

Genealogy Research in 2006

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Getting Started

1. Use a computer. Write down all you know about immediate family father, mother, birth date, marriage date, death date and locations. Organizing Sheets available.

2. Get a genealogy program.

a. PAF from Church of Latter Day Saints download free from internet.

b. Family Tree Maker (FTM) is a commercial program commonly used here.

You can get it for as low as \$16 or as much as over a hundred, in stores or mailed via internet order. Revised versions come out annually. Don't get anything older than 2005 because they changed the set up dramatically. If working with others, best to have same version as they have.

3. Visit the Church of Latter Day Saints library at the back of the church 9001 106th Ave N. Seminole. Phone first 399-8018. Hours are presently Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm. They have helpful material for newbies.

4. Visit the Genealogy Department, Largo Library, 120 Central Park Drive Largo.

The Church of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) Website is : <http://www.familysearch.org> The largest repository of genealogy in the World. Stored donated data in caves at Salt Lake. No attempt to indoctrinate users. Order copies from Salt Lake at the local LDS library costs \$4. for shipping of microfilm, microfiche etc. They are presently digitizing all their resources. You can send them your information and they will store it forever and make it available to others.

Pinellas Genealogy Society Website is: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs> Integrated into Largo Library 120 Central Park Drive, Largo FL phone 586-7410 Help Desk Volunteers available Mon. to Sat. 9:30 am to 3:30 pm and Mon. to Thur . evenings 6 pm to 8 pm. Membership \$17, joint memberships \$25, e.g. husband and wife. Members get publication PGS "Pinellas Genealogist" Quarterly with great info and queries. One page monthly pamphlet available at meetings gives current info.

Education component: includes seminar January 27/07 and meetings as follows:

1. Family Tree Maker Group first Saturday of the month Oct.-May 10 am.(Keegan)
2. Computer interest Group third Saturday of month 9:45 am (Bryan)
3. Regular monthly meeting third Saturday of month 11 :00 am.

Research component: Canvassing local cemeteries and publishing the results see www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs/pgs-forsale.htm , sorting donated material

Genealogy Center at Largo Library (second floor elevator: turn right and right again) Largo Library card allows access to its data bases e.g. "Heritage Quest" has US censuses and can be accessed free of charge at home using your Library Card Number <http://www.asklargo.com/databases>.

Books (9000 plus in department and more resources elsewhere in library)

Along one wall Family Histories alphabetically from left to right. Centrally are 15 rows.

Row 1 new books, bibliographies, military, civil war

Row 2 military, translation guides, gazetteers, atlases, how to's

Row 3 religion, emigration, Jewish, Native American African American Ire Scot Wales

Row 4 England, continental Europe countries, Canada
Row 5 General US, Passenger Lists, DAR lineage books, hereditary Row 6 Palatine, immigration, SM, New England, Maine
Row 7 New Hampshire, Vermont, Mass. Mayflower
Row 8 Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York
Row 10 Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Southern States, DC, Delaware, Maryland
Row 11 West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina
Row 12 South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana
Row 13 Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio
Row 14 Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas
Row 15 Utah, California, Washington, Hispanic, Surnames, Cemetery Indexes, Heraldry

Note: books by Filby, P. William: "Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography", 1538-1900 Guide to Published Arrivals in Canada and US. Additional book every year.

Also CD's Various, Vertical Files with: family info, location info, special topic info, help desk with info. Microfilm US censuses 1790-1930, Maps, Post office info, Microfiche. Six computer work stations, microfilm, microfiche readers, photocopy machine. Special Florida collection in separate room.

Ancestry.com <http://www.ancestry.com>

Pay for use with credit card repository of many materials including mainly American, England and Canadian. Valuable since it has so many materials in one location on the internet. (you create a password) You can type in your relative's name and up pops all the locations where his name (and others with same name) is found. He could appear in censuses, social security index, marriage index etc. Recently added the Canadian 1851 census. Use it for free in the Largo library accessing it with your library card number.

OCR Optical Character Recognition scan text, move to word processor and edit.

Web Pages That Can be Useful

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~flpgs> Pinellas Genealogy Society website
<http://www.rootsweb.com> free many resources. GEN Web, world wide
<http://www.asklargo.com/databases> : Largo Library data bases use library card # at home
<http://www.familysearch.org> : Mormon library - varied world wide info births/deaths etc
<http://www.ellislandrecords.org> : passengers who arrived US 1892-1924 (password)
<http://www.irish-roots.net> : Irish Family History Foundation
<http://sunsite.utk.edu/civil-war/> American Civil War Home Page
<http://www.cyndislist.com> amazing collection of all sites genealogy
<http://www.ancestry.comrequirespayment.mostlyUS.Canada.Britain>
<http://www.FamilvTreeMaker.cominformation> on their genealogy program
<http://www.cwgc.org/> Commonwealth Graves Commission (WWI WWII soldiers)
<http://www.theshipslist.com> ships various
<http://news.genealogytoday.com/calendar/> family reunions etc. calendar nationwide
<http://www.findagrave.com> lists graves across US and Canada
<http://www.GedHTree.com> translates a GEDcom into a website
<http://www.kintrails.inkol.comwebsitecreatedfromGedHTree.com> (needs revision)