

Genealogy Starter Kit

Kansas City Public Library



"In all of us there is a hunger, marrow deep, to know our heritage
To know who we are and where we came from.
Without this enriching knowledge there is a hollow yearning.
No matter what our attainments in life,
there is still a vacuum, an emptiness
and the most disquieting loneliness."

Alex Haley



www.kclibrary.org
www.kchistory.org

Regional Libraries

Kansas State Historical Society 6425 SW Sixth Avenue Topeka, KS 66615-1099 785.272.8681 x117 http://www.kshs.org/p/state-archives/18932	November - February: Wednesday - Saturday March - October: Tuesday - Saturday reference@kshs.org	9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Missouri History Museum Across from Forest Park 225 South Skinker Blvd. P.O. Box 11940 St. Louis, MO 63112-0040 314.746.4500 www.mohistory.org/	Tuesday-Friday Saturday Closed Sunday-Monday library@mohistory.org	12 p.m. - 5 p.m. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Missouri State Archives 600 West Main P.O. Box 1747 Jefferson City, MO 65102 573.751.3280 http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/contact	Monday - Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday & Holiday Weekends archref@sos.mo.gov	8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Closed
St. Louis County Library Special Collections 1640 S. Lindbergh Boulevard St. Louis, MO 63131-3598 314.994.3300 ext. 2070 www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc	Monday - Thursday Friday - Saturday Sunday scollections@slcl.org	9 a.m. - 9 p.m. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
St. Louis Public Library 1301 Olive Street St. Louis, MO 63103 314.241.2288 http://198.209.8.180/lochist/visit.cfm	Monday-Thursday Friday-Saturday Sunday webref@slpl.org	10 a.m. - 9 p.m. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Closed
Springfield-Greene County Library 4653 South Campbell Avenue Springfield, MO 65810-1723 4417.616.0543 http://198.209.8.180/	Monday - Saturday Sunday	8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. 1 - 5 p.m.
State Historical Society of Missouri 1020 Lowry Street Columbia, MO 65201-7298 573.882.7083 800.747.6366 www.shs.umssystem.edu	Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday shsofmo@umssystem.edu	8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Closed
State Historical Society of Missouri - KC 302 Newcomb Hall - University of Missouri-KC 5123 Holmes Street Kansas City, MO 64110-2499 816.235.1543 http://shs.umssystem.edu/about/kansascity.shtml	Tuesday - Friday Borrowing access to collections at each campus. shsofmo-kc@umssystem.edu	8 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Family History Centers (LDS)
Volunteer staffs. Call to confirm hours.

To search for a Family History Library
www.familysearch.org/eng/library/fhe/frameset_fhc.asp

Blue Springs, MO 64015 1416 Southwest 19th Street 816.229.5854	To schedule use of the Family History Center, call John Humphreys	By appointment only
Excelsior Springs, MO 64024 Highway O 816.637.9306	Wednesday only	10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Independence, MO 64050 Mid-Continent Public Library 15616 E 24 Highway 816.521.7231	Monday – Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday	9 a.m. – 9 p.m. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Kansas City, KS 66109 8620 Haskell 913.299.2876	Tuesday Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday Saturday (1 st , 2 nd & 5 th)	10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Kansas City, MO 64145 13025 Wornall Road 816.941.7389	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Saturday (2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th) Closed Monday, Friday, Sunday, First Saturday, also some holiday periods	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 6 – 9 p.m. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Lawrence, KS 66049 3655 W 10 th Street 785.843.4460	Monday Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday Saturday	10:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Leavenworth, KS 66048 1020 Limit Street 913.682.7729	Tuesday & Wednesday only Closed holiday seasons and other spring and summer breaks	9 a.m. - noon; 4 -8 p.m.
Liberty, MO 64068 1130 Clayview Drive 816.781.8295	Wednesday Tuesday & Wednesday Closed between Christmas and New Year	9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Olathe, KS 66062 15915 West 143rd Street 913.829.1775	Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Saturday	10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Overland Park, KS 66204 7100 Hadley 913.722.0230	Tuesday & Thursday Saturday Monday, Friday, & Sunday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 6 – 9 p.m. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Closed
Paola, KS 66971 Old Hwy 169 & Hwy K68 913.294.4411	Wednesday only Saturday by appointment	6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Platte City, MO 64079 2700 Ensign Drive 816.431.2014	Tuesday & Wednesday Thursday	10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 6 – 9 p.m.
Saint Joseph, MO 64506 7 N. Carriage Drive 816.232.2428	Monday, Wednesday, Friday Tuesday & Thursday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Warrensburg, MO 64093 Trails Regional Library 432 N. Holden 660.747.9177	Monday – Friday Saturday	8 a.m. – 8 p.m. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

These are not mailing address. Mail inquiries will not be answered.

Genealogical Libraries in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area

Cass County Public Library

Genealogy Library Branch
400 East Mechanic
Harrisonville, MO 64701
816.884.6285
www.casscolibrary.org/

Monday and Tuesday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
robertsj@casscolibrary.org

Clay County Archives

210 East Franklin / PO Box 99
Liberty, MO 64068
816.781.3611
www.claycountyarchives.org/

Monday – Wednesday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
1st Wednesday of month 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
info@claycountyarchives.org

Community of Christ Headquarters Library

The Temple
201 S. River
Independence, MO 64051
816.833.1000 ext. 2400
www.cofchrist.org/temple-school/library/default.asp

Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-12 p.m., 1:30 p.m.-4:30 pm
Fridays by appointment
rmeisinger@CofChrist.org

Jackson County Genealogical Society Library

1111 W. Pacific
Independence, MO 64050
816.252.8128
www.jcgs.org

Tuesday , Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jackson County Historical Society

Research Library & Archives, Room 103
129 W. Lexington
Independence Square Courthouse
Independence, MO 64050
816.252.7454
www.jchs.org

Johnson County Genealogical Society

Housed in the Local History and Genealogy Area
of the Johnson County Library
9875 W. 87th Street
Shawnee Mission, KS 66212
913.495.2400
www.jocolibrary.org/

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
queries@johnsoncountykansasgenealogy.org

Kansas City, Kansas Public Library

625 Minnesota
Kansas City, KS 66101
913.551.3280
www.kckpl.lib.ks.us/

Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
gmurphy@kckpl.org

Genealogical Libraries in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area

Kansas City, Missouri Public Library

Special Collections

14 West 10th Street

Kansas City, MO 64106

816.701.3427

www.kclibrary.org/localhistory

Monday – Friday

Saturday

lhhistory@kclibrary.org

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Mid-Continent Public Library

Midwest Genealogy Center

3440 S. Lee's Summit Road

Independence, MO 64035

816.252.7228

www.mymcpl.org/genealogy

Monday – Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

ge@mymcpl.org

9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

National Archives, Central Plains Region

400 W. Pershing

Kansas City, MO 64108

816.268.8000

www.archives.gov/central-plains/kansas-city/

Tuesday - Saturday

Closed Sunday

kansascity.archives@nara.gov

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Platte County Historical and Genealogical Society Library

Ben Ferrel Mini Mansion Museum

220 Ferrel Street

Platte City, MO 64079-

816.431.5121

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mopchgs>

April 15-October 15

Thursday – Saturday

1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Closed October 16-April 14

By appointment

OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE HERE

PERSI

Periodical indexing for genealogy sources.
Searchable by name and locality—open shelf
MVSC Q 929 P445 1847-1997

YEARBOOKS

Primarily Kansas City school district high schools; some college yearbooks—closed shelf
(List at desk and under “Research Guides”)

CITY DIRECTORIES

All Kansas City city directories beginning 1859—microfilm (some years in book form on open shelf) Other metro area directories available.
(List at desk or online under Research Guides or search the online catalog.)

TELEPHONE BOOKS

Kansas City metro area 1899-current—microfilm.
Some hard copies on open shelf, 1980-current.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL RESOURCE SITES

- National Archives-Central Plains Region
- Public libraries in area
- Genealogy society libraries
- Family history centers (LDS Church)
- Local church headquarters
- Historical societies and archives

Ask a librarian for a list of addresses, telephone numbers, and hours.

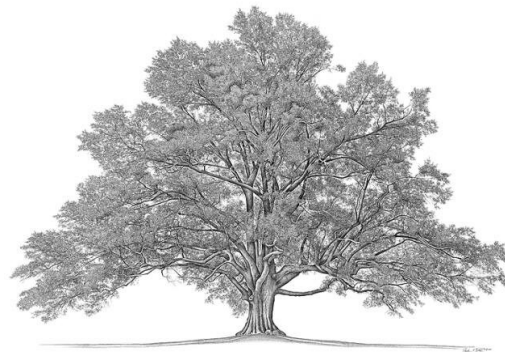


Missouri Valley Room
Central Branch, Fifth Floor
14 West 10th Street

Phone: 816.701.3427
www.kchistory.org
lhstory@kclibrary.org

Kansas City Public Library

Genealogy Research in the Missouri Valley Room



Monday—Friday

9am-5pm

Saturday

10am-5pm

Using the Missouri Valley Room

The Missouri Valley Room (MVR) has material in both open and closed stacks. Open stacks are available for direct patron use and include:

- **Genealogy related materials**—outer sides of shelves
- **Periodicals**—arranged alphabetically—inside area of shelves
- **Newspaper clippings index**—north wall
- **Civil War Official Records**—east wall
- **Maps**—large cases in the back of the room

Materials in closed stacks, accessible only to staff, that may be found in the online catalog include but aren't limited to:

- **School newspapers**
- **School yearbooks**
- **County histories**
- **Family histories**
- **Archival collections**
- **Genealogy files**

To request an item, you will need to fill out a form and leave some type of identification, which will be returned when you check in the material.

- No materials may leave the MVR
- Only pencils may be used
- No cell phones please
- No food or drink
- Photocopier available
- WiFi hotspot
- Tables equipped for laptops and scanners
- Microfilm and readers
- Two public computers available

Using the Web Pages

www.kchistory.org

CATALOG

To search for books that are in both open and closed stacks including:

- County histories
- Marriage, death and birth records
- Cemetery listings
- Family histories

Records found in the MVR will have MVSC in front of the call number.

DIGITAL GALLERY

To find photographs, maps, citations to magazine and newspaper articles, and other materials.

Enter keywords in the **search** box in the upper right-hand corner of page.

LOCAL HISTORY

- **GENEALOGY**-links to lists of internet resources, beginners guides, and resources available in the MVR
- **RESOURCES**-links to research guides, newspapers and clippings, yearbooks and school newspapers
- **QUICK LINKS**-from the Genealogy page, found on the left hand side of the page:
 - **Ancestry Library edition** (in-library use)
 - **Kansas City Star database** (off-site w/card)
 - **Missouri Birth and Death records**
 - **Jackson County marriage records**
 - **Sanborn Maps** (digital gallery and through ProQuest off-site w/card)

Basic Sources to Consult

VITAL RECORDS

Birth, marriage, and death records found at the city, county, and state level.

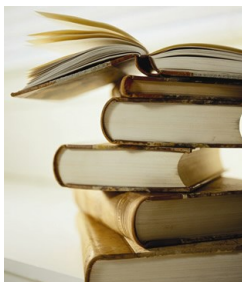
Birth Records

Jackson County, 1883-1895 (microfilm)

Select 19th Century birth records for other counties also found in catalog

Death Records

Kansas City, 1874-1909 (microfilm)



Jackson County, 1883-1893 (microfilm)

MVSC 929.3 Ms41re (open shelf)

Dead People Files, records from 1910-1985 listing persons who died outside of KC but were buried here (microfilm)

Marriage Records

1827 through 1937, Index to Jackson County Marriages at Independence, brides and grooms (microfilm)

1881 through 1937, Index to Jackson County Marriages at Kansas City, brides and grooms (microfilm)

Selected years for Jackson County and other counties (open shelf)

Guides (open shelf)

Kemp, Thomas J. *International Vital Records Handbook*, 4th ed., 2000, MVSC Q 929 K32I

The Sourcebook of County Court Records, 1992 MVSC 016.929 S724

The Genealogist's Address Book, MVSC Q 929 B477g 1998

The Handybook For Genealogists (Desk) MVSC Q 929 E93H 2002

Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources, 3rd ed., (Desk) MVSC Q929 A533 2004

CENSUS RECORDS

Federal census records available by decade, 1790-1930 (minus 1890). Released 72 years after census taken. State censuses vary by state.

Ancestry (on-line)

Census (federal) records, incomplete, scattered; primarily for Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, and other eastern states (microfilm)

Full set of microfilm census rolls available at the Genealogy Branch of Mid-Continent Library System and the local National Archives branch.

Soundex for Missouri, 1880 only (microfilm)

Census indexes, 1790 to 1870 most states, including special schedules like the 1890 Veterans and slave schedules (open shelf)

CENSUS GUIDES (open shelf)

Thorndale, William and Dollarhide, William. *Map Guide to The U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*, 1987—north wall

Lainhart, Ann S. *State Census Records*, 1992 MVSC 016.929 L18s

The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy, Chapter 5, "Census Records" MVSC 929.1 S99S 1996

Saldana, Richard H., ed. *A Practical Guide To The "Mistakes" Made In Census Indexes*, 1987 MVSC 929 P894

FAMILY HISTORIES

Both published and unpublished. Not always correct, check information given.

Published Family Histories—check catalog

Check the Surname portion of the Family History Center at www.familysearch.com.

Genealogies Cataloged by the Library of Congress Since 1986 MVSC 016.929 L69g; as well as 016.929 G3262 & 016.929 K15c

COUNTY AND STATE HISTORIES

Data including biographical, geographical, historical, and county military (particularly Civil War).

Many 19th- and 20th-century Midwest county histories as well as states to the east. Search the computer catalog.

Helpful guide—open shelf

A Bibliography Of American County Histories, compiled by P. William Filby, 1985

MVSC 016.973 F47b

MILITARY RECORDS—Primarily federal records including service, pension, and unit histories.

Online name searches—Use links from the Research Guide "Genealogy on the Internet"

Forms to send to the National Archives to receive copies of records—at desk

Regimental Histories, Civil War, UMI series—microfiche

Others available in book form. Check the computer catalog.

Helpful guides:

Genealogical Abstracts Of Revolutionary War Pension Files, 4 v.—open shelf MVSC 929.3 A73whi-2

Index To War Of 1812 Pension Files, 3 v.—open shelf MVSC 929.3 A73wh

Lineage Books-DAR, 166 v. and 4 v. index, 1890-1912—open shelf MVSC 929 D24

Patriot Indexes published later—shelved before the DAR lineage books

Index Of Revolutionary War Pension Applications In The National Archives—closed shelf MVSC Q 973.34 N27i

War Of The Rebellion... Official Records Of The Union And Confederate Armies, multi-volume set (open shelf east wall)



CEMETERY AND DEATH NOTICES

Some Kansas City cemetery records include:

Elmwood Cemetery—MVSC 929.3 Ms41r

Union Cemetery—MVSC 929.3 Ms41t

Brookings Cemetery—MVSC 929.3 Ms41b

Jackson County cemetery records, 1826-1876

Vital Historical Records of Jackson County, Missouri—MVSC DESK 929.3 Ms41dkv

Area newspapers on microfilm and online

Social Security Death Index (via Ancestry)

Guides

Cemeteries of The United States, 1994 MVSC 929 C394

Cemeteries Of Jackson County, Missouri MVSC 929.3 Ms41m (Includes directions on how to find them.)

IMMIGRATION RECORDS

Various passenger lists including but not limited to the following—all open shelf

Filbey, P. William, ed. *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index* MVSC 929.3 A73fi

Germans to America MVSC 929.3 A73grm

Italians to America MVSC 929.3 A73it

COURT, LAND AND CHURCH RECORDS

Church records—MVR archives and microfilm

Plat books for Jackson County, MO—closed shelf MVSC F 099.7 N87; MVSC F 099.7 B53

American State Papers—microfilm (Index is *Grassroots of America*—open shelf MVSC Q 333.1 M16g (for federal land records.)

Guides

Record of Original Entries to Lands in Jackson County, Missouri.... MVSC 929.3 Ms41e (published transcript of a variety of early Jackson County land records)

Land & Property Research in the United States MVSC Q 929.1 H77L

1 HOW DO I BEGIN TO TRACE MY FAMILY?

Start with yourself and work backwards through the generations, recording each person's major life events on ancestor charts. Organize from the start! Keep a research log of your efforts and consider placing your charts in a three-ringed binder or use a genealogy software program. Try to involve family members and be sure to interview your oldest relatives. Search for clues in scrapbooks, family Bibles, photograph albums, samplers, diaries, letters, school records, baby books, etc. Next, direct your attention to community, state, and national resources. Also, consider joining a local genealogy club or taking a beginner genealogy course. Most importantly, keep realistic goals! What you learn about your heritage is more important than how far back you can trace it.

2 WHERE IS THE BOOK ON MY FAMILY?

Many people ask this question hoping to begin and end their search in one trip to the public library! While this rarely happens, the question is a good one. Both published and unpublished family history research can be found at public libraries

and elsewhere. At your local library, search the catalog under your family name, "local history" and "genealogy." Also, visit or write to the public libraries where your relatives once lived. When writing, always enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope; and make no more than three specific requests. Other sources of family books or genealogical research include historical societies, genealogical libraries, family organizations, etc. Review all published genealogies with a watchful eye, as most contain some inaccuracies.

3 DO YOU HAVE LOCAL HISTORY INFO?

Every public library with a telephone book has local history information! Many libraries have extensive collections. Read your library's introductory brochure; search the catalog under "genealogy" and "local history"; and ask your reference librarian for assistance. Be sure to check thoroughly for sources such as city directories, local history books, newspapers, school yearbooks, plat maps, church histories, gazetteers, military records, and cemetery records. Other local history resources include historical societies, state archives, Family History Centers (LDS Church) and the Library of Congress, which has the largest collection of U. S. city directories.

4 WHERE CAN I FIND BIRTH, MARRIAGE, DIVORCE AND DEATH VITAL RECORDS?

Vital records are those birth, marriage, divorce and death records which all states have been required to maintain since around 1900. Contemporary with their event, vital records are valuable as "primary sources." You can find them at state record offices, in some town archives and most county courthouses.

5 WHERE CAN I FIND CHURCH AND CEMETERY RECORDS?

You will find most church records filed in their church offices. If a church no longer exists, write the denomination headquarters. Those addresses can be found in the standard reference sources, *Encyclopedia of Associations*. In addition, you may find church record abstracts and indexes at public libraries, historical and genealogical societies. Search their catalog for "church records." Sources for cemetery records included cemetery management offices, local public libraries, and historical or genealogical societies. If a cemetery has disappeared, seek information at the local public library, historical or genealogical society which often have gravestone inscriptions recorded by community and DAR chapter volunteers.

Finally, local county or state governments may have burial certificates.

6 WHERE CAN I FIND CENSUS RECORDS?

By far the most well-known and popular records are federal censuses, which can provide a wealth of information. These records are available on microfilm at many major research facilities, including the National Archives and its branches; Midwest Genealogy Center, Independence, Missouri; and the LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake City, Utah. You may also find portions of colonial, territorial, state, and local censuses at these locations. Directions for ordering census microfilm from the National Archives are in a free brochure: *Using Records in the National Archives for Genealogical Research*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, rev. 1990. (Request an introductory genealogy packet from the National Archives, NNUA Branch, 7th & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20408). Finally, many public and state libraries, as well as historical and genealogical societies, have state and local census records.

7 HOW DO I USE CENSUS RECORDS?

Federal census records from 1790-1930 are available to the public. Start your search with the most recent available, indexed census; the more recent the census, the more information contained. Most states have an alphabetical index for their 1790-1860 census records. The 1880-1930 federal censuses are indexed using the Soundex coding system, which lets you search for a last name by sound, rather than spelling. To learn more about this system and the use of census records, consult a genealogy how-to book. Some titles are suggested under Question #1. Also, request free census brochures from the National Archives and Records Administration. Finally, always use census records with caution as they may contain inaccuracies!

8 WHERE CAN I FIND MILITARY RECORDS?

There are three major types of military information--service records, pension records, and unit histories. Service and pension records are at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., and other major research facilities across the country.

The Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives, 3rd ed. Washington, D.C.: NARA, 2000.

Military Service Records in the National Archives, rev. ed. Washington, D.C.: NARA, 2007.

Neagles, James C. U.S. Military Records: A Guide to Federal and State Sources, Colonial America to the Present. Salt Lake City, Utah: Ancestry. 1994.

Military service data may also be found in local and state libraries, archives, and historical and genealogical societies, which typically maintain records of individuals who served from the area or lived in the region. Published unit histories may be found in large genealogy collections such as the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the DAR Library in Washington, D.C., and the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. In addition, genealogy how-to books suggest government, private, and printed sources for military records. Always remember to check for records in the state, county, and hometown of the person you are research-

9 WHERE CAN I FIND IMMIGRATION AND PASSENGER LIST INFORMATION?

In the process of leaving the Old World and in immigrating to and settling down in America, each new citizen generated many records. Today, passenger lists and immigration and naturalization records are collected at every major genealogy research center.

For microfilm copies of passenger lists and other immigration and naturalization records, check the catalog at libraries, archives, and historical societies. The National Archives and its branches have many passenger lists for U.S. ports and some naturalization records.

10 HOW CAN I GET INFO FROM OTHER LIBRARIES AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES?

Check your local public library for up-to-date genealogy how-to books and the reference books listed below. From these resources, choose libraries and historical societies to visit or write. Most will respond to letters that include a self-addressed, stamped envelope and no more than three short, specific questions. Request information on their collections and services.

RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY



The Top Ten Genealogy Questions

The "top ten genealogy questions asked in public libraries" were established by Juanita C. Smith in a 1990 library science graduate research project at the University of Maryland. The four public libraries with the largest genealogy collections in each state were asked to list the "ten most frequently asked genealogy questions" in their libraries. The public libraries were chosen from the *Directory of American Libraries with Genealogy or Local History Collections*, compiled by P. William Filby (Scholarly Resources, Inc., 1988). 79 of the 200 surveyed libraries responded. The results represent 36.5% of the 200 libraries surveyed.

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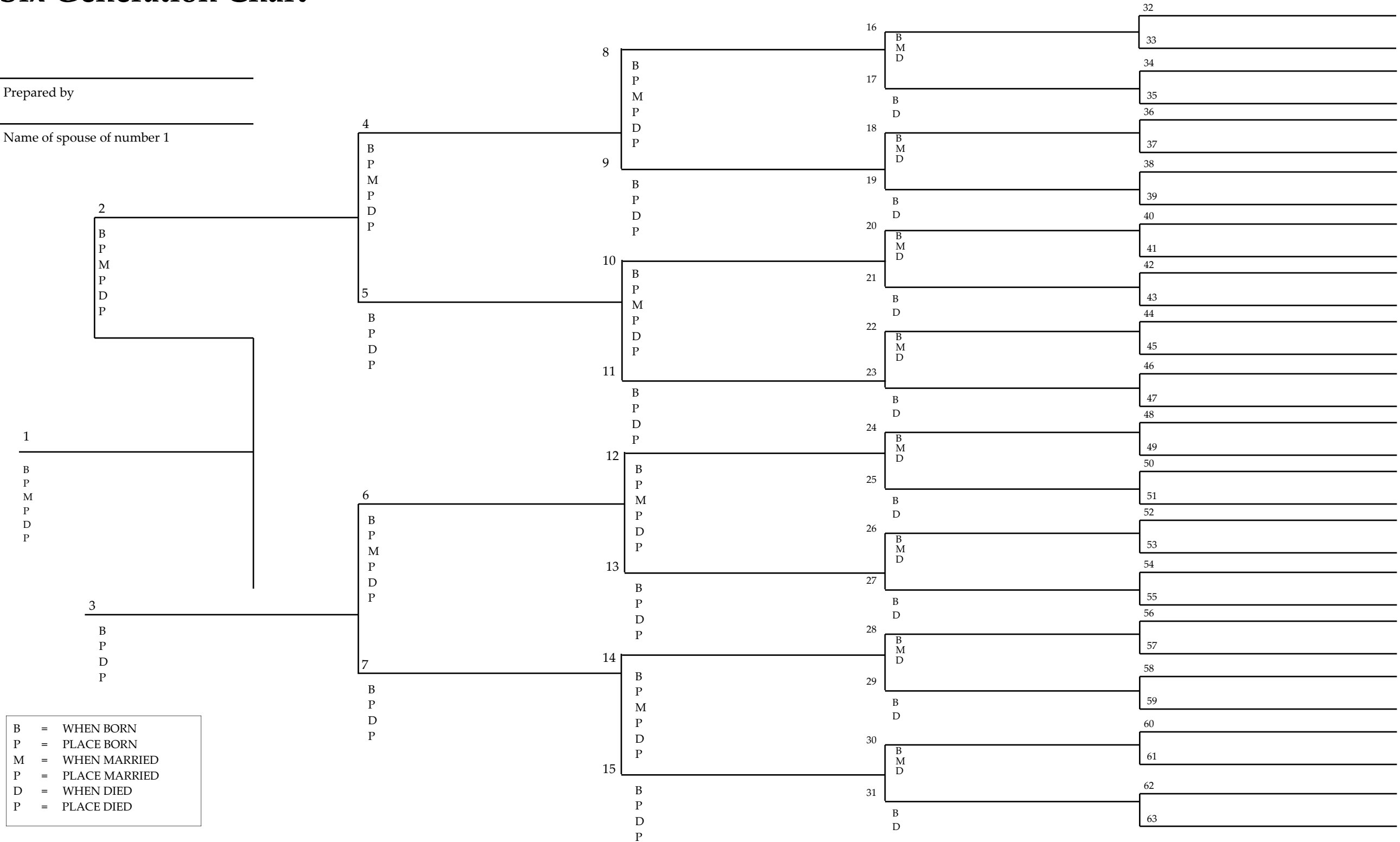
Library Staff, April 2011



Six Generation Chart

Prepared by _____

Name of spouse of number 1 _____



B = WHEN BORN
 P = PLACE BORN
 M = WHEN MARRIED
 P = PLACE MARRIED
 D = WHEN DIED
 P = PLACE DIED



Pedigree Chart

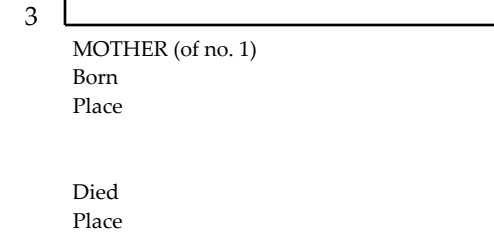
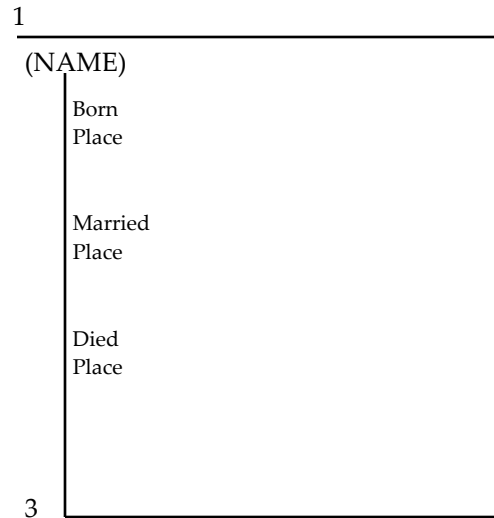
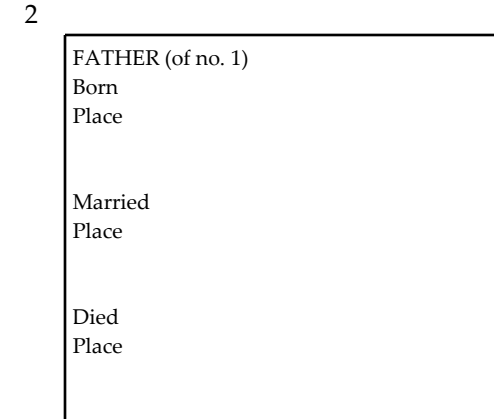
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No. ____ on pedigree chart no. ____

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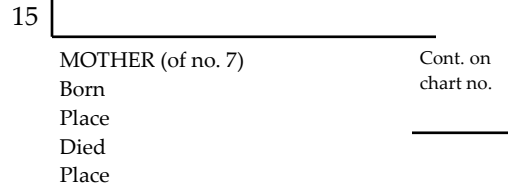
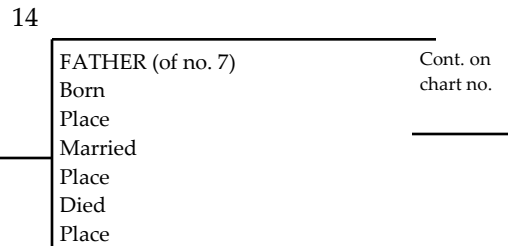
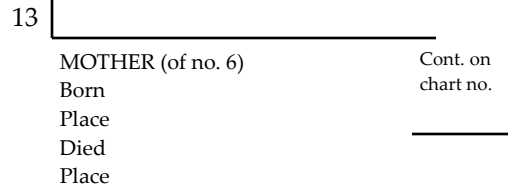
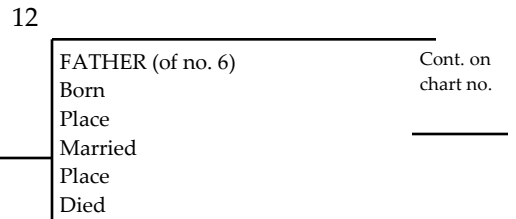
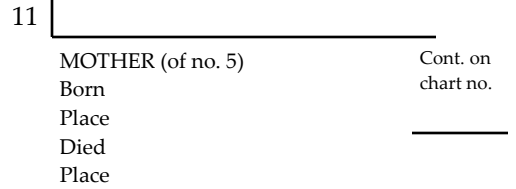
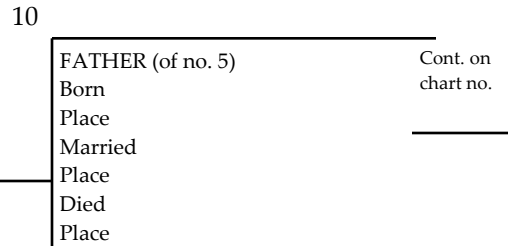
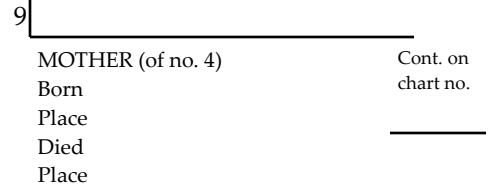
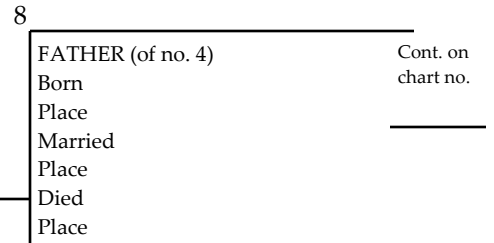
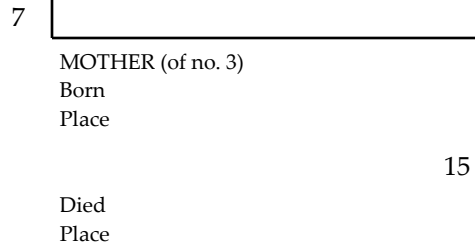
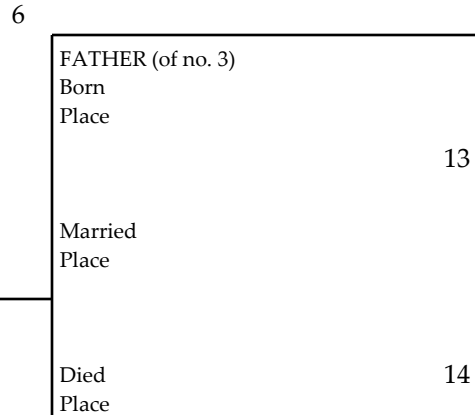
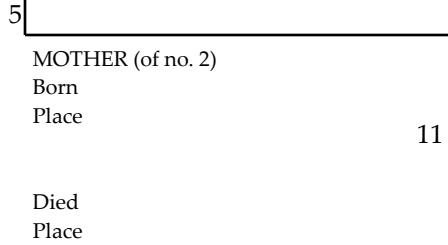
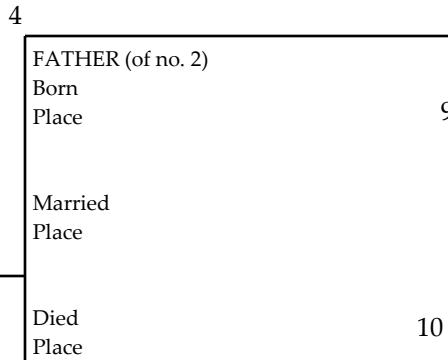
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Individual Work Sheet

Name: _____

Full Name: _____

Born: _____ Place: _____

Occupation(s): _____

Military Service: _____

Died: _____ Place: _____

Buried: _____ Place: _____

Married: _____ Place: _____

Spouse's Name: _____ Code #: _____

Divorced: _____ For other marriages see work sheet: _____

Father's Name: _____ Code #: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Code #: _____

Town	County	State	Country	Dates

Residences:

Other Life Events (baptism, religion, education, immigration, naturalization, etc.):

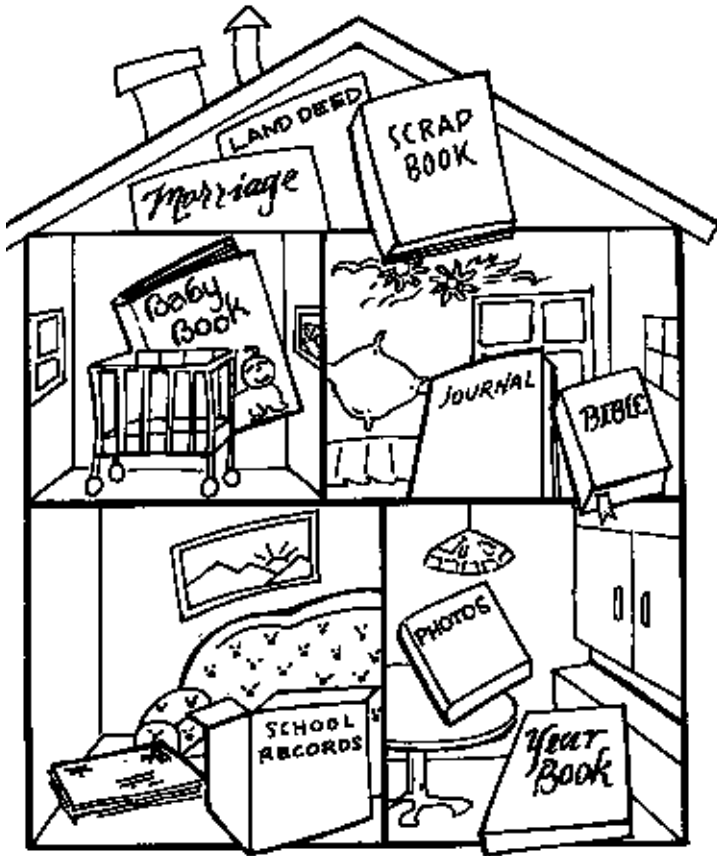
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Family and Home Information Sources Checklist

Use this checklist as a guide to sources of information you might find in your home or the home of a relative.
Check each source you find.



Sources of information about ...

... Birth

- Baby Book
- Adoption Record

... Marriage

- Wedding Announcement
- Wedding Book
- Anniversary Announcement

... Divorce

- Papers

... Death

- Obituary
- Funeral Book
- Will
- Memorial Cards

... School

- Report Cards
- Honor Roll
- Awards
- Graduation Diplomas
- Transcripts
- yearbooks

... Religious Activity

- Blessing
- Baptismal Record
- Christening Record
- Confirmation Record
- Ordination Record
- Ministerial Record

... Every Day Life

- Journal
- Diary
- Biography
- Letters
- Photographs
- Autograph Album

- Publications/ newspaper clippings (about the person)
- Scrapbooks

... Employment

- Social Security Card
- Apprenticeship Records
- Citations
- Achievement Awards
- Disability Records
- Pension Records
- Membership Records
- Income Tax Records
- Union Records
- Severance Records
- Retirement Records

... Military Service

- Selective Service Records
- Pension Records
- National Guard Service Records
- Citations
- Disability Records
- Service Medals
- Ribbons
- Insignias
- Discharge Records
- Sword
- Firearms
- Uniform

... Land and property ownership

- Deeds
- Land Grants
- Water Rights
- Mortgages
- Leases
- Tax Notices
- Abstracts of Title
- Estate Records
- Financial Records

... Civil and Legal Activity

- Bonds
- Summons
- Subpoena
- Guardian Papers
- Contracts
- Bounty Award

... Family

- Bible
- Lineages
- Genealogies
- Histories
- Bulletins/ newsletters
- Coat of Arms

... Health

- Hospital Records
- Medical Records
- Immunization Records
- X-Rays
- Insurance Papers
- Vaccination Records

... Household Items

- Engraved Items
- Dishes
- Silverware
- Stitched Sampler
- Tapestries
- Quilts
- Needlework

... Licenses

- Business
- Occupation
- Professional
- Hunting/Fishing
- Firearms
- Drivers
- Motor Vehicle

... Citizenship Papers

- Naturalization Papers
- Alien Registration
- Deportment Papers
- Passport
- Visa

Genealogy Starter Kit



How-to Books/Guides

Just beginning to trace your ancestors? Need some help getting started? This beginner's kit may be just the ticket you need to embark on the exciting excursion that will allow you to discover your roots.

It's always a smart idea when starting a new journey to find a good guidebook. The Kansas City Public Library has several you'll want to use. These are available for check out in the Central library and some of the branches. The Missouri Valley Special Collections area has them but, they may only be used in the Missouri Valley Room.

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Rose, Christine and Kay Germain Ingalls. *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Genealogy*. New York, New York: Alpha Books, 1997.

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Renick, Barbara. *Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Family's History and Heritage*. Nashville, Tennessee: Rutledge Hill Press, 2005.

www.cyndislist.com/beginner.htm

Cyndi's List is the most comprehensive genealogy Web site. Also in print on the shelf, Q929.1 H85c 2001.

www.genealogy.com/genehelp.html

Genealogy.com is a subsidiary of A&E Television Network.

www.usgenweb.org/research/starting.shtml

The USGenWeb Project

Internet

Brochures

Included in this kit are several brochures that will provide additional aid.

- "Researching Your Family History: The Top Ten Genealogy Questions"
- "Genealogy Research in The Missouri Valley Room"
- Lists of Area Libraries

Start With What You Know

All beginning guides tell you to start with what you know — about yourself and your family. The charts included here will help you keep track of this information. They may be photocopied as needed. Many of these may also be downloaded from the Internet.

- **Family and Home Information Sources Checklist**
- **Research Log** (It's very important to document everything you search, what you find—or don't find—and the source for the information.)
- **Individual Work Sheet**
- **Family Descendant Chart**
- **Pedigree Chart**
- **Six Generation Chart**

Be sure to check out the links on our Local History Web page research guide "Genealogy Resources on the Internet."

Now that you have the guides and the tools, good luck searching for your ancestors. And if you need help, don't hesitate to ask the librarians.



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