

UTAH REPOSITORIES FOR FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

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Utah Repositories for Family History Research

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Introduction

There are major collections of genealogically important source materials held in libraries and archives all across the United States. We are going to take a look at some of the collections held in Utah repositories. As a genealogical researcher, you cannot afford to ignore these libraries. Today, many of these repositories have catalogues and descriptions of their holdings online available for searching. They have blogs and Facebook pages that allow you to keep up with current happenings.

Research libraries have map collections you want to search for and use. Look for these, you will be amazed how they will help improve your research success.

Use Utah's Online Library listing for Utah libraries. It contains links to websites where you can get more information and help you to locate a library in the area you are researching.

<https://onlinelibrary.utah.gov/libraries/index.html>

Types of Libraries with Genealogical Sources

National Repositories

Golden Spike National Historic Site

6200 North 22300 West

Promontory Summit, UT 84307

PO Box 897

Brigham City, UT 84302

<https://www.nps.gov/gosp/index.htm>

Research archives and book collection of nearly 1,000 volumes include: diaries, telegrams, local articles and writings, oral interviews, maps, photograph collection. Printed list is available at the site. Call for appointment (435-471-2209).

Tribal Repositories

Brigham City Main Tribal Office, Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation

707 N. Main Street

Brigham City, UT 84302

<http://www.nwbshoshone.com/>

Archive will be available by the end of this year (2018). Call for details (435) 734-2286. Books, manuscripts, photos, digital catalogue, and more.

State Library and Archives

Every state in the United States has a state library and/or Archive. The state of Utah has several library and Archives services that reach into the rural areas of the state and across the nation. The **Utah Division of Archives and Records Service**, located within the historic Denver & Rio Grande Depot, is part of the Department of Administrative Services.

Utah Department of Heritage & Arts

300 S. Rio Grande St. (450 West)
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1182

Free public parking on the north side.

<https://heritage.utah.gov> – This website provides links to several helpful resources for family history research. The Division location addresses and support staff contact information is also available from this website. Some resources included are:

- Arts and Museums - <https://heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-arts-museums>
- Multicultural Affairs - <https://heritage.utah.gov/utah-multicultural-affairs>
- Indian Affairs - <https://heritage.utah.gov/utah-division-of-indian-affairs>
- State History - <https://heritage.utah.gov/history-2>
- Utah State Library - <https://heritage.utah.gov/library>

The Research Center

<http://historyresearch.utah.gov> – The Utah State Archives preserves and provides access to records from state and local governments. Research services are provided in cooperation with Utah State History in a joint Research Center. The website has links to the Utah Division of State History and to the Utah Division of State Archives. You may submit questions via email to either division. When you visit, it is important to understand that all resources are non-circulating and must be used in the Research Center.

College and University Libraries

It is not uncommon for individuals and families to donate their personal papers, letters, and other documents to a university or college library. It is worth your time to become familiar with the holdings of your local college or university library. Below is a listing of a few libraries in this category. This list briefly mentions collections found in these libraries. This list is to stimulate your mind to begin thinking of the kinds of collections and diversity of collections available. One library may hold a collection dealing with a specific subject while another library holds additional and different materials dealing with the same subject. Use online catalogs and familiarize yourself with the materials that are available. Many collections are digital while others must be viewed in person. Some collections will be available from multiple repositories. Become familiar with the holdings of your local university or college.

J. Willard Marriott Library

The University of Utah
295 South 1500 East
Salt Lake City, UT 84112-0860
<http://www.lib.utah.edu>

More than 1,000,000 volumes in the library. Utah Newspaper Project Collection, 1869-1985. Topaz Oral History Project Collection. Carbon County Oral Histories.

Congressionally designated depository for United States Government documents (Selective).

Harold B. Lee Library

Brigham Young University
Located in the Center of Campus
Provo, UT 84602-6800
<https://lib.byu.edu>

More than 1,000,000 volumes in the library.

Congressionally designated depository for United States Government documents (Selective).
Family History and Religion, Mormon Studies, Special Collections, Tutorials, and more.

Merrill-Cazier Library

Utah State University
3000 Old Main Hill
Logan, UT 84322-3000
<https://library.usu.edu>

More than 1,000,000 volumes in the library. Leonard J. Arrington papers and photograph collections. Topaz Interment Camp Documents. Cache Valley Historical Society Papers. The Crabtree Family Papers. Fife Folklore Archives (oral histories). Twin Lakes Canal Company Papers. Newell Hart Papers with materials concerning Preston, Idaho, Franklin County, Idaho, and Cache County, Utah (contains Eliza Swann McQueen's midwife journal 1888-1915).

Congressionally designated depository for United States Government documents (Regional).

Gerald R. Sherratt Library

Southern Utah University
351 West University Blvd
Cedar City, Utah 84720
<https://library.suu.edu/>

More than 200,000 volumes in the library. Barbara A. Matheson Special Collections includes materials relating to the Native Americans of southern Utah, in particular the Paiute Indian Tribe.

Congressionally designated depository for United States Government documents (Selective).

Stewart Library

Weber State University
2901 University Circle
Ogden, UT 84408-2901
<https://library.weber.edu>

More than 1,000,000 volumes in the library.

Congressionally designated depository for United States Government documents (Selective).
Polk Directories 1903-1993. Special Collections has nearly three hundred manuscript collections. Dee School of Nursing Student Records. School ledgers and registers. Individual histories and biographies.

Dixie State University Special Collections and Archives

Holland Centennial Commons, Room 330

225 South 700 East

St. George, UT 84770

http://library.dixie.edu/special_collections/index.html

Contains selected local, family, and historical materials about Washington County, the Arizona Strip, and the Big Muddy region of Nevada. Special Collections materials may not be checked out and are used under supervision in the Special Collections Reading Room. You can search their collections online.

County and Local Public Libraries and Archives

Logan Library

255 North Main

Logan, UT 84321

<http://library.loganutah.org>

Special Collections for Utah History and Family Histories has 7,687 titles. Books in this collection are non-circulating and must be viewed in the library. Many of the family histories are from the mid-west and eastern states. Use their online catalog Advanced Search, under the Location dropdown menu choose “Special Collections Room” and browse by title.

Morgan County Historical Society

Located in the Centennial Library

50 North 100 West

Morgan, UT 84050

<http://morganhistoricalsociety.com>

The society collects and preserves biographies, journals, diaries, histories, photographs, and germane materials in its archives.

Duchesne County History Center

130 S. Center Street

Duchesne, UT 840212

<https://www.duchesne.utah.gov/your-government-2/county-departments/library/history-center/>

The center is staffed by volunteers who work on a variety of projects, including: Mapping all county cemeteries and headstones, collecting obituaries, photographs of headstones, and death certificates. Creating binders of town histories, collecting published town and family histories. Preserving historical newspapers, recording and transcribing oral histories of county residents and more. Open to the public Tuesday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Private Libraries

Archives of the Catholic Church in Utah

Diocese of Salt Lake City

27 C Street

Salt Lake City, UT 84103

<https://www.dioslc.org/about-us/diocese-operations/121-archives-of-the-catholic-church-in-utah>

Houses extensive variety of historical records and artifacts. Collection is catalogued as a searchable electronic database and is available to the public.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Church History Library

15 East North Temple Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84150

<https://history.lds.org/section/library>

Collections are about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its members. Containing approximately: 270,000 books, pamphlets, magazines, and newspapers; 240,000 original unpublished records; 3.5 million patriarchal blessings for Church members; 13,000 photograph collections; 23,000 audio visual items. The collection continues to grow.

Family History Library

35 North West Temple
Salt Lake City, UT 84150

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_Library

The largest genealogical collection in the world—it is especially strong for the United States, British Isles, Scandinavia, Europe, Mexico, and parts of Germany. It also contains materials from all parts of the world. The collection contains civil/vital births, marriages, deaths, church records, county and local histories, court records, military records, probate records, passenger arrival lists, naturalization records, land and property records, and many additional research guides and finding aids. Many resources are digitized and available online with more being added daily.

There are many Family History Centers, branches of the Family History Library. Search this website to locate a Center near you.

Daughters of Utah Pioneers

300 North Main St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84103

<http://www.dupinternational.org>

History Department houses a collection of more than 42,000 pioneer histories. A Utah pioneer is an individual who came to Utah Territory, died crossing the plains, or was born in the Utah Territory before 10 May 1869 with the coming of the railroad. Open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Online index to histories: http://www.isdup.org/pioneer_index.php.

Sons of Utah Pioneers

3301 East Louise Ave. (2920 South)
Salt Lake City, UT 84109

<https://www.sup1847.com/contact/>

Library hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday. Please call for an appointment to receive assistance.

Genealogy Library Center

62 West Main Street

Tremonton, UT 84337

<http://arleneeakle.com/pages/library.shtml>

Research by appointment only. George Frederick Sherwood Collection (6.5 ton British Isles professional family and locality files). Chamberlain Families of America Collection. Virginia Databases (Northern Neck rent rolls, family notebooks, marriage records, land ownership maps, and "Minutemen" 1774-1776 for Culpeper and Amherst counties. David E. Gardner and Phillip Dunn professional genealogists collection. Horst Reschke Collection of German reference works, Utah periodicals, and European histories. Connor-Bishop Collection (Catalog available online).

The Salt Lake Masonic Public Library

650 E. South Temple

Salt Lake City, UT 84102

<http://www.wasatchlodge.org/publish/the-salt-lake-masonic-public-library/>

In 1877 the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of Utah established the Masonic Public Library. This was the first public library in the Utah Territory. From that time there was a great deal of interest in Salt Lake City to consolidate various privately held public libraries and in 1891 the majority of the collections were transferred to the Pioneer Library Association.

However, Masons still maintained a library of materials of a Masonic interest; masonic history, masonic philosophy, and classical education. To visit the library please call ahead and make an appointment to have the library opened.

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Simple Source Citations

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Cite your sources so others can follow your research path as they learn how to research and create a genealogy book worthy of acceptance. Here are a few simple examples of how to cite your sources in Family Tree and in your written family history.

Simple and basic pattern for a source citation:

[Author's or compiler's name in full]. [*Title of book/document/film*] ([Publication Place]: [Publisher's name], [Publication date]), [page].

Example:

Thompson, William Howard. *Joseph Lewis Thompson Family*, (St. George, Utah: Dixie College, 1976), 493.

Local government records:

[Jurisdiction]; [Title of certificate, document or series]; [Certificate, file, volume or series number]; [Repository name]; [Repository location].

Example:

Utah, Weber County; Certificate of Birth; File no. 485; State Board of Health; Salt Lake City.

Periodical citation:

[Author]. ["Article Title,"] [*Name of Journal, Newsletter, or Magazine*], [Vol] [(Date)] [page numbers or URL].

Example:

Fogelman, Aaron. "Migrations to the Thirteen British North American Colonies," *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 22 (Spring 1992) 691-710.

Interview citation:

[Name interviewee/storyteller]. [*Title of Interview*]; [Address for storyteller] [Name of interviewer/researcher]. [date]; [Address for researcher].

Example:

Thomson, Clara Shupe. *Interview with Mrs. Matthew Thomson*; 1940 N. 6900 E., Croydon, Utah 84018. by Holly Thomson Hansen, July 16, 2014; 1950 N. 6900 E.; Croydon, Utah 84018.

Online website:

[Name of website] [URL] [Date of search]

Example:

Legacy.com; <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/saltlakatribune/obituary.aspx?n=virginia-mickey-thomson-piepgrass&pid=156081306&fhid=12973>; searched on July 16, 2014.

FamilySearch databases:

GOOD NEWS! Just copy and paste from FamilySearch! They have a box at the bottom of each record search with help for "Citing this Record."

Example: "Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1956," index and images, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.1.1/XZP8-MYK>: accessed 16 Jul 2014), James Rennie Thomson, 18 Mar 1938; citing Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah, United States, certificate, State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Records and Statistics, Salt Lake City; FHL microfilm.

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