



Hidden GALILEO Databases for Genealogy

GeorgiA Library LEarning Online = GALILEO

GALILEO is available to all residents of the state of Georgia through their school (K-12 or higher education) or public library. GALILEO, begun in 1995, will be 18 years old on September 21, 2013.

GALILEO can be confusing and overwhelming because it contains lots of information and many layers. GALILEO includes databases that researchers might not know are there and may not know how to look for. But, GALILEO is a great tool that makes expensive resources (that might not otherwise be affordable) available to every resident of Georgia.

To get into GALILEO databases go to <http://galileo.usg.edu>, or go to an educational institution that participates and you can access onsite the databases to which that institution has subscriptions.

You can use GALILEO as a Guest, but that will not allow you to get many of the subscription databases. Password access is required for the subscription databases.

There are different modules to GALILEO: GALILEO Kids (Grades k-5), GALILEO Teen (Grades 6-8), GALILEO High School (Grades 9-12), GALILEO Library (General Use), and GALILEO Scholar (Higher Education). Each of these different modules will have different databases based on the needs of the institutions in that category. There are some databases that only allow access onsite like Ancestry Library Edition (ALE) which must be used in a GALILEO facility. All public libraries and most publicly funded academic facilities have subscriptions to Ancestry Library Edition.

To get to databases in GALILEO from your home, you must sign in and use a password. If you are a resident of Georgia you can go to your local public library (you will need to get a library card) and they will give you the password to access the GALILEO databases they have access to. You can sign in as a guest, but that will not get you to the subscription databases. Georgia tax dollars pay for GALILEO, so it is designed to provide easy Web access to the people of Georgia. Passwords change for different modules at different times. Public library passwords change every 90 days, academic library passwords change as semesters change, K-12 passwords change monthly.

There are some databases that all participating institutions have, regardless of level. These are called the Core Resources. This presentation is designed to highlight some of these Core Resource subscription databases because:

- Core resources are available at all the institutions.
- Core resources will be useful in genealogical and historical research.
- People use only the ones they are familiar with and miss lots of valuable information.

There are a number of free or public databases that you can locate by searching with Google or another search engine that you will also see in the GALILEO portal. A few examples of databases that you can get to, for free, from anywhere at any time without going through GALILEO, are the Digital Library of Georgia, The New Georgia Encyclopedia, and Digital Public Library of America.

Key search tips

- Almost always ask for Full-text only
- Date limits on search screens are by **date of publication**, not the date of the events discussed in the articles
- Options for retrieving full-text are either pdf or HTML. Pdf format will give an image of an article with images that were included. HTML has been transcribed and for most of them you have the choice of listening to or reading the information.

Selected Databases to use for historical and genealogical research

This is not a comprehensive list and the lists of publications contained in each are not complete. These listings are an effort to demonstrate the variety and depth of the publications accessible in GALILEO.

Academic Search Complete – Audience is general, student, and research. Years available in Full text - 1911- present. Academic Search Complete has more than 6,100 full-text periodicals and indexing and abstracts for more than 10,100 journals and a total of 10,600 publications including monographs, reports, conference proceedings, etc. The database is updated daily and features PDF content going back as far as 1887.

In addition to journals and magazines, there are a number of primary documents from American history included in this database so searching by subject or keyword should pull up any relevant publications within the database.

In **MAS Ultra** – although designed for high school students, there are many good articles for family historians.

Years available in Full text - 1975-present.

A few titles included in this periodical database:

- *America's Civil War*
- *American Heritage*

- *American History*
- *Civil War Times*
- *Discover*
- *History Today*
- *Smithsonian*
- *World War II*

MasterFILE Elite - intended for a public library audience. It provides abstracts and indexing for over 2,000 publications as well as full text for over 1,000 journals and general magazines covering nearly all subjects including general reference, business, health, education, general science, multicultural issues, and much more. This resource also contains full text for more than 50 reference books and an Image Collection of over 510,000 photos, maps and flags.

Years available in full text - 1984 - present

Note: Included are descriptions of some titles for which content might not be clear.

Examples of some of the journals and periodicals included:

African American Review

African Arts

America's Civil War

American Indian Quarterly

American Jewish History

Australian Historical Studies

Aviation History

Black History Bulletin

Callaloo - the premier journal of arts, letters, and cultures of the African Diaspora, publishes original works by, and studies of, black writers worldwide.

Canadian Journal of History

Christian History & Biography - Engaging, accurate, and insightful historical archive of the people and events that have carried the message of Christ throughout the world, and throughout history. 1982 to 2008.

Note: Did your family have missionaries overseas? Think you might find information about where they were at the time they were there and possibly even your ancestor?

Geography – general international geography

Hispanic American Historical Review

Huntington Library Quarterly - publishes articles on the literature, history, and art of the sixteenth to eighteenth centuries in Britain and America.

Journal of Palestine Studies

Military History

Mississippi Quarterly

Naval Aviation News

New England Quarterly

Pacific Historical Review - For over 80 years, the *Pacific Historical Review* has accurately and adeptly covered the history of American expansion to the Pacific and beyond, as well as the post-frontier developments of the 20th-century American West.

Scandinavian Studies: The Journal of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society - is recognized as the preeminent academic journal of women's and gender studies. It is international in scope.

Sixteenth Century Journal - In publication since 1969, the *Sixteenth Century Journal* (SCJ) prints twenty to twenty-five articles and over four hundred book reviews a year. The SCJ is dedicated to providing readers with thought-provoking research and inquiry into the sixteenth century broadly defined (i.e., 1450-1648). Our articles all maintain a strong historical core and cover subjects from around the world.

Southwestern Historical Quarterly – Texas, SW United States, Mexican history, Covers all aspects of Texas and Southwestern history.

Trains

Warrior Citizen – official magazine of U.S. Army Reserve

Western Historical Quarterly - strives to be a congenial home for the study and teaching of all aspects of North American Wests, frontiers, homelands, and borderlands. Our mission is to cultivate the broadest appreciation of this diverse history.

Newspaper Source

<http://www.ebscohost.com/titleLists/nfh-coverage.pdf>

Above is link to pdf of what is included in Newspaper Source database. There are some international newspapers and radio and TV news transcripts as well. Publication dates are from Mid-1990s to present.

World History Collection

Air Power History

Chinese America: History & perspectives

Colonial Latin American Review - **Colonial Latin American Review (CLAR)** is a unique interdisciplinary journal devoted to the study of the colonial period in Latin America. The journal was created in 1992, in response to the growing scholarly interest in colonial themes related to the Quincentenary.

Ethnology; An International Journal of Cultural and Social Anthropology

Journal of Military History - The *Journal of Military History*, the quarterly journal of the Society for Military History, has published scholarly articles on the military history of all eras and geographical areas.

Journal of World History

Muslim World - A journal devoted to the study of Islam and Christian-Muslim relations in past and present.

Scottish Historical Review

Seventeenth Century

Southeastern Archaeology

Virginia Magazine of History and Biography

War in History

General tips

To keep up with additions, changes, and to just learn more about GALILEO, you can subscribe to an RSS feed to GALILEO Planet News, an online newsletter at <http://about.galileo.usg.edu/news/>

For a list of journals, magazines, etc in each database from EBSCO use this link.

<http://www.ebscohost.com/title-lists> . **CAUTION** – Not all these databases are in GALILEO.

Conclusion

There is overlap between the various databases – some periodicals and journals will be in more than one database. Search broadly but with selected limits when possible. Use science and technology periodicals as they will have information good for family history researchers about computer tools and software, using The Cloud, DNA testing and other topics that might not be obvious to genealogists.