*Ancestors* — 13 episodes exploring the world of records. The host visits family historians, professional genealogists, and librarians who discuss resources available for family history research.

*Discovering Your Roots: an Introduction to Genealogy (Great Courses)* — John Philip Colletta presents 15 half-hour lectures that describes different ways of locating sources of ancestors' records in America and recording your family's stories.

## Available at our Library

### Longmont City Directories

We are missing some of the early years. Please request them at the reference desk.

### Boulder County Directories

A more complete collection can be found At the Carnegie Branch Library For Local History in Boulder –303-441-3110

### Local High School Yearbooks

Longmont high a few 40's, then 1961- Current  
Niwot High 1973– Current  
Skyline High– 1989– Current  
Silver Creek High 2002– Current  
Please ask at the reference desk.

### Local Newspapers on Microfilm

Longmont Ledger (1879-1970, incomplete)  
Longmont Call (1899-1931, incomplete)  
Longmont Times (1927-1931, incomplete)  
Daily Times-Call (1931- )

### Index to the local newspapers

Obituaries  
Birth Announcements  
Wedding Announcements  
Family names  
Local Events

### The Colorado File

Longmont & Colorado Biographies  
Longmont news clippings  
Flood Information

### Weld County, 1885 State Census

### Boulder County Census Index 1900, 1910

## Other Library Resources

### Helpful databases

Go to [longmontcolorado.gov/library](http://longmontcolorado.gov/library) > click on “eResearch” on left side of page > scroll down to “Genealogy and History” and choose the database you wish to use (for remote access to databases you need a Longmont Public Library Card).

### Longmont Daily Times-Call (onsite and offsite use permitted)

This site provide full text coverage from 2004 to the present. Our card index stops at 2009. We do have film coverage for this time period if photos are needed. This database does not include photos , classified ads, or other non - local news.

### HeritageQuest.com (onsite and offsite use permitted)

Search census records from 1790 to 1940, over 28,000 family history records, PERSI archives, Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank records from 1865-1874, and a host of other resources available to researchers.

### Ancestry.com (onsite use only)

One stop shopping for all of your genealogy needs. Now includes photos, yearbooks, etc.



## WANTED!!

Longmont Public Library is always looking for older city directories (pre-1940) and Longmont High School yearbooks (pre-1961) to add to our collection. Should you come across any of these items and wish to donate them, please contact Bob Nyboer at 303-651-8471.