

The Genealogical Library Center, Inc.

(A Utah non-profit center for record preservation and genealogy research)

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Volunteers come every week to the *Genealogy Library Center, Inc.* We process, catalog, and index research collections donated for preservation and use.

You, too, can be a volunteer--come to 60 West Main Street, Tremonton UT—across from clock tower in city park--on Monday afternoons (changed from Friday because there was less conflict--check my speaking schedule at <http://arleneeakle.com> to ensure I am not out of town) and we'll put you to work too!

This is a non-profit library established by Arlene H. Eakle and her husband Alma D. Eakle, Jr. to preserve genealogy materials that might otherwise be thrown away and lost forever. At this time the library is supported entirely by our client research activities. Materials donated may qualify for a tax benefit. Current tax number: 01-0812471. (501(c)3 approval is pending).

If you have a genealogy research collection that needs a permanent home, or you know of one that might be lost, please consider donating these collections to the ***Genealogy Library Center, Inc.*** We can give you a tax deduction for your precious genealogy stuff and you will have the secure feeling that all of your devoted work will be protected and preserved. Your work will benefit future generations.

Where possible, I have personally gone to pick up these genealogy sources in my 3/4 ton pick up truck. After traveling 450,000 miles, my truck is no longer reliable for long trips. So I purchased a Dodge Grand Caravan minivan with the same cargo space as my pick-up truck. Going east of the Mississippi is usually prohibitive because of the distance and the expense. So we recommend that materials be boxed securely and shipped via **UPS** to Arlene Eakle, 875 N 300 E. (Rear), Tremonton UT 84337 (I have an enclosed patio protected from the weather where UPS can leave boxes.) Or, by **USPS** to Genealogy Library Center, Inc., PO Box 40, Garland UT 84312 (where the postmaster keeps the boxes until I call for them.).

It is always a good idea to notify me that the shipment is on its way so I can watch for your genealogy. Call 435-257-6649 or email arlene@arleneeakle.com.

How the Library came to be—

After speaking at the Southern California Genealogical Jamboree, Afton Reintjes and I stopped at a Safeway Store along Van Nuys Boulevard to get some food for lunch. Instead of re-entering traffic on such a busy street, we drove around the back of the store to use a side street. In the middle of the alley in front of the dumpster, there was a large plastic bag. I stopped to move it out of the way rather than drive over it. The bag was full of someone's genealogy manuscripts and family records—including a handwritten diary, family letters, original photographs, family history notes. *I felt a cold shiver!*

Over many years of seminar travel, I stayed as a guest in genealogists' homes. Often, my bed was located in the "genealogy room." Surrounded by genealogy books and personal family history manuscripts, I was almost in heaven. And to my question, "What will happen to these precious materials when you are no longer here?" the answer usually was "I don't know. My children are not interested in any of it." Or, "My children are interested but they have no room to house my all of genealogy books and files."

And each time I felt the same shiver...I could not ignore my inner promptings to do something about it.

The arrival of the George Frederick Sherwood Collection--6 ½ tons of professional genealogy files--in a cross-country moving van, demanded action. So my husband Alma and I bought a large building on Main Street, in Tremonton Utah that had housed a furniture store and a sportswear knitting factory. With lots of floor space and 3 large, carpeted cutting tables on which I sort documents.

When the remodeling is completed, this newly restored facility will house the 6 ½ tons, the large plastic bag, and numerous unique and equally valuable collections donated by families, libraries, and individual genealogists.

Genealogy Research Collections We Have Received

- ▶ 6 1/2 ton **British Isles** professional *family and locality files* (George Frederick Sherwood Collection)
- ▶ 3-million entry slip-index by Sherwood for access to **British Court Documents**. (This index does not apply to his family and locality files)
- ▶ 50,000 entry card index to **German Churchbooks** and **European and British Isles map and atlas** collection (Conley Smith Collection)
- ▶ 32 file drawers of mostly **Irish and American** research files, including Hollingsworth families and Hollywood celebrities (Harry Hollingsworth Collection)
- ▶ 5 **Virginia** databases--Northern Neck rent rolls, family notebooks, marriage records, land ownership maps (every-name index being compiled), "Minutemen" (1774-1776) for Culpeper and Amherst counties
- ▶ **Chamberlain** Families of America Collection--family notebooks, correspondence files, U.S. census entries and spreadsheets, family group records and pedigrees for 5 different Chamberlain lineages

- ▶ Carolyn Hutchison Brown Collection. 2009. 6 boxes of family files, gedcom of 30+ years of research on Hutchison (with Walker, Wood, Creasy, Dowdy families); Boatfield; Bullifant, Spraggins, Martin families (with Wellington and Turner); Winn, Smithkamp, Clayton, Nay families. And copies of her published volumes on Boatfield (2001), Bullifants of Virginia (2002), Spraggins of Virginia (2001), Wellington and Turner (2001).
- ▶ Barbara Dalby Collection. 2012. More than 200 binders and file folders of professional research for clients, including families from **Illinois and Florida**
- ▶ 53 family research notebooks for major **Virginia** families, well documented (Brian Young Collection)
- ▶ Michelle S. Badger Collection. 2011. Topographical and historical maps–NC, TN, Va; 6 boxes of research files for TN, NC, VA, and MO. Surname list will be added later. Includes Original Proclamation, 8 June 1942, 4th Army to WA, OR, CA, AZ regarding Japanese to report to U.S. Government or face immediate internment–now framed
- ▶ **British Isles** research files from professional genealogists, David E. Gardner and Phillip Dunn
- ▶ Steven Gull Collection. 2011. **Chicago** Illinois, Greene County-Xenia City, Guernsey County, Hamilton County **Ohio** Death Certificates (photocopies of originals)
- ▶ Jollette A. Gundersen Collection. 2011. Family history **German and Scandinavian** families, 9 binders. Homburg-Elley, Brannies-Mertz, Glaiser, Vordenbaum, Blumberg, Von-Etterlein, Muenzler, Luescher, Nagel
- ▶ April Holthaus Collection. Family Bible, *Memoirs of Lucas County OH and City of Toledo*. Signed by P.G. Scribner, 4 Dec 1910.
- ▶ Dorothy Horvath Collection. 2010. 2 boxes including Bogan, Cook, Farrer, Hearn, Kidd, Latham, Layton, Mercado, Wallace, Wheeler, Williams families
- ▶ Rhonda Jones Collection. 3 Binders, collection of several hundred family group sheets, photographs. Arabie, Ayo, Dominique, Dufrenes, Matherne, Pontiff, Vina families. **France to Louisiana**
- ▶ Lea Klein (Mrs. Larry Klein) Collection. 2009. Includes Alford, Arnold, Bishop, Conrow, Henry, Klein, Lee, Lucas, Minor, Moore, Palmer, Schultz, Weaver, and many others
- ▶ Colleen Mietchen Collection. 2011. Photograph Album, Honeycombe Family
- ▶ Thomas Jay Kemp Collection. 2010. Historical and genealogical periodicals (most U.S. states, 2006-09). 14 boxes, including family Bibles 1844 and 1853, genealogy conference syllabi, microfiche--selected titles
- ▶ Periodicals and Books Collection. 2011. 16 boxes
- ▶ Genealogy Collection–Books of Remembrance, family histories, research folders,

family group sheets, photos, pedigrees, baby books, memoirs, and autobiographies donated in 2010, 2011. These were donated by libraries and individual genealogists (many of them deceased or without heirs). Many of these materials were literally rescued by others who could not bear to see them lost.

- ▶ Collection of 26 Binders. 2011. Wilson family (8 binders including master index), Patterson (2 binders), Long (4 binders), Faust, Culbertson, and Hanna of Pennsylvania, Patrick Calhoun of South Carolina, Bailey, Teall, Branson, Hampton
- ▶ Richard Price Associates Collection—5 legal-size drawers **family group sheets**
- ▶ Ron Bremer Collection of **archive and library finding aids**, with digital index; family research files
- ▶ Bertram Tuft W. Norman Collection. 2013. 6 boxes of parish register extracts from Northern England, from Brigham Young University. See my *Genealogy Evidence Blog* 4 March 2013
- ▶ M. Virginia Mills Collection—ca. 150 folders with accompanying family histories, **Long Island NY, VA, New England** families, including Echols, Morrell, and Stilwell families; supporting book collection
- ▶ Barbara Wall Sherratt Collection. 2009. Bedford, Burch, Billings, Hoke, McCallum, Reynolds, Stevens, Ware families
- ▶ Jeremiah Smith Foundation Collection—**Smiths in New York**, family groups, copies of original documents, research files of family members tracing Smith families. Jonathan Smith Family files from Lorenzo Olson. This is a huge addition to the Jeremiah Smith Collection. Primarily New York and Michigan
- ▶ Wilburta Moore Collection—**Hollingshead** Family records
- ▶ Anita Mott Collection—**Mosser/Musser** Family
- ▶ Afton E. Reintjes Collection—Native American files, U.S. Maps, **Southern U.S.** research files and pedigree charts
- ▶ Thelma Cagle Collection—**Moore** Family Files
- ▶ Carolyn Ackley Collection—professional research files
- ▶ Helene B. Ault Collection. 2008. Spedden family of **Maryland**, research files and notes. 7 large binders, and 2 bundles of papers. Includes Bromwell, Broughton, Forster, Hughes, Little, Moore, Peers, Oswald, and Summers families
- ▶ Jean Call Collection—Historical publications for Southern Davis County UT and Central **Pennsylvania**
- ▶ German Research Card File of Frederick Walter Hilbig, 43 file drawers of reference cards—you can answer hundreds and hundreds of genealogy research questions with these cards
- ▶ Horst Reschke Collection—**German** reference works, Utah periodicals, European histories

- ▶ MariKaye Leavitt Collection. Original journals, family Bibles, personalized books
- ▶ Blazzard Collection—Genealogy reference books and periodicals
- ▶ Wilma Adkins Collection. U.S. Census indexes, resource notebooks including Kentucky, Book Collection of Rowene Obert, professional genealogist; family histories including Stidham, McClintock, Belding (with original photographs pasted in)
- ▶ Verna Erickson Collection. 2010. Haworth Family, 1598 to 1995. With Allen, Andrews, Barnes, Belfield, Boynton, Clary, Cornell, Johnson, Lindley, and Ralph families.
- ▶ Specific family collections—**Butler** (NY, AL) , **Davis** (NY, New England), **Brown** (NC, TX), **Roberts** (NY, TN), **Hoffman** (PA, OH)
- ▶ **Kentucky** Census Index Cards, 1810-1900—an independent reading of the original census records for all Kentucky counties from *Family History Expos* (originally My Ancestors Found)
- ▶ **East Tennessee** Collection—tax rolls, deed abstracts, census records. We also have a master list of family genealogy collections in local Eastern TN and Southwestern VA libraries
- ▶ Harry L. Carle Collection—**Pennsylvania Genealogy**—books, periodicals on Juniata Valley and Lancaster County
- ▶ Jean Smith Collection. Family scrapbooks, family files, **Delaware**
- ▶ Dolly Zeigler Collection—300 volumes of American genealogy—**NY, NJ, PA, VA, MD, NC**
- ▶ Doris Cline Ward—**Genealogies**: Russell, Davis, Miller, Sutor, Kendall, Cline
- ▶ Donald J. Martin Collection—Genealogies (not yet ready for public use); census indexes, and genealogy reference books
- ▶ Wise County **Virginia** collection—birth, death, marriage certificates, selected family histories, tombstone inscriptions, issues of the *Appalachian Quarterly* and a copy of the “Melungeon Registry”
- ▶ Kathy Wiseman Collection. 2011. Book of Remembrance, Williamson, Evans, Cook, McIntyre, Southgate
- ▶ Sharon Wood Collection. 2011. Book of Remembrance, Meier
- ▶ Woods Cross Utah Collection—Large collection of documents, photographs, interview notes, genealogy charts used in the *Bicentennial History of Woods Cross Utah*, 1976

Additions to Books:

Posterity of Jacob and Mary (Funk) Driver, 1800-1996. Clerice Fisher, 1996.

That They Live: Burden, Clark, Fuller, Howard, Jolly, Morrow, Pippen, Riley, Smalley, Spradlin, Tilton, Williams. 1981. Donated by Geraldine S. Kelly.

Personal Journal of Gerard Bingham VanZeben, 1928. Of Amsterdam Holland. 9 handwritten pages. Donated by MariKaye Leavitt.

One Lifetime is Not Enough. Patrick Kelly. 2nd ed. 2002. Donated by Gloria Heitsman and Joe Farrell.

You can request searches by phone (435-257-6649), by FAX (435-257-4685), by personal visit, 60 West Main Street—be sure to check in advance that we are open, by email (Arlene@arleneeakle.com), or by postal mail (PO Box 40, Garland UT 84312).

Some Additional Notes on the Genealogy Library Center, Inc.

Remodeling of part of our Library building has been completed. And we have moved into this part. With file cabinets, book shelves, work counters, and research tables. We have a copy machine/printer and a computer with Microsoft Professional Office installed on it. We are not yet connected to the internet and we do not have a telephone installed at the building. We'll add those when our local provider can give us both at a reasonable business rate and the rest of the building is ready for occupancy.

The building has been re-roofed, re-plumbed, re-wired for electric, heating, and air conditioning. What remains to be done is interior work—walls, floors, and some ceiling work. We are at work creating a record-processing area—sealing the floor against moisture and carpeting it. Very soon we will have a much larger work area.

Volunteers come on Monday or Friday afternoons to process collections and place them in an acid-free environment: removing staples, paper clips, binders, elastic bands. Putting acidic paper and newsprint into acid-free sleeves. Placing the papers in acid-free folders. And filing the folders in file cabinets. We have made great progress since we first began. Several collections are ready to be searched.

The public will have access to these materials under supervised and archival procedures, with the option of making copies of selected papers.

We have not yet finished our brochure on the *Genealogy Library Center, Inc.* It is a non-profit corporation, 501(c)(3) approval pending. The building in which the Library is located is a separate LLC. Both are separate entities included in my own will and trust. At the present time, the income from genealogy research supports the Library. I plan to start a fund-raising program to provide an endowment for support and a separate fund for operating the Library. Donations are welcome, in any amount. Donations will be applied toward the renovation--until the building is finished.

A daily use fee paid by patrons will help to defray utility costs. There is an insurance policy in place to provide income at my death. My children have agreed to ensure that the Library will continue to function regardless of my being present.

We will begin a training program for prospective personnel--both paid and volunteer--sometime in the next year. The major thrust of my own commitment in the next two-three years, will be to complete the renovation of the building, the installation of more than 4,000 lineal feet of shelving and large library tables so that work spaces for both Library staff and public patrons are accommodated.

Water-based fire safety devices are not being included in this Library. Ceiling water spouts have destroyed more documents and books than fire has ever scorched. The building, when finished, will have flame-retardant insulation, flooring, wall coverings and materials. The book shelves are all metal--not wood. Only maps are stored in wood containers and drawers.

The building is patrolled by local law enforcement every night. Doors and windows are checked. The building is lighted at night. We will install an alarm that goes directly to the police as we finish the building. New doors with security locks and windows have just been installed on the front of the building and new access doors will be installed at the back of the building and in the loading dock.

Collections are and will be used by the public under archival procedures for originals and photocopies. Original photographs are stored in acid-free sleeves and envelopes. Only graphite pencils are allowed for notes--we supply them. We also supply note paper. Personal items like briefcases, envelopes, purses, bags, etc. will be stored in lockers and not allowed in the search area. At this time, patrons are allowed only by appointment when I am present.

Searches can be made in person, online, by postal mail, and by telephone. Surname lists and indexes will be available online for all genealogy materials. Patrons can plan their research ahead of time.

One collection, the George Frederick Sherwood Collection, has a fee payable to the *Pennsylvania Genealogical Society*, for each search. That will be factored in to the use charge for searching that collection. One small collection will not be available for public access--the donor has restricted it until after his death. All other collections to date are not encumbered.

Additional details about the Library and its collections are available online at <http://arleneeakle.com>