

Using Libraries for Genealogy Research

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Why come to a library for genealogy research?



I'm just getting started...

I saw this show on TV where celebrities find out who they
are...



My Ancestry Trees are all mixed up...

Can you help?

Geni.com says I'm related to royalty

Do you think it's correct?

I want to join D.A.R., the Mayflower Society, S.A.R.

I am making a trip to China to visit my grandparents' villages this summer. I have to make a family tree and I have no idea how to do that.

Can you help?

Expert Genealogy Consultants

There are nine volunteers available
about 40 hours a month
I am also willing to help.



Seen at the right is Jim Riley, who has volunteered
more than ten years at a rate of 16-20 hours
a month.

Unique Non Book Collections

- The Early Settler File
- Family Files
- Biography File
- City and County Files

More Unique Collections

- Scrapbook Collections (Roberta Robinson, SCCHGS)
- New!* Index to Oak Hill Cemetery (partial)
- Index to *Connections* *Los Altos Town Crier* Obituaries
- Richard N. Schellens Collection of Historical Material - Santa Clara County Volumes

Somewhat Unique Collections

- San Jose City Directories (including surrounding cities) from 1887-1977
- Sanford Fire Insurance Maps for Santa Clara 1915, 1922, 1939
- Historical and Biographical Record... Coast Counties, California 1904

Unique Indexes on the SCCHGS.org site

- Early Settlers File
- Saratoga International Order of Odd Fellows Cemetery
- Mission City Memorial Park
- Amos O. Williams Funeral Home Books
- Monahan Mortuary Books
- Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society Scrapbooks

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- U.S. military records from the Revolutionary War up to World War II
- U.S. Census records from 1790-1940



New!

10 Million American Marriage Records

Fully Indexed Irish Parish Records

PERSI 2009-present

Why else should I come to the library?



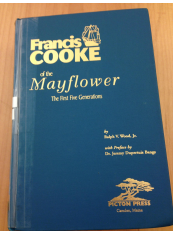


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The collection supports research in U.S. and around the world, lineage societies, military research, etc.

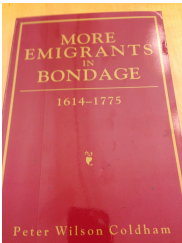
These books answered questions recently



Christine Green brought her beginning genealogy class a few weeks ago. One student wanted to prove or disprove the family lore that they were related to Francis Cooke of the Mayflower.

Her reading of this book did it!

A Clue about a researcher's Smithers family

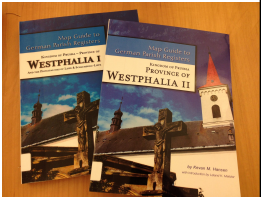


It looks like he lived in Barbados for a time before coming to the Colonies.

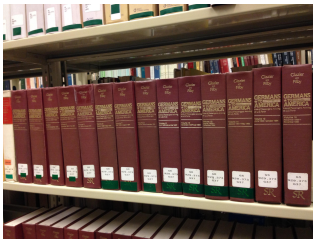
German Researchers take a look

The German Special Interest Group had a homework assignment:

Find their ancestor in this series:



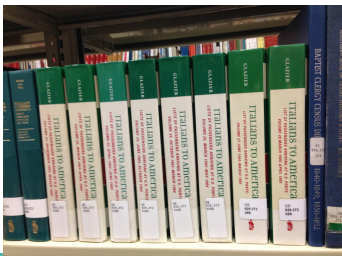
Lots more German research books including



Germans to America

an ongoing series we continue to buy

Yes, Many Other Passenger List books



Italians to America

Lots of Donated Materials

Abstract of Lancaster County,
Pennsylvania Deed Records

Thanks to:

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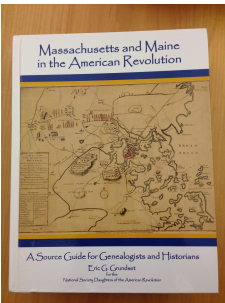
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Grundset, Eric, compiler

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[Go, go America!](#) by Dan Yaccarino

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Descript: 1x (942 pages - 29 cm)

Series: DAR source guides on American Revolution series ; no. 6

Bibliog: Includes bibliographical references and index.

Contents: Developing a Massachusetts and Maine research strategy -- Major research centers in Massachusetts and Maine and elsewhere -- Geographical factors affecting research in Massachusetts and Maine -- Pre-revolutionary events in the province of Massachusetts -- General histories of the American Revolution in Massachusetts -- General revolutionary war sources -- The government of Massachusetts as a colony and a state -- Massachusetts finances

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Using Heritage Quest Online by Mary Boyle

Nuevo Mundo Historical and Genealogical Society of Silicon Valley was launched by President Alicia Carillo

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Bulgarian and Eastern European Research by Gail Chaid

August Classes

Using the DAR website for Genealogical Research by Mary Boyle

Finding Additional Revolutionary War Patriots by Diana Claussen and Robin Hurwitz

SCCH Genealogy Society Meeting Presentations

September ***Scanning and Photo Recovery*** by Janet Brigham

October ***Alex Haley's Roots: an author's odyssey***
by Adam Henig

November
Society of California Pioneers of Santa Clara County
by Jonna Baker

January 2016 Presentations

Mind Maps for Genealogy by Ron Arons

Introduction to Genetic Genealogy

by Barbara Rae-Venter

February Presentation and Classes

Organization and Sharing by Marcia Holstrom

Irish Catholic Parish Records Online

by Ed Keelin

Census 102 and Using Heritage Quest Online

by Mary Boyle

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Scanning and Photo Recovery by Jim Hodges

Getting Started in Genealogy by Pam Fujii and Dave McCready

Connecting People to Their Diverse Family Heritage by Linda Harms Okazaki

Irish Census Records by Ed Keelin



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Finding U.S. Land Records by Martha Wallace

Census 102 by Mary Boyle


Genetic Genealogy Part 2 by Barbara Rae-Venter

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