Researching Your Family History

Online Databases

Links to these databases can be found at www.burlingtonpubliclibrary.org. Under the research button, click databases, then A-Z listing. Find databases in alphabetical order.

HeritageQuest Online
Remote access for Burlington card holders only.
American genealogical information beginning in the late 1700s. Includes tax lists, city directories, Freedman’s Bank records, Revolutionary War era records and more.

Ancestry Library Edition
IN LIBRARY USE ONLY
Genealogy information including U.S. Census Records from 1790 to 1930, immigration records, birth/ death/ marriage records, and much more.

Magazines in Burlington
Family Tree Magazine
Irish Roots

Online Tutorial
Researching your family tree – http://www.learnwebskills.com

Web Sites
Cyndi’s List -- www.cyndislist.com
Index to genealogical resources on the Internet.

USGenWeb Project -- www.usgenweb.org
Provides links to all state and county genealogical websites.

Dear Myrtle -- www.dearmyrtle.com
Blogs, lessons, webinars, videos.

About.com:Genealogy
http://genealogy.about.com
Website links and advice.

RootsWeb -- www.rootsweb.ancestry.com
Genealogy community.

Family Search – www.familysearch.org
Family history organization – provided by the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

Genealogy Today – www.genealogytoday.com
Unique collection of family history records.

National Archives: Genealogy – http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/
Details what records are available where.

American Ancestors– www.americanancestors.org from the New England Historic Genealogical Society

Find a Grave - www.findagrave.com

Legacy.com – www.legacy.com
Free obituaries.

OCLC WorldCat – https://www.worldcat.org
Provides information about library materials related to genealogy, and where they are available. Also links to any digitized versions. Go to www.oclc.org/go/en/worldcat-genealogy.html for tips in using WorldCat.

Ellis Island - libertyellisfoundation.org/passenger
Database of passengers and ships’ crews that came through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1924.

CD-ROMs in Burlington

- Early vital records of the Commonwealth to about 1850 -- HIST COLL CD-ROM 929.1 EAR
- Burlington past and present/articles by John Ed Fogelberg – REF CD 974.4BUR
- Family Tree Maker Massachusetts genealogical records 1600s to 1800s -- CD-ROM 929.1 FAM
- Family Tree Maker marriage index Massachusetts 1633 - 1850 -- HIST COLL CD-ROM 929.1 FAM

Early Vital Records of Massachusetts from 1600 to 1850 is also available online – http://ma-vitalrecords.org

National Archives at Boston
https://www.archives.gov/boston
Serves Connecticut, Maine, MA, NH, RI and Vermont. Records for events that occurred from 1841-1925.

Registry of Vital Records
http://www.mass.gov/dph/ryrs
Massachusetts vital records from 1926 to present.

Miles Historical Room
The Burlington Public Library’s local history collection contains resources related specifically to the Town of Burlington and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These materials may be used in the library only.

Municipal Archives
The Town of Burlington Archives contains local municipal records, including vital records, and an image collection of over 500 historic photos and images of Burlington and its people. It is located in Town Hall at 29 Center Street.
Phone: 781-270-1604
http://www.burlington.org/clerk/archives/
Municipal Archives continued

Since Burlington was originally part of Woburn, some information on the early history of Burlington can be found at the Woburn City Clerk’s office or the Woburn Public Library.

Woburn Public Library -- http://www.woburnpubliclibrary.org/

Books

Using Your Computer for Genealogy

- The official guide to Ancestry.com/George Morgan -- REF 929.1 MOR
- Everything guide to online genealogy/Kimberly Powell—929.1 POW
- Genealogy online for dummies/Matthew Helm and April Leigh Helm -- 929.1 HEL
- Genealogy online/Elizabeth Powell Crowe – 929.1 Cro

General Books

- Family tree problem solver/Martha Rising—929.1 RIS
- The researcher’s guide to American genealogy/Val D. Greenwood -- 929.1 GRE
- How to do everything. Genealogy/George Moran—929.1 MOR
- The Genealogist’s companion and sourcebook/Emily Croom—929.1 CRO
- Who do you think you are?/Megan Smolenyak – 929.1 SMO

Reference Books (in-library use only)

- New England court records: a research guide for genealogists and historians/Diane Rapaport -- REF 929.1 RAP
- Genealogist’s address book/Elizabeth Petty—REF 929.1 GEN 2009
- Family Tree resource book for genealogists/ed. by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and Erin Nevius—REF 929.1 FAM
- The source: a guidebook of American genealogy/ed. by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking -- REF 929.1 SOU
- Guide to genealogical research in the National Archives of the United States/NARA – REF 929.1 GUI