

Virginia Research Facilities—Central Virginia—Lynchburg



Jones Memorial Library

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There is no charge.

Repository

Jones Memorial Library (JML) specializes in genealogy and local history. Although its primary focus is on the central Virginia area, the collection includes a wide variety of materials covering the State of Virginia as well as the surrounding states, including county histories and court records, family histories and genealogies, general works on the Civil War, county land tax and personal property tax records, and census records.

Be Prepared

It will save you some time to go to the JML website, <http://www.jmlibrary.org>, and use the catalog to determine which resources you would like to see. Our stacks are closed to the public, so a staff member will pull the resources for you. Staff members are available to assist you in the reading room, as time allows.

Copies are 25¢ per page and will be made by a staff member. No photocopies of any of the manuscript collection or books published before 1926 are allowed.

You may use your laptop computer, and you are also allowed to use a digital camera. Free Wi-Fi access is available.

Holdings

The microfilm collection includes court records from Lynchburg and the surrounding counties. Materials of local interest include microfilmed copies of the Lynchburg newspapers, microfilmed copies of funeral home burial files, architectural archives, city directories, indexes of marriage and death notices, and microfilmed church records.

Collections

The Library houses over 300 manuscript collections, including personal family papers and correspondence, records of clubs and organizations, and business records.

Among the Library's collections are the following:

- **The Family File**, which contains materials concerning specific families or individuals, in the form of charts, family data, cemetery & bible records, as well as unpublished books.
- **The Pamphlet File**, which is made up of those smaller documents and loose papers that would be difficult to house as part of a larger collection.
- **The Lynchburg Architectural Archives**, which is a special collection of over 2,000 sets of architectural drawings and renderings of architects who have practiced, or are practicing, in the Lynchburg area.
- **Newspapers:** Microfilmed copies of Lynchburg newspapers from 1795 to the present are available for your perusal.
- **Funeral Home Records:** This collection includes the burial records of the J. E. Fauber Funeral Home of Lynchburg, VA (1919–1952), as well as the J. J. Hughes & Company (1915–1917), and the Lynchburg Undertaking Company, Inc. (1918), predecessors of the Fauber establishment, and of the Virginia Funeral Chapel, Inc. (1952–1985), which succeeded the Fauber Funeral Home.
- **The Virginia Families Data Base:** Available at the Library is a very large database of Virginia families, especially those who lived in Lynchburg or the surrounding counties. You may have photocopies made at a charge of 25¢ per page.

Obituaries

There is available an index to obituaries found in Lynchburg & area county newspapers from 1795 to the present. The portion of the index from 1837 to the present can be searched at our website. You may also order copies of obituaries by going to our website and following the directions found there. There is a charge of \$10 per obituary, if ordered this way.

Publications for sale

The following publications are for sale: *Lynchburg, Virginia: The First Hundred Years* (2004) by James M. Elson; *Free Blacks of Lynchburg, Virginia, 1805-1865* (2001) by Ted Delaney & Phillip Wayne Rhodes; and *History of Pamplin, Virginia* (2004) by Nancy Jamerson Weiland.

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