The Genealogy collection supports activities related to historical and genealogical research, exhibits, community outreach, organizational events, publications and other items of interest to Rockingham County and the surrounding area. The collection mainly serves the general public, but also supports the research activities of genealogists, hobbyists, historians, and students.

The emphasis of the Linda C. Vernon Genealogy Room is on documenting Rockingham County’s people, its history and that of its civic, religious, cultural, industrial and social organizations. Our Genealogical materials help researchers trace their family backgrounds and/or aid in obtaining the materials needed to join various historical organizations.

**Linda C. Vernon Genealogy Room Usage**

The Linda C. Vernon Genealogy Room of the Madison Mayodan Public Library is available during library hours for family history research. The following procedures should clarify the library’s ability to assist patrons with genealogical needs.

Librarians and volunteers may provide (based upon availability):

- Assistance with research strategies utilizing print and electronic resources.
- Brief informal library catalog instruction. A brief orientation to the content of the genealogy room.
- Basic help with software applications.
- Appropriate tip sheets and/or manuals.
- Referrals to online help screens and/or computer classes offered at the library or locally.
- Brief explanation of use of microfilm/microfiche readers.
- Help locating a book or microfilm.
- Assistance with library equipment.
- The Madison Library Genealogy Room contains a wide variety of material of interest to the genealogist. Our most extensive collections are on the North Carolina Counties of Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Guilford and Forsyth, and the Southern Virginia counties Patrick, Henry, Carroll and Pittsylvania. We have a
considerable amount of information on many other counties and states, with an especially good collection on Tennessee.

**Linda C. Vernon Genealogy Available Resources**

The first section of books contains how-to books, passenger ship lists, DAR indexes, guidebooks, military records, and other items of general interest. The second section consists of books on particular families. The third and largest section consists of books on the individual states and counties, arranged in alphabetical order by state. The county and state books include subjects such as wills, deeds, marriage records, parish and church records, court minutes, military records, cemetery records, and census indexes.

Another important part of the genealogy collection is the microfilm collection. We own almost all of the Federal Census microfilm for the North Carolina counties of Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, Guilford, and Forsyth, and for the Virginia counties of Henry, Patrick, Pittsylvania and Carroll. We also have census records for an assortment of other counties. For Rockingham and surrounding counties we have wills, deeds, marriages, court minutes, records of settlement, and church records on microfilm. Other helpful microfilm resources are the Confederate Service Records for several local regiments and the Confederate Pension Lists for North Carolina. On microfiche we have the North Carolina Marriage Bond Bride and Groom Index.

The Madison Mayodan Library receives subscriptions to several periodicals of interest to genealogists. These include THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER, DAR MAGAZINE, THE NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL, and THE NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL REVIEW.

Several types of vertical files are included in the genealogical collection. One file contains family histories, lineage charts and family group sheets as well as other information on particular families, which have been donated to us. Another contains historical society newsletters, family newsletters, newspaper clippings, and copies of pension applications from the various wars. Copies of the State Land Grants are housed in the vertical files as well as several private collections of genealogical research, which have been donated to us. These private collections include: The Susie Johnson Lauten Collection, The Gwen Knight Moore Collection, The Jo Martin Collection, and the William Vernon Collection. The Genealogical Society of Rockingham and Stokes Counties has donated a filing cabinet, which is being filled with a variety of materials donated by its members.

A Genealogy Exchange Book is on display in the Genealogy Room. Each patron is invited to fill out a sheet on the surname they are researching and to include their name and address. This will enable those who are researching the same name to share information. Also available in the Genealogy Room are two microfilm readers, one microfiche reader and two microfilm/microfiche reader/printers and one Internet terminal.