



**BONNEY
WATSON**

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Learn More: *Genealogy Request*

Bonney-Watson's funeral homes and our cemetery at Washington Memorial Park occasionally receive requests for information on how to trace a family's genealogy. Here are some resources that may help you in your quest:

Washington State Library

The Washington State Library (www.sos.wa.gov/library/genealogy.aspx) has many biographical resources available on site for genealogy research. These include *Biography and Genealogy Master Index*, *Washington Pioneers* (a multivolume set published by the Washington State Genealogical Society), *Told by the Pioneers, and Family Records of Washington Pioneers* (a 65 volume set published by the Daughters of the American Revolution).

The Library also provides a link for *Free Obituary Requests* (www.sos.wa.gov/library/Obituaries.aspx) as well as the other Genealogy Resources. The free obituary look up service covers obituaries in the Library's collection of Washington State newspapers. Submit obituary requests using their *Ask-A-Librarian* page (www.sos.wa.gov/library/ask_form.aspx).

Washington State Archives

The Washington State Library does not have any vital records certificates in its collection. However, many Washington counties have given the vital records they collected to the Washington State Archives at www.sos.wa.gov/archives/. The Archives has begun to put many of the vital records in their collection up on their Digital Archives site (www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/).

State of Washington

You may get birth, death, marriage and divorce records from the State of Washington. Visit their Vital Records page at www.sos.wa.gov/library/VitalRecords.aspx for a complete outline of the Washington State vital records available, where they are held, and how to locate them.

Vital records collected by Washington State are held by the Department of Health at www.doh.wa.gov/EHSPHL/CHS/cert.htm. Information about Washington Death Records and Indexes can be found at www.deathindexes.com/washington/index.html.

Washington State Genealogy Society

The Washington State Genealogical Society is another resource. Learn more at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wasgs/.