

PERIODICALS FOR GENEALOGY

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- What are periodicals?
 - Magazines
 - Newsletters
 - Bulletins
 - Quarterlies
 - Journals
- Why use periodicals?
 - Articles and information submitted by anybody.
 - Content that may not be found anywhere else.
- Who publishes periodicals?
 - Historical & Genealogical Societies
 - Families
 - Ethnic & Religious Groups
 - National & Lineage Societies
 - Libraries & Archives
 - Genealogy Companies
- When are they published?
 - How often
 - Weekly
 - Monthly
 - Quarterly
 - Yearly
 - Compiled into volumes by year
 - Calendar year (January – December)
 - Academic year (September – August)
- Content found in periodicals
 - Family Trees
 - Area Histories
 - How-to Articles
 - Research Tips
 - Locations & Transcriptions of Records
 - Census & Voter Registrations
 - Vital & Taxes
 - Military & Land
 - Church & Bible
 - Cemetery & Funeral Home
 - Immigration & Probate

- Where to find periodicals
 - Libraries
 - Historical & Genealogical Societies
 - Inter-Library Loan
- Categories of periodicals
 - Ethnic & Religion
 - Families/Surnames
 - Military & History
 - International
 - Geographical
 - Lineage
 - Topical & General
- Formats
 - Books: current issues and bound volumes
 - Microfilm & Microfiche – usually older publications
 - Digitized on Family Search – older publications
- Searching MGC collection in the catalog: <https://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy>
 - Title search – filter results for periodicals
 - Subject Search – filter results for periodicals
- Using PERSI – Allen County Public Library website
 - Genealogy Center - <https://www.genealogy.acpl.lib.in.us>
 - “Learn More” in Periodical Source Index PERSI tile
 - Search Category
 - Surnames
 - Location
 - Research Techniques
 - Article Title Keyword
 - Location Search
 - U.S. Search – enter state and county
 - Categories listed in alphabetical order
 - Number of articles per category
 - Open category for list of results
 - Filters for article title, periodical, year, publisher
 - International Search
 - Canada
 - General search
 - County or City/Town
 - British Isles
 - Country
 - County or City/Town
 - Other Countries: Alphabetical Order
 - Surname Search
 - “Surname” tab
 - Enter surname being researched
 - Results in order – only if Surname is in the title
 - Filters
 - At top, keyword search
 - At bottom, article title, periodical, year, publisher

- Record source information when article found
- MGC's catalog
 - Search for periodical title, publication year
 - If at MGC
 - Find appropriate volume on shelf
 - If not local, request article via email
 - If not at MGC
 - Periodical request form
 - Filled out by staff using source information
 - Inter-library Loan (ILL) department through local library
 - If not using ILL
 - Contact publisher for assistance
 - Order through Allen County Public Library (ACPL)
 - \$7.50 per letter, plus 20 cents per page
 - Know ACPL call number from results page
 - WorldCat
 - Through MCPL website
 - <https://www.mymcpl.org/books-movies-music/read/interlibrary-loan>
 - World Cat website <https://www.worldcat.org>
- Periodical Indexes besides PERSI
 - Index to Genealogical Periodicals
 - Donald Lines Jacobus' Index to Genealogical Periodicals
 - Topical Index of Genealogical Quarterlies
 - Genealogical Periodical Annual Index
 - Index to Family Names in Genealogical Periodicals
 - Virginia Historical Index (AKA Swem's Index)