



NEW ENGLAND GENEALOGY

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

American genealogy first attained full bloom in New England. By the middle of the nineteenth century there was already much genealogy and genealogically-oriented local history in print for this region. This energetic publishing activity continues to this day and is well represented in the holdings of the Newberry Library. There are many genealogies in print for New England families. Look for them in the catalog under the family surname. Local histories and transcribed vital records, etc. are also important research sources. Search under the name of the town or the county. See the Genealogy Search Strategy guide for instructions on how to use the catalog effectively.

<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/strategies.html>

Consult Newberry pathfinder sheets for individual states. You may also wish to see the bibliographic listings for "American Colonial Connections" on the Noble and Royal Lineages guide.

<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/royal.pdf>

GUIDES AND BIBLIOGRAPHIES

Crandall, Ralph (editor). **Genealogical Research in New England**. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1984. Call # Local History Ref F3 .G46 1984(2nd floor open shelf).

Lainhart, Ann S. **Digging for Genealogical Treasure in New England Town Records**. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1996. Call # Local History Ref F3 .L35 1996 (2nd floor open shelf).

Lindberg, Marcia W. **Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research**. 3rd ed. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1993. Call # folio Z1251.E1 G45 1993.

Sperry, Kip. **New England Genealogical Research: A Guide to Sources**. Bowie, MD: Heritage, 1988. Call # Z1251.E1 S64 1988.

PERIODICALS

New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 1847-. Call # Local History Ref F1 .N56 (2nd floor open shelf). The flagship journal for New England genealogy and the first genealogical journal to be published in the United States. Duplicate softbound volumes for early years shelved next to the hardbound complete run.

Periodic indexing shelved with the journal. The index for volumes 51-148 is especially well-done. Many important articles from the **Register** brought together in **English Origins of New England Families** in two series, Call # Local History Ref F15.B7 E54 1984(2nd floor open shelf).

The American Genealogist. 1922-. Call # Local History Ref F104.N6 A6 (2nd floor open shelf). Not limited to New England, although contains much important genealogical scholarship for the region. Initial volumes consist of Donald L. Jacobus' classic Families of Ancient New Haven. Index to subjects for volumes 1-60 shelved with journal.

SOURCE MATERIAL AND COMPILED WORKS

Anderson, Robert. **The Great Migration Begins: Immigrants to New England 1620-1633**. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1996. Call # Local History Ref F7 .G74 1995 (2nd floor open shelf). Beginning volumes of a projected series. Authoritative.

Greenlaw, William Prescott. **The Greenlaw Index of the New England Historic Genealogical Society**. Boston: G.K. Hall, 1979. 2 vols. Call # Local History Ref Z5305.U5 N4 (2nd floor open shelf). An analytical surname index of the 35,000 entries abstracted from selected works in the NEHGS library. All were published between 1900 and 1940. Most of these books are also located at other libraries, including the Newberry.

New England Historic Genealogical Society. **NewEnglandAncestors**. Subscription database available within the library.

Savage, James. **A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England, Showing Three Generations of those who Came Before May, 1692**. Originally published 1860-1862. Call # Local History Ref F7 .S26 1965 (2nd floor open shelf). A classic which is still not entirely superseded, although much has been published since (see especially Anderson's Great Migration volumes listed above).

Torrey, Clarence A. **New England Marriages Prior to 1700**. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1985. Call # Local History Ref F3 .T67 1985 (2nd floor open shelf). Two supplements. Indexes marriages from published sources.