

## How-To Genealogy Research Tips and Tools for Librarians New to Genealogy North Carolina Government & Heritage Library

### Documents

- Bonds: apprentice, bastardy
- Census records
- Church records
- City & telephone directories
- Court records
- Deeds
- Diaries, personal letters & family Bibles
- Freedmen's Bureau Records
- Funeral programs
- Headrights
- Land grants
- Legislative petitions & private laws
- Medical records
- Military records
- Newspaper articles
- Obituaries
- Occupational records
- Oral histories
- Photographs
- Plantation records
- Poorhouse, workhouse, almshouse & asylum records
- Private papers & private manuscript collections
- Probate records
- School & alumni association records
- Social Security (U.S.) & pension records
- Tax records
- Tombstone, cemetery & funeral home records
- Vital records: birth or adoption; marriage/cohabitation, death
- Voter registration records
- Wills & estates records

### Best Practices

- Begin with yourself
- Work backwards with all life events
- Prove, document, and record each generation before progressing
- Research names, dates, and places
- Build your family history with interesting bits of information
- Do your own research to find proof & cite original sources