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If you live in the Greater Houston area (as we do here in Humble), you are located near one of the greatest family history libraries in the country. I am, of course, referring to the Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research. I've done genealogy research in many cities across the country, and I can tell you with great certainty that Clayton Library is one of the best! Backed by the resources of the Houston Public Library System, they have built an enviable collection of family history resources from across the United States, as well as resources from other countries. But, it IS all the way across town....at least a 40 minute drive without traffic (it's near the Houston Zoo). And, you have to deal with the typical hazards of driving in Houston, which includes numerous construction delays, crowded streets, and drivers who don't know how to use a turn signal!

Luckily for you, we have a genealogy library that is a wee bit closer. The Humble Area Genealogy Society (THAGS) has been building a respectable genealogy library for decades. It consists of over 2000 volumes, including books and newsletters from all across the United States. They even have some references for other countries, as well as a local obituary collection, referencing obituaries from all of the local newspapers since 1993. Their collection is open to the public and is a lot closer than driving across Houston. The THAGS Genealogy Library is housed in the Humble Museum's Research Center. Anyone can come and use their library for family history research. The Research Center also has computers for public use, and desks and tables to lay out the books as you research. It also houses the Humble Museum's collection of local newspapers and high school yearbooks.

Do you have family that migrated from Virginia? Good, because the THAGS Genealogy Collection has many books that reference sources from Virginia. Did your relatives come from Mississippi? They have lots of resources from there, too. A catalog of the resources in the THAGS Genealogy Collection is conveniently located online at humblemuseum.com/catalog. The members of THAGS are constantly adding to their library, so check the catalog often. To perform some research at the Research Center, and to use the THAGS Genealogy Collection, go to the Humble Museum at 601 Higgins Street, Humble, Texas. Be sure to check the hours for the museum at humblemuseum.com/hours. When you get there, let the people at the front desk know that you are there to do family history research. They will show you some lockers where you can store your purse and other items (bring a lock), and then they will let you into the Research Center. If you want to bring your own laptop, we have free wi-fi for you to connect to.

Take advantage of the close location and the great resources that The Humble Area Genealogy Society is providing and come do some research at Humble's own genealogy library.

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