



American Ancestors®

A NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY HISTORY, HERITAGE & CULTURE

Welcome to American Ancestors

Our library and archives is a leading research center for genealogists across the nation. We offer millions of books, manuscripts, microfilms, and more. Materials in our collections date from the fourteenth century to the present and span North America, Europe, and beyond. We are also home to the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center (JHC), a resource for the histories of Jewish families and institutions in New England.

Our comprehensive collections and staff of genealogical experts will help you discover your family history. Learn more at AmericanAncestors.org/Brim-Deforest-Library.

Q&A

When is American Ancestors open?

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (ET) (Closed on Sunday and Monday)

Visit AmericanAncestors.org/Visit to learn more about our research resources and planning your visit.

Is there a guide to visiting American Ancestors?

Yes! An overview can be found at AmericanAncestors.org/Tools/Guide-to-Research.

More research guides are available at AmericanAncestors.org/Tools/Research-Guides.

What resources does American Ancestors have?

- Extensive collections of books, manuscripts, microfilms, and periodicals containing genealogical and historical data. Search our catalog at Library.NEHGS.org.
- Online databases and access to subscription-based sites: AmericanAncestors.org/Search/External-Databases
- Knowledgeable staff ready to help!

How do I use the Manuscripts and Rare Books Collection?

Manuscript and Rare Book collections are available to American Ancestors members who have made arrangements with The Brim-DeForest Library at least 48 hours in advance of their visit. Please contact manuscripts@americanancestors.org to request specific items. Upon arrival, manuscripts and rare books may be viewed on the 5th floor.

Can I get in-depth help with my research?

Yes! If you would like hands-on assistance with your research, you can hire an American Ancestors genealogist to work side by side with you either online or in person to guide you through records and help advance your research. In-person and online sessions are offered as half-day (three-hour) or full day (five-hour) options. See AmericanAncestors.org/Expert-Help/Consultations for more details or please see a member of our Member Services Team.

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Floor Guide

7th Floor

- The Brim-DeForest Library—genealogies, reference, and periodicals
- Reference desk
- Vault requests
- Microform, CD, and map collection requests



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6th Floor (Staff Only)

- Conservation Lab

5th Floor

- The Brim-DeForest Library—local histories and records—U.S., Canada, and International Reference Desk
- Archival collections and rare book requests
- The Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center



The Wyner Family
Jewish Heritage Center

4th Floor (Staff Only)

- Staff offices

3rd Floor (Staff Only)

- Administration and staff offices

2nd Floor

- The Brue Family Learning Center, Visit AmericanAncestors.org/Events for a schedule of library tours and lectures.

1st Floor

- Reception
- The Family Heritage Experience
- American Ancestors Bookstore



The Family
Heritage Experience



10 Million Names

Also Available:

- Wi-fi access
- Access to online databases
- Copy materials to flash drive
- Flash drives for sale
- Non-flash photography allowed
- Restrooms on every floor
- Lockers



Computers
Available



Contains Library
Collections



Genealogists
Available

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