



# MISSISSIPPI GENEALOGY

This guide contains a sample of The Newberry Library resources on this topic. Consult a reference librarian, the library web site, or catalog for more details.

## AFRICAN-AMERICAN

Freedmen's Bureau Online has listings of marriages and orphans' indentures in the Civil War era.

<http://www.freedmensbureau.com/mississippi/index.htm>

Mississippi State Board of Health. **Mississippi Index (Soundex) to Marriages Prior to 1926.**

Call # Microfilm 773 (specify Soundex code of surname on call slip).

Nesbary, Nettie et al. **Index to the Signatures of Deposits for the Freedman's Savings and Loan Bank, 1865-1869, for the State of Mississippi.**

Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1997. Call # Local History Ref. F349.C69 I53 1997 (2<sup>nd</sup> fl. open shelf). Includes place of birth and residence.

Simpson, Jack and Matt Rutherford. **A Bibliography of African American Family History at the Newberry Library.** Chicago: Newberry Library, 2005. Ask at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk for this item. This is an expansive update of David Thackeray's 1993 bibliography of the same title.

Webster, Anne L. **African Americans: A Mississippi Source Book.** Carrollton, MS: Pioneer Publishing Co., 2001. Call # folio F340.W43 2001. Guide to resources at the state archives: newspapers, manuscripts, more.

## ATLASES & MAPS

Cross, Ralph D., ed. **Atlas of Mississippi.** Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi, 1974. Call # MAP 4C83.

Long, John H., ed. **Atlas of Historical County Boundaries: Mississippi.** NY: Simon & Schuster, 1993. Call # Local History Ref. G1201.F7 A8 1993 Miss. (2<sup>nd</sup> fl. open shelf).

## BIOGRAPHY

**Biographical and Historical Memories of Mississippi.**

Chicago: Goodspeed Pub. Co., 1891. all F874.095.

Indexed by Gillis, Norman E. Call # F874.095 Index.

Clairborne, John Francis. **Mississippi, as a Province, Territory, and State, with Biographical Notices by Eminent Citizens.** Vol. 1, 1880. Reprint by Louisiana State University Press, 1964. Call # F874.171. Indexed.

Rowland, Dunbar. **History of Mississippi: the Heart of the South.** 4 vols. Jackson, MS: S.J. Clarke Pub. Co., 1925. Call # F874.758. Vols. 3-4: biographical sketches.

----- **Mississippi: Comprising Sketches of Counties, Towns, Events, Institutions and Persons...** Atlanta, GA: Southern Historical Publishing Association, 1907. 3 vols. Call # F874.76.

## CEMETERIES

Gillis, Irene S. **Grave Registrations of Union Soldiers: Buried in the Mississippi National Cemeteries of Corinth, Natchez, and Vicksburg.** I.S. Gillis, 1983. Call # folio E494.G55.

Mississippi Genealogical Society. **Cemetery and Bible Records.** Jackson, MS: 1954-1990. Call # E695845.587. 22 vols. Covers various counties. No master index.

Wiltshire, Betty. **Mississippi Confederate Grave Registrations.** Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1991. Call # E516.3.W56 1991. 2 vols.: A-L and M-Z. An index to registration cards obtainable from the state archives.

## CENSUS

Federal census for 1820-1880 (microfilm), 1820-1930 (web sites). Book indexes for 1820-1870; CD index for 1860, 1870. Soundex index on microfilm, CD index for 1880. Indexes to all years also on web sites at public access computers.

**1890 Genealogical Census Reconstruction: Mississippi edition.** Call # Local History Ref. F340.E33 2002 (2<sup>nd</sup> fl. open shelf) gives information about those who may have been listed in the lost census. See also census guide at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk or online.

Slave schedules for 1850, 1860 on microfilm.  
*Indexes only* to mortality schedules 1850-1880. 1890  
veterans schedule on microfilm; indexed by Dilts,  
Bryan Lee, **Mississippi 1890 Census Index of Civil  
War Veterans or Their Widows**, North Salt Lake,  
UT: Heritage Quest, 2001. Call # E494.D582 2001.

#### **DIRECTORIES**

**Natchez, 1844, 1928. Vicksburg, 1844, 1860-1,  
1921.** For other cities, see binder at 2<sup>nd</sup> fl. reference  
desk or online see:  
[http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/citydirholdings.  
pdf](http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/citydirholdings.pdf)

#### **GUIDES AND GENERAL WORKS**

Brieger, James F. **Hometown Mississippi.** Historical  
& Genealogical Association of Mississippi, 1980.  
Call # Local History Ref. F339.B74 1980 (2<sup>nd</sup> fl.  
open shelf). Gazetteer.

Henderson, Thomas W. **Guide to Official Records  
in the Mississippi Department of Archives and  
History.** Jackson: MS Department of Archives and  
History, 1975. Call # fF874.39.

Lipscomb, Anne S. and Kathleen S. Hutchison.  
**Tracing Your Mississippi Ancestors.** Jackson, MS:  
University Press of Mississippi, 1994. Call # Local  
History Ref. F340.L56 1994 (2<sup>nd</sup> fl. open shelf).

McLemore, Richard A. **A History of Mississippi.**  
Hattiesburg, MS: University and College Press of  
Mississippi, 1973. 2 vols. Call #F874.54.

Mississippi Library Commission. **Mississippiana.**  
Jackson, MS: 1971. 2 vols. Call # fF874.582. Vol. 2  
is union list of news-papers in the state and their  
publication histories.

#### **LAND RECORDS**

Hahn, Marilyn Davis. **Old St. Stephen's Land  
Office Records and American State Papers,  
Public Lands, Vol. 1, 1768-1888.** Easley, SC:  
Southern Historical Press, 1983.  
Call #F325.B37 1983.

Lowrie, Walter, ed. **Early Settlers of Mississippi as  
Taken from Land Claims in the Mississippi  
Territory.** Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press,  
1986. Call # F340.F27 1986. To 1837.

Rowland, Eron Opha. "**Mississippi's colonial population  
and land grants.**" Mississippi Historical Society  
Publications, Vol. 1, pp. 405-428. Call # F874.581. V.1.

#### **MILITARY**

Parkes, Nancy. **Mississippi Daughters [of American  
Revolution] and Their Ancestors.** Starkville, MS:  
Starkville Publishing Co., 1965. Call # E695845.66.

Rowland, Dunbar. **Military History of Mississippi, 1803-  
1908.** Spartanburg, SC: Reprint Co., 1978. Call #  
F341.M58 1978. Bulk pertains to Civil War. Indexed.

Rowland, Mrs. Eron Opha. "**Rolls of Mississippi  
Commands in the War of 1812,**" pp. 157-233.  
Mississippi Historical Society Publications, Vol. 4.  
Jackson, MS: 1921. Call # F874.581 v. 4. Includes slaves  
who accompanied masters. No index.

Watkins, Raymond W. **Deaths of Confederate Soldiers  
in Confederate Hospitals.** Meridian, MS: Lauderdale  
County Dept. of Archives & History, 1989. Call # folio  
E548.W37 1989. Lists from eight hospitals in the state.

Wiltshire, Betty. **Mississippi Confederate Pension  
Applications.** Carrollton, MS: Pioneer Publishing Co.,  
1994. 3 vols. (A-G, H-O, P-Z). Call # F340.W5417 1994.

#### **NATIVE AMERICANS**

Bowen, Jeff. **Choctaw of Mississippi Indian Census  
1929-1932, with Birth and Death records, 1924-1932.**  
Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1997.  
Call # Ayer Folio E99.C8B63 1997.

----- **Mississippi Choctaws Indian Census with  
Births, Deaths and Marriages 1933-1939.** Signal  
Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1997.  
Call # Folio E99.C8B68 1997.

Carson, James T. **Searching for the Bright Path: the  
Mississippi Choctaws from Prehistory to Removal.**  
Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1999.  
Call # Ayer E99.C8C33 1999.

Kidwell, Clara Sue. **Choctaws and Missionaries in  
Mississippi, 1818-1918.** Norman, OK: University of  
Oklahoma Press, 1995. Call # Ayer E99.C8 K53 1995.  
Good bibliography on many aspects of Choctaw history.

#### **PERIODICALS**

Indexed in PERSI (Periodical Source Index). Ask at 2<sup>nd</sup>  
floor reference desk for help.

**The Journal of Mississippi History.** 1939 -. Call # F874.004.

**Mississippi Genealogy and Local History.** 1969-1970.  
Call #F874.007 Vol. 1 (1969), Vol. 2 (1970).

**Northeast Mississippi Historical Journal.** 1967-1974. Call # F874.63.

**Vicksburg Genealogical Society Quarterly.** 1993 -. Call # F347.M6 M58. Also covers five Louisiana parishes.

### **VITAL RECORDS**

Mississippi Historical Records Survey. **Guide to Vital Statistics Records in Mississippi.** Jackson, MS: Mississippi Historical Records Survey, 1942. Call # F874.41 Vol. 1 (Public Archives), Vol. 2 (Church Archives). State, county, town listings. Vol. 2 is a good portrait of churches existing in 1942.

Hendrix, Mary, compiler. **Mississippi Court Records from the Files of the High Court of Errors and Appeals, 1799-1859.** Jackson, MS: 1950. Call # E695845.584. Abstracts of wills, probates, divorces, guardianships, more.

King, J. Estelle Stewart. **Mississippi Court Records 1799-1835.** Reprint of 1936 ed., Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1969. Call # FE695845.461. Abstracts of marriages, wills, tax lists, slave gifts, more.

### **----- Survey of Records in Mississippi Court Houses.**

Jackson, MS: 1957. Call # E695845.588. Also lists county histories, newspapers, other primary sources extant in 1957.

Ragland, Mary Lois. **Spreading the Word: Mississippi Newspaper Abstracts of Genealogical Interest, 1825-1935.** Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1992. Call # F340.R29 1991. Bulk from pre- and post-Civil War.

Welch, Mrs. Walter Scott, ed. **Newspaper Notices of Mississippians, 1820-1860.** Jackson, MS: Mississippi Genealogical Society, 1960. Call # E695845.458. Marriages, obituaries, guardianships, estate notices.

Wiltshire, Betty Couch. **Marriages and Deaths from Mississippi Newspapers.** Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1987. Call # F340.W55 1987. Covers 1837-1863, northern Mississippi.

----- **Mississippi Index of Wills, 1800-1900.** Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1989. Call # F340.W56 1989 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Statewide index.