

HISTORY LIVES AT JSTOR webinar

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Webinar syllabus

Overview

JSTOR (www.jstor.org) is an online library of more than 2,000 scholarly journals. Digitizing from volume one, issue one, JSTOR makes available the publications' complete runs to search, browse, read, and download. Content includes research articles, book reviews, and images (maps, charts, photographs, and illustrations).

One of the most trusted and widely used academic resources, JSTOR helps people discover, use, and build upon a wide range of content through a powerful research platform while preserving this content for future generations.

For more information on JSTOR, visit about.jstor.org.

JSTOR for Family Research

Use the rich historical scholarship available on JSTOR to place your family in context, which can help you to discover new information:

- Gain knowledge, context, and details around places, times, and historical trends (including immigration patterns, political movements, and social issue of the day).
- Research historical figures, places, and events
- Find state- and region specific information and history
- Learn new research methodologies and new sources to continue your work

And so much more!

The scholarship on JSTOR is unlikely to support finding specific names, dates, and places. Instead, JSTOR can be the key resource to build out the story around your family history. No one lives in isolation and knowing the context around your family's history can lead to a deeper understanding of your past.

Content on JSTOR

More than 2,000 journals representing 50 disciplines from the arts and sciences to complement your work. We highlighted a handful of journals that may be of particular interest to people researching their family histories.

Journals covering the history of religions and specific ethnic population in America:

Topic	Title	URL
Religion	Anglican and Episcopal History	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/hsec
Population	International Migration Review	http://www.jstor.org/journal/intemigrrevi
Culture	Italian Americana	http://www.jstor.org/journal/italianamer
Religion	Jewish Historical Studies	http://www.jstor.org/journal/jewihiststud
Religion	Journal of Mormon History	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/mormonhistassoc

Religion	Journal of Presbyterian History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/jpreshist
Culture	Polish American Studies	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/paha
Religion	Quaker History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/quakerhistory
History	William & Mary Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/willmaryquar

More than 30 state and regional historical societies archive their publications with JSTOR:
(This is only a handful of the history journals available on JSTOR)

<u>Region</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>URL</u>
Arkansas	Arkansas Historical Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/arkahistquar
Caribbean	Caribbean Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/cariquar
Ireland	Clogher Historical Society	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/clogher
Ireland	Dublin Historical Record	http://www.jstor.org/journal/dubhistreco
Florida	Florida Historical Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/florhistsoc
Georgia	Georgia Historical Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/georgiahs
Ghana	Historical Society of Ghana	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/hsg
Nigeria	Historical Society of Nigeria	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/hsn
Arizona	Journal of Arizona History	https://www.jstor.org/journal/jarizhist
Southern US	Journal of Southern History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/jsouthernhistory
Ireland	Journal of the Galway Archaeological and Historical Society	http://www.jstor.org/journal/jgalarchhistsoc
Illinois	Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society	https://www.jstor.org/journal/jillistathistsoc
Southwest US	Journal of the Southwest	http://www.jstor.org/journal/jsouthwest
Louisiana	Louisiana History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/louihist
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Historical Review	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/masshs
Mexico	Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos	http://www.jstor.org/journal/mexistudestumexi
Michigan	Michigan Historical Review	http://www.jstor.org/journal/michhistrevi
Minnesota	Minnesota History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/minnhist
Montana	Montana: The Magazine of Western History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/montwesthist
New York	New York History	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/nysha
North Carolina	North Carolina Historical Review	http://www.jstor.org/journal/nortcarohistrevi
Oregon	Oregon Historical Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/oregonhistq
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Legacies	http://www.jstor.org/journal/pennlega
Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography	http://www.jstor.org/journal/pennmaghistbio
Kentucky	Register of the Kentucky Historical Society	http://www.jstor.org/journal/regikenthistsoci
South Carolina	South Carolina Historical Magazine	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/schs
California	Southern California Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/soutcaliquar
Southwest US	Southwestern Historical Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/swesthistquar
Tennessee	Tennessee Historical Quarterly	http://www.jstor.org/journal/tennhistquar
Ireland	The Past	http://www.jstor.org/journal/pastorgcihistsoc
Virginia	Virginia Magazine of History and Biography	http://www.jstor.org/journal/virghistbiog
Washington DC	Washington History	http://www.jstor.org/publisher/hswdc
Western US	Western Historical Society	https://www.jstor.org/journal/westhistquar
Wisconsin	Wisconsin Magazine of History	http://www.jstor.org/journal/wiscmagahist

And so much more!

Start a search at www.jstor.org to see what you find.

JSTOR Search Tips

There are two search forms on JSTOR.

1. Basic Search

On main page at www.jstor.org and at the top of most pages

Quick Basic Search Tips

- Place search terms within quotation marks to search for exact phrases (ex: "orphan train")
- Use Boolean operators (AND, OR, and NOT) to search alternate and more precise terms (ex: "marriage records" AND "South Carolina")
- Use the tilde (~) symbol at the end of a search term to factor in multiple spellings (ex: Dostoyevsky~ will return search results with Dostoyevsky as well as its variant spellings: Dostoevsky, Dostoievki, Dostoevsky, etc...)

[Click here for more helpful tips and an in-depth explanation of using Basic Search.](#)

2. Advanced Search

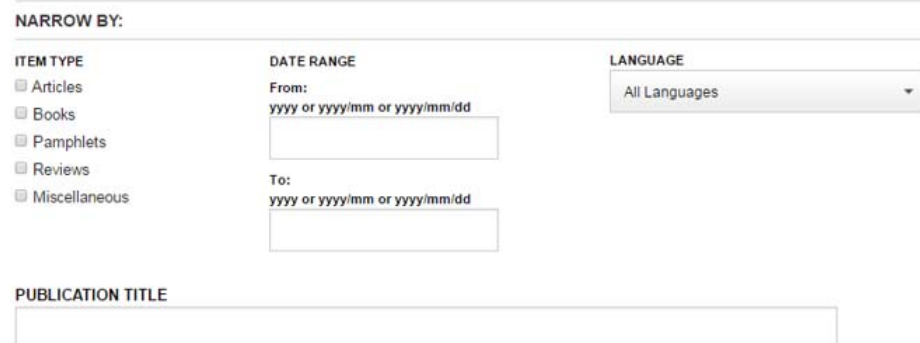
<http://www.jstor.org/action/showAdvancedSearch>

Quick Advanced Search Tips

- Specify which fields to search for your terms: full text, author, article title, abstract, or caption (for images)



- Generate a refined search results list by article type, publication date, titles, or language



[Click here for more tips and an in-depth explanation on using Advanced Search.](#)

Things to Remember:

- When looking at an article on JSTOR, pay attention to the Thumbnails and References tabs
 - Thumbnails tab shows previews of all the pages
 - References tab shows all cited works, which can potentially lead to new sources
- All public domain content on JSTOR is freely available
 - Content published in the United States before 1921
 - Content published outside the United State before 1870
- Check to see if you're near a library with JSTOR access
<http://about.jstor.org/jstor-institutions>
- Register for a [MyJSTOR account](#) to read three articles for free at a time
 - Read-only access, no downloading PDFs
- JPASS provides unlimited reading access and up to 120 PDF downloads/year. Use this [link for a 10% discount](#) off the yearly plan
- The award-winning magazine JSTOR *Daily* has free links to relevant articles on JSTOR

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JSTOR Daily

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Of particular interest to this audience may be [The Genealogy Factor column](#) by D. Joshua Taylor. A professional genealogist and co-host of the popular PBS series *Genealogy Roadshow*, Taylor wrote an eight-article column in summer 2015 about unearthing discoveries to provide context and clarity for anyone tracing their past.

All JSTOR *Daily* stories link to cited articles on JSTOR freely.

For a weekly update of JSTOR *Daily* highlights, sign up for the digest: daily.jstor.org/newsletter

Fun articles about genealogical research:

- “Where Is the List with All the Names? Information-Seeking Behavior of Genealogists”
The American Archivist, Vol. 66, No. 1
Wendy M. Duff and Catherine A. Johnson
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/40294218>
- “Genealogists as a Community of Records”
The American Archivist, Vol. 70, No. 1
Elizabeth Yakel and Deborah A. Torres
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/40294451>