

Where should I look?

Genealogy Research in Wythe County

There are several facilities in Wytheville with at least some information of value for genealogy research:

Wythe County Courthouse

- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- 225 S. 4th Street, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30 (Park and enter on 6th St.)
- Maintaining official record of activities of the court



Wythe County Genealogical and Historical Association (WCGHA):

- 165 S. 11th Street, Mon-Fri 10-4
- Non-profit Regional Research Center for the genealogy and history of Southwest Virginia
- Support Wythe County Courthouse in preservation of documents, indexes, etc.



F.B. Kegley Library, Wytheville Community College

- 1000 E. Main Street, Mon-Fri 8-5
- Storehouse of local history and genealogy material.
- Original collections bequeathed by local historian F. B. Kegley, Mary B. Kegley, W. R. Chitwood, and others.
- Free access (in library) to Ancestry.com, Fold3.com, and Newspapers.com
- Partner library with FamilySearch.org



Wythe County Historical Society

- 115 W. Spiller Street, Mon-Tues 10-4
- Collection, preservation, and interpretation of Wythe County history
- Support of the Town of Wytheville Department of Museums



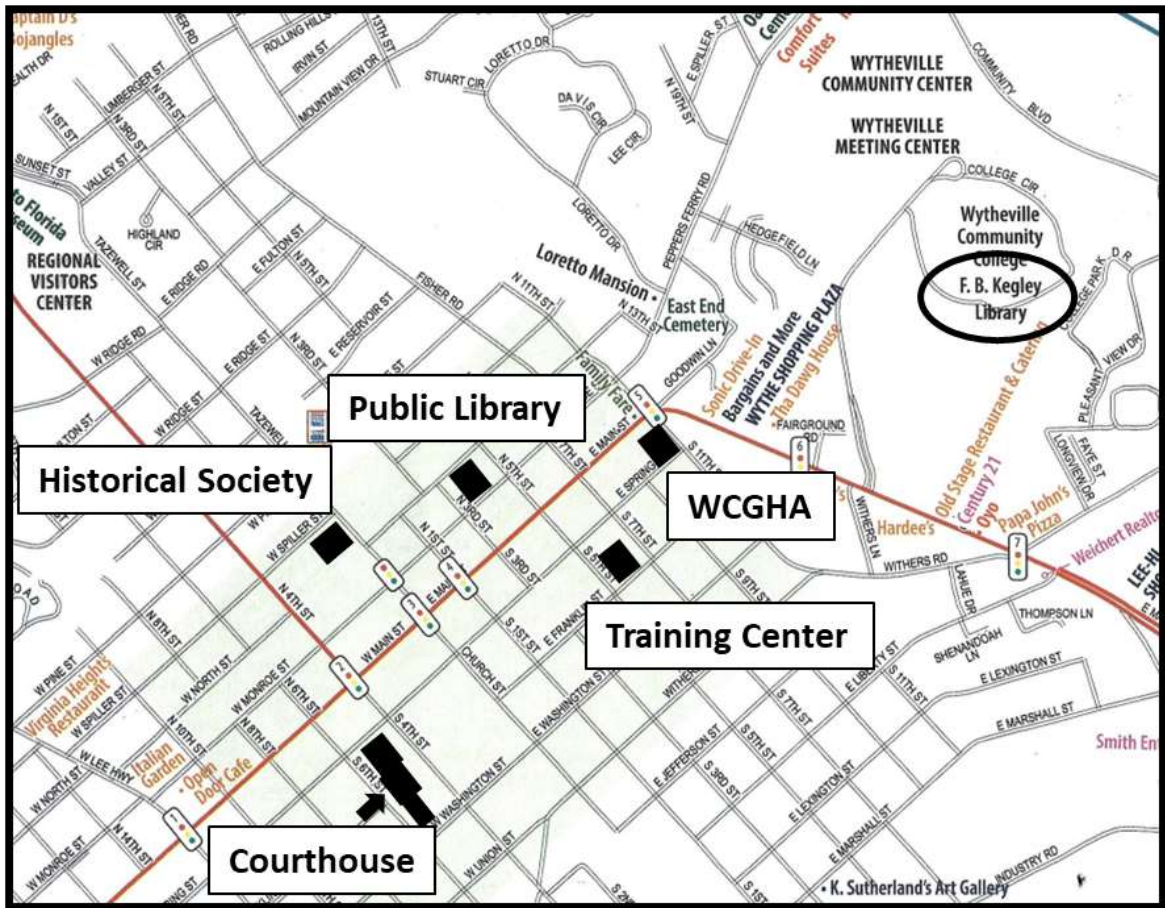
Wytheville Public Library

- 300 E. Monroe Street, M/W/F 9–6, T/F 9–8, S 9–2
- Reference books on history and genealogy
- Some local cemetery, church, military records and local family histories
- On-line access to Ancestry, Family Search, National Archives, DAR, GenWeb, Immigration Records, etc.



Wytheville Training School Cultural Center and African American Heritage Museum

- 410 E Franklin St.
- Monday-Friday 1-6 and every first and third Saturday 11-3
- Preservation of the historic Wytheville Training School
- Photos, Stories & Memorabilia that tell the history of African American Education in Wythe County.



What Are You Looking For?

How to do genealogy?	WCGHA, Kegley Library
References on genealogy or history?	WCGHA, Kegley Library, Public Library
Family histories or Family Files?	WCGHA, Kegley Library, Historical Society, Public Library
African American Family History	WCGHA, Af. Am. Heritage Mus.
Copies of original documents – marriage records, deeds, wills, etc.	Courthouse, WCGHA
Vital Records (Births, Deaths)	WCGHA, Courthouse, VA Dept of Health, Historical Society
History of the town or a particular building or business?	Historical Society or WCGHA
Military Records	WCGHA, Courthouse, Historical Society, Kegley Library, Public Library
Access to old newspapers or digitized copies	Kegley Library
Access to archived collections, including photos?	Kegley Library, WCGHA, Historical Society
Help in finding information on your family?	WCGHA, Kegley Library

How to do Genealogy

WCGHA

- “How to” handout, sample forms, reference books
- Periodic classes
- One-on-one help

Kegley Library

- Reference books
- One-on-one help

References on Genealogy or History

WCGHA

Published Court Records and History of VA, neighboring states, counties
Genealogy related topics, including DAR References, DNA
“How-to” information, sample forms, periodic classes

Historical Society

Indexes, directories, bibliographies, atlases & maps
Church histories
Scrapbooks, ledgers, and files on local businesses, police, fire, & rescue units

Kegley Library

5,000+ book collection covering local counties and regional communities

Public Library

Town/county histories, some surrounding county or state histories

Family Histories & Family Files

WCGHA

Early Adventurers on the Western Waters series by Mary B. Kegley
About 700 family histories (published and unpublished)
Extensive Family files and “First Family” files

Kegley Library

Extensive family files and subject files
More than 250 manuscript collections

Historical Society

About 100 family histories, family files, scrapbooks & Bibles

Public Library

Some local family histories

African American Family History

WCGHA

Freedman’s Bureau Records
Records of Free Blacks

African American Heritage Museum

Photos, Stories & Memorabilia on African American Education

Estate Records

WCGHA

Abstracts of Will Books 1-8 (1790-1855)
Chancery Index 1799-1912

Courthouse

Will Books 1790 to present
Original Wills*
Settlements*
Chancery Records* **

* Stored in basement, on request, with escort

** Available soon on-line at Library of VA

Historical Society

Abstracts of Will Books

Land Records

WCGHA

Abstracts of Deed Books 1790-1810
Settlers Map
Collection of early maps

Courthouse

Deed books 1790-Present
Plat Books
Property tax records
Secure Remote Access (by subscription \$25 per month)

Kegley Library

Extensive Collection of early maps

Historical Society

Abstracts of Deed Books

Court Records

Courthouse

Original Case Files* **

*Stored in basement, on request, with escort

** Chancery files available soon on-line at Library of Virginia

WCGHA

Chancery Index
Law and Criminal Case Indexes (by Plaintiff and Defendant)
Abstracts of Court Orders, 1790-1850, 1860-65

Historical Society

Abstracts of Court Orders

Marriages**WCGHA**

Published 1790-1900
Indexed 1900-1968
Copies of originals 1790-1968
Copies of bonds

Courthouse

Marriage Register 1790 to present
Originals 1790 to present*
* Stored in basement, on request with escort

Historical Society

Published indexes and other works on marriages
Family Bibles

Birth Records**WCGHA**

Published birth records late 1800s
Some doctor's records
Early German churches baptism records

Historical Society

Published birth records
Some Doctor's records
Church Baptism records
Family Bibles

Courthouse

Birth Records late 1800s

Kegley Library

Baptismal records of area Lutheran churches

Public Library

Some early local church records

VA Dept of Health

Births 19xx to present*

*On Ancestry and Library of Virginia after 100 years

Death Records

WCGHA

Published death records late 1800s and early 1900s

Published excerpts from news reports of deaths in 1800s

Some funeral home records

Cemetery lists

Courthouse

Death records late 1800s

Historical Society

Published death records

Obituary files

Cemetery Guides and indexes

Family Bibles

Kegley Library

Cemetery records by individuals and by cemetery locations

Funeral Home Records

VA Dept of Health

Deaths 19xx to present*

*On Ancestry and Library of Virginia after 25 years

Photos

WCGHA

Over 9000 photos, indexed by family name or subject

School yearbooks

Kegley Library

W.R. Chitwood, F.B. Kegley, and Mary B. Kegley collections

More than 8,000 photos in digital and print form, indexed

Historical Society

About 2000 photos

Scrapbooks and school yearbooks

Military Records

WCGHA

Books on various wars

VA Unit histories

Militia lists, Fincastle Montgomery, & Wythe Counties

File of Military records & news reports of some local soldiers

Historical Society

Books on various wars

Files of military records & news reports of local soldiers

Courthouse

DD-214s

Kegley Library

Many Volumes related to military histories and records

Public Library

Limited military/war records