



American Heritage Library and Museum

Sons of the Revolution Building
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TIPS FOR USING THE LIBRARY

The American Heritage Library, in Glendale, California, has been provided as a public service to the public since 1893, its purpose being to act as a repository for books and reference materials relating to the American Revolution; early American, California and local history; and genealogy.

Prior to the advent of the personal computer, a traditional card catalog was developed and maintained to assist patrons in accessing the Library's collection. In October, 2004 the Library completed a \$250,000 catalog modernization and collection reorganization project which included creation of an electronic catalog of its holdings which is accessible in the Library or on-line at: <http://www.srcalifornia.com/library/index.htm>. A brochure outlining use of the catalog is available. The electronic catalog is accessible in the Library on the patron computers. Wireless Internet access is also available. The Library's electronic catalog is also accessible in libraries around the nation through OCLC, a worldwide library cooperative that maintains WorldCat.

The old card catalog is no longer maintained and is not current. It remains useful with thousands of annotations specific to family names contained in volumes acquired prior to 1986.

Collection Organization

As you look at the main floor, the Library includes seven rows, or stacks, to the right of tables and chairs, plus additional shelves around the east and south perimeter walls. A library map is available summarizing how the collection is organized.

The Stacks are assigned a letter from A-W. In the tips below, where a number appears after the letter, the number 1 refers to the left side of the stack as viewed from the end facing the room. Stacks A-G have two sides, each with seven sections. An example of how to read a location reference:

D-1-5 Refers to Stack D, side 1 (left side), fifth section.

The Library's collection includes runs of many significant genealogical journals. While some are indexed in each volume, many have separate indexes. These indexes are located either with the journals in the collection or on the Index Table. Among those on the Index Table are:

Index Table

Virginia Historical Index. Swem, Earl Gregg. Known as "Swem's", this important two-volume reference indexes several Virginia periodical journals. Among the journals in the Library indexed in Swem's are:

Journal

Calendar of Virginia State Papers
Hening's Statutes (Virginia Laws Series)
William and Mary College Quarterly
Tyler's Quarterly
Virginia Magazine of History

Stack Location

D-1-2
D-1-2
D-1-3
D-1-2
D-1-3

Other Indexes located at the Index Table:

New England Historic Genealogical Society Quarterly
New York Genealogical Society Register
Virginia Genealogist
Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey
Index to Indian Wars Pension Files
Index to War of 1812 Pension Files
Index to Mexican War Pension Files

Stack Location

V
C-1-7
D-1-2
C-1-6

Index to Revolutionary War Pensions
Genealogical Abstracts from Revolutionary War Pension Files
Index to DAR Lineage Books (Vols 1-166)
Letters of Delegates to Congress 1774-1789
Index to the Papers of the Continental Congress
DAR Patriot Index
Sons of the Revolution Centennial Register
Society of Colonial Wars Ancestor Index

Located to left of X
Located to left of X
G-2-7 and G-1-7

Stack Description

- A Family Genealogies, alphabetical A-F [A-2] and G-M [A-1]
- B Family Genealogies, alphabetical M-Z [B-2]
States: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts [B-1]
- C States: Massachusetts (continued), Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey
- D States: Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia
- E States: West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana
- F States: Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Montana, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, California, Washington.

Census records, Colonial History
- G Quaker Genealogy and Colonial Society [G-2-1]

Publications of Hereditary Societies [G-2 and G-1]
Colonial Dames of America [G-2-1]
Order of Founders and Patriots of America [G-2-2]
Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America [G-2-2]
Daughters of American Colonists [G-2-2 and G-2-3]
Daughters of the Pilgrims [G-2-3]
Society of Colonial Wars [G-2-3, G-2-4]
Colonial and Indian Wars History [G-2-4]
Sons of the American Revolution [G-2-5]
Sons of the Revolution [G-2-6]
Daughters of the American Revolution [G-2-7 and G-1-7]

Revolutionary War [G-1-2, G-1-3, G-1-4, G-1-5]
Society of the Cincinnati [G-1-5 and G-1-6]
Revolutionary War State Records by State [G-1-6, G-1-7 and continuing to H]
- H Revolutionary War Records, states North Carolina through Virginia, followed by Loyalists.
- I Biographies
- J Mexican War, Aztec Club of 1847 [J-1]
Civil War, Military Order of the Loyal Legion [J-2]

- K Civil War -- Official Records of the War of the Rebellion
- L Civil War, continued.
Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans [L-2]
- M Civil War state and unit records and histories
- N Civil War, Navy related [N-1]
U. S. Army History [N-1 and N-2]
- O-P U. S. Navy History
- Q Spanish American War, World War I, World War II
- R Korean War

Compiled Genealogical Journals and Research

- S The American Genealogist
The Genealogist
National Genealogical Society Quarterly
Colonial Clergy
Southern Genealogists Exchange
American Ancestry
- T Plantagenet Ancestry
Royal Descent
Charlemagne
Colonial Families of the United States
Ship Passenger Lists
American Presidents genealogies
- U Mayflower related
- V New England Historic Genealogical Society Quarterly
- W New England: emigration and founding families
- X Map and Folio Manuscript Collection

Numerous journals and registers are integrated into the Stacks. Some include:

<u>Journal</u>	<u>Stack</u>
Confederate Veteran Magazine	L-2
Essex (Massachusetts) Antiquarian	B-1-2
Essex (Massachusetts) Genealogist	C-2-3
Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey	C-1-6
Magazine of Virginia Genealogy	D-1-2
Mayflower Quarterly	U
National Genealogical Society Quarterly	S
New England Historic Genealogical Society Quarterly	V
Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography	D-1
South Carolina Magazine of Ancestral Research	E-2-4
The American Genealogist ("TAG")	S
The Genealogist	S
Virginia Genealogist	D-1-2

Second Floor Annex

Presidential Papers

U. S. History and Americana

Compiled Genealogies, such as "Cyclopedia of American Biography" series

Heraldry

International Genealogy

British Genealogy

Nobility and Noble Genealogies

British History

Scottish Genealogy

General Biographies and Social Studies

Ancient History

Education (including school journals)

Religion

History of the West

Bancroft's (The Works of Hubert Howe Bancroft, Vols 1-39, 1886-1890)

Classic Pacific States, Mexican, Central America and Canadian West series.

