

Using the Periodical Source Index (PERSI)

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I. Objectives

- A. Learn about periodicals
- B. Explore how to find articles using PERSI
- C. Identify where to find periodical titles
- D. See examples of periodical finds

II. Periodicals

- A. What are periodicals?
- B. What can you find in a periodical?
- C. Why should you use periodicals?

III. PERSI

- A. What is PERSI?
- B. Facts about PERSI

IV. Finding PERSI

- A. Search for “persi index”
- B. Click on Periodical Source Index – ACPL Genealogy Center
- C. (www.genealogycenter.info/persi)

V. Using PERSI

- A. Surname search
- B. Place search
- C. Research technique search
- D. Keyword search

VI. Finding the periodical you need

- A. History & Genealogy at St. Louis County Library
 - 1. In person/online catalog in spring 2023 (slouc.na2.iiivega.com)

2. Example-David M. Kline, Jr. Family, *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey*
- B. Worldcat (worldcat.org)
- C. FamilySearch (familysearch.org)
- D. Internet Archive (archive.org)
- E. Order from Allen County Public Library
 1. Example order form
 2. Examples of articles received
 - a) The Lost Village of Awalt, *Historical Tidings*
 - b) Andrew Feaster Family, *Chester County Genealogical Society Bulletin*
 - c) James Trussell Estate File, *Local History and Genealogical Society Quarterly*
 - d) An Old Itawamba Lawman, *Itawamba Settlers*
 - e) William Medley of Itawamba County, *Itawamba Settlers*

VII. Go straight to the source

- A. May want to join society where ancestors lived
- B. Offer digitized issues, indexes, etc.
- C. Examples: Itawamba Historical Society, St. Louis Genealogical Society

VIII. More examples

- A. Pontotoc Co., MS Marriage Book 1849-1856, *The Northeast Mississippi Historical & Genealogical Society*
- B. Eubanks Bible Record, *Family Puzzlers*
- C. Hendrick-Roberts, Etc., *Everybody's Ancestry*

IX. For more information

- A. FamilySearch Wiki
([www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Periodical Source Index \(PERSI\)](http://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Periodical_Source_Index_(PERSI)))
- B. ACPL Genealogy Center (acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy)

X. Conclusion

