This guide provides an overview of resources for West Virginia genealogical research available in History & Genealogy. Additional items not listed here are available. Please consult the online catalog at www.slcl.org or ask for assistance at the History & Genealogy reference desk.

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 database available on computers at all St. Louis County Library branches.

See “Virginia Genealogy” guide for research resources before West Virginia seceded from Virginia in 1863 during the Civil War.

ATLASES AND GAZETTEERS


BIOGRAPHY

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

CEMETERY RECORDS

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

CENSUS RECORDS


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

CHURCH RECORDS


CITIES AND TOWNS

EARLY SETTLERS AND PIONEERS


ENCYCLOPEDIAS


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


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


HISTORY


LAND RECORDS


MILITARY RECORDS

See “Military Records” guide available on the collection guides rack in History & Genealogy.


WILLS AND PROBATE RECORDS