

WEST VIRGINIA GENEALOGY

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Call numbers or other location information follow each entry. Books with call numbers beginning with “R” are for use in the library only. *Ancestry* is an online databases available on computers at all St. Louis County Library branches.

See “Virginia Genealogy” guide for research resources before West Virginia seceded from Virginia during the Civil War (1861-1865).

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DeLorme Mapping Company. *West Virginia Atlas & Gazetteer*. Yarmouth, Me.: DeLorme Mapping Company, 1997. Call no. R 912.754 D362W

Sims, Edgar B. *Making A State: Formation of West Virginia, Including Maps, Illustrations, Plats, Grants...* Charleston, W. Va.: State of West Virginia, 1956. Call no. Q 975.4 S614M

BIOGRAPHY

“West Virginia Prominent Men.” Database online. *Ancestry*.

CEMETERY RECORDS

“West Virginia Cemetery Readings, 1941.” Database online. *Ancestry*.

CENSUS RECORDS

Federal Census Records for West Virginia are available on *Ancestry*.

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ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Comstock, Jim F. *West Virginia Heritage Encyclopedia*. 25 vols. Richwood, W. Va.: Jim Comstock, 1976. Call no. 975.4 C739W

GOVERNMENT

Manual of the State of West Virginia for the Years 1907-1908. Charleston: Tribune Printing Co., 1907. Call no. R 975.4 M294

GUIDES AND HANDBOOKS

Forbes, Harold M. *West Virginia History: A Bibliography and Guide to Research*. Morgantown, W. Va.: West Virginia University Foundation, Inc., 1981. Call no. R 975.4 F693W

Hess, James W. *Guide to Manuscripts and Archives in the West Virginia Collection*. Morgantown: West Virginia University Library, 1974. Call no. 975.4 H586G

Little, Barbara Vines. *Research in West Virginia*. Arlington, Va.: National Genealogical Society, 2007. Call no. R 975.4 L778R and 975.4 L778R

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Wardell, Patrick G. *Timesaving Aid to Virginia-West Virginia Ancestors...* 4 vols. Athens, Ga.: Iberian Publishing Company, 1985-1990. Call no. 975.4 W896T

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Callahan, James Morton. *Semi-centennial History of West Virginia*. Charleston, W. Va.: Semi-centennial Commission of West Virginia, 1913. Call no. R 975.4 C156S

Hale, John P. *Trans-Allegheny Pioneers: Historical Sketches of the First White Settlements West of the Alleghenies, 1748 and After*. Cincinnati: The Graphic Press, 1886. Reprint, Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, Inc., 1988. Call no. R 975.4 H162T and 975.4 H162T

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LAND RECORDS

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MARRIAGE RECORDS

Family Tree Maker Marriage Index: KY, NC, TN, VA, WV, 1728-1850. Novato, Calif.: Broderbund Software, 1995. Call no. CD-ROM 976.9 F198 (CD #229)

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MILITARY RECORDS

See "Military Records" guide available in the Special Collections Department,

Johnston, Ross B. *West Virginians in the American Revolution.* Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1977. Call no. R 975.4 J68W and 975.4 J68W Also available at *Ancestry*.

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Reddy, Anne Waller. *West Virginia Revolutionary Ancestors...* Washington, D. C.: Model Printing Co., 1930. Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1963. Call no. 975.4 R313W

WILLS AND PROBATE RECORDS

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