

Material to aid your building research can be found at the Archive at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, the Poudre River Public Library District (Reference, Non-Fiction, and Microfilm sections), and online at the **Fort Collins History Connection**: <http://history.fcgov.com>.

Archive Resources

City and County Directories — Are available for most years from 1902-present and often include all of Larimer County. They are indexed alphabetically by name, business, and street address. Look at the section where they list the streets and find your address. It will tell you who lived there, their occupations, and names of children, and the business owners. There are a few directories that do not have listings by streets: 1904, 1906, 1907, and 1934. [Digitized directories](#) for 1902-2005 may be viewed online.

Historic Photograph Collections — Date from 1860s-present and include Larimer County and Fort Collins' businesses, residences, events, street scenes, families, and individuals. [Order Forms](#) and many photographs are [online](#).

Biographical and Subject Files—Contain files of newspaper clippings, pamphlets, brochures, and other documents pertaining to families and the history of Fort Collins, Larimer County, and the state of Colorado. Index is [online](#).

Historical Maps — Provide information on land ownership, boundaries, road and railroad routes, population statistics, agriculture, storm drainage, subdivision plats, etc. There are maps from 1894, 1914, 1915, 1929, and 1940, and atlases from 1956, 1959, 1963, 1968, and 1974 that detail property ownership of Fort Collins and Larimer County.

Colorado Books and Magazines — Include out of print and limited editions of books and periodicals pertaining to Colorado and Larimer County history. Five books provide major information on Fort Collins' people/buildings: *Fort Collins Yesterdays*, *Ranch Histories of Livermore and Vicinity*, and the three Larimer County history books: *History of Larimer County* 1911, 1985, and 1987.

Obituary Files — Contain a copy of every obituary in *The Coloradoan* newspaper from 1977-2011. Obituaries dated before 1977 must be searched for in the microfilmed newspapers. The *Fort Collins Coloradoan* newspaper database has obituaries without the photographs dating from 1999-present; Poudre River Public Library District cardholders may also search the [Proquest Database](#) for obituaries from 1999 to present.

Yearbooks — Include Colorado State University, and Fort Collins, Poudre, Centennial, Heritage, and Rocky Mountain High School yearbooks. Dates are from 1895-present, depending on the school.

Tax Assessor Records — The Archive has a partial collection of Larimer County tax records dating from the 1940s to the 1970s with information and photographs of the property. Patrons need an address or legal location (township, range, and quarter section) to access these records. Many photographs from the 1948 and 1968 records are available in the Fort Collins History Connection [Tax Assessor Database](#).

Historic Building Surveys and Contexts — Provide historical and architectural data on various residential, commercial, industrial, and agricultural buildings in Fort Collins. Surveys exist for the following neighborhoods: City Park, West Central, West Side, East Side, Laurel School, Southwest, Holy Family, and Buckingham/Alta Vista/Andersonville Neighborhoods.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps – These maps primarily depict the Old Town and early residential areas of Fort Collins during the years of 1886, 1891, 1895, 1901, 1906, 1909, 1917, 1925, and 1961 and are available at the Archive or [online](#) through the Poudre River Public Library District website.

Oral History Transcripts — Over 300 verbatim transcripts of interviews available for viewing at the Archive and some are [online](#). Transcripts are also available for check-out at the Old Town Library. Topics include historical events, experiences of early pioneers and current residents, and Larimer County community histories. Excerpts from some interviews on [Local Events](#) and [World War II](#) are online.

Historic Newspapers – Look at the early newspaper indexes online and *The Coloradoan* newspaper card index from 1979-1987. Microfilmed Fort Collins newspapers 1874 and 1878-present, Wellington Sun, and Triangle Review are also available. See the [Colorado Historic Newspaper Project](#) for early Fort Collins newspapers online.

Library Resources

Poudre River Public Library District's Old Town Library contains microfilm reels of newspapers, cemetery records and any other helpful genealogical publications. The Genealogy Materials are located on the 2nd floor. Researchers may also use their library card to access Ancestry.com, HeritageQuest, and other [eResources](#) from the Library.

Other Local History Sources

[Larimer County Genealogical Society](#)

Marriage records from 1865, Land records, Military discharge papers, and Mining records are available at the Larimer County Administration Building 200 W. Oak, Fort Collins, CO, 80521 (970-498-7000)

Judicial and Probate records from 1878 to present are at the District Court, 201 Laporte, Fort Collins, CO, 80521.

Birth/Death records are available from Vital Statistics, 1525 Blue Spruce, Fort Collins, CO, 80524 (970-498-6774). Only people directly related can obtain birth and death records in Colorado. Proof of relationship is required.

The Fort Collins Family History Center is located at 600 E. Swallow, Fort Collins (970-226-5999) and provides a large collection of genealogical resources on microfilm, microfiche, and computer databases.