

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.



Chestertown Branch
408 High St.
Chestertown, MD 21620
410-778-3636
410-778-6756 (fax)

North County Branch
111-B1 N. Main St.
Galena, MD 21635
410-648-5380

Rock Hall Branch
5585 Main St.
Rock Hall, MD 21661
410-639-7162

kentcountylibrary.org

Library Hours of Operation			
	Main Library (Chestertown)	Rock Hall Branch	North County Branch
Monday	9-6	9-3	
Tuesday	9-6		10-6
Wednesday	9-8	9-3	
Thursday	9-6		10-6
Friday	9-5	9-3	10-5
Saturday	9-3	9-1	10-2
Sunday			

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Kent County Public Library

Genealogy and Family History



Selected resources for
building your family tree



Where can I find family history and genealogy books?

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.

Dewey Decimal Numbers of Interest

929	general genealogy
929.2	family histories
929.3	genealogy sources
929.5	cemetery records

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

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.

KCPL is unable to conduct genealogy research on your behalf. However, our librarians can answer basic questions, provide tutorials for using Digital Library collections, and help you locate additional resources.

For more information, contact:
referencedesk@kent.lib.md.us

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 Newspapers

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.