

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES: Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin

ILLINOIS - Genealogical Resources

Illinois Historical & Genealogical (and other) Societies, state & county:

<https://illinoisgenweb.org/society>

Illinois State Archives for Genealogical Research:

https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/gen_research.html

“Research in Illinois” by Diane Renner Walsh (National Genealogical Society’s Research in the States Series), available in libraries and here:

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/ris/illinois/>

Research in Illinois offers family historians and genealogists comprehensive and detailed descriptions of the state’s archives, libraries, and societies, including what records are available online and how to access them. Readers learn where to find county plats and landownership maps; business documents; cemetery and census records; court, naturalization, and probate records as well as vital records. There also are extensive sections on land, military, and religious records. The guide book includes repositories in small towns and bustling business centers; online resources; and microfilmed records and manuscripts in the state’s archives and courthouses

Cyndi’s List has links to many Illinois genealogical resources:

<https://www.cyndislist.com/us/il/>

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum & Library (History of Illinois)

<https://www2.illinois.gov/alplm/library/pages/default.aspx>

Genealogy Page:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/alplm/library/xxgenealogy/Pages/default.aspx>

Illinois Genealogy Reserouces PDF from The Newberry (library/museum in Chicago):

<https://www.newberry.org/sites/default/files/researchguide-attachments/Illinois.pdf>

CHICAGO

National Archives at Chicago:

<https://www.archives.gov/chicago>

Explore Chicago Collections (Historic Photos, Maps, Documents of Chicago & outlying areas)

<https://explore.chicagocollections.org/>

MICHIGAN – Genealogical Resources

State Library of Michigan

Michigan Family History page (very comprehensive resource links)

https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_89984---,00.html

Genealogical & Historical Societies (by county/city) page:

https://www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/0,9327,7-381-88854_89984-50986--,00.html

Historical Society of Michigan

<https://hsmichigan.org/>

Cyndi's List for Michigan: <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/mi/>

Book: *Research in Michigan (Revised & Updated)*, by Shirley M. DeBoer with edit/updates by Brenda Leyndyke. (National Genealogical Society's Research in the States Series). In libraries or available here:

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/ris/michigan/>

OHIO – Genealogical Resources

Ohio Genealogical Society <https://www.ogs.org/visit-the-library/>

Ohio Historical Society http://ohiohistorycentral.org/w/Ohio_Historical_Society

<https://www.ohiomemory.org/>

Cyndi's List – Ohio (with links to many or most of Ohio's genealogical resources)

<https://www.cyndislist.com/us/oh/>

Book: *Research in Ohio*, by Diane VanSkiver Gagel (National Genealogical Society 'Research in the States Series'). To order go to <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/ris/ohio/>

"...business, cemetery, census, and naturalization records...discusses the state's various courts and their records from its earliest days as a territory to present day. A detail review of land records—including the Donation Tract, Firelands, and French Grants—is provided. Researchers also will learn where to access ethnic, military, religious, tax, and vital records."

Book: *Ohio Lands and their Subdivision* by William E. Peters (1996 reprint):

Available at GFO Library: <https://gfo-ind.narvi.opalsinfo.net/bin/search/recDetailPage?sf0=21&kw0=Land+--+Ohio&sortAttr=0&sortOrder=0&zid=0&zidDb=on&pNum=1&rid=&recRsPos=12>

Worldcat info:

https://www.worldcat.org/title/ohio-lands-and-their-subdivision/oclc/47918722&referer=brief_results

Readable online at Internet Archive.org

<https://archive.org/details/ohiolandsandthe00petegoog/page/n10/mode/2up?q=Ohio+Lands+and+their+subdivisions>

Family Search: Ohio Land and Property (with good links)

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Ohio_Land_and_Property

Cleveland/Cuyahoga County

Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, Case Western Reserve (online encyclopedia):

<https://case.edu/ech/>

Cincinnati

Article: "Germans in the Queen City" by Zachary Garceau in *American Ancestors Magazine*, Oct 1, 2018:

<https://vitabrevis.americanancestors.org/2018/10/germans-queen-city/>

***WISCONSIN* – Genealogical Resources**

Wisconsin Dept of Health Services, Vital Records: In-Person Genealogy Research

(*phone help available while building access is limited)

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/vitalrecords/genealogy.htm>

*Our office allows in-person searching by appointment only at 1 West Wilson Street, Room 159, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. To schedule an appointment, contact the genealogy receptionist at *608-267-7820 or you may schedule online (link is external) to book your appointment.*

Wisconsin Historical Society

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>

Building closed due to Covid-19, but you can submit request form for assistance: **Library:** asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org

Archives here: askarchives@wisconsinhistory.org

Historic Preservation Office: askshpo@wisconsinhistory.org

Wisconsin Area Research Center Network

This page from WI Historical Society connects to research centers at 14 campus libraries around the state.

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4000>

And each of those links connects you to county historical societies of their area.

University of Wisconsin (Parkside) Library - Archives Area Research Center, Birth Marriage & Death Records with additional Genealogical Resources: <https://www.uwp.edu/learn/library/Archives/vital.cfm>

Resource summaries and links are comprehensive: Citizen, Land, City/County Directories, School, Church & Cemetery, Manuscript & Biographical.

Wisconsin Register of Deeds Association: <https://www.wrdaonline.org/>

Some of Wisconsin's County Historical Societies:

Dane County Historical Society: <https://danecountyhistory.org/>

Dodge County Historical Societies & Museums:

<https://www.co.dodge.wi.gov/community/visitors/historical-societies-and-museums>

Fond du Lac County Historical Society: <https://www.fdlhistory.com/>

Milwaukee County Historical Society: <https://milwaukeehistory.net/>

Portage County Historical Society: <http://www.pchswi.org/>

Sheboygan County Historical Research Center: <https://www.schrc.org/>

Waukesha County Historical Society, Huelsman Family Research Center:

<https://www.waukeshamuseum.org/research-center/>

Waupaca County Historical Society: <https://www.waupacahistoricalsociety.org/>

Cyndi's List can link you to any of these Wisconsin resources: <https://www.cyndislist.com/us/wi/>