



American Heritage Library and Museum

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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; military 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.

The Library's electronic catalog is also accessible at libraries through OCLC, a worldwide library cooperative that maintains WorldCat. The electronic catalog includes all of the Library's holdings, including its book, manuscript and photo collections, and digital book collection. The entry for "Label Information" indicates where to find the title in our collection. Check the catalog to find references for your topic. For journals and periodicals, and multi-volume works, the record will provide detail in the listing of what our Library has under "Holdings".

The old card catalog is no longer maintained and is not current.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.

Internet Access

Internet access is available through the patron desktop computers or via wireless connection on your own hardware. Use your computer, tablet or smart phone wireless hardware to locate the network and enter the password.

WIRELESS NETWORK NAME: Netgear
WIRELESS INTERNET PASSWORD: srlibrary1775

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. The window wall is to the north. 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.

Family genealogies are arranged in the stacks alphabetically by last name. Portions of the collection specific to a state are arranged as follows: states are grouped by region. Within a state, from broad topics to specific topics, e.g., histories or vital records statewide in scope, followed by county-specific collections and then city collections.

DIGITAL COLLECTION

The patron computer located to the left of the display case facing the main floor has on it hundreds of digital books and references which can be viewed on the computer. These are organized into folders which appear on the desktop. Double-right click a folder to see its contents. These references include:

Digital Indexes:

New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 1870-1998

Known as Worden's Index, this updated and expanded digital index surpasses earlier printed indexes found in the collection.

Riker's Compilation of Vital Records of Early Connecticut

(Based on the Barbour Collection. We have the complete Barbour Collection, Vital Records of Early Connecticut. Location: CT-1. There are 55 volumes.)

Digitized Publications:

New York County

Index of wills for New York County (New York City) from 1662-1875

Westchester County Tombstone Inscriptions

Digital copy of original DAR index completed in 1928.

Delaware County (NY)

Otsego County (NY) Vital Records

Colonial Families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut - 5 vols. (Herbert Seversmith)

Settlers of the Beekman Patent (Dutchess County, NY) - Vols 1-9

Maine State Records

Electronic Books -- 46 titles.

Military References

Includes Heitman's Historical Register of Continental Line Officers; Navy Registers, Officers Serving in the Barbary Wars.

Colonial families of Long Island, New York and Connecticut (5 volumes)

Index of wills for New York County (New York City) from 1662-1875

Otsego County (NY) Deaths, Marriages and Wills

Index of wills probated in Kings County, New York (1850-1890)

Vital Records Collection from Delaware County, New York

Dutch Families of New Amsterdam, New Netherlands and Flatlands

35 digitized classic references pertaining to early New York

English Genealogy
Various titles

Harleian Society Publications

The Harleian Society was founded in 1869 for the purpose of publishing manuscripts of the heraldic visitations (censuses) of the counties of England and Wales, and other unpublished manuscripts relating to genealogy, armory, and heraldry in its widest sense. Since its inception, the Harleian Society has published more than ninety volumes of parish registers, fifty four volumes of heraldic visitations, and seventy volumes drawn from other sources.

More than 100 titles are located in this folder. These early 17th century census records are arranged by county and an invaluable tool for genealogical research of this era.

Georgia - Vital Records

South Carolina - Journal of the Commons House of Assembly, 1757-1761

Naval Aviation News - 1940-1999 -- A collection including all issues during this period.

Stemmons Publishing Digital Collection

Also located on the Patron Computer are these:

Disk 1
United States (84 books)

Disk 2
United States Continued - 15 books
Alabama - 1 book
Connecticut - 22 Books

Disk 3
Connecticut - continued (9 books)
Delaware (1 book)
Georgia (2 books)
Illinois (1 book)
Indiana (1 book)
Kentucky (1 book)
Maine (3 books)
Maryland (15 books)
Massachusetts (19 books)

Disk 4
Massachusetts - continued (72 books)
Michigan (1 book)
Minnesota (1 book)
Missouri (2 books)

Disk 5
New Hampshire (20 books)
New Jersey (28 books)

Disk 6
New York (55 books)

Disk 7
New York - continued (26 books)
North Carolina (9 books)
Ohio (9 books)
Pennsylvania (22 books)

Disk 8
Pennsylvania - continued (29 books)
Rhode Island (6 books)
South Carolina (26 books)
Vermont (2 books)
Virginia (20 books)

Disk 9
Virginia -continued (27 books)
West Virginia (1 book)
Family Histories (62 books)

Disk 10
Canada (5 books)
England (39 books)
Ireland (10 books)
Scotland (7 books)

THE PRINTED COLLECTION

The Library's printed collection of books, periodicals and circulars 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

The Index Table is located in front of the large painting of John C. Fremont, at the east end of the library floor. The following is a summary of the indexes located at the Index Table.

Researchers are urged to search all variant spellings of surnames when looking up individuals.

Virginia Historical Index. Swem, Earl Gregg. Known as "Swem's", this is one of the most important research guides for Virginia historical and genealogical researchers compiled under the direction of Dr. Earl Gregg Swem (1870-1965). It is a comprehensive index to several publications concerning Virginia history and genealogy, including the following publications in our collection:

<u>Swem's Indexed References</u>	<u>Swem's code</u>	<u>Stack Location</u>
Calendar of Virginia State Papers	C	D-1-2
Hening's Statutes (Virginia Laws Series)	H	D-1-2
William and Mary College Quarterly	W	D-1-3
Tyler's Quarterly	T	D-1-2
Virginia Magazine of History	V	D-1-3

Other Indexes located at the Index Table:

	<u>Stack Location</u>
New England Historic Genealogical Society Quarterly	V
New York Genealogical Society Register	C-1-7
Virginia Genealogist	D-1-2
Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey	C-1-6
Index to Indian Wars Pension Files	
Index to War of 1812 Pension Files	
Index to Mexican War Pension Files	
Index to DAR Lineage Books (Vols 1-166)	G-2-7 and G-1-7
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	

Indexes on north wall (to the right of copy machines):

Index to Revolutionary War Pensions	Located to left of X
Genealogical Abstracts from Revolutionary War Pension Files	Located to left of X

Stack Description

A	Family Genealogies, alphabetical by family name; A-F [A-2] and G-M [A-1]
B	Family Genealogies, alphabetical by family name; 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	Loose Map and Folio Manuscript Collection

Journals and registers specific to geographic location or period are integrated into the Stacks. Indexes, when available, are located with the journal. 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.

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