

BYU LIBRARY: Catalog & Digital Genealogy Resources  
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- I. Library Online catalogs
  - A. Access library physical holdings – the traditional role of library catalogs. Through the online catalog researchers obtain call numbers for finding materials in the stacks, they learn whether a book is checked out or not and how many copies the library holds. In addition the item may be described, illustrated, reviewed, and related subjects listed. Try searching in the subject field. All searches are keyword but may be restricted to a given catalog record field, such as title, author, subject.
  - B. Act like portals providing internet hot-links to carefully selected
    1. off-site, subscription databases – databases store and give ready access to large collections of facts about topics of interest, journal articles, reference materials such as encyclopedias and dictionaries.
    2. internet resources – recommended sites with reliable information.
    3. other libraries – most libraries now have online catalogs that provide access to their holdings and inform researchers where and how to obtain them.
  - C. Access unique, digitized, archival holdings – the growing strength of library catalogs. Libraries collect unique archival materials, personal journals, historical photos and documents pertaining to local history with direct application to genealogical research.
- II. BYU Lee Library online catalog appearance and layout changes frequently.  
<http://www.lib.byu.edu/>
  - A. Search options – Detailed explanation links describe many search options. Take the time to read them.
    1. Keyword - searches a word or set of words in many fields of a bibliographic record.
    2. Advanced – searches specific fields using selected key words. Many boolean search options, nesting, wild card and exact phrasing are available.
    3. Browse Alphabetically – sends researchers into a list beginning with the word entered. Several browse options are available, subject, author, title...
    4. Call Number – leads directly to a record for a unique item singled out by a known call number, or to a browse list.
    5. Other – Requires specific input, name, format, bibliography title...
  - B. Quick Links sidebar provides ready access to many different functions.
    1. Department and Personnel information.
    2. How to Find – explains the best route to frequently requested resources.
    3. Other Libraries – connects to many worldwide libraries listed in groups, CES, Utah, Genealogy...
  - C. **Other Libraries** – Connect to other library catalogs to search their family history holdings.
    1. Other Utah Libraries, academic and public.
    2. **Utah's Catalog** searches many Utah libraries with one search entry.

3. Other LDS Church Education System libraries – BYU Idaho, BYU Hawaii...
  4. Genealogical libraries – a few suggestions.
    - a. Church History Library <http://www.lds.org/churchhistory/library>
    - b. Allen County Public Library source for PERSI, Periodical Source Index, and a strong genealogical library. <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html>
    - (1) Family History Library, Salt Lake City <http://www.familysearch.org/>-- How to Find Salt Lake Family History Library films in the Lee Library, Utah Valley Regional Family History Center. Links allow patrons to enter a film number, from internet searches of the Salt Lake Family History Library, to see if the film is at BYU.
    - c. Many more
- D. **Search Strategy** -- Databases & Indexes – The Lee Library subscribes to many useful databases. Clicking here helps to find them in several ways.
1. Resources
    - a. **By Subject**
      - (1) History - Family and Local Of local interest - Tracing Mormon Pioneers  
<http://www.xmission.com/~nelsonb/pioneer.htm>
      - (2) Western States Historical Marriage Index - BYU Idaho -- BYU-Idaho Family History Center has extracted marriage records from the western United States. All of the pre-1900 marriages are indexed for Arizona, Idaho and Nevada, and many Idaho and Utah counties into the 1930's and later. Marriages from southwestern Wyoming, eastern Washington, eastern Oregon and selected counties in California are also included.  
<http://abish.byui.edu/SpecialCollections/fhc/gbsearch.htm>
    - b. **Alphabetically** - resources by title - some titles reveal content.
      - (1) Genealogy home page – <http://www.genhomepage.com/>
      - (2) National Archives Genealogy page – [http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/genealogy/index.html](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/index.html)
      - (3) Search under “F” for Family – leads to FamilySearch.org.
    - c. **Articles & Journals** many full text, summary, or citation only.
- E. **Online Collections** at BYU – Created by Special Collections and in collaboration with other campus entities.
1. BYU Master's Theses on Mormonism  
<http://www.lib.byu.edu/spc/masters/>
  2. Western States Historical Marriage Index - Maintained by BYU Idaho, housed on BYU Provo's server. Posts transcriptions of marriage records from many western states. Easily corrected by email request with verified corrections. <http://abish.byui.edu/SpecialCollections/fhc/gbsearch.htm>
  3. Finding aids for collections in Archives – provide content descriptions for

individual collections of original documents. Helpful for planning visits to the archives.

4. Religious Education Archive
  - a. **19th Century Mormon Publications** This collection of early Mormon publications includes books, missionary tracts, doctrinal treatises, hymnals and periodicals which helped define the doctrinal development and historical movements of the Mormon people in the 19th century.
  - b. **Image Collection** The Religious Education Archive contains approximately 4,000 images pertaining to the doctrines and history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
  
- F. **Trails of Hope: Overland Diaries and Letters, 1846-1869**  
<http://overlandtrails.lib.byu.edu/> – a collection of original writings of pioneers traveling west, with trail guides, images, and essays
- G. **Upper Snake River Valley Idaho Histories**  
<http://www.lib.byui.edu/srsearch.htm> – Short historical sketches of pioneers who settled in the Upper Snake River Valley between 1883 and 1893. In addition, the collection contains a brief history of the meetings, elections and programs of the Daughters of the Snake River Valley Pioneers from 1924-1950.
- H. Mountain West Digital Library <http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/mwdl/> – a consortium of digital collections from universities, colleges, public libraries, museums, and historical societies in Utah. Four hosting institutions each run CONTENTdm servers supporting their own digital collections, and support partner institutions by providing scanning and hosting services.
- I. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps –  
<http://www.lib.utah.edu/digital/sanborn/about.html> – consists of a uniform series of large-scale detailed maps, dating from 1867 through 1969 and depicting the commercial, industrial, and residential sections of cities
- J. **Special Collections home page.** Special Collections has their own home page so that searches from this page are restricted to only their holdings. In addition links are provided to BYU Idaho, BYU Hawaii and LDS Church Historical Department.
- K. **Utah Valley Regional Family History Center – home page**
- L. **FamilySearch Computer Lab – [www.lib.byu.edu/fslab](http://www.lib.byu.edu/fslab)**
- M. **Under development – <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>** Family History Digital Archives is a collection of digitized family histories, carefully selected from among newly published histories by BYU Press, scanned images of histories held at the Family History Library and Church History Library, BYU and eventually those held by other libraries that are willing to contribute - not yet linked for easy access to the public.
- N. **Immigrant Ancestors Project --**  
<http://immigrants.byu.edu/beta/DesktopDefault.aspx>
- O. Herculaneum Papyri Collection – [www.lib.byu.edu/hpc](http://www.lib.byu.edu/hpc)