

Purpose

This pamphlet offers a snapshot of a Handbook on Researching Wallace Family Genealogy. The Handbook (HB) can be viewed at clanwallace.org/cw/genealogy/. It contains more detailed information on how to conduct your family genealogy research.

Initial Research

- Assemble the names of all living family relatives from both sides.
- Interview relatives.
- Obtain names of deceased relatives from grandparents, uncles, and aunts.
- Ask relatives if there is a published family genealogy.
- Ask relatives if there are any surviving family bibles. If none.
- Check local church records (Mormon, Mennonite, Amish, Quaker, and Presbyterian).
- Develop genealogy charts (pedigree and/or ancestral chart).
- Use separate charts for allied families if other than Wallace.
- Record different surname spellings, i.e., Margret, Margaret, Marguerette, Margurite).
- Record known families on a single-Family Group Record.

Published Genealogies in the United States

- Ellen Payne Odom Library, Moultrie GA
www.electricscotland.com/familytree/index.htm.
- New England Genealogical Library, Boston MA www.newenglandancestors.org.
- Historical Genealogy Collection, Ft. Wayne IN www.acpl.lib.in.us
- Los Angeles Public Library www.lapl.org.
- New York City Public Library www.nypl.org/research/chss/lhg/research.html.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library, Charlotte NC www.plcmc.lib.nc.us.
- Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library, Washington DC
www.dar.org/hatsociety/default.html.
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS) Library www.familysearch.org.

Online Genealogy Assistance

- Ancestry.com
- RootsWeb.com
- USGenWeb.com
- Cyndislist.com
- Electricscotland.com
- Genuki.org.uk

State Historical Commissions and State Archives

- American Canadian - Manchester NH
- Federation of Genealogical Societies, Richardson TX
- Irish - St Paul MN
- Jewish - New York NY
- Orphan Train - Springdale AR
- Scandinavian - St Paul MN

Research Tips

- Make concise notes with bibliography and source location.
- Biographically profile every individual
- Xerox whatever you can.
- Ask librarians/archivists about indexes. Read first (could be combined.)
- Arrive with appropriate charts (pedigree/ancestral) and a list of research items.
- RootsWeb.com: Surname List of spellings. Wallace Spellings are in App. "B" of HB.
- Check the following county records:
 - Birth and death certificates.
 - Census Records and Reports.
 - Will, Probate, and Estate records.
 - Deeds, plats, and land grants.
 - Marriage and divorce records (county).
 - Adoption records.
 - Military records.
 - General court records.
 - Inheritance lawsuit records (lots of civil records).
 - Newspaper obituaries, cemetery headstones, church/cemetery records of burials.
- Immigration Passenger Lists for New York NY, Philadelphia PA, and Wilmington NC.
- Church records.
- Pension records.
- Records from Canada, Scotland, and Ireland.
- Obtain Genealogy Software - the LDS Church has a free one called PAF.

Patriotic Societies

- Mayflower Descendants, Plymouth MA.
- Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington DC.
- Descendants of Loyalists & Patriots of the Revolution, Bloomington, MN.
- Society of the War of 1812, Mendenhall PA.
- Society of the Mexican War (Aztec Club of 1847), Washington DC.
- Sons of Union Veterans, Holt MI.
- Daughters of the Confederacy, Richmond, VA.
- Sons of the Confederacy, Columbia TN.
- Military Order of World Wars, Alexandria VA.
- National Archives: Waltham MA; New York NY; Philadelphia PA; Atlanta GA; etc.

Searching Elsewhere

Canada

- Ontario Genealogical Society at Box 66, Station 0, Toronto, Ontario M4T 2L7.
- Registrar of Vital Stats, Dept of Health, St. Johns Newfoundland.
- Registrar General, Dept of Public Health, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- Division of Vital Stats, Dept of Health, Charlottetown, PEI.
- Registrar General, Dept of Health, Fredericton, New Brunswick.
- Registrar General, Population Register, Dept of Social Affairs, Quebec, Quebec.
- Deputy Registrar General, MacDonald Block, Queens Park, Toronto, Ontario.

Scotland

- Grand Lodge of Scotland Museum and Library (records from 1598).
- The Scots Ancestry Research Society, 3 Albany St, Edinburgh EH1 3PY.
- The Scottish Genealogy Society - www.scotsgenealogy.com.
- Scottish Association of Family History Societies - www.safhs.org.uk.
- Aberdeen and North-East Scotland Family History Society - www.anesfhs.org.uk.
- Central Scotland Family History Society - www.csfhs.org.uk.
- East Ayrshire Family History Society - www.eastayrshirefhs.org.uk.
- Glasgow and West of Scotland Family History Society - www.gwsfhs.org.uk, etc.

Ireland

- The Genealogical Office, Dublin Castle, Dublin 2.
- Registry of Deeds, Henrietta St, Dublin 1.
- Irish American Genealogy, 1510 Cravens Ave, Torrance CA 90501.
- Irish Ancestor, Rosemary Folliott, Pirton House, Sydenham Villas, Dundrum, Dublin 14.
- Irish Genealogical Research Society, Mr. F. Payton, Glenholme, High Oakham Rd, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England.
- The Ulster-Scot Historical Foundation, 66 Balmoral Ave, Belfast, etc.

Hiring a Genealogist

- Check churches listed in Interview Relatives, for folks conducting genealogy research.
- Get names from an archive, genealogy society, patriotic society, or publication.
- Check the list of family research specialists in back of *Scottish Roots*, by James Alwyn.
- Write to a genealogist. Inquire about credentials/fees. Assess what is especially needed.
 - Provide all information required for conducting searches - ancestor's full names, dates and places of birth and death, and places lived.
 - Put your request in the form of a questionnaire. Contract with the genealogist to do only three or four hours at a time, and that they send you a report thereafter.
 - Reports should include places searched, sources checked, and documentation in full.

Genealogy Research Books

- *Woods-Wallace Cousin Clues*, 1973.
- *The Wallace Collection: Volumes One and Two*, 1979.
- *Genealogy and Biographies*, reprinted by McDowell Publishing of Utica, Kentucky.
- *History of the Wallaces: Descendants of Peter Wallace and Martha Woods*, by George Selden Wallace.
- *The County Courthouse Book and Genealogist's Address Book*, Elizabeth Petty Bentley.
- *Hammond Family Atlas*, Doubleday (old addition).
- *History of Rockbridge County*, by Orren Morton.
- *Genealogy Via the Internet* (by Ralph Roberts), lists many genealogy web pages.
- *My History Guidebook and My History is America's History*, a National Endowment for the Humanities Project.
- *Scottish Roots*, by Alwyn James, etc.

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