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The Jefferson County Library Special Collection at the Northwest Branch supports two major areas: Genealogy and Local History. The extensive genealogy collection supports genealogical research in Missouri as well as other states. Materials available include genealogy books, maps, CDs, microfilm, and photographs of Jefferson County and its people.

The Jefferson County Library's new facility is at the corner of Highway 30 & State Rd PP in High Ridge. The mailing address is 5680 State Road PP, High Ridge, MO 63049.

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## Websites



### **Rutherford B. Hayes Obituary Index for Ohio**

<http://index.rbhayes.org/hayes/index/>

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont started this online database. However, it has been expanded to cover the whole state of Ohio, with 37 public libraries entering data into the web-based index. The index includes 700,000 obituaries, deaths and marriage notices from 1830 to the present day.

**Louisiana State Archives – New Orleans Ship Passenger List – Online Index**

[http://www.sec.state.la.us/archives/gen/nln-ship\\_pass-index.htm](http://www.sec.state.la.us/archives/gen/nln-ship_pass-index.htm)

This online index attempts to fill in the previously un-indexed two-year period of 1851 and 1852. Information provided in this database includes passenger name, date of arrival, name of ship, and port of departure.

**German Genealogy Group**

<http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/otherdb.stm>

The German Genealogy Group provides this database that contains a searchable index to various counties in New York. This is an ongoing project and additional records will be added as they are transcribed. Currently the index includes naturalization records from Nassau, Suffolk, and Bronx County, New York. Additionally there is a New York City database which includes a death index from 1891 to 1948.

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**New Additions to the Special Collection**

GR 929.5097 TOMBSTON

Pulaski County

*Tombstone Inscriptions throughout Pulaski County, Missouri Vol. 1* by Pulaski County Historical Society and Museum

GR 929.5097 TOMBSTON

Pulaski County

*Tombstone Inscriptions throughout Pulaski County, Missouri, Vol. 2* by Pulaski Historical Society and Museum

GR 977.857 MOTTAZ

Pulaski County

*Lest We Forget: a history of Pulaski County, Missouri and Fort Leonard Wood* by Mabel Manes Mottaz

GR 977.857 PULASKI

Pulaski County

*Pictures, Stories, History of Pulaski County Rural Schools* by the Pulaski County Historical Society

GR 929.1072 SCHWEITZ

Maryland

*Maryland Genealogical Research* by George K. Schweitzer

GR 974.965 COOLEY

New Jersey

*Genealogy of Early Settlers in Trenton and Ewing, "Old Hunterdon County", New Jersey*  
by Eli F. Cooley

GR 917.5671 RUMPLE

North Carolina

*A History of Rowan County, North Carolina: containing sketches of prominent families*  
by Rev. Jethro Rumble

GR 974.8004 DIFFENDE

Pennsylvania

*The German Immigration into Pennsylvania Through the Port of Philadelphia from 1700 to 1775 AND The Redemptioners* by Frank Ried Diffenderffer

GR 929.3748 RECORDS

Pennsylvania

*Records of the Klinger Church, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania: including Bowman and Klinger families* compiled by Mary Ellen Bowman

GR 929.3755 VIRGINIA

Virginia

*Virginia State Library: list of the colonial soldiers of Virginia* by H.J. Eckenrode,  
Archivist



### Upcoming Genealogy Presentations

#### **July**

***Genealogy - How to Write to the Courthouse and other Repositories*** - The Northwest Branch of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will hold two classes, presented by staff genealogist Christine Merseal. The first program will be on Monday, **July 24th**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The same program will be repeated on Wednesday, **July 26<sup>th</sup>**, noon to 1:30 p.m. From this free program, you will obtain knowledge on effectively writing letters to obtain genealogical information on your ancestors. Please call 636-677-8186 to register for this program.

#### **August**

***Genealogy Discussion Group*** - The Northwest Branch of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will have a genealogy discussion group meeting on Saturday, **August 19<sup>th</sup>** in the community room from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. This is an informal association of genealogists and hobbyists that meet at the library to discuss all aspects of genealogy, one

topic at a time. All meetings are free and open to the public. Generally the discussion group will be scheduled every other month. This month's topic is *European Research – how to find your ancestor in European Records*. Sign up is not required. For more information contact Christine Merseal at 636-677-8186.

***Genealogy - Bring the Resources to You, through InterLibrary Loan*** - The Northwest Branch of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will hold two classes, presented by staff genealogist Christine Merseal. The first program will be on Monday, **August 28th**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The same program will be repeated on Wednesday, **August 30<sup>th</sup>**, noon to 1:30 p.m. These classes will meet in the computer lab, for hands-on experience on how to access a specific online database and search for books which are beneficial to your genealogical research. Then learn how to order these books through InterLibrary Loan (ILL). Generally there is no charge to order books through ILL for Jefferson County Library patrons. Registration is required because space is limited. Please call 636-677-8186 to register.

This class is designed for Jefferson County Library card holders.

## **September**

***Genealogy: How to Keep Organized and Focused*** – The Windsor Branch of the Jefferson County Library in Barnhart will hold a genealogy class, presented by genealogist Christine Merseal. The program will be on Thursday, **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. This program will focus on an effective filing system, different organizational forms, plus how to create a surname binder. Please call 636-461-1914 to sign up.

***Genealogy & the Internet*** - The Northwest Branch of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will hold two classes, presented by staff genealogist Christine Merseal. The first program will be on Monday, **September 18th**, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The same program will be repeated on Wednesday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>**, noon to 1:30 p.m. These classes will meet in the computer lab, for hands-on experience on how to effectively search the internet for your ancestors. Registration is required because space is limited. Please call 636-677-8186 to register.

## **October**

**Family History Fair** – Saturday, **October 21, 2006** from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm - Come join us for an all day free event, cosponsored by the Jefferson County Library and the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. The day's event will include:

\*Lectures on a wide range of topics

“Beginning Genealogy” presented by Christine Merseal

“Using Maps in your Genealogical Research” presented by Dan Vornberg

“Good Mourning! Victorian Funeral Practices” presented by Edna Dieterle

“The Roaring 20's in Jefferson County” presented by Della Lang

\*Genealogical and historical organizations & other institutions will be present from around the area to answer questions and offer brochures and products.

\*Access to useful online genealogical databases, Ancestry-Library Edition and Heritage Quest.

\*Mini-workshops to instruct individuals on how to fill out basic genealogy forms, etc.

\*Also preview a few popular family history software products, including Family Tree Maker 2006, Rootsmagic, Legacy, and Master Genealogist.

\*Register for door prizes such as:

Family Tree Maker 2006  
Rootsmagic Version 3  
and much more....

For more information on Family History Research contact:

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