

# Special Alert: Some Genealogical Materials Inaccessible as of May 29, 2009

## *Please Contact Us Before You Visit*

**Reading Room Hours will not be affected: Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8:30 am - 9:30 pm  
Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

Over the next six months, due to a major construction project in the Jefferson Building South Stacks, entire decks of material will be inaccessible and unavailable for three to four weeks at a time. **Collections on the affected decks will not be retrievable during that time. The deck housing Heraldry and Genealogies is under construction as of May 29, 2009.** Generally, books and periodicals with the call number CR and CS will not be available. Requests from these areas will receive the following response: "Unavailable due to construction." Due to safety reasons, staff will not be permitted to enter the construction areas.

## **Please Contact Us to Identify Materials in Other Formats and in Other Libraries**

Please send us a message via Ask a Librarian (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/askalib/ask-genealogy.html>) or call the Local History & Genealogy Reading Room at 202-707-5537 before coming to the Library if you believe the materials you wish to use are affected. Staff of the Local History & Genealogy Reading Room will search the titles in microform and in the digital collections as well as help you with a research strategy. Resources we will use to help you include following:

### **I. Library Catalogs**

Library of Congress (<http://catalog.loc.gov/>)

As one of the leading genealogical collections in the country, the Library of Congress has more than 60,000 genealogies and 100,000 local histories. The collections are especially strong in North American, British Isles, Canadian, and German sources. Search the subject field with the surname of the family and the word family (for example: Walsh family). **Genealogies that have been microfilmed are not affected by the deck closing.**

Family History Library (<http://www.familysearch.org>)

WorldCat (<http://www.worldcat.org>)

National Library of Canada (<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/index-e.html>)

Pointer to Canadiana Microfilm (see below).

Regional Libraries with National Focus (<http://www.genealogy.com/00000109.html>)

### **II. Digital Collections**

Family History Archives (<http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>)

The digital archives of full text genealogies at the Family History Library and from the following participating libraries: Harold B. Lee Library (BYU), BYU Hawaii, BYU Idaho, Family History Library, Allen County Public Library, Houston Public Library, and the Mid-Continent Public Library.

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Early Canadiana Online (<http://www.canadiana.org/eco.php?doc=home>)

Early Canadiana Online (ECO) is a digital library providing access to 2,689,094 pages of Canada's printed heritage. It features works published from the time of the first European settlers up to the early 20th Century.

The Online Books Page (<http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books>)

University of Pennsylvania listing of over 30,000 free books on the Web.

The Spire Project: Locating Books (<http://spireproject.com/books.htm>)

Contains digital books.

Google Books (<http://books.google.com>)

Search the full text of books and discover which books have the family name or person you are seeking. Participating institutions: Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Oxford, New York Public, Princeton, Stanford, University of California, University of Michigan, Texas at Austin, Virginia, Wisconsin at Madison, and several foreign universities.

### III. Microform Collections

Genealogy and Local History

This project, published by UMI (ProQuest) is a long-term program to film American genealogies, genealogical serials, printed primary source material, and local history. Search in *FirstSearch* (WorldCat) LC Call Number: Microfiche 1018

Canadiana

See: Gilchrist, J. Brian. *Genealogy and local history to 1900 : a bibliography selected from the catalogue of the Canadian Institute for Historical Microreproductions, CIHM.* xvii, 514 p.

LC Call Number: Z1391 .G55 1995; Microfiche (o) 88/449

Also: Canadian National Library catalog has CIHM numbers corresponding to microfiche.

### IV. Subscription or Pay Databases - *Note: Access to subscription databases is available from any of the public work stations in the Reading Rooms of the Library of Congress.*

Ancestry Library Edition

Search Family & Local History Records.

*American Genealogical-Biographical Index (AGBI)* - This database contains millions of records of people whose names have appeared in printed genealogical records and family histories. With data from sources largely from the last century, each entry contains the person's complete name, the year of the biography's publication, the person's state of birth (if known), abbreviated biographical data, and the book and page number of the original reference (the books are not available in digital format here).

Heritage Quest

Contains 22,000 genealogies and local histories. Search by name. Books are digital and full-text. Also includes *PERSI*, the digital index called *Periodical Source Index*, which indexes over two million journal articles in more than 6,500 genealogy and local history periodicals written in English and French (Canada) since 1800.

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