

Introduction to Louisiana Genealogy Research

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Digital Resources to Get Started

- Louisiana Digital Library
 - <https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/>
 - The Louisiana Digital Library has a fantastic collection of subject guides on a variety of subjects to get started with their digital collection:
<https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/guides>
- LAGenWeb
 - <http://www.lagenweb.org/>
- Louisiana Vital Records Index - maintained by the Louisiana Secretary of State
 - <https://www.sos.la.gov/HistoricalResources/ResearchHistoricalRecords/Pages/OnlinePublicVitalRecordsIndex.aspx>
- Genealogical Materials of the New Orleans Public Library
 - <http://archives.nolalibrary.org/~nopl/guides/genguide/gguide4.htm>
- Orleans Parish Civil and Criminal Courts finding aids, inventories, and indexes
 - <http://archives.nolalibrary.org/~nopl/inv/courts.htm>
 - This page links to important New Orleans records including court record indexes, successions for the Louisiana Court of Probate (Orleans Parish) for 1805-1846, Orleans Parish district courts, and a 1911 Enumeration of ex-Confederate soldiers and their widows.
- Louisiana biography and obituary Index, 1804-1972: a card index to biographies and New Orleans newspapers
 - <http://nutrias.org/~nopl/obits/obits.htm>
 - From here you can order obituaries directly from the New Orleans Public Library.
 - Can also be found here:
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1130042?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- NOLA.com Archives
 - www.nola.newsbank.com
- New Orleans Marriage Index from the *Daily Picayune*
 - <http://archives.nolalibrary.org/~nopl/info/louinfo/newsmarr/newsmarr.htm>

- Digitizing Louisiana Newspapers Project
 - This project digitized issues from 128 Louisiana newspaper titles dating from between 1836 and 1922 for the Library of Congress's [Chronicling America](#) database.
 - <https://www.lib.lsu.edu/collections/digital/dlnp>
- Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of Louisiana
 - <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?fa=location%3Alouisiana>
- FamilySearch
 - Louisiana Research Wiki
 - https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Louisiana,_United_States_Genealogy
 - Louisiana Research Outline
 - <http://files.lib.byu.edu/family-history-library/research-outlines/US/Louisiana.pdf>
 - Louisiana Passenger Lists: 1820-1945
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916009>
 - Louisiana Parish Marriages, 1837-1957
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1807364>
 - Louisiana, Orleans Parish Will Books, 1805-1920
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2019728>
 - Louisiana, Orleans Court Records, 1822-1880
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2030501>
 - Louisiana Naturalization Records, 1831-1906
 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1459894>
- Ancestry.com
 - Louisiana Record Collections
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/places/usa/louisiana/>
 - U.S., French Catholic Church Records (Drouin Collection), 1695-1954
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1111/>
 - Louisiana, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1756-1984
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9067/>
 - Louisiana, U.S., Naturalization Records, 1836-1998
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2507/>
 - Drouin Collection, 1695-1954
 - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1111/>
- Louisiana Gravestone Project
 - <https://louisianagravestones.org/>

Genealogy Center Resources

Digital

- African American Gateway - Louisiana
 - https://genealogycenter.info/africanamerican/results_afram.php?subject=LA
- Louisiana State Snapshot
 - <https://acpl.lib.in.us/images/Documents/Gendocs/States/louisiana-sg.pdf>
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI)
- Internet Archive
 - http://www.archive.org/details/allen_county
- FamilySearch Books
 - <http://books.familysearch.org/>

Helpful Books in the Collection

Ainsworth, Fern C. *Private Land Claims, Louisiana*. Natchitoches, LA: F. Ainsworth, 1982.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/56468?offset=156&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Ardoin, Robert Bruce L. *Louisiana Census Records 1810-1820*. (3 vols). New Orleans, LA: Polyanthos, 1970-1977.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/65847?offset=157&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Boling, Yvette Guillot. *A Guide to Printed Sources for Genealogical and Historical Research in the Louisiana Parishes*. Jefferson, LA: Y.G. Boling, 1992.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/98402?offset=0&q=A%20Guide%20to%20Printed%20Sources%20for%20Genealogical%20and%20Historical%20Research%20in%20the%20Louisiana%20Parishes&search_in=iets&state=search

Charting Louisiana: Five Hundred Years of Maps. New Orleans, LA: Historic New Orleans Collection, 2003.

ACPL Catalog:

<https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/search/iets/Charting%20Louisiana%20:%20five%20hundred%20years%20of%20maps>

County-parish boundaries in Louisiana. Works Progress Administration. 1939.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/319699?offset=191&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Deiler, J. Hanno, and Marie Stella Condon. *A History of the German Churches in Louisiana: (1823-1893)*. Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Co., 1995.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/165424?offset=100&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Diocese of Baton Rouge Catholic Church Records (1707-1900). [22 vols.]. Baton Rouge, LA: Diocese of Baton Rouge Dept. of Archives, 1978.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/128453?offset=0&q=Diocese%20of%20baton%20rouge&search_in=iets&state=search

Goins, Charles Robert, and John Michael Caldwell. *Historical Atlas of Louisiana*. Norman, OK: University of Oklahoma Press, 1995.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/570873?offset=246&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Herbert, Donald J. *A Guide to Church Records in Louisiana*. Herbert, 1975.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/249298?offset=0&q=A%20Guide%20to%20Church%20Records%20in%20Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search

Leeper, Clare D. *Louisiana place names: popular, unusual, and forgotten stories of towns, cities, plantations, bayous, and even some cemeteries*. Baton Rouge, LA: LSU Press, 2012.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1363473?offset=0&q=Louisiana%20Place%20Names&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_auteur_facet=Leeper,%20Clare%20D%27Artois

Lemmon, Alfred E. *Common Routes: St. Domingue, Louisiana*. New Orleans: Historic New Orleans Collection, 2006.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1514154?offset=7&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Macdonald, Robert R., John R. Kemp, and Edward F. Haas. *Louisiana's Black Heritage*. New Orleans: Louisiana State Museum, 1979.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/319766?offset=192&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Maduell, Charles R. *The Census Tables for the French Colony of Louisiana from 1699 through 1732*. Baltimore, MD: Clearfield, 2008.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/326208?offset=0&q=The%20Census%20Tables%20for%20the%20French%20Colony%20of%20Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search

Menier, Marie-Antoinette. *Louisiana letters, 1678-1803*. Baton Rouge, LA: Provincial Press, 2012.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1378044?offset=0&q=Louisiana%20Letters&search_in=iets&state=search

Pierce, Alycon Trubey. *Selected Final Pension Payment Vouchers, 1818-1864, Louisiana, New Orleans*. Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing, 1996. **ACPL**

Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/43607?offset=16&q=Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search&wf_vestlabel=Genealogy

Robichaux, Albert J. *Louisiana Census and Militia Lists, 1770-1789*. New Orleans, LA: Polyanthos, 1977.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/418991?offset=0&q=Louisiana%20Census%20and%20Militia%20Lists%201770-1789&search_in=iets&state=search

Sacramental records of the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of New Orleans (1718-1831). [19 vols.]. New Orleans, LA: Archdiocese of New Orleans, 1987-1993.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/529634?offset=2&q=archdiocese%20new%20orleans&search_in=iets&state=search

Sandel, Mary Eleanor. *Black Names in Louisiana*. Louisiana: M.E. Williams, 1992.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/432129?offset=0&q=Black%20names%20in%20Louisiana&search_in=iets&state=search

“Tombstone inscriptions and baptismal, marriage & death records from Ascension Parish, LA, Assumption Parish, LA, Lafourche Parish, LA, Jefferson Davis Parish, LA, & St. John the Baptist Parish, LA.” *Louisiana DAR Genealogical Records Committee report*. Series 2, v. 34. 1993.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/28652?offset=4&q=Louisiana%20Tombstone%20Inscriptions&search_in=iets&state=search

Vanhuss, Laura K. *Charting the Plantation Landscape from Natchez to New Orleans*. Baton Rouge, LA: LSU Press, 2021.

ACPL Catalog:

https://acpl.lib.in.us/wise-apps/catalog/6000/detail/wise/1864908?offset=0&q=Charting%20the%20plantation%20landscape&search_in=iets&state=search

Local Libraries, Archives, and Societies to Contact

- New Orleans City Archives & Special Collections, New Orleans Public Library
 - Their archivist, Amanda Fallis, gave a great program for us on what resources they have to offer. Here is a link to the recording of that program:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buGaxk3ilks&list=PL8AE558B5D8661B31&index=1>
- Amistad Research Center
 - <https://www.amistadresearchcenter.org/manuslibrary>
- The Historic New Orleans Collection
 - <https://www.hnoc.org/research>
- Erbon & Marie Wise Genealogical Library, Louisiana State Archives
 - <https://www.sos.la.gov/HistoricalResources/ResearchHistoricalRecords/VisitTheResearchLibrary/Pages/default.aspx>
- Archdiocese of New Orleans
 - <https://nolacatholic.org/genealogy>
- Diocese of Baton Rouge
 - <https://diobr.org/geneology-research>
 - See “Request Policy & Forms” and “Our Collections” towards the top of the page
- Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society [LAGHS]
 - <http://www.louisianaghs.org/>
- Afro-Louisiana Historical & Genealogical Society Inc. [ALHGS]
 - <http://www.alhgs.com/>