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Genealogy Research for the Seacoast Area

The selective list below includes only the most basic sources for finding genealogical information for the New Hampshire and Maine seacoast area. Researchers familiar with these titles can check the additional information for specialized local works and for files unique to the Athenaeum.

Standard Works
Copies of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register (NEHGR)*, the *Great Migration* series, and Torrey's *New England Marriages before 1700* are shelved in the Reference room, as are genealogies of single families and folders of "Portsmouth families."

New Hampshire and Maine
Many early Portsmouth residents moved to and from Newcastle, Dover, Hampton and Kittery, so sources covering both states should be consulted. A primary source for many local genealogies is still a necessary starting point: Noyes' *Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire.* Alphabetized entries are annotated with numbers referring to primary sources given at the first of this volume. Also helpful, though more limited, is Pope's *Pioneers of Maine and New Hampshire, 1623-1660* (F18 P82).

The set of *New Hampshire State Papers* has volumes devoted to the Revolutionary War rolls (Volumes XIV-XVII). Other volumes index names cited in town records.

Maine Families in 1790 lists names recorded in the 1790 US census, giving much expanded and updated information.

The *New Hampshire Genealogical Record* (Vol. 1, 1904—in progress) indexes miscellaneous local vital records. There is no cumulative index.

Town Histories and compilations of vital records are shelved alphabetically in the New Hampshire and Maine sections. Histories of Hampton, Kittery, Dover and Durham include important genealogical sections.