VIRGO, THE ONLINE CATALOG
http://search.lib.virginia.edu
- Catalog of the U.Va. collections of books, journal articles, journals, video recordings, manuscripts etc.
- Renew books, request interlibrary loans

RESEARCH PORTAL
http://www.library.virginia.edu/research/
- “Popular” databases; Subject guides; A-Z list of databases; databases by type of information – government information, maps, newspapers; research “tips & tools.”

HISTORICAL CENSUS BROWSER - http://mapserver.lib.virginia.edu/
Enables searching and mapping of census data to the county level. Easy interface for older census information – 1790-1960

CENSUS SUBJECT GUIDE - http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/census
Links to the above and other valuable census resources like Social Explorer (http://proxy.its.virginia.edu/login?url=http://www.socialexplorer.com/pub/home/home.aspx) commercial interface to census data.

AMERICA HISTORY AND LIFE
Covers the history of the United States and Canada from prehistory to present with records from 2,000 English-language journals published worldwide. Includes book reviews.

CENSUS – GENEALOGY SUBJECT GUIDE - http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/censusgen
Links to HQ and gives information about census microfilm UVA owns. Also provides links to the 1940 census data and genealogical information.

NONPOPULATION CENSUS SCHEDULES FOR VIRGINIA, 1850-1880 (Micfilm 1883 – 3 Old Stacks)
The nonpopulation schedules after 1880 were destroyed by an Act of Congress and no longer exit. Agriculture schedules give information about farms, crops, size of holdings, etc. Linked from the Census Genealogy guide above.

Interface for most genealogical information from the census

MAP SUBJECT GUIDE - http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/maps
Links to other map resources. We only have aerial photos for Albemarle county. Maps – 7.5 minute USGS topo maps – I 19.81: filed by quad name. UVA owns pretty much all the Virginia quads ever produced. Might check the link to the Agriculture Department aerial photos.

VIRGINIA NEWSPAPERS – Mcfilm N-US Va
Microfilm. We don’t have the Nelson County Times, but do, of course, have the Daily Progress. We have it digitally (http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/Daily-Progress-Digital) but it’s not searchable yet.
RECORDS OF ANTE-BELLUM SOUTHERN PLANTATIONS FROM THE REVOLUTION THROUGH THE CIVIL WAR
(Micfilm 1705 – 3 Old Stacks)
Primary source materials on many Virginia plantations. Detailed index is available in the microfilm index area in the 3Center Reading Room.

VIRGINIA KEY WORD INDEX
Indexes the older Virginia state documents that we own.

ACTS OF ASSEMBLY – GA 5/AC 8/yr.
Older laws – in the early days the General Assembly did quite a bit of legislating that affected specific communities.

LOCAL HISTORY FILE - [http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u3740429](http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u3740429)
(there are four entries in the Subject Headings for Nelson County related items). These newspaper clippings can be found in the "Local History Files" in the Reference Office. Students can ask to see these folders at the Alderman 4th floor public service desk.

HISTORICAL NELSON COUNTY MAPS IN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: See VIRGO list at [http://tiny.cc/2t2f4w](http://tiny.cc/2t2f4w)
This is the Results list from a VIRGO Advanced Catalog search on "nelson County historical maps"
Listing includes geological and mining maps as well as maps of local rural delivery routes (1940s) [http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u4886068](http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u4886068)
and state and county roads for Nelson [http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u4896166](http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u4896166) (see Folder 3) See also a Michael Crabill Nelson County map - [http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u4886068](http://search.lib.virginia.edu/catalog/u4886068) on land grants

SERVICES

INTERLIBRARY LOAN (ILL)
[http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/ils/](http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/ils/)
U.Va. doesn’t have what you need? No problem. We’ll borrow it from another library, or have an article scanned and emailed directly to you.

REFERENCE
[http://www.library.virginia.edu/askalibrarian/](http://www.library.virginia.edu/askalibrarian/)
We are available to help with your research daily from 8am-midnight. You can chat, email, phone, text, or come visit a library in person!

RESEARCH CONSULTATIONS
[http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology](http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/sociology)
Don’t know how to focus your topic, or find on-point academic articles, or just the right statistic to support your view? You know your topic and interest, I know research resources. I might just be able to help. Give it a try!
Office hours: Tuesdays from 3-5pm
By Appointment: bselby@virginia.edu

TOOLS

EZ PROXY
[http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/off-grounds-access/](http://www.library.virginia.edu/services/off-grounds-access/)

♦ Connect to U.Va.’s databases from your apartment or home.
♦ Be sure to go to the database via a U.Va. Library page, then just Netbadge in. Simple!
REFWorks
http://www.refworks.com
♦ Format bibliographies and citations automatically in over 400 styles including ASA, MLA, etc. Use in conjunction with WORD to write papers, dissertations, etc.
♦ Access your RefWorks account from any computer, anywhere

WRITING HELP
http://guides.lib.virginia.edu/writinghelp
♦ Tips & how to avoid plagiarism.

EVALUATING WEB RESOURCES
♦ Currency – check the date of the page. When was it last updated?
♦ Reliability – verify facts. Is the page accurate?
♦ Authority – who created the page? Is the author an expert in the subject of the page? Is there independent evidence of that – news interviews (think a Lexis/Nexis search), congressional testimony?
♦ Purpose – why was the page created? Is it a mask for advertising? An “unbiased” non-profit might not be so “unbiased.” Even .mil and .gov pages may have a point of view.