Introduction
The George A. Smathers Libraries research collections have many materials that are of use to genealogists, such as census data, newspapers, research libraries’ catalogs and guides to genealogical research. This handout covers basic information that is available in the Humanities and Social Sciences Reference Collection and the Microforms Collection, on the third floor of Library West.

Getting Started – The UF Libraries Catalog
Use your research log, ancestral charts, or family group sheets to identify an individual, place or event about which you want to find information. Use the UF Libraries Catalog to search for books, subscriptions to periodicals, city directories, and government documents such as census records.

While this handout lists some of the most frequently used books, indexes and guides, keep in mind that the UF Libraries have many other genealogical resources beyond those listed here. To locate more information, try using these basic subject terms in the catalog:

genealogy
diaries
obituaries
precedence
biography
marriage licenses
oral history
probate records
heraldry
visitation ecclesiastical
registers of birth
names personal
wills
church records

Biographies and Personal Narratives

American Diaries
Reference Collection – Call No. CT214 .A741 1983

Encyclopedia of Frontier Biography v.1-3
Reference Collection – Call No. F596 .T515 1988

And So to Bed: A Bibliography of Diaries...

Obituaries: A Guide to Sources

Biography Catalogue of the Library of the Royal Commonwealth Society
Reference Collection – Call No. CT31 .R61

 Regimental Publications and Personal Narratives of the Civil War
Reference Collection – Call No. E492 .D61

Slave Narratives (CD-ROM)
Contains stories of more than 2,300 African Americans from 26 states about their experiences as slaves.
# Census Records, Federal

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**City County Town and Township Index to the 1850 Federal Census Schedules.**
Reference Collection – Call No. CS65 .P37

**Heads of Families at the First Census of the United States Taken in the Year 1790**
Marston Science Library, Documents Call No. E302.5 .U57

**Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920**
Reference Collection – Call No. G1201 .F7 T5 1987

**Population schedules of the first census of the United States, 1790-1980** (Microfilm)
Microforms Collection – Call No. 312 U58p 1810 (these are at the end of the collection – not in call number order)
Census Records, by State


- *1860 California Census Index* Microfiche – Call No. F860 .D54 1984a

- *1860 Delaware Census Index* Microfiche – Call No. F163 .D54 1984a


- *1860 Florida Census Index* Microfiche – Call No. F310 .D54 1984a

- *1870 Florida Census Index* Microfiche – F310 .D54 1983a

- *1880 Index Soundex...Florida (16 reels)* Microfilm – Call No. HA311.5 1880 (at the end of the collection)

- *1900 Index Soundex...Florida (59 reels)* Microfilm – Call No. HA311.5 1900 (at the end of the collection)


- *1890 Kentucky Census of Civil War Veterans or their Widows* Microfiche – Call No. E494 .D55 1984a

- *1890 Louisiana Census Index of Civil War Veterans or their Widows* Microfiche – Call No. E548 .D55 1984


- *1860 California Census Index* Microfiche – Call No. F860 .D54 1984a

- *1910 Nevada Census Index* Microfiche – Call No. F840 .D54 1984a

- *1890 N.Y. Census Index of Civil War Veterans or their Widows* Microfiche – Call No. E494 .D583 1984a

- *1890 Texas Census Index of Civil War Veterans or their Widows* Microfiche – Call No. E494 .D585 1983a

- *1856 Utah Census Index* Microfiche – Call No. F825 .D54 1983a


- *Index to the 1820 Census of Virginia* Reference Collection – Call No. F225 .F4

City Directories

- *City Directories of the United States. 1861-1881* (363 reels) Microfilm – Call No. E154.5 .U5584 (at the end of the collection)

- *City Directories of the United States. 1882-1901* Microfilm – Call No. E154.5 .U5584 (at the end of the collection)

Census Record, by State cont’d

1890 Maine Census Index of Civil War Veterans or their Widows
Microfiche – Call No. E494 .D56 1984a

Census of North Carolina, 1784-1787
Reference Collection – Call No. F258 .N9 1978x

Public Records

County Courthouse Book
Reference Collection – Call No. KF8700 .A19 B46 1995

Guide to Records in the National Archives Relating to American Indians
Reference Collection – Call No. Z1209.2 .U5 H54 1982

Index. The Papers of the Continental Congress
Reference Collection – Call No. Z1238 .B87

Consolidated Bibliography of Country Histories in Fifty States in 1961
Reference Collection – Call No. E180 .P471 1963

Handbooks and Guides

Ancestors: a beginner’s guide to family history genealogy
General Collection – Call No. CS16 .W526 1997 (located on the 1st floor)

Black Genealogy

Black Roots: a beginner’s guide to tracing the African American Family Tree
Reference Collection – Call No. E185.96 .B94 2001

Cemeteries of the U.S.
Reference Collection – Call No. CS44 .C46 1994

The Center: a Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Capital Area
Reference Collection – Call No. CS44 .S33 1996

City Your Sources
Reference Collection – Call No. CS16 .L3 1985

Dictionary of Genealogy
Reference Collection – Call No. CS6 .F58 1985

Directory of Family Associations
Reference Collection – Call No. CS44 .B45 1996

Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America

Genealogical & Local History Books in Print
Reference Collection – Call No. Z5313 .U5 G462
Handbooks and Guides cont’d

Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England v.1-4
Reference Collection – Call No. F7 .S26

Native Americans Information Directory
Reference Collection – Call No. E76.2 .N381 1993

The Handybook for Genealogists
Reference Collection – Call No. CS47 .H36x 2002

Native American Genealogical Sourcebook

Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places

Virtual Roots

International Vital Records Handbook
Reference Collection – Call No. CS42.7 .K46 2000

Your Guide to the Family History Library
General Collection – Call No. Z733 .C55 W37 2001
(located on the 2nd floor)

Heraldry

A Complete Guide to Heraldry

Fairbairn’s Book of Crests
Reference Collection – Call No. CR57 .G7 F2x 1993

Dictionary of Medieval Knighthood and Chivalry
Reference Collection – Call No. CR4505 .B76 1986

Heraldry in America
Reference Collection – Call No. CR1202 .Z5 1977

International and Immigration Sources

African American Genealogical Sourcebook
Reference Collection – Call No. E185.96 .A444 2000

Hispanic American Genealogical Sourcebook

Asian American Genealogical Sourcebook

Hispanic Surnames and Family History
Reference Collection – Call No. CS2745 .P521 1996

Discovering Your Jewish Ancestors
(Judaica Collection – 1st floor Library West)

The Immigrant Experience

Ellis Island and the Peopling of America
Reference Collection – Call No. JV6484 .Y35 1997

In Search of Your European Roots
Reference Collection – Call No. CS403 .B39 1994

Encyclopedia of German-American Genealogical Research
Reference Collection – Call No. E184 .G3 S66

Passenger and Immigration List Index (3 volumes + 6 supplements)
Reference Collection – Call No. CS68 .P363

Finding Italian Roots

Tracing Your Hispanic Heritage
Reference Collection – Call No. CS16 .R981 1984
International and Immigration Sources cont’d

Finding Our Fathers: A Guidebook to Jewish Genealogy
Reference Collection – Call No. CS21.R58

Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States
Reference Collection – Call No. CS49.S28 1997

Worldwide Family History
Reference Collection – Call No. CS9.C8 1982

Land

Grassroots of America: Index to the American State papers: land grants and claims (1789-1837)
Reference Collection – Call No. J33.M3

Ante Bellum Southern Plantations (434 reels)
Microfilm – Call No. HD1471.U5 R431 1985

Guides to Ante Bellum Southern Plantations
Microfilm Guides – Call No. HD1471.U5 R431 (at the front of the last row of the collection)

Sixty Million Acres: American veterans and the public lands before the Civil War
General Collection – Call No. HD240.O24 1990 (located on the 1st floor)

Library Catalogs and Directories

American Library Directory
Reference Desk – Call No. Z731.A53

Directory of genealogical and historical libraries, archives and collection in the U.S. and Canada
General Collection - Call No. Z675.G44 D57

National Union Catalog, pre-1956 imprints (754 volumes)

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections
Reference Collection – Call No. Z6620.U5 N3 (also available through the Archive USA database)

Newberry Library. Genealogical Index
Reference Oversize Collection – Call No. CS44.N42

Genealogies Cataloged by the Library of Congress since 1986

Military and Naval Records

A Bibliography of Military Names Lists from pre-1675 to 1900
Reference Collection – Call No. CS68.H671 1990

Revolutionary War Muster Rolls (CD-ROM)
Reference Desk – Call No. E259.M6 2000

Civil War Eyewitnesses

War of 1812 Muster Rolls (CD-ROM)

Civil War Service Records (CD-ROM)

WWII & Korean Conflict Overseas Interments (CD-ROM)
Selected Newspapers

The newspapers in this alphabetical listing are frequently used in genealogical research. However, the George A. Smathers Libraries owns many titles from Florida, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina that are not included here. Current issues of the Alligator, Florida Times Union, Gainesville Sun, Miami Herald, New York Times, and Tampa Tribune are kept in the Current Periodicals collection. Some papers may also be available online; for more information, ask for assistance at the nearest reference desk.

Miami Herald
April 1912 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 M5 M53

New York Times
1851 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .N7 N49 T56
Also online in ProQuest Historical Newspapers, 1851-present

Alligator, The Independent Florida
1912 – 2005
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 G2 F5

Nuevo Herald
July 1, 1982 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 M5 N84

Florida Times Union
1883 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 J2 F6

Tampa Tribune
1912 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 T3 T36

Florida Times Union Index
1895 - 1980
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 J2 F6

The Times (London)
1788 - present
Microfilm – Call No. AN .T584
Also online in Times Digital Archive, 1785-1985

Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel
1928 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 F8 S68

Virginia Gazette
1736 - 1780
Microfilm – Call No. 071 V817

Gainesville Sun
1928 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 G2 G35

Virginia Gazette Index
Microfilm – Call No. A121 .V5

History and Bibliography of American Newspapers,
1690 – 1820
Local Gainesville Resources

**Alachua County Genealogical Society**  
http://www.afn.org/~acgs/

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center**  
10600 SW 24th Avenue, Gainesville, Florida  
Phone: (352) 331-8542  
Has: Ancestral Files, Social Security Death Index (1939-1989), Military Index for Korean and Vietnam Wars, and International Genealogical Index  
Can also search free online at familysearch.org

**Alachua County Public Library**  
401 E. University Avenue, Gainesville, Florida  
Phone: (352) 334-3934  
http://acld.lib.fl.us/

**Alachua County Historical Commission**  
10 SW 2nd Ave  
Gainesville, FL 32601  
(352) 374-5249
Databases available at the University of Florida of interest to genealogists (available only on campus with a valid Gatorlink guest account).
Aerial Photography Florida
America: History and Life
American Memory
American National Biography Online
American South
Archives Florida
Biography and Genealogy Master Index
Biography Index
Biography Resource Center
African-American Biographical Database
African-American Newspapers: 19th Century
Daily Life Online
Ethnic Newswatch
Ethnologue: Languages of the World
Florida Geography Data Library
Florida Heritage Collection
Floridiana on the Web
Geographic Names Information System
History Resource Center
In the First Person
State Library and Archives of Florida catalog
UF Digital Collections
Visual Collections

Newspaper Databases:
Access Newspaper Archive
Florida Newspaper Project
Florida Newspaper Web Sites
Florida Times Union Index (1986-1997)
Gainesville Sun Index (access requires Alachua Public Library card number)
Official Index to the Times (London) (1906-1980)
Proquest Newspapers:
  Christian Science Monitor (1988-present)
  Los Angeles Times (1985-present)
  New York Times (1999-present)
  Wall Street Journal (1984-present)
  Washington Post (1987-present)
Proquest Historical Newspapers:
  Atlanta Constitution (1868-1939)
  Chicago Defender (1905-1975)
  Chicago Tribune (1849-1986)
  Christian Science Monitor (1908-1991)
  New York Times (1851-2001)
  Wall Street Journal (1889-1987)
  Washington Post (1877-1988)
Times Digital Archive (London) (1785-1985)
UF Alligator Online (+ Index 1984-1991)