

MIDWEST GENEALOGY CENTER PERIODICAL COLLECTION

Genealogy Periodicals, published at regular intervals whether annually, quarterly, monthly or any other regular (or irregular) time frame have always been an important resource in genealogical research. Much of the information published in genealogical periodicals cannot be found elsewhere. County or state census records, cemetery readings, deeds, probate records, and even birth and marriage records are staple components of periodicals. Some are published by state or county genealogical or historical societies. Lineage societies, special interest groups (including ethnic), family/surname associations, and even for-profit corporations also are included in the list of genealogical periodical publishers.

WHERE TO START:

With over 500 current subscriptions and a total of well over 2,500 titles, we can say with ease, the Midwest Genealogy Center has an ever-expanding periodical collection. We also have several finding guides to help in your periodical search.

On each service desk we have a notebook entitled: *Periodical Subject Index*. This is an every title index of our holdings, divided by subject. So if you were looking for an individual state, you would turn to that state section to get a list of titles we have pertaining to that state. Each title has been categorized: African-American, Sweden, Military, and of course titles for each state.

Also on each service desk is an ongoing project: *Periodicals by County*. This index lists periodical titles per state, then the county pertaining to that periodical is listed.

WHERE TO LOOK:

Topical, subject, and surname indexes have been published for many genealogical periodicals.

- *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)* is a multi-volume set (available here at MGC) published by the Allen County Public Library. Heritage Quest also includes *PERSI* on their database. Heritage Quest is available by remote access using your MCPL library card account number. If the periodical referenced is not on our shelves, you may order photocopies from Allen County Public Library (for a fee), or ask a staff member to fill out an inter-library serial request. (First 30 pages are usually free.)
- *Index to Genealogical Periodicals* by Donald Lines Jacobus is a partial index to 85 major genealogical periodicals. Articles are indexed by their main subject.
- *Genealogical Periodical Annual Index* has been published yearly from 1962 to 2001.

None of the above indexes are every name indexes.

Most long-running genealogical periodicals publish their own annual indexes. Several have compiled comprehensive, cumulative indexes. These are shelved with the title they index. There are a few statewide indexes providing subject/name coverage for many periodicals within their state. They are shelved by Dewey Decimal number in our Reference Collection.

- *Kentucky Genealogical Index 976.9 T689*

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- *Minnesota Genealogical Periodical Index through 1979* 977.6 E497m
- *Missouri Genealogical Periodical Index 1960-1982* 929.3 G919
- *Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index* 977.1 B413
- *Virginia Historical Index (Swem)* Shelved on top of the microfiche cabinet.

- The *Genealogist's Address Book*, 929.102573 G286 lists historical and genealogical associations for states, counties, and other organizations. If the organization publishes a periodical, you will find that listed also.

A listing of titles with volume numbers and dates published are listed in a notebook in the periodical area. They are also listed on staff computers. Any of our staff will be glad to assist you in your periodical research.

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