

THE GENEALOGY CENTER

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INTRODUCTION

The Genealogy Center is a remarkable family history destination and continues to build on its tradition of excellence in serving genealogists, historians and other interested hobbyists and scholars. An experienced staff provides services to a full range of patrons, from children to senior citizens and from beginners to experienced researchers. To support these efforts, the Center has gathered an extensive collection of 350,000 printed volumes and more than 513,000 items of microfilm and microfiche. These resources grow daily through library purchases and donations from appreciative genealogists and historians. Because of the collection's size and continuous growth, the information in the following summary will necessarily be brief and representative in nature.

FAMILY HISTORIES

A collection in excess of 55,000 volumes of compiled genealogies represents research already begun on many North American and European families. These compilations range from brief typescripts to well documented multi-volume works. Nearly 5,000 genealogies on microfiche, numerous family newsletters and access to thousands of online family trees complement these resources and can give you a head start on your own searches.

CENSUS RECORDS

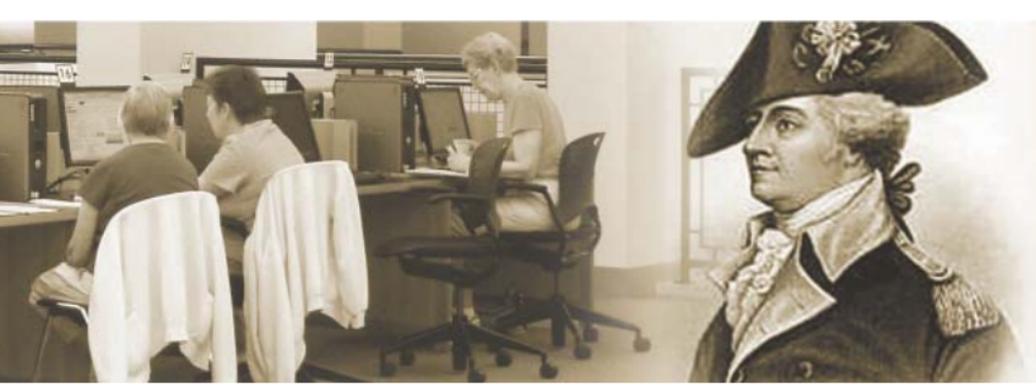
The Genealogy Center has a superior collection of U. S. census records on microfilm as well as digital access at the Ancestry.com and HeritageQuestOnline.com websites. Microfilm sources include:

FEDERAL:

- All surviving 1790-1930 population schedules
- All available statewide alphabetical & soundex indexes
- All extant mortality schedules, 1850-1880
- All extant schedules of Civil War Union veterans and widows (1890)
- Agricultural & Manufacturing schedules 1850-1880 (various), for DC, GA, IL, IN, IA, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, MT, NE, NV, NC, OH, PA, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT and WY.
- 1880 Schedules for Defective, Dependent, & Delinquent Classes for DC, GA, IL, IN, IA, LA, MA, NE, OH, PA, TN, TX, and VA
- 1935 Census of Business, Schedules of Motor Trucking for Hire (various states)
- Indian Schedules 1885-1944 & Slave Schedules 1850-1860

STATE & TERRITORIAL (*coverage varies by year*):

- CA 1852 CO 1885 FL 1885
- IL 1825, 30, 35, 45, 55, 65
- IA 1836, 38, 44, 46, 47, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 56, 59, 60, 81, 85, 88, 89, 91, 92, 95
- KS 1865
- MI 1827, 30, 34, 45, 50, 54, 64, 70, 74, 80, 84, 94
- MN 1857, 65, 75, 85, 95, 1905
- MS 1792, 1805, 08, 10, 13, 16, 18, 20, 22-25, 30, 33, 37, 40, 41, 45, 50, 53, 60, 66
- MO 1876 NE 1885



- NJ 1855, 65, 75 NM 1885
 NY 1815, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80,
 92, 1905, 1915, 1925
 OR 1842, 45, 49, 50, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59
 RI 1865 (with index), 75, 85
 WA 1856, 57, 58, 60, 71, 73, 74, 75, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84,
 85, 87, 89, 91, 92, 98
 WI 1836-42, 46, 47, 55, 75, 95, 1905

CITY DIRECTORIES

The Genealogy Center has more than 48,000 R. L. Polk directories for cities throughout the United States. Most are dated 1961 to the present, with significant earlier runs for some places. Many directories for smaller cities and rural areas produced by other publishers, as well as a substantial number of micro-published city directories, are also available. Others can be searched online at Ancestry.com.

- U.S. cities: 1785-1860 microfiche (240 cities)
 1861-1960 microfilm (1,160 cities)
 1961-present (printed Polk directories)

PASSENGER LISTS

National Archives passenger lists and indexes on microfilm, covering 163 ports of entry, are available in the Genealogy Center, as are most printed sources for immigration records. An extensive list of the printed volumes can be picked up when you visit and includes standard references such as Filby's *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index* and *Germans to America, 1840-1897*. Many passenger lists are also available online at Ancestry.com and EllisIsland.org. Microfilmed records include:

Passport Applications 1795-1905

- Baltimore: Lists 1820-1909
 Quarterly abstracts of lists, 1820-1869
 Soundex 1820-1897, 1833-1866, 1897-1952
- Boston: Lists 1820-1943 & Indexes 1848-1891, 1902-1920
- Detroit: Index 1906-1954 & Lists 1946-1957
- Galveston: Lists & Indexes 1896-1951
- New Orleans: Lists 1820-1945 & Transcripts of Lists 1813-1849
 Quarterly abstracts of lists, 1820-1875
 Indexes pre-1900, 1900-1952
- New York: Lists 1820-1940 & Register of Vessels 1798-1919
 Indexes 1820-1846, 1897-1902
 Soundex indexes 1902-1943, 1944-48
- Philadelphia: Lists 1800-1945 & Index 1800-1906
 Soundex index 1883-1948
- San Francisco: Index 1893-1934
- Seattle: Lists 1890-1957, 1949-1954, 1908-1917
- Canadian Border Entries through the St. Albans, VT District:
 Lists 1895-1954, 1929-1949
 Soundex indexes 1895-1924, 1924-1952
- Index to Misc. Atlantic and Gulf Coast ports, 1820-1874
 Index to AL, FL, GA and SC lists, 1890-1924
Manifests of Alien Arrivals at Buffalo, Lewiston, Niagara Falls and Rochester, New York, 1902-1954



MILITARY RECORDS

The military collection contains most microfilmed National Archives service and pension records covering every conflict from the Revolutionary War through the Philippine Insurrection. Excellent printed references consist of adjutant generals' reports, lineage society publications, soldiers' diaries, and thousands of regimental histories. Unit histories and personal narratives of soldiers of the Mexican-American War, Civil War and Spanish-American War are also available on microfiche. Significant sets of Confederate records from state archives in the south are on microfilm. Resources for studying veterans of 20th & 21st century conflicts have expanded with the addition of World War I Draft Registrations, and casualty lists for the Korean War, Vietnam War and Persian Gulf War, as well as unit histories for conflicts up through the War in Iraq.

Microfilm not associated with a specific conflict includes:

- Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers, 1784-1811

- Index Register of U. S. Army Enlistments, 1798-1914

- Service Records of Naval Officers, 1798-1893

- Old War Index to Pension Files, 1815-1926

- Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards, 1907-1933

Additional highlights of military records on film are listed below.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-83)

- General Index and Compiled Service Records of Soldiers in the American Army

- Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications

- Bounty Land Warrants-Ohio Military District

- Virginia Half Pay and related Pension Applications

- Rev. War Rolls (Officers' Reports), 1775-1783

- Index & Service Records of Naval Personnel

- Misc. Numbered Records...War Dept. Collection, 1775-1790s

- American Loyalist Claims, Series I and II

- British Troops, orders, returns, accounts, etc., 1776-81

WAR OF 1812 (1812-15)

- Indexes to Compiled Service Records

- Index to War of 1812 Pension Application Files

- Military Bounty Land Warrants

- Seamen's Protective Certificate Applications, Port of Philadelphia, 1812-15

INDIAN WARS AND DISTURBANCES

- Index to Compiled Service Records, 1815-58

- Index to Indian War Pension Files, 1892-1926

MEXICAN WAR (1846-48)

- Index to Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers

- Index to Mexican War Pension Files, 1887-1926

CIVIL WAR (1861-65) - UNION

- Indexes to Compiled Service Records for all states

- Compiled Service Records for Union Soldiers from AL, DE, FL, KY, MD, MO, NE, NM, NC, OR, TN, VA, WV, and the U. S. Colored Troops

- Compiled Service Records Showing Service of Military Units of Volunteer Union Organizations

- General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 (most are Civil War)



CIVIL WAR (1861-65) - CONFEDERATE

Consolidated Index to Confederate Records

Indexes to Compiled Service Records for all states

Compiled Service Records...Confederate Soldiers AL, TX, VA

Service records of soldiers and officers in units raised directly by the Confederacy

Records of Naval and Marine Personnel

Pension Records, Biographical Questionnaires and/or indexes for AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MO, SC, TN and VA.

War Dept. Records of Confederate Prisoners

Register of soldiers who died in the North

Amnesty Papers (Pardon Applications)

Confederate Military Manuscripts

Southern Claims Commission Records

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR (1898)

General Index to Compiled Service Records, 1898

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION (1899-1902)

Index to Compiled Service Records, 1899-1901

WORLD WAR I (1917-18)

WWI Draft Registration Cards & Divisional Histories

U. S. LOCAL RECORDS

More than 210,000 printed volumes are testimony to the Center's efforts to comprehensively collect U. S. genealogy and local history publications. All the standard reference works are here, including the *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* and the *American Genealogical-Biographical Index*, as well as all of the books indexed in this latter source. County and town histories, vital, cemetery, church, court, land, probate and naturalization records can all be identified in the online catalog and easily accessed on open shelves. Significant groups of local records, such as the Barbour and Hale Collections (CT) or the *North Carolina Core Collection*, are available on microfilm for: CT, IL, IN, KY, MA, NY, NC, OH, PA, SC, TN, VT and WV. Smaller microfilmed collections are available for other states. Additional complements to the outstanding print sources include a substantial portion of the *Genealogy & Local History Series* on microfiche, and microfilmed county histories for CA, IL, IN, MI, NY, OH, PA and WI.

U. S. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Several important manuscript resources, and record series of regional or national scope, are available in a microtext format. These include:

American Home Missionary Society Papers, 1816-1894

American Missionary Association Manuscripts, 1839-1882

American State Papers & U.S. Serial Set (govt. documents)

Bexar Archives (TX and Mexico)

Boston Transcript "Notes and Queries" columns

Colonial newspapers from MD, PA and VA

Draper Manuscript Collection & Shane Papers

Library of Congress Land Ownership Maps

Major U.S. city newspapers from 1800s to 1900s

New England Women and their Families



Pamphlets in American History

Robert R. Livingston Papers (NY)

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for IN, MI, NY, OH, SC, & WI

Southern Women and their Families

NATIVE AMERICAN RECORDS

Please consult the Center's online catalog and microtext catalog for details on Native American print and film resources by state and by tribe. Important filmed records include:

All Indian census schedules, 1885-1944

Applications & Enrollment Cards, Five Civilized Tribes,
1896-1914

Eastern Cherokee Applications... U.S. Court of Claims
1906-1909

Indian Claims Commission Decisions

American Indian periodicals

Indian Pioneer History Collection and Index

Miami Indian Agency Records 1824-1853

AFRICAN AMERICAN RECORDS

Curt Witcher's *African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources* provides a detailed catalog by state of the Center's printed and filmed sources acquired up to 2000. Consult the online catalogs for more recent additions. Important microtext series include:

Black Biographical Dictionaries 1790-1950

All federal census slave schedules for 1850 and 1860

*Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the
Revolution through the Civil War & Records of Southern
Plantations from Emancipation to the Great Migration*

Freedmen's Bureau (1865-70), Freedmen's Savings & Trust
Co. (1865-74), Freedman's Aid Society 1866-1932, and
Freedman's Hospital 1872-1910 Records

Pennsylvania Abolition Society Papers

Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks, various series, 1775-1867

Slavery in Ante-Bellum Southern Industries

State Slavery Statutes

CANADIAN RECORDS

The Genealogy Center is also home to a significant collection of Canadiana. Print sources include local histories, cemetery records, and almost all available published French Canadian parish registers and marriage repertoires. Please consult the *French Canadian & Acadian Genealogy* pathfinder and the online catalog at the library's website for further details. Complementary microtext resources include:

All published or microfilmed censuses, 1666-1901

Passenger Lists - Halifax (1881-1919) & Quebec (1865-1919)

Loiselle Marriage Index (1640-1963) and Supplement

Drouin Collection of church and notarial records 1600s-1940s

Quebec Non-Catholic Registers (1768-1941) and Index

Ontario Birth (1869-1901), Death (1869-1926), and Marriage
(1869-1916) Indexes



Ontario Archives Land Record Index, 1780s-1914
Biographical Scrapbooks, Toronto, 1911-67
Prince Edward Island Master Name Index, 1700s-1900s

BRITISH ISLES

Although the Center's collection focuses on North America, it still contains 15,000 printed volumes on the British Isles including the *Victoria County History* series, early parish registers, monumental inscriptions, heraldic references and most English county record society publications. For further details consult the Center's online catalogs and the *English & Welsh Genealogy, Irish Genealogy, Scottish Genealogy* and *Heraldry & Genealogy* pathfinders available at the library's website. Important records in a microtext format include:

ENGLAND & WALES:

Birth, Marriage & Death Indexes of England & Wales, 1837-2001
London city directories, 1667-1823
The Times (London) 1785-1987

SCOTLAND:

Old Parochial Register Index (OPR), 1538-1854

IRELAND:

1798 Rebellion Papers
Griffith's Valuation and the Tithe Applotment Books
19th Century Census Fragments
Ordnance Survey Maps of Ireland (6 inch series)
Surname Index for the 1796 Spinning Wheel Lists
Biographical Notices of Cork & Kerry, 1756-1827
Index to Biographical Notices in the Newspapers of Limerick, Ennis, Clonmel & Waterford, 1758-1821
Manuscript Sources for the History of Irish Civilization
Sources for the History of Irish Civilization, Articles in Irish Periodicals

GERMANY

German family historians will find research guides, maps, emigration records and compiled genealogies for the nobility and middle class including *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch* and *Siebmacher's Grosse Allgemeinem Wappenbuch* in the print collection. The microfilmed Hamburg Direct Passenger Lists 1850-1900 and Index are an important source providing place of origin information for European emigrants. The *International Genealogical Index (I.G.I.)* is the major source of German vital records available, while the *Family History Library Catalog* will help patrons identify microfilmed records that can be sent here on a loan basis for a small fee. Consult the Genealogy Center's online *German Genealogy* pathfinder for additional collection details.

OTHER COUNTRIES

Printed sources for other countries are limited mainly to guidebooks and references on European nobility and heraldry. Mexican court records may be found in the Parra Collection on microfilm. K.G. Saur's *Biographical Archives* on microfiche provides easy access to 10 million sketches on more than 5 million individuals throughout the world. Consult the *Family History Library Catalog* for other filmed records that can be sent to the Genealogy Center on a loan basis for a fee.



PERIODICALS

The Genealogy Center holds the largest English-language genealogy and local history periodical collection in the world with more than 6,200 current subscriptions and more than 10,000 titles. Individual articles can be accessed through a variety of indexes including the *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)*, compiled by department staff and available electronically at HeritageQuestOnline.com.

ONLINE DATABASES

Valuable online genealogical sources are available when you visit and include subscriptions to Ancestry.com, HeritageQuestOnline.com, and NewEnglandAncestors.org as well as government document and obituary databases. Our own GenealogyCenter.Info website provides access to a growing number of databases for a variety of states, as well as more than a million records pertaining to Allen County and Fort Wayne residents, including vital records, obituaries, burial records, tombstone inscriptions, and church records

GENEALOGY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Allen County community and its library have invested significant resources to develop and maintain this stellar research collection. Its future growth and viability requires cooperative partnerships and wide-ranging support. We welcome donations to the Genealogy Endowment Fund as part of these efforts. Contributors to this fund demonstrate in a tangible and meaningful way their support for the Genealogy Center, ensuring its tradition of excellence for the benefit of future family historians everywhere. Please inquire for more details.

COMPLEMENTARY COLLECTIONS AT THE ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Genealogy Center's strengths are enhanced by the library's other significant collections of biographical sources, government documents, legal references, Native American first hand accounts and early American travel and exploration accounts. All of these can be identified in the library's online catalog.

WHEN YOU VISIT

Preparing in advance will make your research trip much more productive and enjoyable. Visit the library's website for access to the online catalog and microtext catalog as well as any news that may affect your research visit. Librarians experienced in genealogical research are always on duty to answer your questions. Please notify us in advance if you plan to bring a group. If you have questions, email us at Genealogy@ACPL.Info. Open hours are:

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