



# MAINE GENEALOGY

This guide contains a sample of the Newberry Library's resources on this topic. Consult a reference librarian, the library web site, or catalog for more details.

## GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Frost, John E. **Maine Genealogy: A Bibliographical Guide.** Maine Historical Society, 1977. Call # Z1291 F76. Provides a comprehensive list of sources as well as research suggestions and descriptions of various collections in Maine that might be of use.

Haskell, John D. **Maine: A Bibliography of Its History.** Boston: G.K. Hall, 1977. Call # Local History Ref Z1291.C65 (2nd floor open shelf). Volume II of the Bibliography of New England History series. Consult entries for both counties and towns.

Schreiner, Bette A. **Genealogical & Local History Books in Print.** Maine, NY: Genealogical Books, 1992. Call # Local History Ref Z5313.U5 Y35 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Reference section for Maine genealogy (including sources organized by county) can be found in volume I, pages 644-655.

Wright, Norman Edgar. **Genealogy in America.** Salt Lake City, UT: Desert Book Co., 1968. Call # E6 .987. See volume 1: Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Maine. Provides a guide to Maine genealogical resources as well as tips about how to approach various time periods in Maine's history.

## ATLASES AND GAZETTEERS

DenBoer, Gordon. **Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries.** New York: Simon & Schuster, 1994. Call # G1201.F7A8 1993 (2nd floor open shelf).

Denis, Michael J. **Maine Towns and Counties: What Was What, Where, and When.** Oakland, ME: 1981. Call # folio F18 .D46. Useful guide for decoding place name changes and border moves.

Varney, George J. **A Gazetteer of the State of Maine.** Boston: B.B. Russell, 1881. Call # G841.93. Includes historical sketches of towns with treatment of first settlers and prominent citizens of the day.

## CENSUS

All federal census population schedules for Maine are available online through Ancestry.com. Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820; however, the National Archives has set the schedules for Maine counties apart prior to that year. Census microfilm holdings complete for 1790 and 1810-1870. Published transcription for 1800. Partial holdings for 1880. 1890 special enumerations for Union veterans and widows. No 20th century holdings. Indexes for 1790-1850.

## PERIODICALS

**Maine Genealogist.** Call # folio F18 M645. Succeeded **Maine Seine** (see below). Currently received by the Newberry.

**The Maine Seine.** Call # folio F18 M645. Quarterly newsletter of the Maine Genealogical Society. The Newberry has volume 9 (1987) through volume 12 (1990). Ceased publication 1990. Succeeded by **Maine Genealogist** (see above).

Porter, Joseph W. **The Bangor Historical Magazine.** Bangor, ME: 1891. Call # F 841 .01. A monthly periodical founded in 1885 that dealt principally with the early genealogy of Eastern Maine.

## SOURCE MATERIALS AND LOCAL HISTORIES

Check the computer catalog under the name of the town or city, as well as under the name of the county as a subject heading to determine the Newberry's holdings for Maine local histories and records. The following titles should also be of interest:

**Bible Records, Cemetery and Family Records in the State of Maine.** Saco, ME: 1954. Call # Case folio E 695292.216.

Frost, John E. **Maine Probate Abstracts.** Camden, ME: Picton Press, 1991. Call # Local History Ref F18.F76 (2nd floor open shelf). Volume 1: 1687-1775. Volume 2: 1775-1800.

Henry, Lorraine Rainwaters. **Native American Directory: Vital Records of Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and Wisconsin.** Bowie, MD: Heritage, 1998. Call # E 76.2 .H47. Names are organized alphabetically, not by region. Good source for a researcher who already has the name of their subject.

Lundberg, Gertrude W. **Maine Family Bibles.** Glenview, IL: 1970. Call # folio F18 .L86. A report of information (births, deaths, graduations, etc) collected from antique bibles of Maine families.

**Roster of Union Soldiers 1861-1865: Maine, New Hampshire.** Wilmington, NC: Broadfoot, 1997. Call # Local History Ref E494.R67 (2nd floor open shelf). Volunteer listings, no draftees.

**Maine Families in 1790.** Camden, ME: Picton, 1988. Call # Local History Ref F18.G73 (2nd floor open shelf). Goal of this ongoing series is to document all of the families living in Maine at the time of the 1790 census.

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**Maine Old Cemetery Association Inscription Project.** Call # Microfilm 531. Readings from over 3,000 cemeteries. Three series on sixteen reels. Consult computer catalog for contents.

Noyes, Sybil et al. **Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire.** Portland, 1939. Call # Local History Ref F17.N68 (2nd floor open shelf). Standard genealogical dictionary, alphabetically organized. Includes annotations.

Rohrbach, Lewis Bunker. **Maine State Prisoners, 1824-1915.** Rockport, ME: Picton Press, 2001. Call # F18 .R64. Lists prisoners in alphabetical order and includes age, birthplace, crime committed, and more.

Sargent, William M. **Maine Wills 1640-1760.** (Reprint) Bowie, Md.: Heritage, 1992. Call # Local History Ref F18.S24 (2nd floor open shelf). Originally published 1887. Full transcriptions.

**York Deeds.** Various publishers, 1888-1910. Call # K472.99. 18 vols. Maine deed transcriptions to 1737.

## MILITARY

Fisher, Carleton and Sue Fisher. **Soldiers, Sailors and Patriots of the Revolutionary War - Maine.** Louisville, KY: Sons of the American Revolution, 1982. Call #: Local History Ref E263.M4F54 (2nd floor open shelf). Maine was part of Massachusetts until 1820. Many Maine soldiers also listed in **Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War** (Call # Local History Ref E263.M4M4 on 2nd floor open shelf). See also the Newberry pathfinder sheet **Genealogical Research on Revolutionary War Patriots.**

Maine Adjutant General. **Annual Report.** Augusta, 1862-67. Call # U1841.54. Rosters plus index volume.