

Genealogy-related resources at the ISU University Library
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ISU Library [Genealogy](#) guide.

ISU Library [Finding Newspapers](#) guide – has separate sections for Iowa and Historic Newspapers.

[CARDinal](#) – searchable catalog of ISU Special Collections & University Archives materials.

[The Bomb](#) (ISU yearbook from 1894-1994) is available full-text online to search or browse.

ProQuest Historical Newspapers – covers 14 major historical U.S. newspapers

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: U.S. North Central Collection:

Argus Leader (Sioux Falls, SD) - 1886-2009; Des Moines Register - 1871-2008; Fort Collins

Coloradoan (Fort Collins, CO) - 1972-2012; Great Falls Tribune (Great Falls, MT) - 1885-2011;

Iowa City Press Citizen - 1965-2008; Springfield News-Leader (Springfield, MO) - 1987-2011; St.

Cloud Times (St. Cloud, MN) - 1928-2011

NOTE: Requires ISU ID for remote access, but available to use in-building by anyone.

Examples of items available at ISU Parks Library but not available at Ames Public Library or online via HathiTrust, FamilySearch, HeritageQuest, etc.:

CS71 R318 E56x 2006 *Family history of George and William Redmon of Pennsylvania and Kentucky*

F619.5 .I6 *Iowa State Gazetteer, Business Directory and Farmer's List for...[1892]*

F620 G934b *Background of Iowa Territorial Pioneers* (covers Parker & Chaplin families)
[in HathiTrust, but not full-text]

F621 R861t *True Tales of Iowa*

F627 B67 T83x *Trail Tales: a journal of Boone, Iowa history.* Parks Library circulating collection.
[Author Index](#) & [Subject Index](#) are now accessible online.

ISU 1978 N979 *Cemetery symbolism of prairie pioneers: gravestone art and social change in Story County, Iowa* (in Library Storage Building & SCUA & free online at <http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/rtd/1360>)

PN4897 I83 M259n *Notes on the History of Iowa Newspapers, 1836-1870*

QC955.5 U6 S73 1987 *Tornado: Accounts of Tornadoes in Iowa* (2nd edition, 1987)

S521 .T26 A70 *Tarpleywick: A Century of Iowa Farming*

TF140 S54 M49x 1997 *The Girl They Stopped the Trains For* (about Kate Shelley)
11 pages – Original published in *Trains magazine*, Oct 1957 and reprinted in *Trail Tails*, April 1991; available in ISU Special Collections

UA25 D26 2019 *Daily Life of U.S. Soldiers: From the American Revolution to the Iraq War –*
3 vol. set

Z115 A5 S64 1988 *Reading Early American Handwriting*

Other highly-recommended FREE resources!

[Farm, Field and Fireside](#) – a [free](#) newspaper collection – U.S. farm weeklies published in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Fully searchable, including advertisements.

[HathiTrust](#)

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[Life of Rufus Putnam](#), with extracts from his journal and an account of the first settlement in Ohio – the first few pages give the family genealogy, followed by information about what life was like in that time. Family originated in New England, but then were among the first settlers in Ohio. [Print version available in Parks Library General Collection – F483 P96]

Iowa State Gazetteer and Business Directory (HathiTrust has many from the [early 1900's](#); these years and also the 1889/90 and 1892 editions are available in Parks Library General Collection.)