



Favorite Research Guides and Reference Books in the Genealogy Section of the Auburn Library

Take some time to browse the Genealogy Section of the Auburn Library and become acquainted with the physical locations of the various types of research materials. There are certain research guides and reference books which you will find to be particularly useful in your research. Since genealogy is in many ways a self-learning endeavor, you should become familiar with using these books and know that they are always available in the library when you need them.

Basic Research Guides

Tracing Your Family Tree: How to Begin, by Barbara E. Leak, ed. (4th ed.; Auburn, Calif.: Placer County Genealogical Society, 2003). Our society's own handbook is a practical how-to manual for starting your research, and a useful reference guide for using the genealogical collections in our local libraries. This book is on both the library's genealogy shelves (Call #R 929.1 Tra Geneal) and the circulating shelves. The circulating copy may be checked out for reading at home. (Call #929.1 Tra)

Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy, by Emily Anne Croom (3rd ed.; Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 1995). This well-rounded guide to beginning genealogy is an excellent place to start learning about record sources. It is located on the library's circulating shelves. (Call #929.1 Cro)

The Sleuth Book for Genealogists: Strategies for More Successful Family History Research, by Emily Anne Croom (Cincinnati: Betterway Books, 2000). This guide focuses on the methodology of doing research, rather than on the records. It will teach you how to analyze your data and develop a research strategy. It is located on the library's circulating shelves. (Call #929.1072 Cro)

Advanced Research Guides

Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, by Val D. Greenwood (3rd ed.; Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000). This advanced how-to book provides in-depth information on research techniques, records and resources. It serves as an excellent reference guide to American record sources. There's a reference copy on the genealogy shelves (Call #R 929.1 Gre Geneal) and a circulating copy that you can read at home. (2nd ed.; Call #929.1 Greenwood)

The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking, eds. (Rev. ed.; Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997). Quite simply, this is the most comprehensive and important guide to American record sources ever published. (Call #R 929.1 Sou Geneal)

Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records, by Kory L. Meyerink, ed. (Salt Lake

City: Ancestry, 1998). A companion to *The Source*, this guidebook discusses published genealogical sources, including both print and electronic publications. (Call #R 016.929 Pri)

Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives of the United States, by Anne Bruner Eales and Robert M. Kvasnicka (3rd ed.; Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2000). This is an indispensable aid for researching federal records. (Call #Ref 016.9291 Uni Geneal)

Special Atlases

Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920, by William Thorndale and William Dollarhide (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987). This book contains state maps showing the changing county boundary lines for each federal census year. It is especially helpful when working with census or any county records. (Call #R 911.73 Thorndale Geneal)

Township Atlas of the United States, by John L. Andriot (McClean, Va.: Documents Index, 1987). This atlas contains maps showing the names and boundaries of civil townships that are listed on census schedules and other county records. (Call #R 912.73 Andriot Geneal)

Frequently Used References and Directories

The Handy Book for Genealogists: United States of America (9th ed.; Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1999). *The Handy Book* has long been regarded as *The Genealogist's Bible*. It is a frequently used reference for locating county and vital records. It also has maps showing county boundaries, and addresses of major archives, libraries, historical and genealogical societies. (Call #R 929.1 Han Geneal)

Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County and Town Sources, by Alice Eichholz, ed. (Rev. ed.; Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992). Here is another valuable reference for locating federal, state, county and New England town records. It includes maps and information on record sources particular to each state. (Call #R 929.1072 Anc Geneal)

International Vital Records Handbook, by Thomas J. Kemp (Rev. ed.; Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000). In this book, you will find addresses, fees and order forms for birth, death and marriage records in the U.S., Canada, and other countries. The reference librarians like this book so much that they keep it at their desk. Ask for it. (Call #R 929.1072 Kem Special Reference)

The Genealogist's Address Book, by Elizabeth P. Bentley (5th ed.; Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2005). This directory lists genealogical, historical, heritage and ethnic societies and libraries throughout the U.S. (Call #R 929.1 Ben Geneal)

Directory of Family Associations, by Elizabeth Petty Bentley (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1991). Here you will find addresses, phone numbers and contact persons for family and surname organizations and newsletters. (Call #R 929.1025 Bentley Geneal)

Evidence! Citation & Analysis for Family Historians, by Elizabeth Shown Mills (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1997). Documenting your research is imperative. This book provides over 300 examples of how to write source citations. (Call #R 929.1 Mil Geneal)

Genealogical Forms and Research Checklists

The PCGS **“Genealogy Forms Binder”** contains a wide variety of sample charts, forms and checklists used by genealogists. Non-copyrighted forms may be removed from the binder for photocopying. Please return the original to the binder when you are done.