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

Biographies and Personal Narratives
American Diaries
Reference Collection – Call No. CT214 .A741 1983

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

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

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

Obituaries: A Guide to Sources

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

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

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
Microforms Collection – Call No. 312 U58p 1810 (in order by state)

Census Records, by State

Index to the 1850 Census of the State of California
Reference Collection – Call No. F860 .B6

1800 Census of Delaware
Reference Collection – Call No. F163 .M32 1976

1880 Index Soundex...Florida (16 reels)
Microfilm – Call No. HA311.5 1880

1900 Index Soundex...Florida (59 reels)
Microfilm – Call No. HA311.5 1900

Index to the U.S. Census of Georgia for 1820

Index to the 1830 Census of Georgia
Reference Collection – Call No. F285 .R39

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

Index to the 1800 Census of North Carolina
Reference Collection – Call No. F253 .B46

Index to the 1810 Census of North Carolina
Reference Collection – Call No. F253 .B462

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

City Directories of the United States. 1882-1901
Microfilm – Call No. E154.5 .U5584

City Directories of the United States, 1860-1901: guide to the microfilm collection (print guide)
Microfilm Guides – Call No. Z5771.2 .C58 1984
(on the front row of the microfilm collection)

Public Records

Birth, marriage and death records: a guide for family historians
General Collection – Call No. CS415 .A475 2012

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

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

American Colonial Records (166 reels)
Microfilm – Call No. E187 .P821

Great Britain. Exchequer and Audit Dept.
American Loyalist Claims (175 reels)
Microfilm – Call No. E277 .G74

Dwyer, Clifford S. Index to Series I of American loyalists claims. (personal name index)
Microfilm – Call No. E277 .G74 Ser.1

Dwyer, Clifford S. Index to Series II of American loyalists claims. (personal name index)
Microfilm – Call No. E277 .G74 Ser.2

Handbooks and Guides

Ancestors: a beginner’s guide to family history genealogy
General Collection – Call No. CS16 .W526 1997

Black Genealogy
Handbooks and Guides (cont’d)

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

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

The family tree sourcebook: your essential directory of American county and town records
General Collection – Call No. CS47 .F36 2010

Finding a place called home: a guide to African-American genealogy and historical identity
General Collection – Call No. E185.96 .W69 1999

Freedman’s Bank records
General Collection – Call No. E185.6 .F744 2000

Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America

Genealogical & Local History Books in Print
Reference Collection – Call No. Z5313 .U5 G462

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

The genealogist’s handbook: modern methods for researching family history
General Collection – Call No. CS9 .W74 1995

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

The hidden half of the family: a sourcebook for women’s genealogy
General Collection – Call No. CS49 .S322 1999

Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places

The librarian’s genealogy notebook: a guide to resources

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

Native American Genealogical Sourcebook
Handbooks and Guides (cont’d)

*Oxford companion to family and local history*
General Collection – Call No. CS9 .O94 2010

*Slave genealogy: a research guide with case studies*
General Collection – Call No. E185.96 .S817 1986

*The Source: a guidebook of American genealogy*
General Collection – Call No. CS49 .S65 1984

*Unpuzzling your past: a basic guide to genealogy*
General Collection – Call No. CS47 .C76 1995

*Your Guide to the Family History Library*
General Collection – Call No. Z733 .C55 W37 2001

Heraldry and Nobility

*A Complete Guide to Heraldry*

*Debrett’s peerage and baronetage*
Reference Collection – Call No. CS420 .D32

*A directory of British peerages: from the earliest times to the present day*
General Collection – Call No. CS421 .L44 2002

*Burke’s genealogical and heraldic history of the landed gentry, including American families with British ancestry*
General Collection – Call No. CS425 .B8 1939

*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

*Lines of succession: heraldry of the royal families of Europe*
General Collection – Call No. CR1605 .L681 1991
International and Immigration Sources

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

*American passenger arrival records: a guide to the records of immigrants arriving at American ports by sail and steam*
General Collection – Call No. CS49 .T46 1993

*Asian American Genealogical Sourcebook*

*Discovering Your Jewish Ancestors*

*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

*Finding Italian Roots*

*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

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

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

*Passengers to America: a consolidation of ship passenger lists from the New England historical and genealogical register*
General Collection – Call No. CS68 .P37 1978

*Ship passenger Lists. New York and New Jersey, 1600-1825*
General Collection – Call No. CS68 .B749x 1978

*Worldwide Family History*
Reference Collection – Call No. CS9 .C87 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
(on the front row of the microfilm collection)

Index to the headright and bounty grants of Georgia, 1756-1909
General Collection – Call No. F285 .L814

Sixty Million Acres: American veterans and the public lands before the Civil War
General Collection – Call No. HD240 .O24 1990

Spanish plat book of land records of the District of Pensacola, Province of West Florida: British and Spanish land grants, 1763-1821
General Collection – Call No. F301 .S68 1994

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 list of the soldiers in the War of the Revolution, from Worcester, Mass.: with a record of their death and place of burial**
General Collection – Call No. F74 .W9 D6

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

**Civil War Eyewitnesses**

**Colonial soldiers of the South, 1732-1774**
General Collection – Call No. F208 .C58 1983

**Index to series I of American loyalist claims**
General Collection – Call No. E277 .G74 Ser.1 Index 1990

**Index to old wars pension files, 1815-1926**
General Collection – Call No. E255 .W4421 1987

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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Nuevo Herald**
July 1, 1982 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 M5 N84
**Selected Newspapers (cont’d)**

*Tampa Tribune*

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

*Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel*

1928 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .F6 F8 S68

*Virginia Gazette*

1736 - 1780
Microfilm – Call No. 071 V817

*Virginia Gazette Index*

Microfilm – Call No. A121 .V5

*New York Times*

1851 – present
Microfilm – Call No. AN2 .N7 N49 T56

*The Times (London)*

1788 - present
Microfilm – Call No. AN .T584

*History and Bibliography of American Newspapers*, 1690 – 1820

**Local Gainesville Resources**

*Alachua County Genealogical Society*

Facebook page: [https://www.facebook.com/alachuagensoc/](https://www.facebook.com/alachuagensoc/)

*Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center*

10600 SW 24 th 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

*Alachua County Historical Commission*

10 SW 2nd Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601
[http://acld.lib.fl.us/](http://acld.lib.fl.us/)
(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
Archives Florida
Biography and Genealogy Master Index
Ethnic Newswatch
Ethnologue: Languages of the World
Florida Geography Data Library
Florida Heritage Collection
UF Digital Collections
Visual Collections

Newspaper Databases:

Access Newspaper Archive
African-American Newspapers: 19th Century
Chronicling America: Historical American Newspapers
Early American Newspapers
Florida Newspaper Project
Florida Newspaper Database
Newspapercat
World Newspaper Archive