

Cowlitz County Resources

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society

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Genealogy Research Help is available 1-3 p.m. each
Wednesday in **The Genealogy Room** at the Library.
Research Help by Mail or Email \$10/hr.
Info: www.rootsweb.com/~walcolgs, Attn: Queries Chair.

Longview Public Library

1600 Louisiana St.
Longview, WA 98632
360.442.5300
www.longviewlibrary.org

LDS Family History Center

1721 30th Ave., Longview, WA 98632; 360.577.8234
Read microfilm from the Family Hist. Lib in SLC and access
Ancestry, Fold3, Find My Past, etc., free at the FHC.
familysearch.org/locations and familysearch.org

Cowlitz County Historical Museum

They have digital historic photographs.
405 Allen Street, Kelso, WA 98626
360.577.3119 freedced@co.cowlitz.wa.us
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/museum

Cowlitz Indian Tribe

1055 9th Ave. Suite B, Longview, WA 98632; 360.577.8140
Enrollment info is in online newsletters.
http://www.cowlitz.org/

Cowlitz County Libraries

Castle Rock Library

137 Cowlitz St. West
PO Box 1350
Castle Rock, WA 98611
360.274.6961 rocklibrary@hotmail.com
www.ci.castle-rock.wa.us/library.htm/

Kalama Public Library

312 N. First St.
PO Box 576
Kalama, WA 98625
http://www.kalamalibrary.com/

Kelso Public Library

Three Rivers Mall -- 351 Three Rivers Drive,
Suite 1263, Kelso, WA 98626
360.423.8110
www.kelso.gov/departments-services/library

Longview Public Library

1600 Louisiana St.
Longview, WA 98632
360.442.5300
www.longviewlibrary.org

Woodland Public Library

770 Park St.
Woodland, WA 98674
630.225.2115
http://www.lewisriver.com/woodland/library/

Cowlitz County Government

Auditor has Marriage Licenses from 1901 & Land Records
Cowlitz County Admin. Bldg., 207 N. 4th
Kelso, WA 98626
360.577.3002
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=1470
www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Search#2

County Clerk

Hall of Justice, 312 SW 1st Avenue
Kelso, WA 98626
360.577.3016 www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/clerk

Cowlitz County Health Dept.

has Birth & Death Records
900 Ocean Beach Hwy, Suite 1-B
Longview, WA 98632
360.414.5599
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/7

District Court

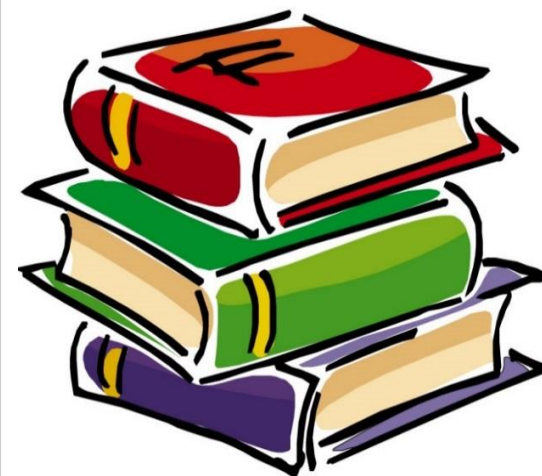
Hall of Justice, 312 SW 1st Ave, Rm 207
Kelso, WA 98626
360.577.3073
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Directory.aspx?did=24

Superior Court

has Probate, Adoptions & Civil Cases
Hall of Justice, 312 SW 1st Ave, Rm 233
Kelso, WA 98626
360.577.3016,
clerk@co.cowlitz.wa.us
www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/Directory.aspx?did=10

Cowlitz County Ancestors

Where to Find Them



Cowlitz County Resources at Longview Public Library

The Genealogy Room

Information is on the free-standing bookshelf.

The Genealogy Room at Longview Public Library contains 3200 genealogy books. About 50 books are transcriptions and indexes of Cowlitz County records. Indexes to some of these books are online.

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/lcgs.htm

[Guide to the] Genealogical Book Collection –This notebook sits on top of the free-standing bookcase in the Genealogy Room.

Research Help - Lower Columbia Genealogical Society members provide research assistance in the Genealogy Room each Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Census Records for Cowlitz County

Federal Censuses for 1880-1920 are on microfilm.

Territorial Censuses are transcribed in books.

City Directories for Kelso-Longview

Kelso-Longview Polk City Directories from 1925 include Carrolls, Castle Rock, Kalama & Woodland. They list every adult resident, age, address, occupation and employer. A few are available at familysearch.org under Search/Catalog/Place, "United States, Washington, Cowlitz–Directories."

Cowlitz County Historical Quarterly

The Library has issues from 1959 to present. Lower Columbia College Library has issues 1934-1984.

County and Town History Books

Longview Public Library has many books about the history of Cowlitz County and its towns. See the online card catalog.

Death Records Index, 1907-2000 - Washington

On microfilm and microfiche. Ask at the Information desk. Names are arranged by Soundex. A Guide to using the Index is kept in the Genealogy file at the Information Desk. The Guide is necessary to use the film or fiche.

Local Newspapers on Microfilm

Longview Daily News (TDN), Kalama Beacon, Kelso Courier, The Kelsonian, The Kelso Tribune & The Lewis River News from their earliest editions are available.

Obituary Index for Cowlitz County

Obituaries from all county newspapers have been indexed. Use index info to find the obit on the newspaper microfilm. www.longviewlibrary.org/genealogy/index.php

School Yearbooks

Yearbooks from local high schools and junior high schools are available.

WiFi is available in Longview Public Library.

Cowlitz County Records at Longview Public Library

Call number --- R 929.379788

1880 US Census Cowlitz County (Microfilm)
1900 US Census Cowlitz County (Microfilm)
1910 US Census Cowlitz County (Microfilm)
1920 US Census Cowlitz County (Microfilm)
Alphabetical Listing of Cowlitz Co., WA Cemetery Burials.
Cowlitz Co., Terr. & State of WA 1859-1920 Naturalization Recs.
Cowlitz Co., WA 1910 Federal Census.
Cowlitz Co., WA Affidavits of Citizenship to Fish Certificates.
Cowlitz Co., WA Cemetery Records, ...1984-1989, vol. 2.
Cowlitz Co., WA Cemetery Records, ...through 1983, vol.1, pt.1.
Cowlitz Co., WA Cemetery Records, ...through 1983, vol.1, pt.2.
Cowlitz Co., WA Court Calendar 1899 -1907.
Cowlitz Co., WA Court Ordered Birth Certificates, 1942-1943.
Cowlitz Co., WA Direct Index to Marriage Licenses, 1900-1925.
Cowlitz Co., WA Index to Wills vol. #1 Originals, 1853-1919.
Cowlitz Co., WA Marriage Records, 1854-1900.
Cowlitz Co., WA Miscellaneous Death Returns 1899- 1907.
Cowlitz Co., WA Miscellaneous Records
Cowlitz Co., WA Probate Court Records of Bonds, 1878-1891.
Cowlitz Co., WA Probate Court Records, 1861-1907: Five vols.
Cowlitz Co., WA Probate Fee Book, 1893-1921.
Cowlitz Co., WA Superior Court Kalama 1894-1900.
Cowlitz Co., WA Terr. & State 2nd Dist. Court Kalama 1876-1893.
Cowlitz Co., WA Terr. & State Dist. Court Kalama 1876-1900.
Cowlitz Co., WA Terr. Auditor's Census 1871, 1883, 1885, 1887.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory 1871 Census.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory 1883 Census.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory 1885 Census.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory 1887 Census.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory and State Book of Levies 1874-1877
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory and State Final Records, 1872-1893.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory and State Probate Court Records
Addendum, Point of Reference Probate Fee Books, Vol. 5.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory Pre-Statehood Probate Court Recs Pt 1
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory Pre-Statehood Probate Court Recs Pt 2
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory Probate Fee Book #1 1879-1889.
Cowlitz Co., WA Territory Wills, Book B 1878-1890.
Genealogical Material in Oregon Donation Land Claims
U.S. Census of Oregon Territory 1850, Washington Territory 1860
Washington Territory Donation Land Claims

Cowlitz County Resources - Online

Longview Library has WiFi

Cowlitz County Records - Transcriptions & Indexes by LCGS

www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/cowlitz.htm

Cowlitz County Genealogical Research Help & Queries

Lower Columbia Genealogical Society will provide research help by mail or email for \$10/hr.

Info: www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~walcolgs/index.htm

Donation Land Claims - Oregon

www.gfo.org/donation/

Donation Land Claims - Washington

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/493

Federal Censuses for Cowlitz County 1850-1940

www.familysearch.org. Click on Search/Browse/United States Census.

digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/2 (1860-1930)

Find-a-Grave

www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi

Land Patents

www.glorerecords.blm.gov/

Legacy Washington – Genealogical Resources

www.sos.wa.gov/legacy/genealogy.aspx

Obituary Index for Cowlitz County

www.longviewlibrary.org/genealogy/index.php

Social Security Death Index

familysearch.org/search/collection/1202535 (1962-2014)

Ancestry.com has 1935 to 2014.

www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections/TitleInfo/2

www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-711.pdf for ancestor's application

U S GenWeb - Cowlitz County

jtenlen.drizzlehosting.com/wacowlitz/wacowlitz.html

Washington, County Marriages- Fill in "Cowlitz."

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1534448

Washington, County Naturalizations–Click Browse/Cowlitz

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1932554

Washington, County Records, 1803-2009

Click Browse/Cowlitz. Includes tax, voters, wills, etc.

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1910364

Washington, Cowlitz County Civil Court Dockets, 1876-1951

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2002293

Washington Death Certificate Index, 1907-1960.

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1454923

Washington Department of Health (BMD Div)

Center for Health Statistics, Town Center 1

101 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501

www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/Birth

DeathMarriageandDivorce

Washington State Archives Digital Archives Current

Collections. Includes early state and territorial censuses.

digitalarchives.wa.gov/Collections#RSID:3

Washington, Western District Naturalizations, 1853-1957

www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2296985

Western States Marriage Index

abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm

1853 Washington Terr. formed from Oregon Terr.

1854 Cowlitz County formed from Clark County

1889 Washington became a state