

Virginia Research Facilities—Northern Virginia—Arlington

Arlington Central Library

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Research Facility

Center for Local History at the Arlington Public Library: Our genealogy collection is primarily Arlington-focused with some material on neighboring counties as well as a more general focus on Virginia, including a number of county/city/town histories.

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wednesday 1 p.m.–9 p.m.; Closed Fridays and Sundays.

Be Prepared

Cameras may not be used except to photograph large-scale maps; microfilm copies can be saved to a USB drive. We do not use the coin function of the copy machine. Keep track of your copies and pay when you leave (15 cents per page).

Holdings

We maintain files of obituaries as well as subject files on a variety of topics including neighborhoods, organizations, historic houses, etc. Our collection also includes city/county directories and old telephone books as well as files on families with particularly strong Arlington roots/connections, and maps including Franklin Survey and Sanborn Maps and aerial photographs. Local newspapers have been indexed since 1981, and the Arlington Historical Magazine, a rich resource for researchers is also indexed in an in-house file.

Collections

Unusual/unique items include our Historic Building Permit Collection, which is useful to those researching the construction and subsequent evolution of a particular property and material from our Community Archives, including material on Freedman's Village.

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