Browsing Guide to the Genealogy Book Collection in Cleveland Public Library’s History & Geography Department

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NOTE: This shelf browsing guide is a supplement to the Library’s Genealogy Research Guide. Please refer to the Genealogy Research Guide for all other genealogy questions.

WHY DO SOME CALL NUMBERS BEGIN WITH NUMBERS AND SOME WITH LETTERS?
Cleveland Public Library uses two classification schemes to arrange its collections. All books acquired before 1975 are arranged according to a modified version of the Dewey Decimal System. The Dewey system uses numbers in the top line (e.g., 989.22). Books acquired since 1975 are arranged according to the Library of Congress Classification System (L.C.). The LC system uses letters in the top line (e.g., F 499).

I FOUND A BOOK IN THE CATALOG BUT IT’S NOT ON THE SHELF. WHERE IS IT?
Because of the size of the Main Library collections, only a certain number of any department’s books can be housed in open stacks. Many older books are housed in closed storage areas downtown and off-site. With a few exceptions, all Dewey-classified books are in storage either downtown or off-site. Books in off-site storage usually take one day to retrieve (exception: books requested between Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon are delivered on Monday afternoon at the earliest). LC-classified books that are in storage are stored downtown and can be retrieved within 15 minutes of your request. You are welcome to call in advance to have books retrieved and held for you.

MAY I VISIT THE CLOSED STACKS (MAIN LIBRARY) AND/OR OFF-SITE STORAGE?
We are happy to retrieve any books you wish to see. If you wish to browse the shelves in a particular closed-stack area, it may be possible to arrange for a stack pass. Stack passes are arranged on a case-by-case basis by the Department Head or Assistant Head, subject to staff availability and security restrictions. There is no direct patron access to collections in off-site storage.

Tips on Searching the Cleveland Public Library’s Online Catalog
Finding genealogical material in the Library’s Catalog can be challenging. The following is a select list of subject headings used in the Library’s online Catalog. To use these headings effectively, select "Traditional Subject Search" in the Catalog and enter the terms as shown, omitting the dashes between words.

Genealogy Resources by State or County
(State) – Genealogy (such as Maine – Genealogy)
(County, State) – Genealogy (such as Cuyahoga County–Ohio–Genealogy)

Ship Passenger Lists
Ships – United States – Passenger Lists
Ships – Passenger Lists

Ethnic Groups
(Name of Group) – Genealogy

Cemeteries
Cemeteries – Ohio – (County, township or city name)

Wars
United States History – Revolution 1775-1783 – Registers
United States History – War of 1812 – Registers
United States History – Civil War – 1861-1865
Spanish-American War 1898 – Regimental Histories – Ohio
HOW-TO GENEALOGY BOOKS & GUIDES TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Library offers a selection of more than 100 genealogy instruction books that you may check out for home use, from beginner’s guides to Internet genealogy research and everything in between. These how-to guides are available in aisle 1-D in the History & Geography Dept. The call numbers of the guides range from CS 9 to CS 982.

CIRCULATING HOW-TO GUIDES – A SELECTION
- Colletta, John P. *They Came in Ships: a Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record* (CS 47 .C76 2001)

CIRCULATING REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH GUIDES – A SELECTION
- Bell, C. W. *Ohio Genealogical Guide* (F 490 .O3639x)
- Sperry, Kip. *Genealogical Research in Ohio* (CS 47 .S64 2003)

CIRCULATING AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY: HOW-TO BOOKS & RESEARCH GUIDES – A SELECTION

*History has reference copy. Literature Department has circulating copies.

GENEALOGY GUIDES: SPECIALIZED TOPICS – SHELVED IN QUICK REFERENCE
- *Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States* (Ref. CS 42.7 .S33 1997)
- *Genealogist’s Address Book* (Ref. CS 44 .B46)
- *County Court Records: a National Guide* (Ref. CS 44 .S67)
- *The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America* (Ref. CS 47 .H36)
- *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records* (Ref. CS 49 .S984 2001)
NOTE WELL: The reference collection of genealogy books numbers in the thousands. Therefore, this guide is not comprehensive and you will find many valuable resources on the shelves that are not in this guide, particularly in the local history section (F490-F499). Use this outline as a guide to browsing the shelves. Call numbers on the far left indicate the beginning of a range of books on a particular topic. Call numbers that follow bullet points are for specific titles. Genealogy reference books relating to a specific place are shelved under the call number for that place (see the call numbers that start with the letter “F” for U.S. places). Although the majority of the History Department’s reference books are shelved in one long sequence, there is one notable exception: Quick Reference books. Be sure to use the Browsing Guide in both Quick Reference and Main Floor Reference.

CR 53 HERALDRY & COATS OF ARMS
CR 1179 FAMILY HERALDRY
CR 3499 TITLES OF HONOR, RANK, PRECEDENCE, ETC.
CS 9 GENEALOGY — GENERAL
CS 40 GENEALOGY — UNITED STATES (SEE ALSO LOCAL GENEALOGY IN THE “F” CALL NUMBERS)

- CS 44 .A57
  Rider’s American Genealogical —Biographical Index
  Note: the complete contents of this index are available on Ancestry.com. Volume 19 includes Key Titles Index.

- CS 44 .N42 1960a
  Newberry Library of Chicago Genealogical Index

CS 61 SHIPS - PASSENGER LISTS & INDEXES
These are published lists and indexes to published lists of immigrants to the United States and Canada (1600s-1900s). For copies of the actual records, contact the National Archives using NATF Form 81. (History Dept. has a small supply of these forms.)

- CS 61 .M2 1995
  Colonial Families of the United States

- CS 68 .P363
  Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (P.I.L.I.)
  P.I.L.I. indexes many of the published passenger lists in the Library’s collection.

CS 80 GENEALOGY — CANADA
CS 95 GENEALOGY — LATIN AMERICA
CS 400 GENEALOGY — EUROPE
CS 410 --- GREAT BRITAIN
CS 480 --- IRELAND
CS 520 --- CZECH REPUBLIC
CS 560 --- HUNGARY
CS 580 --- FRANCE
CS 610 --- GERMANY
CS 680 --- GREECE
CS 750 --- ITALY
CS 870 --- POLAND
CS 940 --- SPAIN
CS 2305 MEANINGS & ORIGINS OF FIRST & LAST NAMES

- CS 2485 .D53 2003 (shelved in quick reference)
  Dictionary of American Family Names (A good source for surname origin and meaning.)

- CT 211 .A64 1993x
  American Biographical Index
  This six-volume series indexes the 300,000 individuals profiled in the American Biographical Archive, which is on microfiche in the Microform Center. Profiles date from the 1600s to the early 1900s. [SEE Ref. CT 211 .A43x for a list of the 367 reference works included in this series.]

- D 570.85 .O3 A5
  The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the World War, 1917-18
  Roster of Ohio soldiers, sailors and marines who served in World War I. Contains names, records, ranks and regiments.

- D 570.85 .O31 C8 1939
  Roster of Cuyahoga County Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Wounded in Action, Killed in Action ... WW 1914-18

- D 675 .C54 L53 1999
  Liberty Row
  Transcription of a list of names of WWI dead from Cleveland. The original list was transcribed from World War I memorial bronze plaques mounted at the bases of trees planted along a route following Liberty Boulevard (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) through to North Park Boulevard in Cleveland Heights.

- E 98 .R28 W35 1993x
  Black Indian Genealogy Research
E 154.5 .C57 x
Index to City Directories of the United States microfilm collection.
This volume is a listing of all U.S. city directories published before 1860. CPL owns all of these pre-1860 directories on microfilm in the Microform Center.

E 154.7 .S63 x (shelved in quick reference)
The Social Register

E 176 .W64

E 184
UNITED STATES ETHNIC GROUPS – IN ALPHABETIC ORDER

E 184 .B67 B32 1983
Czech Immigration Passenger Lists

E 184 .B7 E45 2006
Emigration from the United Kingdom to America

E 184 .D9 S95 1983
Dutch Immigrants in U.S. Ship Passenger Manifests, 1820-1880

E 184 .F89 H5
Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy

E 184 .G3 G38 1988
Available online through www.archives.gov/research/
Germans to America
List of German immigrants who came to the United States from 1850 onward.

E 184 .I6 F25 1983
The Famine Immigrants: Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851

E 184 .I6 I68 1995
Irish Passenger Lists 1803-1806: Lists of Passengers Sailing from Ireland to America

E 184 .J5 J558
Jewish Immigrants of the Nazi Period in the USA

E 184 .R9 M53 1995
Migration from the Russian Empire
List of immigrants of Russian nationality (including some Poles & Finns) who came to the United States from 1875 onward.

E 184 .S3 D63 1984
Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825

E 185.93 .O2 N57 1985
Blacks in Ohio, 1880, in the counties of...
A listing of African Americans in Ohio in 1880 as represented in the U.S. Census.

E 185.96 .F42 1995
Slave Ancestral Research: It’s Something Else

E 185.96 .S817 1986
Slave Genealogy: a Research Guide with Case Studies

E 186.8 .A15
Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

E 185.93 .O2 N57 1985
Blacks in Ohio, 1880, in the counties of...
A listing of African Americans in Ohio in 1880 as represented in the U.S. Census.

E 202.5 .A15
Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
DAR lineage books include the names of descendants of men and women who served in the American Revolution. Both the service of the Patriot and his or her lineage have been established by the DAR. The last Lineage Book published was volume 166, published in 1921. This final printed volume ended with descendant number 166,000. For more recent records, contact the DAR through www.dar.org. Notes: Volumes 1-152 are available through Ancestry Library Edition database. Also: the DAR is in the process of adding records to its online DAR Genealogical Research System, available through the organization’s website.

E 255 .D38 1994
DAR Patriot Index (Daughters of the American Revolution)
The DAR Patriot Index contains names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women, whose service (between 1775 and 1783) has been established by the DAR. This index is used to determine which Patriots have been claimed as descendants as the basis for their membership in DAR. Not all of the names in the Patriot Index can be found in the DAR Lineage Books, as the last Lineage Book was published in 1921 and many more people have claimed membership since that time. Note: the contents of the Patriot Index is gradually being added to the DAR’s website. See note above.

E 255 .O38
The Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio

E 255 .U53 1992
The Pension Roll of 1835 (United States War Department)
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Pennsylvania Archives, Series 1-9  (CPL is missing series 3, v.3, 6, 18 and series 5, v.5.)

Historical information concerning Pennsylvania in nine series. Indexes include: Series 1 (index at end of each volume and also in Ref. F 146 .P41. Pennsylvania Archives, Series 1-9 (CPL is missing series 3, v.3, 6, 18 and series 5, v.5.). Series 2 (index at end of each volume except v.8, 9, 10, 11, 13. Index to v. 13 & 14 at end of v.14). Series 3, v. 1-10 (Cumulative index in v.27, pp. 1-331). Series 3, v. 11-26 (Indexes in v. 27, pp. 337-790 [A-Co]; v.28 [Co-Ju]; v.29 [Ka-Re]; v.30 [Re-Z]. Series 4 (General Index in v.12, pp. 643-963). Series 5 (Index in Series 6, v. 15). Series 6 is indexed by Series 7. Series 8 and 9 have not been indexed. There is also a general guide to the contents of Series 1-9 (Ref. F 146 .P432).

NOTE: The series, Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, is also shelved in the History Dept. closed stacks (Call Number: 982.8 P38a, vols. 1-16) and it is also on microfiche in the Microform Center (Call Number: Z 1236 .L5). Indexes to the Colonial Records, v.1-16, include Ref. F 146 .C622 G46 (originally published in 1860) and Ref. Z 1237 .D86 1992x (a new index).

Indexes to Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War

These are the indexes issued with this microfilm series (housed in the Microform Center). Online Catalog record for this title has a link to this information in an electronic index. The genealogical index to this series (below) is a better place to start.

Index to Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations (second edition)

Note: the actual records are on microfilm in the Microform Center. This is a comprehensive alphabetic name index to this massive microfilm collection. Use this index in conjunction with the indexes issued with the microfilm set (mentioned below) to get the most precise results.

Indexes to Records of Southern Plantations from Emancipation to the Great Migration

Note: the actual records are on microfilm in the Microform Center. Online Catalog record for this title has a link to this information in an electronic index. Use this index in conjunction with the name index mentioned above.

Colonial Records of the State of Georgia

Census Indexes for Ohio, 1820-1880 (Each census index has a different call number.)

Printed indexes, arranged by surname, give county and township as well as page number of the Census. Actual census is on microfilm in the Microform Center. Complete Census data is also available through the Ancestry and HeritageQuest databases.

Ohio County Histories (in alphabetic order)

Note: Histories of the 88 counties of Ohio include information on settlers, prominent landowners and significant events. Original editions were rarely indexed but the Library has acquired indexed reprint editions of most titles. SEE ALSO: County by County in Ohio Genealogy (Ref. Z 1323 .O44 1992x- shelved in quick reference)
F 499 OHIO CITIES/TOWNS (IN ALPHABETIC ORDER)
F 499 .C6 CLEVELAND HISTORY

[Note: many of the older Cleveland histories with biographical sketches are indexed in the History Department’s Index to Cleveland and Ohio Regional History.]

- F 521 INDIANA
- F 536 ILLINOIS
- F 550 GREAT LAKES
- F 561 MICHIGAN
- F 576 WISCONSIN
- F 591 THE AMERICAN WEST
- F 597 THE NORTHWEST
- F 601 MINNESOTA
- F 616 IOWA

- Z 5319 .S24x (shelved with bibliographies)
- Z 5313 .U5 F54 1988 (shelved in quick reference)
- Z 5311 .C5

- F 616 IOWA


- Z 1249 .M5 CS3 1985x (shelved in quick reference)


- Z 1361 .N39 A28X (shelved with bibliographies)


- Z 5301 .P47x (shelved alphabetically with indexes)

- Z 5311 .C53 1985x (shelved in quick reference)

- Z 5313 .US FS4 1988 (shelved in quick reference)

- Z 5319 .S24x (shelved with bibliographies)

- HA 201 .US5 2000 (shelved after the “G” reference books)

- HA 214 .DS6 1999 (shelved in quick reference)

- HA 216 .MS7 1986x (shelved in quick reference)

- HE 945 .AZ2DS 1979 (shelved in quick reference)

- U 52 .OS 1995 (shelved in quick reference)

- VM 381 .P3 1991 (Vol. 1, 1820-1850) (shelved in quick reference)

- Z 675-Z 1325 &

- Z 5301-Z 5315 BIBLIOGRAPHIES RELATING TO GENEALOGY, HERALDRY, AND BIOGRAPHY

- Z 1249 .M5 CS3 1985x (shelved in quick reference)

- Z 1362 .O44 1992x (shelved in quick reference)

- Z 1361 .N39 A28X (shelved with bibliographies)


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- HA 216 .MS7 1986x (shelved in quick reference)

- HE 945 .AZ2DS 1979 (shelved in quick reference)

- U 52 .OS 1995 (shelved in quick reference)

- VM 381 .P3 1991 (Vol. 1, 1820-1850) (shelved in quick reference)
BROWSING GUIDE TO GENEALOGY BOOKS IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT’S MAIN FLOOR REFERENCE COLLECTION (Dewey Decimal Call Numbers - Southeast Corner Tower Room)

NOTE: Books acquired before 1975 are arranged by the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Books acquired since 1975 are arranged by the Library of Congress (LC) Classification system.

**FAMILY HISTORIES/GENEALOGIES:** Although the Library does not collect family histories, we do have a collection of older family histories for prominent families. These are in storage. Please ask a librarian for assistance.

419.419.3 General works of genealogy. Strengths: America (cities, states & country), Great Britain, Ireland

419.3 0184s

*Swedish Passenger Arrivals in New York*

419.3415 British Parish Registers (note: these are indexed in a card file—ask at the service desk for the index)

419.373 C591a

*American Marriage Records Before 1699*

419.3741 This range includes vital records, cemetery inscriptions, deeds, and other records relating to the states. Call numbers for specific states are listed below. See also 419-419.3 for more genealogy books relating to U.S. cities and states.

- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Rhode Island
- Connecticut
- New York
- Delaware, Pennsylvania

419.3748 R878c

*A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776*

- New Jersey
- Maryland
- West Virginia
- Virginia
- North & South Carolina
- Georgia

419.3758 Sm61c

*Cherokee Land Lottery*

- Florida
- Alabama
- Louisiana
- Texas
- Oklahoma
- Arkansas
- Tennessee
- Kentucky
- Ohio (arranged by county)
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Wisconsin
- Minnesota
- Iowa
- Missouri
- Kansas
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- Montana
- Colorado
- New Mexico
- California
- Arizona
- California
- Oregon
- Idaho
- Washington state

419.4 Surnames, Names, Place Names

419.5 Monuments & Inscriptions

419.6 Heraldry and Illumination

419.7 Nobility, Orders, etc.

419.72 Nobility (Peerage & Baronetage) – Great Britain and Ireland

- 419.73 Nobility – Germany
- 419.74 Nobility – France
- 419.75 Nobility – Italy
- 419.76 Nobility – Spain
- 419.769 Nobility – Portugal
- 419.77 Nobility – Russia
- 419.785 Nobility – Sweden
- 419.792 Nobility – Netherlands
- 419.793 Nobility – Belgium
- 419.798 Nobility – Romania

419.799 Misc. Genealogy: Ghana, Mexico & Brazil

419.8 Seals, Heraldic Arms and Badges, Armor, Historic Devices, War Cries, Armorial

419.9 Flags of the World