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Also available through the Camarillo library with your card. Can be accessed from home. A resource from Genealogical.com — the parent company of Genealogical Publishing and Clearfield Company, leading publishers of works on genealogy and family history. Includes over 1,500 reference works of genealogical and historical interest.

GoogleBooks

Google.com/advanced_book_search

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