LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY THAT OFFER GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES TO PATRONS
(Accurate as of January 11, 2021)

LARGER LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

<u>ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY</u>

Library headquarters located at 5 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401. Headquarters does not have library materials available for use by patrons, as it is administrative offices <u>only</u>.

Branch locations, including link to branch web sites, addresses and telephone numbers:

Broadneck: 1275 Green Holly Drive, Annapolis, MD 21409. (410) 222-1905

Brooklyn Park: 1 East 11th Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21225. (410) 222-6260

Busch Annapolis: 1410 West Street in Annapolis, MD 21401. (410) 222-1750

Crofton: 1681 Riedel Road, Crofton, MD 21114. (410) 222-7915

Deale: 5940 Deale-Churchton Road, Deale, MD 20751. (410) 222-1925

Discoveries: The Library at the Mall: 2550 Annapolis Mall Road, Annapolis, MD 21401, (410) 222-0133

Eastport-Annapolis Neck: 269 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403. (410) 222-1770

Edgewater: 25 Stepneys Lane, Edgewater, MD 21037. (410) 222-1538

Glen Burnie: 1010 Eastway, Glen Burnie, MD 21060. (410) 222-6270

Linthicum: 400 Shipley Road, Linthicum, MD 21090. (410) 222-6265

Maryland City at Russett: 3501 Russett Common, Laurel, MD 20724. (410) 222-1070

Mountain Road: 4730 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. (410) 222-6699

Odenton: 1325 Annapolis Road, Odenton 21113. (410) 222-6277

Riviera Beach: *Temporary location during construction:* 8485A Fort Smallwood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122. (410) 222-6285

Severn: 2624 Annapolis Road, Severn, MD 21144. (410) 222-6280

Severna Park: 45 West McKinsey Road, Severna Park, MD 21146. (410) 222-6290

Branch hours vary by location; as of January 11, 2021, all branches are closed due to Covid. Anyone can use library branches when they are open.

Parking: All branches have parking lots and parking is free.

Web site: https://www.aacpl.net/

Wi-fi availability: Wi-fi is available in all branches. AACPL recently upgraded wi-fi so that signal strength is strong in branch library parking lots, allowing patrons to use wi-fi from their cars. Parking lot wi-fi is not available at the Discoveries branch at the mall in Annapolis or the Riviera Beach branch. To connect, locate the access point **AACPLPublicWiFi** on your device, select it, and click Accept**.** For more details, see https://www.aacpl.net/wireless-access.

Email address for general information: Use the form on the library web site to ask a question: https://askus.aacpl.net/form.php?queue_id=1901.

What is needed to use the library? A library card. AACPL offers two types of library cards. A Virtual Library Card allows a patron to use digital resources, such as online databases of articles and other digital resources. To borrow physical materials, such as print books or DVDs, a Full-Service Library Card is required. Loan periods vary by type of material. See https://www.aacpl.net/get-a-library-card.

Print Resources: The Annapolis branch houses the Gold Star Collection of books about Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, other Maryland counties, and the state of Maryland. While predominantly addressing history and genealogy, there are some books in the collection that address other topic in the county or state. These materials must be used in the library. Other branches include some materials relating to local history and genealogy, and most of these can be checked out. The library catalog, which is the finding aid for all books in the library collection, is available on the library's web site. Books in the circulating collection can be placed on "hold" by patrons, who can choose the branch where they will pick up the book.

Digital Resources: AACPL offers a wide variety of digital resources and a library card is required to log into these products. Note that you may be prompted to enter your library card each time you enter a new resource, even if you have entered it earlier in your session. Because many of these resources were designed to be used by individuals who subscribe to them, some features may not be available to library patrons. AACPL Digital Resources that relate to genealogy include:

- Ancestry Library Edition: Usually available only in branches, but during Covid, Ancestry allowed libraries to offer it remotely. Currently available remotely through 3/31/2021, though that could be extended.

- City and Business Directories: Maryland, 1752-1929: Collection of 145 business and city directories. Coverage includes Annapolis, Baltimore, Cumberland, Hagerstown, and other areas in the state.

- Fold 3 Library Edition: Military records and other resources relating to military life.

- Genealogy Connect: Database of more than 1000 digital books relating to genealogy published by Genealogical Publishing Company and its affiliates. Can search or browse the books. Not updated on a regular basis, so not likely to include books published within the past few years.

- HeritageQuest: Includes city directories, U.S. Census records, obituaries, more than 28,000 local and family history books, wills and probate records, military records, and more. Now "powered by Ancestry."

- Historical Newspapers by ProQuest: Includes the Baltimore Sun from 1837 through 1995 and The New York Times from 1851 through 2017.

- Newspaper Archives – Contains newspapers from about 20 Maryland cities and towns, including Maryland Gazette and several other newspapers published in the Annapolis. Other nearby cities and towns represented include Baltimore, Leonardtown, and Port Tobacco, as well as newspapers from the Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, and other areas of Central Maryland.

Programs or Training Related to Genealogy: See the AACPL calendar of events at https://aacpl.librarycalendar.com/ . Use the "filter" at the left side of the screen to search for genealogy. The library periodically offers an introduction to its resources for genealogy and sometimes brings in outside speakers to address the topic.

Parking: All branches have parking lots and parking is free.

Other: AACPL offers interlibrary loan service. If it does not own book or have access to an article that you need, the library can ask to borrow it from another library. See https://www.aacpl.net/Marina-interlibrary.

AACPL provides a guide listing its digital resources, web sites, and other materials that are helpful to those researching their family trees. See https://www.aacpl.net/genealogy. This main guide provides links to guides maintained by AACPL on specific genealogy topics, such as African American genealogy, vital records, and sources for immigration information.

KUETHE LIBRARY
5 Crain Highway, SE
Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Telephone: 410-760-9679

Website: https://aagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=9

Email address for general inquiries: info@aagensoc.org

Open to the Public? Yes.

Wi-Fi: Contact library staff.

Parking: Parking is available behind the Kuethe Library.

What is needed to use the library? No library card is necessary, as Kuethe's materials do not leave the building. Member of the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society and the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society may use the library free of charge; other pay $5.00 on each day that they use the library. All library patrons pay for photocopies.

Hours of operation are Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm, with evening Hours by appointment. The library is typically closed the Thursday, Friday, and Saturday when there is a Monday holiday, such as Memorial Day or Labor Day, or when a major holiday falls on one of those days.

See https://aagensoc.org/index.php social distancing guidelines that are in place during the pandemic.

Print resources: The library includes the holdings of both the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society and the Anne Arundel Genealogical Society. Although specializing in Anne Arundel County and Maryland material, its holdings encompass the eastern, central states as well as some western material among its more than 6,000 volumes. In addition to published material, the collection includes manuscripts, maps, photographs, genealogical, biographical and subject files.

All books in the Kuethe library are listed in the Anne Arundel County Public Library catalog. However, the books at Kuethe cannot be checked out and are for use only in the Kuethe Library building. AACPL maintains a page about the Kuethe Library on its web site: https://www.aacpl.net/kuethe.

More details about the Kuethe library print collection can be found here: https://aagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=21.

Digital resources: Kuethe also provides some finding aids. In the sidebar at the left of the Kuethe home page, there is an index to the Bible Records collection. There is also a list of the surnames found in the Bible records at Kuethe.

The Surname Research link in that same space leads to a chart of surnames that AACS members are researching; members can make contact with those who might be able to help them in their research.

The cemetery research web page at https://aagensoc.org/cemeteryRecords.php provides information about 260 cemeteries in Anne Arundel County.

A copy of the recently released *Anne Arundel County Cemetery Art*, by AAGS member Christine Simmons, can be downloaded at https://aagensoc.org/cpage.php?pt=148.

The Facts section of the sidebar at https://aagensoc.org/facts.php?sid=1 takes web site readers to information about Anne Arundel County history, getting started in genealogy, census facts, and cemetery information sources.

Programs and Training Related to Genealogy: Monthly Anne Arundel Genealogy meetings feature speakers who discuss topics of interest to family history researchers. See https://aagensoc.org/eventListings.php?nm=78&page=1&nr=50&ec=1&tf=P for a list of past meetings. Currently meetings are being held via Zoom.

Use the "filter by category" option to find other types of programs and training activities offered by a variety of organization here: https://aagensoc.org/eventListings.php?nm=78.

Other: Information about Anne Arundel Genealogical Society can be found at https://aagensoc.org/about.php.

THURGOOD MARSHALL STATE LAW LIBRARY
361 Rowe Blvd.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Telephone: 410-260-1430, 888-216-8156

Email address for general information: lawlibrary@mdcourts.gov

Web site: https://mdcourts.gov/

Wi-fi: Available when building is open. For information, check with library staff.

Parking: Behind the library or at Naval Academy Stadium parking lot

What is needed to use the library: Library materials cannot be checked out by the general public. General information about visiting the library, including hours of operation, can be found at https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib/using-library/visiting-library. Services are described at https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib/using-library/reference-services.

Print resources: The State Law Library has a collection of genealogy books and they are listed in the library's catalog, found at https://lawlib.state.md.us/. The collection includes about several thousand books relating to genealogy. Books range from "how to do genealogy" to family histories (especially those families with a presence in Maryland), church histories, cemetery guides, town and community histories, and more.

Digital resources: The Law Library's guide to genealogy can be found at https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib/research/research-guides/history-and-genealogy. A page within the guide provides a lengthy list of types of sources used for genealogy: https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib/research/research-guides/history-and-genealogy/data-sources. Another addresses legal topics as they relate to genealogy, including copyright, access to records, laws governing cemeteries, and "legal occurrences" that may limit information that can be found about an ancestor: https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib/research/research-guides/history-and-genealogy/law-and-genealogy.

Most of the Law Library's databases may be used in the library by those researching their families; a few are available remotely. Databases are listed at https://mdcourts.gov/lawlib/research/databases#News. Legal resources are listed first, followed by historical newspapers. Two genealogy databases are available in the library. One is Ancestry. The other is ProQuest's African American Heritage.

Programs and Training: None. Librarian assistance is available when using library resources.

Other: Though not related to genealogy, the State Law Library owns a nearly complete collection of John James Audubon's bird prints, housed in its Special Collections Room.

Its collection of 430 of the 435 prints is one of only 120 known sets. In addition to the prints, the collection includes rare books addressing natural and social history, philosophy, and literature. These books were acquired in the early 1800s, before the library focused primarily on law.

ANDREW G. TRUXAL LIBRARY
ANNE ARUNDEL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

101 College Parkway
Arnold, MD 21012

Telephone: 410-777-2456 (Reference Desk)

Website: https://www.aacc.edu/resources/academic-services/library/

Email address for general inquiries: library@aacc.edu.

Wi-fi: Available in all college buildings, including the library and in some outside areas.

Open to the public? Yes, though the library is currently providing remote services while the building is closed due to Covid. See the "Questions" box on the library home page for ways to contact the library while it is closed. During the hours that the library is open for virtual services, the "Ask Us A Question" link connects to chat reference.

Parking: Lot A is the closest parking area to the library. A campus map is available at https://www.aacc.edu/about/locations/.

What is needed to use the library? When the library is open, anyone may visit the library and use print and digital resources in the building. An AACC library card is required to borrow books and access digital resources remotely. Loan periods vary by the type of material borrowed.

Hours of operation: Current hours of operation for remote services can be found at https://libguides.aacc.edu/calendar. When the library reopens for in-person services, the hours will be updated.

Print resources: The library collection is typical of an academic library in that its primary function is to support the curriculum.

Both the reference and circulating collections have books about Anne Arundel County, Annapolis, other areas in the county, and other parts of the state that would be useful to those researching their family trees. *A Stepping Stone: The History of Anne Arundel Community College*, published in 1981, addresses the years of planning prior to the opening of AACC in 1961 through the early years of the college. Individuals instrumental in developing the college, as well as early faculty members and other employees are mentioned by name in the book. Copies are available in the library.

The library has copies of these college publications that can also aid genealogists in researching family members:

- *The Pioneer*, the AACC yearbook published from 1963 through 1974

- *Anne Arundel Community College Bulletin*, the college catalog published from 1961-1962 through 2019-2020. The catalog for the current year is available online at https://catalog.aacc.edu/.
- Campus Current, Campus Crier, and some earlier student newspapers.

Digital resources: A list of digital resources can be found on the library web site at https://libguides.aacc.edu/az.php.

Programs or training related to genealogy: While the library does not provide programs or training, the AACC continuing education program offers a variety of genealogy courses through the year. To learn about non-credit courses, go to https://www.aacc.edu/course-search/ and enter the word genealogy in the search box.

GREENFIELD LIBRARY
ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
60 College Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401

Telephone: 410-626-2548 (Circulation desk)

Web Site: https://www.sjc.edu/academic-programs/libraries/greenfield-library

Open to the public? Yes, pre-Covid.

Parking: At metered street parking spots or in parking garages in Annapolis.

Hours: Vary by time of year and can be obtained from the telephone number above.

Print resources: The print collection is closely aligned with the college's Great Books curriculum.

Digital resources: The St. John's libraries in Annapolis and Santa Fe maintain a digital archive at
https://digitalarchives.sjc.edu/?_ga=2.106438726.472085994.1610337560-1152929144.1610337560

Materials that related only to the Annapolis campus can be found by clicking the link labeled "Annapolis Materials" at the top of the page noted above. The Annapolis Materials page can be reached directly at https://digitalarchives.sjc.edu/items. Items most likely to be of use to genealogists include:

- Yearbooks – St. John's published a yearbook beginning in 1896, though they were not published every year. Several titles were used over the years.

- St. John's Reporter – Student newspaper published between 1974 and 2000.

- Playbills and Programs – From various events at St. John's, including productions sponsored by The King William Players, a student theatrical group.

- Photographic Archive – Photos of St. John's campus and Annapolis buildings through the years; St. John's presidents, students, and faculty; student clubs and activities;

- The Gadfly – Weekly student publication distributed weekly to students, faculty, and staff starting in 1980

- Commencement addresses – From 1796 through 2017, with gaps.

- The Collegian – Started as a student newspaper in 1893, changed to a literary magazine in 1952, switched back to a newspaper in 1969, did not publish from

1980 through 1988, and resumed publication as a newspaper in 1989. Archive runs from 1893 through 1991.

- College Catalogs – published annually. Collection starts in 1852 and ends with 2016-2017.

- Bulletin of St. John's College in Annapolis – published quarterly and distributed to alumni, faculty, and staff. Currently, issued from 1932-1968 have been digitized, though with some gaps.

Programs or training relating to genealogy: None

Other: Some of St. John's archival materials are house at Maryland State Archives, including matriculation records. The library director indicated that the college planning to digitize these materials soon.

MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES
Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse State Archives Building
350 Rowe Blvd.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Telephone: 410-260-6400 or 800-235-4045

Website: https://msa.maryland.gov/

Email address for general inquiries: msa.helpdesk@maryland.gov

Wi-fi: Check with Archives staff

Open to the Public? Yes, but currently closed due to Covid. Check web site for reopening dates.

Parking: In Archives lot or across Rowe Blvd. at the Naval Academy Stadium.

Hours: Check web site or telephone for schedule.

Print resources: The Maryland State Archives is primarily a repository of records, though it does have a library unit that has books, magazines, and materials commonly found in libraries. These Archives' records are organized into many different collections, making its web site rather complicated to use. Some records have been digitized, but others are available only in hard copy, though the Archives is actively digitizing collections. You may refer to a digital finding aid and learn that the records you need to see are available only in hard copy. The Archives web site also provides several ways to access most categories of records. When the Archives is open, new users of its services could benefit from a face-to-face visit for a conversation with a staff member about specific research interests.

The Library's web site within that of the Maryland State Archives can be found at http://library.msa.maryland.gov/pages/home.aspx. The library's catalog appears on this page, where researchers can search in the Refined Search mode by author, title, subject, and other categories, or by keywords in the Basic Search mode. The collection is described as "Published records and sources on Maryland, its history, government, biography, geography, and natural resources; county, city, and town histories; regional studies; Chesapeake Bay; research guides; genealogies; and archives administration, conservation, and preservation." Test searches found mostly books. At the top of the page, a link takes you to a list of Periodicals grouped by the locations where they are housed: https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/refserv/library/serials/html/serials.html.

Digital resources: Many digital resources are also divided into different collections. They can be discovered in several ways. One method is to search the box at the top of the page. A search done here may return many results. Using quotation marks around searches with multiple consecutive words, such as a name, may yield better and fewer

results. For example, a search on "Henrietta Maria Hall" with quotation marked yields 12 results. Without the quotation marks, the search turned up 400 items; most had nothing to do with the individual named in the search box.

A more precise way to find the resources may be the tabs on the Archives home page underneath the search box. Hover over each tab to see the contents behind it:

- The About tab provides general information about the Archives and Maryland.
- The Find Records offers search option for finding a variety of record types, such as government reports, birth records, and death records, as well as resources identified for specific groups of users, such as teachers or beginning researchers.
- The Maryland History tab can take you to biographies of Marylanders, historic building files, and exhibits.
- The Digital Resources tab provides access to birth, marriage, and death records, as well as Archives of Maryland, which is described below.
- The Art & Culture tab gives access to the Maryland state art collection, historical photos, and exhibits relating to Maryland history.

Another way to gain access to materials in the Archives is to use the Guide to Government Records, located at http://guide.msa.maryland.gov/pages/index.aspx. Each tab provides guidance in using specific parts of the archive's collection:

- The Home tab give a general overview of using the Guide and the Introduction tab explains using it in more detail.
- The Reference and Research tab provides guide that address research in general. Another category of guides address searching in specific types of records, including birth, cemetery, labeled Topic Specific Guides, addresses finding and using many types of records, from marriage and court records to church records and city directories. Links to "important searchable collections," such as land records, Maryland historic properties, photos, newspapers, and biographical files, are listed, too. The guide provides links other organizations, such as libraries, genealogical and historical societies, and professional genealogists. Individual guides may include instructions for interpreting a particular type of record, indicate gaps in the collection, or detail how a collection is organized, among other helpful information. **This is a comprehensive list of research guides that should be a go-to resource when learning how to find materials in the Maryland State Archives.**
- The How to Place an Order provides details when ordering copies of records from the Archives.
- The Advanced Search tab leads to a search engine for finding records and other materials in the Archives.

Archives of Maryland Online is a large collection of documents and resources that is found at http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/html/index.html. The collection currently consists of 865 "volumes," each containing certain records or sets of records. Most pages in this collection are identified as "Early Records Online," despite the title noted in

at the start of this paragraph. This resource does contain some of the oldest records in the state. Specific records can be found through a search. Researchers can browse a list of the volumes that includes a short description of the contents of each, then click through to the resource or, in a few cases, see lists of print materials containing the materials and available at the Archives. Many of the records in this collection deal with the business of running the government, such as:

- Records of the Governor's Office, Senate, and House of Delegates
- Laws
- Land records from the 1600s and 1700s
- The Maryland Manual from 1885 through 2006
- Small collections of maps and newspapers
- Annual reports of the State Archivist

Programs or Training relating to Genealogy: The Archives offers videos on YouTube to assist patrons in using the online resources. Visit the Archives channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHfsJ4ZyklZTGKWshJDsemw.

When the Archives is open, it sponsors a variety of programs relating to research, genealogy, and history.

Other: The Archives will provide paper copies of records or high-quality copies of images for a fee. See https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/homepage/html/our-services.html for more details.

OTHER COLLECTIONS IN THE COUNTY THAT MAY ASSIST GENEALOGISTS

Joan Cass Beck Collections

The Joan Cass Beck collections are comprised of nearly 1,400 books, journals and audio/visual materials and are housed at the Anne Arundel Archaeology Lab at Historic London Town in Edgewater and at the Historical Preservation Research Library in the county's Division of Planning and Zoning. These collections are provided by Anne Arundel County Public Library.

More details about the materials in these collections, which relate to history and culture, can be found at https://www.aacpl.net/joan-cass-beck-collection. The collections are available for the public to use; please contact the agencies owning them to arrange a visit. Contact information for each can be found at the link above. Because these materials are located within offices for each of the organizations that host them, it is imperative, even in non-pandemic times to make an appointment to use the resources.

Kunta Kinte Library and Genealogy Resource Center
Kunta Kinte – Alex Haley Foundation, Inc.
Asbury United Methodist Church
87 West Street, 2nd Floor
Annapolis, MD 21401

Telephone: 410-295-9395

Web site: https://kintehaley.org/

Wi-fi: Check with staff

Email address for general information: info@kintehaley.org

Hours of operation: By appointment only. Call the number above to schedule a visit.

Print resources: The library's online catalog is available at https://kintehaley.org/tours-and-resources/online-library-catalog/

The collection contains books and other resources relating to African American history, genealogy, and heritage.