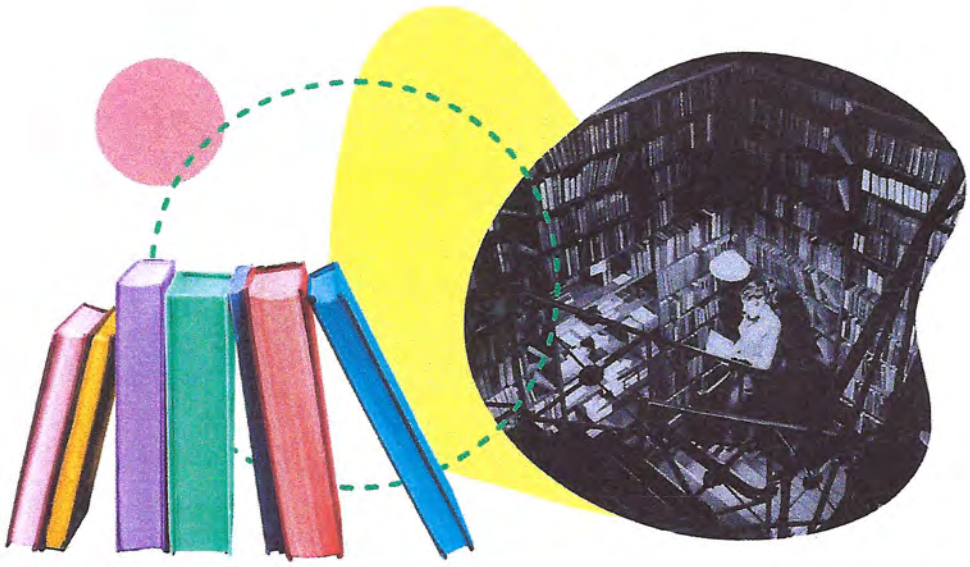


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Resources and Databases

Visit https://chpl.org/genealogy-history/ for more information.

Email Research@CHPL.org or call 513-369-6909 for assistance.



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cincinnati public library
Hamilton County
Downtown Main

Cincinnati & Hamilton County
Public Library: Downtown Main 2 South
800 Vine St.
Cincinnati, OH 45202
513-369-6909
CHPL.org/genealogy-history

Scan here for more information.

GREATER CINCINNATI GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES

GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI & HAMILTON COUNTY

800 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071
(513) 369-6905
Hours: Mon -Wed 10-8, Thur.- Sat 10-6, Sun 1-5
www.cincinnatilibrary.org

The Genealogy and Local History Department (3rd floor, Main Library's South Building) is the oldest collection of its kind west of the Alleghenies. One of the top genealogical libraries in the country, The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County offers research materials that can be identified via the library's online catalog accessed at http://catalog.cincinnatilibrary.org/. A Surname Index, found by selecting "Advanced Search" on the opening page of the catalog, gives an option of "Family Surname." This specialized database lists family history books that index a particular surname three or more times. PLCH is one of only a handful of public libraries to have the complete U.S. census microfilm from 1790-1930, and all available soundex and printed census indexes. Other significant collections include city, county and state histories; Ohio death certificates for 1908-1953; Kentucky death certificates 1911-1957; city directories for Cincinnati and other cities (from 1800s to early 1900s); ship passenger indexes and selected manifests for the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts; military records (including pension and service record indexes), gazetteers and land ownership maps. There are also 1300 genealogy periodical titles. Of particular interest is the department's concentration of plantation records, Freedmen's Bureau Records and African American military records (including records of U.S. Colored Troops during the Civil War), making it one of the most complete African American collections in the U.S. A substantial mixture of ethnic-related materials for researching German, Irish and Jewish ancestry is available.

HAMILTON COUNTY COURT HOUSE

1000 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202
Hours: M-F 8-4
No phone calls
NOTE: **Most records of interest to genealogists are located at the Taft Center.** See Hamilton County Probate Court entry. [Warning: The fires of 1813, 1849, and 1884 resulted in some destroyed records].

CLERK OF COURTS

Room 375
Hamilton County Court House
1000 Main St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
Hours: M-F 8-4
(513) 946-5656
www.courtclerk.org

The above website allows users to locate recent court records (including divorces 1994-present) by first and last name. Included are civil and criminal cases (1989-present) and common pleas (1997-present).

HAMILTON COUNTY PROBATE COURT

William Howard Taft Center
Ninth Floor
230 E. Ninth St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-2145
Hours: M-F 8-4
(513) 946-3551
www.probatect.org/

Requests may be made in person or in writing (enclose SASE; do not send money at time of request). Marriage records and index (1817-present); wills (1791-present, many of the early ones destroyed in fires); birth index and records (1863-1908 incomplete); death index and records (1881-1908 incomplete); index to naturalization records (1858 and 1864-1884 incomplete); guardianship records and index (1852-present); administration index

and records (brief entries for1791-1848; and 1852-1972). Many current records are indexed on an in-house computer. These include marriage licenses (1984-present) and cases involving guardianship, trusts, estates, mental illness, and name changes (1974-present). Check online database for more recent information (A-Z list of brides/grooms who applied for marriage license 1984-present. Use "Case Search" for all other probate records.)

HAMILTON COUNTY AUDITOR
HAMILTON COUNTY RECORDER
Hamilton County Administration Building
138 E. Court St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-1236
Hours: M-F 8-4

Auditor's Office
Room 304
(513) 946-4000
www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org
Start at this office to get a plat and lot number for a property (plats available for 1939-present). Proceed to the Recorder's Office. Website maintains house and building information such as date built and square footage and can be accessed by owner's name or property address (some go back to the 1860s).

Recorder's Office
Room 205
(513) 946-4573
http://recordersoffice.hamilton-co.org/
This office has deeds (1794-present), mortgages, leases; county atlases and maps; information on veterans' graves in Hamilton County; some military discharge records (Civil War-present), and much more. See website for an "Easy Reference List of Documents Recorded in the Recorder's Office."

ELM STREET HEALTH CENTER
1525 Elm St., 4th floor, West, Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 352-3120 for general information
(513) 352-2912 for research appointment (research by appt. only 9-11, 2-4 Tues, Wed, Thurs)
Hours: M-F 8:30-4:00
www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/pages/-5138-/
Birth and death records (1909-present). Older record--births (June 1874-1908) and deaths (1865-1908) --are housed at the University of Cincinnati in the Archives & Rare Books Department (Blegen Library) [See separate entry] Note: These records are for the **city** of Cincinnati only [refer to Hamilton County General Health Department for **county** records, i.e., outside the city limits. Note: Norwood and St. Bernard maintain their own records. See entries following]. Cost is $22 per copy. Cash, money order, or certified bank check made payable to: Treasurer, City of Cincinnati. Include postage or a self-addressed, stamped envelope in which to return your certificate. Credit card payment is no longer accepted in person. To place an order using credit card, call toll-free at 1-866-550-1853. You may apply in person, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Certificates may be picked up over-the-counter on the day applied for between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Orders placed between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. will be mailed. For online orders, go to http://www.vitalchek.com, click on the state of Ohio, then select the City of Cincinnati.

HAMILTON COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
Office of Vital Statistics, 2nd floor
250 William Howard Taft Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45219
(513) 946-7800 for general information
(513) 946-7805 to set up appointment (W & R only, appt hours: 8-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.)

Hours: M-F 7:30-4:00
http://www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/en/
Birth records (1875-present); death records (1891-present). COUNTY records only
[For births or deaths in the City of Cincinnati, see Elm Street Health Center. Also, see separate entries for Norwood, Reading, and St. Bernard.] You may request a certified record: 1) in person: certificates may be ordered and picked up the same day, M-F between 7:30-4:00; 2) VitalChek: request your order online and 3) by mail: certificates ordered by mail should contain the following information: full name of person born/deceased; month, day and year of birth/death; full parents' names, including mother's maiden name (for birth only); requestor's name, address, and phone number; self-addressed, stamped return envelope; check or money order made payable to HCGHD in the amount of $19 per certified copy.

NORWOOD HEALTH CENTER
2059 Sherman Ave., Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 458-4600
Hours: M-F 8-5
http://www.norwoodhealth.org/vitalstats.html
Birth and death records for Norwood residents, mostly after 1908. Certified copies are $25.00 each.

HAMILTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 15865, Cincinnati, OH 45215-0865
(513) 956-7078
http://hcgsohio.org/
A chapter of The Ohio Genealogical Society, the Hamilton County Genealogical Society has two quarterly publications: *The Tracer* (journal) and *Gazette* (newsletter). Send SASE for details about the Chapter, upcoming programs, information on placing queries in The Tracer, or to obtain a list of area researchers. The Society co-sponsors many programs with the library. A good reference tool available from the Chapter is *Guide to Genealogical Resources in Cincinnati and Hamilton County* (R929.1072077177 qT318 2005 or contact the Society for purchase information).

CINCINNATI FIRE MUSEUM
315 W. Court St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 621-5553
Hours: Tues-F 10-4; weekends 12-4. Hours subject to change, call first.
www.cincyfiremuseum.com
Small admission fee.
If your ancestor was a firefighter, you may wish to contact this institution. It has old fire station records and even some diaries of individual firefighters. Call or write prior to your visit.

GREATER CINCINNATI POLICE MUSEUM
Preserving the History of Law Enforcement in Greater Cincinnati
308 Reading Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Website: https://police-museum.org/
513-287-3664
director@police-museum.org
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

CINCINNATI HISTORY LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
Cincinnati Union Terminal: Cincinnati History Library and Archives
1301 Western Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45203
Please direct all research inquiries to:
https://www.cincymuseum.org/cincinnati-history-library-archives/

Walk-in hours: Thursday and Friday 12 pm - 4 pm
(513) 287-7030
The Cincinnati History Library and Archives has a Genealogy Room. Genealogical sources include manuscript holdings (personal papers, business archives, social agencies). See their web site for a list of major manuscript collections owned. The collection also has microfilm from the Hamilton County Recorder's Office (deeds, mortgages, and more); a Vital Statistics File (from local newspapers); an extensive Cincinnati photograph collection (700,000 images of individuals, buildings, and communities, also photos of Deutsche Pionere Society members); city and county directories (1819-present); Ohio census records; local as well as national family histories; WPA Church Records Survey for SW Ohio; maps; and Ohio Civil War rosters. For inquiries by mail, fee is $25 for one hour of research). Allow 4-6 weeks turnaround time for reply. Brochure available if self-addressed stamped envelope is sent.

ARCHIVES AND RARE BOOKS/BLEGEN LIBRARY
University of Cincinnati
Clifton Ave. & Straight St.
P.O. Box 210113, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0113
(513) 556-1959
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
https://libraries.uc.edu/arb.html
Email: Archives@ucmail.uc.edu
Blegen Library inherited the old birth and death index cards from the Elm Street Health Center. Birth records cover 1874-1912 and death records 1865-1912. Please visit this site to view the cards online at https://drc.libraries.uc.edu/browse?type=subject Visitors are encouraged to phone ahead. The staff can prepare materials in advance. The library also has Hamilton County wills (1791-1901); and citizenship records including actual copies of letters of intent and declarations (1837-1916). You may contact the library via email, regular mail service and by phone, for a variety of general reference questions; however, genealogy requests must be sent using regular mail service. For ease of service, go to the above web site and select "Frequently Asked Questions" to download a genealogical research request form. List name and approximate year being researched, accompanied by a check, payable to University of Cincinnati ($10.00 fee). Allow 2-4 weeks turnaround time.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS
These Family History Centers are branches of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). These centers are open to the public. They provide access to the world's largest genealogical collection based in Salt Lake City, UT. Users can access various indexes at their nearest center. For more information, see the LDS web site at https://www.familysearch.org/

Cincinnati (Norwood)
5505 Bosworth Pl., Norwood, OH 45212
(513) 531-5624
Hours: Tues 10-2 pm; Wed and Thurs. 10-2 / 6-9 pm, Sat. 10-2

Cincinnati East (Montgomery area)
Cornell & Snider Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249
(513) 489-3036
Hours: Tues 10-2 pm; Wed and Thurs. 10-2 / 6-9 pm, Sat. 10-2

Cincinnati (Anderson/West Clermont)
695 Clough Pike
(513) 753-3464
Hours: Tue-Wed 6:30-8:15 pm; by appt other days

Fairfield/Hamilton, Ohio
4831 Pleasant Ave.
(513) 844-8866
Hours: Tues, R 6-9 pm; F 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Northern Kentucky
144 Buttermilk Pike
(859) 341-3866
Hours: T-R 6pm-9pm; W-R, Sat 10am-2pm

HEBREW UNION COLLEGE/JEWISH INSTITUTE OF RELIGION
American Jewish Archives & Klau Library
Jacob Rader Marcus Center
3101 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220
(513) 221-1875
Hours: Monday – Thursday 8 am-10 pm, Friday, 8 – 5 pm, Closed Sat, Sun 1-6 pm (during the school year only)
http://huc.edu
The American Jewish Archives include more than 15 million documents on American Jewish life, as well as photos, CDs, microfilm, and genealogy records.
The Klau Library is one of the most extensive Jewish libraries in the world. It contains over 700,000 volumes, 2,000 manuscripts, and houses the American Jewish Periodical Center with 875 titles available. Send SASE for an outline of Jewish genealogical sources.
American Jewish Archives
(513) 221-1875
Hours: Monday – Thursday 9-5; Friday 9-3
http://americanjewisharchives.org/
One of the major research institutions in the U.S. on the Holocaust. Extensive collections on American Jewish ancestry.

ARCHIVES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
Mailing address:
100 East 8th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Physical address:
25 East 8th Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 421-3131 Ext. 3002
http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/archives-office/
Archivist, Sarah L. Aterl: slater@catholiccincinnati.org
Closed to the public; contact by letter or email only. Recommend going online to see a sample letter for a genealogy request. The Archdiocese includes 19 counties in SW Ohio. There is a flat fee of $25.00 (check or money order) for one hour of research (8-10 records) payable to the Historical Archives of the Chancery. Allow 6-8 weeks for reply. You must include the following four pieces of information: Full name of person, type of record (baptism, confirmation, marriage, death), approximate date of record (within 3-5 years), and parish (or address, if parish is unknown.)

NATIONAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD FREEDOM CENTER
John Parker Library/FamilySearch Center
(513) 333-7737
Hours: Tues-Fri, 11-4; Sat 11-2:30
Email: familysearchnurfc@yahoo.com

http://www.freedomcenter.org/genealogy/
This Family History Center opened in August 2004 as part of the Freedom Center. Family history consultants are available to assist. It is preferred that you schedule an appointment so arrangements can be made without an entrance fee if the researcher wishes to visit only the FamilySearch Center.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF SOUTHERN OHIO
Potter Stewart Federal Court Building
Room 324
105 E. 5th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202
(513) 564-7500
Hours: M-F 8-5
https://www.ohsd.uscourts.gov/
This national website gives information on immigration and naturalization.
The clerk of U.S. District Court has a naturalization index card file of names from 1852-present. Prefers phone queries, provided researcher has information accurate within a few years. Office has some volumes; others were shipped out. If name is found, the next step is the National Archives in Chicago.
(www.archives.gov/facilities/il/chicago/staff_contacts.html)

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)
Cincinnati Chapter
http://cincydar.org/
The national website provides free DAR Patriot lookup, as well as information about membership and records at the Washington, D.C. headquarters.
For information about this lineage society from someone local, contact Jean Muetzel at (513) 702-9194 or Gretchen H. Wilson at (513) 254-1800.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR)
Cincinnati Chapter
https://cincinnatisar.org/
Contact Franz B. Ott for information about this lineage society at 513-290-5961 or 513-384-7411 or remingtnstorm@gmail.com

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
General William H. Lytle #10, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Cincinnati, Ohio
Meetings held at 7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday monthly, except July, Aug. & Dec.
Scarlet Oaks School
Main building (has Scarlet Oaks on front)
Room #245 (or somewhere on the 2nd floor)
3234 East Kemper Rd.
Sharonville, Ohio
contact: Commander: Dennis M. Brown at gobux70@gmail.com

CEMETERIES
For a current listing of area cemeteries, see the Cincinnati telephone yellow pages. The Genealogy and Local History Department has many records on microfilm as well as book indexes. For historical information, the library owns many city directories (1819-present).

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC CEMETERY SOCIETY
3819 W 8th Street, Cincinnati OH 45205
(513) 557-2306
https://www.cccsohio.org/

Maintains records for St. Joseph (German, 1843), St. Mary (1873) and St. John (1849) and Baltimore Pike cemeteries.

GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY
11000 Montgomery Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45140
www.gateofheaven.org
By clicking on "Locate a Loved One," researcher can obtain date of birth and date of death in addition to section, lot, and grave. Gate of Heaven opened in 1947.

NEW SAINT JOSEPH CEMETERY
4500 Foley Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238
(513) 251-3110
http://www.stjoenew.com/
By clicking on "GENEALOGY" searchers can obtain date of birth, date of death in addition to section, lot and grave. This facility opened in 1854 and was the cemetery of choice for Irish Catholics.

REST HAVEN MEMORIAL PARK
10209 Plainfield Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241
(513) 563-2260
http://resthavenmemorialpark.com/BurialsOnTheWeb Along with the full name, date of birth and location of the person in a space, you can also view a map of the space and photographs of the marker if it exists. Nonsectarian, opened in 1929.

SPRING GROVE CEMETERY
4521 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45232
(513) 681-6680
https://www.springgrove.org/
One of the oldest and largest burial grounds in the country, this cemetery has extensive information online. Searching by deceased name can give you a wealth of information on anyone buried here

WALNUT HILS CEMETERY
3117 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
(513) 961-1424
http://www.walnuthillscemetery.org/index.html
One of Cincinnati's oldest, operating cemeteries, Walnut Hills Cemetery opened in 1843 under the name of "**The Second German Protestant Cemetery.**" Click "Genealogy" link to access searchable index.

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO RESOURCES

BUTLER COUNTY RECORDS CENTER AND ARCHIVES
123 North 3rd St., Hamilton, OH 45011
(513) 887-3437
Hours: M-F 8:30-4:30
www.butlercountyohio.org/records/
The Archives offers convenient access to most of Butler County's oldest records such as birth, death, and marriage records, wills, naturalizations, and tax records. Requests can be made via phone, fax or email. Mail requests must include the name of the person being researched, applicable dates, and an authorization for copying costs. An invoice will accompany materials sent advising patron of charges.

BUTLER COUNTY CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
PO Box 2011
Middletown, OH 45044-2011
James A. Dowler, Recording Secretary, 513-371-1332
Website: https://butlercountyogs.org/
Email: publicrelations@butlercountyogs.org

BUTLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
327 North 2nd St., Hamilton, OH 45011
(513) 896-9930
Hours: Tues-Sun. 1-4
http://bchistoricalsociety.com/
The Butler County Historical Society's library and museum is located in the historic Benninghofen House. The collection includes a surname index; city directories; maps; and school memorabilia.

LANE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Cummins Local History Room
300 North 3rd St., Hamilton, OH 45011
(513) 894-7158
Hours: M-R 11-7; F-Sun 1-5
https://www.lanepl.org/
The Local History Room has resources on Butler County including cemeteries, deeds, newspapers, and photographs.

MIDPOINTE LIBRARY SYSTEM at MIDDLETOWN
125 South Broad St., Middletown, OH 45044
(513) 424-1251
Hours: Mon – Thu 9-9, Fri 9-7, Sat 9-5; Sun 1-5
https://www.midpointelibrary.org/page/middletown
This library has genealogy and local history information on Middletown, Butler County, and some nearby counties. Materials owned include city, county, and state histories; atlases; city directories; Middletown newspapers; and Butler County censuses on microfilm.

SMITH LIBRARY OF REGIONAL HISTORY
441 S. Locust Street, Oxford, OH 45056
(513) 523-3035
Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10-12/1-5 pm
Tuesday 10-12/1-8 pm
Saturday 10 am – 1 pm
https://www.lanepl.org/research/smith-library/
Smith Library is part of the Oxford branch of the Lane Public Library. It has detailed information on history and genealogy of Oxford and Butler County as well as general information on the history of Ohio, the Old Northwest Territory, and the Ohio River Valley. The collection highlights materials (including manuscripts) relating to Butler County and Southwestern Ohio.

CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO RESOURCES

CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Genealogy Section, Doris Wood Branch
180 South Third St., Batavia, OH 45103-3092
(513) 732-2128
Hours: M-Tue 12:00- 8:00; W-R 10-6; F-Sat 9-5

https://www.clermontlibrary.org/locations/batavia/
The library houses the collection of the Clermont County Genealogical Society. Collection includes microfilmed copies of county births (1856-1857; 1867-1908); deaths (1856-1908); marriages (1800-1874); and wills, estates, and guardianships (1800-1900).

CLERMONT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
P.O. Box 394, Batavia, OH 45103-0394
(513) 723-3423
https://ccgsoh.org/
The collection of the Clermont County Genealogical Society is housed at the Doris Wood Branch of the Clermont County Public Library. The Society will send a list of researchers by return mail. Send SASE for details. The Society's website includes First Families pioneers, newsletter excerpts, and history.

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO RESOURCES

WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
105 South Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036
(513) 932-1817
Hours: Tues-Sat 9-4, Sun 12-4
Admission fee for non-members
https://www.wchsmuseum.org/
email: *wchs@wchsmuseum.org*
Housed in the Society's Museum, the library's genealogical resources include vital statistics, cemetery records, area histories, family histories, local newspapers, and a large surname index. Fee for research is $10 per hour.

WARREN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Administration Building, Lower Level
406 Justice Dr., Lebanon, OH 45036-0296
(513) 695-1144
Hours: M-F 9-4
http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/
The Society maintains a Resource Library of Warren County materials. Limited reference service by mail. Include a SASE for more information.

CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO RESOURCES

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORY CENTER
149 East Locust St.
PO Box 529
Wilmington, OH 45177
(937) 382-4684
Website: Clinton County Genealogical Society
The Center maintains a research library at Rombach Place Museum. It has over 200 published local family histories, microfilm of Clinton County records, and a large collection of surname files. The museum (operated by the Clinton County Historical Society) is also worth a visit.

THE QUAKER COLLECTION OF WILMINGTON COLLEGE
The Quaker Heritage Center is located in the Boyd Cultural Arts Center at Wilmington College.
Wilmington, OH 45177
(937) 481-2456 or email: qhc@wilmington.edu
Hours: Mon – Thu 11-4
https://www.wilmington.edu/quaker-heritage-center

This is a research collection of printed materials, manuscripts and photographs on all aspects of Quaker history, philosophy, though and practice. The collection contains 7,000 volumes, from 1800-present.

OHIO STATEWIDE SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Vital Statistics Office
225 Neilston St.
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-2531
Hours: M-F 8-5
https://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/vitalmisc/Vital%20Statistics.aspx
Email: vitalstat@odh.ohio.gov

Institution prefers that researchers contact ODH to set up an appointment prior to visiting.

Birth Certificates: Dec. 20, 1908-present
Death Certificates: Jan. 1, 1954-present
Marriage Abstracts: Jan. 1, 1954-present
Divorce Abstracts: Jan. 1, 1954-present

Birth or death records prior to 1908 are located in the probate court of county where birth/death occurred. Death records from Dec. 20, 1908 through Dec. 31, 1953 are at the Ohio Historical Society (see entry below). Marriage records prior to 1949 are located in the probate court of county where marriage occurred. Divorce records prior to 1949 are located in the county clerk of courts where the divorce occurred. Marriage and divorce records from Jan. 1, 1949 to Dec. 31, 1953 are at the Ohio Historical Society (see entry below).
Mailing address for request of vital records that **contains money** (check or money order made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio".

Ohio Department of Health
Revenue Room
246 North High Street
P.O. Box 15098
Columbus, OH 43215-0098

Mailing address for general correspondence that **does not contain money**:

Ohio Department of Health
Vital Statistics
P.O. Box 118
Columbus, OH 43216-0118

OHIO HISTORY CONNECTION

800 East 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211
(614) 297-2300 or 800-686-6124
Hours: Wed – Sun 10-5
https://www.ohiohistory.org/
Email: ohsref@ohiohistory.org\

The Ohio History Center has created an online index to Ohio death certificates (1913-1937) accessible through its web page at https://resources.ohiohistory.org/death/

To order a death certificate (Dec. 20, 1908-Dec. 31, 1953), the fee is $1.00 per name (includes up to four pages of copies plus postage. Each additional page is 25 cents plus postage.

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
611 State Route 97 West, Bellville, OH 44813
(419) 886-1903 or FAX 419-886-0092
Hours: Tues-Sat 9-5 (Closed holidays and in April during its annual conference)
https://www.ogs.org/
This research library is open to the general public/nonmembers for an admission fee. It contains family histories, county histories, atlases, and microfilm collections.

STATE LIBRARY OF OHIO
History and Genealogy
274 East First Ave. Columbus, OH 43201
(614) 644-7061
Hours: M-F 8-5
https://library.ohio.gov/collections/
This collection has extensive genealogical and local history information on all counties in the state. Limited reference service by mail. Send a SASE for a list of paid researchers.

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106-1788
(216) 721-5722
Hours: Tues-Sun 10-5
https://www.wrhs.org/
The collections here emphasize Ohio, the old Western Reserve and its original states. Holdings include all available U.S. census and soundex for OH, IN, MI, KY, PA, WV, and NY. Write for information and cost of research by correspondence. Admission fee.

NORTHERN KENTUCKY RESOURCES

KENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
502 Scott Blvd (corner of 5TH & Scott), Covington, KY 41011
(859) 962-4070
Hours: M-R 9-9, F 9-6, Sat 10-5, Sun 1-5
https://www.kentonlibrary.org/
The Kenton County Public Library is the leading resource in Northern Kentucky for local history and genealogy information. Collection includes census; state, local, and county histories; an online Northern Kentucky newspaper index; Covington and Newport city directories; cemetery records; and photographs. This library's website has extensive *searchable* genealogical databases accessible 24 hours a day.

CAMPBELL COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY, NEWPORT BRANCH
901 East 6th St., Newport, KY 41071
(859) 572-5035
Hours: M-R 9-9, F 9-7, Sat 9-5, Sun 1-5
https://www.cc-pl.org/locations/newport-branch
Maintains a small collection of Kentucky materials with emphasis on Campbell County and Newport that includes Newport city directories (mostly 1882-present); indexed cemetery lists for county; listing of soldiers housed in Newport Barracks in the 1800's. Limited research by mail.

CAMPBELL COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
19 East Main St., Alexandria, KY 41001
(859) 635-6407
Hours: Tue 10-8, R 10-2 Sat 10-2
http://cchgsky.org/
Maintains collection of materials relating to Campbell County. Send SASE for more information. Because the office is staffed by volunteers, they request that you call to confirm prior to visiting the office (2nd floor of the Historic Alexandria Courthouse).

BOONE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Main Library
1785 Burlington Pike
Burlington, KY 41005
(859) 342-BOOK (2665)
Hours: M-F 9-9; Sat 9-5; Sun 1-5
https://www.bcpl.org/
Research materials for Boone County include courthouse records; local and family histories; newspapers; atlases; and cemetery records. Send SASE for ***Genealogical Sources at Boone County Public Library.***

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON ARCHIVES
1125 Madison Ave.
Covington, KY 41011-3115
(859) 538-1176
https://www.covdio.org/archives/
Office hours are M – F 8:30-5, Diocesan records to 1925 are available on microfilm at the Kenton County Library, 502 Scott Blvd., Covington, KY.

CEMETERY OFFICE OF THE DIOCESE
(859) 283-6220
Maintains jurisdiction over five Catholic cemeteries in Northern KY. Records themselves are at the individual cemeteries.

KENTUCKY SOURCES OF INFORMATION

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH—OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS
275 East Main St., Frankfort, KY 40621
(502) 564-4212
Hours: M-F 8-4:30
https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/vsb/Pages/default.aspx
The Office of Vital Statistics has birth and death records from 1911-present. Earlier records are kept at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives. Cost for a certified copy is $10. Some death and marriage information can be found on the website https://www.chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/vsb/Pages/default.aspx [deaths, 1911-1992 and marriages/divorces, 1973-1993].

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 537
Frankfort, KY 40602-0537
Street address:
300 Coffee Tree Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-8300
Hours: M-F 8-4:30 (Libraries); M-F 8-4:00 (Research Room)

https://kdla.ky.gov/researchers/Pages/visitingthearchives.aspx
The State Archives is the official archival repository for Kentucky governmental records. The Archives' Research Room houses genealogical materials of the Kentucky Genealogical Society. Materials include ancestor charts, family files, census, military records, vital records, and more. Out-of-state customers must include a $15 non-refundable search and copy fee with each genealogical reference request. In-state customers must include a check or money order for $10 payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
The Kentucky History Center
100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-1792
Hours: Tues-Sat 8-4; Sun 1-5
[Note: Hours vary for Museum and Special Collections]
https://history.ky.gov/for-genealogists/
The Kentucky Historical Society operates three unique sites: The Kentucky History Center, Old State Capitol, and Kentucky Military History Museum. The Thomas D. Clark Research Library has over 90,000 published works dealing primarily with history and genealogy. Please refer to this library's policies regarding what you may bring in with you when you do research there. Research services are available online. See website for downloadable and printable request forms. One ancestor record (up to five photocopies) available to out-of-state patrons for a $12 fee ($5.00 for in-state patrons). Hourly research service is available at a rate of $25 per hour ($15 for members).

FILSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY
1310 South 3rd St., Louisville, KY 40208
(502) 635-5083
Hours: M-F 9-5, Sat 9-4 (Library, first Sat. of month); M-F 10-4 (Museum)
https://filsonhistorical.org/
Research materials include information on the following states: KY, VA, MD, PA and NC. Materials for Kentucky include 4,000 genealogy files on Kentucky families; over 3,500 family histories; 3,000 reels of microfilm, including Kentucky census and the Draper and Shane collections; 840 newspapers; cemetery and Bible records; journals; and atlases. Fee for nonmembers.

KENTUCKY SECRETARY OF STATE
700 Capital Ave., Suite 152
State Capitol, Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-3490
https://www.sos.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx
Website has searchable databases (and related articles) on topics such as Virginia Revolutionary War Warrants Database; County Court Orders; and Kentucky County Formations.

INDIANA SOURCES OF INFORMATION

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
Genealogy Center
900 Library Plaza, P.O. Box 2270, Ft. Wayne, IN 46801-2270
(260) 421-1225
Hours: M-R 9-9; F & Sat 9-6; Sun 12-5 (closed on Sundays, Memorial Day through Labor Day.
http://www.genealogycenter.org/
This is one of the top genealogical libraries in the country with more than 300,000 printed volumes and 314,000 microfilm and microfiche. Resources are international in scope with Indiana state resources very comprehensive. Limited reference by mail. Send a SASE for list of genealogists available to research there.

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,
VITAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT
2 North Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
(317) 233-2700
https://www.in.gov/isdh/26754.htm
Birth records include Oct. 1907-present. If birth occurred prior to this, contact health department in county where birth occurred. A $10 search fee is required. Death registration in Indiana began in 1882. Prior to 1900, records were filed only with local health departments. No indexes exist for 1900-1918; for these years, searches require knowledge of specific city or county. $8 search fee.

INDIANA STATE LIBRARY GENEALOGY DIVISION
140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2296
Phone: 317-232-3689
Hours: M-F 8-4:30 Thu 8-7 (Call for Saturday hours)
https://www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm
Extensive collection of genealogical and historical materials for all Indiana counties. Pre-1850 marriage database and Indiana cemetery database available. Website very useful for links throughout the state.

INDIANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
William Henry Smith Memorial Library
450 West Ohio St., Indianapolis, IN 46202
(317) 232-1882
Hours: Tues-Sat 10-5
https://indianahistory.org/
This society purports to have the "world's largest collection of materials on the history of Indiana and the old northwest." Their online catalog is very helpful, with detailed information on their extensive manuscript collection.

Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library
Discover Your Roots: Intro to Genealogy
List of resources and databases to search

Library Genealogy Databases

- African American Heritage *
  This collection was created in partnership with leading African American genealogists and recognized leaders in genealogical information to develop a comprehensive mix of resources, records, and tools specifically pertaining to African Americans.
- FamilySearch +
  A popular, free resource for genealogy and family history research containing over 6 billion searchable names and 2 billion images of historic genealogical records. CHPL is an affiliate library, meaning additional content and records are available to users at CHPL libraries. +All users must create an account using a username and password.
- Fold3 History & Genealogy Archives *
  Over 50 million pages of historical documents; census records from 1860 and 1930; documents relating to the Revolutionary War, Civil War, WWI, WWII, and U.S. Presidents; historical newspapers; naturalization documents; Matthew Brady Civil War photos; city directories; etc.
- Heritage Quest *
  Use this database to access selected U.S. Federal Census Records (1790–1930); thousands of family and local history books; and search a comprehensive subject index of over 1.6 million genealogy and local history articles.
  *Library research databases-access with CHPL library card and PIN #
- Ancestry Library Edition (ProQuest) ***
  Resources for genealogical research including U.S. federal census records, military records, the Social Security Death Index, New York and other passenger records and selected records from the United Kingdom and Ireland. Biographical materials include the American Genealogical-Biographical Index, Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books, slave narratives, and Native American indexes.
  ***Only available at CHPL's 41 Neighborhood Branches using a library computer or while logged into the library Wi-Fi on your personal device.
- Findmypast ***
  Includes Cincinnati Archdiocese records, the Periodical Source Index (PERSI) of material and journal records from the databases of over 8,000 genealogy and history societies, over 2 billion historical records from around the world, including US censuses from 1790, a large collection of Irish records, and US military records from the Revolutionary War up to World War II. In addition, you'll be able to explore millions of newspaper pages from as long ago as 1710.
  ***Only available at Downtown Main Library and Green Township. Ask Library staff to access.

Local Cincinnati Historical Newspapers

- Newsdex
  Newsdex is an index of Cincinnati stories and events, as well as death notices and obituaries from our local newspapers. It's a unique resource created and maintained by Library staff. Use it to find full article citations, including titles, dates, pages, and column numbers. In some cases, it will also note if an image accompanies the article. While not comprehensive, it's a great starting point for research using our local newspapers. A library card with us is not necessary to use Newsdex.
- Cincinnati Post (1882-2007) (Newsbank) *
  This fully searchable online archive captures local history in the late 19th and early 21st centuries articles from the *Cincinnati Post*.
- Newspaper Archive *
  Full-text searchable articles from a wide variety of historical Ohio newspapers covering Ohio history from 1793-2024. The collection includes more than 7+ million newspapers that allow users to search their ancestors by name and to narrow their results by year and location.
- Cincinnati Enquirer (1841-2009) (ProQuest) *
  Full-text articles from the backfile of *The Cincinnati Enquirer*. Please note: The year 1885 is incomplete due to damaged microfilm.
- Ohio Historical Newspapers (ProQuest) *
  The Ohio Historical Newspaper collection allows you to search the full run of the Cincinnati Post and the Cincinnati Enquirer in one spot. Also includes the Dayton Daily News (1923-1986), and historical coverage for several smaller Ohio cities, including Chillicothe and Zanesville. Cincinnati Enquirer (1923-present).
  *Library research databases-access with CHPL library card and PIN #

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

- **Kent State University-Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (COLOR):** https://oaks.kent.edu/sanborn
- **Library of Congress-Hamilton County (COLOR):** https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?fa=location:ohio%7Clocation:hamilton+county&st=list
  See the following link for info about the color and the keys: https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/
- **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps (BLACK and WHITE) ***
  Over 40,000 detailed maps of Ohio cities providing large scale street plans with building outlines, property boundaries, and building use that were produced by the Sanborn Fire Insurance Company and drawn between 1882 and 1962.
  *Library research database-access with CHPL library card and PIN #

There are a few ways to access the library's research databases:

- Go to chpl.org, at the **top left-hand side under our logo,** on the **left side** in the **Quick Find blue box,** select **Research Databases,** select the 2nd box down on the left side-**By Format**, then select **Newspapers**, then go ahead and select the databases you want to look at. You can access the research databases from home by logging on with your **Cincinnati Public Library card number** and your **PIN** number (last 4 digits of your phone number when you signed up for your library card). **FOR NEWSPAPERS**

- Go to chpl.org, at the **top left-hand side under our logo**, click on the **Services** tab, select the 2nd column-**Research Support**, select the 1st listing-**Research Databases**, select the 2nd box down on the left side-**By Format**, then select **Newspapers**, then go ahead and select the databases you want to look at. You can access the research databases from home by logging on with your **Cincinnati Public Library card number** and your **PIN** number (last 4 digits of your phone number when you signed up for your library card). **FOR NEWSPAPERS**

- Go to chpl.org, at the **top left-hand side under our logo**, click on the **Services** tab, select the 2nd column-**Research Support**, select the 1st listing-**Research Databases**, select the 1st box down on the left side-**By Area of Interest**, click **View All**, then select **Genealogy**, then go ahead and select the databases you want to look at. You can access the research databases from home by logging on with your **Cincinnati Public Library card number** and your **PIN** number (last 4 digits of your phone number when you signed up for your library card). **FOR GENEALOGY**

- Go to chpl.org, at the **top left-hand side under our logo**, click on the **Services** tab, select the 2nd column-**Research Support**, select the 2nd listing-**Genealogy · Local History**, scroll down to you see **Featured Library Databases** or use the **right arrow** to scroll **3 times** to see **View All** and click on it and select the databases you want to look at. You can access the research databases from home by logging on with your **Cincinnati Public Library card number** and your **PIN** number (last 4 digits of your phone number when you signed up for your library card). **FOR GENEALOGY**

Cincinnati City Directories

The library's **Digital Library** link, see https://digital.cincinnatilibrary.org/, where you may want to do more research, a CHPL library card isn't needed.

- **City & County Directories Collection**: https://digital.cincinnatilibrary.org/digital/collection/p16998coll5

Hamilton County Genealogical Society: https://hcgsohio.org/

The Hamilton County Genealogical Society (HCGS) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide educational programs to family history researchers and to preserve Hamilton County records. At the bottom of the website, there's a contact number, please leave a message with your contact info and question. HCGS will return your call.

Cincinnati History Library and Archives (Museum Center): https://www.cincymuseum.org/cincinnati-history-library- archives/

Genealogy and Local History: https://chpl.org/genealogy-history/

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***Contact the Genealogy and Local History Department at research@chpl.org or 513-369-6909.