For the Civil War the Department has the alphabetized index to John W. Moore, *Roster of North Carolina Troops in the War between the States*. In addition, there is the Adjutant General’s “Roll of Honor” for certain regiments. In searching the latter, the researcher must know the regiment and company in which the man served. State pension applications of Confederate veterans and widows are housed in the Archives. In seeking information from these records, the full name of the individual and the county of residence must be known.

Very few records for the War of 1812, Mexican War, and the Spanish-American War are available.

Finally, the Department has microfilm copies of the index to the carded service records in the National Archives for the various wars, and these copies may be used in the microfilm reading room.

*Other Records.* As a result of the W. P. A. cemetery inventory in the 1930’s, the Department has an alphabetized card file to cemetery markers. While many cemeteries have never been inventoried, these records are a valuable source for vital statistics.

The Department has a small collection of unpublished genealogies filed by family name, as well as miscellaneous genealogical records compiled by patriotic societies and a collection of Bible records.

The Department does not maintain a general printed library. Basic reference books, however, are available in the Search Room.

The Department invites researchers to visit the Search Room where they may study the records under regulations established for their use. An attendant is on duty at all times to be of assistance. Of course, the attendant cannot do a person’s research for him, but often suggestions as to possible sources can be given.

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**GENEALOGISTS AT DUKE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY**

*By Florence Blakely*

Amateur genealogists usually approach the reference desk with two types of query: “Where is your genealogical department (or room or collection)?” Or “Where can I look up the history of the Smith family?”

To the first query we reply that we have no genealogical department but that we will be happy to escort the researcher to the section of the reference room containing standard works such as Burke’s *Peerage*, Hinshaw’s *Encyclopedia of American Genealogy* and Virkus’s *Compendium of American Genealogy*.

Oftentimes the person who asked the first question returns after a bout with the R929’s to ask the second. At this point we explain that the best way to get at genealogical material in the Duke Library is to search the subject section of the card catalog under family names and under specific geographic locations for local historical materials. It is always worthwhile, too, to consult the Manuscript Department for collections of possible interest.

Frequently requests for genealogical searching are received in the mail. If the request is for a specific piece of information we look in obvious sources and supply it when possible. Usually, however, we must reply that our limited staff cannot undertake such research and suggest that a professional genealogist be contacted.

When the opportunity presents itself we like to recommend to amateur genealogists such useful manuals as Wallace E. Draughon’s *North Carolina Genealogical Reference*, Gilbert H. Doane’s *Searching for Your Ancestors*, and George B. Everton’s *Handy Book for Genealogists*.

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