

Selected Genealogy Resources

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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...

Reference Collection – Call No. Z5301 .H38 1987

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

Reference Collection – Call No. Z5305 .U5 J37 1982

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

Reference Collection – Call No. F285 .G38 1969

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
Reference Collection – Call No. CS21 .B55

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
Reference Collection – Call No. E184 .A1 G14 2000

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 famil: a sourcebook for women's genealogy
General Collection – Call No. CS49 .S322 1999

Hidden Sources: Family History in Unlikely Places
Reference Collection – Call No. CS14 .P48 2000

The librarian's genealogy notebook: a guide to resources
General Collection – Call No. CS9 .M66 1998

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

Native American Genealogical Sourcebook
Reference Collection – Call No. E98 .G44 N37 1995

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
Reference Collection – Call No. CR21 .F73 1969

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
Reference Collection – Call No. E184 .O6 A828 1995

Discovering Your Jewish Ancestors
Judaica General Collection – Call No. CS21 .K73x 2001

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
Reference Collection – Call No. E184 .I8 C62 2003

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)
Reference Collection – Call No. Z881 .A1 U518

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
Reference Collection – Call No. Z5313 .U5 L53 1991

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

Reference Collection – Call No. Z1242 .C79 1999

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

Reference Collection – Call No. Z6951 .B86 1976

Local Gainesville Resources

Alachua County Genealogical Society

<http://www.afn.org/~acgs/>

Facebook page: <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://aclh.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