

# Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library

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The Odom Library is an approved AAA attraction. Look for us in the North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia AAA *Tour Guides*.

Genealogy researchers have public access to the Internet, Ancestry Library Edition and World Vital Records.

### **HOW TO FIND US...**

**From I-75:** If you are coming from the north, take the exit at Tifton, Georgia. There is a 4-lane highway from Tifton to Moultrie. It is about 30 minutes from the exit at I-75 to the library.

If you are coming from the south on I-75, take Exit 18 at Valdosta and follow the highway signs to Moultrie. You are about 45 minutes from the library when you exit I-75 from Valdosta.

You may get off at Tifton and resume your trip by traveling to Valdosta – or vice versa. By using this method, you will not drive but a few miles out of your way to visit the Odom Library.

**From I-10:** If you are coming from the east, take I-10 to I-75 and travel to Exit 18 at Valdosta.

If you are coming from the west, take the Thomasville exit at Tallahassee and travel Highway 319 through Thomasville to Moultrie. The route is clearly marked.

Once you have arrived in Moultrie, stay on the 319 Bypass until you see Hardee's. Turn left at Hardee's, go past the Farmer's Market and continue until you see the McDonald's restaurant. Turn left at the next light past McDonald's. The Odom Library is located in the south wing of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library.

**Write us:** PO Box 2828, Moultrie GA 31776-2828

**Call us:** 229-985-6540

**Fax us:** 229-985-0936

**Website:** [http://mccls.org/odom\\_gen.htm](http://mccls.org/odom_gen.htm)

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## Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library

204 5th Street, S.E.  
Moultrie, GA 31768



Hours: 8:30 AM—5:30 PM  
Monday—Saturday  
Closed major holidays

**Holly Phillips**  
Director

**Irene Godwin     Ann Glass**  
Librarians



## The Odom Library

The Odom Library was made a bequest from Ellen Ashby Payne Odom. Her generosity continues to support the library.

Mrs. Odom was a Trustee of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library and very interested in genealogy.

Her interest in genealogy led to her membership in the Huguenot Society and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She coauthored two books: *A History of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library* and *Colquitt County Confederate Soldiers*.



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One of the library's continued emphasis has been on increasing the to the library's collection of newspapers on microfilm with the acquisition of the early editions of papers published in Southwest Georgia. At the present time, the collection covers 21 counties including 45 newspapers with the earliest edition dating from 1856.

The October 2007 issue of the Georgia Public Library Service newsletter highlighted the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library as *one of the three* libraries in Georgia that reign as "the Georgia public library system's genealogical crown jewels."



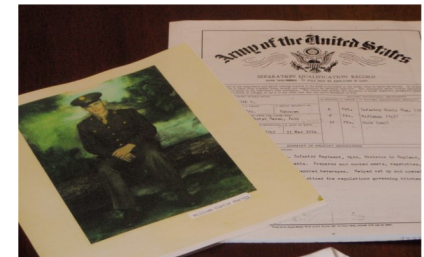
When Mrs. Odom's bequest was received, the south wing of the Moultrie-Colquitt County Library, which became the Odom Library, as built to house several collections, including the *Emmett Lucas Collection*., about the southeastern United States, the Civil War and migration routes west.



In addition to these collections, the library is perhaps most famous for its collection concerning Scottish genealogy. The Odom Library is the archival home for more than 130 Scottish clan organizations, and houses many rare books including an original edition of *Scottish Perrage*, as well as *The Highland Papers*, and several Gaelic Bibles. The library continues to expand it's already extensive collection.

## Research Assistance

Library employees who staff the Odom Library will assist patrons in locating the information they need. Remote user research and reference questions must be in writing. We do accept postal and email requests for information. Questions should be direct and include as much specific information as possible. We are glad to do lookups but cannot do in-depth lineage research. All queries are given the same consideration and will be answered in as timely a manner as possible. In-house library patrons always receive first consideration.



## The Catherine M. Bryant Veterans History Project

The Librarians are collecting information about veterans as an adjunct to the general genealogy information in the Library. Materials include personal information forms supplied by veterans or their families, memorabilia, and books covering the history of various conflicts and Spence Air Base.

A project form may be obtained from the genealogy librarian or online.