Source Material in the Charleston Library of Special Interest to Genealogists and Historians

17. Local Newspapers on Microfilm

The Gazette
Jan. 8, 1731—Sept. 28, 1782 (known under several names during this period, all include the word “Gazette.”)

Charleston Morning Post
Jan. 18, 1786—Oct. 17, 1787

City Gazette
Nov. 6, 1787—Dec. 31, 1795

(Charleston) Times
Oct. 6, 1800—July 24, 1821

* Charleston Courier
Jan. 10, 1803—June 30, 1852

L’Oracle, Francais-American
Jan. 1, 1807—Dec. 8, 1807

Southern Patriot
Jan. 22, 1818– Dec. 31, 1846

* Charleston Daily Courier
July 1, 1852—April 5, 1873

Charleston Mercury
Jan. 1, 1852—Nov. 16, 1868

Deutsche Zeitung
Oct. 4, 1853-Dec. 29, 1917

Confederate Baptist (Columbia)
Oct. 1, 1862—Jan. 25, 1865

* Charleston Daily News
Sept. 8, 1866—April 5, 1873

* Charleston News
Jan. 1, 1873—April 5, 1873

* News and Courier
April 6, 1873—Sept. 30, 1991

World and Sunday Budget
April 9, 1881—Oct. 7, 1891

Charleston American
Aug. 25, 1916—Sept. 29, 1923 (incomplete)

* Charleston Evening Post

The Star
Dec. 1, 1935—Dec. 31, 1936

Coastal Times

Post and Courier
Oct. 1, 1991—to date

* (In Periodicals Dept.)

Miscellaneous Early SC Newspapers
Scattered issues & newspapers primarily from Charleston in the 1800's

Miscellaneous Negro Newspapers
Includes 9 SC newspapers, scattered issues
Source Material

1. Transcripts of Charleston County wills, estate inventories, and miscellaneous records prior to 1869. (100 volumes, about half are in print and half on microfilm.) Index in three volumes.

2. Death Records from the Charleston County Health Department on index cards. These cover the years 1819-1926, but are incomplete. Primarily only deaths in the City of Charleston are included. (The original ledgers are in the Charleston Archives and on microfilm.)

3. City of Charleston Death Certificates, 1866 to 1914 (incomplete). On microfilm.

4. Print out of staff created index to Charleston City Death Records, 1819-1868. Ongoing project. Arranged in three sections by name, cause of death, and place of internment. SCR 975.7915 City

5. Birth Records from the City of Charleston, available for the years 1877-1926 (incomplete.) Difficult to read. Original ledgers are in the Charleston Archives.


8. * Charleston Yearbooks, 1880-1951 (also available on microfiche.)

9. * Registers of Signatures of Depositors in Branches of Freedman’s Saving and Trust Company, 1864-1874. (Charleston and Beaufort, SC branches only. Name index on CD-Rom.)

10. * Compiled Service Records of Confederate soldiers who served in organizations from the state of South Carolina (392 reels, name index available.)

11. * Accounts Audited of Claims Growing Out of the Revolution in South Carolina (165 reels, arranged alphabetically by name.)

12. * Records of the Charleston Orphan House including Applications to Admit: Accepted 19th Century and Applications to Admit: Rejected 19th and 20th Century (originals are in the Charleston Archive.)

13. * Records of the Field Offices for the State of South Carolina, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1872 (no index)

14. * World War I: Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918: South Carolina (arranged by county and then alphabetically by name.)

15. * W.P.A. Transcripts of Tombstone inscriptions in South Carolina (doesn’t include every cemetery in SC but does include a lot of them, arranged alphabetically by name.)

16. Records Relating to Enrollment of Eastern Cherokees by Guion Miller 1908-1910 (name index available.)

* on microfilm

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