

RESOURCES IN THE WEST FLORIDA PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Genealogy collection is currently located on the 2nd floor at the main branch of the library, located on the corner of Spring and Gregory Streets, downtown.

Materials include printed sources (books, periodicals,) some microfilmed records, and the Florida Death/Marriage Index (1917-1969) on microfiche.

Books for each state in the collection are located together, with the census shelved first, followed by various types of records arranged alphabetically thereafter (e.g., bibliography, cemetery, church, court, etc.) At the end of the books and periodicals for the whole State, those references for individual counties begin, also alphabetically arranged. Not all States are as complete as others, but the Atlantic coast and the South are well covered.

There is also a collection of Family Histories placed by local citizens located in a section by itself, as are Pensacola City directories from 1942 onward. Some earlier directories are available on microfilm.

The United States Census records from 1790 through 1930 are on microfilm, and the collection includes much of the South. Microfilmed census records are indexed in print (largely before 1870) or in the Soundex system after 1880. The Library does not have the Soundex for all States or for all years.

Local newspapers from 1954 to the present are on microfilm (also a few earlier years) Another collection is records from the Fisher-Pou Funeral Home from 1926-1979.

File cabinets contain vertical files of local history.

The library provides materials on:

Census records, City directories, Native American records, African-American genealogy, Military and pension records, State records and histories, Heraldry, European genealogy, Land records, Family histories, Hereditary Society records

Interlibrary Loan Requests

The West Florida Regional Library offers their library card holders in good standing the service of requesting materials from other libraries around the state and across the U.S. that are not available in their library.

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