



Research Guide: Genealogy

Alfred T. Holt's [Bath families of the 19th century](#) – Contains genealogical data on more than 500 [Bath families of the 19th century](#) compiled by Dr. Alfred T. Holt. Vital statistics are annotated with original sources. This resource is only available at Patten Free Library's History Room.

Early Jewish families of Bath / by Alfred T. Holt – Genealogical data for early Jewish families of Bath, dating to the 1900, 1910 and 1920 census records.

Vertical Files – Vertical Files are files of clippings and other bits of information, organized by subject and surname, including others' research notes. There is a vertical file for many, but not all, families from Bath. Clippings may include articles in the newspaper, obituaries, or other interesting photocopied pieces.

City Directories – [City directories](#) list people alphabetically by town. Bath, Arrowsic, Georgetown, West Bath, and Woolwich, plus other nearby towns, are represented in our collection. The Bath directory was first published in 1867. You can look up an ancestor to find their address, profession, and other interesting pieces of information. Make sure to look at the abbreviations legend at the beginning of each directory!

Vital Records – The History Room has an impressive collection of vital records in book form and on microfilm. The book versions are easier to maneuver since they often have indexes and are printed, whereas the microfilm reels are photographs of the actual handwritten town ledgers. Ask the librarian where to get started if you are unsure.

Fotocive – Archival photograph collections are indexed in Fotocive, which patrons may have searched by request. It is unusual to have a person identified by name in Fotocive but worth a search!

Manuscript Collections – Family papers, research papers, and business records may include information about your family. Ask the librarian about using manuscript collections.

Henry Wilson Owen's [The Edward Clarence Plummer history of Bath, Maine](#) – A comprehensive history of Bath published in 1926. The detailed index is worth searching for names of ancestors.

Martin and Snow's [Maine Odyssey](#) – Bath history from 1936-1989. Also worthwhile to look up a more recent relative in the index!