

Researching On Your Own

The Culpeper County Library and Courthouse are the two main institutions for onsite research within Culpeper County. The Library of Virginia (LVA) in Richmond has a large number of manuscript documents related to Culpeper's people and history as well as microfilm copies of earlier courthouse records. For a list of microfilm available at the Library of Virginia or to search its manuscript catalog visit <<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/>>. Some of the microfilm may be available through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Check the LVA web site for the ILL policy regarding microfilm.

An option for conducting long-distance research is through your local Family History Center (FHC). FHCs are branch facilities of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. Centers provide access to most of the microfilms and microfiche in the Family History Library to help patrons identify their ancestors. Everyone is welcome to come to the centers and use the resources. Rental fees are charged for the microfilm and fees are charged for any microfilm or photocopies made. Fees may vary by center. To locate the nearest FHC visit <<http://www.familysearch.org>>, click on the Library tab, and then on the Family History Centers tab. You may also search the Family History Library catalog at this web site to see what microfilm and microfiche are available.

Hiring a Researcher

Volunteer members of the Culpeper Genealogical Society will conduct local research for members and non-members. Please visit our web site <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vacgs>> for details.

The Virginia Genealogical Society has a list of researchers by geographic location and specialty posted on their web site at <<http://www.vgs.org>>.

The Association of Professional Genealogists has a searchable database of researchers for hire on their web site at <<http://www.apgen.org>>.

The Board for Certification of Genealogists has a list of certified researchers on their web site at: <<http://www.bcgcertification.org/>>.

For more information about hiring a researcher, please read *Why Hire a Professional Genealogist?* at <<http://www.apgen.org/articles/hire.html>>.