

## Genealogy Assignment

1. Does your library, a main library for your system, or another library reasonably close by have a local history or genealogy collection? If so, find out:
  - a. Is it open the same hours as the rest of the library?
  - b. Who provides the staffing? (Regular library staff? Volunteers from a local historical society?)
  - c. What does it have? Are there county histories of your county? Any others in California? Are there biographical files? Newspaper clippings? Special indexes made by the staff? Microfilm?
  - d. What is the extent of help that will be offered to a library user who is referred there?
  
2. Where is your closest county or city historical society? Find out from them some of the same things as you found out from the library local history collection:
  - a. What resources does it have, especially those that are not in the library collection?
  - b. Are there services that must be paid for, such as obituary searching? What's the fee? How long does it usually take?
  - c. Are programs offered? What kind?
  - d. What is the extent of help that will be offered to a library user who is referred there? Can someone hire a professional genealogist through them?
  
3. How does someone go about getting local death notices and obituaries? Find out:
  - a. Does your library keep microfilm of a local paper or papers? If not, where is the nearest library that does, or is this something that gets referred to your library consortia's system reference center? How far back do the papers go? Are there other newspapers that cover the area for other time periods? What is the cost to make copies? Will the library make copies for people out of the area that request it? Is there a fee? How long might someone wait for a copy of a death notice?
  - b. If there isn't a local library that performs this service, what are the other options? Will the local historical or genealogical society do it? Is there a fee? How much is it? What is the wait period for a response? Will the local newspaper provide this? For how much and how quickly?
  
4. How close is the nearest LDS Family Center? (Check the [Local Latter Day Saints \(LDS\) Family History Centers website](http://tinyurl.com/4po5) [tinyurl.com/4po5].) What resources/services does it offer?