

# Virginia Research Facilities—Charlottesville—UVA

## University of Virginia, Albemarle County, Virginia

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Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library  
and Alderman Library, University of Virginia

### **Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library**

Harrison Institute  
160 McCormick Road (next to Alderman Library)  
Charlottesville, VA 22904

Information (no reference questions please): (434) 243-1776; (434) 924-3025  
Small Library's website: <http://small.library.virginia.edu/>  
For planning a visit: <http://small.library.virginia.edu/home/visit/>  
Reference Request Form: <https://www2.lib.virginia.edu/small/referencerequest/>  
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### **Research Facility**

The Library at the University of Virginia is a public institution and is open to all without charge.

For Virginia Genealogy: A Guide to Genealogical Resources at the University of Virginia, compiled by Jean L. Cooper (2014), go to <http://genealogy.library.virginia.edu>. This guide leads the user to resources of the 14 libraries on the grounds, but primarily at Alderman Library and the Small Special Collections Library. These are the two libraries that hold most of the genealogy-related materials. Residents of Virginia over the age of 16 may check out circulating material. Interlibrary loan requests must be made through your local library or archives.

## **Be Prepared**

- Before you arrive, we suggest you search the Library's online catalog, VIRGO, to find manuscript items in your area of interest. Catalog: <http://search.lib.virginia.edu/>
- Be sure to check hours online or call ahead to make sure the library is open.
- In general you may take digital photographs of documents (barring special cases), but in the Small Special Collections Library you must sign a form at the desk before you take any photos.
- The Library has microfilm scanners, so you can save scans of materials to your flash drive.
- University of Virginia Library is a participant in the Virginia Heritage Database, which offers detailed information about the special collections holdings of 30 Virginia libraries. Check the database for holdings information before you arrive: <http://vaheritage.org/>.

## **Holdings and Collections**

While the University Library primarily supports the curriculum of the University, the Library collection has a wealth of resources for the genealogical researcher. In addition to digital sources of 19th century newspapers, HeritageQuestOnline.com for census records, extensive microform collections, and access to the LVA's Chancery Court Records online, the Small Special Collections Library holds original manuscript materials from the 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Alderman Library holds a Government Documents Regional Repository.

Our collections include material from the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, as well as United States and international materials. The Small Special Collections Library holds more than 16 million objects including manuscripts, archival records, rare books, maps, broadsides, photographs, audio and video recordings and more. Collections are particularly strong in American and British literature, the history of Virginia and the southeastern United States, the history and archives of the University of Virginia, sporting books and manuscripts, World War I, bibliography and book arts (including fine press books, pop-up books, and typography). We do not have official Virginia vital records in our collections; those are located in the Library of Virginia in Richmond.

Submitted by Jean L. Cooper

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