



**Stevens County** was formed in 1863, and at that time it comprised almost all of Eastern Washington including the area east of the Cascade Mountains, northern Idaho and part of Montana. It has had numerous county seats over the years. It now covers 2,481.2 square miles and has a population in excess of 30,000. The discovery of numerous minerals caused this area to grow. When the area was opened to homesteading, it became a more stable and permanent population. Today, timber and tourist traffic are the main bases for

the economy.

The present Ferry and Pend Oreille counties were the last to break off from Stevens - in 1889 and 1911 respectively. For that reason, the researcher may find some early records for those counties in Stevens.

**Bounded by:** British Columbia, Canada (N), Pend Oreille County (E), Spokane and Lincoln counties (S), and Ferry County (W).

**County Seat:** Colville (originally founded as Pinkney City and sometimes spelled as Colvile).

**Chambers of Commerce:**

Chewelah Chamber of Commerce, 204-A E King St, PO Box 94, Chewelah, WA 99109. Phone 509-935-8991. Fax 509-935-8595. Website: [www.chewelah.org](http://www.chewelah.org)

Colville Chamber of Commerce, 121 E. Astor Ave., P.O. Box 267, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-5973. Fax 509-684-1344. Website: [www.colville.com](http://www.colville.com). E-mail [colvillecoc@plix.com](mailto:colvillecoc@plix.com)

Kettle Falls Chamber of Commerce, 265 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, PO Box 119, Kettle Falls, WA 99141. Phone 509-738-2300. Website: [www.kettlefalls.com](http://www.kettlefalls.com).

Springdale Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 275, Springdale, WA 99173. Phone 509-258-7174 or 877-528-7174

**Courthouse:** 215 S. Oak, Colville, WA 99114. Courthouse hours: Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:30pm. Information line 509-684-7512.

**Assessor:** Room 101. Phone 509-684-6161. Fax 509-684-8310.

**Auditor:** Room 106. Phone 509-684-7510. Fax 509-684-8310. *Records include military discharges, County commissioner's minutes, homesteads, land records, mining transactions, etc. Copies, certified copies \$3.00 1st page, \$1.00 thereafter. Photo copies \$1.00. Record search, \$8.00 per hour, \$4.00 minimum. (Note: some records have been moved to the Regional Archives at Cheney including marriages, early military discharges, early birth & death register)*

**Clerk.:** Room 206. Phone 509-684-7575. Fax 509-684-8310. *Records include divorce, naturalization and court cases.*

**Treasurer:** Room 103. Phone 509-684-2593. Fax 509-684-8310.

**Genealogical Society:**

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society, c/o Colville Public Library, 195 S Oak, Colville, WA 99114. Website: <http://www.newgs.org>. E-mail [info@newgs.org](mailto:info@newgs.org). Membership available. *NeWGS holdings are located in the Colville Public Library.*

**Health Department:** Tri-County Health District, 240 E. Dominion Ave., Colville, WA 99114. Fax 509-684-5048.

**Historical Society:**

Stevens County Historical Society, Inc., 700 N Wynne St, P.O. Box 25, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-5968. Website: [www.stevenscountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.stevenscountyhistoricalsociety.org). E-mail: [schs@ultraplix.com](mailto:schs@ultraplix.com). *Membership available. Maintains the Keller House & Stevens County Museum*

**Libraries - Academic:**

**Libraries - Public:**

Chewelah Public Library, 301 E Clay, PO Box 87, Chewelah, WA 99109. Phone 509-935-6805. Fax 509-935-4564. E-mail [chewlibrary@plix.com](mailto:chewlibrary@plix.com).

Colville Public Library, 195 S Oak, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-6620. Fax 509-684-3911. E-mail: [colville.library@plix.com](mailto:colville.library@plix.com). *Has Colville Examiner 1907-1947 on microfilm as well as large collection of local histories and genealogy collection donated by the Northeast Washington Genealogical Society.*

Kettle Falls Public Library, 605 Meyers St., PO Box 478, Kettle Falls, WA 99141. Phone 509-738-6817. Fax 509-738-2787. E-mail [jnullet@kettlefalls.lib.wa.us](mailto:jnullet@kettlefalls.lib.wa.us). *Has sizeable collection of Stevens County newspapers on microfilm*

Stevens County Rural Library District, 4000 Cedar St, P.O. Box 744, Loon Lake, WA 99148. Phone 1-509-233-9621. E-mail [askus@scrld.org](mailto:askus@scrld.org). *The following are branches of this library system:*

Hunters Community Library, 6209 Columbia River Rd, Hunters, WA . Phone 877-251-3300.

Lakeside Community Library, 6176 Hwy 291, Nine Mile Falls, WA 99026. Phone 509-276-3329. Fax 509-233-3016.

Library of the Lakes, 4008 Cedar, PO Box 476, Loon Lake, WA. Phone 509-233-3016.

Northport Library Station, 406 10<sup>th</sup> St (Northport School) Northport, WA 99157. Phone 877-838-1025.

Onion Creek Library Station, In the Onion Creek General Store, 2191 Clugston-Onion Creek Rd, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 877-838-1025.

### **Libraries - Special:**

Colville Family History Center, 260 E Juniper, Colville, WA 99114. Phone: 509-685-0207. Hours Tuesday 10 am – 9 pm, Wednesday 1 pm – 9 pm, Thursday 10 am – 6 pm. *Special holdings include Jesuit records of the Pacific Northwest Tribes for St. Ignatius Mission, St. Paul's Mission and St. Francis Regis Mission on microfilm on indefinite loan.*

Stevens County Historical Society Research Center, 700 N Wynne St, PO Box 25, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-5968. *Extensive collection of local history reference material, including family histories and county newspapers; research staff available for assistance.*

Stevens County Law Library, 215 S Oak St, Room 209, Colville, WA 99114-2861. Phone 509-684-7520.

### **Museums and Historical Sites:**

Chewelah Museum, 501 Third St E, PO Box 271, Chewelah, WA 99109. Phone 509-935-6091. Website: [www.chewelahmuseum.org/](http://www.chewelahmuseum.org/)

Flour Mill Farm & Hardware, 466 W. 1st, Colville, WA 99114. Phone: 509-684-2232. *Free self-guided tour of original 1910 flourmill.*

Hunters Museum, 5019 Hwy 25 S, Hunters, WA 99137. Phone 509-722-4440. Website: [www.huntersmuseum.org/](http://www.huntersmuseum.org/). *Open May – September*

Keller Heritage Center, 700 N Wynne St, PO Box 25, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-5968. Website: [www.stevenscountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.stevenscountyhistoricalsociety.org) *Open May – September.*

Kettle Falls Historical Interpretive Center, P.O. Box 498, Kettle Falls, WA 99141. *This Center is on the site of the St. Paul's Mission, which is maintained by the National Park Service. Open May 15-Sep 15, 11 am-5 pm.*

Loon Lake Old Schoolhouse Museum, 4039 Hwy 395 So, P.O. Box 26, Loon Lake, WA 99148. Phone: 509-233-2296.

Meyers Falls Interpretive Center. Located at the falls – contact Kettle Falls City Hall, 415 Larch St, Kettle Falls, WA 99141. Phone: 509-738-6821.

Northport Museum, 311 Columbia Ave., Northport, WA 99157. Phone: 509-732-1373.

Stevens County Historical Society Museum, 700 N Wynne St, PO Box 25, Colville, WA 99114. Phone 509-684-5968. Website: [www.stevenscountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.stevenscountyhistoricalsociety.org)

## **State Archives Branch:**

Eastern Region (Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Garfield, Lincoln, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla and Whitman counties). Mailing address: Washington State Archives, Eastern Washington regional Archives, 960 Washington St, Cheney, WA 99004. Phone 509-235-7508. Fax 509-235.7505 E-mail [era@secstate.wa.gov](mailto:era@secstate.wa.gov). Research Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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- 1863 county map shows place names
- 1870 Colville and north
- 1870-1883 Colville area, shows cemeteries, etc.
- 1887 Survey of military Fort Colville
- 1890 two sections of Meyers Falls
- 1903 Colville area, shows cemeteries, etc.
- 1910 railroad map. Stevens and Bonner County, Idaho
- 1911 section map
- 1952 county topography map
- 1963 Metsker's book of maps
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- Colville region topography
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Kettle Falls High School annuals  
Pleasant Valley school records and minutes of Board  
Many pictures of rural and town schools  
Numerous lists of teachers and students

**EDUCATION - Published sources**

Naff, Alpha. *The last bell : the "country schools" of Stevens County.* A. Naff, 1984.

**ELECTION / VOTER RECORDS**

**GENEALOGICAL / HISTORICAL PERIODICALS**

*Pioneer Branches.* Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

**LAND / PROPERTY - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Bureau of Land Management, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA 99212-1274. Phone 509-536-1200. *Records include early land surveys, homestead records, etc.*

Stevens County Courthouse  
Patent books; land and mining records

Stevens County Historical Society  
List of chattel mortgages & deeds, 1860-1880 from Pinkney City and Ft. Colville  
Drawer of forestry deeds and abstracts

## **LAND / PROPERTY - Published sources**

### **LICENSURE AND PROFESSIONAL RECORDS**

Stevens County Historical Society  
Board of Dental Examiners list 1893—1912  
License lists from 1860-1887 for liquor, groceries, ferry, and peddlers

### **MARRIAGES - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Eastern Washington Archives, Cheney  
Stevens County Courthouse marriages from 1859

### **MARRIAGES - Published sources**

*First 100 marriage records in Stevens County, Territory of Washington.* n.p., 1971-72.

Warner, Mikell De Lores Wormell and Harriet Duncan Munnick. *Catholic Church Records of the Pacific Northwest. (Volumes 1-7).* French Prairie Press, 1972 -

### **MILITARY - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Stevens County Historical Society  
1860 Garrison personnel of Ft Colville (Harney's Depot)  
1892-93 List of those liable for military duty  
1917 June - Total list of those registered  
Civil War vets  
Veterans buried in Stevens Co. Cemeteries  
WWII Scrapbook of clippings

Eastern Washington Archives, Cheney (Charles Mutchler)  
Collection of day books from Ft. Colville

### **MILITARY - Published sources**

*Voicing the Realities of War* (3 volumes) by Jenkins High School - 2000, 2001, 2002

### **NATURALIZATION - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Eastern Washington Archives, Cheney

## **NATURALIZATION - Published sources**

### **NEWSPAPER INDEXES / SPECIAL EDITIONS**

*Index of Colville Examiner 1909-1920.* Compiled by Works Projects administration, 1940

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society. On-going project to index local newspapers to computer file.

Putnam, Goldie Van Bibber. *Putnam articles from Republic news-miner, 1958-1959.* n.p., n.d.

*Stevens county and its resources. Illustrated special ed.* The Statesman-Index, Allen & Rusch, Publishers, 1899.

Stevens County Historical Society. On-going project to index local newspapers to computer file; earliest entry 1895.

*Vital records and miscellaneous items from the Tri-County tribune, Deer Park, Washington.* [vol. 1 May 1986 - December 1987, vol. 2 January 1988 – December 1988, vol. 3 January 1989 – December 1989, vol. 4 January 1990 – December 1990, vol. 5 January 1991 – December 1991]. Eastern Washington Genealogical Society, 1988- .

*Washington assortment #2.* [Nugget, Apr. 15, 1887-June 29, 1888 -- Stevens County standard, Oct. 7, 1893 -- Columbia County dispatch, Apr. 24, 1923 -- Wheat belt, Nov. 12-Dec. 24, 1892 -- The independent, June 8, 1900 -- The Fairfield standard, Dec. 20, 1939 -- Frankfort chronicle, Aug. 23-30, 1892 -- Goldendale courier, Mar. 28, 1890.] : Washington State Archives, 1999.

*Washington assortment # 3, Granger to Hunters.* [Sentinel, Feb. 26, Mar. 12, 26, Apr. 30, 1959 -- Hunters messenger, Jan. 1, 1931-Dec. 30, 1932.] Washington State Archives, 1999.

*Washington assortment. # 4.* [Kettle Falls pioneer, Nov. 12, 1891-Nov. 17, 1892 -- Lake Stevens journal, Aug. 3-31, 1994 -- Malden herald, Oct. 17, 1908 -- Malden register, Mar. 10, 1922-Jan. 12, 1923 -- Grays Harbor farmer, Oct. 1966.] Washington State Archives, 1999.

## **OTHER - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Northeast Washington Genealogical Society

Has over 340,000 entries in various databases covering all sorts of local records, including local histories, courthouse records, census records, newspapers, photo collection, military information, cemetery burials, and funeral home records.

## Stevens County Historical Society

Large collection of pictures and biographies files on Stevens County towns and places, and "subject" files such as education, transportation, businesses/buildings, Indian affairs, religion, etc.

Poor Farm lists and information

Mother's Pension info (complete with children's birth dates)

Old brands & 1990 brand book

Bounty books

Early pioneer membership lists

### **OTHER - Published sources**

### **PROBATE - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Stevens County Courthouse, Clerk's Office

### **PROBATE - Published sources**

### **TAXES - Personal, governmental, or organizational records**

Original ledgers of personal property tax 1898-1935

Original ledgers of real estate 1926—1953

### **TAXES - Published sources**