

GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY

eResources

Free to use with your Sioux City Public Library card
at www.siouxcitylibrary.org.



Heritage Quest

Find genealogical data from the U.S. Federal Census, Revolutionary War records, Freedman's Bank Records, the U.S. Serial Set, the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) Archive, and more.



N News*papers*.com

Sioux City Journal (1864 - 1922)
Featuring over 230 Iowa newspapers, this digitized collection includes the Sioux City Journal from the years 1864 to 1922 with the option to view, print, save and share your search results.



Sioux City Journal News*Bank*.com

Sioux City Journal via NewsBank
(1996 - Today)
Full-text access to the Sioux City Journal electronic edition.



ancestry

**(Only available in-house at the
Aalfs Downtown Library)**

Genealogy database with access to U.S. Federal Census records, passenger lists, birth, death, marriage and military records and more.

Additional Resources

- Sioux City Public Library Research Requests (www.siouxcitylibrary.org/services)
 - Research requests for obituaries or articles published in the Sioux City Journal can be made via email, phone, or in-person. Relevant documents can be scanned and emailed or photocopied and mailed for \$5 per document.
- Sioux City Public Museum (www.siouxcitymuseum.org)
 - Research Center; archives of artifacts; Plat Maps, photographs.
- Woodbury County Courthouse (www.woodburycountyiowa.gov/recorder)
 - Vital records - birth, death, & marriage - uncertified copies in person for 50¢.
- Woodbury County Genealogical Society (iagenweb.org)
 - Contact for in-depth research.

Microfilm

Onsite at the Aalfs Downtown Library.

- Film reels viewable on digital and manual machines.
- The entire Sioux City Journal collection, various and limited birth, death, and marriage records.
- Photocopies and printouts can be made for 25¢ per page for black and white and 75¢ per page for color.

Clip Files

Onsite at the Aalfs Downtown Library.

- Folders and files categorized by subject with newspaper clippings and various ephemera.
- Unique to Sioux City.
- Perfect for projects or browsing to discover something new.

Print Materials

Onsite at the Aalfs Downtown Library.

- Polk City Directories & phone books. (*Local History* - 917.77)
- High School Yearbooks. (*Local History* - 373.77)
- Various books on Sioux City's history. Various genealogy, family histories, marriage records, DAR records, Woodbury County Genealogical Society, newsletters and magazines.

Explore!

Use the separate activity to acquaint yourself with our many resources.

Exploring Resources Activity

Gain confidence in using the Library's Local History Collection by locating information across Library resources.

Online

- **Heritage Quest**

- Search Census Records for Vera Ludden in Sioux City, IA, locate the 1930 Census result, and note her address. _____

- **Newspapers.com**

- Search for Vera Ludden in Sioux City and locate the article that includes her portrait.
 - *HINT - searching with quotations around a name ("Vera Ludden") narrows the results to include those words in that order.*

- **NewsBank**

- Search for "Grandview Park Rose Garden" and locate the article from 2018 about it being a popular wedding venue.

Onsite at the Downtown Library

- **Ancestry**

- Search for Vera Ludden in Sioux City.
 - Locate the result that includes a yearbook photo of the Philomathian Club, then navigate to the next page and note her class graduation year. _____
- Return to the results page and locate her "Delayed Birth Certificate."
 - *HINT - from the results page, choose "Birth, marriage & death" from the filters on the left side.*

- **Microfilm**

- Find the film reel that includes June 16, 1940. Scan the paper from that day for the article "Municipal Rose Garden in Grandview Park Excites Admiration."

- **Clip Files**

- Ask reference staff to unlock the drawer containing parks and locate additional articles about the Grandview Park Rose Garden. Try to find the article from 1942 mentioning Vera Ludden.

- **Print Materials**

- City Directories (Local History - 917.77)
 - Use the City Directories to discover where Vera Ludden lived in 1935 and 1940, and compare to the address listed in the 1930 Census.
- Yearbooks (Local History - 373.77)
 - Find the Central High Yearbook (*Maroon & White*) from Vera Ludden's graduation year and locate her senior photo.