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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 Northwest Branch is located at the corner of Highway 30 & State Rd PP in High Ridge. The mailing address is 5680 State Road PP, High Ridge, MO 63049.

Websites



Missouri State Archive

<http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/>

The Missouri State Archives has completed scanning the Missouri death certificates from 1910 to 1957. These can be accessed free online. This database contains thousands of links to digital images of the original death certificates. From the home page of the Missouri State Archives, click on *Missouri Death Certificates*.

Ancestry-Library Edition

<http://www.jeffersoncountylibrary.org>

Ancestry has updated their database to include:

Missouri Birth Records, 1805-1980 (2 million names and 200,000 images)

Missouri State Census Collection, 1844-1881 (2 million names and 20,000 images)

North Carolina Marriage Records, 1741-2004 (4 million names)

New Additions to the Special Collection



General

GR 929.1072 RYSKAMP

Finding Your Mexican Ancestors by George and Peggy Ryskamp

GR 929.1 STEELE

Genetic Genealogy and DNA Testing by Ted Steele

Missouri

GR 912.778 MISSOURI

Gousha Road Atlas: Missouri

St. Louis City

GR 977.866 BENCHLEY

An Overview of the Prehistoric Resources of the Metropolitan St. Louis Area by Elizabeth D. Benchley

Crawford Co., MO

GR 977.862 DUNN

Bourbon, Missouri: A picture history of a small town by Emma J. Dunn

Jefferson Co., MO

GR 929.3778 JEFFERSO

Jefferson County, Missouri Marriages 1881-1890

GR 977.867 HOLLINGS

The Battle of Blackwell by John Hampton Hollingsworth

Pennsylvania

GR 974.886 HISTORY

Story of Old Allegheny City

Map

GR 912.768 MAPS

Maps of Tennessee and other Southern States for Genealogical Searching

CD

GR 973.36 SAR

SAR Revolutionary War Graves Register, 2000 Edition

GR 973.34 SAR

SAR Patriot Index Edition III

Local Genealogy Society Purchases Agricultural Census for the Special Collection

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society has recently donated 21 rolls of microfilm to the Special Collection at the Northwest Branch. These rolls include the 1850 to 1880 Agricultural Census of Missouri. If your ancestor owned a farm in Missouri, these records include the acreage owned, improved and unimproved; the cash value of the farm, the number of horses, mules, cows, working oxen, cattle, sheep, swine, etc... They are a wonderful addition to our growing genealogy collection. The rolls are located in the census microfilm cabinet, drawer 10.



Upcoming Genealogy Presentations

March

Beginning Genealogy – The **Northwest Branch** of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will hold two classes on this topic. The first program will be on **Wednesday, March 26**, 12:00 to 1:30 pm. The same program will be repeated on Thursday, **March 27**, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Find out the basics of family history research, including census, probate files, military and additional resources. The class is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Sign up is required by calling 636-677-8186.

Using the Census – The **Arnold Branch** of the Jefferson County Library will hold a genealogy program on **Friday, March 28**, 11:30 to 1:00 pm. The instructor will explain how to use the federal census in your family history research. This program is free of charge. However, sign up is required by calling 636-296-2204.

April

Online Genealogy Databases - The **Arnold Branch** of the Jefferson County Library will hold a genealogy program on **Friday, April 18**, 11:00 to 12:30 pm. The instructor will explain how to use these two websites to advance your family history. A Jefferson County Library card is required to use the databases. This program is free of charge. However, sign up is required by calling 636-296-2204.

Using the Census – The **Northwest Branch** of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will hold two classes on this topic. The first program will be on **Wednesday, April 23**, 2:30 to 4:00 pm. The same program will be repeated on **Thursday, April 24**, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The instructor will explain how to use the federal census in your family history research. This program is free of charge. However, sign up is required by calling 636-677-8186.

May

Genealogy Discussion Group – The **Northwest Branch** of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will have a genealogy discussion group meeting on **Saturday, May 3rd** 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 Why Our Ancestors Traveled to America? Each ethnic group has its own migration pattern. This migration may be caused by Religious Persecution, Economic Hardships, Mandatory Military Enrollment, etc... We will have an overview of immigration history in America and why our ancestors immigrated to this country. Sign up is not required. For more information contact Christine Merseal at 636-677-8186.

Online Databases: Ancestry & Heritage Quest – The **Northwest Branch** of the Jefferson County Library in High Ridge will hold two classes on this topic. The first program will be on **Wednesday, May 28**, 12:00 to 1:30 pm. The same program will be repeated on **Thursday, May 29**, 6:30 to 8:00 pm. We will learn how to use these two websites to advance your family history. A Jefferson County Library card is required to use the databases. The class is free and open to the public, but space is limited. Sign up is required by calling 636-677-8186.

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- Please send e-mail from the address you wish to receive the newsletter.

