

# **Genealogy Research and Resources** *at the* **Randolph County Public Library**

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## Online Genealogical Resources

*Selected resources to help with your genealogical research.*

### Genealogical Resources Available through Randolph County Public Library

#### Databases

- *Heritage Quest*: this database combines searchable images of U.S. Census records, the Periodicals Source Index (PERSI), the digitized version of the popular UMI Genealogy and Local History collection, and more. Remote access is available using the library's [RandQuest](#) research portal ([www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org)) with your library card barcode number or via NC LIVE using a password available from the library.
- *Ancestry Library Edition*: available for use in the library only, you can search U.S. Census, vital records (birth, death, marriage), military and immigration records, family trees and much more.
- *Sanborn Maps North Carolina*: This database provides maps that chart the development of cities and towns from 1867 to 1970. Remote access is available using the library's [RandQuest](#) research portal ([www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org)) with your library card barcode number or via NC LIVE using a password available from the library.

#### Genealogical Resources available from your home computer

#### Free Pedigree Charts & Family Trees

- Misbach (<http://www.misbach.org/pdfcharts>)
- Family Builder ([www.familybuilder.com](http://www.familybuilder.com))
- It's Our Tree ([www.itsourtree.com](http://www.itsourtree.com))

#### Genealogy 2.0 Sites

- Geni (<http://www.geni.com/>)
- Amiglia (<http://www.amiglia.com/intro/>)
- Famiva (<http://famiva.com/>)
- WeRelate ([http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Main_Page))
- MyFamily 2.0 (<http://www.myfamily.com/welcome/>)

#### Randolph County

- Randolph County on USGenWeb (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncrandol/>)
- Randolph County Genealogical Society (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncrcgs/>)
- North Randolph Historical Society (<http://www.stpaulmuseum.org/>)
- Courier-Tribune Obituary Index (<http://www.randolphlibrary.org/newspaperobits.htm>)
- Randolph County History Blog (<http://randolphhistory.wordpress.com/>)

### **North Carolina**

- State Library of NC Genealogy Collection (<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/iss/gr/genealog.htm>)
- Ancestry North Carolina birth, death, and marriage records (see Ancestry Library Edition above)
- North Carolina Family Records (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/dimp/digital/ncfamilyrecords/>)

### **African American Genealogy**

- National Archives (<http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/heritage/african-american>)
- Heritage Quest Freedmen's Bank records (See Heritage Quest at [www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org))
- North Carolina Library's Finding Slave Records: (<http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/genealogy/slaverecords.html>)

### **Native American Genealogy**

- Ancestry Indian Census Schedules (see Ancestry Library Edition above)
- Access Genealogy ([www.accessgenealogy.com/native](http://www.accessgenealogy.com/native))

### **Military**

- Ancestry Military records (see Ancestry Library Edition above)
- Civil War Soldiers and Sailors ([www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss))
- Dad's War ([home.comcast.net/~dadswar/](http://home.comcast.net/~dadswar/))

### **Cemeteries & Graves**

- Interment (<http://www.interment.net>)
- Find-a-Grave (<http://www.findagrave.com>)
- U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs ([http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL\\_v1](http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_v1))
- Cemetery Junction (<http://www.daddezio.com/cemetery/junction/index.html>)

### **Photographs**

- Dead Fred (<http://www.deadfred.com>). Searchable database of user uploaded photographs of people. Dates range from 1840s to 1960s.
- Randolph County Historical Photograph Collection (<http://www.randolphlibrary.org/historicalphotos.htm>). Searchable database of people and places important to the history and culture of Randolph County. The images are from the late 1800s to around 1990, with a large collection taken during the 1930s and 40s. Also included are photos donated

by the *Courier-Tribune* Newspaper, as well as items donated or loaned by Randolph County citizens.

### **Publications**

- Google Books (<http://books.google.com>)
- PERSI/UMI (See Heritage Quest at [www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org))

### **Land & Property**

- Bureau of Land Management ([www.glorerecords.blm.gov](http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov))
- Ancestry Court, Land, Wills & Financial Records (Ancestry Library Edition above)

### **Immigration**

- Ellis Island ([www.ellisland.org](http://www.ellisland.org))
- Ancestry Immigration (see Ancestry Library Edition above)

### **Directories & Member Lists**

- U.S. City Directories ([www.uscitydirectories.com](http://www.uscitydirectories.com))
- Ancestry Directories & Member Lists records (see Ancestry Library Edition above)

### **General Genealogy**

- Cyndi's List ([www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com))
- RootsWeb ([www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com)) Provides free access to the Ancestry.com family trees.
- Access Genealogy ([www.accessgenealogy.com](http://www.accessgenealogy.com))
- USGenWebProject ([www.usgenweb.org](http://www.usgenweb.org))
- Family Search ([www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org))

## **Genealogical Resources in the Randolph Room**

*Selected on-site resources to help with your genealogical research.*

### **Microform**

#### *- County Records*

- Wills & estates; deeds & other land records; various court records; administrators, guardian, apprentice, & bastardy bonds and accounts; records of lunacy; county commissioners and board of education minutes; armed forces discharges; court martial minutes; appointment of postmasters; Revolutionary War pension applications; militia minutes; voter registration records; records of accounts; federal tax liens index; and marriage bonds for Randolph County. These records vary in range from 1789-1970s.
- Indexes to vital records from marriage records for Randolph County from 1868-1972

- Indexes to vital records from birth and death records for Randolph County from 1913-1981

*- Newspapers*

- Asheboro Courier-Tribune (1940-2008); Asheboro Courier (1903-1940); Randolph Guide (1954-2008); Randolph Regulator (1876-1879); Political Broadaxe (Randleman) [1872-1891]; Archdale Trinity News (1978-2008); Liberty News (1950-2003); Ramseur Bulletin (1989-1999); (Asheboro) Southern Citizen (1836-1844); Trinity Gazette (1874); (Trinity College) Country Life (1890-1892); Randleman Reporter (1982-1999); Randolph Bulletin (1905-1915); Randolph Tribune (1926-1940); Greensboro(ugh) Patriot (1826-1887); (Greensboro) Patriot and Times; Greensboro Patriot and Flag; Greensboro Times (scattered issues from 1856-1868); Montgomery Vidette (1886-1891); Southern Vidette (1891-1892) Troy Times (1888); Southern Telescope; Carolina Beacon; Greensborough Palladium; Lexington and Yadkin Flag.

*- Census Records (Population & Slave Schedules)*

- North Carolina from 1790-1930

*- Census Soundex Rolls*

- North Carolina from 1880-1930

*-Church Records*

- Sandy Creek Baptist Church record book (1773-1845; 1859-1895)
- Cedar Falls Baptist Church records
- Franklinville United Methodist Church records

*-Personal papers*

- Rassie Wicker papers
- Martha Ryan cipher book

## **Special Collections**

*- Vertical File & Index*

- Family history research arranged by surname
- Randolph County Biographical files
- Randolph County history files by subject/community
- Other local county history files by subject/county
- North Carolina history files by subject

*- Pedigree Books & Genealogical Research*

- Briles, Cranford, Lucas collections
- Barbara N. Grigg Collection

*- Memoirs & other collections*

- James Pickard Collection

- Ad Penfield Memoirs
- Hammer/Walker Papers
- David Stedman Papers
- Co. K files: Collection of research on Co. K, 120th Infantry, 30<sup>th</sup> Regiment, World War I.

*-Scrapbooks*

- Asheboro "Finer Carolina" contest scrapbooks (six large scrapbooks, ca. 1950s). Consists of newspaper articles, photographs, promotional materials, and other ephemera.
- North Carolina Zoological Park Scrapbook. Donated by David Stedman. Covers the founding of the Park mostly from newspaper articles, letters, and promotional material from 1968-1973.
- Randolph County Public Library Scrapbooks (two). Consists of newspaper articles from the 1930s and 1945-1950.
- Randolph Room Registers (three). Consists of door registry forms signed by users of the Randolph Room collection from its opening on August 23, 1964 to 2003.

**Books**

- County Heritage books for most North Carolina and some Virginia counties.
- Publications by historical and genealogical organizations (examples: DAR and UDC)
- Regional & County Genealogical Journals
- *Census Records*
  - Selected state and county indexes and schedules, 1787-1880
- *History & Biography*
  - Pedigree books, collected genealogies
- *Research & Records*
  - Passenger lists, pensions, names and heraldry

**Geographical & Local History Resources**

*- Maps*

- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (Asheboro: 1910, 1922, 1931, 1950); (Trinity College: 1885, 1888); various cities throughout the state. Available on microfilm and through [www.randquest.org](http://www.randquest.org)
- Early county and state maps
- Topographical maps of Randolph County
- Asheboro maps
- Rivers and watercourses of Randolph County
- Uwharrie Trail Guide maps

*- City Directories*

- City/county directories from 1937-current; Phone directories from 1946-current

*-School Yearbooks*

- Allen Jay High School; Appalachian State Teacher's College; Archdale Elementary School; Archdale-Trinity Middle School; Asheboro High School; Asheboro Junior High/Asheboro Middle School; Bennett High School; Biscoe High School; Braxton Craven School; Campbell College; Chatham Central High School; Chimney Lane Christian Academy; Coleridge Elementary; Denton High School; Duke University; Eastern Randolph High School; Faith Christian School; Farmer School; Fayetteville Street Christian School; Franklinville School; Gray's Chapel School; Greensboro College; Guilford College; Liberty School; Meredith College; Methodist College; NC A&T; NC State; North East Randolph Middle School; New Market Elementary; North Moore High School; Porter Military Academy; Ramseur High School; Ramseur School; Ramseur Junior School; Randleman Middle School; Randleman High School; Salem Academy; Seagrove Elementary; Seagrove High School; Shelby High School; South Asheboro Middle School; Southeastern Randolph Middle School; South Mills High School; Southwestern Randolph High School; Southwestern Randolph Middle School; Southwood College; Star High School; Tabernacle Elementary; Trindale Elementary; Trinity Elementary; Trinity High School; UNC Chapel Hill; UNC Charlotte; UNC Greensboro/Women's College; Uwharrie Middle School; Wake Forest University; West Montgomery High School; Western Guilford High School; West Moore High School.

*- Cemetery Records & Obituaries*

- Publications, maps, and databases

## **Genealogical Resources Outside of the Randolph Room**

*-County Courthouses & Governments*

- Randolph County Register of Deeds (<http://www.randrod.com/>)
- Guilford County ([www.co.stokes.nc.us/deeds/](http://www.co.stokes.nc.us/deeds/))
- Orange County (<http://www.co.orange.nc.us/deeds/>)
- Rowan County  
(<http://www.co.rowan.nc.us/GOVERNMENT/Departments/RegisterOfDeeds/tabid/147/Default.aspx>)

*-Libraries & Archives (Public, Academic, State)*

- Wake Forest University (<http://zsr.wfu.edu/collections/special/>). Large collection of Baptists records.

- Guilford College Friends Historical Collection ([http://www.guilford.edu/about\\_guilford/services\\_and\\_administration/library/fhc/](http://www.guilford.edu/about_guilford/services_and_administration/library/fhc/)). Large collection of Quaker records.
- Greensboro Public Library (<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/Library/OnlineResources/genealogy/>)
- High Point Public Library (<http://www.highpointpubliclibrary.com/index.php?page=genealogy>)
- State Library of North Carolina (<http://statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/iss/gr/genealog.htm> )
- Moravian Archives ([www.moravianarchives.org](http://www.moravianarchives.org))

*-Historical & Genealogical Organizations*

- Randolph County Genealogical Society (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncrcgs/>)
- Guilford County Genealogical Society (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncgcgs/>)
- Rowan County Genealogical Society (<http://www.co.rowan.nc.us/GOVERNMENT/Departments/RowanPublicLibrary/HistoryRoom/GenSocofRowanCo/tabid/836/Default.aspx>)
- Durham-Orange Genealogical Society (<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ncdogs/>)

## **Getting Started with Genealogy**

### **1. Think like a genealogist!**

When doing genealogy, you should remember the three “W’s”: Who (a name), When (a date), and Where (a place). These three items will help you obtain more information as you research further into history. Remember to take notes and write down your sources!

### **2. Start your pedigree chart and family group sheet(s).**

We have included a Pedigree Chart and a Family Group Sheet in your guide. A pedigree chart, also known as a family tree, is a diagram that maps out your ancestry. Start with yourself and fill in as much information as you can about your family. Copy the family group sheet for every couple in your family, filling in information about their children.

### **3. Talk to family and go through family treasures.**

The first step in your research is to find clues without leaving home! Start to interview your immediate family members in person and on the phone to discuss your memories of close relatives. Write down who you talk to and important facts that are mentioned – remember, always ask about where people lived, because this is key to finding written evidence of a person’s life. Also, spend some time going through family records and heirlooms, using the Family and Home Information Sources worksheet as a guide.

### **4. Search the U.S. Census, vital records, and other records.**

Once you have done some research at home, use the Genealogical Records Selection Table to decide which records will help you fill in missing pieces in your pedigree chart. The U.S. Census is available from 1790-1930 and can include names, dates, locations, and occupations. Verify and discover vital information through the Social Security Death Index, birth, marriage, and divorce records online and through government agencies. Additional life information can be found in immigration and naturalization records, military records, and the Freedmen’s Index. These and other resources are described in the Online Genealogical Resources and Genealogical Resources in the Randolph Room sheets in your guide.

### **5. Be prepared to travel and run into “brick walls.”**

Every genealogist knows that sometimes answers can only be found at the source, such as at a local county courthouse or a cemetery. Perhaps more importantly, genealogists can find themselves at a dead end in their research. Resources such as the Soundex index (<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/soundexconverter>), online message boards and forums, surname searches in histories and biographies, and even the services of a certified genealogist can help bring new leads to your research. Take your time, check your sources, and enjoy the rewards of genealogy!

Be sure to check the State Library’s excellent getting started in [genealogy section](#).

## Family & Home Information Sources

Use this checklist as a guide to sources of information that you might find in your home or in the home of a relative.

### Birth

- Baby book
- Adoption record

### Marriage

- Wedding announcement
- Wedding book
- Anniversary announcement

### Divorce

- Paperwork

### Death

- Obituary
- Funeral book
- Will
- Memorial cards

### School

- Report cards
- Honor roll
- Awards
- Graduation diplomas
- Transcripts
- Yearbooks

### Religious Activity

- Blessing
- Baptismal/christening record
- Confirmation record
- Ordination record
- Ministerial record

### Everyday Life

- Journal/diary
- Biography
- Letters
- Photographs
- Publications
- Newspaper clippings
- Scrapbooks

### Military Service

- Selective service records
- Pension records
- National Guard records
- Disability records
- Service medals/ribbons
- Discharge records
- Sword/firearms
- Uniform

### Employment

- Social Security card
- Apprenticeship records
- Disability records
- Pension records
- Income tax records
- Union records
- Retirement records

### Land & Property Ownership

- Deeds
- Land grants
- Water rights
- Mortgages/leases
- Abstracts of title
- Estate records

### Health

- Hospital/medical records
- Immunization records
- Insurance papers

### Citizenship

- Naturalization papers
- Alien registration
- Deportment papers

### Family

- Bibles
- Lineages/genealogies
- Histories
- Bulletins/newsletters
- Coats of arms

### Civil & Legal Activity

- Bonds
- Summons/subpoena
- Guardian papers
- Contracts

### Household Items

- Engraved items
- Dishes/silverware
- Tapestries/needlework
- Quilts

### Licenses

- Business/occupation
- Professional
- Hunting/fishing
- Firearms
- Driver/motor vehicles
- Passport/visas

## Genealogical Records Selection Table

The table below can help you decide which records to search. It is most helpful for post-1800 research.

| If You Need...                 | Look Here First...   | Then Look Here...  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Age                            | Census, Vital Records, Cemeteries  | Military Records, Taxation   |
| Birth date                     | Vital Records, Church Records, Bible Records                                       | Cemeteries, Obituaries, Census   |
| Birthplace                     | Vital Records, Church Records, Census  | Newspapers, Obituaries   |
| City/parish of foreign birth   | Church Records, Genealogy, Biography, Naturalization and Citizenship               | Vital Records, Obituaries, History, Emigration and Immigration                               |
| Country of foreign birth       | Emigration and Immigration, Census, Naturalization and Citizenship, Church Records | Military Records, Vital Records, Newspapers, Obituaries                                      |
| Death                          | Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Church Records, Obituaries             | Newspapers, Bible Records, Military Records  |
| Divorce                        | Court Records, Vital Records   | Newspapers   |
| Immigration date               | Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship, Genealogy              | Census, Newspapers, Biography  |
| Living relatives and adoptions | Genealogy, Directories, Court Records, Obituaries                                  | Census, Biography, Societies, Church Records, Probate Records                                |
| Maiden name                    | Vital Records, Church Records, Newspapers, Bible Records                           | Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Obituaries                                    |
| Marriage                       | Vital Records, Church Records, Census, Newspapers, Bible Records                   | Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization and Citizenship, Land/Property |
| Occupation                     | Census, Directories, Emigration and Immigration                                    | Newspapers, Court Records  |
| Parents/children/family        | Vital Records, Church Records, Census, Probate Records, Obituaries                 | Bible Records, Newspapers, Emigration and Immigration  |
| Physical description           | Military Records, Biography  | Naturalization and Citizenship, Vital Records, Emigration and Immigration, Genealogy         |
| Place finding aids             | Gazetteers, Maps   | History, Periodicals   |
| Place of residence in state    | Census, Land/Property, History   | Biography, Probate Records, History  |
| Places family has lived        | Census (indexed), Genealogy, Military Records, Vital Records, Statewide Indices    | Military Records, Taxation, Obituaries   |
| Prior research (genealogy)     | Periodicals, Societies   | History, Biography   |
| Religion                       | Church Records, History, Biography   | Bible Records, Cemeteries, Genealogy   |
| Social activities              | History, Biography, Newspapers, Societies  | Town Records, Court Records, Cemeteries, Directories, Obituaries                             |

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Chart #

# 6 Generation Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is same as #\_\_\_ on Chart #\_\_\_.

The boxes by the male names may be filled in with a color or mark to indicate when all the work has been completed for that family.



