Genealogical Resources in Weld County

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Genealogical Societies/ Libraries/Centers/Websites

**Weld County Genealogical Society**
P.O. Box 278
Greeley, CO 80632
http://www.rootsweb.com/~cowcgs/

Weld County Master Index (WCMI):  http://www.rootsweb.com/~cowcgs/contents.htm
Quarterlies
Publications

**High Plains Library District**
Centennial Park Branch Library
2227 23rd Avenue
Greeley, CO  80634
Phone:  (970) 506-8600
http://www.mylibrary.us/
http://mylibrary.us/contact/library-hours-and-locations

The Library District provides access to several genealogy databases, including *Ancestry Library Edition*, *NewspaperARCHIVE*, *New England Historic Genealogical Society*, and *HeritageQuest*. The Genealogy Desk is staffed by volunteers.

**Family History Center**
Greeley Colorado
501 49th Ave
Greeley, Colorado  80634
Phone: 970-356-1904
Hours: Tuesday:  9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. & 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday:  9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.; Thursday:  6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Phone:  (970) 356-1904

Open to the public. Enter through West doors. Go left down the hall.
Northeastern Colorado Heritage League
P.O. Box 337241
Greeley, Colorado 80633
http://necoheritage.org

This organization was formed in late 2010 and the "objective and purposes of this organization is to promote, preserve, and celebrate the historical, genealogical, and cultural roots of Northeastern Colorado and its people."

Welcome To Weld County, CO Gen Web Project
http://theusgenweb.org/co/weld/index.html

University of Northern Colorado

UNC Registrar's Office
3002 Carter Hall
Campus Box 50
Greeley, CO 80639
Phone: (970) 351-2231
http://www.unco.edu/regrec/

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act -- Release of Student Information
http://www.unco.edu/regrec/FERPA/index.html

The Registrar’s Office will verify if a student attended or graduated from UNC. See their policy on divulging private information (FERPA).

James A. Michener Library -- University of Northern Colorado
UNC Libraries
Campus Box 48
Greeley, CO 80639
(970) 351-2671
http://library.unco.edu/

Visitor information: http://library.unco.edu/about/visitorinfo.htm
Archival Services Department  
Lower Level, Room L119  
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm  
Contact:  
Jay Trask, Archivist  
Phone: (970) 351-2854  
Email: library.archives@unco.edu  
http://library.unco.edu/archives/

The Archival Services Department consists of the University Archives, Special Collections, and the James A. Michener Papers. University Archives staff collect, preserve, and maintain historical records of the University of Northern Colorado and its teacher training school since the founding in 1889.

• Graduation programs  
• Alumni Directories  
  School newspapers  
  (A) *The Crucible*, 1892-1920 (incomplete)  
  (B) *The Mirror*, 1919-Present  
  (C) *Bulldog News* (Lab School/Training School)  
• *Cache La Poudre* (UNC year book), 1907-1971. UNC Student Publications  
• Lab School student publications  
• Annual catalogs and publications of the University  
• Faculty, student, and staff file  
• Dissertations and Theses  
• Photographs  
• Trustees minutes, 1889-Present -- Includes a list of students who were eligible to graduate each term and their major field of study and/or hometown.

A-Z Index: http://library.unco.edu/archives/arc_atozindex.htm

Special Collections: http://library.unco.edu/archives/manuscriptcollections.htm

University Records: http://library.unco.edu/archives/universityrecords.htm

Digital UNC: http://adr.coalliance.org/cogru/fez/  
This is the University’s digital repository. It includes digitized copies of photographs from the Little Theatre of the Rockies, 1934-1939, stage design sketches from the B. William Van Loo Papers, UNC master’s theses, UNC doctoral dissertations, UNC undergraduate honor theses, campus lantern slides, O. T. Jackson Papers & Dearfield Collections, oral histories, historic images of the University and its Presidents

Rocky Mountain Online Archives: http://rmoa.unm.edu/  
- UNC Archives: http://rmoa.unm.edu/results.php?inst=CoGrU

Government Publications Department  
Lower Level, Room L115  
Contact:  
Mark Anderson  
Government Publications Reference Librarian and Associate Professor  
Phone: (970) 351-1474  
Email: mark.anderson@unco.edu

http://library.unco.edu/personnel/anderson.htm
The Government Publications Department primarily collects, processes, and maintains federal and Colorado documents. This includes decisions, proceedings, reports, statistics, and other official documents issued by the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government.

No one is currently scheduled in the Government Publications Department although there are student assistants at the security gate desk. If you have special requests, check at the Reference Desk on the First Floor.

Reference Services
First Floor
Contact:
Annie Epperson
Phone: (970) 351-2562
Email: annie.epperson@unco.edu

http://library.unco.edu/personnel/epperson.htm

Although the reference collection provides informational and research materials designed to complement the curriculum of the University, genealogists will find many useful materials within the collection.

Ask a question: library.reference@unco.edu

Periodicals/Media Department
Second Floor
Contact:
Jeff Miller
Manager, Collection Services
Phone: (970) 351-2465
Email: jeffrey.miller@unco.edu

The Periodicals Department maintains the Library’s collection of newspapers, magazines, and journals.

Greeley Tribune -- 1908-Present
New York Times (Index in Reference Department)
Through the Leaves -- 1920-1927, 1930-1946 (Great Western Sugar Co. publication).

University Schools (formerly the University Training/Lab School, now a charter school associated with Greeley-Evans School District #6).
6525 W. 18th Street
Greeley, CO 80634
Phone: (970) 330-2221
http://www.universityschools.com/

They will verify if a student attended the University Lab School.
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City of Greeley Offices

Greeley History Museum
Greeley Museums
714 8th Street
Greeley, CO 80631.
E-mail: museums@greeleygov.com
Phone:  (970)350-9220
Hours:  Galleries, museum store and Hazel E. Johnson Research Center are open Wednesday-Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
http://greeleygov.com/Museums/default.aspx

Hazel E. Johnson Research Center
Archives Specialist
Caroline Blackburn
(970)350-9219
http://greeleygov.com/Museums/Research.aspx

- Surname reference/obituary files, 1859 – present & indexed obituary scrapbooks (1-53)
- Greeley and Weld Co. directories, 1892 to present
- City of Greeley scrapbooks, 1947 – 1992 (Clippings regarding City Government)
- City of Greeley ordinances'
- Record books and minutes of the Union Colony of Colorado (the joint stock company which founded the town of Greeley, CO)
- Historical books, theses, etc., pertaining to the Greeley and northeastern Colorado region
- The Colorado Collection (2,000 books, pamphlets, etc. pertaining to the history of the state and its people)
- Family files (contain genealogical information, letters, diaries, obituaries, ephemera, etc.)
- School records: School board minutes and census records for some districts, Weld county teachers’ directories. School annuals.
- Maps
- Club records
- Oral history interviews
- Guide to Historic homes in Greeley, 15 volumes
- Record books and ledgers of early Greeley/Weld businesses
- 19 volumes of German-Russian census, naturalization and church records for Greeley, Loveland,
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• *Colorado Magazine, Colorado Heritage*, most volumes + index

• *Old House Journal*, 173-present, + index. Practical advice on restoration of old homes.

• *Spinning Wheel and Collectibles* magazines, + index

• *Through the Leaves*, 1913-1968 (Great Western Sugar Co. pub.)

• Many more pieces of memorabilia, cookbooks, textbooks, Bibles, scrapbooks, postcards, etc.


Greeley Historic Preservation
1100 10th Street, Suite 201
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970)350-9380
Email: Betsy Kellums < betsy.kellums@greeleygov.com>
Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Friday

Provides information to the public on historic properties in Greeley and will assist individuals who are researching historic properties.

Click on the camera or Inventoried Property Name to see a photograph & information on the property. Click on the Address to see a map.

Provides a list of historic properties in Greeley. Information listed includes: Address, Architectural Style, Date of Construction, Resource Number, Designation, Architectural Description, Historical Background, and a Photograph, if available.

Weld County Government Offices

Weld County Clerk & Recorders Office
1402 N. 17th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631
(Go north on 11th Avenue or 35th Avenue, just south of O Street)
Phone: (970) 353-3840
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/ClerkRecorder/index.html
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Weld County Clerk & Recorder, Fees:
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/ClerkRecorder/RecordingDocuments/Fees.html

Weld County Clerk & Recorder, Recording FAQ:
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/ClerkRecorder/RecordingDocuments/FAQs.html

Weld County Clerk & Records, Marriage licenses:
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/ClerkRecorder/MarriageLicenses.html

Weld County Clerk & Recorder, School records – information may vary

• Weld County School Records on microfilm, organized by District, Year, alphabetical by name of student. 1908-1974. Information in Census Lists for children ages 4-21: school district number, name, birth place, birth date, parent’s nativity (mother/father), school grade last attended, residence (list parent or guardian and post office address). The back of the books had a list of each deaf mute or blind child (ages 4-22), their name and post address of the parent or guardian.


• Teacher's Record cards, pre 1929-1974 (microfilm). Name of Teacher, Name of school, term dates, yearly salary, received contract (yes or no), Oath of Allegiance (yes or no), certificate and degree information (high school, normal, college, university, graduate work, special), years of professional training and name of institution, months of experience, read Reading Circle books (yes or no) and/or years books read, subjects or grades taught, professional credits, total college credit, date of birth, health, temporary/permanent address, efficiency rating (good, medium, poor), and/or years taught. A second card may include: Name, date, age, yearly salary, pay for other services, Oath of Allegiance, four-year degree and if so what and what institution, years and/or months taught, marital status, and/or family dependents

• Teacher's Personal Report to County Superintendent, pre 1929-1974 (microfilm). Name, school & school address, home address, date of record, age, where educated, Years above Elementary School, Degree, Professional training, certificate and where issued and date of issue, teaching experience and what, where, when, remarks.

Weld County Clerk & Recorder, additional information

• Marriage records of Weld County. Indexed on Microfiche, referring to licenses and applications on microfilm. 1871-present. $3.00 for a certified copy. Weld County Genealogical Society has indexed Weld County Colorado Marriages 1864-1930 (Greeley, CO: Weld County Genealogical Society, 1992) and the names have been incorporated into the Weld County Master Index.

• Old tax sale books. (Properties sold for tax delinquency) Books were moved to the Treasurers Office.

• Land Patents on microfilm 1865-1981 on microfilm; 1982-present on computer. Alphabetized by name. Grantee-Grantor records by date and name. JoAnn Craven & Alberta Jacobsen, Grantee Index Land Records of Weld County, Colorado 1865-1873 (Greeley, CO: n. pub., Aug 1984) and the names have been incorporated into the Weld County Master Index.

• Ditch statements.

• Recorded Plat Maps only for areas that have been subdivided, ditches, and subdivisions.

• Corporation papers 1865-1975.

• Military discharge index, recorded by residents. 1919-present. Shows name, rank, company, birth place and age, occupation, description, where discharged, and enlistment record.

• Cattle brands. Brand Books date back to 1800. The Weld County Genealogical Society has indexed early brands Margaret Konegni Bothel, Early Weld County Colorado Live Stock Brands (Greeley, CO: The Genealogical Society of Weld County, 1984) and the names have been incorporated into the Weld County Master Index.
• Chattel mortgages.
• Real Estate Records. Grantor/Grantee index from 1865
• Motor Vehicle Record back to 1914.

ICRIS Record: Access Point
http://icris.co.weld.co.us/icris/splash.jsp

ICRIS Record Search Form
http://icris.co.weld.co.us/icris/documentSearch.jsp

Weld County Assessors Office
1400 N. 17th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 353-3845 Ext. 3650
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/Assessor/index.html

• Land parcel number with all land owners. Name and address of owner, Who they bought it from. Deed information. (Only about 7 years of records are kept.) Records now online
• Property and Sales Searches online: Improved property, vacant property, ownership listings by Authority or Section-Township-Range. Ownership Transfer Search by Individual account/Parcel, Property card, Block Book, Descriptions of each search
• Early tax levy books. They have tax levy books for the current year and the previous year.
• File of each current house, the year built, characteristics, current assessor’s information. Information now online.
• Aerial photos of rural areas divided into parcel numbers, which lead you to names of present owners. Information now online.
• Government Land Office Surveys (38 MB) (141 pages):
  http://www.co.weld.co.us/assets/4AC234B2ABA18059BCbB.pdf
• How and Why Weld County Communities were Named:
  http://www.co.weld.co.us/assets/DA5BA513807472DdDCCa.pdf

Weld County Treasurers Office
1400 N. 17th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 353-3845 Ext. 3290
Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/Treasurer/index.html

• Tax rolls on microfilm from 1871. (Take the microfilm to the Clerk and Recorders Office to read)
  You need to know the school district, then names are alphabetical.
• Mapping information now online – search options by Last Name, Parcel Number, Account Number, Township/Range, Situs Address, and Subdivision.
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Weld County Courthouse (19th Judicial District)
901 9th Avenue
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 351-7300 Ext. 4900
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday (hours vary for some departments)
http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Index.cfm/District_ID/19

Court Records:
The District Court is not a county agency. It is a state agency. The court records are housed at the State Archives in Denver. The civil court consists of a county court index and a district court index. The clerk at the Weld County Courthouse has the index of court cases. You need to get a case number. It is okay to phone for the Case number.

The District Court has: Civil, Criminal, Domestic, Probate, Juvenile, Juvenile Support, Juvenile Delinquency cases.

The County Court has: Civil, Infractions, Misdemeanors, PFP’s, Traffic and Small Claims cases.
The records available are from 1873 for Civil Cases and from 1877 for Criminal Cases. There is also an index of changes on birth certificates between 1941-1969.

•Probate Index 1876-present
•Wills that are not probated are lodged. Index is available. Copies are $.75 a page.
•Naturalizations are at the State Archives in Denver.

- Nineteenth Judicial District Court Records, Weld County Combined Courts, Records and Document Requests:
  http://www.courts.state.co.us/Courts/District/Custom.cfm/District_ID/19/Page_ID/264

Public Access: Court Records Searches:
http://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Program.cfm/Program/11

Weld County - Public Health Administrative Services
1555 N. 17th Ave.
Greeley, CO 80631
Phone: (970) 304-6410
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/HealthEnvironment/index.html

Southwest Weld County Office -- Public Health Administrative Services
4209 WCR 24½
Longmont, CO 80504
I-25 & Exit 24
Phone: (720) 652-4238

Birth and Death Certificates
http://www.co.weld.co.us/Departments/HealthEnvironment/BirthandDeathCertificates.html

Birth Records:
•1830s to Present for Weld County
•1953-Present for all of Colorado
Death Records
• Early 1900s to Present for Weld County
• 1953-Present for all of Colorado
• Home births were usually filed by the Doctor at the State Office.

Colorado State Offices

Colorado Public Health and Environment Colorado

Official Birth, Death, Marriage, and Divorce Records http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/certs/index.html.

Colorado State Archives and Public Records
1313 Sherman, Room 1B-20
The Centennial Bldg.
Denver, CO 80203
Phone: (303)866-2358 or (303)866-2390. Toll free in Colorado 1-800-305-3442
Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, holidays excepted.
Please note that we are closed on Wednesdays to public access.
E-mail: archives@state.co.us
http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/index.html

Colorado State Archives Historical Records Database
http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/hrd/index.htm

Colorado State Archives Historical Records Database (Search page)
http://accipiter.state.co.us/archive/publicrecordsearch.do

Records Descriptions (for Colorado State Archives Historical Records Database)
http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/doit/archives/hrd/description.htm

Reference Request Form & Fees Schedule
http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/forms/doit/archives/request.htm

Some of their resources include:
• Statewide marriage and divorce records.
• Naturalization records.
• Denver births and deaths (pre 1898 only)
• Court Cases
• All Colorado Censuses
• School records
• Business Incorporation Records
• Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Enrollment Index
• Military records
• Denver City Directories
• Colorado Mining Fatalities
1861 Colorado Territory Election

Newspapers


- Greeley Tribune: [http://www.greeleytribune.com/](http://www.greeleytribune.com/)

Title Companies

Some of the Title Companies in Greeley have map books of Weld County with names of present owners.

- Security Title Guaranty Company
  1100 10 St. Ste 302
  Greeley, 80631 356-3200

- Stewart Title of Greeley
  1812 56th Ave. Ste 100
  Greeley 80631 330-8767

Mortuaries

- Adamson Mortuary
  - Downtown Chapel 827 5th St. Greeley, 80631 353-1212
  - West Chapel, 2000 47th Ave., Greeley, 80634 330-6151
  - Windsor Chapel, 429 Main, Windsor 80550 686-2521
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**Allnutt Funeral Service**
- Eaton Chapel, 130 Elm Ave., Eaton 80615  454-2311
  Records from abt. 1890-present
- Macy Chapel, 702 13th, Greeley, 80631  352-3366
  Records from abt 1908-present (some were destroyed in a fire)

**Stoddard Funeral Home**
3205 W. 28th St., Greeley, 80631  330-7301
  Records from 1977-present

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**Denver Public Library**

- Denver Public Library http://www.denverlibrary.org/.
- DPL Western History and Genealogy http://history.denverlibrary.org/.
- DPL Genealogy Collection http://history.denverlibrary.org/collections/genealogy.html
- DPL Genealogy and Obituaries: http://history.denverlibrary.org/research/genealogy.html#co_deaths