

## COMPUTER AND INTERNET GENEALOGY AT WALLACE STATE

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Our collection includes several works on using computers, the Internet, and on searching for someone alive today. The best of these works are on a shelf in our search room next to the computers.

### **Getting Started**

Brigham Young University's Center for Family History & Genealogy also offers a number of resources, many of them free:

<http://familyhistory.byu.edu/>

A great deal of other useful information can be found at Familysearch.org.

Wallace State has many free handouts that can be downloaded from our site:

<http://www3.wallacestate.edu/genealogy/index.html>

We also offer free (dated however) genealogy programs:

Basics of Genealogy

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/Jn6b5Y9P>

Interviewing a Relative

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/q5T9Bxd8>

Computer Genealogy

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/q5EAz8b4>

Federal Census Records

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/d9D7YtCf>

Military Records

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/k6Q3Zdx9>

Local Government Records

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/c7G6EwXg>

Maps and Old Buildings

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/p9HZm2e3>

Native American Research, Family Fortunes, Hiring a Researcher

<https://ensemble.wallacestate.edu/Watch/Pi78Lkj5>

Contact me at [robert.davis@wallacestate.edu](mailto:robert.davis@wallacestate.edu) to be placed on our electronic mailing list so that you can receive news about our programs, records, classes, and trips. We also have several books on computers and genealogy, most of which are on the top of the filing cabinets.

### **Web Sites**

Some free genealogical web sites that you can access from any Internet connection include Familysearch.org (the LDS site, searches by name of hundreds of millions of names and, through its library feature, ways of identifying millions of books and records on a family); Genforum; Genweb; and Rootsweb. Also see Free Genealogy Search Engines <http://surnamesupersearch.com/index.html>.

### **Free Genealogy Newsletters:**

Some valuable free genealogy newsletters that are sent through the Internet are:

Genealogy News: <http://www.genealogytoday.com/news/online.mv?xz=gt-home>

The Genealogy Newsletter: <http://www.genealogynewsletter.com/>

Genealogy by Barry: <http://genealogybybarry.com/>

Fort Wayne-Allen County Public Library: [genealogygems@friendsofallencounty.org](mailto:genealogygems@friendsofallencounty.org)

### **Software to Help You Write Your Biography**

Memorygrabber, Personal Historian, and Life Story Composer are among the most popular.

### **Cyber Detectives to Help You Find Someone Living**

Aside from Google and emailing the library closest to where the person lives, there are a number of popular electronic people finders for a fee including People Search, Pipl, and 123People, among many others. See: <http://email.about.com/od/emailaddressdirectories/tp/Top-16-People-Search-Sites.htm>

Zabasearch is a free site that provides public information on telephone numbers and addresses.

### **Bibliographies and Book Catalogs**

The best free source for libraries with specific books is Worldcat: <http://www.worldcat.org/> . It also includes some manuscripts and even shows how far in miles you are from holding libraries.

Several major libraries allow access to their book catalogs through the Internet including the Birmingham Public Library, the Library of Congress, and the New York Public Library. Some

libraries also have catalogs to their private manuscripts collections including the Southern History Collection of the Wilson Library of the University of North Carolina and Special Collections, Perkins Library, Duke University. Internet Archive leads to books and manuscripts free on the Internet: <http://www.archive.org> . Archivegrid and Worldcat also search private manuscript collections for free.

Free access to hundreds of thousands of books can be obtained through Internet Archive including the books being digitized for free access by the Library of Congress (you can check such books by clicking on the full record when you look up a specific book on the Library of Congress' web site). You can search the millions of books copied on Google.com through Google Books and Google Scholar; also see the JSTOR website. You can search by a phrase (use quotation marks), individual words, or combinations of phrases and words. That site includes some books of abstracts of historical court cases. Books, photographs, and manuscripts can also be located through such web sites as Amazon.com, Abebooks, and eBay.

When you search the Internet, the contents of the thousands of history articles on JSTOR are searched. You can order copies of the articles for a fee or use the information to copy the articles at libraries with those respective journals.

Other sources for books and articles:

Making of America (Cornell): <http://library8.library.cornell.edu/moa>  
Includes the *War of the Rebellion* series (Land and Sea)

Making of America (University of Mich.) (includes post Civil War violence):  
<http://www.hti.umich.edu/m/moagrp>

American Memory (LC) (includes the *American State Papers* and also slave narratives):  
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html><http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html>

Questia: <http://www.questia.com/popularSearches>

Research Links from Michael L. Dixon and Karen S. Walker

<http://www.gutenberg.org/> - Free ebooks, including many historical items.

<http://archive.org> - Vast repository of free online materials, including books, pamphlets, video, and audio

<http://books.google.com/> - Google books

[https://news.google.com/news/advanced\\_news\\_search?as\\_drrb=a](https://news.google.com/news/advanced_news_search?as_drrb=a) - Google newspaper archive

(if you have trouble with this link go to [www.google.com/news](http://www.google.com/news) and look for a timeline command below to select older date ranges.

<http://scholar.google.com/> - Searches scholarly journals

[www.oldmapsonline.net](http://www.oldmapsonline.net) - portal to many old maps online.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html> Library of Congress - American Memory - Library of Congress American Memory

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/> - Chronicling American, Newspapers, Library of Congress

<http://www.dixonhistory.com/news/research-links/> - Additional research links on my blog.

### **Manuscripts and Personal Papers:**

Archivegrid (free) <http://www.archivegrid.org/web/index.jsp>

FirstSearch (OCLC): <http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch/>

Research Libraries Information network (RLIN): <http://archivegrid.org/web/jsp/index.jsp>

National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC):  
<http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/> Does not include entries that were published in its books, 1953-1986.

WorldCat: <http://www.worldcat.org/>

### **Newspapers:**

Incomplete international bibliographies of digitized newspaper sites include Kenneth R. Marks' site The Ancestor Hunt: <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/>; Penn State's <http://guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspaperonline>; the Library of Congress' America's Newspapers Chronicling America: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>; International Coalition on Newspapers: <http://icon.crl.edu/digitization.htm>; by the web site Wikipedia: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_online\\_newspaper\\_archives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_online_newspaper_archives); by the Library of Congress: <http://www.loc.gov/rr/news/oltitles.html> ; and by Penn State University: <http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/onlinenewspapers.html/>  
 Bowling Green State University also has a list:  
<http://libguides.bgsu.edu/c.php?g=227435>

### **(Nation-wide Collections)**

America's Historical Newspapers/Early American Newspapers (subscription available for public use at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and the Woodruff Library of Emory University in Atlanta) and in our library through AmericanAncestry/New England Historic Genealogical Society

Genealogybank.com\* (a subscription site that can be rented inexpensively; one of the best such sites; also includes many worthwhile old federal publications such as the *American State Papers* and obituaries 1977- and an enormous collectuon of newspapers that includes the America's Historical Newspapers [see below] ): <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/keyword.html>

Chronicling America, Library of Congress (free):  
<http://www.loc.gov/chroniclingamerica/index.html>

Newspaper Abstracts (free): <http://www.newspaperabstracts.com>

Newspaperarchive.com (a subscription site that can be rented inexpensively for a month):\*  
<http://newspaperarchive.com>

Newspaper.com (a different subscription site that can be rented inexpensively for a month):  
<http://www.newspapers.com/>

ProQuest offers digitized versions of the nation's leading newspapers to libraries able to afford its subscription fee (available to the general public at the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa and the Woodruff Library of Emory University) through NewsBank\*:

[http://www.proquest.com/products\\_pq/descriptions/pq-hist-news.shtml](http://www.proquest.com/products_pq/descriptions/pq-hist-news.shtml)

Thomson Gale Learning offers 19th Century U. S. Newspapers to libraries able to afford a subscription (available to the general public at the the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa; Woodruff Library of Emory University; Georgia State University in Atlanta; and the Tennessee State Library and Archives in Nashville); you have to turn on the feature to search all text and not just headlines:

<http://gale.cengage.com/servlet/ItemDetailServlet?region=9&imprint=000&titleCode=DASCF6&cf=n&type=4&id=225180> It is also available as part of the many valuable genealogical data bases for the whole country on the subscription site of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

### **(Local papers that also reprinted out of area stories)**

Albany, Georgia, newspapers 1845-1866, 1870-1882 (access is free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):

<http://sgnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/sgnewspapers/about>

Americus, Georgia, newspapers 1870-1921 (access is free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):

<http://sgnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/sgnewspapers/about>

Athens, Georgia, newspapers 1827-1922 (access is free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):

<http://athnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/athnewspapers/search>

Atlanta newspapers, 1847-1911, (access is free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia): <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/atlnewspapers>

*Atlanta Constitution*, 1868-1929 (access is free but copies of newspapers cost):

[http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/ajc\\_historic/advancedsearch.html](http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/ajc_historic/advancedsearch.html)

Augustaarchives.com (back issues of the *Augusta* [Georgia] *Chronicle* a subscription site):

<http://augustaarchives.com>

*Brooklyn Daily Eagle* (free) : <http://www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/eagle>

California Digital Newspaper Collection (you must turn on the phrase search control):

<http://cbsr.tabbec.com/>

Colorado Digitization Project (free): <http://www.cdpheritage.org/collection/chnc.cfm>

*Columbus Enquirer*, 1828-1890 (free, one of several newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia): <http://enquirer.galileo.usg.edu/enquirer/search>

Georgia newspapers: <http://dlg.galileo.usg.edu/MediaTypes/Newspapers.html?Welcome>

*Macon (Georgia) Telegraph* (free, one of several newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):  
<http://telegraph.galileo.usg.edu/telegraph/search>

*Memphis Appeal*, 1843-1849, 1851-1894 (free, index only, includes Civil War issues published in Atlanta): <https://umdrive.memphis.edu/mckibben/www/index.html>

Milledgeville, Georgia, newspapers, 1809-1922 (free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):  
<http://milledgeville.galileo.usg.edu/milledgeville/search>

Savannah's historical newspapers, not complete, free through the Digital Library of Georgia: <http://savnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/savnewspapers-j2k/search> (the colonial and Revolutionary War newspapers are included on the subscription site Genealogybank)

Thomasville, Georgia, newspapers, 1873-1922 (free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):  
<http://sgnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/sgnewspapers/about>

Valdosta, Georgia, newspapers, 1905-1912 (free, newspapers scanned by the University of Georgia as part of its Digital Library of Georgia):  
<http://sgnewspapers.galileo.usg.edu/sgnewspapers/about>

## **Photographs**

The best place for photographs is Google Images and Zeably web site. The Library of Congress has a huge free photograph archive that is especially good for the Civil War.

## **Federal Land Records**

The Alabama Secretary of State has placed online (for free) the individual Alabama county tract books (the most complete listing of land grants) and plat maps:

<http://www.sos.state.al.us/GovtRecords/Land.aspx>

Our collection of indexes to federal land patents includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin. However, these and other lists of land patents in selected federal land states can also be accessed through the Bureau of Land Management Eastern States web site, from which you can copy an image of the actual land patent. Also see our handout on federal land records and *The Basic Researcher's Guide to Homesteads & Other Federal Land Records* at CS16 .L36 B37. Be aware that the Bureau of Land Management records do not include pre-1820 credit land grants, military bounty lands, or

homestead applications that were not completed. For all of these records before 1906, write to National Archives, Washington, DC 20408-0001 or order the form for searching land records through the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site.

The Bureau of Land Management has placed online (free) the patents for land grants other than credit and military bounty land grants. The military patents are being added, as are filed notes:

<http://www.sos.state.al.us/GovtRecords/Land.aspx>

### **Maps and Aerial Photographs**

The free web sites Google Earth and ACME Mapper <http://mapper.acme.com/> provides highway maps, satellite images, and topographical maps for the whole planet. MapQuest will provide you with maps and directions from one location to another as will Google Maps. Many web sites offer free copies and searches of historic maps. A good bibliography of these sites is Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/>

For Alabama local, statewide and regional maps there is specifically:

<http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/index.html>

and for Georgia:

<http://www.cviog.uga.edu/Projects/gainfo/gamaps.htm>

Also see our handout on maps. We also have a paper map collection for many places that included books of indexed topographic maps by state in book form and original Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for Birmingham and Tuscaloosa.

From the Allen County-Fort Wayne Public Library: DIGITAL COLLECTIONS:

[www.loc.gov/pictures](http://www.loc.gov/pictures) Library of Congress “Prints & Photographs Online Catalog”

[www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) Internet Archive is currently scanning books for free viewing on the web. The Library of Congress, Cornell Library, National Library of Scotland and Allen County Public Library are a few of the organizations involved.

[www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/1158\\_lafayette/](http://www.vam.ac.uk/vastatic/microsites/1158_lafayette/) Victoria and Albert Museum. This site has one of my favorite photographic collections from the Lafayette studio, located in Dublin and open from about 1897 to 1925.

[www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/](http://www.sos.mo.gov/mdh/) The Missouri Digital Heritage Initiative website has a great African-American studio portrait collection.

[www.acpl.lib.in.us/database/index/acpl\\_digital\\_library.html](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/database/index/acpl_digital_library.html) Allen County Public Library Community Album

### ***School Yearbooks and Directories***

The American Antiquarian Society has a free index to published school student lists to 1878:  
<http://morgan.mwa.org/studentnames/>

### **Census Indexes**

We have a library subscription to Ancestry Library.com and to HeritageQuest on our Internet station allows instant searches and copies of pages to all census es, 1790-1930. Omissions and mistakes do happen in these indexes and some of the census records on HeritageQuest are only to names of heads of households.

We have indexes to federal census records and substitutes for federal census records in many forms including books, microfiche, microfilm, and computer CD-ROM disks. See our census records handout for more details. On CD-ROM computer disks we have the 1870 census, indexed by state, and the heads of household for the 1810 census. He have the index for California and the extreme western states for 1850. We have an electronically searchable transcript of the entire 1880 census on CD-ROM disks (also avaiable with 1881 British censuses on the free web site Familysearch. org.) On computer CD-ROM disk we also have:

- CD164 **Mortality records for the U.S.**, 1850-1880 (very incomplete)
- CD49 **Texas** 1860-1890 and Social Security Death Index
- CD136 **Colonial and United States** Pre-1790
- CD151 **Great Lakes, South and Mid-Atlantic** 1791-1809
- CD150 **Mid-Atlantic, South, and Mid-West** 1810-1819
- CD154 **Great Lakes, South and Mid-Atlantic** 1820-1829
- CD148 **Great Lakes, South and Mid-Atlantic** 1830-1839
- CD152 **Southern States** 1840-1849
- CD153 **Great Lakes and Mid-West** 1840-1849
- CD45 **Southern States** 1850
- CD44 **Kentucky and Tennessee** 1850
- CD40 **New England** 1850
- CD24 and 26 **Southern States** 1860
- CD27 **Illinois and Indiana** 1860
- CD21 **New York** 1860
- CD289 **North and South Carolina** 1870
- CD34 **Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina** 1870
- CD20 **Ohio** 1880

### **Family Tree Maker Archives CD-ROM Disks**

We have some of the Family Tree Maker disks, especially marriage records and census indexes in the older and easier to use Automated Archives editions. Their disks are at least indexed through their web site on the Internet. We have the following FTM disks:

- CD 3 Marriage Index Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, 1641-1944 (incomplete)
- CD 130 Pennsylvania German Church Records, 1729-1870
- CD 162 Virginia Genealogies #1, pre-1600 to 1900s
- CD 163 Pennsylvania Genealogies #1
- CD 210 National Genealogical Society Quarterly, vols. 1-85



CD 225 Marriage Index: Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, 1850-1951  
 CD 255 Federal Land Records: AL, AR, FL, LA, MI, MN, OH, WI  
 CD 289 Census Index: North Carolina, South Carolina, 1870  
 CD 351 Roll of Honor Union soldiers

### **Marriage Records**

We have CD-ROM disks of indexes to miscellaneous marriages. None of these indexes appear to be complete. The disks that we have so far include:

CD5 Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas  
 CD1 Louisiana  
 CD4 North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia  
 CD3 Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina  
 \_\_\_\_\_ New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania  
 CD225 Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada

### **Military Records**

Many military web sites are on the Internet. We have book marked several, especially for the Civil War and we have a subscription to the Civil War research database (ask us to put in the password.). We have on CD-ROM the Sons of the American Revolution Patriot graves registry and their Patriot index, both for the American Revolution. Our *Civil War CD-ROM* disk contains complete transcripts of the 128 volume *War of the Rebellion*; Dyer, *Compendium to the War of the Rebellion*; Fox, *Regimental Losses*; *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War*; *War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies*; *The Photographic History of the Civil War*; and more. (The War of the Rebellion volumes, land and sea, are also available through the Making of America [MOA] web site.) Other Civil War CD-ROM computer disks in our collection include the 1883 index to Civil War and War of 1812 pensions; the Roll of Honor (burial records of Union soldiers); *Confederate Generals Speak*; *The Civil War: a Newspaper Perspective*; and, as part of our Early Mississippi Records disk, Confederate burials in Mississippi. Our CD-ROM computer disk collection only represents a small but valuable part of our Civil War research collection. See our Civil War handout for more details. Many Civil War sites are available on the Internet including the Civil War, Civil War Homepage and American Civil War Homepage. The Library of Congress offers Civil War maps through its web site:

[http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil\\_war\\_maps/](http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/collections/civil_war_maps/)

The Center for History and New Media at George Mason University recently completed a decade long project to locate all copies of the military records lost in the fire of 1800 and to place them online: <http://wardepartmentpapers.org/>

Many Internet sites exist for various veterans organizations for World War II and later. We have the LDS list of Korean and Vietnam War dead on CD-ROM and the Library of Congress web site on the Internet has a Vietnam POW home page. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) web site allows to search of World War II service records. However, names must be entered last name first.

### **Heraldry and Clans**

We keep in the back but will bring out for your use a special CD-ROM Disk that provides full color images of tartans. Several web sites on the Internet help with heraldry including the Clan Finder Page and the American College of Heraldry.

### **Native American Sources**

We have Automated Archives CD113 that includes a number of Native American addresses and family histories as well as a list of claims at the National Archives filed by Cherokee survivors of the 1838 removal. See our handout on Native American research. The International Genealogical Index and other LDS cds include Native American families. We also have the Native American collection CD-ROM disk from the Oklahoma Historical Society and the Guild Press Native American CD-Rom disk.

### **Social Security Death Index**

We have the most recent LDS edition of the index to persons who died drawing social security, 1964 or later, and persons who died at any time and some drew on their social security on or after 1964, and also an older version by Automated Archives, on CD-ROM. HOWEVER, the most recent edition of this index is available for free at FamilySearch.com.

***The Family and Regional History Program, Wallace State College, P. O. Box 2000, Hanceville, AL 35077-2000 (Phone: 256-352-8265; e-mail robert.davis@wallacestate.edu) is on the fifth and sixth floors of the college library. The college is located near Cullman, Alabama, and is on Highway 31, a few miles east of Interstate-65 (take the Hanceville Highway 91 Exit), only one hour from Birmingham, Gadsden, and Huntsville. Our extensive and growing collection of research materials includes books, periodicals, microfilm, microfiche, cd-rom disks, computer programs, family folders, and much more. The hours are 7:30 AM to 8:15 PM Monday through Thursday; 7:30 AM to 2 PM on Friday; and 8 AM to 2 PM on Saturday. The collection is completely open to the general public. The Program also offers continuing education courses in genealogy from basic courses to computers to such specialties as court house, Georgia, and Civil War era research.***