

ABOUT THE NEWBERRY LIBRARY

The Newberry Library supports and inspires research, teaching, and learning in the humanities. Our collection—some 1.6 million books, 600,000 maps, and 5 million manuscript pages—is a portal to more than six centuries of human history, from the 15th century to the present.

Since 1887, Newberry exhibitions, programs, and research collections have been free and open to the public.

GETTING A READER'S CARD

Anyone who is at least 14 years old and interested in using our collection can sign up for a Newberry reader's card. Get started at requests.newberry.org.

VISITING THE READING ROOMS

The Newberry's noncirculating collection is open to researchers in the library reading rooms. Visit newberry.org for hours.

FINDING THE RIGHT MATERIALS

The Newberry website is the best place to start. Our online catalog is the primary tool for identifying and locating resources relevant to your research. Books, maps, periodicals, manuscripts, and archival collections are all discoverable through the catalog.

Genealogy subject guides for a variety of ethnic, geographic, military, and other topics can also be found on our website. Special finding aids for city directories, newspapers, and Chicago research are available as well.



ASK A LIBRARIAN

Our reference librarians are here to help you get the most out of your research at the Newberry. Have a question? Email reference@newberry.org, call (312) 255-3512, or ask away in person.

TAKING PHOTOS

You're welcome to take photos of Newberry collection items using your own camera or phone (no flash, please). If you'd like high-resolution digital reproductions, please submit a request through your Newberry reader's account online. Photocopying is not available.

PRINTING

You can print from subscription databases as well as from the microfilm available in the library. We recommend bringing a USB flash drive in case you'd like to save a digital file for later.

GROUP VISITS

Genealogical societies, historical societies, libraries, and other related groups are encouraged to arrange group visits. For further info, call (312) 255-3671.



Plan Your Visit

Hours

The Newberry reading rooms are open to all researchers. Visit newberry.org for our hours.

Accessibility

Accessible entrances are available on both Walton and Oak streets. Visit our website for more information about accessibility at the Newberry.

Parking

Garage parking is available within a few blocks of the Newberry. We validate tickets for discounted parking at the garage located at 100 West Chestnut Street.



The Newberry

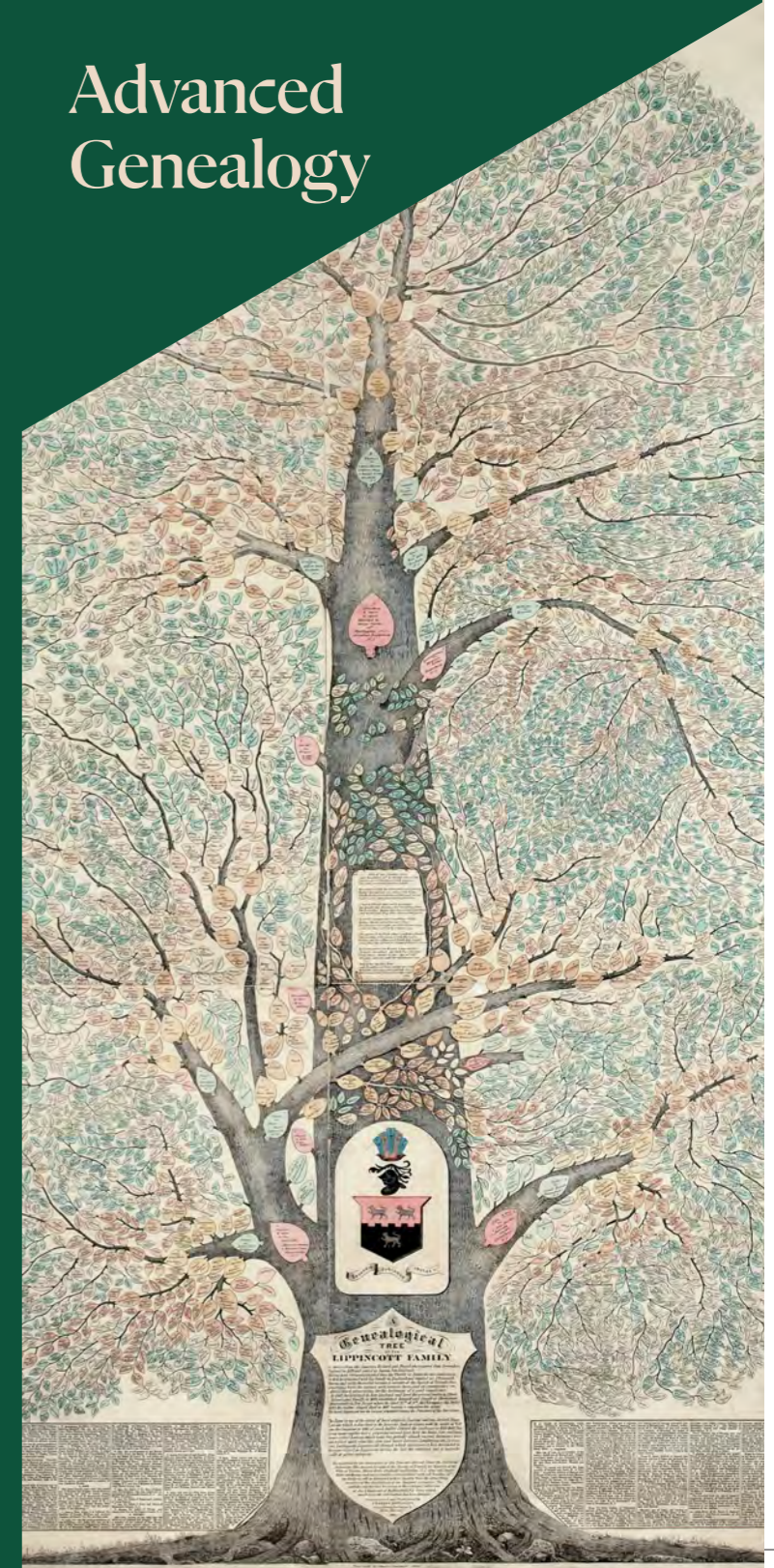
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Advanced Genealogy



Branch Out and Further Your Research

If you have experience doing genealogy research, you're probably used to running into brick walls when the trail you're on goes cold. We can help. Combining your own research skills with those of our genealogy specialists, we'll break through those brick walls standing between you and fresh discoveries.

It all starts with understanding how to use the Newberry's extensive collection to find what you're looking for.

Ready to explore your family history? There's no time like the present.

Cover: Genealogical family tree for the Lippincott family, 1880s.

ABOUT OUR GENEALOGY COLLECTION

National in scope, our genealogy collection is especially useful if you're searching for ancestors in Chicago, Illinois, and the Midwest.

Strengths of the collection include: family histories, local histories for counties and cities nationwide, city directories, biographical resources, vital record indexes, censuses, military records and histories, land ownership maps, and immigration information.

We also have complete runs of many state and county historical and genealogical publications.

Here are some highlights:

Genealogies

You'll find more than 20,000 published genealogies; colonial America and New England are especially well represented. Many rare titles covering gentry and noble families of the British Isles are also included.

Local Histories

The Newberry holds county, city, town, church, and other local histories from all regions of the United States, as well as from Canada and the British Isles. We have comprehensive collections of New England town histories, in addition to county histories from the Midwest and Mid-Atlantic states.

Genealogical Source Material

Published indexes, abstracts, and transcriptions of pre-20th-century records of birth, death, and marriage, as well as probate, deed, court, tax, and cemetery records form an important segment of the Newberry's genealogy collection—primarily from the area of the Mississippi Valley to the Eastern Seaboard, as well as from Canada and the British Isles.

Databases

You can access a number of useful databases onsite at the Newberry:

- Ancestry.com
- HeritageQuest Online
- ProQuest Historical Newspapers: *Chicago Tribune*, *New York Times*, and *Chicago Defender*
- American Ancestors
- Chicago Ancestors
- Fold3
- JSTOR
- Archive Grid
- Sanborn Maps (Illinois)

Military Records

Available military records include roster and pension reference works covering the colonial wars through the Civil War. Some materials on the Spanish American War, WWI, and WWII are also available. The Newberry's collection of Civil War unit histories is one of the country's best.

Maps

The library holds over 600,000 maps as well as atlases and books about cartography. Listed in the online catalog, these maps can be of great use in family history research.

For more detailed information, see the bibliographies and topical pathfinders on our website.

Archival photos, letters, and diaries, as well as company records from midwestern businesses, can yield powerful details about our ancestors.



The Stopp Collection contains hundreds of birth and baptismal certificates for German Americans, from the 18th century to the 20th.

