Contacts in the Library

Bermuda National Library

For help with general research questions contact the Public Services Information Desk:

Tel. (441) 299-0030 e-mail: <u>library@gov.bm</u>

Available during Library opening hours

For questions/comments regarding policies for the Bermudiana Collection contact:

Patrice Carvell, Collection Management Librarian Available: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday

Tel. (441) 299-0034 Fax. (441) 292-8443 e-mail: <u>pcarvell@gov.bm</u>

Collection Management Department

Par-la-Ville 13 Queen Street Hamilton HM 11

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For questions/comments regarding general Library Policies contact:

Joanne Brangman, Director Tel: 441 299-0027

Fax: 441 292-8443

e-mail: jbrangman@gov.bm or

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Administration Office opening hours: 09.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday

10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Friday

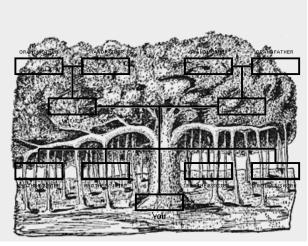
Complex Bermuda research questions will be forwarded by the Public Services Information Desk to:

Ellen Jane Hollis, Local Studies Librarian Available: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday Appointments are recommended to avoid disappointment

Tel. (441) 299-0028 Fax. (441) 292-8443 e-mail: ejhollis@gov.bm

Bermuda Genealogy Resources

Information found within various Bermuda Government Departments that will assist in the creation of Bermudian family trees



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At your service, Bermuda!

Genealogy Bibliography—Materials in the Bermudiana Collection, Bermuda National Library

Most genealogy queries received by the Bermuda National Library can be answered using the following popular resources:

301.412 M Musson, Nellie E. *Mind the onion seed*. 1979.

326 P Packwood, Cyril Outerbridge, 1930-Chained on the rock: slavery in Bermuda.

720.97299 B Bermuda National Trust. *Bermuda's architectural heritage*. (Series 1995 onwards)

780.92 W Writers' Machine. *Jazz of the Rock: the musical heritage of Bermuda and its people* (part two). 1978.

780.922 M Music on the rock: jazz, calypso, country, soul, reggae, gospel. 2009.

785.067 D Doars, Erskine. The history and memoirs of the North Village Band. 1988.

929.2 C Cox, John. At home in early Bermuda. 2011

929.2 C ---. Bermuda lore: 1649-1900. 2004 929.37296 H Hallett, C. F. E. Early colonists of the Bahamas: a selection of records. 1996.

929.37299 H Hallett, Archibald Cameron Hollis. *Early Bermuda records 1619-1829 : a guide to the parish and clergy registers with some assessment lists and petitions.* 1991.

929.37299 H ---. 19th century Bermuda wills, 1835-1913: summarized and indexed: a genealogical reference book. 2000.

929.37299 H ---. 19th century church registers of Bermuda. 2005.

929.37299 H Hallett, C. F. E. Bermuda index 1784-1914: an index of births, marriages, deaths, as recorded in Bermuda newspapers. 1989.

929.37299 H ---. Early Bermuda wills, 1629-1835: summarized and indexed: a genealogical reference book. 1993.

929.37299 M Mercer, Julia E. Bermuda settlers of the 17th century: genealogical notes from Bermuda. 1982

929.5 T Tulloch, H. R. (Hilary R.) *Bermuda memorial inscriptions*. 2011

972.99 H Hallett, Archibald Cameron Hollis. *Bermuda under the Sommer Islands Company 1612-1648 : civil records.* 2005.

972.99 R Robinson, Kenneth Ellsworth. *Heritage: including an account of Bermudian builders, pilots and petitioners of the early post-abolition period 1834-1859.* 1979.

972.990044 M Mudd, Patricia Marirea. *Portuguese Bermudians:* early history and reference guide, 1849-1949. 1991.

Bermuda Historical Quarterly – Index available with the bound set in the Staff Area.

Bermuda Blue Books

The Blue Books include a staff list for the Civil Service. The Bermuda National Library holds most issues from 1902 -1950. For access, please fill in a

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Closed Collection request form, available from the Public Information Desk.

Please note that there is a retrieval fee of \$25 for some of the items held within the Bermuda National Library's Closed Collection, which includes original documents and newspapers.

Newspapers

The Bermuda National Library holds several local newspapers on microfilm for use within the Library. The **Digital Collection** is available via a link at www.bnl.bm and this collection currently includes the *Royal gazette* from 1784-May 1944, the *Bermuda recorder* from July 1933-July 1975, and more!

Parliamentary Registers

Parliamentary Registers give the addresses and names of those who are allowed to vote. They are normally arranged by street within each parish. Current editions are available at the Bermuda National Library, Post Offices and online. Several of the older Registers can be seen upon request at the Bermuda National Library and at the Government Archives.

Land Title and Registration Office (LTRO):

Property registration was centralised to the Registrar General's Office in 1972; records include parish records as far back as 1939. The LTRO, established in 2006, now holds all records. There is an hourly fee of \$25.00 for individuals using their records.

Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.4:30 p.m.

Contact Information

Department of Land Title Registration, 1st Floor Milner Place, 32 Victoria Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

Tel: 441-294-9260

Email: landtitleregistryoffice@gov.bm

Registrar General's Office

Please note that the Registrar General charges local researchers \$25 per hour (or any part thereof). Research done by a Registry officer costs \$58 per hour (or any part thereof).

Indexes and Certificates of Births, Marriages, Deaths

All births, marriages and deaths in Bermuda should have been registered with the local registrar. Information about Bermuda's Registry General can be found at:

https://www.gov.bm/department/registry-general

Members of the public may search the Birth, Marriage and Death records at the Public Search Facility, located on the 1st floor of the Government Administration Building, Hamilton, on payment of an hourly fee.

Queries can be phoned in or emailed to:
General Enquires: 297-7739 taarchibald@gov.bm
Marriages: 297-7709 kminors@gov.bm
See https://www.gov.bm/birth-and-death-registration
for more information.

Alternately, please contact the staff at: The Registry General, 1st floor, Government Administration Building, 30 Parliament Street, Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

For births, deaths and marriages prior to 1866 please contact the **Bermuda Archives** at 297-7737.

Email: reference.archives@gov.bm.

You can also use several books that have been created from those early sources. These books are available at the Bermuda Archives and at the Bermuda National Library.

Wills

Wills can be a very useful source of information for historians as they may give details of family circumstances and often indicate the transfer of property. Microfilm copies of the books of wills from the 1600s to the 1974 (probated wills) are available at the **Government Archives** in the public reference room.

Early Bermuda wills have also been transcribed and published by Dr. and Mrs. Hallett.

For probated wills dated after 1974 researchers are encouraged to contact the **Registry of the Supreme Court**.

Registry of the Supreme Court

The Supreme Court Registry is responsible for the administration of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. It was established by the Supreme Court Act 1905 and the Rules of the Supreme Court 1985.

The Registry is vital to the functioning of these courts, and is responsible for:

- processing all court documents
- maintaining the secure custody and safety of all court records
- making relevant information available for court users
- collecting and accounting for all fees and fines received by the Courts
- providing support to the Justices of Appeal, Supreme Court Judges and the Registrar
- listing cases for hearing
- recording all events which take place during the course of a case
- Receiving and processing applications for the grant of Probate or the Administration of intestate estates
- managing the resources required for the effective functioning of the courts.

Contact Information

Supreme Court Registry,
(Family/Matrimonial Division, Probate Division & Criminal Division),

3rd Floor, Dame Lois Browne Evans Building, 58 Court Street,

Hamilton HM 12, Bermuda

Tel: 441-292-1350

Overseas patrons can email queries to:

supremecourt@gov.bm

Residents are asked to search records in person.

Supreme Court Registry Business Hours

At this time (2018) offices of the Judiciary are open 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday, closing at 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with the exception of Public Holidays and scheduled closures. Search fees do apply.

Telephone Directories

The Bermuda National Library has copies of the Bermuda Telephone Directory from 1950, 1957, 1966, and 1974-2016. For access, please fill in a Closed Collection request form, available from the Public Information Desk.



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