I want to look for my family, where do I start?

One of the best places to start is with our databases found on the 2 computers in Local History/Genealogy.

**Ancestry Library Edition**

**HeritageQuest**

Do not miss the bookmarks link on the LH computers, websites that should not be missed by beginners include:

- www.familysearch.org
- www.findagrave.com

Here are introductory books on genealogy that you CAN check-out:

- Helm, Matthew. *Genealogy Online for Dummies*. 929.1072 Hel
- Morgan, George G. *How to do Everything Genealogy*. 929.1 Mor
- The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy. 929.1 Sou

If you are researching in Alabama, these books should not be missed:

- Gandrud, Pauline Jones. *Alabama Records*. LH 929.3761 Ala (This series has birth, death, will, deed, etc. records for a variety of Alabama counties)
- Hageness, MariLee Beatty. *Alabama Residents Early 1800s to Middle 1900s Series*. LH 929.3761 Hag
- Heritage Publishing. *Heritage of Alabama Series*. LH 929.3761 Her (This series covers every county in Alabama)
- Owen, Thomas McAdory. *History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography*. LH 976.1 Owe
- Remington, W. Craig edt. *Historical Atlas of Alabama, Volume 1: Historical Locations by County*. LH 912.761 His
Now for introductory books that you can NOT check out, but are great to use in the library

Bentley, Elizabeth Petty County Courthouse Book. LH 929.1 Ben

Colletta, John Phillip They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor’s Arrival Record. LH 929.1072 Col

Croom, Emily Anne Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-Selling Guide to Genealogy. LH 929.1072 Cro

Everton Publishing The Handbook for Genealogists: United States of America. LH 929.1072 Han

Jackson, Buzzy Shaking the Family Tree: Blue Bloods, Black Sheep, and Other Obsessions of an Accidental Genealogist. LH 929.1072 Jac

Lynch, Daniel M. Google Your Family Tree: Unlocking the Hidden Power of Google. LH 025.06 Lyn

Melnyk, Marcia Yannizze The Genealogist’s Question and Answer Book. LH 929.1 Mel

Segars, J.H. In Search of Your Confederate Ancestors. LH 929.1072 Seg

If you are researching in Tuscaloosa you should not miss these books, all of which are in Local History!

Boyd, Gregory A. Family Maps of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama: With Homesteads, Roads, Waterways, Towns, Cemeteries, Railroads and More. LH 929.37 6184 Boy (Similar books for other Alabama Counties can be found within each county’s book section)

Clinton, Matthew William Matt Clinton’s Scrapbook: One Hundred and Fifty Years in the Life of Tuscaloosa and Northport. LH 976.184 Cli


Green, Ben A. A History of Tuscaloosa, Alabama: 1816-1949. LH 976.184 Gre

Hendrix, Jr. Beasey S. Tuskaloosa’s Own: A Short History and Muster Roll of Confederate Units from Tuskaloosa County, Alabama. LH 929.37 6184 Hen

Lambert, Alton Cemetery Records of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. LH 929.37 6184 Lam

Lambert, Alton History of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama. LH 929.37 6184 Lam


Rich, John Stanley The Place Names of Greene and Tuscaloosa Counties, Alabama. LH 976.109 Ric

Tuscaloosa Genealogical Society Pioneers of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama Prior to 1830. LH 929.376184 Pio 1