Family History Internship Opportunities

* This is not an exhaustive list of internship opportunities, but a small sampling of possibilities; including many that have used BYU interns in the past. If you are interested in any of the internship opportunities listed below, please contact the History Internship Coordinator, Liz Malone, at liz_malone@byu.edu, 2130D JFSB; 801-422-1789. Students are encouraged to seek out other internship locations not on this list and make contact directly with the institution. All internships must receive approval from Dr. Amy Harris, amy.harris@byu.edu.*

**UTAH**

**Utah State Archives**
Website: [http://www.archives.state.ut.us/](http://www.archives.state.ut.us/)
Location: 346 South Rio Grande St., Salt Lake City, Utah

Description: The Utah State Archives and Records Service provides access to historical government records which have been transferred to our permanent collection. Historical records commonly used include death certificates, land records, legislative bills, court records, and incorporation records. Some records have been scanned as part of our digital collection.

Past Interns: Yes. They have been great to work with. They take 1-3 students a year and would probably take more. Their program is varied and runs with very little intervention on our part.

**Family History Library/FamilySearch**
Website: [https://familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library/](https://familysearch.org/locations/saltlakecity-library/)
Location: 35 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Description: The collection includes over 2.4 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records; 727,000 microfiche; 356,000 books, serials, and other formats; over 4,500 periodicals and 3,725 electronic resources. Records available are from the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, Latin America, Asia, and Africa. Interns would pick one area of geographic specialty and work primarily on that floor.

Past Interns: Yes, though we do advise students that this should not be their only internship. It is a good supplement—when paired with another internship—especially for those who cannot leave the Wasatch Front. It is also great for those students who want a lot of structure and guidance or more experience before undertaking another internship experience elsewhere.

**ancestry.com**
Website: [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
Location: 360 West 4800 North, Provo, Utah

Description: Ancestry.com is the world’s largest online resource for family history, with approximately 2 million paying subscribers around the world as of July 2012. The foundation of our service is an extensive and unique collection of billions of historical records that we have digitized, indexed and put online since 1996. We have developed efficient and proprietary systems for digitizing handwritten historical documents, and have established relationships with national, state and local government archives, historical societies, religious institutions and private collectors of historical content around the world.

Past Interns: Yes, but we do prefer that this is not your main internship. This is a good choice, however, for those with extenuating circumstances or those who cannot leave Utah.
WEST/MIDWEST

National Archives - Riverside
Website: http://www.archives.gov/pacific/riverside/
Location: 23123 Cajalco Road Perris, California
Description: NARA-Riverside maintains retired records from Federal agencies and courts in Arizona, southern California, and Clark County, Nevada. These records constitute a major resource for the study of Native American history, Naval history, westward migration, Asian immigration, civil rights, and other subjects.
Past Interns: Our first intern went in Spring 2012 and highly recommends the experience, especially for those interested in Native American genealogical research.

Clayton Library, Center for Genealogical Research, Houston Public Library
Website: http://www.houstonlibrary.com/clayton-library
Location: 5300 Caroline St., Houston, Texas
Description: The extensive collection of U.S. and foreign books, and CD-ROMs are on the first floor, and the second floor houses the microprint collection and the collection of over 5,000 family histories and the family vertical files. It has the complete U.S. Census, as well as the General Register Office Vital Records Indexes for 1837-1930 for England and Wales. A variety of materials pertain to Mexico and the Gulf Coast region, including immigration records for Southern ports. Thousands of researchers from all over the United States visit the Clayton Library every month.
Past Interns: Yes.

Allen County Public Library
Website: http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/ or http://www.genealogycenter.org/Home.aspx
Location: 900 Library Plaza, Fort Wayne, Indiana
Description: Allen County is one of the top five genealogical collections in the country. It is particularly strong in Midwestern and Native American sources, but generally good for all US (and US immigrant groups). Students will ideally have background in US research, but not necessary.
Past Interns: We typically send 1 student annually, generally with a CFHG scholarship of $750. This is often at least partially matched by ACPL.

Mid-Continent Library Midwest Genealogy Center
Website: http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/
Location: 3440 S. Lee's Summit Road, Independence, Missouri
Description: The Midwest Genealogy Center (MGC) is one of the nation's preeminent resources for family history, providing access to almost three-quarter of a million on-site materials. The Genealogy Center features 52,000 square feet of space to house all the resources and technology genealogists need to research. It also contains the complete US census collection, many immigration and naturalization records, manuscripts pertaining to the American slave trade and the antebellum South, and focus on the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Plains states.
Past Interns: No.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

National Genealogical Society
Website:  http://www.ngsgenealogy.org
Location:  3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia
Description:  The mission of the NGS is to serve and grow the genealogical community by providing education and training, fostering increased quality and standards, and promoting access to and preservation of genealogical records. They hold an annual Family History Conference, publish a quarterly newsletter and magazine, and produce various educational resources for genealogical researchers and professionals.
Past Interns:  Yes, but it has been several years.

Local History and Genealogy Reading Room
Website:  http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/
Description:  The Library of Congress has one of the world's premier collections of U.S. and foreign genealogical and local historical publications. The Library's genealogy collection began as early as 1815 with the purchase of Thomas Jefferson's library. As one of the leading genealogical collections in the country, the Library has more than 50,000 genealogies and 100,000 local histories. The collections are especially strong in North American, British Isles, and German sources. These international strengths are further supported and enriched by the Library's incomparable royalty, nobility, and heraldry collection, making it one of a few libraries in America that offer such collections.
Past Interns:  Not yet.

National Archives (NARA I)
Website:  http://www.archives.gov/careers/internships/
Location:  Constitution Avenue NW, Washington D.C.
Description:  The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has an extensive internship program at their headquarters in Washington, D.C. and at archives around the United States. Please visit their website to see all possibilities.
Past Interns:  Yes. Our first one went in Summer 2012.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library
Website:  http://www.dar.org/library/
Location:  1776 D St., NW, Washington, D.C.
Description:  The Library is one of the nation's premier genealogical research centers and was recently (1998) ranked the third most important of national institutions based on the uniqueness of sources in a listing by publisher Heritage Quest. In late 1998 the Library's book collection numbered some 150,000 volumes, the cataloging records for which constitute this catalog. Approximately 5,000 new titles enter the Library in any given year.
Past Interns:  While the DAR has a great genealogical library, we recommend interning at NARA, LOC, or even the National Genealogical Society if you wish to intern in Washington, D.C.
New England Historic Genealogical Society
Website:  http://www.americanancestors.org
Location:  99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Description:  The NEHGS is one of the top five genealogical collections in the country (maybe the world), and the oldest genealogical association in the world. Eight floors hold unpublished genealogies, Bible records, family associations’ papers, diaries, journals, photographs, cemetery records and other rarities. The resources aren’t strictly New England-focused: It also has extensive Canadian, Irish and British collections, featuring censuses and census substitutes, maps, parish registers, local histories, historical newspapers and journals, and Canadian border-crossing records. Students will need a background in New England, Mid-Atlantic, or eastern research.
Past Interns:  We try to send 1 student annually, with a CFHG scholarship of $1,000 (and usually some matching from Boston).

Irma and Paul Milstein Division of United States History, Local History and Genealogy, New York Public Library
Website:  http://www.nypl.org/ or http://www.nypl.org/milstein
Location:  Schwarzman Building, Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, NY
Description:  As one of the nation’s largest publicly accessible and non-membership genealogical collections, the Milstein Division is a national resource. Unlike many other genealogical and local history collections, the Milstein Division acquires materials beyond the local region. Holdings in United States town, city, county and state histories are national in scope. Genealogical materials are international in scope, including foreign language materials in Roman alphabets. Another popular resource is the Emigrant Savings Bank Records collection of Irish immigrants’ personal and family information.
Past Interns:  Yes, but it has been several years.

Godfrey Library
Website:  http://www.godfrey.org/index.html
Location:  134 Newfield St., Middletown, Connecticut
Description:  The Godfrey Library’s collection consists of over 200,000 books and periodicals including biographies, genealogies, state and local histories, city directories, cemetery and funeral records, church records military histories, newspapers and family bibles. The capstone of our collection is the American Genealogical Biographical Index (AGBI), an index of more than 4 million names from the more than 800 books in our original collection and the Boston Transcript genealogy query column. The majority of the library’s material is focused on New England families and history, but there are a great deal of books and periodicals relevant to those researching other states as well as internationally.
Past Interns:  Not yet, but they will take interns.
SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
The National Library & Education Centre for Family History

Website:  http://www.sog.org.uk/index.shtml
Location:  14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London, England
Description:  Founded in 1911 the Society of Genealogists (SoG) is Britain's premier family history society. The Society maintains a splendid genealogical library and education center in Clerkenwell in London. Intern duties will include the digitization of document collections into searchable, digital images, indexing, transcribing, and assisting genealogical researchers.
Past Interns:  We sent our first intern in Spring 2012. We have the potential to send 1-2 students each spring/summer and possibly offer a scholarship through CFHG as well.

Gloucestershire Archives
Website:  http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/archives/article/107703/Archives-Homepage
Location:  Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester, England
Description:  Located in the southwestern part of England, Gloucestershire Archives has a comprehensive library of records and data from the local area.
Past Interns:  Students have gone in 2009 and 2010 but haven't gone since.