



GALILEO 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, turned 21 years old on September 21, 2016.

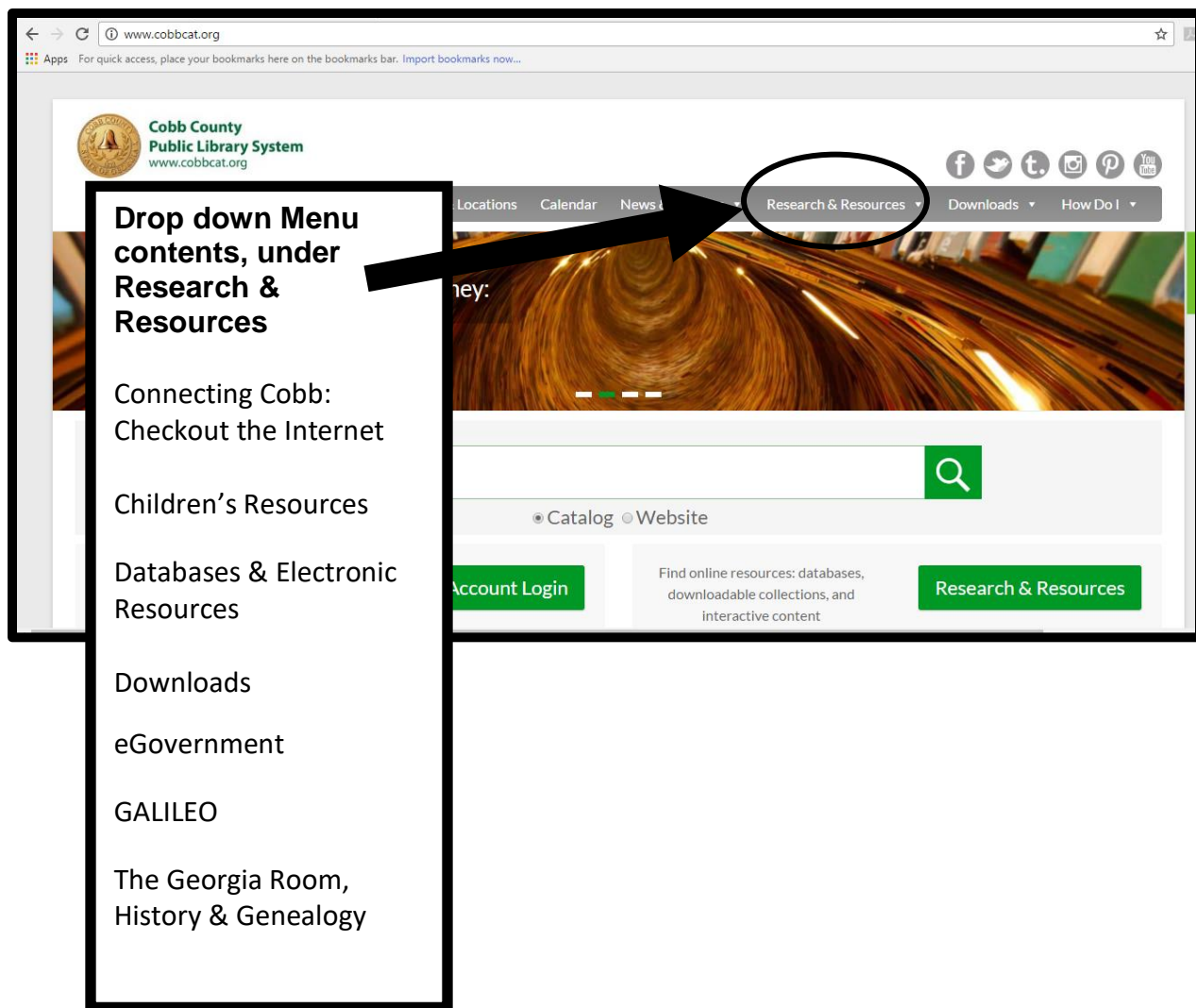
GALILEO can be confusing and overwhelming because it contains lots of information. GALILEO includes databases that researchers might not know are there and may not know how to look for. But, GALILEO is a great tool that makes expensive resources (that might not otherwise be affordable) available to every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

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 public academic facilities have subscriptions to this database.

To get to databases in GALILEO from your home, you must sign in. 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 three times a year, academic library passwords change as semesters change, K-12 passwords change monthly.

In the Cobb County Library System, you must have a library card and Pin to get in from their website. From home page, click on Research & Resources, then GALILEO in the drop down menu. Every library will have different, but clearly visible ways to get into GALILEO.



There are databases that all participating institutions have, regardless of level. These are called the Core Resources. Libraries can purchase additional databases for their constituents. This presentation is designed to highlight some of the subscription databases useful in genealogical and historical research that are available at all the institutions and to show what additional databases Cobb County Library has that might be useful.

There are also 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.

Following is the Home page screen when you enter <http://www.galileo.usg.edu>. You can enter search terms directly into the DISCOVER search box or choose Advanced Search and click magnifying glass.

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 these results you have the choice of listening to or reading the information.
- Use controlled vocabulary when in a specific database if it is offered. Terms used for the controlled vocabulary may be Thesaurus, Subject Headings, Subjects, etc.
- Controlled vocabulary is not available from the **DISCOVER** (main search) page of GALILEO.

Selected Core 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. with 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.

Many publications useful for historical and genealogical research are included. 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 would pull up any relevant publications within the database.

In **MAS Ultra** – although designed for high school students, there are many good articles for us
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 in this list 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 provides articles from more than 300 newspapers, including *Augusta Chronicle* and *Savannah Morning News*. Publication dates are from Mid-1990s to present.

Television & Radio News

In addition, full-text television and radio news transcripts are provided from CBS News, CNN, CNN International, FOX News, NPR, etc.

Features Include:

Christian Science Monitor

USA Today

The Washington Post

The Washington Times (DC)

The Times (London)

Toronto Star

<http://www.ebscohost.com/titleLists/nfh-coverage.pdf> is the link to the pdf list of titles included in Newspaper Source database.

ProQuest Newspapers - offers full text access to international, national, regional, and local papers including *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *USA Today*, *The Guardian*, *El Norte*, *Jerusalem Post*, *South China Morning Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *The Washington Post*, and more. Detailed indexing covers not only complete bibliographic information but also subjects, companies, people, products, and geographic areas and provides access to detailed information on the arts, sports, business, and popular culture. Even items such as editorials, editorial cartoons, obituaries, and letters to the editor from well-known people are indexed.

Coverage Dates: Varies with publication

Update Frequency: Daily

Atlanta Journal & Constitution

This publication's detailed indexing helps users quickly find the news information they need. Each issue is indexed thoroughly, so they have access to not only top news stories but also the information contained on the various sections of the paper. The indexing covers not only complete bibliographic information but also companies, people, products, etc.

In addition, Cobb County Library System has some **additional** databases that can be helpful. They are included in the listing of databases with the note "**Provided by Cobb County Public Library System**"

America's Newspapers

America's News allows you to search current and archived local, state, regional and national full-text articles on issues, events, business, health, education, people, government, sports and more with nearly 1,000 newspapers, newswires, news videos, and web-only content including the Atlanta Journal Constitution (1985-Current), Augusta Chronicle (1994-Current), Marietta Daily Journal (10/29/98-Current), and USA Today(7/1/87-Current).

Dictionary of African Biography

Dictionary of African Biography encompasses the full scope of history from Queen Hatsheput of Egypt (1490-1468 BCE) and Hannibal, the military commander and strategist of Carthage (243-183 BCE), to Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana (1909-1972), Miriam Makeba, and Nelson Mandela of South Africa (b. 1918).

Subjects are drawn from all walks of life, including philosophers, politicians, activists, entertainers, scholars, poets, scientists, religious figures, kings, and everyday people.

Dictionary of American Family Names

The Dictionary of American Family Names contains more than 70,000 of the most commonly occurring surnames in the United States, giving their comparative frequencies, linguistic and historical explanations, selected associated forenames, and occasional genealogical notes.

Encyclopedia of African American History 1619-1895

The Encyclopedia of African American History, 1619-1895 documents the full range of the African American experience during that period—from the arrival of the first slave ship to the death of Frederick Douglass—and shows how all aspects of American culture, history, and national identity have been profoundly influenced by the experience of African Americans.

Encyclopedia of African American History 1896-Present

Encyclopedia of African American History 1619-1895 traces the transition from the Reconstruction Era to the age of Jim Crow, the Harlem Renaissance, the Civil Rights Movement, and the ascendant influence of African Americans on the American cultural landscape.

Fold3 History and Genealogy Archives

Fold3 History and Genealogy Archives combines original historical documents and personal histories. The collection features millions of digital images of records preserved in the National Archives and other regional archives. This archive features documents relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, U.S. Presidents, historical newspapers, naturalization documents, and much more. Some other very notable material includes the Matthew Brady collection of Civil War photos and UFO documents from 1947-1969.

Newsbank (America's Newspapers)

The electronic editions of record for valuable local, regional, and national U.S. newspapers—all in one easy-to-search database. Each paper provides unique coverage of local and regional news, including companies, politics, sports, industries, cultural activities, and people in the community. Paid ads are excluded.

Oxford Companion to American Politics

This is the first reference work to provide detailed, in-depth coverage of all aspects of American politics. Top scholars have written entries that surpass all previous reference material on the subject and provide scholars and students with ready access to sophisticated, comprehensive material. Long entries form the core of the book, covering such topics as climate change, terrorism, welfare policies, nuclear proliferation, voting behavior, and think tanks. Each of these entries includes high-level scrutiny of the literature, history, and future of the topic.

Oxford Companion to American Social History

Over the past forty years, social historians have drawn on new sources and methodologies to shift the focus of historical interest to the experiences of ordinary people. The result has been a radical rethinking

of the great events and historical transformations in American history, and The Oxford Encyclopedia of American Social History synthesizes the extraordinary wealth of information uncovered by this inquiry. The more than 450 entries in this work examine our shared history "from the bottom up," with entries on the way automobiles shaped American lives, the westward movement of settlers and farmers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the transformation of work over time, the women's suffrage movement, counterculture, leisure activities, consumption patterns, voting habits, population movements, racial divides, and many more fascinating topics intended to help readers develop a richer framework for understanding the social experience of Americans throughout history.

Oxford Companion to British History

The Oxford Companion to British History covers all aspects of the history of Britain from 55 B.C. to the present day. It also provides a wealth of essential information touching all aspects of British history: political, economic, social, military, people, events, and institutions.

Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America

The Oxford Encyclopedia of Food and Drink in America covers the significant events, inventions, and social movements that have shaped the way Americans view, prepare, and consume food and drink. It reflects the many changes in American food consciousness during the twenty-first century. Timely trends and topics have been incorporated into the new edition of the Encyclopedia, adding one volume and new entries on these and other subjects such as food science and nutrition, molecular gastronomy, genetically-modified foods, food controversies, regional foods, the volatile nature of food prices, and food traditions of major American cities.

U.S. History in Context

Provides access to over 4,000 historical (primary) documents, articles from more than 30 reference titles, and over 110 full-text journals covering themes, events, individuals and periods in U.S. history from pre-Colonial times to the present.

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.

Science and technology periodicals 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.

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. Make GALILEO your first stop for information needs.