

# Strategy for Searching Societies and Libraries

**Step 1. Consult Handbooks on Genealogical Research**  
Handbooks on genealogical research offer instruction, advice, and information useful to both beginning and advanced genealogists.

**Step 2. Check Genealogy Surname Card Files**  
This physical and/or online card file is arranged alphabetically by surname and contains references to births, baptisms, marriages, and deaths.

