

RESEARCH at BYU: 3 Wings - 5 Levels and Computers Galore!

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I Using the HBLL starts at home. HBLL Home Page www.lib.byu.edu/

A. HBLL Catalog - Use “Find Books” to find most anything. Click on ? symbols for help.

1. Standard Search
 - Alphabetic Search - If you already know exact author or title.
 - Keyword Search - If you only know part of the author’s name or title. Word order is not important.
 - Title or Author
2. Advanced Search - Many options and combinations are possible. Experiment!
3. Results Search
 - Find more by this author
 - Find more on these topics
 - Nearby items on the shelf
 - ADD TO MY LIBRARY - Available to faculty and current students only.
 - Limit your search results to the following categories - choose “History: United States Local and America” to focus your location Search.
4. Continue Search in:
 - Google Scholar
 - OCLC WorldCat at WorldCat.org
OCLC = Online Computer Library Center
WorldCat = Search Engine for OCLC

“What is WorldCat? Answer: WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services.

What am I searching? WorldCat.org lets you search the collections of libraries in your community and thousands more around the world. WorldCat grows every day thanks to the efforts of librarians and other information professionals.” from home page WorldCat.org

B. Quick Start

1. You must have a Route Y number– the same one you need for Interlibrary Loan
2. A metasearch of the HBLL Catalog and several major articles databases & more.

C. Digital Collections - Top left of the DC Homepage is a quick link to Adobe Acrobat

1. Arranged by Category or displayed alphabetically in the “All Collections” list.
2. Digital Collections of particular importance to family historians:

- BYU Family Historian - Publication of BYU Center for FH and Genealogy
 - BYU Master's Theses on Mormonism - Use full text search option.
 - Encyclopedia of Mormonism
 - Family History Archive:5000+ digital books, full text search, linked to FHLC
 - Historical Photographs
 - Mormon Missionary Diaries - Holographic plus transcriptions
 - Mormon Publications 19th Century
 - Mormon Publications 20th Century
 - Overland Trails - Pioneer Accounts
 - Upper Snake River Valley Idaho Histories
 - Utah Digital Newspapers - Project Link
3. Searching the collections:
- Do not expect uniformity in search functionality.
 - Each collection can be searched as a whole, by name, location or other filter.
4. Viewing Results
- Select Page and Text option to view and search holographic materials.
 - Look for the double page icon and click on it for thumbnail mobility
5. Printing/Downloading options: Options depends on how collection was imaged.
- Print/download one or more pages at a time.
 - Download - Some collections have downloadable printable PDFs.

D. Other Digital Collections – Electronic finding aids, not original records.

- Mormon Literature Database, incl. periodicals
- Mormons and Their Neighbors - Index to 100,000+ biographical entries
- Mountain West Digital Library
- Online Finding Aids-Special Collections Manuscripts, HBLL, BYUI, BYUH
- Utah Local History Bibliography
- Utah Newspapers at the Library (BYU) - Indexed by title, city or county

E. L. Tom Perry Search Special Collections

1. To search use full HBLL Catalog search or restrict to Special Collections only
2. Use search options at top of home page.

II Interlibrary Loan: Available without cost to genealogists and family historians.

- A. Register - See instructions on page 6. Receive your Route Y Number, select password..
- B. All requests and notifications done via email.

III The BYU FHL: Your visit begins at the home page. Many resources usable from home.

- A. Databases** - Organized list containing sites you can use from home and subscription sites.
Many have some free and some “pay per view” data. Index search is often free.

1. See the listings: Alphabetical, Record type, Subject, Libraries & Historical Societies,

Reference (Glossaries, Dictionaries, Foreign Word Lists, Forms, etc.), Family Histories

2. Selected databases = Quick list of the most used sites.

3. Learn about the sites

- Click d for thumbnail description of site contents.
- Click on site to see if searchable from home.

4. Subscriptions - Things you cannot do from home with out a subscription.

Examples:

- Ancestry
- Footnote.com - Fee Site to view documents but index search is free.
- Genline - Swedish Church Records Online
- Gensmarts
- Godfrey Memorial Library - U.S. with NE emphasis - FHC access, not all.
- New England Families New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEGHS)
- One Great Family
- WorldVitalRecords.com

5. Database Managers - Offerings vary based on products donations by vendors donate and what stipulations are made about usage. See the alpha list. Currently available: Family Tree Maker 16; Rootsmagic 2; Ancestral Quest 11,PAF ver. 2.3 -5.2; The Master Genealogist;

B. Education - Sites where you can take classes, or view tutorials. Most are free.

- Center for F. H. and Genealogy at BYU – see Free Religion 261 Course online
- FamilySearch.org See “Getting started with family history” on home page.

C. The Blue Binders – Research Outlines and Much more.

D. More BYU Home Page Features

1. What FHL Films are at BYU?
2. Sunday Classes
3. Print Forms and Research Helps

IV Still Stuck?? Return to the HBLL home page for locating what you need.

A. *Databases A-Z* includes subscription databases, some available only to institutions, some regular pay per view sites, as well as free sites of special worth.

- Go to **Family History** or **Genealogy** - Links - Some sites will be usable form home, the rest are either institutional subscriptions sites or regular pay sites.for which BYU.has paid the access fee.
- Search other relevant topics such as a location of interest in your research.
- Databases included may be searched individually or collectively in a Metasearch. Some institutional subscription databases will give you results in a meta search but not if searched alone, where a current student or faculty i.d. is required.

B. If all else fails -- Ask a Librarian - Help online and by phone.

V On-Site Research at the HBLL - Home page helps for planning your visit.

A. About the Library - select Floor Maps

- Search
- Call Number Locations
- Collection Locations
- Reference Desks
- Virtual Tour
- Levels - Maps of each of the Levels or floors of the HBLL.
- Family History - Continue to detailed Map of the FHL

B. OVERVIEW: Harold B. Lee Library (HBLL)

1. Construction: The Harold B. Lee Library (HBLL) was built in 3 sections.

- Middle wing is the original HBLL. It opened in 1961.
- South Wing, the 2nd piece was occupied in Spring 1977.
- North Wing, the most recent addition, opened in Fall 2000.

2. BYU Family History Library - Originally location South Wing - Level 4. UVRFHC

VI. The Walking Tour - Level by Level

Level 3

A. Main Reference

B. Circulation

C. Inter-Library Loan

- Requests made via the Internet
- Services - ILL- ILL Policy- Local Genealogy Patrons
- http://www.lib.byu.edu/ill_policy.html

Level 4 - Asian Collection - Major sections on Korean, Japanese, Chinese

Level 5 - Humanities

- Historic/Modern Dictionaries - all languages
- Language Aids

Level 1

A. Special Collections - North Wing

1. Holdings

- LDS "Mormon Americana"
- Americana -Early and rare county and family histories
- Pictures and hanging files.

- Diaries and Journals.
- 2. Rules - First time users are generally interviewed. Bring only pencils paper or laptop.

B. Social Science Book Collection

- CS 71 - Family Histories (same as 929 under Dewey Decimal System)
- F State, County and Local Histories (972-979 under the DD System)
- Check the Reference shelves, and Quarto Section under the same call numbers.

C. U.S. Government Documents - Middle Wing - BYU is a Federal Deposit Library

D. Military Science - Middle Wing

Level 2

A. Family History Library - Including Family History/Religion Reference - North Wing

1. Family History Library
 - a. Reference Books
 - b. Research Aid Reference Shelves – Blue Binders, Key books
 - c. FHL Film/Fiche Collection
 - BYU has much of the LDS Records collection.
 - Collection weighted to England, Scandinavia, New England, Mid-West, Utah and the Mormon West.
 - All U.S. Census film available.
 - Many Ship records.
2. BYU/Academic Film/Microfiche/Microcard Collection
 - a. Newspaper film - see binder or BYU Catalog for listing
 - b. Military and other film. References in HBLL Catalog.
 - c. Journal History of the Church BX 19 - Indexed by name, location, event, topic
 - d. City Directories E 154 [Early to 1860 on fiche, 1861-1935 on film], same call#
3. Computer Lab - All databases on homepage, CD collections, consultant assistance.
4. Religion
 - a. Reference Books with Family History Ref, to left as you enter FHL
 - b. LDS Research Materials have BX call number
 - c. Information about and records of other religions. Ex: Catholic Directory

B. Periodicals - North Wing -Left side Right side before 1989

- Subject search “Genealogy Periodicals” = 947 Titles
- Between the FHL in SLK and BYU - Majority of the PERSI indexed periodicals.

C. Geography - Map Collection including Atlases and Gazetteers - Middle Wing