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The aim of this LibGuide is to show how the use of academic materials can lead to the creation of a family history. The University Libraries have only one strictly genealogical online resource, MyHeritage, therefore the focus of this guide is family history rather than genealogy. Our online, print, map and archives can help in that research.
Digging Up Your Roots – Handout
Joan M. Barnes, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries
2019

Digging in your attic, basement, closets, ...
Gather what you already know about your family
   Old photos       Diaries
   Letters          Scrapbooks
   Family Bible     Birth Certificates

Interview your relatives

Assemble what you learned/know using an Ancestor Chart or Family Group Record

Primary Records to start with...
   • Vital Records – secular/government forms
   • Census Records
   • Newspapers

Vital Records
   • Birth, Marriage, Death
     • Marriage “records” came first
     • Check when birth and death certificates were required in each state
     • Significance: May contain names of parents, important dates, residence
       • http://www.vitalrec.com/ (US vital records for each state)
       • https://www.cyndislist.com/marriages/
       • https://www.germanroots.com/deathrecords.html

Census Records
   • Federal, State, and Territorial
   • Federal covers 1790 to present, taken every 10 years (except 1890). We have access to
     1790-1940. (familysearch.org)
     • Help you track your ancestors geographically.
     • List people in family groups.
     • 1790-1840 – Listed head of household, all others were hash marks.
     • 1850-1940- all members of household listed and more information recorded
       with each census.
     • 1850 & 1860 census collected new information on every member of family, including
       occupation, property questions.
     • 1870 census dropped the property questions and asked whether your parents were foreign born
       (y/n)
     • 1880 added: month of birth, place of birth for self and parents
• 1900 & 1910 added: year of marriage, # of children born, # of children living, year of immigration, Naturalized/Alien.
• 1920 dropped year of marriage and children born/living questions.
• 1930 census wanted to know age at first marriage
• 1940 census added more questions about residence and occupation, such as industry, number of weeks worked, and income.

Newspapers
  Obituaries, “gossip” column, legal notices, business advertisements

Chronicling America https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/
https://nebnewspapers.unl.edu/
Family History Guide: http://unl.libguides.com/genealogy (click on the Newspapers tab)

Research Checklists help you keep track of what resources you have used.

Secondary Sources
All town and county histories, family histories and family trees done by others (online) should be used with caution. Verify.
Topical histories & research articles (cultural, geographical, etc.)

Places to Dig
• Internet/Google
• Cyndi’s List (free web site)
• FamilySearch.org (free web site)
• Public libraries
• Historical & Genealogical Societies
• Family History Centers affiliated with Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Organizing Your Roots
• Three-ring binder
• Family group forms
• Excel sheet timeline
• Genealogy database where you store your “data”
  Rootsmagic 7; Legacy 9; Family Tree Maker 2017; Family Historian 6

Additional Information
Why Genealogists Should Love the Tax Collector

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8 June 2019

How To (and Why)


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Taxes in Land Research

https://tinyurl.com/y2ngndtv


Virginia tax guides (and other great guides): http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/bibguides.htm#res
Where to Find Tax Lists

At the Omaha Public Library:
https://tinyurl.com/y4o2x3x8

In the Lincoln & Lancaster Genealogical Society collection:
https://tinyurl.com/y5l6g7vj

In archives, libraries (search “tax + genealogy,” “tax records,” place of interest + tax, etc.), and local courthouses.

Online (both tax lists and specific tax laws)

Ancestry.com or Ancestry Library Edition:
View collections listed under Tax, Criminal, Land & Wills

Archive.org: https://archive.org/

Cyndi’s List: https://www.cyndislist.com/taxes

Digital Public Library of America (portal to many digital collections):
http://dp.la/

FamilySearch.org (microfilm and digitized records):
Search the catalog @ https://familysearch.org/catalog-search by place; select Taxation

Federal tax laws, 1789-1875: American Memory Project,
https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsl.html

Federal tax laws 1876-1950: Law Library of Congress,
https://www.loc.gov/law/help/statutes-at-large

GoogleBooks:
https://books.google.com (especially good for contemporary tax laws)

HathiTrust: https://www.hathitrust.org

State-specific sites may provide published local tax laws. For example:
Georgia (includes list of Georgia tax acts):
http://www.georgiaarchives.org/research/tax_records_faq
Digging the Cemetery: Using Burial Records to Dig Your Family Tree

Presented by Shannon Lewis
Hosted by the University of Nebraska at Lincoln
June 8, 2019

Agenda
Where our ancestors are buried
What information we can find about their burials
Where we can find those records
  • Crowdsourcing
  • Records
    o What should exist
    o Laws
    o Coroner’s Reports
    o Death Records
    o Obituaries
    o Indexes or Compilations
    o Military Records
    o Church Records
    o Funeral Home/Mortuary Records
    o Family Bibles
  • Where are the Records?
    o The Record Keepers
    o Secondary Sources
  • No Records
    o Searching for a Cemetery
    o Community Cemeteries
    o Lost or Missing Cemeteries
    o Finding Cemetery Contact Info
  • Finding the Graves
  • Finding an Unmarked Grave
  • Explore all Options

Notes
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Resources

Crowdsourcing
Find-a-Grave.......................................................... www.findagrave.com
Billiongraves............................................................ billiongraves.com
Tombstone Transcription Project ................................http://usgwtnmbstones.org/
Nebraska Gravestone Photo Project.................................. https://nebraskagravestones.org/
Creighton Prospect Hill Burial Permit Proj. https://people.creighton.edu/~bjk79676/PHCProject/

Military Burial Records
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs ................................gravelocator.cem.va.gov

Finding Records
Family Search Wiki’s .................................................. www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
Chronicling America.................................................... chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/

Burial Databases
Douglas County NE Burials.............................. cemeteriesnebraska.wordpress.com/
Forest Lawn Cemetery (Omaha, NE) .................... www.forestlawnomaha.com/cemetery-map/
Glenwood Cemetery (Houston, TX) ......................... http://www.glenwoodcemetery.org/search/
Leavenworth County Cemetery/Burial Database........www.leavenworthcounty.org/cemeterydb
Prospect Hill Cemetery (Omaha, NE) ..................... www.obvibase.com/p/M2iWv0dcbbp4

Other
Ancestry.com .............................................................. ancestry.com
Reclaim the Records .................................................. www.reclaiamtherecords.org
RESEARCHING STEAMBOAT ANCESTORS: METHODOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT OF COMPLEX RESEARCH PROJECTS

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Recommended Reading:


STEAMBOAT CREW MEMBERS

Captain
Mate- 1st & 2nd
Engineers- 1st & 2nd
Pilots
Clerk

Deckhands/Roustabouts
Firemen
Carpenters/Shipwrights

Steward
Cook
Waiters
Chambermaids
Cabin boys
FANS Club for Steamboat Ancestors =
Family + Associates + Neighbors + Steamboat!

The FAN Club, term coined by Elizabeth Shown Mills, is a research methodology in which you research your particular ancestor’s family, associates, and neighbors as a means to uncover additional information about your ancestor. Much in the same way, searching for information about your ancestor’s steamboat will lead to additional discoveries.

**NEWSPAPER SEARCH TIPS:**
- River town newspapers had columns dedicated to “River News”
- Particular noteworthy stories appeared in separate columns
- How the steamboat was referred to may appear differently from article to article, *i.e.:
- The name of Captains (and other officers) may appear in differently from article to article
- Excel sheets are a helpful tool for keeping track of and analyzing information
- Cross-reference information found in articles

**FEDERAL RECORDS**
*RG 41: Records of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation contains records such as:*

Certificates of Enrollment  
Licenses for the Vessel  
Vessel Inspection Certificates  
Mortgages  
Bills of Sale  
Master Oaths and Bonds  
…and much more…

**STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES**

Memoirs  
Letters  
Diaries/Journals  
Probate records  
Census records  
City Directories  
Business records- financial & correspondence  
Steamboat logbooks  
Bills of Lading
HELPFUL WEBSITES:

Archive Grid: https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/

Archives West: http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/

Chronicling America: www.chroniclingamerica.com

GenealogyBank: www.genealogybank.com

Google Books: https://books.google.com

Herman T. Pott National Inland Waterways Library: http://www.umsl.edu/mercantile/pott/index.html

Inland Rivers Library: http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/main/inlandrivers.html

JSTOR: www.jstor.org

Montana Historical Society: http://mhs.mt.gov/

National Archives and Records Administration: see Record Group 41 in particular https://www.archives.gov/research/guide-fed-records/groups/041.html

NewspaperArchive: https://newspaperarchive.com


State Historical Society of North Dakota: http://history.nd.gov/

WorldCat: www.worldcat.org
Which Thomas Pierce Are You?
Finding Your Common Name Ancestor

Tom McFarland, University Libraries Staff Development Program Officer

Researching a common name ancestor often results in the proverbial genealogical brick wall, or at the least, it is very challenging to succeed. Uncommon names can become common- when suddenly all of the men in a family are named the same.

Brick Wall Tip - Breaking a brick wall is like a vine piercing the mortar.

Basics for finding a common name ancestor

• Cluster Analysis
• Location
• Siblings and other family members
• DNA
• Timelines
• Re-examine previously used records
• Work with others
• Don’t accept family lore as fact
• Look at more than Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org
  ○ NARA
  ○ County Histories
  ○ PERSI
  ○ Family Histories
  ○ Land Records
  ○ Tax Records
  ○ Civil Cases
  ○ Wills and Probates
  ○ Newspapers
  ○ Records of Other Researchers
  ○ School Records
  ○ Church records
  ▪ and more!

Brick Wall Tip - Is the brick wall really brick or is it stone?