

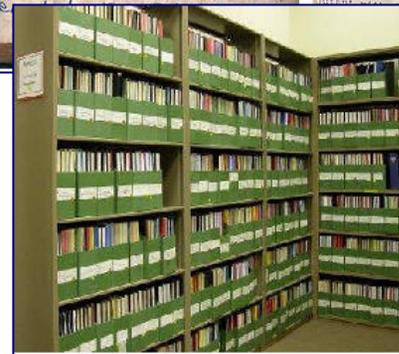
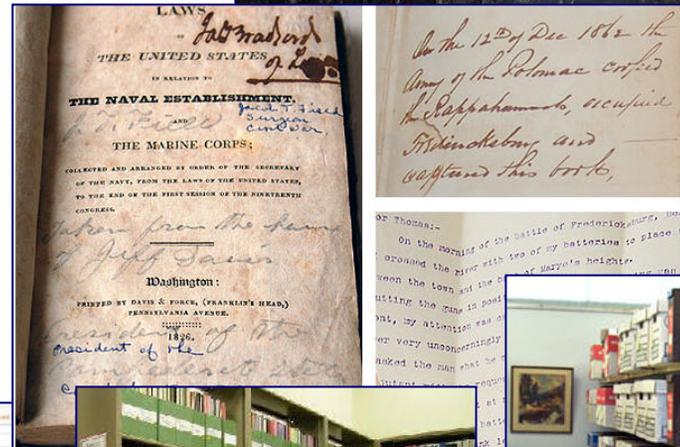
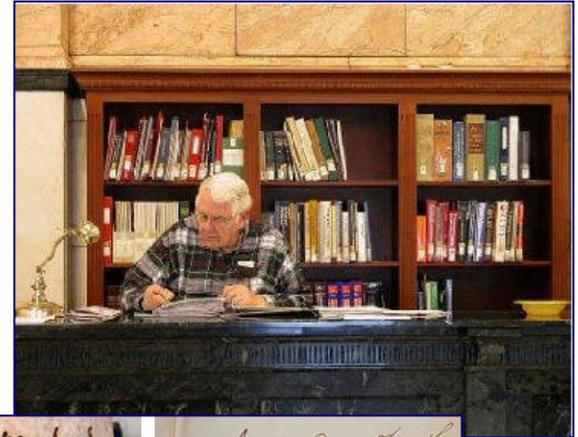
**Effectively Tapping into
Local, County, State
Historical Societies and Libraries**

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Course Description

City, county, state historical societies and libraries are a wealth of knowledge, artifacts, and resources ready to assist in finding your roots. Learn the ins and outs of working with historical societies and how they can extend your research success.



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Presentation Overview

- Define Historical Societies and libraries/archives.
- Outline strategy for using the historical societies and libraries.
- Devine the vast array of resources.
- Organizing your research priorities.



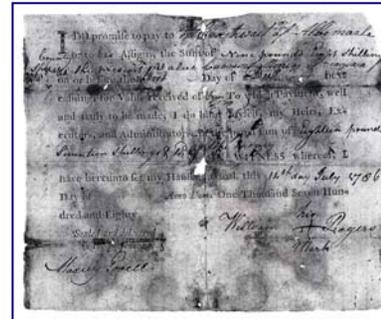
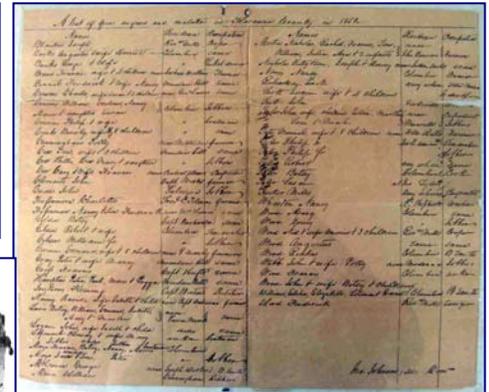
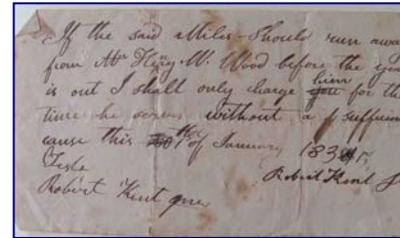
Personal Experience: Interwoven Historical and Genealogical Resources

Focused early research on records available

- On-line
- Microfilm
- Family History Library in Salt Lake City

Family history trip to discover my roots: Kentucky, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

- 10-day trip ended up being a month-long discovery of
- Who I am
- Where I came from
- Whose I am



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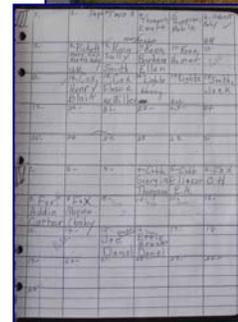
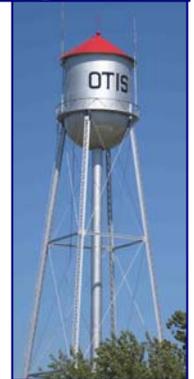
By the end of my trip I had

- Traveled 2,500 miles
- Taken 12,000 digital images
- Identified 150,000 plus ancestors from direct and collateral lines
- Visited and researched
- University archives
- Special collections
- Public and regional libraries
- State, regional, local historical and ethnic societies
- State, county, and local government agencies
- Spoken and counseled extensively with subject matter experts



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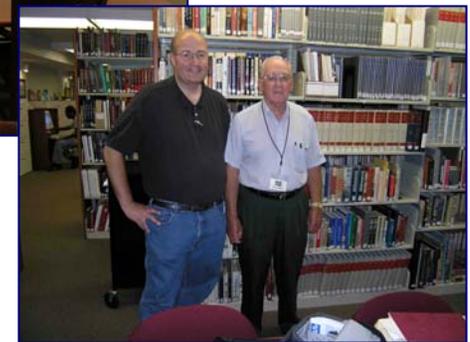
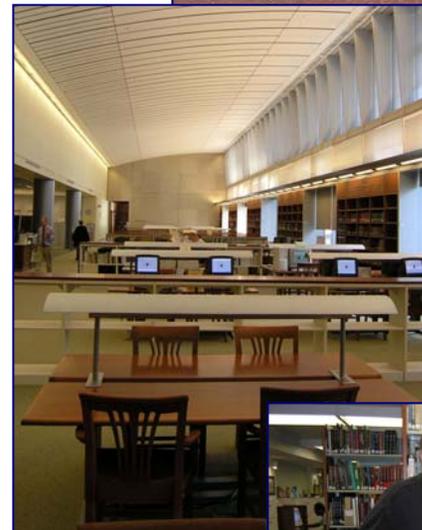
- Federal, State, and Local Government
- State, County, Local, and Ethnic Historical Societies
- Regional and Community Public Libraries
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- Walked the land of my family
- Visited the graves and cemeteries of my family
- Found records
- Met cousins both of Anglo- and African-American descent



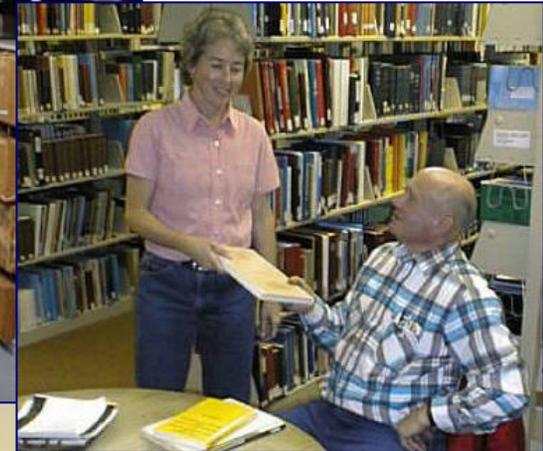
Personal Experience: Interwoven Historical Resources

Interwoven historical and genealogical resources that were dedicated to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of artifacts and documents. They included:

- Historical Societies
- College and University Archives and Special Collections
- Corporate Archives

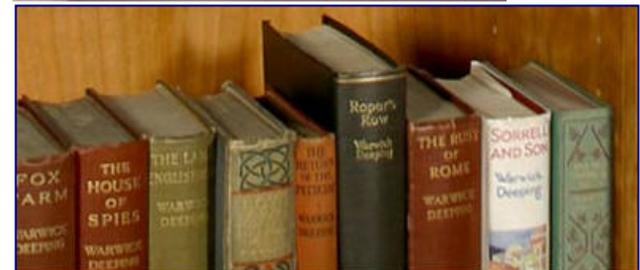


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Mission and Role of Historical Societies

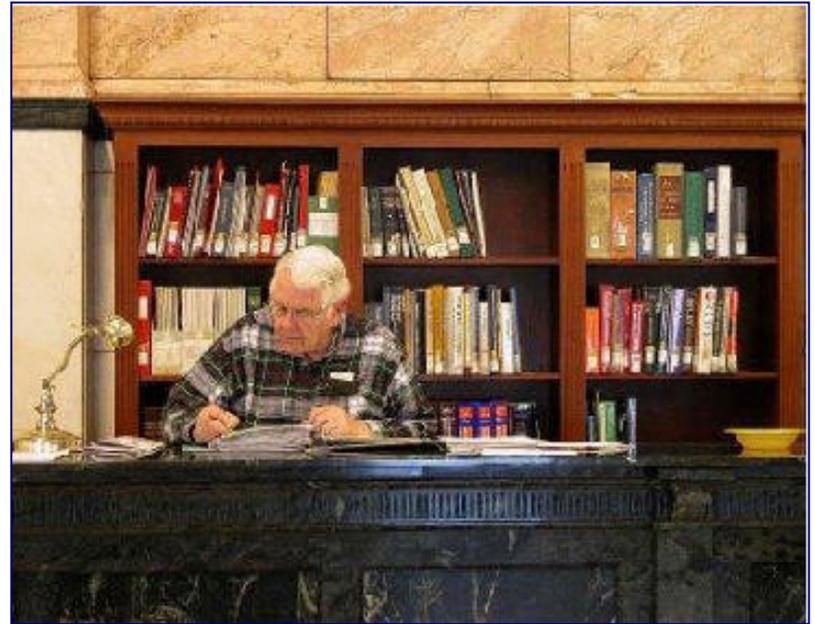
The mission of historical societies is to nurture and promote awareness and appreciation of state, regional, and local history and culture through the identification, collection, study, and preservation of the materials (i.e., common, rare, and unique) that include printed, manuscript, map, and photographic collections which are made available to the public, researchers, and genealogists.



Mission and Role of Historical Societies

Many historical societies make these collections available through on-site, on-line and inter-library loan resources. The types of services historical societies provide include:

- Public lectures
- Seminars
- Conferences
- Consulting services
- Arrange school and general group tours
- Support scholarly research
- Maintain museums of changing, permanent, and traveling exhibitions
- Operate a research library
- Publish books, magazines, and newsletters



Other Types of Societies

Lineage/Hereditary Societies. A lineage society is an organization whose membership is limited to persons who can prove lineal, documented, descent from a qualifying ancestor.

The image displays three screenshots of society websites. The top screenshot is for The National Huguenot Society, featuring a gold background with a central crest and navigation buttons for Education, Resources, Store, Events, Mission, and Membership. A blue box highlights a membership application form. The middle screenshot is for DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), showing a blue header with the organization's name and a search bar, and a main area with links for Education, Preservation, Genealogy, Friendship, and Membership. The bottom screenshot is for the International Society-Daughters of Utah Pioneers (ISDUP), with a red header and a sidebar menu. The main content area features a white background with a green and white floral graphic and a heading for a 'Handcart Pioneer Poetry and Short Story Contest'. The text below the heading provides submission guidelines and details about the contest prizes.

The National Huguenot Society

Education Resources Store
Events Mission Membership

Membership Application Form
New member application forms and other forms related to membership in The National Huguenot Society can now be completed on your local computer and

DAR
Daughters of the American Revolution

Search 90 National Society DAR Constitution Hall DAR Museum DAR Library Americana Collection

Education Preservation
Genealogy
Friendship Membership

Welcome
If you haven't looked at the DAR lately, then you haven't experienced the new DAR!
The DAR, founded in 1890, is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to keeping America strong by promoting patriotism, preserving U.S. history and supporting education programs.
Today's DAR members fund local scholarships, pioneer historic restorations and lead volunteer projects in their communities.

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Welcome to the official site for **The International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers**. The DUP was organized solely for historical, educational and public purposes and is completely non-political and non-sectarian. It is dedicated to perpetuating the names and achievements of those men, women, and children who founded our Utah commonwealth. We seek to encompass a broad scope of services, ranging from the preservation of historic landmarks to the education of thousands of school children and other citizens about their pioneer forebears.

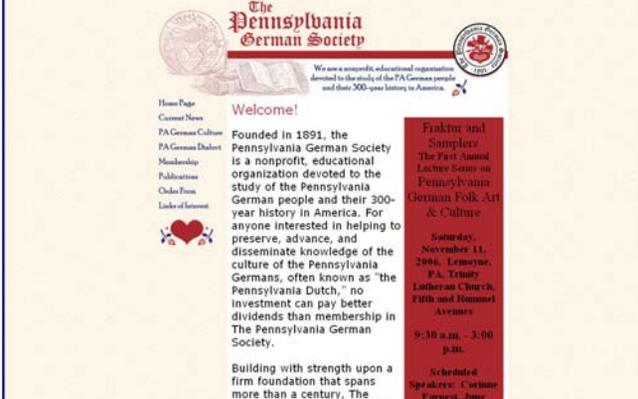
Handcart Pioneer Poetry and Short Story Contest

ISDUP is sponsoring a Handcart Pioneer Poetry and Short Story Contest! Here are the submission guidelines: All poems and short stories must be original pieces based on factual handcart accounts. Short story submissions should be no more than one thousand words. The format required is 12 dpi, double spaced. Please include the names and dates of actual events. Judging of the pieces will be based upon the following: clarity of thought, continuity and judicious use of language, grammar, syntax, verb structure, readability, and impact of story content. Include biographical information of author, including birth date, education, and DUP heritage. The top two poetry and short story entries will be published in *Legacy* and possible other publications and become the property of ISDUP. Non-cash prizes will be awarded to the first and second place winners in both categories at the International Convention in October.

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Other Types of Societies

Immigrant and Early Settler Societies. Dozens of societies have been established focusing on specific immigrant groups, or early settlers of some locality.



The Pennsylvania German Society

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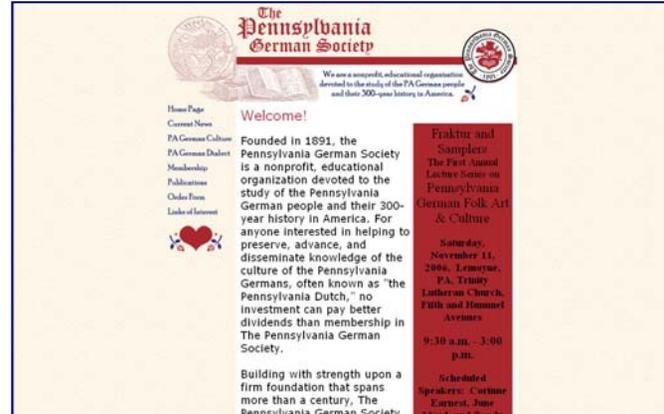
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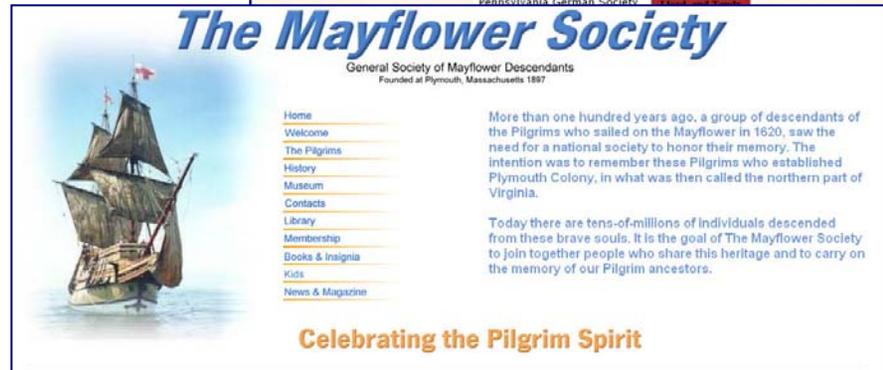
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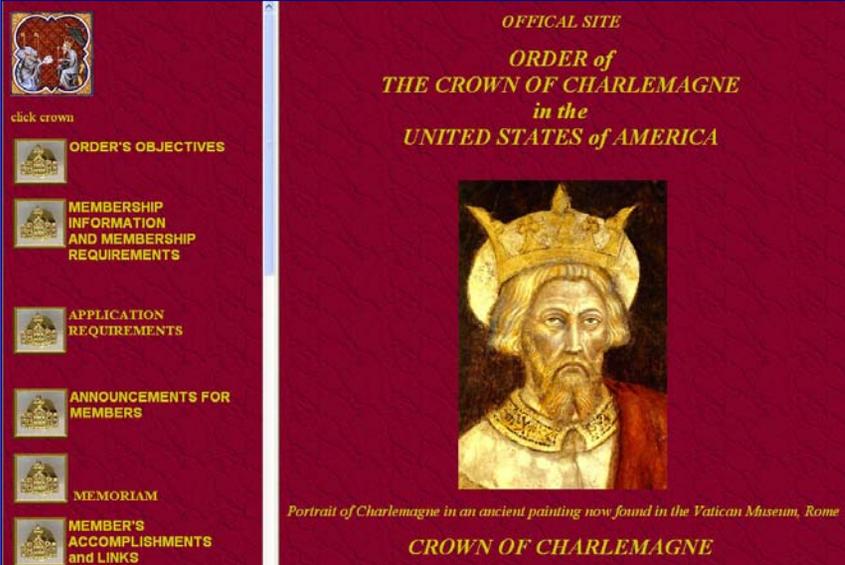
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Other Types of Societies

European Ancestry Societies.
Some lineage societies focus on ancestors who were notable long before the American colonies were established.



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THE CROWN OF CHARLEMAGNE
in the
UNITED STATES of AMERICA*

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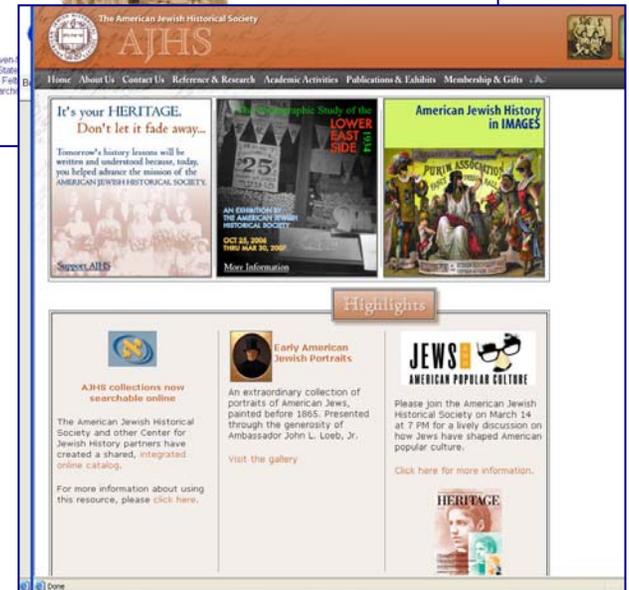
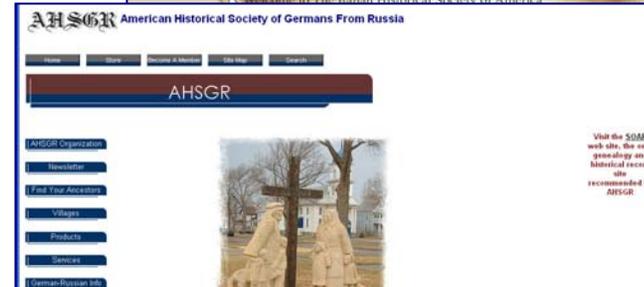
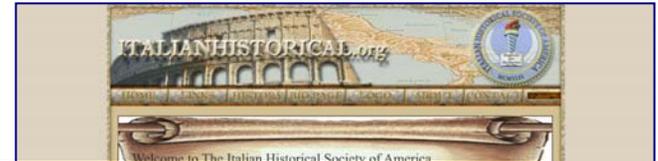
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Portrait of Charlemagne in an ancient painting now found in the Vatican Museum, Rome

CROWN OF CHARLEMAGNE

Other Types of Societies

Nationality or Ethnic Lineage Societies. These are societies that focus on an entire ethnic group.



Other Types of Societies

Special Interests Societies.

These societies focus on research and archives focusing on specific areas of interest where generally large groups of individuals have interest.

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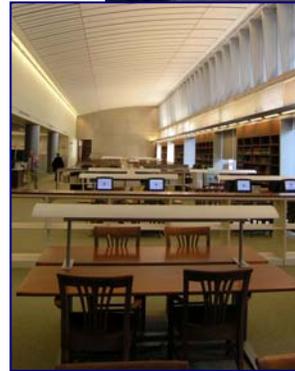
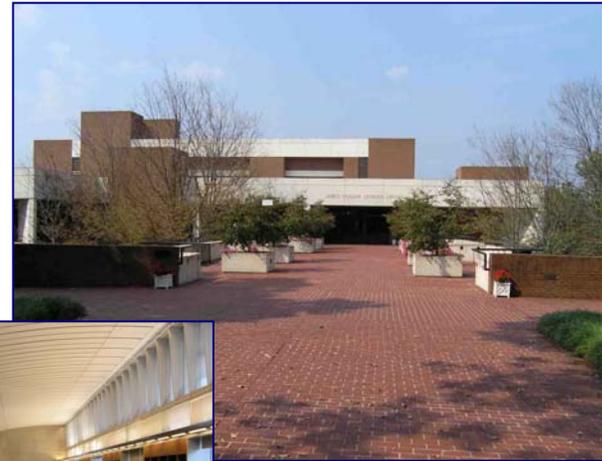
The mission of library archives and special collections is to grow, organize, care for, and manage collections of records that are of local, regional, state and national interest - many of which date back to the early colonial period. They are responsible for those items that are especially rare and unique in the library's collections, including rare books, broadsides, sheet music, photographic images and fine art. These collections are made available to researchers from across the country and the world through on-site, on-line and inter-library loan.



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In addition to managing and preserving its collections, the libraries provide

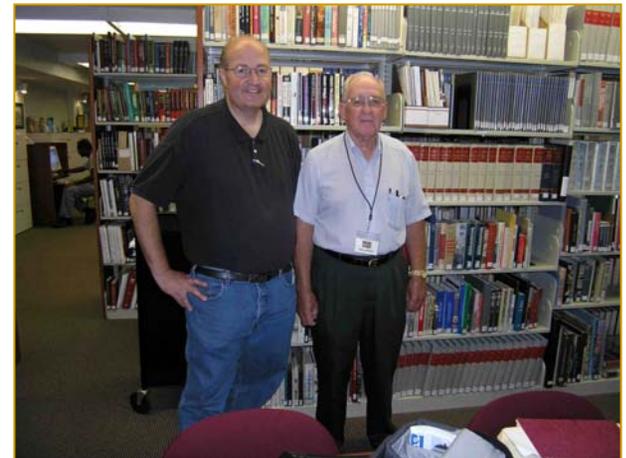
- Research and reference assistance
- Consulting services
- Administers numerous federal, state, and local grant programs
- Publishes books, magazines, and newsletters
- Offers the public exhibitions, lectures, and other educational programs



Available Resources: Collections

Available Resources: Collection Items that are secured and managed are very specific to a community, county, region, and state.

While some items may be duplicated across collections, many items are unique and can only be found in specific locations. It then becomes very important that you gain a comprehensive understanding of all the resources that are available to you collectively.



Available Resources



Available Resources: Audio-Visual

- Speeches
- Sporting events
- Interviews
- Newscasts
- Performances they document



Available Resources: Audio

- Recordings
- Wax cylinder recordings
- Recordable disk records
- Recording wire
- Open reel-to-reel
- Cassettes
- Digital disks

***Many of these recordings have been digitized and available for review.**

****Subject matter ranges from music to speeches/presentations.**



Available Resources: Cemetery Records

- Tombstone inscriptions
- Birth and death
- Maiden names of women
- Family relationships



 A photograph of a handwritten record book with a grid. The entries are written in cursive and include names and dates. Some legible entries include:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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Available Resources: Civil Vital Records (Birth, Death, Marriage, Divorce)

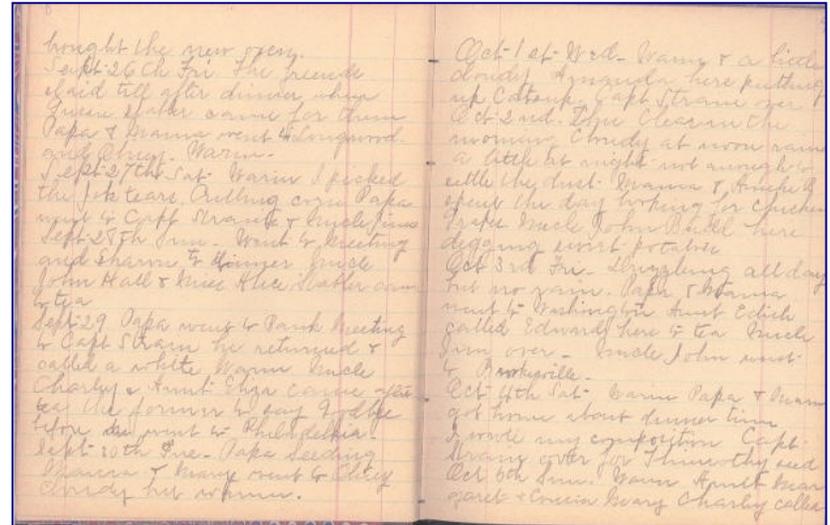
Each state has the equivalent of a bureau of vital records

- Bureau of Vital Statistics
- Division of Records and Statistics
- Division of Public Health
- Vital Records Division

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH CERTIFICATE OF DEATH DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS											
STATE OF TENNESSEE										COOPERATING WITH NATIONAL OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS	
DEATH NO. 51-26050										BIRTH NO. 7103	
1. NAME <i>William M. Jackson</i>		2. DATE OF DEATH <i>Nov. 15 1951</i>		3. COLOR OR RACE <i>W</i>		4. SEX <i>M</i>		5. SINGLE/MARRIED/WIDOWED/DIVORCED <i>MARRIED</i>		6. DATE OF MARRIAGE <i>Aug 28 1923</i>	
7. AGE (IN YEARS) MONTH DAY YEAR <i>28 11 23</i>				8. PLACE OF BIRTH A. COUNTY <i>Putnam</i> B. CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL) <i>Bainbridge R-1</i>				9. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED A. STATE <i>Tenn</i> B. COUNTY <i>Putnam</i> C. CITY OR TOWN (IF OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, WRITE RURAL) <i>Bainbridge R-1</i>			
10A. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give Kind of Work Done During Most of Working Life, Even if Retired) <i>Farmer</i>				10B. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY				11. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER			
12. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? SPECIFY YES, NO, UNKNOWN				13. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) <i>Putnam Co.</i>				14. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <i>USA</i>			
15. FATHER'S NAME <i>Javi Jackson</i>				16. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <i>Rochan Madwell</i>				17. INFORMANT <i>Walter Lann Bainbridge</i>			
18. CAUSE OF DEATH 1. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* ANTECEDENT CAUSES MORIBUND CONDITIONS, IF ANY, GIVING RISE TO ABOVE CAUSE (A) STATING THE UNDERLYING CAUSE LAST. 2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE DISEASE OR CONDITION CAUSING DEATH											
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22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DECEASED DIED ON THE DATE AND FROM THE CAUSE STATED ABOVE				SIGNATURE <i>J.T. Moore</i>				DATE			
23A. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (SPECIFY) <i>Burial</i>				23B. DATE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL <i>Nov 16 51</i>				23C. NAME OF Cemetery or Ossuary <i>Bainbridge Putnam Co.</i>			
24. FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>Jefferson Home Mortuary</i>				25. REGISTRATION DIST. NO. <i>27103</i>				26. DATE SIGNED BY REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <i>11-27-1951</i> <i>Chas. B. Dyer, Deputy</i>			

Available Resources: Diaries and Journals

- Autobiographies of ordinary people like your ancestors.
- Along with genealogical data, diaries give a wonderful glimpse into someone's daily life, thoughts, and attitudes.
- A diarist may also record feelings on national events, such as a war or its impact on family, and the community.



Available Resources: Directories

Directories and member lists are the predecessors of the modern-day phone book.

Alumni Directory. Alumni directories contain a listing of individuals who attended a particular university, the year that they graduated, and their degree.

Business Directory. Business directories usually contain information such as dates and places of birth, dates of marriage, names of children, length of residence in the town, and other valuable information.

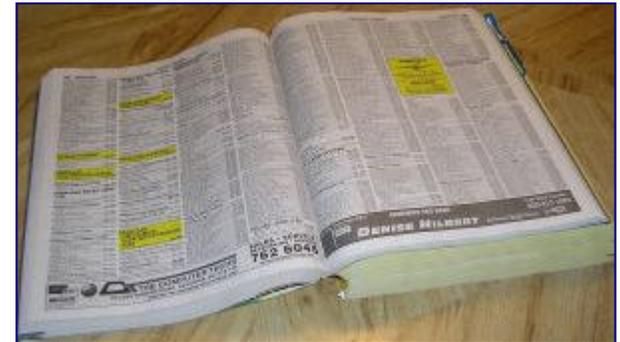
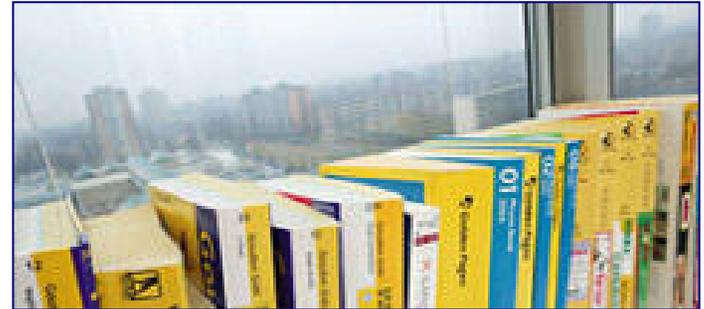


Available Resources: Directories

Professional Directories. Include directories for people such as doctors and lawyers.

City Directory. City directories help locate where and when a person lived. A city directory can guide one to other records such as censuses, death and probate records, naturalization records, land records, and church records.

Telephone Directory. Most people are familiar with the common telephone directory; they contain addresses and phone numbers. These directories can be quite helpful in locating living relatives or possible relatives.



Available Resources: Electronic Recordings

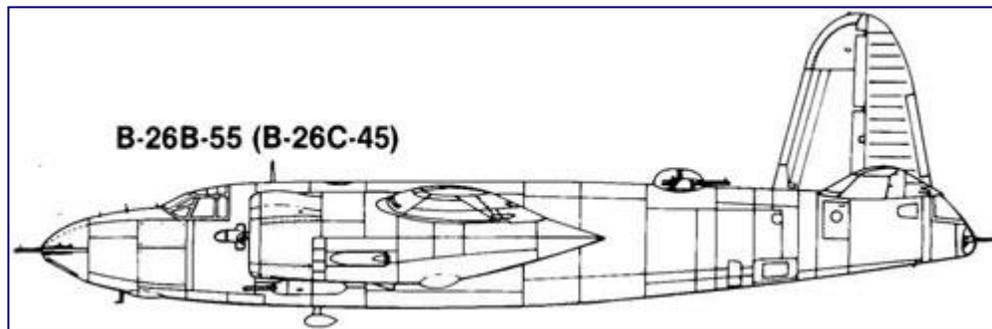
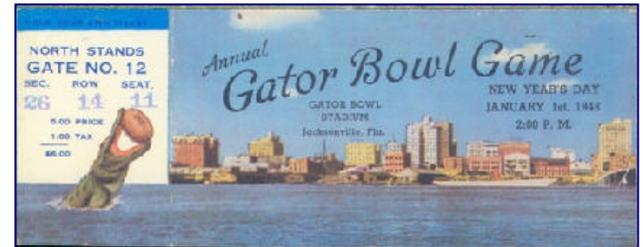
Although the majority of archival materials are still paper-based, the amount of electronic records entering archives is increasing.

- e-mail
- Databases
- Text documents
- Spreadsheets
- Digital images
- Web pages



Available Resources: Ephemera

Ephemera are materials created for a specific, temporary purpose.



Available Resources: Genealogical Notes

Some researchers have donated research notes to libraries, which are often cataloged with Manuscript Collections.

GENEALOGY NOTES

Written by Marjorie Simpson Went
September, 2000

→ pertaining to Weeks-Ewing lineage

Cora C. Battin was my great-grandmother. She resided in West Chester, PA, where she attended the West Chester Normal School in 1881. We have copies of the school book from 1881. We (in the current possession of my mother, Carmen Simpson) also have Cora's autograph book, containing signatures from her friends from school and others. It was signed by Charles W. Ewing as follows:

Cora,
In taking a retrospective view of by-gone times, I recall many pleasant times with you here. May your future be attended with prosperity and happiness and may heaven show her choicest blessings upon you.
Yours meaningly [??]
C. W. Ewing

Nov. 1 1884, El Dorado, Kansas
Cora was an assistant to an attorney named Lewis. When her health was failing, a doctor suggested she go to Kansas (during the boom), so she stayed a short time there with a friend of Lewis', Gen. Elliott. She married Charles Ewing. They had two daughters, Ruth and Cornelia (my grandmother).

Charles Weeks Ewing was born in Knoxville, Ill in 1863. He came to El Dorado, KS when he was five years old. He first had a dry goods store, then a grocery store.

Next generation

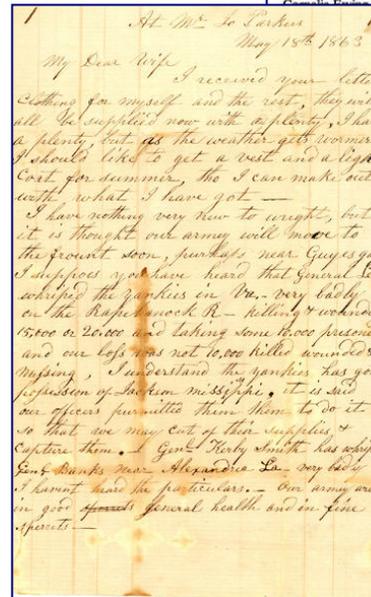
Cornelia Ewing was born in El Dorado on 19 July, 1886. She has been described as a red woman who would turn heads and stop conversations upon she married Tracy Whittlesey Simpson on 5 October, 1910. They had Ewing Simpson and William Tracy Simpson. Ewing Simpson and William Tracy Simpson. Ewing, CA on 9 October, 1964.

married on May 14, 1913 to Robert Hazlett Bradford, at a "lovely" El Dorado, KS. They were successful in the oil business and were well known for their contributions to the community and to charities.

See newspaper article

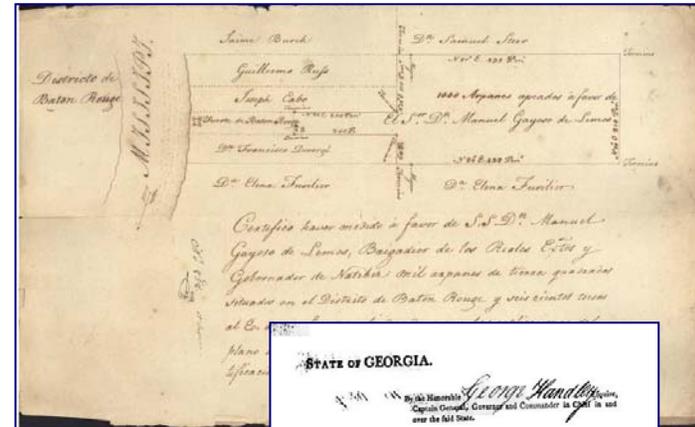
W. Simpson (b. 26 June, 1913 d. 17 October, 1993) married first Helen [?], they had a daughter Joan (b. 6 September 1940 d.xcx). Jeanne died and he later married Muriel Hesse (b. 22 September 1914 d. 10 July 1981) in the construction of the Bay Bridge as a young man. He was the son of Monterey, CA. He retired to Astoria, OR where he continued his radio, and maintained an active involvement in the community.

W. Simpson. see obituary



Available Resources: Land Records

- Tax Records
- Deeds
- Bounty-land Records
- Homestead Records



Available Resources: Local and Family Histories

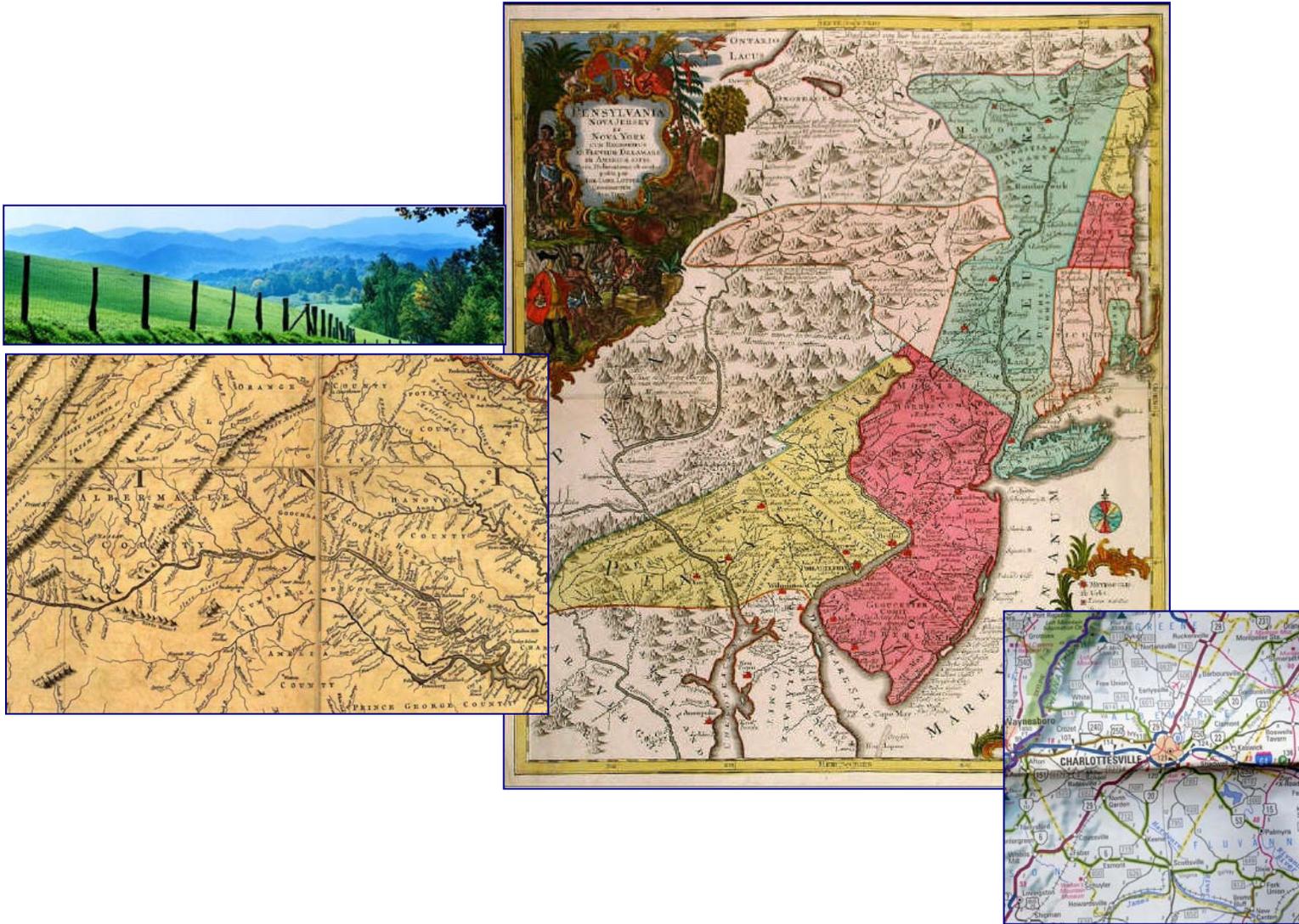
- Family History
- Local History
- Biography
- Institutional Histories

Important: Look in the Notes

Family and personal histories will provide clear documentation for statements made. Footnotes and bibliographies can provide key data if one engages in a process known as citation analysis.



Available Resources: Maps & Gazetteers



Available Resources: Memorabilia

Memorabilia are objects containing historical value that do not fit into any of the standard categories of special collections.

Memorabilia collections frequently include

- Badges
- Plaques
- Paintings
- Trophies
- Coins

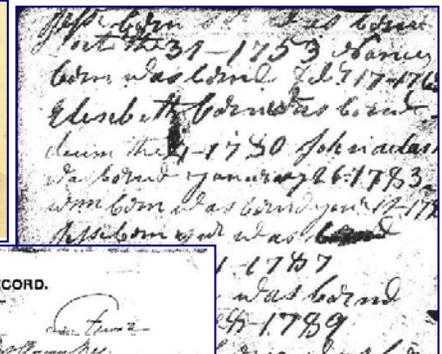


Available Resources: Military Records

Military records kept by the U.S. Government about soldiers and sailors who served their country are a major source of information about individuals.

The four major wars of interest to genealogists:

- American Revolution (1775-1783)
Approximately one out of every seven Americans fought in the American Revolution.



ENLISTMENT RECORD.

Name: *John A. ...* Recruit Station, U.S. Army.
Age: *27* *Sept 1856*
County: *...*
Date of enlistment: *...*
Remarks: *...*

Noncommissioned officer: *...*
Marksmanship, gunner qualification or rating: *...*
Personality: *...*
Ranks, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: *...*
Wounds received in service: *...*
Physical condition when discharged: *...*
Typhoid prophylaxis completed: *...*
Paratyphoid prophylaxis completed: *...*
Married or single: *...*
Character: *...*
Remarks: *...*

Signature of soldier: *John A. ...*
Signature of commanding officer: *...*
Date: *...*



Available Resources: Military Records

- Civil War (1861-1865)
Approximately one out of every ten Americans fought in the Civil War.
- World War I (1918-1919) Over 4.8 million served in World War I
- World War II (1942-1945) Over 16 million served in World War II.

Types of Records

- Draft Records
- Registration Cards
- Service Records



JAN 27 16188755 1892.

Arlo W. Robinson

File of Cav. Mass.
Bernard W. Knight
Co. 3, Regt. Mass. Cavalry.
Appears on
Regimental Descriptive Book
of the regiment named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 27 years; height 5 feet 7 inches.
Complexion Fair
Eyes Blue; hair Dark
Where born Southwick, Mass.
Occupation Farmer

ENLISTMENT.

Where Sept 1, 186
Where Southwick, Mass.
By whom P. C. ...
Remarks signed by ...
at ...
while ...



Available Resources: Newspapers

Newspapers can contain a multitude of genealogical information- Obituaries

- Births
- Marriages
- Deaths
- Legal notices
- Estate transaction
- Biographies
- Military
- Immigration

Minister dies before trip to spread message overseas

By DANIEL P. FINNEY
Executive Editor

The Rev. Lloyd Lavern Goodwin believed in the Den Moses Gospel Assembly Church so much that had he not died Saturday, he would be on his way to Africa to preach his church's message in Kenya, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

The Rev. Goodwin, 67, of 5821 N.W. 58th Ave. died Saturday at Iowa Lutheran Hospital here of a heart attack.

The Rev. Goodwin founded the Den Moses Gospel Assembly in 1979 and was leader of an organization of more than 100 gospel churches worldwide. He and the Rev. Leander

Gospel Assembly's membership grew steadily and helped the church build a new parish in Urbandale as 7136 Snowflake Drive.

The church was often challenged for its beliefs that Jesus Christ would return to Earth during the 1990s and a war of Armageddon would soon follow. Critics of the Gospel Assembly reached fever pitch after the Branch Davidian disaster in Waco, Texas, in 1993.

The Rev. Goodwin bought a six-page advertising supplement to The Register in July 1980 to rebut charges that his church was a cult that brainwashed people. The ad, written almost entirely by the Rev. Goodwin, quoted heavily from the Bible and denounced false prophecy by other Christians.

Ray said the Rev. Goodwin's faith in his mission never wavered in the face of criticism.

"His passion for God transcended ordinary faith," Ray said. "He was the most dedicated man to God I've ever known. This church was his life."

Services for the Rev. Goodwin will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Gospel Assembly Church. Burial will be at Highland Memory Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Martha, two brothers, Vernon and Nathan, both of Des Moines, and a sister, Audrey Goodwin Werring, also of Des Moines.

Friends may call until the time of service Thursday at Gospel Assembly Church, where family will greet visitors. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.



SINNOTT DIES IN IN DORCHESTER

Noted Illustrator and Cartoonist Dies

Raymond's Advertising Man and Illustrator Ill 4 Months

William J. Sinnott, 47, advertising manager at Raymond's for the past 12 years, is dead at his home, 126 Washington street, Dorchester, following an illness of four months. Burial services will be held tomorrow morning at the Forest Hills cemetery chapel in respect to his memory. Raymond's store will be closed tomorrow from 11 to 12 noon.

Sinnott was also a prominent illustrator. It was he who illustrated the famous Uncle Tom and Tomerlin advertisements. Previous to going to Raymond's, Sinnott was employed in the art department of the Boston Globe. For years his comic strip, "Dinky Dinky's Diary" was a daily feature in the Globe. Previous to that he had also been a member of The Herald-Traveler art department.

He leaves his wife, Katharine White Sinnott; two sons, Robert, 23, and Allen, 16; a brother, and five sisters.



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WILLIAM J. SINNOTT

Available Resources: Periodicals

Genealogical Society Publications

Publish journals

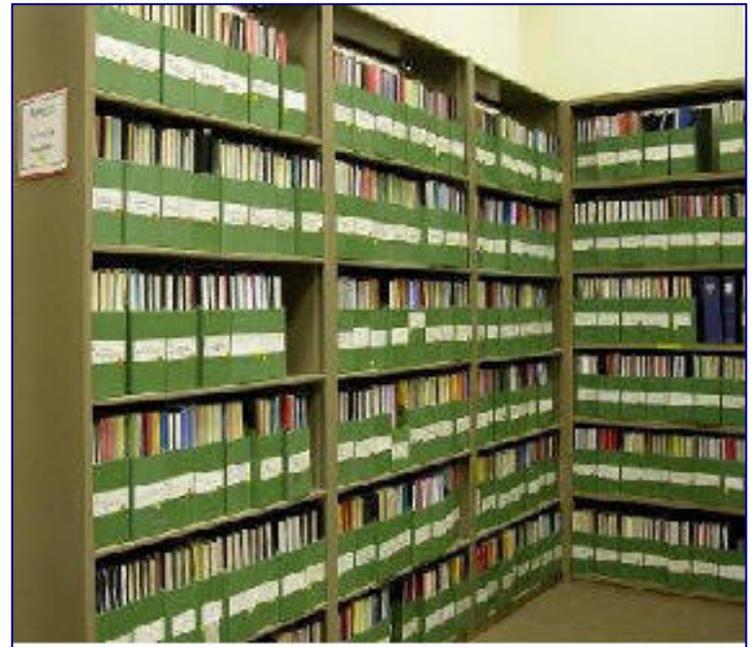
Newsletters

Quarterlies

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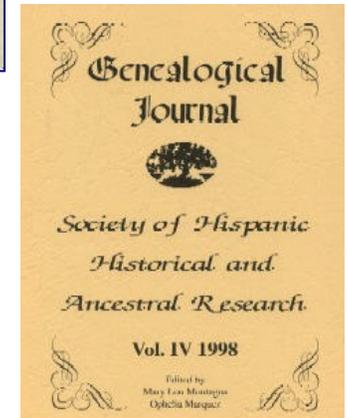
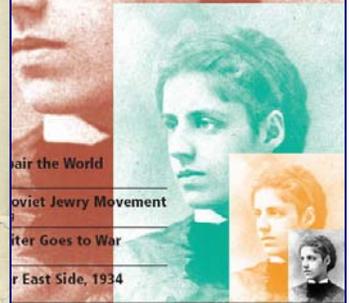
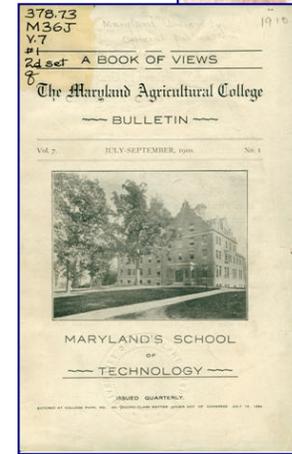
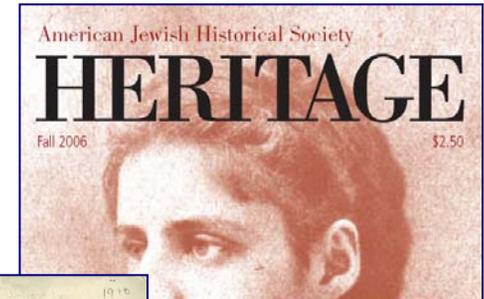
Reveal genealogical sources and resources in specific geographic areas.

- Index and abstracting source materials.
- Provide ancestor charts and group sheets of members.
- Lists of upcoming seminars significant to family historians.
- And more....



Historical Society Publications

- Help to set research in the proper historical context.
- Useful for citation analysis (e.g., to construct the widest possible data pool in which to look for ancestors).
- Provide in-depth provides of individuals, communities, etc. to which our ancestor belonged.
- They contain such items as genealogies, transcripts and abstracts of local records, probate records, church records, and cemetery records.
- And more....



Available Resources: Oral Histories

Oral histories are a recording of people's memories. It is the living history of everyone's unique life experiences.



Available Resources: Photo Collections

Photograph archives consist of collections and can range from a few to several million images.

Depending on the collection, images will date back to the 1860's and track the expansion of the community, county, region, and state.



Available Resources: Rare Books

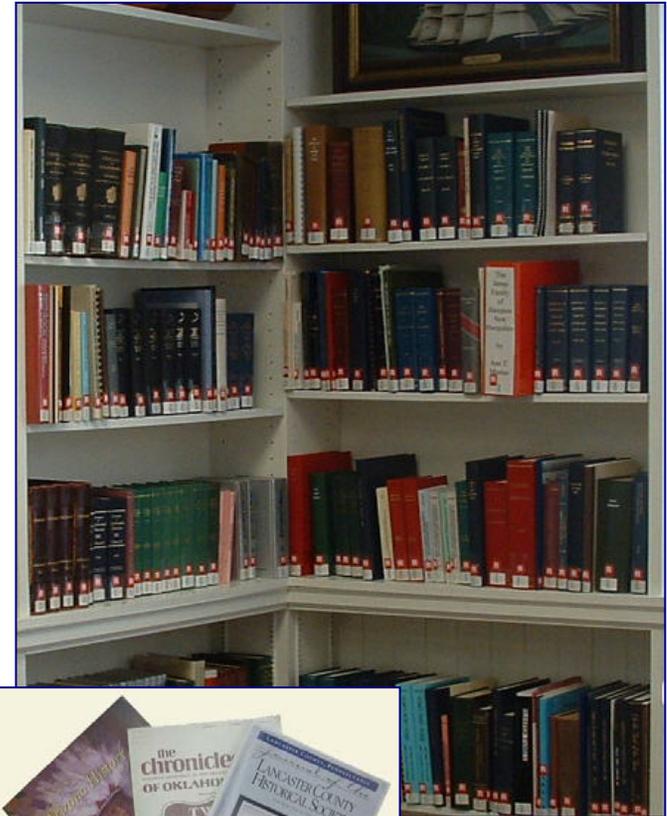
Although a common misconception holds that rare books are always old and that scarce books are always rare, there are in fact many factors that contribute to a book's rarity. In the broadest sense, a book is rare if its demand exceeds its supply.



Available Resources: Reference Guides/Brochures/Leaflets

Many state organizations provide reference guides, brochures or leaflets in print and on-line that discuss specific aspects of their collections and how to use or how to conduct research in a particular state, region, or local. Look for guides such as:

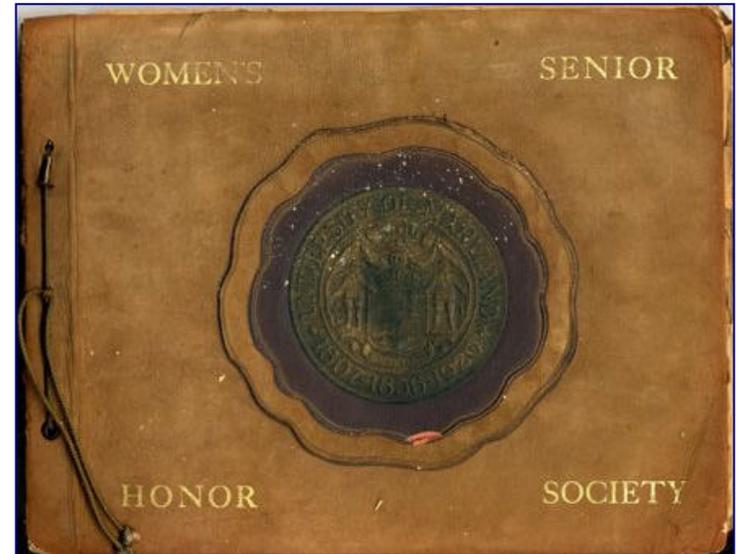
- **A Guide to Genealogical Research at the (State) Historical Society**
- **Population Census Records at the (State) Historical Society**
- **Index to Naturalizations in (State)**
- **List of Basic Sources on (State) History**



Available Resources: Scrapbooks

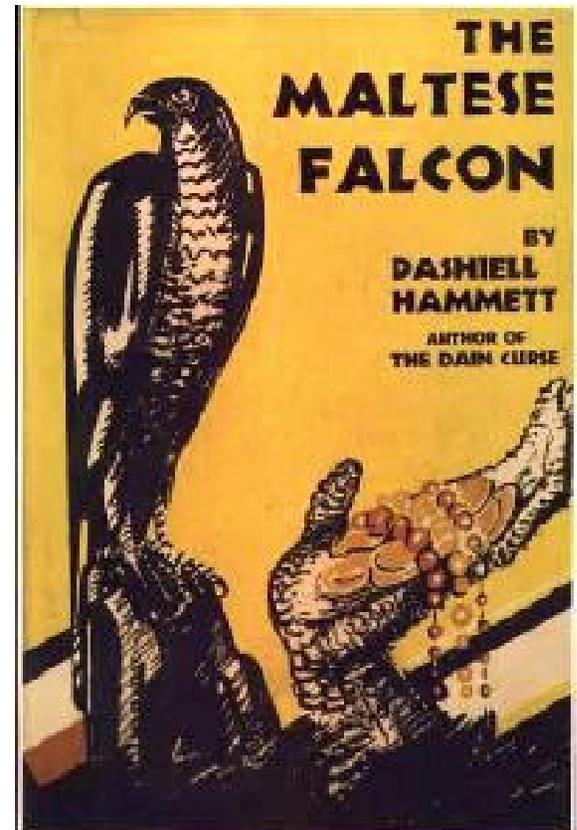
The scrapbook is one of the few types of archival materials created for the purpose of preserving the memory of an individual, organization, or event.

- Photographs
- Newspaper clippings
- Annotations



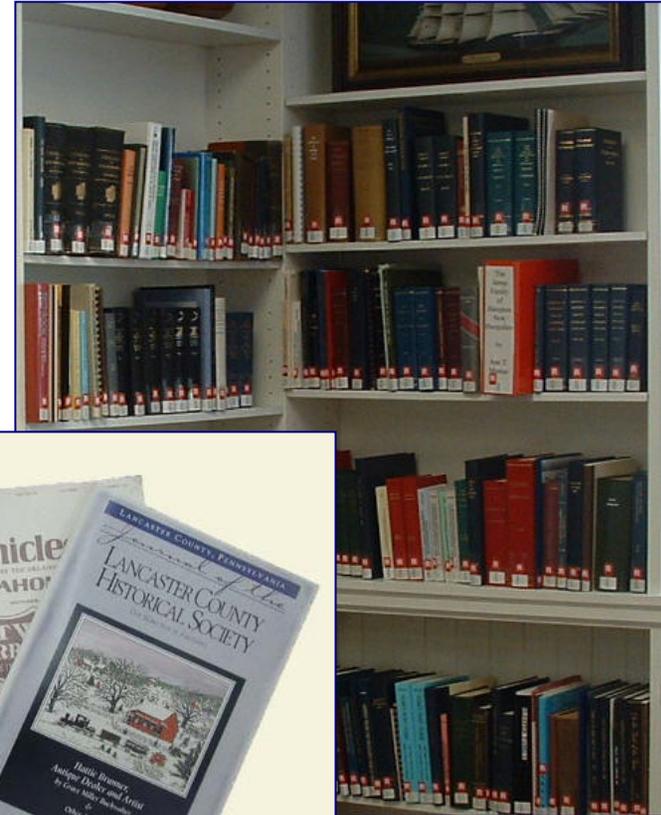
Available Resources: Subject Based Collections

Subject-based collections attempt to collect exhaustively in their subject area and will often include primary source material in the form of official documents and archival and manuscript materials that has been published for wider dissemination.



Records to Search: Township, City, County, and State Histories and Biographies

1. Local, county, and state histories detail the events that occurred and the people who played a part.



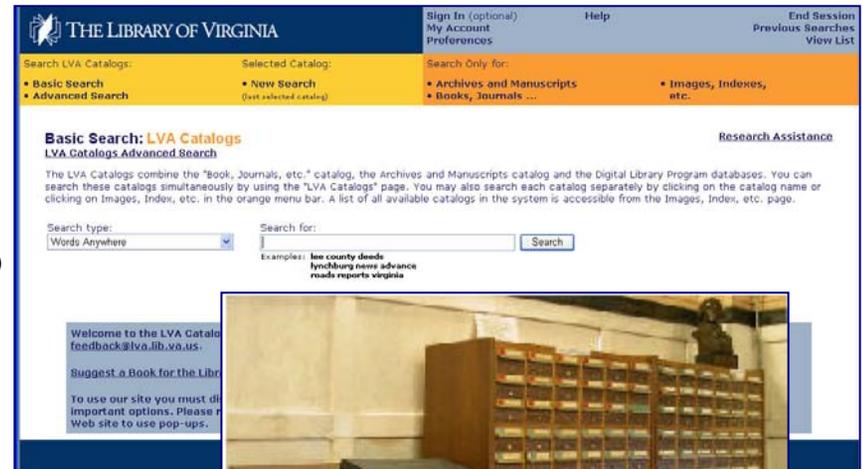
Strategy for Searching Societies and Libraries



Strategy for Searching Societies and Libraries

Step 1. Consult Handbooks on Genealogical Research
Handbooks on genealogical research offer instruction, advice, and information useful to both beginning and advanced genealogists.

Step 2. Check Genealogy Surname Card Files
This physical and/or online card file is arranged alphabetically by surname and contains references to births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.



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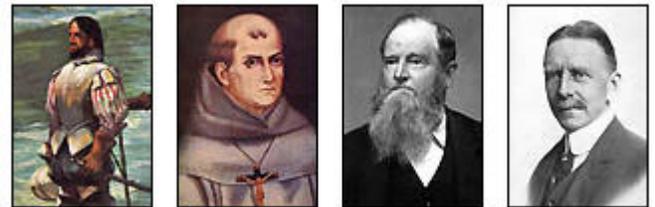
Step 3. Search Family History Files and Published Biographies and Genealogies.

The Family History Files contain unpublished notes and charts on lineages specific to the state, region, local and compiled by other genealogists.



Step 4. Check Books on State and Local History

A wealth of genealogical information is contained in books on state and local history.



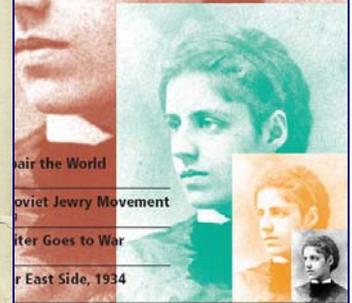
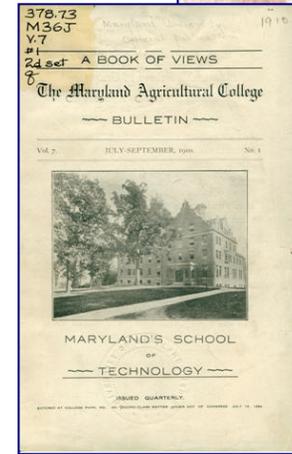
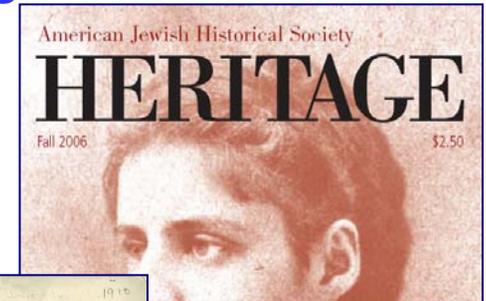
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Step 5. Search Journals and Periodicals

Bits and pieces of family history can be found in articles in historical and genealogical journals.

Step 6. Search Original Source Material

Collections include books, manuscripts, reference files, maps, newspapers, and photographs on all aspects of history and people.



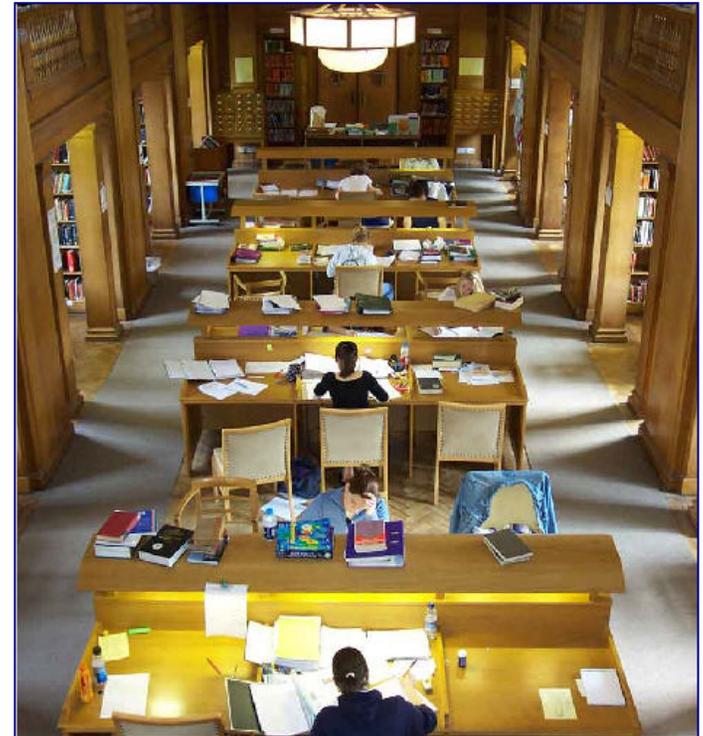
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Step 7. Research Other Libraries

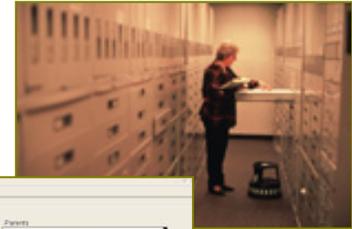
Become aware of all the resources in the state, regional, and local area that might have collections to research.

Step 8. Make Your Research Available to Others

Societies and libraries are glad to accept gifts of published books as well as notes and charts relating to research on families from their local.



Organizing your Research Priorities



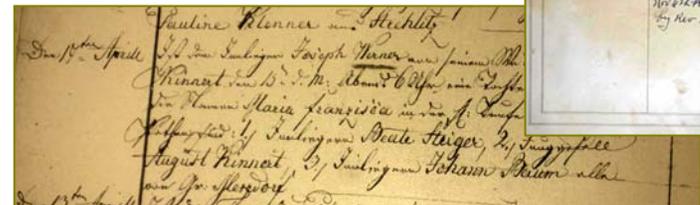
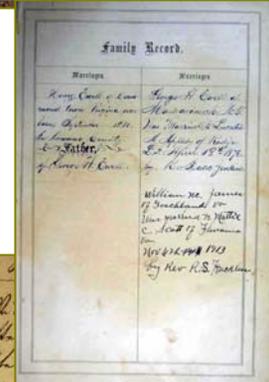
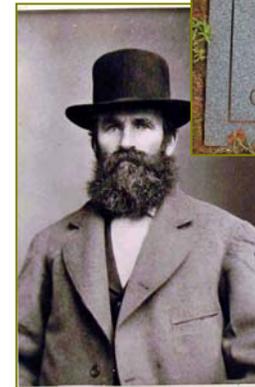
Parents: James Hall Ewell "Frog" 14 Jul 1822 - Provo, Utah, Utah

Mary Elizabeth Jones 18 Oct 1833 - Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah

1 Aug 1869 - Hamblin, Iri

Spouse: Mary Emma Brownham 28 Jan 1868 - Hamlet City, Waukesha, WI

Children:	Birth	Parent Link	Orderance
1. Mary Melissa Ewell	7 Sep 1879	B	P
2. Shalene Pamela Ewell	2 Dec 1881	B	P
3. Emily Joseph Ewell	16 Dec 1882	B	P
4. Terrence Charles Ewell	2 Jul 1888	B	P
5. Bryson James Ewell	16 Jul 1889	B	P
6. David Allan Ewell			



What Research Can You Do From Home?

- Before you travel hundreds if not thousands of miles to find the library or archive in the home of your ancestors, make sure the records you seek aren't as close as your computer or down the street at your local library.

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Get Started With Family History

- How do I get started?
- Helpful research guidance
- Why family history?
- Family maps and guides



Search Genealogy Records & Library

- Explore the Family History Library Catalog
- Birth, Marriage & Census Year Records
- U.S., British, & Canadian Census Collections



Preserve And Share Your Family History

- Add your family tree and discover more about your ancestors
- Find people with similar genealogy interests
- More helpful web sites



Family Library

Free Classes
Free Modules
Free Events
Probate Jurisdiction Maps
Free Search
Free for Mexican Family

Find a Family History Center Near Your Home

OK

For United States & Canada, enter a state or province.

If the said letter should ever come from Mr. Henry W. Wood before the year is out I shall only charge him for the time he serves without a sufficient cause this 7th of January, 1834.
Caleb
Robert Hunt per Robert Hunt per

Review Your Records Before You Go On Your Trip

- Review every printout, photocopy, note and Internet record.
- Know what you have and don't have and make a to-do list of what to find.
- The basic genealogical advice, to work from what you know to what you don't know, applies.
- Please do not take your entire notebook, take notes and/or your laptop.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
POPULATION SCHEDULE

Name: J. Victor Leifson
City: Spanish Fork
County: Kane
State: Utah
Married: Yes
Occupation: None

RELATION	SEX	RACE	AGE	MAILED	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION	PLACE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	OCCUPATION
Head	M	W	39	10	8			Spain	1891	8		
Wife	F	W	37	10	8			Spain	1893	8		

Family Record.

Handwritten notes:
 Henry Cecil & Emma ...
 George H. Cecil & ...
 William H. ...
 ...
 By Rev. R.S. ...



J. Victor Leifson

Juren Victor Leifson, 89, died Sunday, Sept. 11, 1983, at Mountain View Hospital, Payson.

He was born June 9, 1894, in Spanish Fork, the son of Sigurdur Thor and Hjalmsdotir (Hjalmsdotir) Leifson of Icelandic descent. He married Mary Amelia Bradford on Sept. 24, 1919, in the Salt Lake Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She died Jan. 22, 1966.

For 45 years he was a member of the library board, served 19 years on the Utah County Board of Adjustment and 12 years as chairman of the local selective service board, as well as two terms as a Spanish Fork City councilman.

He served a short-term mission for the LDS Church to the Western States in 1926, as the bishop of the Spanish Fork First LDS Ward for eight years and for 15 years was a member of the Palmyra Stake high council. He was a recipient of the honorary Master M-Men award for his years of service to



honored by local Kiwanis community service award, and building contractor or remodeled many of homes and chapels. an of World War I and Spanish Fork American Wars. He was a member of five sons and five daughters: E. (Freda) McKell of H. (Luene) Ludlow of Leifson, Allen R. Leifson, Mrs. Dee (Elaine) Pullison of West Jordan; Mrs. enbaum of Payson, and Orem; one sister, Mrs. Bearnson of Spanish Fork; and J. Victor Leifson, preceded

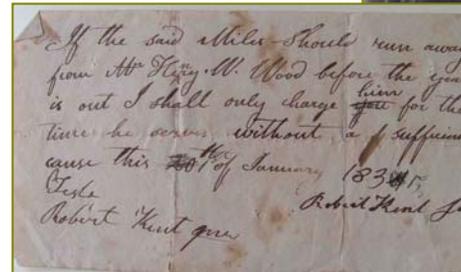
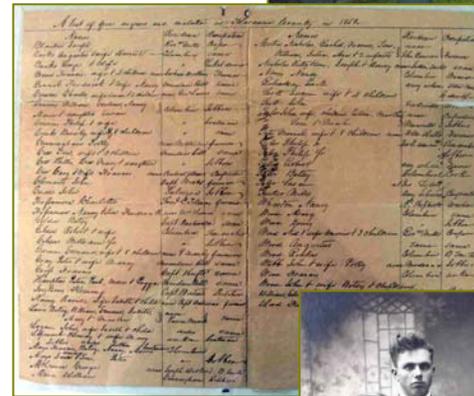
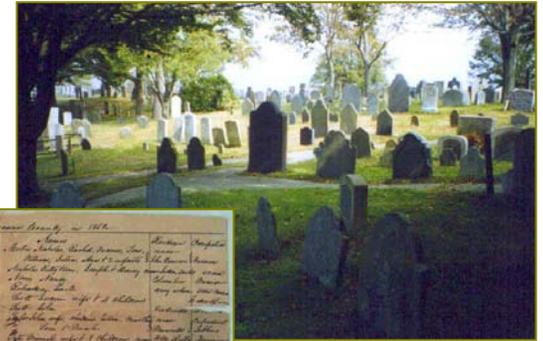
What Kind of Records Can't be Found at Home?

A fellow genealogist had been hunting for a particular ancestor for 28 years.

All that he knew about the person is that he might have worked aboard ships as a young man.

Prior to his trip he became aware of the Mariner Library.

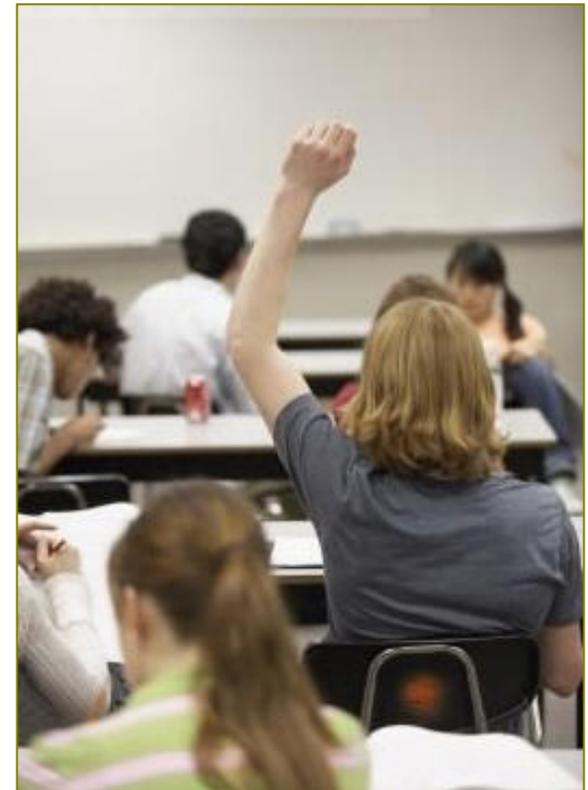
While at the library he found a written letter, meal lists from the 1850's and a myriad of other documents that related to his family.



Questions to Ask That Can Yield Treasures

Make sure you ask your libraries, archivists, and clerks questions such as:

- What indexes, collections are unique to your facility?
- Do you have card files, newspapers, original records, computer databases, networks, or compact discs that can only be searched at your repository?
- Have your records been microfilmed, if yes, where else are they located?
- What if any of your collections are accessible on-line?
- Does it have records such as church records that have not been microfilmed?



Determine What Resources Are Available in that Area

- Do research to determine the places that have information or materials you can use.
- Resources can include libraries, archives, genealogical societies, historical societies, courthouses, vital record offices, churches, funeral homes, chambers of commerce, cemeteries, schools, and fraternal organizations.
- Frequently, genealogists ignore regional archives or regional libraries that may contain useful records.



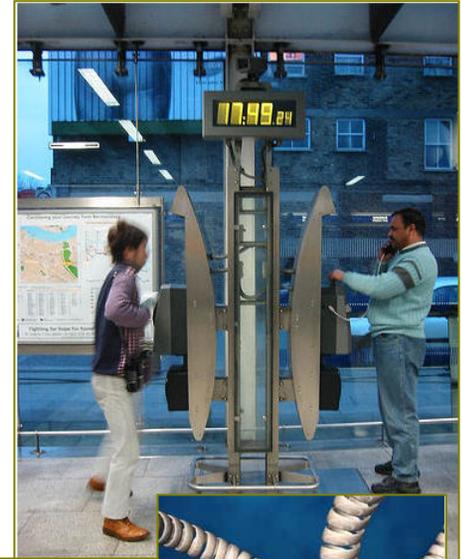
Determine What Type of Information You Seek

- Do research to determine the places that have information or materials you can use.
- You need to be 100% clear of what you are looking for.
- Do your homework before leaving so you know where you want to go and what you want to look at when you get there.



Make Advance Contact—Establish a Rapport

- Make the effort to contact each source directly by mail, telephone, and/or email.
- You will save yourself many hours by making advance contacts.
- Let them know what you are seeking, and try to establish a rapport.



■ When Possible, Let People Know You are Coming and When

- Let people know you're coming and when.
- Make sure the people you need to see will be there. Be willing to rearrange your schedule to be at a library when the prime resource will be there.
- Remember to confirm your appointment or just give a courtesy call to let them know you are excited to come.



■ Know the Times of Operation

- Remember to contact county courthouses, libraries, and other record repositories you plan to visit to determine their office hours.
- There's nothing more frustrating than getting to a destination and finding it closed for whatever reason.



BUSINESS HOURS		
Mon.	8:00	to 7:00
Tues.	8:00	to 7:00
Wed.	8:00	to 7:00
Thur.	8:00	to 7:00
Fri.	8:00	to 7:00
Sat.	10:00	to 5:00
Sun.	Closed	to Closed



Be Patient When Requesting Records

- If you are planning to receive specific records before you leave for your trip, give yourself a least a 4 month window.
- Why? Many libraries/archives have more requests than staff can manage.



Plan to Visit the Library/Archive

- Check to see if the library has an internet site. Most library internet sites provide basic information associated with hours of operation.
- Larger libraries, like the Library of Virginia, and state/country archives have an online catalog.
- Search the catalog before you go.



The Archives/Library of the Ohio Historical Society collects, preserves, and makes available to the public written and graphic information concerning Ohio's history. As the State Archives of Ohio, it is the designated repository for state government records of enduring historical value.

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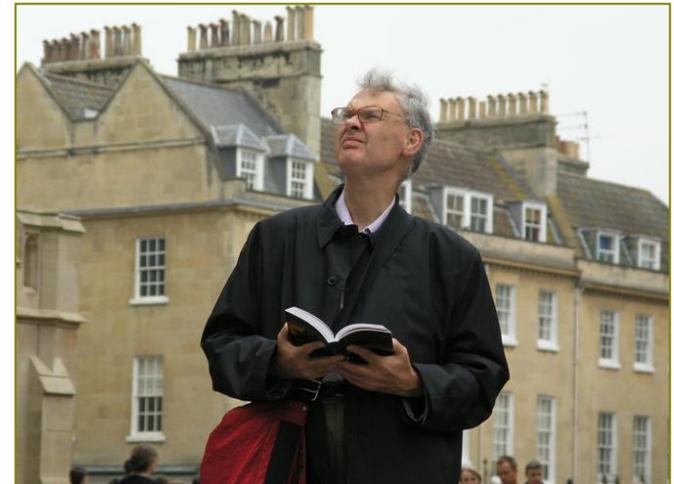
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E-mail: reference@ohiohistory.org

Hours of Operation	
Monday	CLOSED
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Saturday	9AM – 5PM
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Where is the Best Place to Get Information?

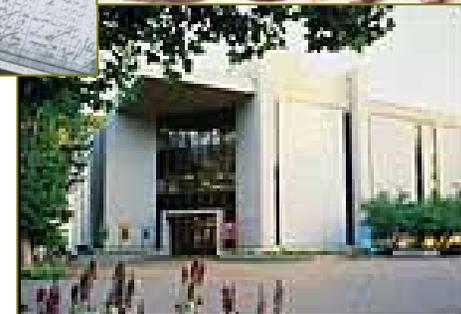
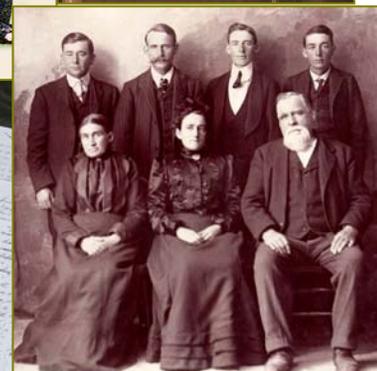
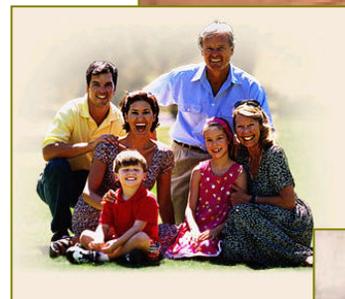
- The same records are often available in different locations.
- Make sure you ask the cost of acquiring such records.

On a recent trip I found that a marriage record from the early 1800's would cost me \$10.00 at the university library. The same information was available at the state archive for the cost of a photocopy.

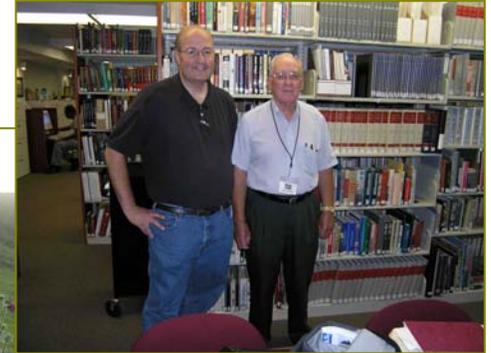


Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah

- Anyone who has done research in Salt Lake City at the Family History Library will find foreign record offices quite a bit different.
- You can cover a lot of territory in a few days, especially since it is open Monday-Saturday.



Conducting Research During Your Genealogy Trip



Keep a Travel Journal During Your Trip

- Take time at the end or beginning of each day to write in your travel journal.
- After returning home, your journal will be an important asset for further researching and documenting the value of your trip.
- After just one week on the road, one day blends into the next.



Keep a Travel Journal During Your Trip

For example, after I have entered a library, I will write details about:

- Who I spoke with and their role in the library, address, email, phone number, etc.
- All discussions no matter with whom and information exchanged.
- The records I looked at and why.
- What I found and decisions I made during my search.
- All new information carefully documenting all associated information.
- Thoughts and questions that cross my mind during the research.

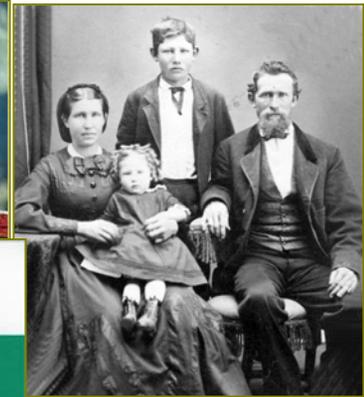


Learn about Local History

Your ancestors were people with dreams, opportunities, frustrations, disappointments, bills, sickness and death.

Learn about the history of the area from which your ancestors came.

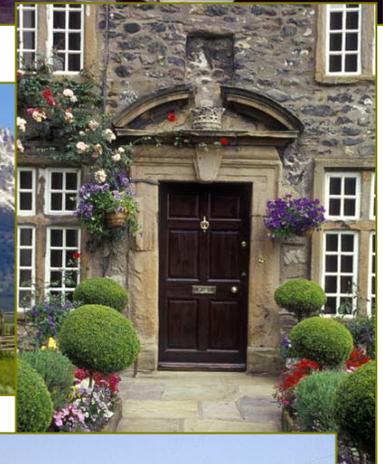
- What did they eat?
- Where would they have gone to church, where is the mill they took their crops to?
- What sort of natural features did they encounter when farming the land?
- What is the city most famous for?



Searching for Your Ancestors

Original Places of Residence

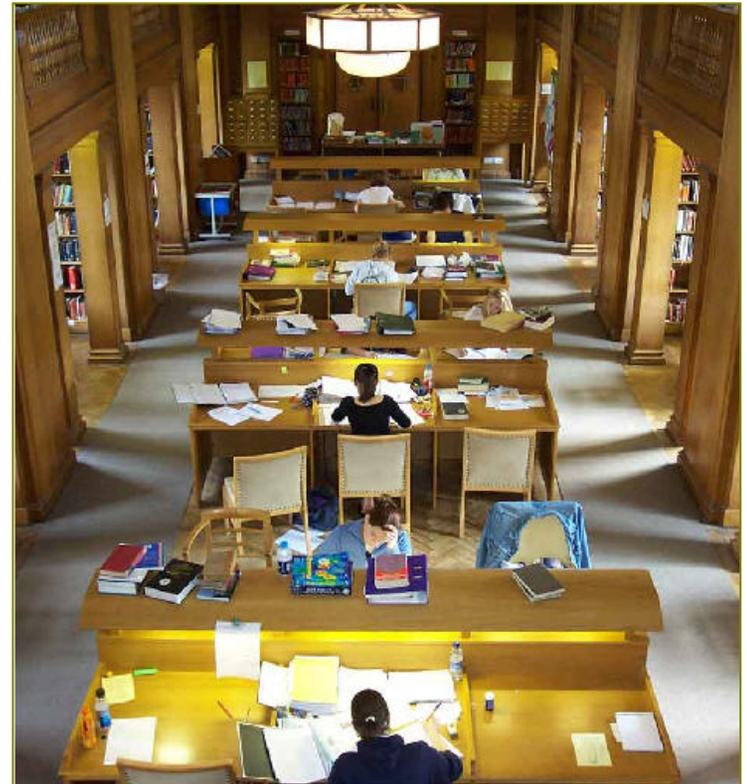
- Like many of our ancestors, they came from tiny villages.
- When they immigrated they may say they were from the largest nearby town or city.
- Records such as your birth records and land records can help you locate where your family lived by giving you a street address or land upon which they lived.
- With such information in hand you can ask directions from locals.



Searching Libraries and Archives in Country

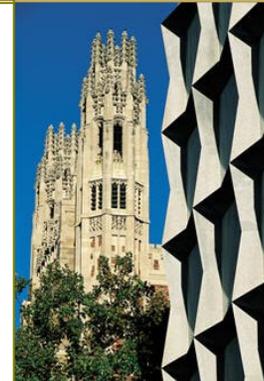
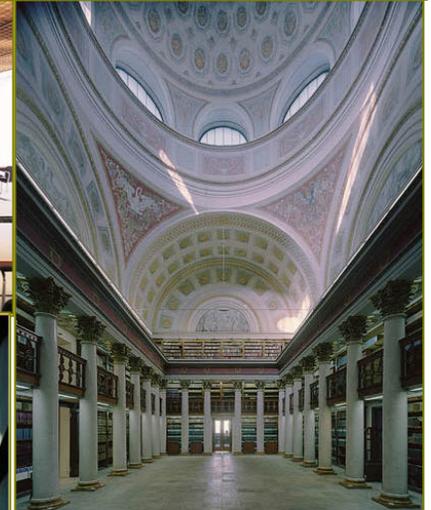
When you're doing in-country research, expect the unexpected. Some experiences are as follows:

- Record offices will have government hours (perhaps closing for lunch).
- You may need advance reservations.
- You may need to look up your resources in a catalog and write them on a request to submit to the reference librarian.
- Your request may take more than a half-hour to arrive.
-and more.



Consider Using Your Camera in Library, Archive, or Museum Research

- Consider using your digital camera as a tool for documenting and capturing information found in your research.
- If you have never used your camera in library research, practice in your local library under all types of conditions include very low light. The time to learn isn't at a library 2,000 miles from home.



Photographing in Libraries

- Know the policy about digital photography before you go.
- Do not use flash.
- Set up photo stand or tripod.
- You may need to sign an intended uses statement.
- Their staff may need to handle rare objects.
- Only take photos of intended artifacts.

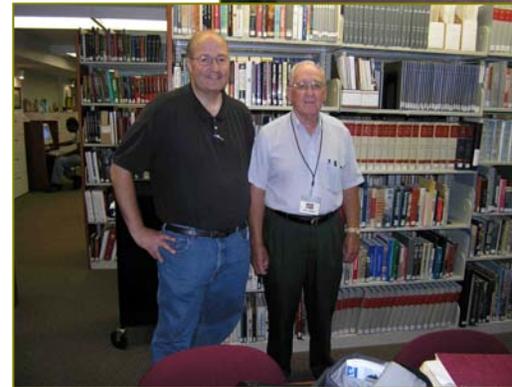
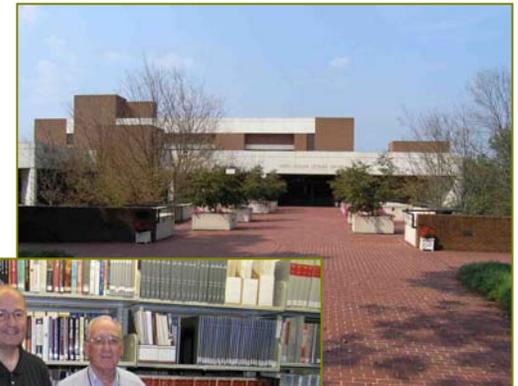
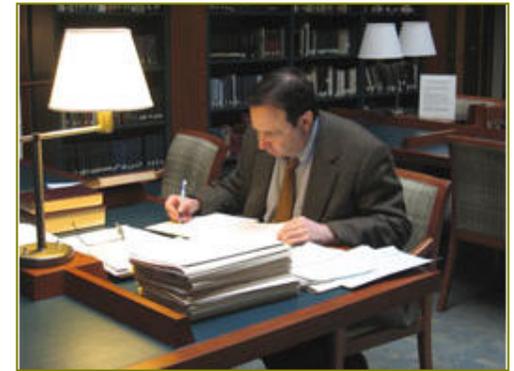
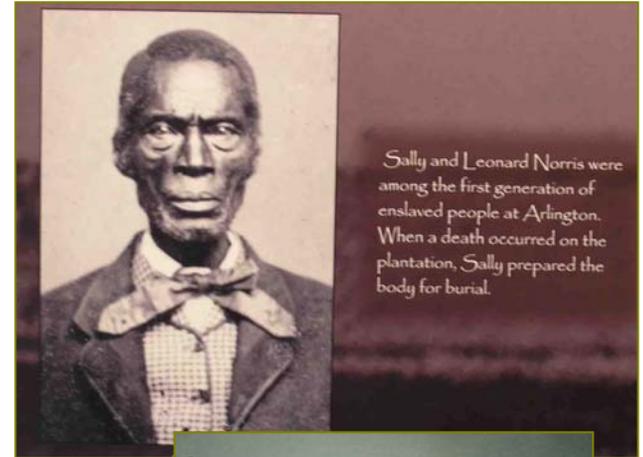


Photo Studio in-a-box. Provides desired tools to photograph documents indoors.

Photographing in Museums and Archives

- Check first to see if photography is allowed.
- Objects covered with glass or plastic are best shot at angle.
- Snap a separate picture of a caption or a label of the exhibit.
- Use the tripod along with your camera's self-timer night/lowlight setting.
- No tripod? Then brace yourself.



Photographing Microfilm

- Hold the camera up next to the lens. Or place your camera on a tripod located in front of the reader screen.
- Place a white paper (or other color) on the read surface as the target area for shooting.
- Adjust the camera/tripod position so the information you want to copy fills the LCD frame, not the viewfinder.

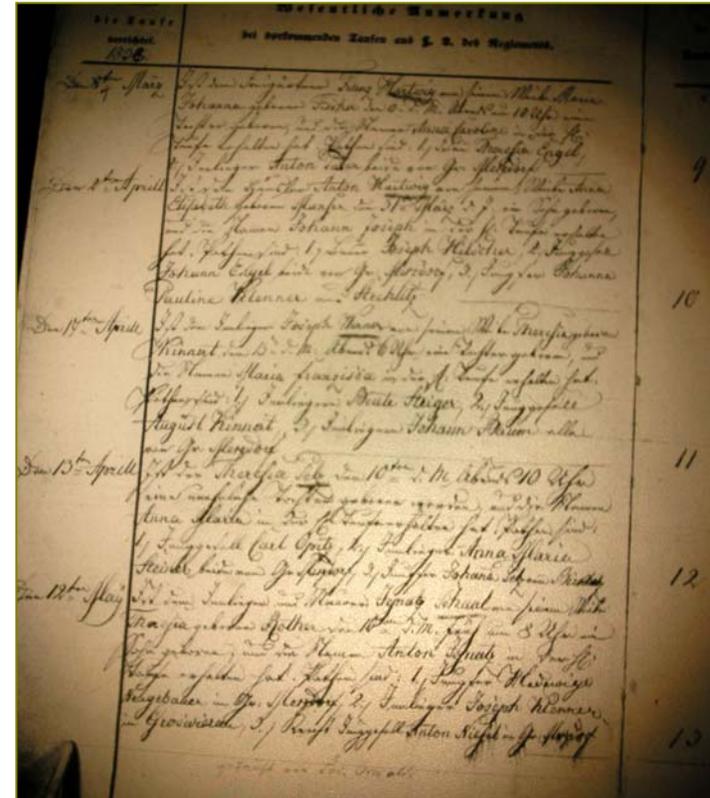


Image projected on slanted surface.

Photographing Microfilm

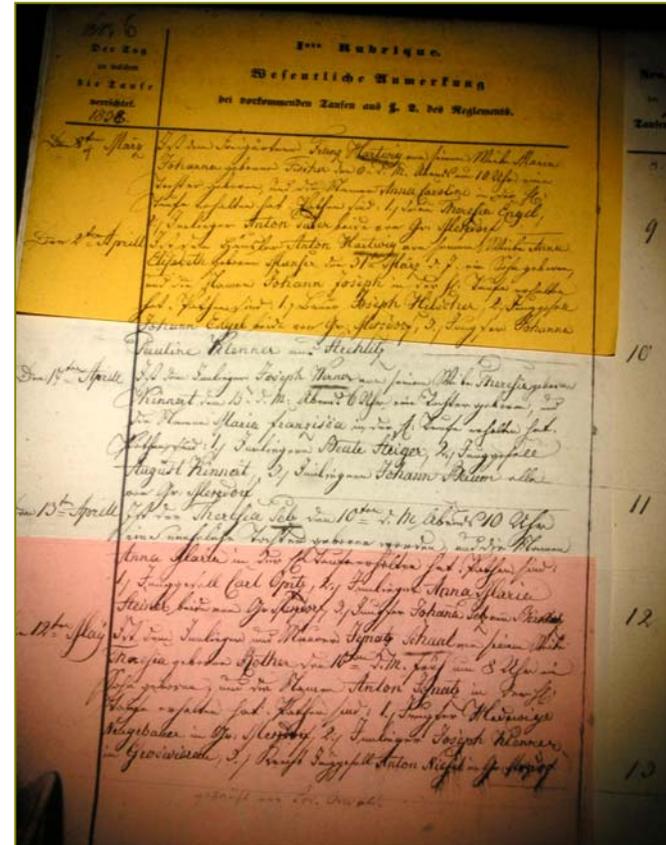
- Focus and or set the macro mode if necessary. This will depend on your camera model and how far away it is from the microfilm reader.
- Make sure the flash is turned off. Set the camera's self-timer if needed.
- Gently press the shutter button halfway to lock the exposure and focus.



Cropped microfilm image.

Photographing Microfilm

- Press the button completely down. If using the tripod, move away from the camera and wait for the self-timer to trip the shutter.
- Take several shots. Consider using the "best shot selector" and/or auto bracketing your shots if your camera has these features or manual bracketing if it doesn't.



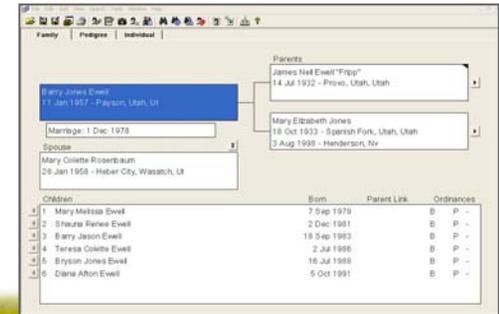
Microfilm image enhanced with placement of color paper on projection surface. Sample colors used from top to bottom are canary, white, pink.

Priorities After Your Genealogy Trip



Steps in Processing, Organizing, and Cataloging Your Information

- Analyze what goals were accomplished and how.
- To whom did you promise correspondence?
- Review your journal writings.
- Revise old data with new findings.
- If you recorded any interviews or thoughts on tape, transcribe and record thoughts.
- Carefully and safely organize documents, copies and your notes.



Steps in Processing, Organizing, and Cataloging Your Information

- Organize photos, postcards, brochures, and pictures.
- Share information. It won't do any good sitting in your files.
- Share your resources with genealogy societies, newsgroups and message boards.
- In addition to what you learned about family, share what you learned about libraries and archives in the locations you visited.

The screenshot shows a genealogy software window with a family tree for Barry Jones Ewell. The tree includes his parents, James Neil Ewell and Mary Elizabeth Jones, and a list of his children.

Children	Born	Parent Lnk.	Ordinances
1. Mary Melissa Ewell	7 Sep 1979	B P -	
2. Shauna Renee Ewell	2 Dec 1981	B P -	
3. Barry Jason Ewell	18 Sep 1983	B P -	
4. Teresa Collette Ewell	2 Jul 1986	B P -	
5. Bryson Jones Ewell	16 Jul 1988	B P -	
6. Dana Alton Ewell	5 Oct 1991	B P -	



Questions

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