

England and Wales: The Jean Maack Collection

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Jean Maack, an avid genealogist and a former President of the Rogue Valley Genealogical Society, researched her family's genealogy before the Internet existed. One of her major "tools" was the photocopier, to capture source materials related to her research. The 112 notebooks of the Jean Maack Collection are filled with the photocopies of the source materials Jean found during her research in some of the major university libraries of England. She photocopied many unusual and hard-to-find (especially in the United States) genealogical and historical journal articles, and excerpts and sometimes whole chapters of books. Her research extended back to the very early history of England, Wales, Germany, and France. JCGL patrons have access to this material in notebooks located in two free-standing tall bookcases.

INDEX TO THE JEAN MAACK COLLECTION. (bright pink.) Each color-coded notebook in the Jean Maack Collection has a Table of Contents which identifies the title or subject of each item in the notebook by a numbered tab. ALL of the tables of contents are also available in this single notebook, to provide easier access to the entire contents of the Jean Maack Collection.

CATEGORIES in the Jean Maack Collection are shelved in this order:

GERMAN TEXT. (gray.) The 4 German Text notebooks are organized randomly. The text is in German.

FRANCE. (bright yellow.) The 2 France notebooks are organized randomly. The text is primarily in English.

UNITED STATES. (green.) The 3 notebooks contain resources about the United States. The first two are labeled MASSACHUSETTS. The 3rd is labeled: CT, NH, NY, OH, MA.

SURNAMES. (light yellow.) The 42 Surname notebooks are organized alphabetically by surname.

COMPLETE PEERAGE. (light pink.) The 8 Complete Peerage notebooks are organized alphabetically by surname. The title of the massive 14 volume set from which these pages are copied is *The Complete Peerage of England, Scotland, Ireland, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom Extant, Extinct, or Dormant.*

WALES. (white.) The 13 Wales notebooks are organized randomly.

ENGLAND. (blue.) The 39 England notebooks are organized randomly.

Jean used the source materials in this collection to compile several family histories, which she published for family members. She generously donated copies to the JCGL Collection:

Harvey Ancestry (3 volumes) (929.2 Harvey)

Holzgraefe-Plagman and Warnholtz-Schultz Families (929.2 Holzgraefe)

Stapleton Ancestors of the Nelsons of Rowley, MA (3 volumes) (929.2 Stapleton)

NOTE: Many thanks to Jean Maack for donating her collection and her published family histories to JCGL. More thanks to Marie Fulbright, RVGS volunteer, for the many hours she devoted to creating the Tables of Contents and placing this massive collection in new notebooks with attractive cover pages and spine labels.