

The Library of Congress: Pursuing Your Family History in the National Library

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This presentation highlights the collections, services, and resources available at the Library of Congress that may assist researchers interested in conducting genealogical research. Including the size of our collections, a brief history, basic genealogical research methods, how to search our online catalog, and digital collections available from home.

- I. America's Superlative Library**
 - a. Number of people visited
 - b. Provided reference to
 - c. Collections (various formats)
 - d. Size of collections

- II. Origin and Background**
 - a. History of the Library
 - b. Number of reading rooms

- III. Basic Genealogical Research Methods**
 - a. Begin with yourself
 - b. Interview oldest relatives
 - c. Explore local records

- IV. Library of Congress (genealogy)**
 - a. Size of collections
 - b. Acquiring genealogies
 - c. Local History and Genealogy web site

- V. Subscription Databases (on site)**
 - a. Number of databases

- b. Examples from databases

VI. Digital Collections (home)

- a. Number of collections
- b. Examples from collections

VII. Reading Rooms

- a. Numbers
- b. Examples from collections