

Locating Materials Marked 'Do not serve' or 'Unavailable' in the Library's Online Catalog

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Since 2007, the Library has contracted with Internet Archive (IA) to digitize significant portions of its public domain American Imprint Collection. These are titles published in the United States before 1923, concerning U.S. genealogy (CS), U.S. local history (F below 1000), and U.S. history (E) including early American history; Lincolniana; Civil War regimental histories; African American history; and Indians of North America.

When the process has been completed, a link will be added to the bibliographic record. Initially, the link will be made to an Internet Archives website, but eventually the files will be transferred to an LC server. Options for viewing the scanned book include: DjVu, PDF, B/W PDF, TXt, Full Text, and Flip Book. Researchers who access the Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) from a remote location will also be able to access those titles electronically.

Please be aware that once the books identified in this project have been scanned, they will be sent off to Ft. Meade and labeled 'Do Not Serve' or 'Unavailable.' If you pull up the record and desire to view the item, you will need to click on the link and view the title electronically. If there is a real need to see the book, the item may be requested by contacting the Collections Officer, Collections Access, Loan and Management Division (CALM) at 202-707-7400. This, however, should be the exception. If there are multiple copies of the title, the copy that was not digitized may still be requested in the reading room.

In the example of the *Bowman Family Genealogy* below, the book falls within the scope of the Sloan project (a genealogy published in the U.S. before 1923). There is, however, no electronic link to the digital surrogate, nor is the holdings information helpful. Eventually, the links will be added to the OPAC, but many items appear without the link. See the example below:

LC Control No.: 43047150

Type of Material: Book (Print, Microform, Electronic, etc.)

Main Title: Bowman family genealogy.

Published/Created: [n. p.] 1905.

Description: 1 p.l., 6 p. 24 cm.

Subjects: Bowman family.

LC Classification: CS71.B788 1905

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-- Request in: Unavailable: Contact Collections Officer, CALM, x7-7400

-- Status: Not Charged

To find the digital surrogate, even without a link from the OPAC, search the title in the Internet Archive website (<http://www.archive.org>). Selecting 'Texts' from the pull-down menu will eliminate other formats and reduce the number of false hits.



The resulting page will allow the researcher to view and download the file. The PDF option will launch *Adobe Acrobat Reader*, a format with which most researchers are familiar. Please note that the bibliographic information will identify the source of the book. This is very helpful when comparing different books copies and editions held at other institutions.

