

Searching Archives and Public Records of Arizona

What Records Are Available from the Arizona History and Archives Division?

There are quite a few different types of records available through the Arizona History and Archives Division. Among these are: territorial prison records (photos, complete physical descriptions and relatives), miscellaneous books containing land records proof of labor, plat maps, court documents, and some marriage records, brand indexes and books, assessment rolls, coroner or Justice Court records,

Great Registers (contain personal information on those who registered to vote), Superior Court records include pre WWII marriage licenses, wills, probate cases, and civil and criminal cases, birth and death records (births over 75 years old, deaths more than 50 years old), photographs, etc. Except for the birth and death records, the search will yield source information such as name, source, Call Number, page, dates, and, sometime, the city. The staff of the Arizona History and Archives Division will make photocopies at \$.25 per page; however, I do not know how much they charge to mail these copies. Birth and death records are available online and you may see the digital copies.

Accessing the Arizona History and Archives Division Site

- Go to http://159.87.85.72/bio/bio_search.cfm to search the Arizona History and Archives Division records.

Searching the Arizona History and Archives Division Site



The screenshot shows a search form titled "Search Form" with the following fields and options:

- Surname:** dropdown menu set to "is", followed by a text input field.
- Name:** dropdown menu set to "contains", followed by a text input field.
- City:** dropdown menu set to "is", followed by a text input field.
- Dates:** dropdown menu set to "contains", followed by a text input field.
- A "Submit Query" button at the bottom.

- Enter **Surname** and any other search term(s) you want.
- Set drop-down menus to appropriate values. For instance, for **Surname** field, you may select *is*, *begins with*, *ends with*, *is not*, *contains*, *before* or *after*.
- Click the **Submit Query** button or press **<enter>** and the **Search Results** window will open


Search Result						
Surname	Name	Source	Title Location	Page	Dates	City
FRANKS	BETTY JO	History of Arizona: Family & Personal History	AZ q979.1 P42 V3	333		
FRANKS	EMMA	History of Arizona: Family & Personal History	AZ q979.1 P42 V3	57		
FRANKS	GLADYS MARIE	History of Arizona: Family & Personal History	AZ q979.1 P42 V3	57		
FRANKS	Harry M	Ruffner Collection	AZ 929.3 A58 P9I (Microfiche)	V21 p238	1933	Prescott
FRANKS	HOBART T	Clark Biographical Reference 1960	AZ 920 C59 1960			
FRANKS	HOBART T	Clark Biographical Reference 1957	AZ 920 C59 1957			
FRANKS	HOBART T	Clark Biographical Reference 1958	AZ 920 C59 1958			
FRANKS	HOBART T	Clark Biographical Reference 1959	AZ 920 C59 1959			
FRANKS	J.H.	Ruffner Collection	AZ 929.3 A58 P9I (Microfiche)	V11 p181	1923	Prescott
FRANKS	J.W.	Walker District, Yavapai County Arizona Historical Notes	AZ 979.13 W17p	5	1912	Yavapai County AZ
FRANKS	JAMES C	History of Arizona: Family & Personal History	AZ q979.1 P42 V3	333		
FRANKS	John	The Last Full Measure	AZ 363.2 L425	43-44		

- Clicking on the red link for the name opens another window which just gives the same information that is seen on the line.

Accessing the Arizona Historical Photograph Collection

- Go <http://photos.lib.az.us/> to search the Historical Photograph Collection.

Historical Photograph Collection at the Arizona State Archives



Subject

Place

Photographer

Description

Date

PhotoID

Barry Goldwater and others at Neville Monument, 1952. Our database has thousands of images, please be patient as some searches may take awhile.

- Enter the search term you desire. This can be a last name.
- Click on Submit Query or press the <enter> key and the Search Results window will open.

Historical Photograph Collection Search Results



PhotoID: [98-0152.jpg](#)
Place: Phoenix (Ariz.)
Date: 1949
Photographer: Unknown
Subjects

Franks, John



PhotoID: [01-9446.jpg](#)
Place: Phoenix (Ariz.)
Date: 1985
Photographer: Ricardo's
Subjects

Franks, Trent



PhotoID: [01-9344.jpg](#)
Place: Phoenix (Ariz.)
Date: 1951
Photographer: Unknown
Subjects

Franks, John R.

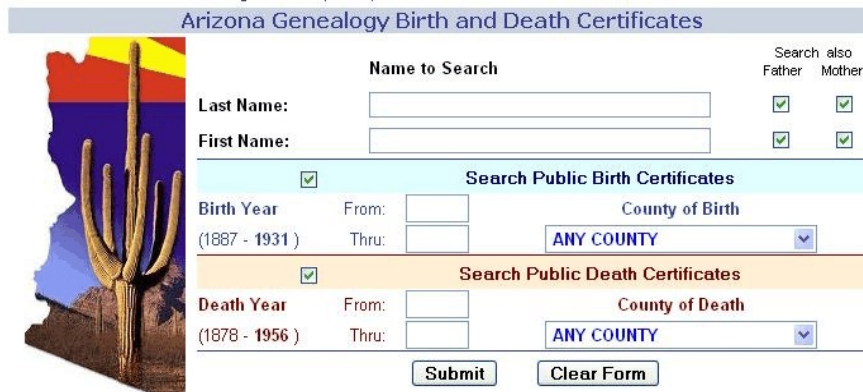
- The Search Results will show a thumbnail of the photo and give some information on the photo.
- You may order a photographic print of the image for \$15 to cover the cost of a negative. This charge does not apply to digital prints.

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Accessing the Arizona Birth and Death Records

- Go to <http://genealogy.az.gov/> to search the Arizona birth and death records.

Searching the Arizona Birth and Death Records



Arizona Genealogy Birth and Death Certificates

Name to Search Search also
Father Mother

Last Name:

First Name:

Search Public Birth Certificates

Birth Year From: County of Birth
(1887 - 1931) Thru: **ANY COUNTY**

Search Public Death Certificates

Death Year From: County of Death
(1878 - 1956) Thru: **ANY COUNTY**

- Enter the last name and/or first name. Check or uncheck the **Search Also** boxes.
- Enter any other information you know and click the **Submit** button or press **<enter>**.

12) Death	LINTON, BENJAMIN Z.	1858.05.05	1937.02.06	.	.	MARICOPA
13) Death	LINTON, BERT (blank)	____.____.	1938.09.11	.	.	YUMA
14) Death	LINTON, BESSIE LOU Birthplace: MO	____.____.	1928.05.07	W. H. WHITE	.	MARICOPA
15) Birth	LINTON, CHARLES HENRY	1921.03.18	____.____.	M. E. LINTON	NETTIE WILLIS	YUMA
16) Death	LINTON, CLARENCE RAY	1909.08.05	1938.10.04	.	.	NAVAJO
17) Death	LINTON, CLARISSA CLARK	1884.09.03	1951.08.01	.	.	PIMA
18) Birth	LINTON, DOROTHY LORRAINE	1925.09.10	____.____.	JNO. MICKIE LINTON	DELLA AUGUSTUS BECK	PIMA
19) Birth	LINTON, DOROTHY LORRAINE	1925.09.10	____.____.	JNO. MICKIE LINTON	DELLA AUGUSTUS BECK	PIMA
20) Death	LINTON, EDWARD SEAVEY	1883.06.10	1926.04.13	.	.	COCHISE

- The **Search Results** window will open (graphic above).
- Click on the name you wish to view and the digital image for that person will appear. These are PDF images, so you should be able to use the regular methods of saving the image.