

A Public Service

The Sons of the Revolution in the State of California, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, operates and maintains the American Heritage Library and Museum as a public service for the benefit of the people of the State of California.

Catalog and Modernization

Established in 1893, by the turn of the 20th century, the American Heritage Library and Museum's collection consisted of 5,000 volumes, an impressive size for the time. Growth of the collection has been steady over the past 100 years, and has included by gift several major private collections.

Today, the Library is comprised of over 35,000 titles, many of which are rare and one-of-a-kind works. It is well known as one of the largest collections of its type relating to early American history and the Revolutionary War in the western United States. An ongoing fund, supplemented by gifts from the community, facilitates an aggressive book and acquisition program to maintain, broaden and update the collection.

The Library completed its \$250,000 cataloging project, funded in part by a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant of \$66,000 which, combined with other funding and in-kind gifts, enabled the undertaking of this two year project, which was completed in October, 2004. LSTA is a federal grant program administered in California by the State Librarian. That year, the Library also became a member of OCLC, a worldwide library cooperative whose WorldCat, which now includes a complete listing of the Library's holdings, is available to over 50,500 libraries worldwide.

In recognition of this achievement, in 2006 the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), in conjunction with the History Channel, presented the coveted Award of Merit to the American Heritage Library and Museum for its catalog and modernization projects. The AASLH Award of Merit competition is one of the nation's most prestigious forms of recognition of achievement in the field of state and local history.

Our Library

The Library is operated and maintained by the Sons of the Revolution to ensure the preservation and safekeeping of literary and artistic materials such as books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, prints, etc., pertaining to America's history, including but not limited to regional, state and local histories, military histories, family histories and genealogical records for educational and historical research and publication.

The Library collections consist of a wide range of textual and visual materials, comprised of over 35,000 titles, many of which are rare and unique 18th and 19th century publications, supplemented with carefully selected 20th and 21st century materials. The Library's collections represent the culture and local history of small town America, its cities, counties and states. Many of these histories chronicle their regions' diverse political, social and economic life, ethnic and class groups within their respective geopolitical neighborhoods.

Vast amounts of vital record information, family histories and genealogical related research material can be found upon the Library's shelves connecting the common man to the lives and activities of prominent political and economic leaders, and their individual contributions to 19th century civic, charitable and social organizations. Add to this is its comprehensive manuscript collection, scrapbooks, ephemera, drawings, posters and maps.

American Heritage Library and Museum



Online Catalog

A Search into America's Past



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Web Site

The Sons of the Revolution's award winning web site offers researchers a wealth of information which pertains to early American history.

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But if you're looking for that particular book, manuscript, or document dealing with the American Revolution, or maybe research dealing with regional, state or local histories; or looking for that one particular vital record, Bible records or other genealogical source, searching the Library's catalog on the Sons of the Revolution website should be the first step in your research.



This brochure provides an overview of how our online catalog works and some tips on how you can get started using it.

Access

Our state-of-the-art catalog is accessible on the Internet at the Sons of the Revolution website, at www.srca.com. Click the "Library Catalog" link from the menu.

Searching the Catalog

Powered by the powerful DB/Textworks for Libraries by InMagic, search results can be viewed in either of two formats:

- 1.) by a "Brief Report" which highlights information of the search results, or,
- 2.) by a "Full Report," which provides full detail, including related subject headings.

Title Search

To use the "Title Search" to find a particular title, type as much or as little of the title as you know. For example, when looking for the title Great Migration, you can enter great migration, great mig*, or just great.

Author Search

The "Author Search" finds works by a specific author. Simply enter the author's last name in the appropriate field.

Subject Search

Subject headings, if clicked, searches the entire catalog for all records pertaining to that subject heading. To look for items on a particular subject, you might want to use the "Subject Search" field.

Any Word or Wording Search

The Library's catalog can complete a keyword search across 100,000 records in less than one second. The same search in a standard database management system can take more than two minutes. How precise is it? Precise! The catalog allows a query across two or more fields at the same time, dramatically increasing search precision.



Report

The blue highlighting in either search result page represents hyperlinks which, if clicked, bring up a new page of search results consisting of all titles found in the catalog for the given topic, known as the "descriptor".

Title	Location	Count
Bath Parish Register (Births, Deaths & Marriages), 1827-1897 of Dinwiddie County, Virginia and St. Andrews Parish Vestry Book, 1732-1797 of Brunswick County, Virginia / Hopkins, William Lindsay. -- Richmond, Va. (Box 2754, Richmond, VA 23221) W.L. Hopkins, 1989.	VA / DinwiddieCo / F232.D6 H67 / 1989	28289
Charles Parish, York County, Virginia : History and Registers ; births 1648-1789 ; deaths 1665-1787 / Bell, Landon Covington, 1880-1960. -- Richmond: Division of Purchase and Printing, 1932.	VA / Parish / Register / F232.Y6 / 1932	26379
Early Church Records of Loudoun County, Virginia, 1745-1800 / Hiatt, Marty . / Family Line Publications . -- Westminster, Md. (Rear 63 E. Main St., Westminster 21157) : Family Line Publications , 1995.	VA / LoudnCo / F232.L8 / 1995h	11150
A guide to Episcopal Church records in Virginia / Axelson, Edith F. . -- Athens, Ga. Iberian Pub. Co. c1988.	VA / Records / F225.A96 / 1988	16507
St. James Northam Parish Vestry Book, 1744-1850, Goochland County, Virginia / Hopkins, William Lindsay. -- Athens, Ga. Iberian Pub. Co, 1993.	VA / GoochCo / F232.G65 H67 / 1993	28249
Suffolk Parish Vestry Book, 1749-1784, Nansemond County, Virginia and Newport Parish Vestry Book, 1724-1772, Isle of Wight County, Virginia : (abstracted from photocopies in the Virginia State Library) / Hopkins, William Lindsay. -- Richmond, Va. W.L. Hopkins, 1988.	VA / NansemoCo / F232.N2 H67 / 1988	28392
The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Virginia, 1684-1786 -- Richmond: Division of purchase and printing, 1937, 1973.	VA / VestryBook / NewKent / F232.N3 / .S4 / 1973	26063

Yes, the new online library catalog is truly a unique and valuable discovery tool, and we encourage you to try it and make it a regular part of your research process.

But now that you've found some exciting and promising resources in the catalog, you must be wondering how you can access and use them. Quite simply, you must visit the library. There is nothing quite like spending an afternoon surrounded by our extensive collections and receiving assistance from one of our experienced staff.

Good luck and good hunting!