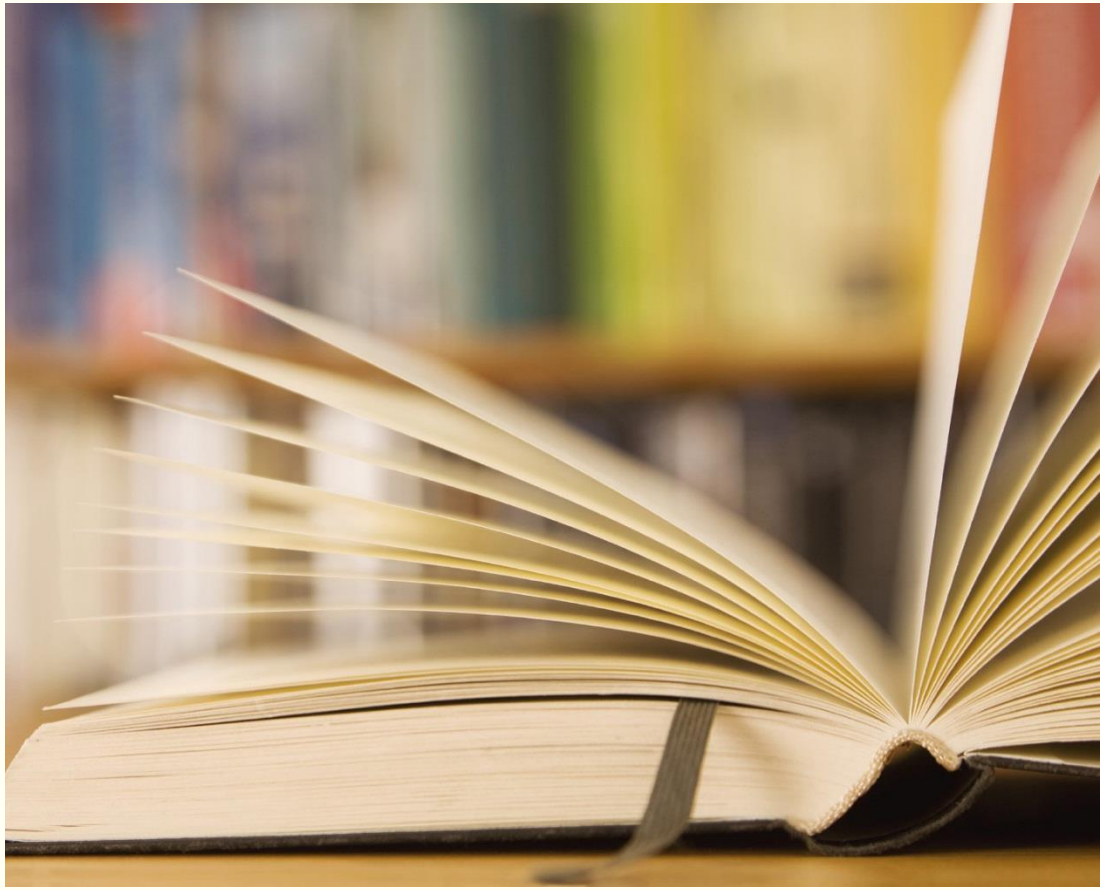
SERVING GENEALOGY PATRONS

Katie Quick Derby – Culpeper County Library



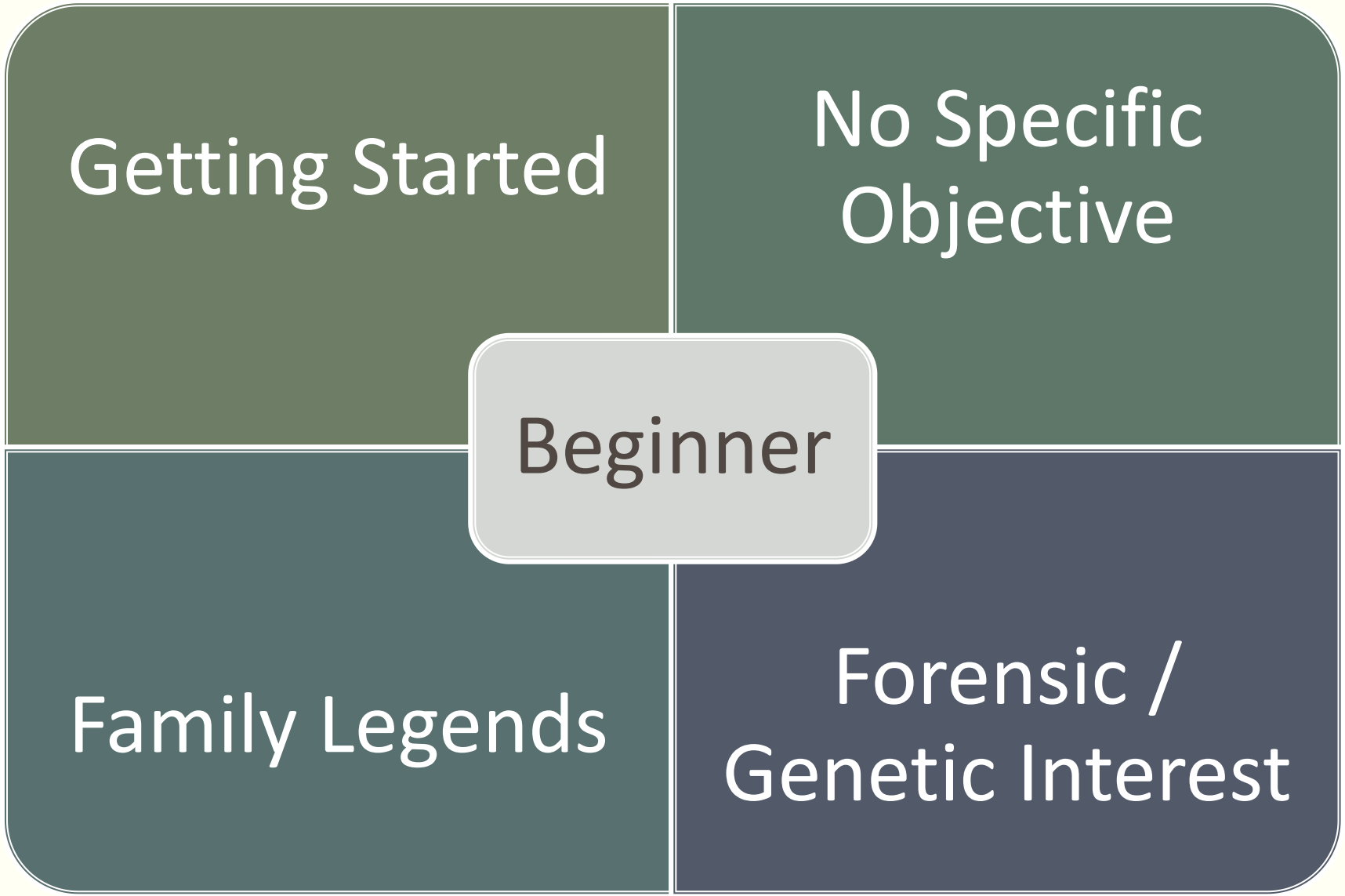
Types of Genealogy Patrons

Beginner

Novice

Experienced

Professional


Getting Started
No Specific Objective
Beginner
Family Legends
Forensic / Genetic Interest

Getting Started with Family History

Here are the main things you need to know as you get started.

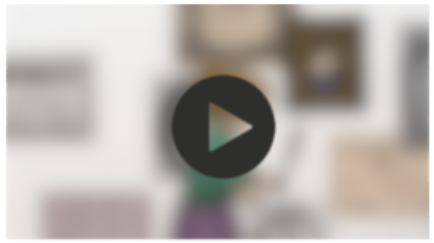
Introduction to the FamilySearch Family Tree (1:46)

What is Family Tree and how do I use it?

Family Tree is a social network that connects people with their ancestors. This free, community-based family history tool provides a single place for people to store information about their ancestors and collaborate with others working on the same family lines.

All the names, dates, photos, stories, and sources saved in Family Tree will be preserved, making them available for generations to come.

View my tree



Step 3: Find and Serve Your Ancestors (2:29)

Where can I find more information on my ancestor?

There are two main places to search for details about your family story:

Family Tree

Explore Family Tree to discover what has already been added about your ancestors. This includes names, dates, photos, stories, documents and any sources that have been added to verify information.

Family Tree also provides person-specific, automated searching in the form of

Local Help

My Family History Centers

Culpeper Virginia Family History Center

CULPEPER, 22701-4005

Warrenton Virginia Family History Center

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Live Chat

ancestryAcademy

Find…

SIGN IN

- Home
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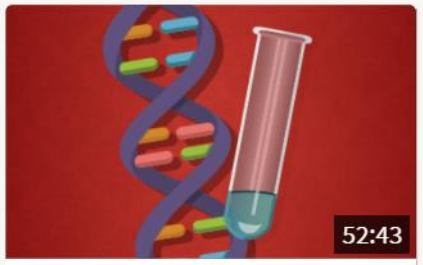
Getting Started (7) »

See all

Getting Started on Ancestry: Starting Your Family Tree

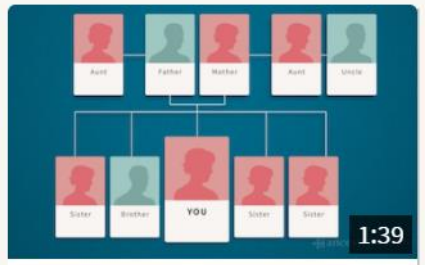
Meet the Ancestry App: Your Family Story Anytime, Anywhere

Finn Larson



DNA 101: An Insider's Scoop on AncestryDNA Testing

Anna Swayne



Waiting for DNA Results? Start Your Tree Now!

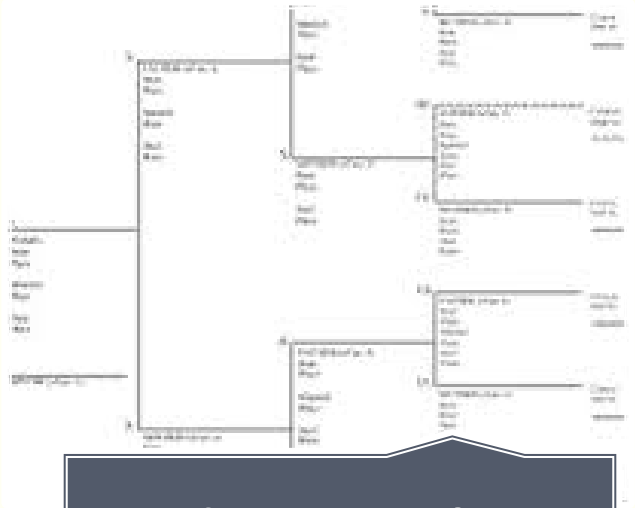
Ancestry Academy

Getting the M… Fami… M…

Duff Wilson

https://www.ancestry.com/academy/course/updated-ancestry?ref=carousel

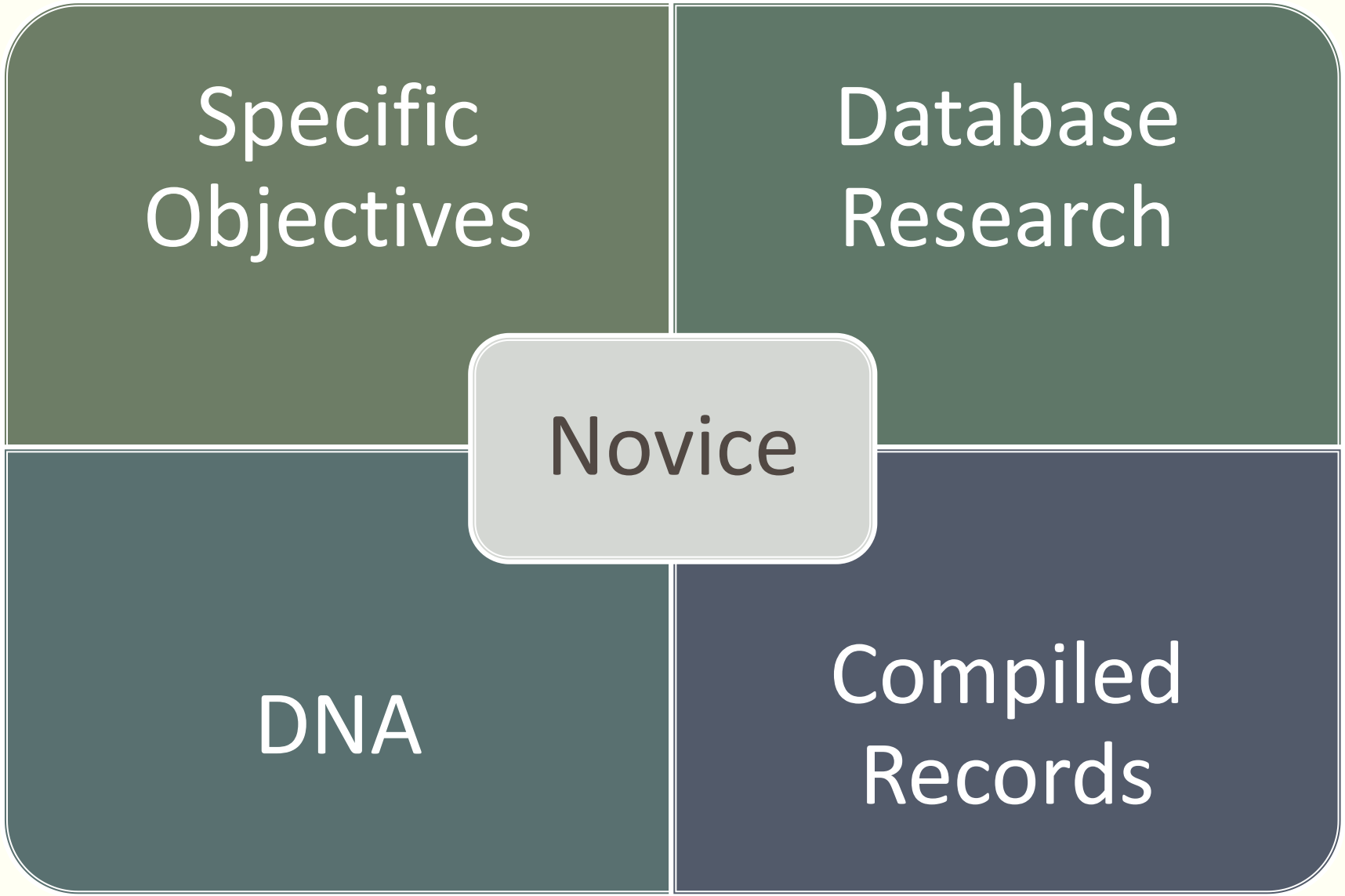
Forms



Pedigree Chart

Family Group

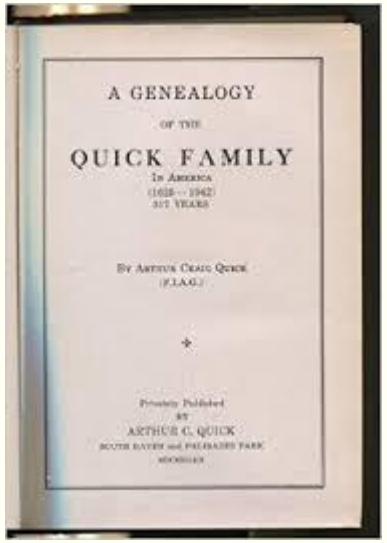
Research Log

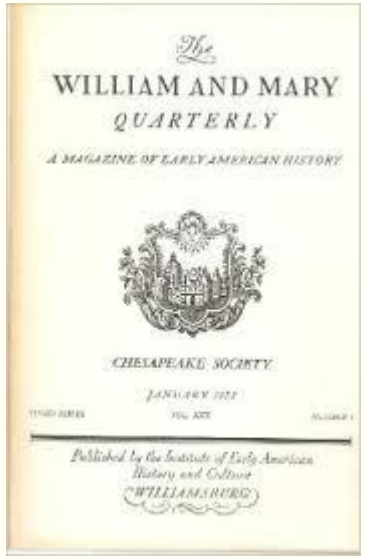

Specific Objectives
Database Research
Novice
DNA
Compiled Records

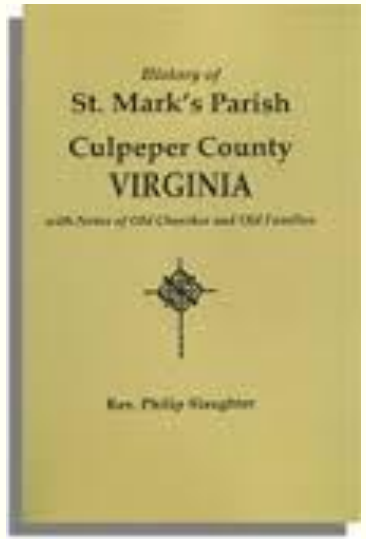
Know Your Databases

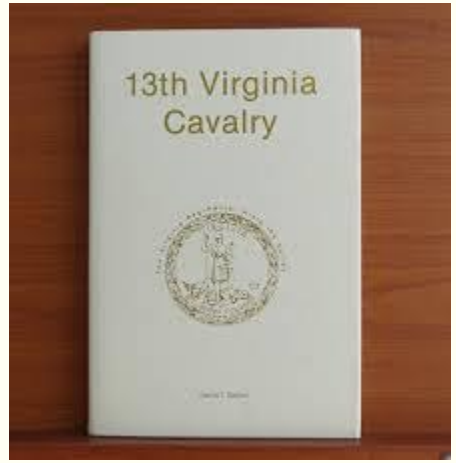
- Ancestry
- HeritageQuest
- Sanborn Maps
- FamilySearch
- Fold 3
- Library of Virginia

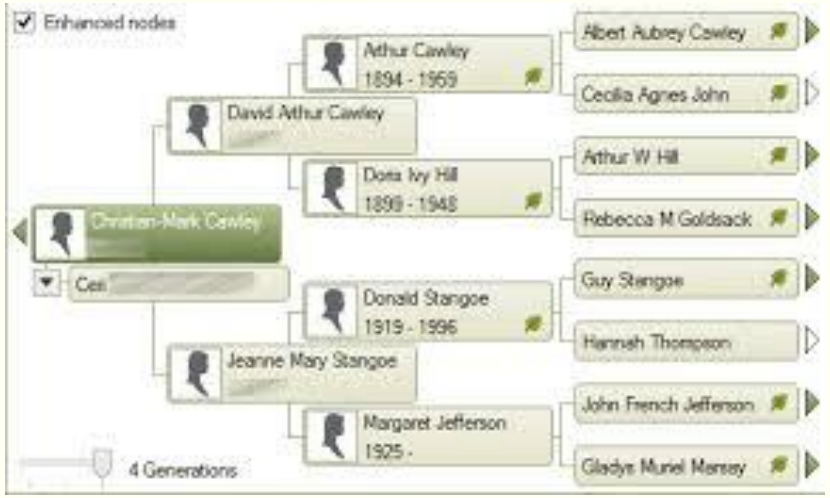
Caution with Compiled Records

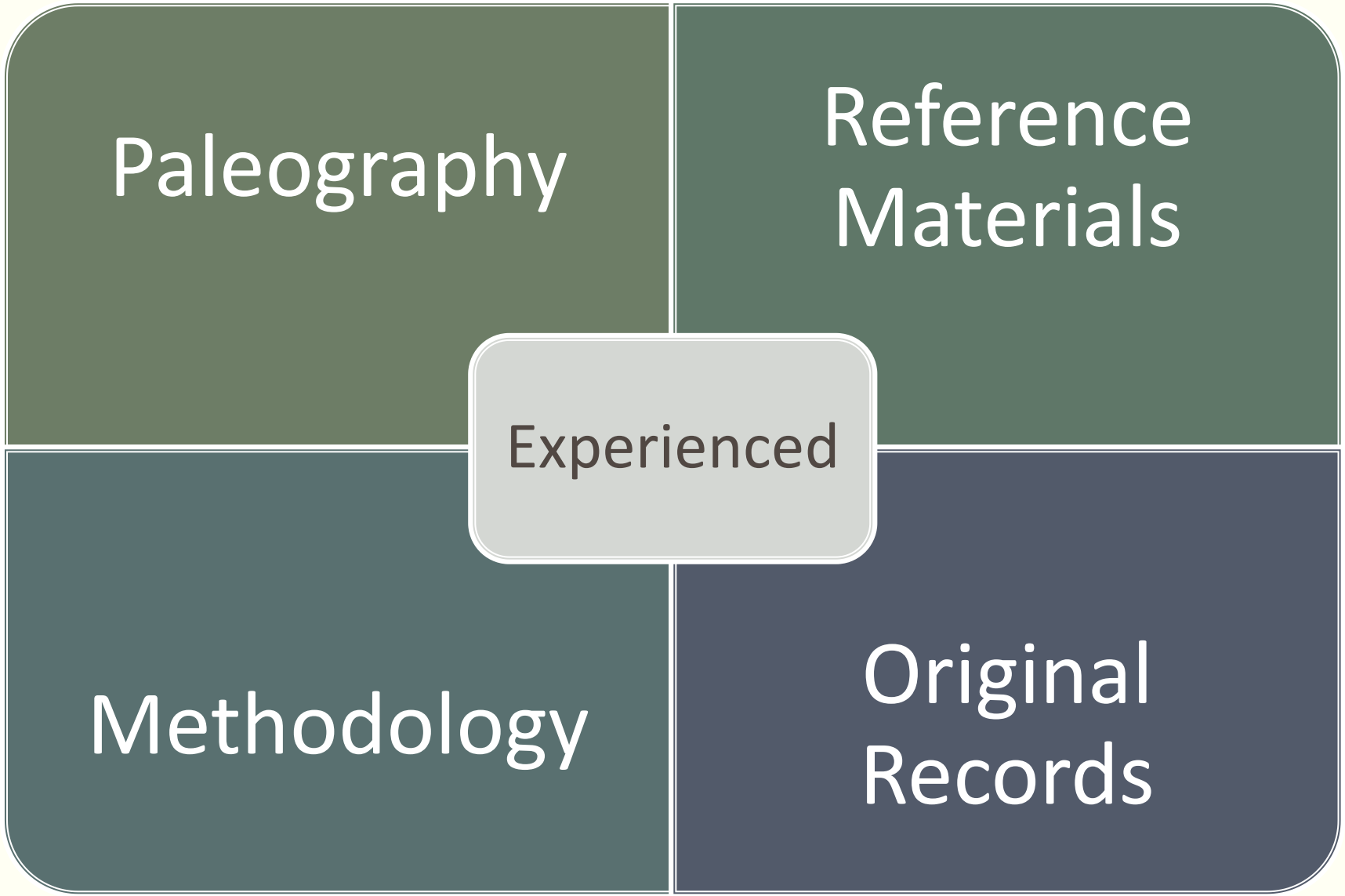




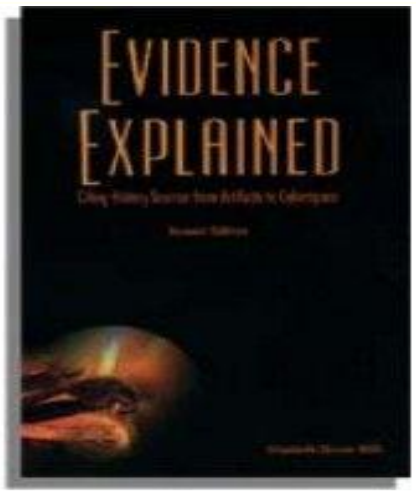







Paleography
Reference Materials
Experienced
Methodology
Original Records

Essential Reference Books



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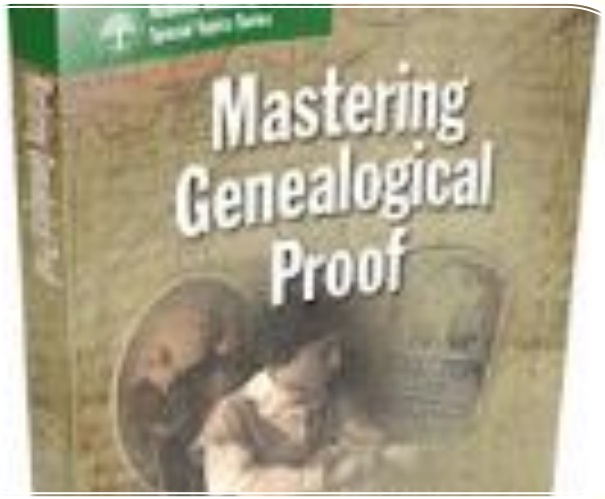
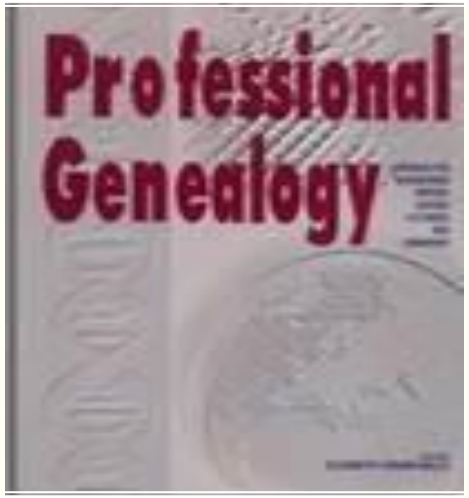


Mastering Genealogical Proof



Professional Genealogy

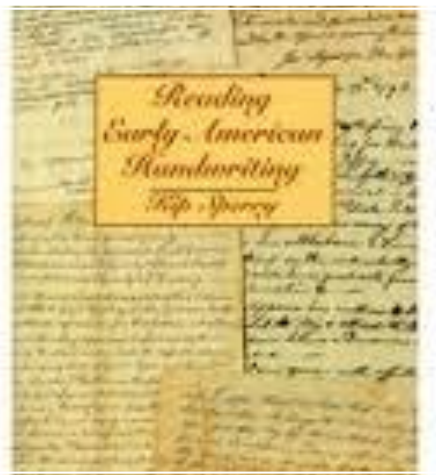
Paleography Help

Brigham Young University

Script Tutorial

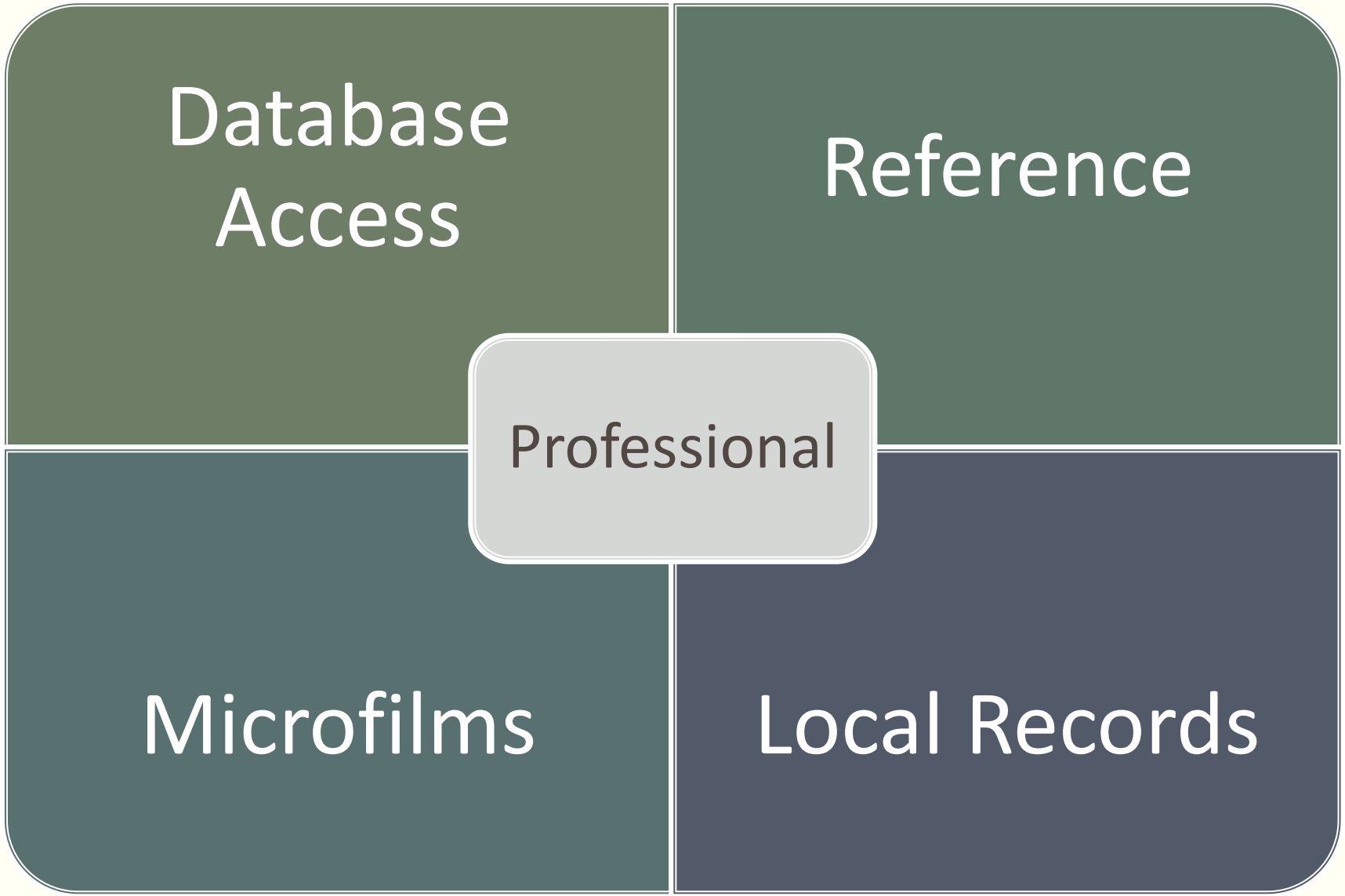
UK National Archives

Palaeography Tutorial

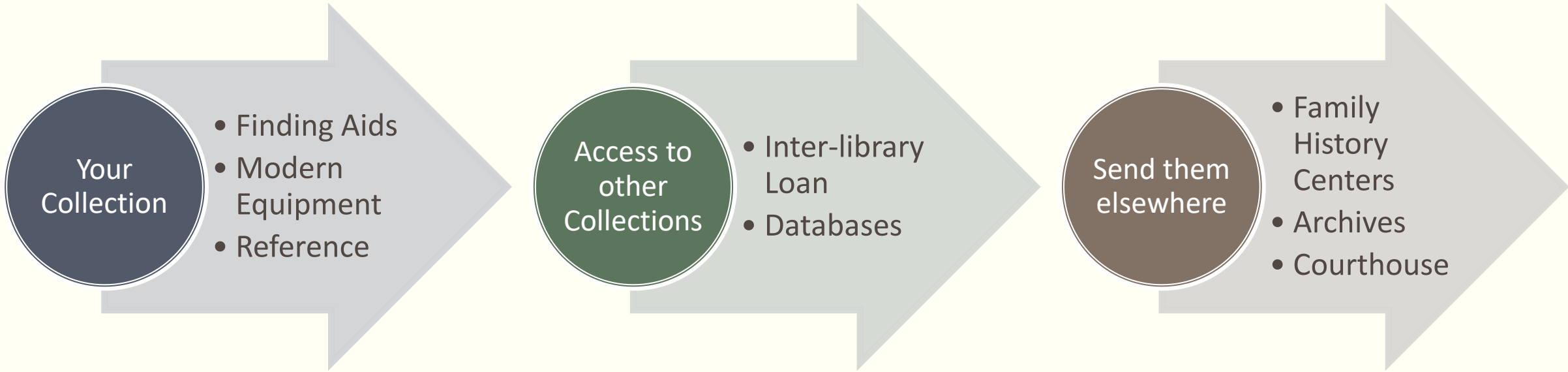


Reading Early American Handwriting

Books


Database Access
Reference
Professional
Microfilms
Local Records

Helping Professional Researchers



Know Your Local History

Research Wiki

Getting Started
- Wiki Home
- Wiki Tools
- About the Wiki
- Online Genealogy Records
- Browse by Country
- Browse all Wiki Content
- Resources for Individual Help
- Report a Problem

Volunteer and Helper
- Personal Sandbox
- Upload File/Image
- Research Resources
- Edit the Wiki
- Submit Wiki Content
- Adopt a Page
- Family History Centers
- Manual of Style
- Guiding Principles
- Community News
- Community Meetings
- Wiki Support
- Wiki University
- Contact Us

Tools
- What links here

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Virginia, United States Genealogy

(Redirected from Virginia)

United States ➡ **Virginia**

Guide to **Virginia ancestry, family history, and genealogy** birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Virginia Information

Virginia became the tenth state admitted to the United States in June 25, 1788. Virginia was created from the Colony of Virginia and is located in the southeast region of the United States.[1] There are 95 counties in Virginia.

Getting Started

Getting Started with Virginia Research

Links to articles on getting started with Virginia research.

- Step-by-Step Virginia Research, 1880-Present
- How to Find Birth Records
- How to Find Marriage Records
- How to Find Death Records
- Research Strategies

Virginia Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Virginia research.

- Boundary Changes for Virginia Counties
- Virginia Archives and Libraries
- VAGenWeb
- Geographical Names Information System - U.S. gazetteer of places, cemeteries and post offices in Virginia.

Virginia Wiki Topics

Beginning Research

- Research Strategies
- Record Finder

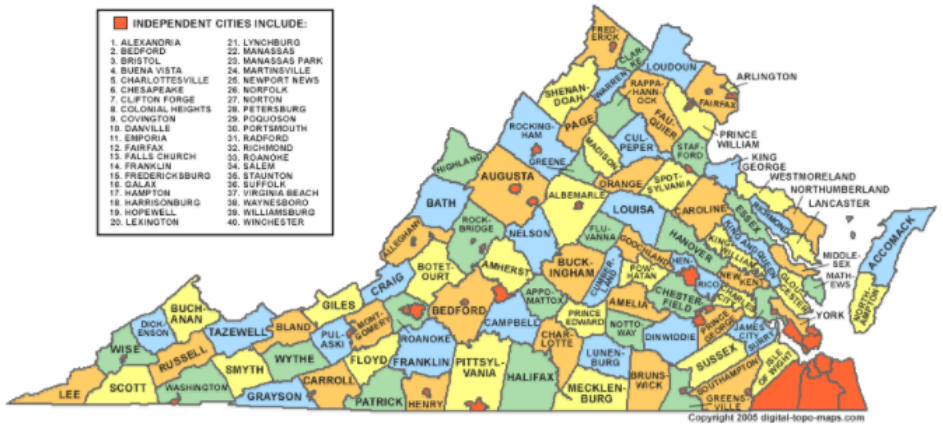
Record Types

- Bible Records
- Cemeteries
- Census
- Church Records
- Court Records
- Land & Property
- Military Records
- Naturalization & Citizenship
- Newspapers

Virginia Online Records | Ask the Community

Virginia Clickable Map

Many genealogy records are kept on the county level in the United States. Click on a county below to go to the county Wiki article listing more information.



Counties and Independent Cities

Counties: Accomack • Albemarle • Alleghany • Amelia • Amherst • Appomattox • Arlington • Augusta • Bath • Bedford • Bland • Botetourt • Brunswick • Buchanan • Buckingham • Campbell • Caroline • Carroll • Charles City • Charlotte • Chesterfield • Clarke • Craig • Culpeper • Cumberland • Dickenson • Dinwiddie • Essex • Fairfax • Fauquier • Floyd • Fluvanna • Franklin • Frederick • Giles • Gloucester • Goochland • Grayson • Greene • Greensville • Halifax • Hanover • Henrico • Henry • Highland • Isle of Wight • James City • King and Queen • King George • King William • Lancaster • Lee • Loudoun • Louisa • Lunenburg • Madison • Mathews • Mecklenburg • Middlesex • Montgomery • Nelson • New Kent • Northampton • Northumberland • Nottoway • Orange • Page • Patrick • Pittsylvania • Powhatan • Prince Edward • Prince George • Prince William • Pulaski • Rappahannock • Richmond • Roanoke • Rockbridge • Rockingham • Russell • Scott • Shenandoah • Smyth • Southampton • Spotsylvania • Stafford • Surry • Sussex • Tazewell • Warren • Washington • Westmoreland • Wise • Wythe • York

Independent Cities: Alexandria • Bedford • Bristol • Buena Vista • Charlottesville • Chesapeake • Clifton Forge • Colonial Heights • Covington • Danville • Emporia • Fairfax • Falls Church • Franklin • Fredericksburg • Galax • Hampton • Harrisonburg • Hopewell • Lexington • Lynchburg • Manassas Park • Martinsville • Newport News • Norfolk • Norton • Petersburg • Poquoson • Portsmouth • Radford • Richmond • Roanoke • Salem • Staunton • Suffolk • Virginia Beach • Waynesboro • Williamsburg • Winchester

Extinct or Renamed Counties: Alexandria County • Dunmore • Elizabeth City • Fincastle • Illinois • Kentucky • Manchester • Nansemond • Norfolk • Norfolk (Lower) • Norfolk (New) • Norfolk (South) • Norfolk (Upper) • Princess Anne • Rappahannock (Old) • South Boston • Warwick • Yohogania

Virginia Migration Routes

Atlantic Coast Ports • Chesapeake Bay • James River • Potomac River • Rappahannock River • York River • Chesapeake and Ohio Canal • Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad • Cumberland Road (or National Road) • Fall Line Road (or Southern Road) • Great Indian Warpath • Great Trading Path • Great Valley Road • Kanawha Trail • King's Highway • National Road (or Cumberland Road) • New River and Southern Trail • Occaneechi Path • Old Cherokee Path • Old Northwestern Turnpike • Pamunkey-New River Trail • Pioneer Road • Richmond Road • Richmond-Williamsburg Road • Saura-Saponi Trail • Secondary Coast Road • Fall Line Road (or (Fall LIne Road) • Upper Road • Wilderness Road • Wilmington, Highpoint, and Northern Trail

Colonial Parishes

Abingdon • Accomac • Accomack • Albemarle • Amherst • Antrim • Appomattox • Argall's Gift • Augusta • Bath • Beckford • Berkeley • Blisland • Blount Point • Botetourt • Boutracy • Bristol • Bromfield • Brunswick • Bruton • Camden • Cameron • Charles City • Charles • Charles River • Chickacoan • Chickahominy • Chippokes • Chiskiack • Chotank • Christ Church (Lancaster Co.) • Christ Church (Middlesex Co.) • Chuckatuck • Cople • Cornwall • Cumberland • Dale • Denbigh • Dettingen • Drysdale • East • Elizabeth City • Elizabeth River • Fairfax • Fairfield • Farnham • Flowerdew Hundred • Fluvanna • Frederick • Fredericksville • Hamilton • Hampton • Hanover • Harrop • Henrico • Hog Island • Hungars • James City • Jordan's Journey • Kecoughtan • Kingston • King William • Lancaster • Lawnes Creek • Lee • Leeds • Lexington • Littleton • Lower (Elizabeth City Co.) • Lower (Isle of Wight Co.) • Lower (Lancaster Co.) • Lower (Nansemond Co.) • Lower (Northampton Co.) • Lower (Stafford Co.) • Lower (Upper Norfolk Co.) • Lower Suffolk • Lunenburg • Lynnhaven • Machodick • Manchester • Marston • Martin's Brandon • Martin's Hundred • Meherrin • Middle Plantation • Middletowne • Montgomery • Mulberry Island • New Poquoson • Newport • Nomini • Norborne • Northampton • North Farnham • Nottoway (Prince Edward Co.) • Nottoway (Southampton Co.) • Nutmeg Quarter • Occohannock • Overwharton • Patrick • Petsworth • Piankatank • Piscataway • Poropotank • Portsmouth • Potomac • Raleigh • Richmond • Rockbridge • Rockingham • Russell • St. Andrew's • St. Anne's (Albemarle Co.) • St. Anne's (Essex and Caroline Cos.) • St. Asaph's • St. Brides • St. David's • St. George's (Accomack Co.) • St. George's (Spotsylvania Co.) • St. James Northam • St. James Southam • St. James's (Goochland Co.) • St. James's (Mecklenburg Co.) • St. John's • St. Luke's • St. Margaret's • St. Mark's • St. Martin's • St. Mary's • St. Mary's Whitechapel • St. Patrick's • St. Paul's (Hanover Co.) • St. Paul's (King George Co.) • St. Peter's • St. Stephen's (King and Queen Co.) • St. Stephen's (Northumberland Co.) • St. Thomas • Shelburne • Sittenburne • Smith's Hundred • South • Southampton • South Farnham • Southwark • Stafford • Stanley Hundred • Stratton Major • Suffolk • Tillotson • Trinity (Lancaster Co.) • Trinity (Louisa Co.) • Truro • Upper (Elizabeth City Co.) • Upper (Isle of Wight Co.) • Upper (Lancaster Co.) • Upper (Nansemond Co.) • Upper (Northampton Co.) • Upper (Stafford Co.) Upper Suffolk • Varina • Wallingford • Ware • Warrosquyoake • Warwick • Washington (Westmoreland Co.) • Washington (Washington Co.) • Waters Creek • West • West and Shirley • Westbury • Westover • Weyanoke • Wicomico • Wilmington • York • Yorkhampton

- Cemeteries
- Census
- Church Records
- Court Records
- Directories
- Emigration & Immigration
- Genealogies
- Military Records
- Naturalization & Citizenship
- Newspapers
- Online Records
- Periodicals
- Probate Records
- Vital Records

Virginia Background

- Biography
- Gazetteers
- History
- Maps
- Migration
- For Further Reading

Ethnicity

- African American
- American Indians

Local Research Resources

- Archives and Libraries
- Societies
- Family History Centers

Moderator

The FamilySearch moderator for Virginia is Heather Van Hise

Culpeper County Virginia Courthouse

Culpeper County Courthouse
101 South West Street
Culpeper, Virginia 22701
Phone: 540-727-3435

Clerk Circuit Court has birth records 1864-1896
and 1912-1917, death records 1864-1896
marriage records from 1781 and land and probate
records from 1749 and court records from 1831;
Town Clerks has burial records[1]

Beginning Dates for Culpeper County, Virginia Genealogy Government Records					
Birth	Marriage	Death	Census	Land	Probate
1853	1780	1853	1810	1749	1749

Culpeper County Virginia History

The county was named after Thomas Colepeper, 2nd Baron Colepeper (1635-1689), Colonial Governor of Virginia from 1677 to 1683. The family name was also spelled "Culpeper."[2]

Parent County

1748--Culpeper County was created 23 March 1748 from Orange County.
County seat: Culpeper [1]

Boundary Changes

For animated maps illustrating Virginia county boundary changes, "Rotating Formation Virginia County Boundary Maps" (1617-1995) may be viewed for free at the MapofUS.org website.

Variant Spellings

- Culpepper

Record Loss

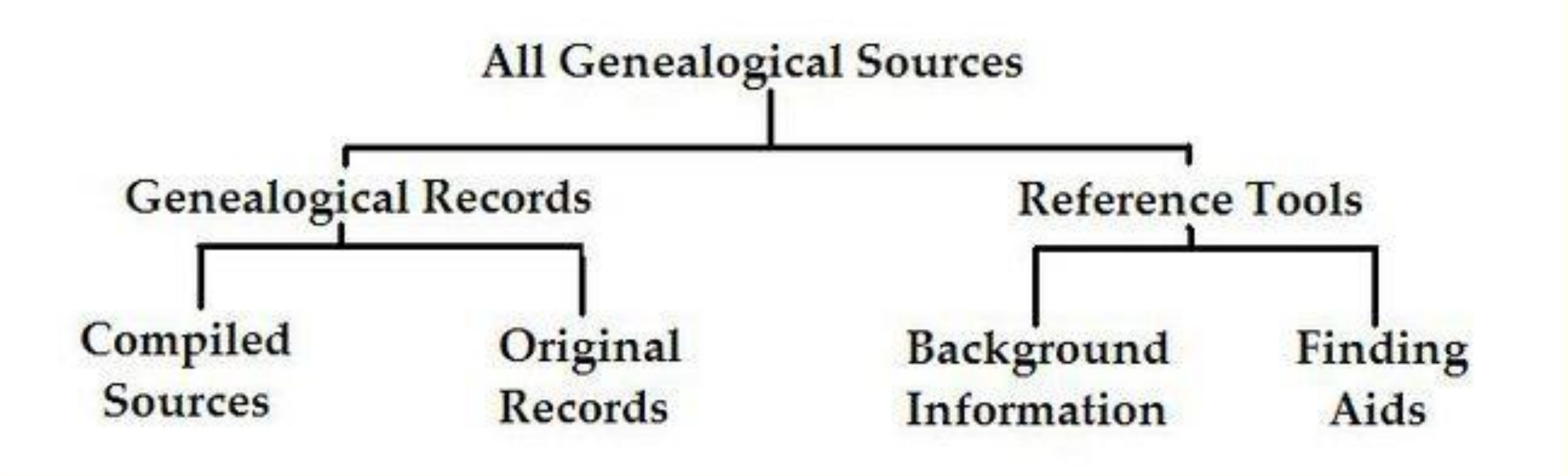
Culpeper was the site of several battles during the American Civil War, and many courthouse papers were damaged or pillaged. Missing records include minute books for 1749-1762, 1765-1797, 1812-1813, and 1817.[3]

Bound volumes of deeds and wills since the county's formation still exist.[3]

- Lost censuses: 1790, 1800, 1890

Visit the Library of Virginia's website to determine exactly what records have been lost and their Lost Records Localities Database to find additional resources.

Know Your Genealogical Sources



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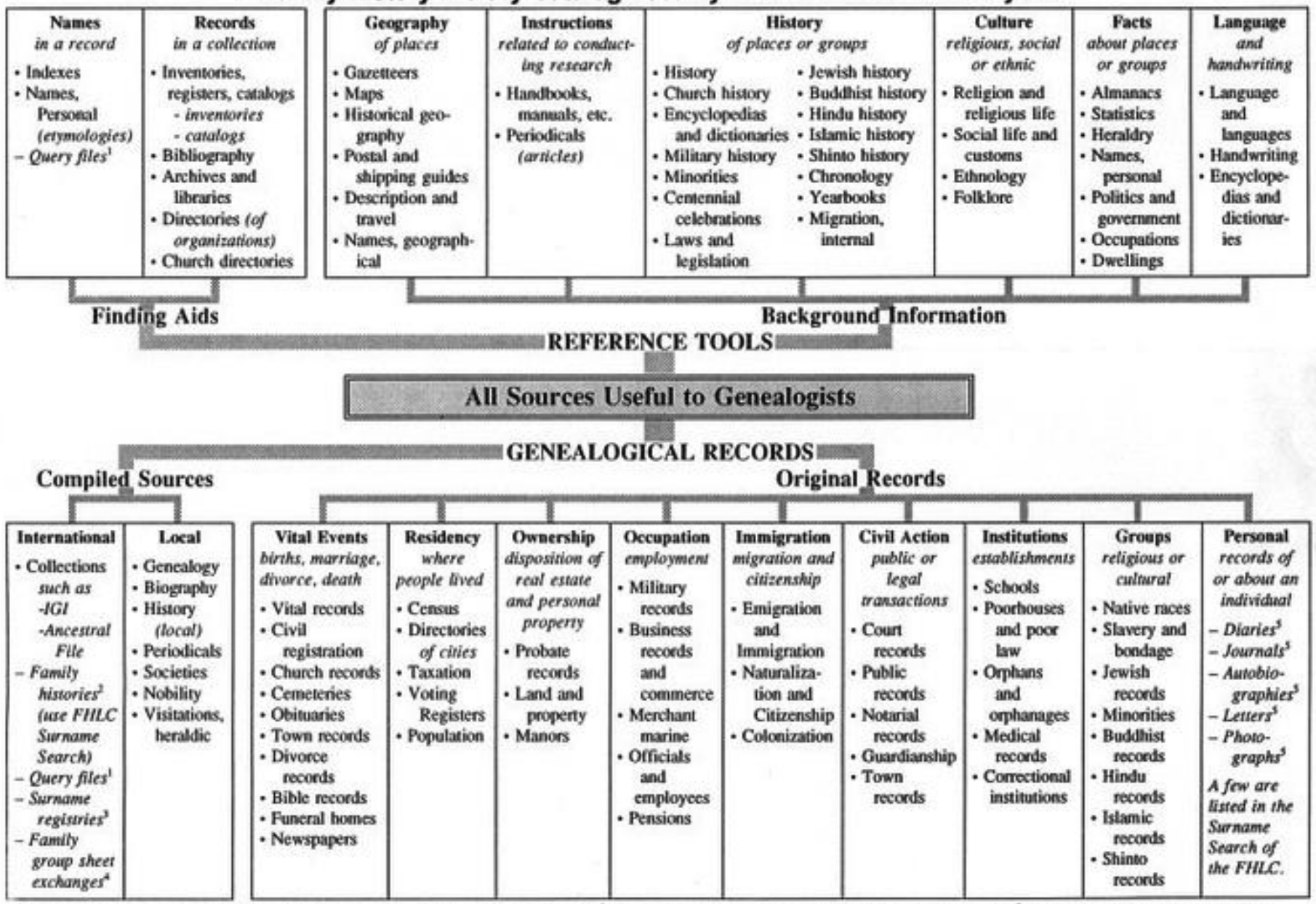

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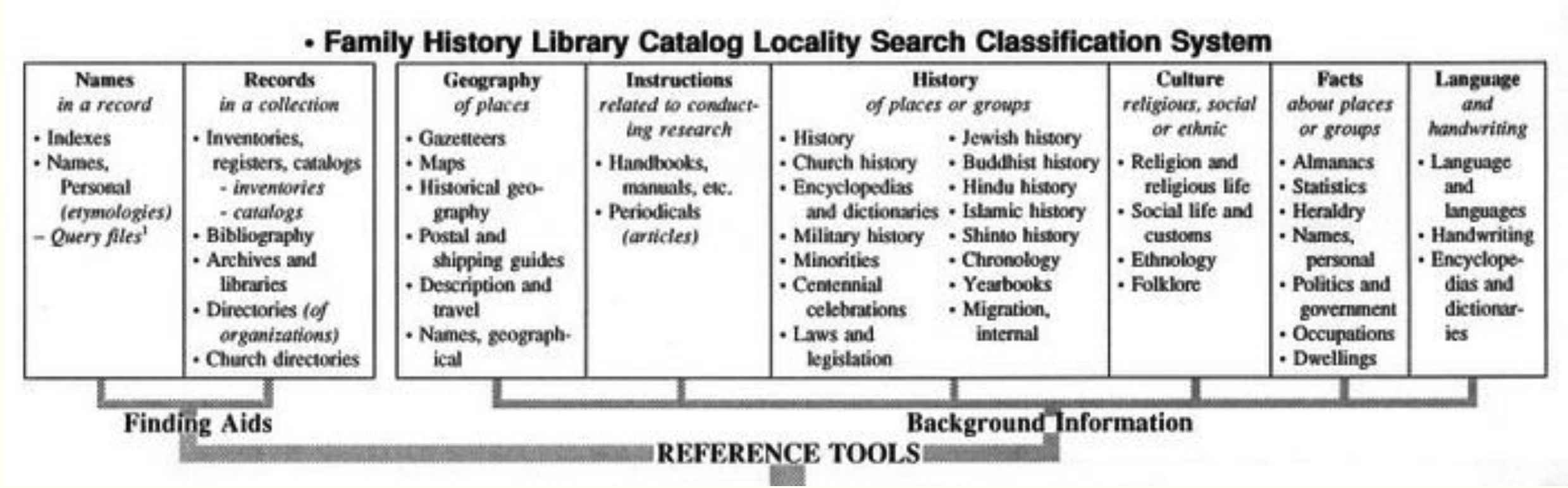
• Family History Library Catalog Locality Search Classification System
Names
in a record
• Indexes
• Names, Personal (etymologies)
– Query files[1]
Records
in a collection
• Inventories, registers, catalogs
- inventories
- catalogs
• Bibliography
• Archives and libraries
• Directories (of organizations)
• Church directories
Geography
of places
• Gazetteers
• Maps
• Historical geography
• Postal and shipping guides
• Description and travel
• Names, geographical
Instructions
related to conducting research
• Handbooks, manuals, etc.
• Periodicals (articles)
History
of places or groups
• History
• Church history
• Encyclopedias and dictionaries
• Military history
• Minorities
• Centennial celebrations
• Laws and legislation
• Jewish history
• Buddhist history
• Hindu history
• Islamic history
• Shinto history
• Chronology
• Yearbooks
• Migration, internal
Culture
religious, social or ethnic
• Religion and religious life
• Social life and customs
• Ethnology
• Folklore
Facts
about places or groups
• Almanacs
• Statistics
• Heraldry
• Names, personal
• Politics and government
• Occupations
• Dwellings
Language
and handwriting
• Language and languages
• Handwriting
• Encyclopedias and dictionaries
Finding Aids
Background Information
REFERENCE TOOLS

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Compiled Sources

International

- Collections *such as*
  - *IGI*
  - *Ancestral File*
- *Family histories*[2] *(use FHLC Surname Search)*
- *Query files*[1]
- *Surname registries*[3]
- *Family group sheet exchanges*[4]

Local

- Genealogy
- Biography
- History *(local)*
- Periodicals
- Societies
- Nobility
- Visitations, heraldic

Original Records

Vital Events
births, marriage, divorce, death

- Vital records
- Civil registration
- Church records
- Cemeteries
- Obituaries
- Town records
- Divorce records
- Bible records
- Funeral homes
- Newspapers

Residency
where people lived

- Census
- Directories *of cities*
- Taxation
- Voting Registers
- Population

Ownership
disposition of real estate and personal property

- Probate records
- Land and property
- Manors

Occupation
employment

- Military records
- Business records and commerce
- Merchant marine
- Officials and employees
- Pensions

Immigration
migration and citizenship

- Emigration and Immigration
- Naturalization and Citizenship
- Colonization

Civil Action
public or legal transactions

- Court records
- Public records
- Notarial records
- Guardianship
- Town records

Institutions
establishments

- Schools
- Poorhouses and poor law
- Orphans and orphanages
- Medical records
- Correctional institutions

Groups
religious or cultural

- Native races
- Slavery and bondage
- Jewish records
- Minorities
- Buddhist records
- Hindu records
- Islamic records
- Shinto records

Personal
records of or about an individual

- *Diaries*[5]
- *Journals*[5]
- *Autobiographies*[5]
- *Letters*[5]
- *Photographs*[5]

A few are listed in the Surname Search of the FHLC.

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Working a Genealogy Reference Question

Choose a Compiled Record Type

OBJECTIVE	RECORD TYPES	
To obtain information at an—	*First look for:*	*Then look in:*
International (level)	Collections (like *Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File*, and *International Genealogical Index.*)	Family histories (Look in the Surname Search of the *Family History Library Catalog.*
Local (level)	*Look in the Place Search of the Family History Library Catalog for these record types:*	
	Biography Genealogy History	Societies Periodicals Nobility Visitations, heraldic

Choose a Finding Aid Record Type

OBJECTIVE	RECORD TYPES	
To obtain information about—	*Look in the Family History Library Catalog Locality section for these record types:*	
	First look for:	*Then look for:*
Names (in a record)	Indexes	Names, personal
Records (in a collection)	Inventories, registers and catalogs Bibliography Archives and libraries	Directories (organizations) Church directories

Choose an Original Record Type

OBJECTIVE *To obtain information about—*	RECORD TYPES *Look in the Family History Library Catalog Locality section for these record types:* *First look for:*	*Then look for:*
Vital Events (records of birth, christenings, marriage, divorce, death, and burial)	Vital records Civil registration Church records Cemeteries Obituaries Town records	Divorce records Bible records (and other family records) Funeral homes Newspapers
Residency (records of place where lived)	Census Directories (city)	Taxation Voting registers Population
Ownership (disposition of real estate, personal property)	Probate records Land and property	Manors
Occupation (records of employment)	Military records Business records and commerce	Merchant marine Officials and employees Pensions
Immigration (records of migration and citizenship)	Emigration/Immigration Naturalization and citizenship	Colonization
Civil Action (records of public or legal transactions)	Court records Public records	Notarial records Guardianship
Institutions (records of or about a school, prison, medical facility, orphanage or poorhouse)	Schools Poorhouses-poor law Orphans and orphanages	Medical records Correctional institutions Concentration camps
Special Groups (records about religious or cultural groups)	Native races Slavery and bondage Jewish records Minorities	Buddhist records Hindu records Islamic records Shinto records
Personal Records (records of or about an individual)	Note: For a diary, journal, or autobiography of an individual, contact family members. A few are listed in the Surname section of the library catalog.	

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Geography (of places)	Gazetteers Maps Historical geography	Postal and shipping guides Description and travel Names, geographical
Instructions (related to conducting research)	Handbooks, manuals, etc.	Periodicals
History (of places or groups)	History Church history Encyclopedias and dictionaries Military history Minorities Centennial celebrations Laws and legislation	Jewish history Buddhists history Hindu history Islamic history Shinto history Chronology Yearbooks Migration, internal
Culture (related to religious, social and ethnic groups)	Religion and religious life Social life and customs	Ethnology Folklore
Facts (about places or groups)	Almanacs Statistics Heraldry Names, personal	Politics and government Occupations Dwellings
Language (and handwriting)	Language and languages	Handwriting

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