

## FAMILY HISTORIES

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### A Selected List of Research Materials

The library has over 1250 family histories. This pathfinder is a sample listing of the kinds of materials you can find in our collection that may include your family history. Most are located in 929.2 and alphabetical by the first surname listed in the title. This means that if other surnames are included in the book, it would be beneficial to use the online catalog first: <http://www.irclibrary.org>

There are many other areas in the collection that should not be overlooked. Listed below are samples of the types of family histories that can be found in specific subjects.

#### Ethnic Family Histories

- Native American – Example: *Cherokee by Blood*. 9 Vols.
- Jewish – Example: *First American Jewish Family*
- African American – Example: *The American Slave* – Multiple vols.

#### Heritage / Lineage Societies

- Mayflower - Example: *Mayflower Families*, 22 Vols.
- Revolutionary War – Example: *Revolutionary War Period: Bible, Family and Marriage Records*, 19 Vols
- Royal Descent – Example: *The Plantagenet Roll of the Blood Royal*, 4 Vols.
- Presidential – Example: *Ancestors of American Presidents*

#### Family Histories located in regional areas (Examples):

*Tidewater Families of the New World and Their Westward Expansion*  
*Colonial Families of the United States of America*, 7 Vols.  
*Genealogical Dictionary of New England*, 4 Vols.  
*Historical Southern Families*, 23 Vols.  
*Genealogies of Virginia*, 5 Vols.

#### Family Histories located in specific locales (Examples):

*Early Families of Weymouth, Massachusetts*  
*Biographical Annals of Lancaster, Pennsylvania*  
*Baltimore County Families*  
*Gwinnett County (GA) Families 1818-1968*

#### Family Histories found in books on religion (Examples):

Amish – Ex: *Amish and Amish Mennonite Genealogies*  
 Huguenot – Ex: *Register of Qualified Huguenot Ancestors of the National Huguenot Society*  
 Quaker – Ex: *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*, 7 Vols.

#### BIBLIOGRAPHIES:

- Library of Congress  
 The following books are well worth the time to check and see if you have a history that was published about your family. The Library of Congress is one of the largest repositories of family histories.
  - *Genealogies in the Library of Congress: a Bibliography*
  - *Genealogies in the Library of Congress: a bibliography. Supplement, 1972-1976*
  - *Complement to Genealogies in the Library of Congress: a bibliography*
  - *Genealogies in the Library of Congress: a Bibliography. Second Supplement, 1976-1986*
- *Celebrating the Family: the MyFamily.com Guide to Understanding Family History.*
- *Guide to Local and Family History at the Newberry Library*

- *Guide to Family History Sources in the New Jersey State Archives*
- *Genealogical & local history books in print*

#### **PERIODICALS (Examples):**

- *The Heard Journal*
- *Soule Newsletter*
- *Arkansas Family Historian*

#### **VERTICAL FILES – Surnames A-Z**

Often people create many files of loose papers. Instead of throwing them away, they give their notes or files to the local library. Because they are not in book form, file folders are created for the surname and they are then put into metal file cabinets. Currently, there are over 500 file folders. Do not overlook this collection!

#### **INTERNET**

- HeritageQuest Online – 23,000+ books (Available for home access.)
- Ancestry Library Edition Subscription only available at the library.
- Family History Archive (BYU) <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/> (Free access.)
- Google Books - <http://books.google.com/>

#### **WRITING / SELF-PUBLISHING**

- *For all Time: a Complete Guide to Writing Your Family History*
- *Write the Story of Your Life*
- *Producing a Quality Family History*
- *Writing Family Histories and Memoirs*

#### **FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY – <http://www.familysearch.org>**

Indian River County Main Library has been a Family History Center since 1996. This is one of the BEST resources for finding and locating family histories. This is a rental service from the LDS church in Salt Lake City.

- Go to the link above and click on the library drop-down list and click on library catalog.
- Click on “Surname Search” and type in the family name. If you find something from the list of items, click on it and check to see if it says “View Film Notes” in the upper right hand corner.
- If it does, ask for an order form the genealogy desk and complete it with the roll number.
- Make a **check** out to the library in the amount of \$5.50.
- Each Monday an order will be placed and it takes about 2-3 weeks to arrive.
- You will have it for one month from the date that we receive it.
- You can make photocopies of anything on the item.
- You have the option of renewing it 1-2 more times (\$5.50 each time) and after the second time it will remain in the library.