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Genealogical Research at the Nebraska State Historical Society

Library/Archives Reference Room Hours
Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00- 4:00
(Closed on State Holidays)

Check our website www.nebraskahistory.org for updated Information.

SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING FOR YOUR RESEARCH TRIP TO THE NSHS

A Guide to Genealogical Research at the Nebraska State Historical Society

http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/services/refrence/la_pubs/guide1.htm

The **Library** catalog is available online at <http://nebraskahistory.org/databases/librarycatalog.shtml>. Over 90% of the library collection is in this catalog. Try checking for your family name and county in Nebraska where your family lived in the Search area (**Anywhere**) or use **Enhanced Search** (top of page) for Boolean searching.

1) The Library has the largest collection of Nebraska state and local histories including Nebraska atlases, plat books, flat maps, city directories and phonebooks. Most of these titles are not available on the Web.

2) We have over 3000 genealogies/family histories collected during our 133-year history. We have a general collection of non-Nebraska genealogy guides and histories from other states. Again, many may not be available on the Web and you can use them in our Reference Room.

3) The microfilm collection includes the largest collection of Nebraska newspapers in the state. Check out the online Nebraska newspaper listing at <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/library/newspapr.htm> or the online Library Catalog. Contact us for exact holdings of available issues.

4) Contact our staff about the Nebraska Statewide Cemetery Registry and cemetery tombstone transcriptions in the Library.

Government Records at the NSHS include various federal, state, county and municipal records used in family research. The **Finding Aids for County Records Map** http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/research/public/county_finding_aids/index.htm may be used to review inventories for county records (such as marriage, naturalization, school census, divorce, probate records and tax records). Government records include all available Nebraska census records (we also have territorial and state census records), land tract records (useful in locating homestead records) military records and their related indexes. If you cannot locate your Nebraska family in census records found on the Web, use the originals on microfilm in our L/A Reference Room!

The use of data in the **Archives** collection for genealogical research may be reviewed within the **Archival Collection Database** <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/nhprc/index.shtml>. Follow the links on this homepage for the following areas: 1) Our **Manuscripts** include church records and family papers (published church histories are in the Library); 2) We are **the source** for Nebraska **Photographs**, **Moving images**, and **Sound Recordings** that may pertain to your family or their life in Nebraska.

For more details about the sources listed as well as additional indexes to various records in the Library/Archives, check the **Currently Available Searches** homepage <http://www.nebraskahistory.org/databases/index.html>. Also, check the Library/Archives Publications homepage http://www.nebraskahistory.org/lib-arch/services/refrence/la_pubs/index.htm.

If you have questions, send an e-mail to nshs.reference@nebraska.gov or phone 402-471-4751. Our Library/Archives staff will respond to your requests!

REMINDER: The NSHS has a limited number of original records available on our website. Plan now for a research trip to Lincoln to use our material. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT TO THE NSHS LIBRARY/ARCHIVES REFERENCE ROOM!