

# Greater Cincinnati Genealogical Resources



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## **GREATER CINCINNATI SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

### **■ GENEALOGY AND LOCAL HISTORY DEPARTMENT**

#### **PUBLIC LIBRARY OF CINCINNATI & HAMILTON COUNTY**

800 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH 45202-2071, (513) 369-6905

Hours: Monday–Wednesday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.,

Thursday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.

[www.CincinnatiLibrary.org](http://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.cincinnati.library.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: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., No phone calls

NOTE: Most records of interest to genealogists are located at the Taft Center. See 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, (513) 946-5656

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

[www.courtclerk.org](http://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: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
(513) 946-3551  
[www.probatect.org/](http://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 for 1791-1848; 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: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

#### Auditor’s Office

Room 304, (513) 946-4000  
[www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org](http://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 9:00 -11:00 a.m., 2:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)  
Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
[www.cincinnati-oh.gov/health/pages/-5138/](http://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 (appointment hours 8:00-11:00 a.m., 2:00-4:00 p.m.)  
Hours: Monday–Friday 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  
[www.hamiltoncountyhealth.org/en/](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 at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com); 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 \$19.00 per certified copy.

### ■ NORWOOD HEALTH CENTER

2059 Sherman Ave., Norwood, OH 45212, (513) 458-4600  
Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
<http://www.norwoodhealth.org/vitalstats.html>

Birth and death records for Norwood residents, mostly after 1908. Certified copies are \$17.00 each.

### ■ ST. BERNARD CITY HALL

110 Washington Ave., St. Bernard, OH 45217, (513) 242-7770  
Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Birth and death records for St. Bernard area only (1889–present). Certified copies are \$7.00 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 2009 or contact the Society for purchase information).

### ■ CINCINNATI FIRE MUSEUM

315 W. Court St., Cincinnati, OH 45202

(513) 621-5553

Hours: Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.;

Saturday & Sunday 12:00–4:00 p.m. Hours subject to change, call

first. Small admission fee.

[www.cincyfiremuseum.com](http://www.cincyfiremuseum.com)

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.

### ■ CINCINNATI HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

Cincinnati Museum Center

1301 Western Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45203

(513) 287-7030

Hours: Monday–Friday 12:00–5:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

<http://library.cincymuseum.org/>

The Cincinnati Historical Society Library 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 Pionier 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 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

[www.libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb/archives/index.html](http://www.libraries.uc.edu/libraries/arb/archives/index.html)

Email: [Archives@ucmail.uc.edu](mailto:Archives@ucmail.uc.edu)

Blegen Library inherited the old birth and death index cards from the Elm Street Health Center. Birth records cover 1874–1908 and death records 1865–1908. An attendant brings out the cards you request by name and date. Visitors are encouraged to phone ahead. The staff can prepare materials in advance, and some materials are located in remote storage centers, requiring several days to retrieve. 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, phone, or fax, 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 are branches of The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints (Mormons). These centers, open to the public, provide access to the world’s largest genealogical collection at their headquarters in Salt Lake City, UT. Users can access various indexes and rent microfilm from their nearest center. For more information, see the LDS web site at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org).

#### **Cincinnati (Norwood area)**

5505 Bosworth Pl., Norwood, OH 45212

(513) 531-5624

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.;

Tuesday, Thursday 6:00–9:00 p.m.

#### **Cincinnati North (Montgomery area)**

Cornell & Snider Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249

(513) 489-3036

Hours: Tuesday 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.; Wednesday 6:00–9:00 p.m.;

Thursday 10:00–2:00 p.m., 6:00–9:00 p.m.; Sat 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

#### **Cincinnati (Anderson/West Clermont)**

695 Clough Pike

(513) 753-3464

Hours: Tuesday–Wednesday 6:30–8:15 p.m., by appointment other days.

#### **West Chester, Ohio**

7118 Dutchland Parkway

(513) 759-6355

Hours: Tuesday–Thursday 7:00–9:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m.–

2:00 p.m.

#### **Fairfield/Hamilton, Ohio**

4831 Pleasant Ave.

(513) 844-8866

Hours: Tuesday, Thursday 6:00–9:00 p.m.;

Friday 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

#### **Northern Kentucky**

144 Buttermilk Pike, (859) 341-3866

Hours: Tuesday–Thursday 6:00–9:00 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday,

Saturday 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.,

### ■ 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 8:00 a.m.–10:00 p.m., Friday 8:00 a.m.–

5:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00–6:00 p.m. (Sundays during 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–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

[www.americanjewisharchives.org/](http://www.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

212 East 8th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202, (513) 621-2086

Hours: Monday–Wednesday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

[www.catholiccincinnati.org/](http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/)

Email: [dbuske@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dbuske@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: Tuesday–Friday, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; Saturday

11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Email: [familysearchnurfc@yahoo.com](mailto:familysearchnurfc@yahoo.com)

[www.freedomcenter.org/genealogy](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 Family Search Center. At its opening, it had mostly internet and Ancestry products.

### ■ 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: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

<http://uscis.gov/graphics/aboutus/history/tools.html>

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](http://www.archives.gov/facilities/il/chicago/staff_contacts.html))

### ■ DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR)

Cincinnati Chapter, [www.dar.org/default.cfm](http://www.dar.org/default.cfm)

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 (513) 398-3306 or Kym Pitman (513) 467-1840.

### ■ SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (SAR)

Cincinnati Chapter, [www.rootsweb.com/~ohccsar/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohccsar/)

Contact John Simmons for information about this lineage society at (513) 947-0212.

### ■ SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

General William H. Lytle #10, Cincinnati, Ohio

Meetings held at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday monthly, except July, August & December.

Scarlet Oaks School, Main building (has Scarlet Oaks on front)

Room #245 (second floor), 3234 East Kemper Rd., Sharonville, Ohio  
contact: Commander: Dennis M. Brown - [dennybrown@cinci.rr.com](mailto:dennybrown@cinci.rr.com)

## CEMETERIES

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

### ■ CINCINNATI CATHOLIC CEMETERY SOCIETY

3819 W 8th Street, Cincinnati OH 45205, (513) 557-2306

<http://www.cccsohio.org/home.htm>

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](http://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.

### ■ 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  
[www.springgrove.org/springgrove/genealogy\\_query.asp](http://www.springgrove.org/springgrove/genealogy_query.asp)

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 HILLS 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  
[www.butlercountyohio.org/records/](http://www.butlercountyohio.org/records/)

Hours: Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

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 GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

P.O. Box 2011, Middletown, OH 45044-2011

<http://www.butlercountyogs.org/>

Email: [BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org](mailto:BCOGS@butlercountyogs.org)

### ■ BUTLER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

327 North 2nd St., Hamilton, OH 45011, (513) 896-9930

Hours: Tuesday–Sunday 1:00–4:00 p.m.

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~butlercounty/>

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: Monday–Thursday 11:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Friday–Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.

[www.lanepublic.org/history.htm](http://www.lanepublic.org/history.htm)

The Local History Room has resources on Butler County including cemeteries, deeds, newspapers, and photographs.

### ■ MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

125 South Broad St., Middletown, OH 45044, (513) 424-1251  
 Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m. (school year only)  
[www.middletownlibrary.org/](http://www.middletownlibrary.org/)

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

15 South College Ave., Oxford, OH 45056, (513) 523-3035  
 Hours: Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m./1:00–5:00 p.m.;  
 Thursday 6:00–9:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
[www.lanep.org/smith.html](http://www.lanep.org/smith.html)

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 RESOURCES

### ■ CLERMONT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Genealogy Section, Doris Wood Branch, 180 South Third St., Batavia, OH 45103-3092, (513) 732-2128  
 Hours: Tuesday 12:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday–Thursday 10:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
[www.clermont.lib.oh.us](http://www.clermont.lib.oh.us)

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  
[www.rootsweb.com/~ohclecgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohclecgs)

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 RESOURCES

### ■ WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

105 South Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036  
 (513) 932-1817  
 Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.,

Sunday 12:00–4:00 p.m. Admission fee for non-members  
[www.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/wchs.htm](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohwarren/wchs.htm)

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: Monday–Friday 9:00–4:00 p.m.  
[www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/index.htm](http://www.co.warren.oh.us/genealogy/index.htm)

## CLINTON COUNTY RESOURCES

### ■ CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Attn: Genealogy Department  
 149 East Locust St., Wilmington, OH 45177  
 (937) 382-4684  
[www.clintoncountyhistory.org/](http://www.clintoncountyhistory.org/)

The Society 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

S. Arthur Watson Library  
 Pyle Box 1227/251 Ludovic St.  
 Wilmington, OH 45177  
 (937) 382-6661 Ext. 345 or 1-800-341-9318  
 Hours: Monday–Thursday 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.,  
 (Friday by appointment)  
[http://www.watsonlibrary.org/specialcollections/special\\_coll.html](http://www.watsonlibrary.org/specialcollections/special_coll.html)

This is a research collection of printed materials, manuscripts and photographs on all aspects of Quaker history, philosophy, thought 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: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
[www.odh.ohio.gov/](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/) Email: [VitalStat@odh.ohio.gov](mailto: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 HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1982 Velma Ave., Columbus, OH 43211  
(614) 297-2510  
Hours: Thursday 1:00–9:00 p.m., Friday, Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
[www.ohiohistory.org/resource/archlib/index.html](http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/archlib/index.html)  
Email: [ohsref@ohiohistory.org](mailto:ohsref@ohiohistory.org)

The Ohio Historical Society has created an online index to Ohio death certificates (1913–1944) accessible through its web page at [www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/](http://www.ohiohistory.org/dindex/)

To order a death certificate (Dec. 20, 1908–Dec. 31, 1953), the fee is \$7.00 per name/certificate.

## ■ OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

713 South Main St., Mansfield, OH 44907-1644, (419) 756-7294  
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (Closed holidays and in April during its annual conference)  
[www.ogs.org](http://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

Genealogy Room (Room 308), 65 South Front St., Columbus, OH 43215-4163, (614) 644-7061  
Hours: Monday–Thursday 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
<http://winslo.state.oh.us/services/genealogy>

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: Tuesday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
[www.wrhs.org/](http://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) 962-4060  
Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.  
[www.kenton.lib.ky.us/genealogy.html](http://www.kenton.lib.ky.us/genealogy.html)

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: Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.  
[www.cc-pl.org/nwbranch.htm](http://www.cc-pl.org/nwbranch.htm)

Small collection of Kentucky materials with emphasis on Campbell County and Newport. 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: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m., Thursday 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
[www.rootsweb.com/~kycchgs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~kycchgs/)

Collection of materials relating to Campbell County. Send SASE for more information. Since 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

Scheben Branch  
1785 Burlington Pike, Burlington, KY 41005  
(859) 342-BOOL (2665)  
Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.,  
Saturday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.  
[www.bcpl.org/](http://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

P.O. Box 18548  
Covington, KY 41018  
(859) 538-1176

Visits are by appointment only. Office hours are:  
Monday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.; Wednesday 2:30–4:30 p.m.;  
Thursday 8:45–10:45 a.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

### ■ CEMETERY OFFICE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE

(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: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
<http://publichealth.state.ky.us/vital.htm>

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 \$9.00. Some death and marriage information can be found on the website <http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/> [deaths, 1911–1992 and marriages/divorces, 1973–1993].

### ■ KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT FOR LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

P.O. Box 537  
300 Coffee Tree Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 564-8300  
Hours: Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Libraries);  
Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Research Room)  
[www.kdla.ky.gov/](http://www.kdla.ky.gov/)

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 \$15.00 non-refundable search and copy fee with each genealogical reference request. In-state customers must include a check or money order for \$6.00 payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer.

### ■ KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Kentucky History Center  
100 West Broadway, Frankfort, KY 40601, (502) 564-1792  
Hours: Tuesday–Saturday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.; Sunday 1:00–5:00 p.m.  
[Note: Hours vary for Museum and Special Collections]  
<http://history.ky.gov/>

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 CLUB HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1310 South 3rd St., Louisville, KY 40208, (502) 635-5083

Hours: Monday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., 1st Saturday of the month 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Library); Monday–Friday 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. (Museum)

[www.filsonhistorical.org](http://www.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) 564-1484, [www.505.KY.gov/land/](http://www.505.KY.gov/land/)

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: Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m. -9:00 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Sunday 12:00-5:00 p.m. (closed on Sundays, Memorial Day through Labor Day.

[www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/index.html)

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

[www.in.gov/isch/20444.htm](http://www.in.gov/isch/20444.htm)

Birth records include Oct. 1907–present. If birth occurred prior to this, contact health department in county where birth occurred. A \$10.00 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. \$8.00 search fee.

### ■ INDIANA STATE LIBRARY GENEALOGY DIVISION

140 North Senate Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204-2296

(317) 232-3689

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

[www.statelib.lib.in.us](http://www.statelib.lib.in.us)

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: Tuesday–Saturday 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

[www.indianahistory.org/library/](http://www.indianahistory.org/library/)

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.



THE  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

of Cincinnati  
and  
Hamilton County