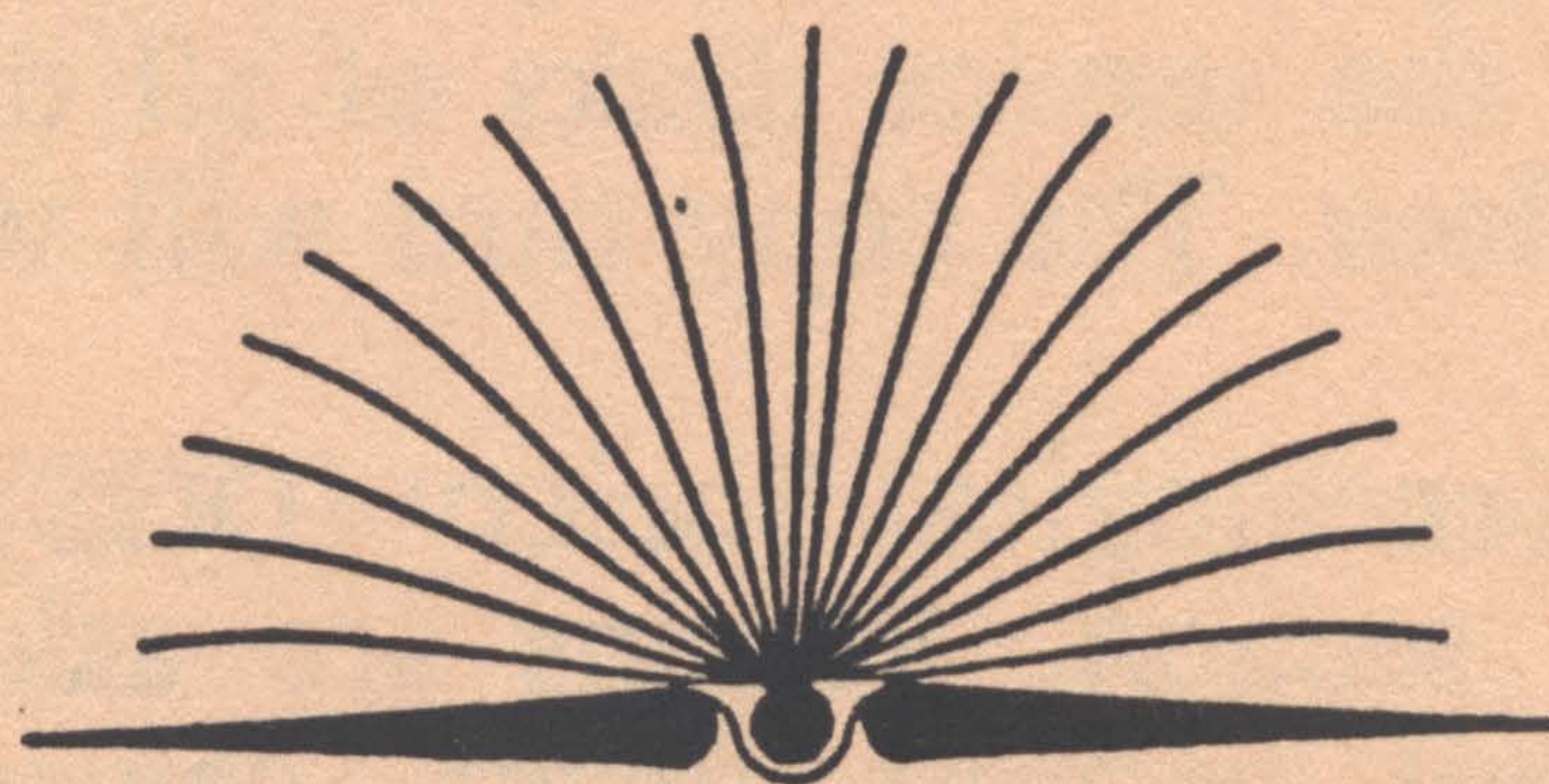


Guide

to

Research

Genealogy Section



**Dallas
Public
Library**



DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY GENEALOGY SECTION

LOCATION: J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, 1515 Young Street; located in the History & Social Sciences Division, 8th floor, northeast corner.

HOURS: The library is open every day of the week except legal holidays.

Monday–Thursday	9 A.M. — 9 P.M.
Friday & Saturday	9 A.M. — 5 P.M.
Sunday	1 P.M. — 5 P.M.

PARKING: The entrance to the underground parking garage is from Wood Street which is at the back of the building.

GARAGE RATES:

First 15 minutes	free
16 minutes—1 hour	\$.50
Each additional hour	\$1.00
Monday—Friday	Maximum \$6.00
Saturday—Sunday	Maximum \$3.00

A lost ticket is charged at the maximum rate.

TELEPHONE: Genealogy Section numbers (214) 670-1433 (214) 670-1434
Public telephones are located on floors 1 and 5.

PHOTOCOPIES: There are 3 microfilm copiers, 1 microfiche copier, and 2 photocopy machines in the Genealogy Section. There are also other copiers in the History & Social Sciences Division. The photocopy machines accept one-dollar, two-dollar, and five-dollar bills and will make change.

Standard/legal size	\$.15 per page
11" x 17" size	.25 per page
Microfilm, microfiche	.25 per page (quarters only)

COPYCARD: A prepaid copy card in \$2.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 denominations may be purchased at the service desks of all divisions or at the circulation desk on the first floor. The copy card will work on all copiers in the library.

VOLUNTEER DESK: The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) maintains a volunteer desk at the front of the section. Patrons are asked to sign in at this desk. The volunteers sell various forms—census, pedigree, and family group sheets—and other DGS publications.

RESTROOMS & FOUNTAINS: Restrooms and drinking fountains are located on every floor of the Central Library to the west of the elevators.

FOOD & DRINK: Vending machines are available in the (L2) Parking Garage. No food or drink may be brought into the library. Please ask at the service desk for information on restaurants in the area.

LOST & FOUND: Check at the service desk for lost or found items. **PLEASE WATCH YOUR PURSE.** This is a public facility and care must be taken to protect your belongings from theft.

SMOKING: **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE BUILDING.**

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH USING THE DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Opening in 1982, the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library of the Dallas Public Library system is one of the largest public library structures in the nation. The building is named for and dedicated to the late esteemed mayor of Dallas whose leadership and interest culminated in securing funding for building the library.

The Genealogy Section, located on the eighth floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, has been recently enlarged and reorganized through the fundraising efforts of the Dallas Genealogical Society and in-kind donations from both the library and the City of Dallas. The Genealogy Collection is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the southern half of the United States. The 70,000 volumes, 32,000 rolls of microfilm, and 68,000 sheets of microfiche, 1200 microcards, and over 700 maps and charts comprise an especially rich array of material for genealogical research.

Because Dallas area residents come from many states in the Union and research ancestors in all states, every effort has been made to develop a collection of national scope. All states and counties are represented. The emphasis of the collection is on the thirteen original colonies and the states formed from them as well as the southern and midwestern states. This does not mean that other regions of the country—West, Northwest, and Southwest—are not generously covered.

The Dallas Public Library system, including the Genealogy Section uses the Dewey decimal classification to arrange its collections. However, in deference to patron request, the collection is divided into sections for each state, for general United States material, for each foreign country, and for family histories and genealogies. Within each of these sections, books are arranged by call number. The collection is open shelf with all but a few very fragile books available on the open shelves. Patrons are asked to return books to the brown shelf located at the end of each stack.

Access to the collection is provided through the use of the card catalog in the Genealogy Section or by using the on-line catalog STAR (System to Access Resources). It is possible to access the on-line catalog by modem or through the Internet. The STAR catalog is the catalog for the entire Dallas library system and information can be accessed by author, title or subject and also by keyword. Since STAR is systemwide, books and pertinent research materials located in other departments may be easily found. However, STAR lists only a few of the microforms and none of the analytic entries which are given in the card catalog.

The card catalog to the collection is in two sections; the first is by locality, alphabetically by state, then alphabetically by county within each state. Other countries are indexed either by province or county. The card catalog also provides an alphabetical index by surname to genealogies. Although the card catalog pertains only to the Genealogy Section, it will provide greater access to materials in microform than the computer catalog.

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VITAL STATISTICS

The collection has some statewide indexes of births, deaths, and marriages which are listed below. Some more localized indexes and abstracts such as early Massachusetts vital records are available by town, either printed

or on microfiche. Charleston, South Carolina deaths from 28 January 1821 to 9 July 1926 are available on microfilm. These and other similar records can be found by checking the card catalog for the state and county needed.

STATEWIDE VITAL RECORD INDEXES IN MICROFORM

STATE	RECORD	YEARS COVERED	MICROFORM	
			film	fiche
ALABAMA	Marriage	1936-1969	●	
	Divorce	1950-1959	●	
	Death	1908-1919; 1923-1959	●	
ARKANSAS	Marriage	1933-1939		●
	Divorce	1923-1927; 1934-1939		●
	Death	1914-1923; 1941-1946		●
CALIFORNIA	Birth	1956-1987		●
	Marriage	1960-1986		●
	Divorce	1966-1984		●
	Death	1905-1939	●	
	Death	1940-1993		●
GEORGIA	Marriage	1964-1992; 1993-1994		●
	Divorce	1965-1992; 1993-1994		●
	Death	1965-1993; 1994		●
ILLINOIS	Marriage	c1818-c1908		●
INDIANA	WPA birth & death	1882-1920	●	
	WPA marriage [earliest date varies by county]	1821-1920	●	
KENTUCKY	Vital Records; birth, marriage & death	1852-1910	●	
	Birth & death	1911-1954	●	
	Bride & groom	1972-1990		●
	Death certificates	1911-1986		●
MASSACHUSETTS	Birth, marriage & death	1841-1895		●
MISSISSIPPI	Marriage, by groom	Prior to 1926	●	
	Death	1912-1943	●	

VITAL STATISTICS

STATEWIDE VITAL RECORD INDEXES IN MICROFORM

STATE	RECORD	YEARS COVERED	MICROFORM	
			film	fiche
NEW JERSEY	WPA birth & death	early to 1900	●	
	Marriage	1670-1840	●	
	WPA marriage bonds	1670-1800	●	
	Marriage license (actual)	1711-1797	●	
NORTH CAROLINA	Marriage bond	c1740-1868		●
OHIO	Death	c1909-1911	●	
OREGON	Death	1903-1970	●	
SOUTH CAROLINA	Death	1915-1924; 1925-1934		●
TENNESSEE	Birth	1903-1912	●	
	Death	1908-1912; 1912-1946	●	
TEXAS	Birth	1903-1976	●	
	Probate birth	various	●	
	Marriage	early to 1850		●
	Marriage	1966-1996		●
	Divorce	1968-1996		●
	Death	1903-1973	●	
	Death	1964-1996		●
WASHINGTON	Marriage	1891-1920	●	
	Death	1907-1979	●	
	Birth	c1965-Jan. 1997		●
	Birth & death registers (by county)	1891-1907	●	
WISCONSIN	Birth	Unedited pre 1907		●
	Marriage	Pre 1907		●
	Marriage	1973-1992		●
	Divorce	1965-1978		●
	Death	Pre 1907		●
	Death	1959-1967; 1969-1990	●	

CENSUS

The Genealogy Section owns all the presently available United States decennial censuses, that is, 1790 to 1920, including the remnants of the 1890 census destroyed by an office fire. The library has all the printed indexes for 1790 to 1850 and many of the available indexes for 1860 and 1870. For the later years, 1880 to 1920, the indexes are in the form of soundex. Only 21 states have a soundex for 1910. The library has the complete 1880 soundex for all states. The library owns the complete 1900, 1910, and 1920 soundex for Texas but has very limited soundex for the other states.

Some states also took censuses and the Genealogy Section has many of these state censuses; including Alabama, California, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, New York, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. Please check the catalogs to determine the holdings as to state and date.

The census and the soundex indexes are on microfilm and are arranged alphabetically by state and chronologically by census year in the microfilm room. The soundex film is filed after the census of the same year. The printed indexes are located in low book shelves in the middle of the main room. Microfiche indexes for 1790-1850 and CD-ROM indexes for various years are available.

Available in the Genealogy Section

- 1790-1920 CENSUS All states
- 1880 SOUNDEX All states
- 1900 SOUNDEX Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas, Indian and Oklahoma territories
- 1910 SOUNDEX Texas, Oregon
- 1920 SOUNDEX Texas
- STATE CENSUS Various; check catalog

SOUNDEX CODE

The soundex system is a method of indexing names with an alphanumeric code in order to place various spellings or misspellings of a name in one alphabet. To code a name, use the first letter as a letter and code the next three consonant sounds. In case of a name with more consonants—use the first three; if there are not three consonants—add zeros to make a three digit number. The correct code will consist of a letter and three digits.

- 1—b, f, p, v
- 2—c, g, j, k, q, s, x, z
- 3—d, t
- 4—l
- 5—m, n
- 6—r

Not coded—a, e, i, o, u, h, w, y

You are coding sounds, so double letters and letters with similar sounds are coded only once. Miller—M460; Jackson—J250. If a key letter or equivalent immediately follows an initial letter, it is not coded. Schotts—S320; Lloyd—L300. Some surnames do not contain any of the key letters. Lee—L000; Poe—P000

To use the soundex, find the reel containing the code needed. Within the code the entries are arranged alphabetically by the given name of the head of household. If a person is living in a house in which the head of the household has a different surname, the person will have an individual soundex card. A heading card stating “mixed codes” means that several codes have been put together; they will still be arranged alphabetically within the grouping by given name of the head of household.

From the soundex entry, note the county, the Enumeration District (ED) number, the sheet number, and the line number. This information will enable you to locate the family on the census by going to that county and ED# and finding the sheet and line number.

Miracode is a variation on soundex which was used for some states in the 1910 census. The name is coded the same way and it differs from the soundex in that family number is given rather than sheet number.

MILITARY RECORDS

The Genealogy Section of the Dallas Public Library has one of the most complete collections of military records in the nation. There are records from the Revolutionary War to the Philippine Insurrection. The library owns the major microfilm series together with the important published sources listed below. Hundreds of other useful sources may be found by searching the catalogs.

RECORDS ON MICROFILM

REVOLUTIONARY WAR (1775-1783)

- Index to service records
- Service records
- Revolutionary War rolls, 1775-1783
- Index to numbered records
- Numbered record books-military
- Miscellaneous numbered records in War Department collection
- Papers of Continental Congress
- Pension and bounty-land applications
- Revolutionary War bounty-land warrants
- Ledgers of payment (1818-1872)
- Virginia half-pay pensions
- South Carolina audited accounts
- North Carolina army accounts
- Massachusetts Archives service appendix
- Virginia public service claims

WAR OF 1812 (1812-1815)

- Index to service records
- Service records for Mississippi Territory
- Index to pension records
- Military bounty-land warrants

INDIAN WARS (1815-1858)

- Index to service records
- Index to pension records
- Service records for Florida troops
Seminole Indian wars
- Service records for Illinois and Michigan troops in Winnebago Disturbance

MEXICAN WAR (1845-1848)

- Index to service records
- Service records for Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Utah
- Index to pension records

CIVIL WAR—UNION (1861-1865)

- Index to service records (by state)
- General index to pensions (nation wide)
- "Galvanized Yankees"; former confederates
- Index to U.S. Colored Troops
- Index to troops not raised by states or territories
- Courts-martial records
- Index to rendezvous reports; 1861-1865

CIVIL WAR—CONFEDERATE (1861-1865)

- Consolidated index to Confederate service
- Unfiled papers and slips belonging to compiled service records
- Index to Texas Confederate service
- Record of Adjutant General Index to troops raised by Confederate government
- Service records for Texas troops
- Indexes for pensions given (most states)
- Pension records—see individual state

SPANISH-AMERICAN (1898)

- Index to service records

PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION (1898-1903)

- Index to service records

OTHER MILITARY RECORDS

- Compiled service records of volunteer soldiers, 1784-1811
- Muster rolls; U.S. Marines, 1789-1892
- Abstracts of service records of naval officers, 1798-1893 (M330)
- Abstracts of service records of naval officers, 1829-1924 (M1328)
- Index to rendezvous reports; 1846-1861, 1865-1884 (U.S. Navy records)
- Register of enlistments in U.S. Army from 1798-1914
- Index to Old Wars pensions

SOME PUBLISHED SOURCES

- Indexes to Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Mexican War pensions
- War of the Rebellion; Official records of the Union and Confederate Armies
- War of the Rebellion; Official records of the Union and Confederate Navies
- Roster of Confederate Soldiers; 1861-1865
- Roster of Union Soldiers; 1861-1865
- Roll of Honor

STATE & COUNTY RESOURCES

The bulk of the collection is materials dealing with specific states and counties. Thousands of volumes and many rolls of microfilm concern the records of a single locality, county, or state. The most frequently consulted county records are marriage, probate, deed, and tax records. The Genealogy Section has books containing abstracts of some of these records for most counties in the United States. For some counties there will be microfilm copies of the original record. The card catalog is invaluable in determining what resources are available for a specific county.

COUNTY HISTORIES

The Genealogy Section has county histories and atlases issued on microfilm by Research Publications covering the following states.

- California
- Indiana
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Illinois
- Michigan
- Ohio
- Wisconsin

Also available is the Cox Library microfilm series for the following states.

- Colorado
- Iowa
- Maine
- Nevada
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Washington
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- New Jersey
- Oregon
- Utah

The county histories on these two microfilm sets as well as many other county or state histories, either printed or on microform, may be located by use of the card catalog.

NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFILM

- *The Arkansas Gazette*, 1819-1870
- *The Georgia Gazette*, 1768-1775
- *The Augusta Chronicle and Georgia Advertiser*, 1786-1802
- *The New Orleans Picayune*, 1837-1867
- *The South Carolina Gazette*, 1731-1782
- *The Virginia Gazette*, 1736-1780
- *The Southwestern Presbyterian*, 1869-1876
- *The Texas Presbyterian*, 1846-1877
- *The Texas Baptist*, 1859-1869
- *The Texas Christian Advocate*, 1872-1881

The items listed below are a very small sampling of research materials available in the collection for various states. The following list is meant to be representative of the collection, not comprehensive.

ALABAMA

- Confederate pension records
- 1907 Alabama Confederate veterans census
- Early Alabama marriages
- *Alabama Records* by Pauline Jones Gandrud

ARKANSAS

- Confederate pension records
- Arkansas tax lists
- Arkansas land patents

CALIFORNIA

- California biographical index
- *California Historical Quarterly*

CONNECTICUT

- Barbour collection of vital records from town records
- Hale collection of vital records taken from cemeteries and newspapers
- Public records of Connecticut, 1636-1776

FLORIDA

- Confederate pension records
- Biographical rosters of Florida's Confederate and Union soldiers
- Spanish land grants in Florida
- Archives of Spanish West Florida

GEORGIA

- 1864 Georgia militia enrollment records
- Biographical questionnaires for Georgia state officials
- WPA transcripts of Georgia military affairs 1773-1782
- Hollingsworth card file for Georgia families

ILLINOIS

- Illinois public domain land sales
- Illinois military census, 1862-1863
- Honor roll of veterans buried in Illinois

INDIANA

- WPA indexes to Indiana vital records
- Index to county histories

STATE & COUNTY RESOURCES

KENTUCKY

- Confederate pension records
- Kentucky tax lists prior to 1850

LOUISIANA

- War of 1812 pension records
- Confederate pension records
- Records of the diocese of Louisiana and the Floridas
- Louisiana voter lists of 1898
- Bound and unbound records of the General Land Office relating to Louisiana Territory

MAINE

- Maine Old Cemetery Association records
- 1798 direct tax for Maine
- York County, Maine probate records 1798-1860

MASSACHUSETTS

- Charles E. Banks collection for English origins of New England colonists
- Genealogical notes on Cape Cod families
- Vital records for many towns

MISSISSIPPI

- Confederate pension records
- Tax lists

MISSOURI

- Confederate pension records
- Index to Union service records

NEW MEXICO

- Diligencias matrimoniales 1679-1869 for Archdiocese of Santa Fe
- Spanish and Mexican Archives

NEW YORK

- Vosburgh collection of New York church records
- Seversmith manuscripts

NORTH CAROLINA

- Confederate pension records
- North Carolina WPA tombstone collection

OHIO

- Ohio DAR county record transcripts
- Surname index of the Ohio Historical Society
- 1812 tax duplicate

OKLAHOMA

- Confederate pension records
- Final rolls of the Five Civilized Tribes
- Enrollment cards: Five Civilized Tribes
- The Eastern Cherokees applications of the U S. Court of Claims

PENNSYLVANIA

- Records of Pennsylvania Revolutionary government
- 1798 direct tax for Pennsylvania
- Land warrant registers
- Septennial censuses (tax lists)
- Pennsylvania land patents

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Confederate pension records
- Revolutionary War audited accounts
- South Carolina memorials (land records)
- South Carolina state plats
- South Carolina county will transcripts
- WPA index to South Carolina tombstones
- South Carolina tax lists, 1783-1800

TENNESSEE

- Confederate pension records
- Tennessee land grant index
- Tennessee bible collection
- WPA transcripts of county records

TEXAS

- Confederate service records
- Confederate pension records
- World War I, Texas draft registration cards, 1917-1918
- Voter registration, 1867-1869
- Executive record books, 1835-1870
- Election registers, 1838-1972
- Dallas county deeds, 1846-1900
- Dallas county probate packages, 1846-c1900

VIRGINIA

- Revolutionary War bounty land warrants, approved and rejected
- Virginia militia in the War of 1812
- The Virginia Regimental Historical Series
- Northern Neck rent rolls
- Personal property tax lists, 1782-1850
- *Biographical Dictionary of Early Virginia*, 1623-1774

PASSENGER LISTS

Early passenger lists from 1600 to 1820 if they exist were private records. When discovered these have been published in the genealogical journals and books. There are several guides to these early lists but the most comprehensive index is *Passenger and Immigration Lists Index* by P. William Filby and Mary K. Meyer. This set will identify many sources, most of which may be found in the collection.

The government started keeping passenger lists in 1820 and these records are arranged by port of entry. There are indexes and actual passenger lists on microfilm for most ports.

RECORDS ON MICROFILM

ALABAMA, FLORIDA, GEORGIA, & SOUTH CAROLINA

- Index for 1890-1924 (T517)

ATLANTIC, GULF, & GREAT LAKES PORTS (excludes New York)

- Index for 1820-1874 (M334)
- Passenger lists for various ports for various years; 1820-1873 (M575)

BALTIMORE

- Index for 1820-1897 (M327)
- Index for 1833-1866 (M326)
- Index for 1897-1952 (T520)
- Quarterly abstracts of passenger lists; 1820-1869 (M596)

BOSTON

- Index for 1848-1891 (M265)
- Index for 1902-1906 (T521)
- Index for 1906-1920 (T617)
- Passenger lists; 1820-19 May 1848 (M277)

GALVESTON

- Passenger lists; 1 October 1895-25 October 1948 (M1359)
- Crew lists; 1918-1920
- Index 1896-1906 (M1358)

NEW ORLEANS

- Index to passenger lists of vessels arriving before 1900 (1853-1899) (T527)
- Index to Atlantic, Gulf, and Great Lakes ports (M575) for before 1853
- Quarterly abstracts of passenger lists; 1820-1875 (M272)
- Passenger lists; 1820-1902 (M259)

NEW YORK

- Index for 1820-1846 (M261)
- Index for 16 June 1897-30 June 1902 (T519)
- Passenger lists from 1820-1897 (M237)

PHILADELPHIA

- Index for 1800-1906 (M360)

SAN FRANCISCO

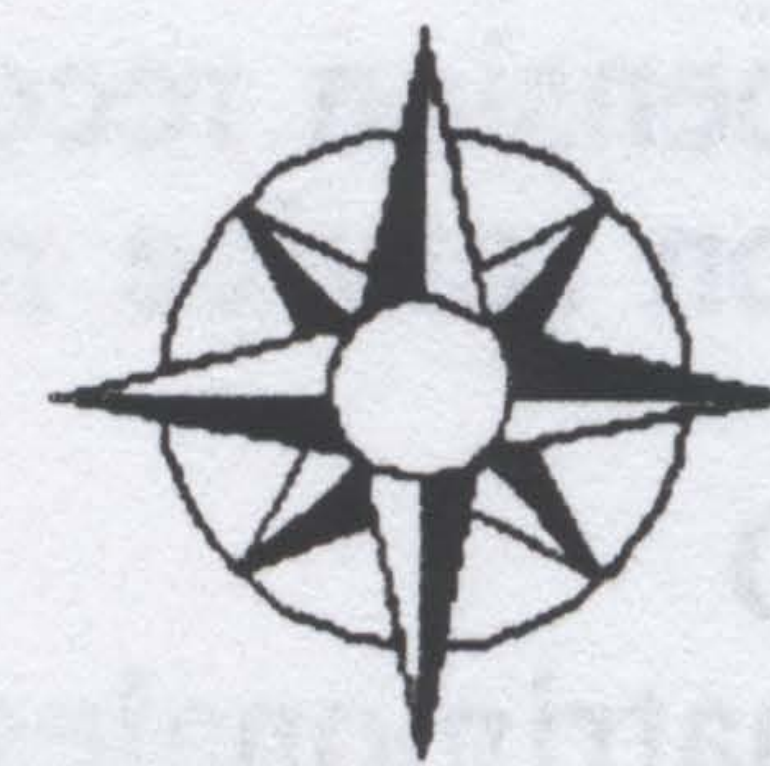
- Index for 1893-1934 (M1389)

SAVANNAH

- Passenger lists; 1906-1946 (T943)

CANADIAN BORDER ENTRIES

- Index to Canadian border entries through small ports in Vermont for 1895-1924 (M1462)



HAMBURG EMIGRATION LISTS

- Hamburg Auswandererlisten, 1850-1934
- Direct and indirect indexes
- Direct and indirect passenger lists

SOME PUBLISHED SOURCES

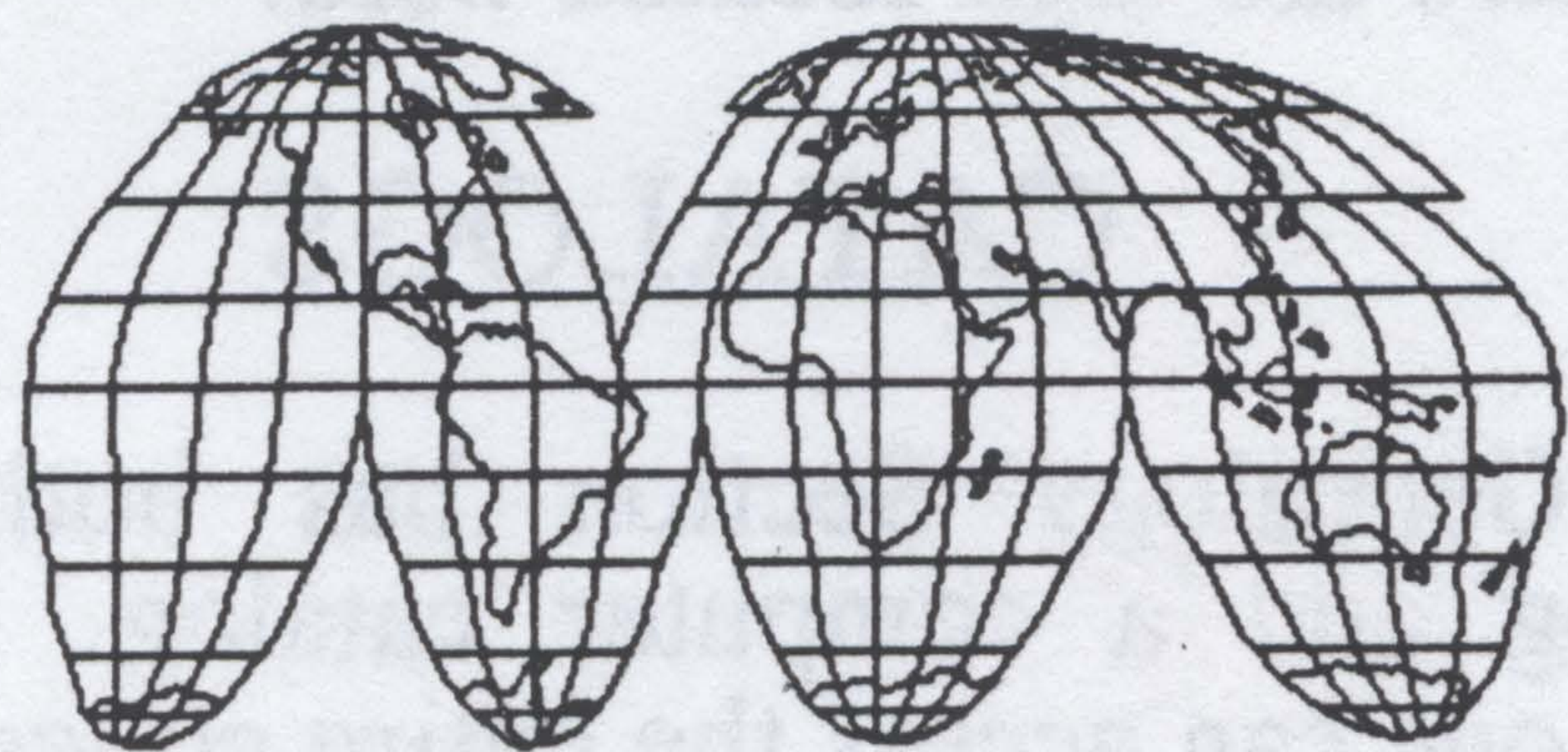
- Germans to America 1850-1887
- Famine Immigrants 1846-1851 (Ireland)
- Italians to America 1880-1899
- Migration from the Russian Empire 1875-1809
- Check catalogs for other titles.

NATURALIZATION RECORDS

The collection contains some printed abstracts and indexes of naturalization records and also the following statewide indexes.

STATEWIDE INDEXES

- Arkansas 1809-1906
- Connecticut 1790-1906
- Indiana 1809-1906
- Kansas 1856-1902
- Louisiana 1831-1906
- Maine 1791-1906
- Maryland 1797-1951
- Massachusetts 1792-1906
- Mississippi 1791-1906
- Montana 1868-1929
- New Hampshire 1791-1906
- New York 1792-1906
- North Carolina 1792-1862
- Pennsylvania 1820-1906
- Rhode Island 1792-1906
- South Carolina 1783-1850
- Texas 1846-1939



OTHER COUNTRIES

Although the library does not systematically acquire materials for foreign countries, there are quite a few resources for the English speaking nations. Since the Germans are the single largest ethnic group in the American population, the collection also contains much material on Germany. Other countries are less well covered in the collection. The catalogs should be studied to find material on the locality of interest.

INTERNATIONAL

- The *International Genealogical Index* is available on both microfiche and CD-ROM

GERMANY

- Johann Siebmacher's *Wappenbuch* (complete set)
- *Handbuch des Adels* (nearly complete set)
- *Deutsches Geschlechterbuch* (nearly complete set)
- *Germanic Emigrant Register*

GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND

- Domesday Book
- Visitations
- Complete sets of the *Publications of the Harleian Society in London*
- Complete set of *British Index Library*
- Victoria county history volumes for many English counties
- Quaker Digest Registers of birth, marriages, and burials for England and Wales, 1650-1837
- *Welsh Genealogies, AD 300-1400*
- Register of the Great Seal of Scotland, 1424-1668
- *Publications of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland* (complete set)
- Tithe applotment books and indexes for Northern Ireland, ca 1822-1837
- *Griffith's Valuation of Ireland*
- Irish newspapers in Dublin libraries, 1685-1754

CANADA

- Roman Catholic church records for former French Canada
- Ontario, Canada land record index

PERIODICALS

The collection includes nearly all of the major genealogical periodicals of the United States. More than five hundred genealogical journals and two hundred family name publications comprise the Genealogy Section's periodical holdings.

The *Periodical Source Index* (PERSI) is a place, subject, and surname index to most American and Canadian genealogical journals. It is available both on CD-ROM and in print. A similar but much less comprehensive publication is the *Genealogical Periodical Annual Index* (GPAI).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The Genealogical Section of the Dallas Public Library has some collections of particular interest or national scope. These are mostly on microfilm or microfiche and are available in only a few major genealogical libraries.

UNITED STATES

- Draper manuscripts
- Library of Congress index to biographies in state and local histories
- Indian Pioneer History collection
- All United States city directories prior to 1862 (microfiche)
- Deposit ledgers in the branches of the Freedmen's Saving and Trust Company, 1865-1874
- Blacks in selected newspapers, census and other sources
- Signers of the Declaration of Independence

CALIFORNIA

- California biographical index

CONNECTICUT

- Barbour collection of vital records from town records
- Hale collection of vital records taken from cemeteries and newspapers

GEORGIA

- Hollingsworth card file for Georgia families
- Georgia 1907 confederate veteran questionnaires

MASSACHUSETTS

- Bowman collection of Mayflower descendants
- Corbin collection for western Massachusetts
- Torrey's New England marriages prior to 1700
- Card index of the Massachusetts Archives

MAINE

- Maine Old Cemetery Association records

NEW YORK

- Vosburgh collection

NORTH CAROLINA

- McCubbins collection

OKLAHOMA

- Dawes Rolls
- Eastern Cherokee applications

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Leonardo Andrea collection

TEXAS

- Original records of Ed C. Smith Funeral Home, Dallas, Texas, 1883-1978
- Nacogdoches Archives (1753-1836)
- Audited civil and military claims, 1835-46

VIRGINIA

- Virginia land patents, 1623-1774
- *Biographical Directory of Early Virginia*, 1623-1774

VERTICAL FILES

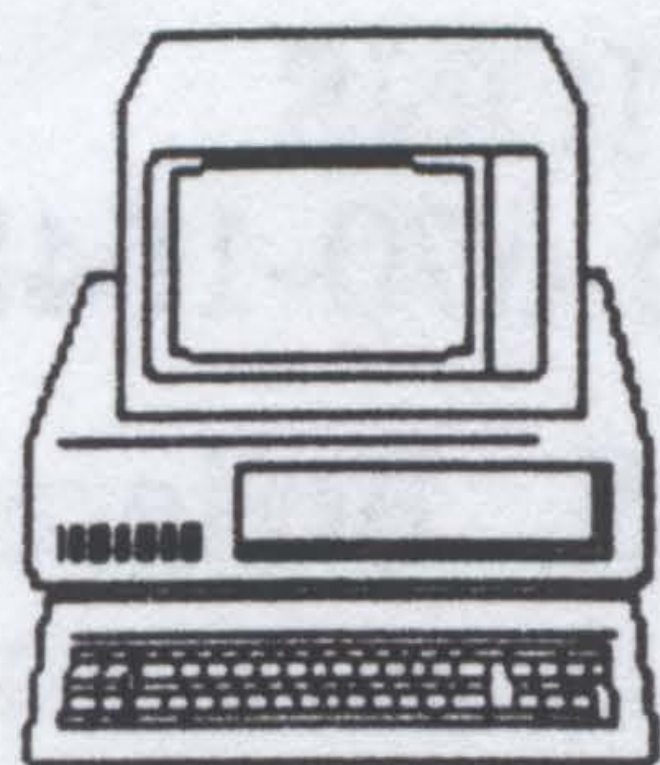
The vertical files located on the east wall of the Genealogy Section house family files arranged alphabetically by surname. In these files are loose papers, family group sheets, ancestor charts, publication notices of family histories, unbound manuscripts, and miscellaneous material. Files on organizations and localities are also located here.

CATALOGS

The Genealogy Section has both a card catalog and a computer catalog. By using both, one can access the entire collection. The card catalog is in two sections; the first is organized by locality, alphabetically by state, then alphabetically by county within each state. Other countries are indexed by province or county. The second section is arranged alphabetically by surname and provides access to the genealogies. Although the card catalog pertains only to the Genealogy Section, it contains analytic entries and lists microform material, which are not on the computer.

The on-line computer catalog STAR (System to Access Resources) is the catalog for the entire Dallas Public Library system. The STAR catalog is needed to find a book by author, title, and books in other divisions or branches. Brief instructions on use of the computer catalog are given on the next page.

CATALOGS



Two computers are intended for the use of the patrons, one at the front of the section and one in the copier area. On screen you should find several icons which represent various programs. One of the two catalogs to the Dallas Public Library system is the INFORMATION GATEWAY.

To Access INFORMATION GATEWAY

- Click on the Information Gateway icon.
 - Wait for the welcome screen.
 - Press ENTER to start.
- Menu bar appears at top of screen.

Searching Library Catalog--Information Gateway				
Find...	Options...	Startover	Quit	Help...

The menu bar contains initial choices. Any choice followed by three dots (...) contains more options. Press F10 to escape to previous level.

- **FIND...** Author, title, subject, keyword, or numeric searches and Choose a Database.
 - **OPTIONS...** Examples include sorting, printing, search history, and viewer borrower information. Options available depend on the level of the search.
 - **STARTOVER** Cancels the current search and returns to Welcome screen. This feature may be used at any time during a search.
 - **QUIT** Exits from the database.
 - **HELP** Information on any feature of Information Gateway. It can be used at any time.
- To select your choice on the menu bar
 - Press the TAB key OR type the highlighted key.
 - Press ENTER.

- After highlighting FIND and pressing ENTER, a drop-down box appears. To select a choice in the drop-down box:

Find...
Author Title Subject

Author/Keyword Title/Keyword Subject/Keyword Keywords Expert/Keywords

Numeric...

Choose Database

- Press the down arrow key to highlight the command you want or type the highlighted letter.
- Press ENTER.
- Follow instructions within the box. Type the search request and press ENTER.

- Search results may be as follows:

- One match: brief record appears.
- Two or more matches: list will appear. Choose line # of best match and press ENTER. Follow instructions on the screen.
- No matches. Check spelling, highlight HELP, and press ENTER. Begin a new search.

The above are very abbreviated directions for using one of the on-line catalogs. If you have any problems, ask the librarian for help.

ALSO ON THE COMPUTER

- Instruction screens in English and Spanish
- Internet
- PhoneDisc
- *Dallas Morning News*, August 1984-
- *Books in Print*
- And Much More !!!

INTERNET ACCESS TO THE CATALOG

Dallas Public Library Home Page
<http://www.lib.ci.dallas.tx.us>

DIAL-IN ACCESS BY MODEM

Telephone number (214) 670-1069

OTHER DIVISIONS

DALLAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Young and Ervay Streets (214) 670-1400

Although the Genealogy Section has a very strong collection of research materials, several other divisions and collections can greatly augment your research.

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Eighth floor (214) 670-1424

A knowledge of history and laws is essential to accomplish meaningful genealogical research. The history division of which genealogy is a section has many resources for both United States and foreign countries. This division has a good selection of genealogy how-to books in its circulating collection.

TEXAS/DALLAS HISTORY & ARCHIVES

Seventh floor (214) 670-1435

The Texas/Dallas History Division collects and makes available to researchers materials related to Dallas and the State of Texas. The collection includes newspapers for Dallas and the Houston area, as well as smaller holdings for other Texas towns. The Texas Newspaper Name Index 1830-1885, the *Dallas Morning News* Index 1917-1976, and some more recent indexes are available. A clipping file of Dallas papers has been maintained from 1945 to the present.

The following are some resources in the collection which genealogists should find useful.

- Directories—city, social, telephone
- Yearbooks—college and high school
- Maps—Dallas city, Dallas County, Sanborn Fire Insurance maps for various Texas towns
- Photograph collection—very extensive for Dallas

Texas/Dallas is a depository for the regional Historical Resource Depository and Local Records Program (RHRD) and some county records including civil and criminal court minutes are available for research.

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

Sixth floor (214) 670-1648

The Dallas Public Library is a U.S. Federal Depository. The collection includes a complete set of the American State Papers, U.S. Serial Set, and major federal finding aids.

MAP COLLECTION

Sixth floor (214) 670-1648

Within the Government Publication Division is a large map collection containing most U. S. topographic maps. Atlases and maps, both U. S. and foreign, are included.

BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY

Fifth floor (214) 670-1608

The history of particular businesses and also general historical information on industries, world trade, and currencies may be found in this division.

FINE ARTS

Fourth floor (214) 670-1643

Genealogists should find this large collection very helpful in locating information about the homes, furniture, and clothing of past generations.

HUMANITIES

Third floor (214) 670-1668

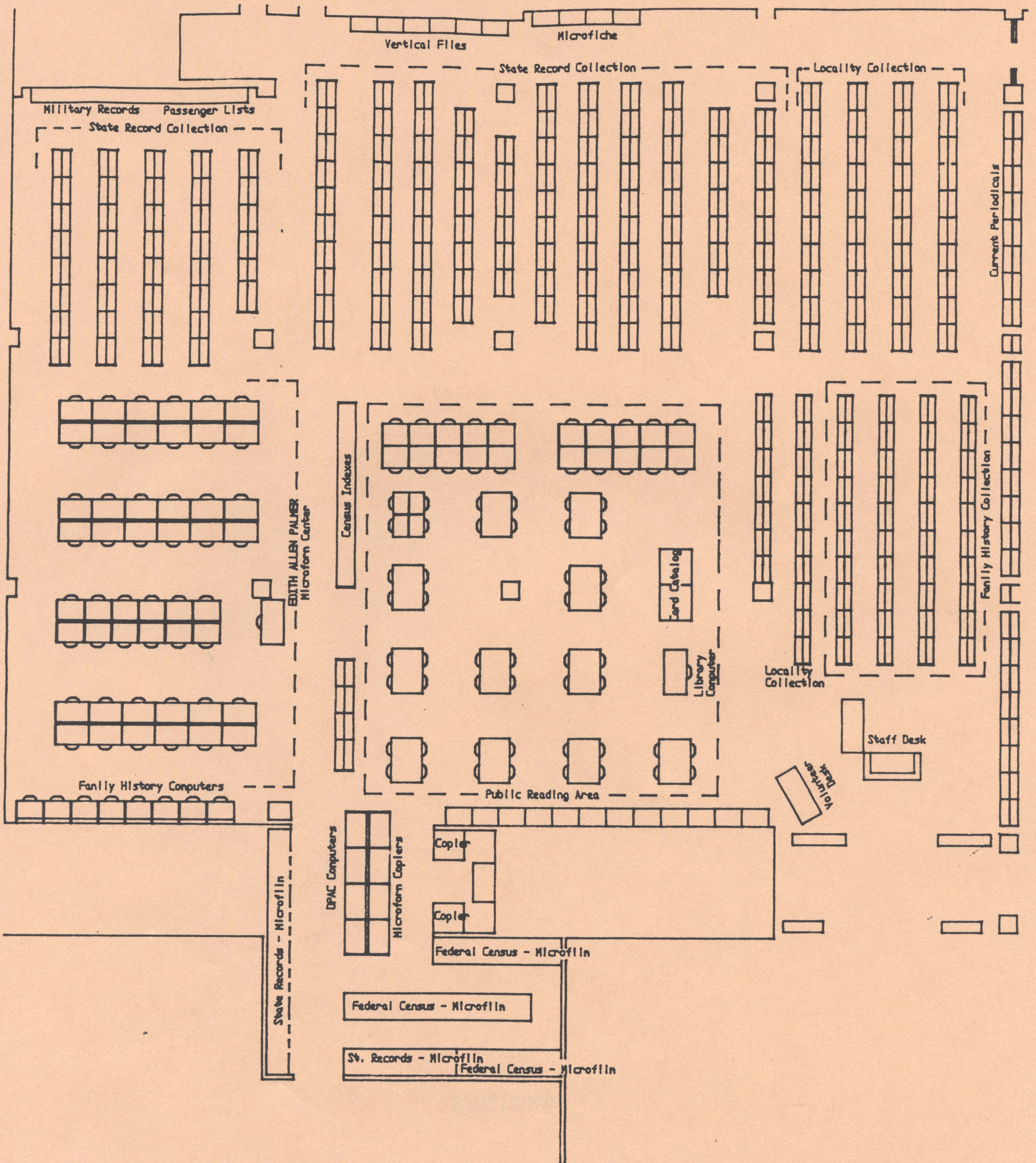
The national and international newspapers are housed in this collection. Indexes to the *London Times* can help locate or date specific occurrences. Runs of literary magazines which include much material on the life style of our ancestors are available in this division.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC CENTER

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A complete bibliographic and reference collection which should be used to locate materials and information sources.

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