

Pensacola Family History Center

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Hours: Tues 9 am-1 pm & 5 pm-9 pm; Wed 9 am-5 pm Thur 5 pm-9 pm

The International Genealogical Index (IGI)

It is helpful to understand what the Mormons (or LDS, as they call ourselves) are doing with the IGI. This huge database was designed to keep track of "temple work" undertaken on behalf of deceased persons. Temple "ordinances" are performed by living church members as proxies for the deceased: baptism for the dead (c.f. *1 Corinthians* 15:29), the endowment (a sort of course of instruction) and the sealing of married couples and of children to parents (c.f. *Matthew* 16:19). Mormons believe that many persons who have died are waiting for these ordinances; others may yet decide to accept them. Since it is an index to temple work, and since many members of the church do not (or in the past could not) check to see whether work has been done, many temple ordinances are unnecessarily repeated. This explains why there are multiple entries for the same person.

From its inception, church leaders also visualized the IGI as a tool by which family historians could locate records in hitherto difficult-to-access or unexpected sources. The IGI only began in 1969, however; Mormons have undertaken genealogical work since 1836.

<http://www.livgenmi.com/fhcigi.htm>

Resources at Family History Centers (FHC)

- **The Family History Library Catalog on microfiche.** The catalog lists and describes the materials in the Family History Library.
- **FamilySearch™.** Many centers have a computer with FamilySearch, a collection of computer files and programs to help individuals search for information about their ancestors. FamilySearch includes:
 - Family History Library Catalog
 - International Genealogical Index
 - Ancestral File
 - Social Security Death Index
 - Scottish Church Records
 - United States Military Index
- **Personal Ancestral File.** Personal Ancestral File is a computer program that allows patrons to organize their family history information. Most Family History Centers have Personal Ancestral File available for patron use on a center computer.
- **Additional computer resources.** Centers may have additional resource files on compact disc.
- **Microfilm and microfiche from the Family History Library.** Centers only keep some microfilms and microfiche in their collections. Patrons can arrange to have copies of most Family History Library microfilms and microfiche loaned to the center for a small fee.
- **Published Resources.** Most centers have a small collection of published reference sources that include research helps, genealogies, histories, gazetteers, atlases, and maps.

Bring the name of an ancestor you wish to research and information you know about the person (such as birth, death, or marriage information). The more information you have about your ancestor, the better your chances for successful research. It may also be helpful to bring a pedigree chart completed with as much information as you have.

Some of the resources at the Pensacola Family History Center

- * LDS Southern States Missions:
 - Alabama & Florida Membership records, 1888-1943, Film # 1880;
 - South Florida District, 1938-1943; Film # 1910,
 - West Florida, 1907-1951, Film # 1825
 - Olive & Pensacola Branches Film # 1909

- * Florida Combined Death Index, 1877 - 1969 Fiche # 6081769 - 6081817
- California Death Indexes. 1940 - 1983 Fiche # 6332560-64
- Cook County, IL Birth & Death Indexes 1871 - 1916 Fiche # 6016532 - 33
- South Carolina Death Certificate Index, 1915 -1944 Fiche # 6334926 - 28
- Wisconsin Birth & Death Indexes 1850 - 1907 Fiche # 6331472-73

- * Leonardo Andreas Collection. (54+ reels of microfilm)
- Andreas was a professional genealogist in Columbia, SC during the 1950s. Collection consists of folders of genealogical correspondence between researcher and patron. Primarily Southeastern families. Index fiche # 6019560 Film # 954247 - ???

- * South Carolina- Name Index to Genealogical Records Collected by the DAR Fiche #6052835
- Many of the source films available at the Center.

- * The Bowman Files.
- Records of George Bowman, founder and president of the Massachusetts Mayflower Society. (221 microfiche) # 6331448 - 6331471

- * Old Parochial Registers of Scotland. (microfiche & cd-rom)
- These indexes cover births and marriages in the Old Parochial Registers of the Established Church of Scotland (Presbyterian). They cover approximately three hundred years prior to 1855. Fiche # 6025611 – 6025739

International Genealogical Index (IGI) 3 versions; microfiche, CD, online. The first two are outdated, but contain much information.

Accelerated Indexing Systems (AIS) is a commercial company that indexes genealogical records. The microfiche version of the AIS U.S. Census indexes was published in 1984. It is distributed by the Family History Library, with the permission of AIS, for use in Family History Centers. Census & Tax Index covering approximately 1790 – 1900.

Large microfiche collection on indefinite loan for FHL which covers the U.S as well as International subjects.

Book collection which includes local & family histories, gazettors and International word lists.

- * Pensacola FHC Online Catalog (not current yet)
- (<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~familyhistorycenterpensacolaf/famrecor.htm>)