



Overview of the Genealogy Collection at the Round Rock Public Library

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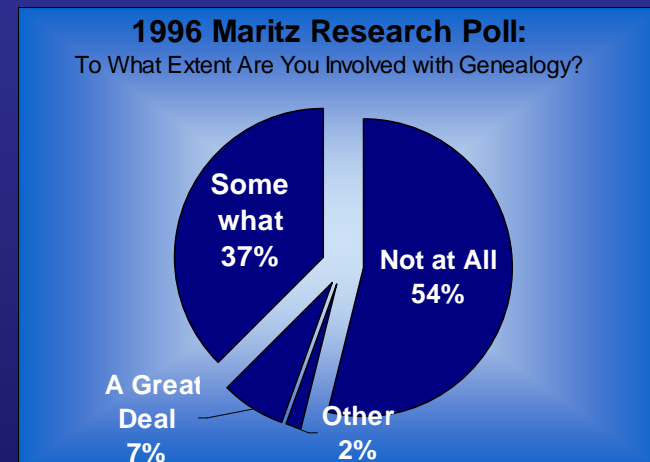
Why Do We Provide Genealogy and Local History Services?

- American Library Association, Reference and User Services Association (1999):
 - “Public libraries have a responsibility to serve the needs of patrons interested in genealogical research by providing basic genealogical reference materials and how-to-do-it books in the library and by providing access to additional genealogical research materials through interlibrary loan or referral.”



Patron Interest in Genealogy and Family History Research

- **1996 Maritz Research Poll:**
 - 37% of those surveyed reported they were at least “somewhat” involved with genealogy
 - 7% said they were “a great deal” involved



Source:

Maritz Research (1996). *Genealogy business takes root*. Retrieved February 24, 2005, from <http://www.maritzresearch.com/release.asp?rc=92&p=3&T=P>



Patron Interest in Genealogy and Family History Research

- **2000 Maritz Research Poll:**

- 60% of those surveyed reported they were at least “somewhat interested” in tracing their family history. Of those:

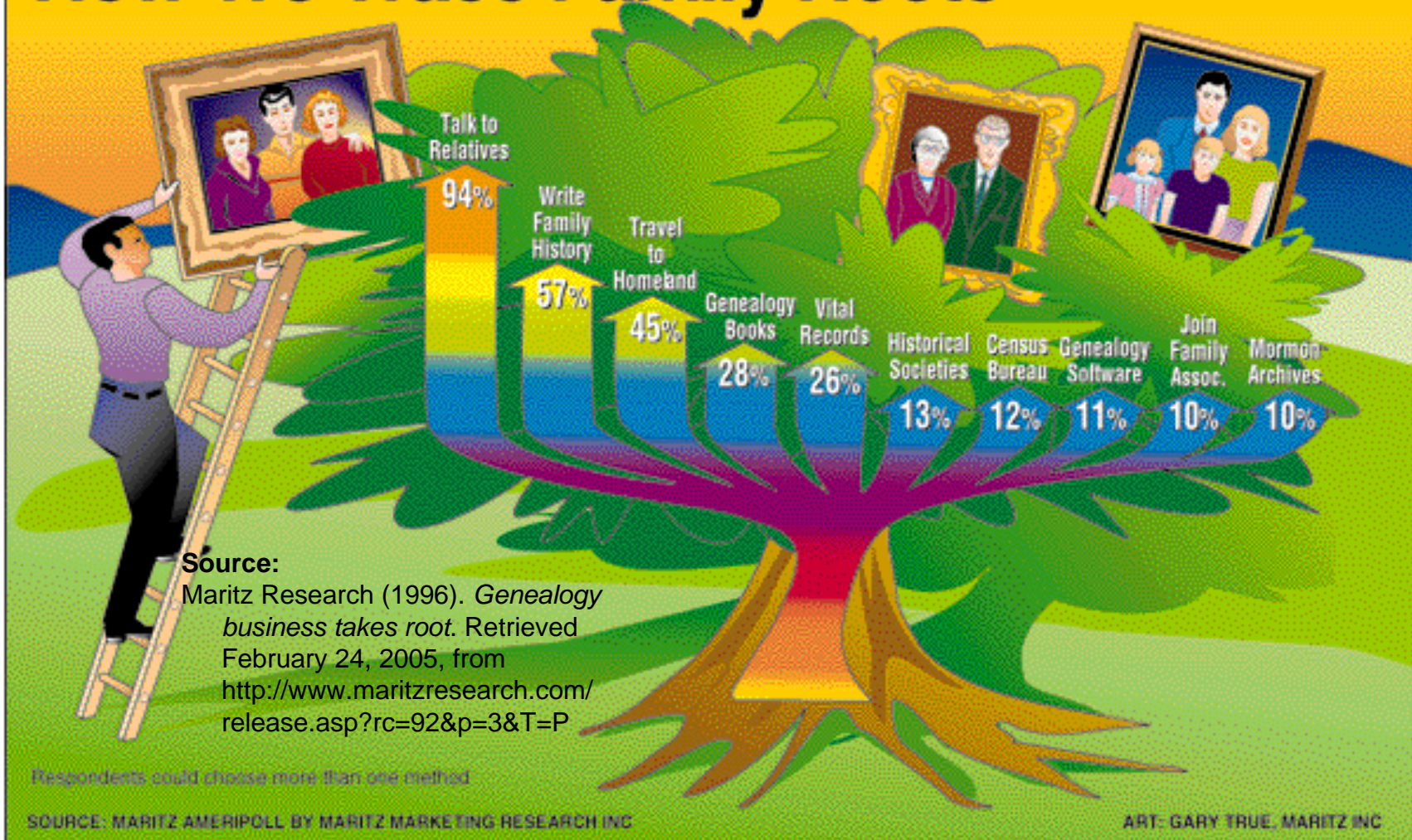
- 91% have discussed family history with relatives
- 49% have created a family tree
- 29% have used the Internet to research genealogy

Source:

Maritz Research (2000). *Sixty percent of Americans intrigued by their family roots*. Retrieved February 24, 2005, from <http://www.maritzresearch.com/release.asp?rc=195&p=1&T=P>



How We Trace Family Roots



Components of Effective Genealogy Services

- Basic reference service
- Patron orientation to use of resources
- Interlibrary loan
- Reference collection
- Circulating books
- Microform reading/printing equipment

Source: RUSA (1999)



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Genealogy Services Not Provided by Public Libraries

- Extensive research
 - See list of paid researchers at <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/researchers.html>
 - WCGS members can assist with research
- Pedigree chart preparation
 - Software is provided, preparation is not
- Unlimited interlibrary loan
 - Many genealogy materials are not available via interlibrary loan



Important Considerations for Genealogy Services

- Copyright
 - Copyright laws must be respected
 - Basic facts cannot be copyrighted, but images and representations of facts are
 - Older items may be in public domain
- Privacy
 - Many records are not available to the general public by law
 - People (even family members) have the right to be left alone



Robert G. and Helen Griffith Library Building



216 East Main, Round Rock, TX
Phone: 512-218-7000
Hours: Mon.-Thurs., 9-9;
Fri.-Sat., 9-6;
Sun. 1-6



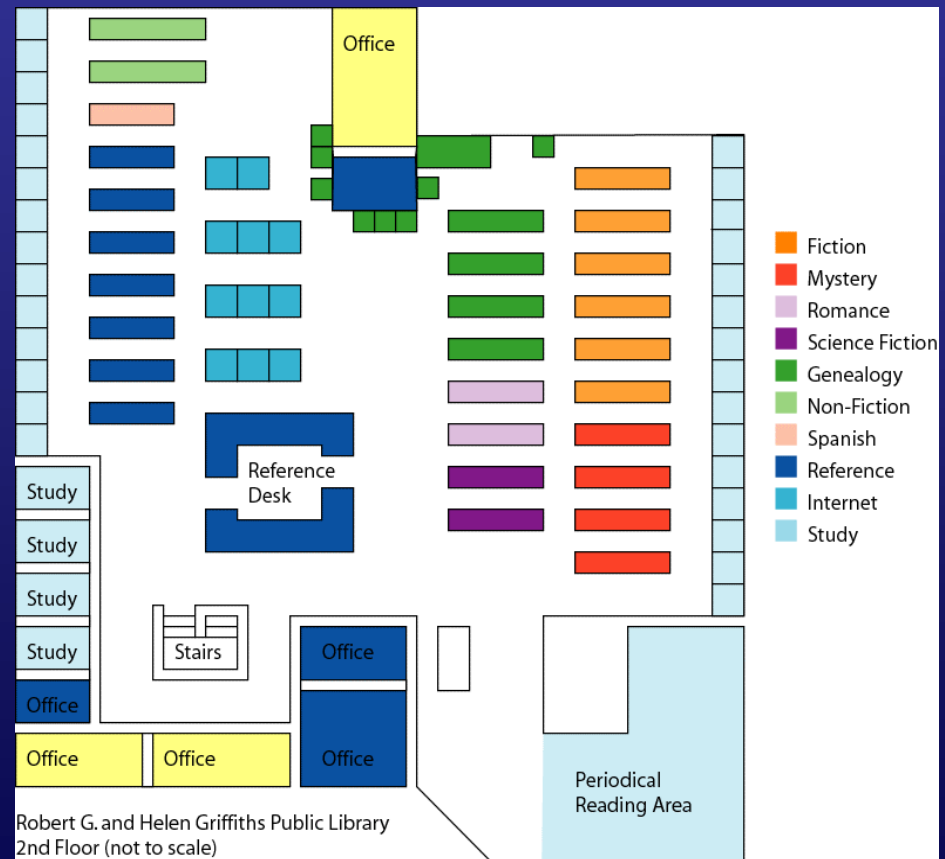
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Genealogy Collection

- Located on second floor
- Periodicals, microfilm, books, computer
- All materials non-circulating



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Genealogy & Local History at the Round Rock Public Library System

- Partnership with Williamson County Genealogical Society
 - WCGS provides:
 - Approx. 1500 books
 - 100 rolls of microfilm
 - 200+ CD-ROMs
 - Genealogy computer and programs
 - Library committee
 - RRPLS provides:
 - Approx. 500 books
 - Microfilm readers
 - Subscriptions to databases
 - Space for collection
 - Part-time librarian
 - Cataloging in Horizon



The Williamson County Genealogical Society “White Book”

- Designed for browsing by genealogy patrons in the library
- Contents:
 - List of titles in collection
 - List of microfilm
 - Williamson County resources
 - List of CDs
 - List of WCGS Ancestry Charts
 - List of periodicals
- All contents also available on RRPLS Website:
<http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/genealogy.html>



Local History Resources

- *Historical Round Rock*
by Jane H. DiGesualdo & Karen R. Thompson
 - REF 976.4289 DIG
- *Round Rock, Texas, USA!*
by the Round Rock Kiwanis Club
 - GEN 976.4289 ROU
- *The Historic Round Rock Collection: An Ongoing History*
(also [online](#))
 - REF 976.4286 HIS
- *Round Rock Leader, 1977-present*
 - microfilm



Genealogy Books

- All items listed in online catalog
 - Shelf list available in “White Book”
- Highlights of the book collection include:
 - *Genealogies in the Library of Congress*
GEN 929.1 LIB
 - Military pension indices by Virgil White
GEN 929.373 WHI
 - *Genealogical abstracts of Revolutionary War pension files* (4 volumes)
 - *Index to War of 1812 pension files*
 - *Index to Old Wars Pension Files 1815-1926*
 - *Index to Mexican War pension Files*
 - *Index to Volunteer Soldiers 1784-1811*



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Horizon Information Portal

- Search by:
 - Title
 - Author
 - Subject
 - Keyword
- Microfilm & CD not yet cataloged

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You're searching: Round Rock Public Library System

Welcome to the Library Catalog

To renew items and check on other account information, click on the MY ACCOUNT tab. Please call the Library at 218-7000 or 218-7007 to report problems with the catalog.

Search: General Keyword GO

Quick Searches

Best Sellers

- Current Fiction Best Sellers on Display
- Current Non-Fiction Best Sellers on Display
- Fiction Best Sellers - 2004
- Non-Fiction Best Sellers - 2004
- Fiction Best Sellers - 2003
- Non-Fiction Best Sellers - 2003
- Religious Best Sellers

Popular Authors & Series

- Left Behind series
- Stephen King
- Tom Clancy
- Nicholas Sparks
- Oprah's Book Club

Popular Children's Materials

Popular Series

- Unfortunate Events
- Magic Tree House
- Junie B. Jones
- Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling

Awards and Reading Lists:

- John Newbery Medal books
- Caldecott Medal Books
- Pura Belpré Award and Honor Books
- Coretta Scott King Award Books
- Bluebonnet Award Nominees 2005-2006
- Lone Star Reading List 2005-2006



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Genealogy Periodicals

- 150 titles, including:
 - *Ancestry*
 - *Everton's Genealogical Helper*
 - *Family Chronicle*
 - *GC(Genealogical Computing)*
 - *Heritage Quest*
 - *Journal of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society*
 - *New England Historic Genealogical Society Quarterly*
 - *NGS Quarterly*
 - *The American Genealogist*



Texas Genealogy Periodicals

- 50 periodicals from Texas Genealogy Societies
- Shelved in Genealogy Collection, alphabetically by county
- Several complete periodicals on CD
- Limited Interlibrary Loan available
- *The Chisholm Trail* (WCGS quarterly)
 - GEN 976.4289 WIL



Microfilm & Microfiche

- 90+ reels of Williamson County records, including birth, death, marriage, census, deed, and probate records.
- 30 reels of film of the records of the Sons of the Republic of Texas
- 30+ reels of film of the *Round Rock Leader* newspaper from 1975-present



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Software and CDs

- Family Tree Maker
- Personal Ancestral File (PAF)
- PrintShop Deluxe
- Microsoft Office Suite
- 200+ CDs
 - Many for use with FTM
 - Located at reference desk



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Genealogy Classes

- Beginning Genealogy (WCGS)
- Using HeritageQuest Online
- Using the TexShare Databases for Genealogical Research
- Using the Internet for Genealogical Research
- Using Ancestry Library Edition*
- Using Genealogical CDs and Microfilm**



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Major Online Resources

- HeritageQuest (TexShare)
- AncestryPlus (library only)
 - Ancestry Library Edition*
- NewEnglandAncestors.org (library only)
- [Handbook of Texas Online](#)
- [Texas Historic Sites Atlas](#)



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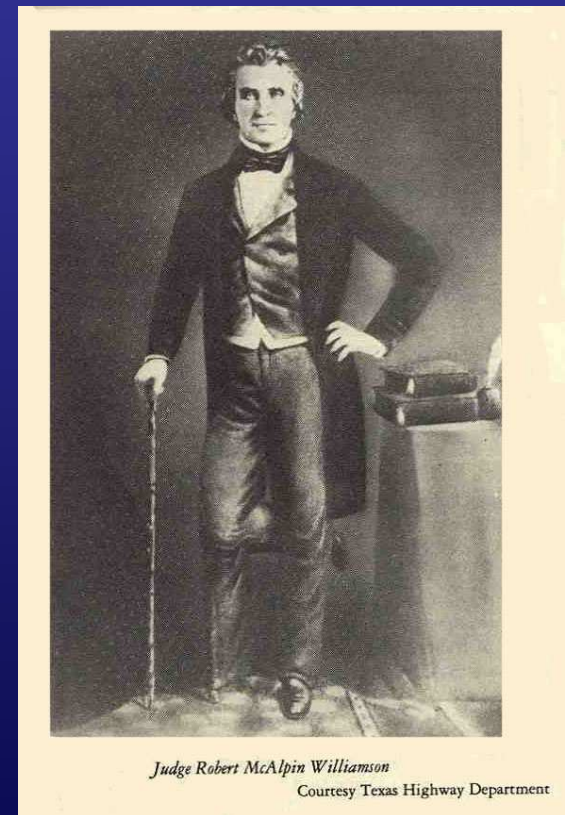
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Additional Useful Sites

- [Williamson County Genealogical Society](#)
 - Officers and meeting information
- [Three-Legged Willie](#)
 - History and Genealogy of Williamson County
- [Interment.Net](#)
 - Cemetery records for Williamson County
- [RootsWeb.com](#)
 - [TXgenweb](#)



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Useful Local Agencies

- **Williamson County Clerk's Office**

- Location: 405 Martin Luther King, Jr., Georgetown, TX 78626
- Phone: (512) 943-1515
- Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4:30 pm

- **Round Rock Family History Center**

- Location: 8140 Racine Trail, Round Rock, TX 78717
- Phone: (512) 388-1160
- Hours: Tues.-Thurs. 10 am-1 pm & 6:30-9 pm, Sat. 9 am-12:30 pm

- **Georgetown Public Library**

- Location: 808 Martin Luther King, Jr., Georgetown, TX 78626
- Phone: (512) 930-3551
- Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10 am-8 pm; Fri. 10 am-6 pm; Sat. 10 am-5 pm; Sun. 1-6 pm

- **Texas State Library Genealogy**

- Location: Lorenzo De Zavala State Archives & Library Building, 1201 Brazos St., Austin, Texas
- Phone: (512) 463-5463
- Hours: Tues.-Sat., 8 am - 5 pm

- **Center for American History**

- Location: Sid Richardson Hall 2.101, The University of Texas at Austin
- Phone: (512) 495-4532 (Ref. Desk)
- Hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm

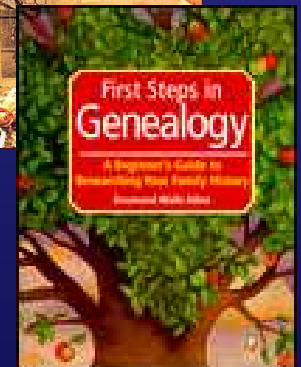
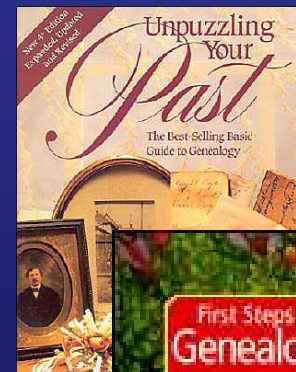
- **Austin History Center**

- Location: 9th and Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78768
- Phone: (512) 974-7480
- Hours: Mon.-Weds. 10 am-9 pm
Sat. 10 am-6 pm; Sun. noon-6 pm



Resources for Learning More About Genealogy

- Videos
 - [PBS-Ancestors](#)
 - VIDEOS 929 ANC
- Books
 - *Unpuzzling Your Past* by Emily Anne Croom (3rd ed., 1995)
 - NF 929.1072073 CRO
 - *First Steps in Genealogy* by Desmond Walls Allen (1998)
 - NF 929.1 ALL
 - *Genealogy Online for Dummies* by Matthew L. Helm & April Leigh Helm (1999)
 - NF 929.10285 HEL
- Websites:
 - [One-Stop Beginner's Genealogy](#) from About.com
 - [Genealogy 101](#) from HeritageQuest



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