

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY MICROFICHE COLLECTION

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GENERAL GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

World-wide and General Microfiche in Our Collection

We have in drawers MFM 72 and 73 the American Biographical Archives and its two supplements. This resource contains more than 1,000,000 biographical sketches of more than 250,000 Americans. In each of these three microfiche the entries are in alphabetical order although there is a partial general index (including to some persons mentioned in other person's sketches) on a computer CD-Rom disk. Also see the materials under "Special Groups" at the end of this handout.

The Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS or Mormons) has the largest genealogical library in the world and a program to microfilm all records of genealogical value. Their microfilms are loaned to any through their local libraries and through our library here at Wallace State. Usually this material is researched through the free Internet web site Familysearch.com. We have in our collection, in microfiche drawers MFM 84-87, microfiche of the catalogs and indexes to the LDS books, microfilms, and other records. These catalogs are superseded by our CD-ROM computer disks and the Internet web site Familysearch.com. This microfiche includes a bibliography of books and county records microfilms in the LDS library by location, under such as AFRICA, ALABAMA, ALASKA, and ALBANIA. The sub-headings under the locations are by records types and can be very confusing. Researchers should search of the fiche of a particular location to determine all possible records. Also in drawer MFM 85 is a list of the vital records.

Drawer MFM 85 also contains the Family Registry, a discontinued index to family information submitted from throughout the world, with the name and address of the persons who submitted the data. Information found in this index includes name, birth, death, marriage, and parents. Also included is the microfilm number for each person described, allowing the you to obtain a complete copy of the whole record from the LDS.

Microfiche drawer MFM 74 contains indexes and records prepared by Everton Publishing Company, P. O. Box 368, Logan, UT 84321, which publishes *The Genealogical Helper*, one of the nation's leading genealogical periodicals. We also have another index to this material on CD-ROM computer disk. The microfiche includes:

Family File, Vols. I and II. Each of these two sets of microfiche must be consulted separately. This microfiche indexes the Family Group Sheets, vols. I and II, described below. The indexes provides name, event (b=birth, m=marriage, d=death, etc.), the year of the event, the location of the event, and

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the number of the chart (Family Group Sheet, see below) where the information can be found. If the information is not found on a Family Group Sheet described below, write to Everton for the source.

Family Group Sheets, Vols. I and II. This microfiche is indexed by the Everton Family File above and consists of family charts.

Roots Cellar, Volume I. This microfiche indexes the requests for family information sent in to the "Roots Cellar" column of *The Genealogical Helper* over the years. The entries are arranged alphabetically only by surname, not in any way by first name. The Ancestors List provides information on the ancestors sought and the number that leads to the address of the person placing the query, as listed in the Submitters List microfiche.

Books, Genealogies, and Local Histories

An index to several early genealogies is found in drawer MFM 71, as is a history of the Lockhart-Moreland family, "Letter to my Grandchildren."

Selected microfiche from Jack T. Erison, ed., *Genealogy & Local History* (1982-1994) is found in drawers MFM 88-91, the fiche being marked "GLH". Consult the printed guides on top of the card catalog for specific authors, titles, and subjects. Microfiche in our collection has been highlighted in the published catalogs. Local histories (LH), genealogical serials (GS), and primary sources (PS) are also included. The title pages have been copied into our family vertical files. We also have a handout on locating family histories.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Wallace State College Library also has the complete set of *The Microbook Library of American Civilization* although this microfiche is kept on the second floor of the library, not in the genealogy collection. A set of the published catalogs to this collection is kept on top of our card catalog, however. The best access to the books in this collection is to consult the subject catalog volume under the individual states.

We have a bibliography of the works of the Works Projects Administration in drawer MFM 69.

Census Indexes and City Directories

Microfiche MFM 76-79 includes our census indexes on microfiche. We have many other census indexes on CD-ROM computer disks, on Internet web sites, and in book form (see our handout on census indexes). Our microfiche includes nation-wide (A-Z) indexes for what survives for the whole United States for 1600-1850 as miscellaneous mortality schedules, 1850-1885. Also included in the fiche for 1850 and later is: Arizona 1862, 1866; California 1860; Colorado 1870, 1880; Kansas 1860; Michigan 1854; Minnesota 1860, 1870; Nevada 1880, 1882; New Mexico 1855; North Dakota 1875, 1880; Ohio 1851; South Dakota 1875, 1880; and Washington State 1870, 1871, 1880. We have separate indexes on microfiche for Alabama 1870; Kansas 1855; and Georgia 1870. Drawer MFM 75 includes the 1789 city directory of Boston, Massachusetts. and a street index to cities in the 1910 census. Drawer MFM 64 has Mobile city directories, 1837-1859 (incomplete).

We have national telephone directories, by state, for 1989-1990, in drawers MFM 82-83.

Civil War Unit Histories and Claims

We have several thousand Confederate and Union regimental histories arranged by region and then by state in drawers MFM 360-363. Catalogs to this collection are on top of the cabinet. We also have handouts on our extensive Civil War research sources.

We have a separate handout on how to search Civil War claims. These claims were filed by southerners seeking federal money for property taken or destroyed by United States forces during the War Between the States. To see if someone filed for a claim consult the index at the beginning of the microfiche. Also kept on top of the cabinet is a guide to using this microfiche and the Southern Unionist Claims. The disallowed claims (when loss of property was not proven) are in drawers MFM 363-364. The barred claims (when loyalty to the Union was not proven) are in drawer MFM 364. The approved Georgia claims are in drawer MFM 364.

Newspapers and Periodicals

We have the genealogical *Periodical Resource Index* (PERSI) in drawer MFM 69 but we also have this source in book form and on the web site Ancestry.com. We have back issues of *Southern Queries* in MFM 80. We also have back issues of the journal *Documentary Editing* in drawer MFM 71.

The *New York Times* indexes by year, 1851-1885 are in drawer MFM 69 and we have the subject index to the Birmingham News, 1998-2002, in drawer MFM 64. The Birmingham Public Library has more extensive holdings of both.

SPECIAL GROUPS

Attorneys

The incomplete lists of attorneys published by the Martindale and Hubbell companies, 1868-1900, are in drawer MFM 69. Only the 1868 list attempted to be complete for the whole country.

German Emigrants

Microfiche drawer MFM 70 contains an alphabetical list of 220,000 Germans going to America, 1820-1914. This on going project is not complete. Also see our handout on emigration records and our books *Germans to America*.

Native Americans

Drawer MFM 70 is a inventory of Federal records relating to the Five Civilized Tribes (the Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws, and Seminoles). We have many other sources and handouts for Native American research.

SPECIAL SOURCES BY STATE

Special Alabama Sources

Drawer MFM 64 has the 1870 census index for Alabama (we also have this in book form and on CD-ROM disk); Mobile city directories, 1837-1859 (incomplete); Birmingham newspaper indexes, 1998-2002; and an index to federal topographical maps (we also have this in book form).

Special California Sources

We have the index to the 1860 federal census of California in MFM 68.

Special Florida Sources

A guide to the materials in the Florida Department of Archives and History is found in drawer MFM 67. The same drawer includes an index to Florida death certificates, 1877-1999.

Special Georgia Sources

In drawer MFM 65 there is found the index to Georgia death certificates, 1919-1993; Georgia divorces, 1965-1994; and Georgia marriages, 1964-1994. The same drawer also includes a guide to Georgia vital records; a guide to the Georgia records transcribed by the Daughters of the American Revolution; the book catalog of the Georgia Department of Archives and History; and *Georgia Genealogical Magazine*, nos. 1-24. We have an index to topographical maps but the book indexes are easier to use. In drawer MFM 364 there is the approved Georgia Southern Unionist claims.

Special Kansas Sources

We have an index to the 1855 state census of Kansas in MFM 68.

Special Kentucky Sources

Kentucky birth and death indexes, 1911-1995, are in drawer MFM 66, along with an index to topographical maps.

Special Maryland Sources

In drawer MFM 67, we have the Maryland calendar of wills and death notices from the Baltimore Sun, 1876-1915; also see our Maryland resources on the sixth floor.

Special North Carolina Sources

Drawer MFM 67 includes the index to North Carolina marriage bonds by groom and bride (remember that a bond is proof of intention to marry and not necessarily of the marriage itself. Most

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North Carolinians, for various reasons, did not post marriage bonds. A list of the codes used to indicate counties appears at the end of each fiche. We also have this on computer CD-ROM disk.

Special South Carolina Sources

Microfiche drawer 81 contains more than 600 pre-1915 local and family histories of South Carolina. A list of this books is on top of the cabinet. This drawer also contains the South Carolina Revolutionary War stub indent books (also see the Accounts Audited files on microfilm). Other volumes in this series are in book form on the sixth floor and as Revolutionary War Accounts audited in MFM 42-44.

Special Virginia Sources

Drawer MFM 68 also includes microfiche of such Virginia publications as *Tyler's Quarterly* and *The Researcher*. More Virginia genealogical journals are on microfilm in MFM 108. (These periodicals are indexed in our copy of the book E. G. Swem, *Virginia Historical Index*, on the sixth floor.) This same drawer also has an index to topographical maps which we also have in book form.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Family and Regional History Program, Wallace State College, P. O. Box 2000, Hanceville, AL 35077-2000 (Phone: 256-352-8265) is on the fifth floor 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. We have all of the catalogs to the holdings to the Genealogical Society of Utah and we are the first non-LDS institution to be able to borrow from their three millions records and books from around the world. Our collection, however, specializes in the southern states, the American Revolution, the Civil War, and southern Indian research. The holdings on the Cullman-Blount-Winston County area are particularly extensive. We have equipment to allow you to copy photographs and we microfilm old records of interest to our researchers. The hours are 8 to 8, Monday through Thursday; 8 to 4PM on Friday; and 9 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. The collection is completely open to the general public. The Program also offers college credit courses in genealogy from basic courses to computers to such specialties as court house, Georgia, and Civil War era research. Some courses are purely research field trips to archives and libraries across the South. Courses are tuition free to persons over age sixty and with special arrangements for persons not taking the courses for credit. Our introduction to genealogy course is available on video.