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Genealogical Records & Resources in Cuyahoga County

A Guide

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DESCRIPTION OF CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY'S GENEALOGY GUIDE

This 22-page genealogy guide does four things:

- First, the guide gives the location of vital records (birth, death, marriage, divorce) and other records (name changes, naturalization, wills/estates, etc.) in Cuyahoga County.
- Second, the guide outlines, by department, the major resources available for genealogical research at the Cleveland Public Library.
- Third, the guide includes a shelf-browsing guide for the extensive collection of genealogy materials available in the Library's History & Geography Department.
- Fourth, the guide includes a directory of other helpful Web sites and organizations.

GETTING STARTED

Genealogy can be both rewarding and time-consuming. If you are new to genealogy research, we recommend that you take some time to determine what you would like to learn about your family. If you consider that you have four grandparents, eight great-grandparents and sixteen great-great grandparents, you can see that the research possibilities are extensive. To help focus your research, please visit www.familysearch.org to learn about the basic steps involved in compiling your family's history. This site includes helpful sections titled "How do I get started?" and "Helpful Research Guidance," among others.

Although genealogy research is a self-directed activity, we are able to give general guidance and to help you answer specific questions. These include questions such as, "Where do I find my grandfather's naturalization records?" and "Where do I find a birth certificate for my great grandmother born in Nebraska in 1915?"

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Before you visit the Library, we highly recommend that you review the list of "Frequently Asked Questions" on page 5 of this guide.

FINDING A PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST

If you would like to trace your family tree but don't have the time to complete the research, you may want to consider hiring a professional genealogist to do it for you. Here are two organizations that can help you locate a professional genealogist:

Association of Professional Genealogists
P.O. Box 350998, Westminster, CO, 80035-0998
Telephone (303) 422-9371 Website www.apgen.org
The online APG directory provides a list of professional genealogists with members' contact information, biographies, services and research specialties. The directory allows searching by specialty (such as ethnic group), location, zip code and residence of genealogist.

Board for Certification of Genealogists
1307 New Hampshire Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20036
www.bcgcertification.org

GENEALOGY RESEARCH BY VOLUNTEERS

Although Cleveland Public Library is happy to give general guidance and to answer specific questions using its resources, non-local genealogists often need things looked up in other institutions that do not provide reference service. These research requests are known among genealogists as "random acts of genealogical kindness." There is a network of volunteers across the country that will assist you with specific research requests in cities and towns across the country. There are strict guidelines, so be sure to read all of the terms on the Web site that links volunteer genealogists to people needing research favors: www.raogk.org.

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Contact the local city hall for birth records for the following Cuyahoga County locations: Bedford, Berea, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland**, Euclid**, Garfield Heights, Lakewood, Maple Heights, Parma, Rocky River, Shaker Heights, South Euclid, University Heights
**Note these exceptions. Records for births at the following hospitals are held where noted:
Euclid-Glenville Hospital, Euclid (pre-1952 records at Cleveland)
Huron Road Hospital, East Cleveland (pre-1936 records at Cleveland)
Southwest General Community Hospital, Middleburg Heights (records for September 1975 to date are held at Cleveland)

For pre-1909 births in other Ohio counties, review the section on birth records on the Ohio Historical Society's website (www.ohiohistory.org).

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CEMETERY INSCRIPTIONS: The Library's History Department owns many published lists of cemetery inscriptions. Inscriptions are usually shelved with the reference books related to the place where the cemetery is located. A keyword search of the Library's Catalog using the terms "cemetery inscriptions" will yield a list of possible titles, but keep in mind that there may be similar titles in the Catalog that don't include these search terms. (Many genealogical societies have made cemetery inscriptions available on the Internet as well.)

CEMETERY DIRECTORIES: History Department has cemetery guides including: *Cleveland Cemeteries: Stones, Symbols and Stories* (F 499 .C692 A2 1999), *Ohio Cemeteries* (Ref. F 490 .O3618) and *Cemeteries of the U.S.* (Ref. RA 626.3 .C45x). Use these books to determine the location of cemeteries and their records.

FUNERAL HOME RECORDS: Funeral homes that have been in operation for a long time often have historical records that may be helpful. Busch Family Funeral Chapels, for example, has complete records going back 100 years. Cleveland Public Library maintains no funeral home records.

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There is no comprehensive index to naturalization records. A person who resided in Cleveland or Cuyahoga County may have filed a Petition for Naturalization in one of three courts: Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; Cuy. County Probate Court; or the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Most 19th and early 20th century petitions were filed in non-federal courts operated by state, county or municipal governments.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHERE IS THE GENEALOGY SECTION AT CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY?

Although the Library does not have a stand-alone genealogy section, it does have extensive genealogy holdings. These are to be found in the **History & Geography Department**. Most of the genealogy research materials are grouped together in broad sections on the shelves in the Department. By looking at the browsing guides (for both L.C. and Dewey classification systems) in this brochure, you can find the best starting place for your research. You may also search the Library's Catalog (www.cpl.org) or ask a staff person for assistance. **See Page 19 for tips on searching the Catalog.**

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PREPARE A FAMILY TREE/GENEALOGY. WHERE DO I START?

The best way to start is to familiarize yourself with the basic steps of genealogy research:

Step 1. Remember your ancestors.
Step 2. Use sources in your home.
Step 3. Ask relatives for information.
Step 4. Choose a family or ancestor you want to learn more about.
Step 5. See if someone else has already found the information.
Step 6. Search records for your ancestor.

You can find this type of information in the many how-to manuals available in Aisle 1 of the History Department (see page 7 for a select list of how-to books). An excellent Internet how-to resource may be found at www.familysearch.org. The steps above were copied from this web site, where they are explained in greater detail.

WILL THE LIBRARY ANSWER QUESTIONS BY TELEPHONE, E-MAIL OR LETTER?

The History Department (contact information on page 6) will provide quick reference answers to specific questions by telephone, e-mail or letter.

WILL THE LIBRARY DO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH FOR ME?

Although genealogical research is largely a self-directed activity, we do provide guidance in doing in-depth or time-consuming research in person at the Library. To locate a certified genealogist, refer to the listings for the Association of Professional Genealogists and the Board for Certified Genealogists on page 22. To locate a volunteer to help do specific out-of-town genealogy look-ups, see the back of the front cover of this guide.

DOES THE LIBRARY HAVE MY FAMILY'S HISTORY/GENEALOGY?

The Library does not collect family histories. (The Western Reserve Historical Society does.) The Library does, however, have a small collection of family histories --for prominent families-- that were acquired before 1975. A subject search by family name in the Library's Online Catalog will indicate if we own a particular family history. In addition, the HeritageQuest database includes the full text of more than 25,000 family genealogies and county histories.

WHY CAN'T I FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IN YOUR ONLINE CATALOG?

It is best to ask for help from a librarian if you don't find what you are looking for, or if you think your results list is shorter than it should be. While the Library's Catalog is designed to be easy to use, it is complex due to the sheer size of the Library's holdings (more than 2 million unique titles). See page 19 for tips on searching the CPL Online Catalog.

DOES THE LIBRARY HAVE ANY RECORDS?

While the Library does not maintain any official records, it does have some vital records available in published books (see History Department Browsing Guides in this publication) and on microfilm (see Microform Center description in this publication). See the sections for local, state & national agencies in this publication for the location of official records.

WHY DO SOME CALL NUMBERS BEGIN WITH NUMBERS AND SOME WITH LETTERS?

Cleveland Public Library uses two classification schemes to arrange its collections. All books acquired before 1975 are arranged according to a modified version of the **Dewey Decimal System**. The Dewey system uses numbers in the top line (e.g., 989.22). Books acquired since 1975 are arranged according to the **Library of Congress Classification System (L.C.)**. The LC system uses letters in the top line (e.g., F 499).

I FOUND A BOOK IN THE CATALOG BUT IT'S NOT ON THE SHELF. WHERE IS IT?

Because of the size of the Main Library collections, only a certain number of any department's books can be housed in open stacks. Many older books are housed in closed storage areas downtown and off-site. With a few exceptions, all Dewey-classified books are in storage either downtown or off-site. Books in off-site storage usually take one day to retrieve (exception: books requested between Friday afternoon and Sunday afternoon are delivered on Monday afternoon at the earliest). LC-classified books that are in storage are stored downtown and can be retrieved within 15 minutes of your request. You are welcome to call in advance to have books retrieved and held for you.

MAY I VISIT THE CLOSED STACKS (MAIN LIBRARY) AND/OR OFF-SITE STORAGE?

We are happy to retrieve any books you wish to see. If you wish to browse the shelves in a particular closed-stack area, it may be possible to arrange for a stack pass. Stack passes are arranged on a case-by-case basis by the Department Head or Assistant Head, subject to staff availability and security restrictions. There is no direct patron access to collections in off-site storage.

DIRECTORIES (See box below for telephone directories and other U.S. city directories.)

- **Cleveland City Directories** **The History & Geography Department has the following directories in paper copy:**
  Cleveland City Directory, 1881, 1889, 1890, 1894, 1899, 1906, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1929 & 1936-1977
  Cleveland: East & West Suburban Directories, 1964-1980

  ABOUT CITY DIRECTORIES: The city directory is an alphabetic listing of residents, businesses, public buildings, schools, societies, etc. Entries include name, occupation, and other information. Wives' names first appeared in the 1929 directory. Also starting with the 1929 directory, properties are listed *by address* at the end of each volume. The directory was published from 1837-1980. **No directory was published for Cleveland proper in the following years:** 1838-45, 1847-48, 1851-52, 1853-55, 1858-59, 1862-63, 1933, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1962, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975, and 1976. Check each volume to determine exact geographic coverage.

  PHOTOCOPYING: To preserve original directory volumes, patrons are permitted to make photocopies and scans **only from the microfilm copy of the directories.** Microfilm of the directories is located in the Microform Center (Main Bldg., 1st Floor).

  DIGITIZED DIRECTORIES ONLINE: CPL **does not have or provide access to** Cleveland city directories online. However, Ancestry.com has several digitized Cleveland city directories, but patrons need a personal subscription to access this database. The Ancestry Library Edition database, *provided free by the Library*, does not contain these directories. A Google search will turn up some individual efforts at digitization.

- **Criss-Cross Directory by Address (1923, 1926 and 1960 through last year)**
  A listing, *by address*, of residences and businesses in the Cleveland area. Directory generally includes the name and phone number of the occupant, if this information is published in the phone book (i.e., no unlisted information is given). The Business, Economics & Labor Department (Louis Stokes Wing, 2nd Floor) houses the current year's criss-cross directory.

- **Cleveland Blue Book (1888 to the present)**
  This social register of the Greater Cleveland area contains the names and addresses of locally prominent families. Listing includes names of spouses and children as well degrees earned, club memberships held. (Ref. F 499 .C6 A182) **Also available in the Microform Center.**

NOTE: The following resources are available in the Microform Center (Main Bldg. 1st Floor):
1.) All Cleveland City Directories, 1837-1980 (includes all East (1964-78) and West (1964-80) suburban editions)
2.) All Cleveland Telephone Directories, 1880 to the present
3.) All Cleveland Suburban City Directories (individual directories for Cleveland suburbs), 1924-1974
4.) All City Directories published in the United States before 1860
5.) A large selection of City Directories from throughout Ohio (1861-1960s) and the United States (1861-1883)

U.S. CENSUS

Note: We highly recommend that you use Ancestry Library Edition database for Census research.

- **Printed U.S. Census Indexes for Ohio (1820-1880)**
- **Ancestry Library Edition** includes the complete U.S. Census Population Schedules, 1790-1930, including the 1850/60 Slave Schedules, **but not** agricultural or other schedules. **[See Also: HeritageQuest on page 20.]**
- **The Census Book: A Genealogist's Guide (Ref. HA 214 .D63 1999 --shelved in Quick Reference)**
  Includes blank census forms for all censuses (1790-1930) as well as many useful worksheets that may be photocopied.

NOTABLE FILES AND INDEXES

- **Old & new street numbers.** **(Available online: http://cplorg.cdmhost.com/u?/p128201coll0,387)**
  This work outlines in a single volume all of the addresses extant in the city of Cleveland in 1905 and what those addresses became in 1906 as part of a massive project in which street names and numbers were reassigned and standardized throughout the city.
- **Index to Cleveland and Ohio Regional History & Biography (Microfiche)**
  This file indexes the History & Geography Department's Cleveland & Ohio clipping files as well as many other published sources, including older published histories of Cleveland and Ohio that may not have had internal indexes when first published.
- **Biography Clipping File: Cleveland and Ohio (1920s-1975) (Microfiche)**
  Clippings and other information on *prominent* Clevelanders. From the 1920s to 1975, newspaper and periodical articles on prominent Clevelanders and other Ohioans were clipped from the *Plain Dealer, Cleveland Press, Cleveland News, Cleveland Call & Post*, etc.
- **Annals of Cleveland (1818-1876, 1933-1938)** **(Note: No Annals compiled for 1877-1932 or after 1938.)**
  An index to Cleveland newspapers, the *Annals* can be searched by last name or any other pertinent piece of information.
- **Index to Family Genealogical Information in Various Books and Periodicals Owned by CPL**
  (Ref. Z 5311 .C53 1985x - quick reference). Compiled ca. 1920s to 1970s by the History Department Staff.
- **List of Books Containing Rosters of U.S. Soldiers in Various Wars, 1675-1898**
  (Ref. Z 1249 .M5 C53 1985x – quick reference). Compiled by the staff of the History Department from books in the Library's collection.
- **Heraldry Index (Microfiche)**
  Index to coats-of-arms contained in more than 350 titles (books, serials and periodicals) in the Department's collection. The index is arranged alphabetically by family name. Color illustrations are noted. [**SEE ALSO**: Z 5319 .S24x in the LC Browsing Guide for another heraldry index.]
- **British Parish Registers and Visitations Index (Microfiche)**
  This file indexes the Library's collection of parish registers (by parish) and visitations published by various British record societies. Included are parish registers of cities and counties of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, as well as Madras, India, and Ontario, Canada. Commissariat records of Scotland and visitations of England and Ireland are also indexed, as are a scattering of English wills. Transcribed and published by various British record societies, parish registers include birth, baptism, death and marriage information parish by parish. Visitations are documentary records of personal inquiries made by a visiting herald into the rights of people within a heraldic province to bear arms.

OTHER STRENGTHS OF THE COLLECTION

- **Published Ship Passenger Lists & Indexes**
  Published ship passenger lists and indexes are located throughout the reference collection. The highest concentrations of these titles are to be found after the call numbers CS 60 and E 184 on the reference shelves. The book ***Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography, 1538-1900*** (Ref. Z 5313 .U5 F54 1988 – shelved in quick reference) presents an excellent overview of published passenger lists.
- **English County Histories**
  The Department owns the Victoria histories of the counties of England, featuring prominent individuals from the various counties of England. Some of the histories have separate index volumes. For an overview of this series, consult *The Victoria History of the Counties of England: General Introduction*, edited by R. B. Pugh. (Ref. DA 670 .A1 P83 1970 & supplement volume).
- **United States County Histories**
  The History Department has a large collection of county histories for Pennsylvania, New York, and other states surrounding Ohio. In addition, thousands of county histories are available as part of the HeritageQuest Database. Ask a librarian for assistance in locating county histories.
- **Family Histories**
  Although the Library no longer collects family histories, the History Department does own a collection of family histories/genealogies --for prominent families-- that were acquired before 1975. As most of these publications are housed in off-site storage, you are encouraged to call in advance to have these materials retrieved and held in the Department. Ask a librarian for assistance with locating family histories.

HOW-TO GENEALOGY BOOKS & GUIDES TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

The Library offers a selection of more than 100 genealogy instruction books that you may check out for home use, from beginner's guides to Internet genealogy research and everything in between. These how-to guides are available in aisle 1-D in the History & Geography Dept. The call numbers of the guides range from CS 9 to CS 982.

CIRCULATING HOW-TO GUIDES – A SELECTION

- Carmack, Sharon. *Your Guide to Cemetery Research* **(CS 21 .C36 2002)**
- Colletta, John P. *They Came in Ships: a Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* **(CS 49 .C63 2002)**
- Croom, Emily Anne. *Unpuzzling Your Past: The Best-selling Basic Guide to Genealogy* **(CS 47 .C76 2001)**
- Hatcher, Patricia Law. *Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records* **(CS 49 .H38 2003)**
- Hendrickson, Nancy. *Finding Your Roots Online* **(CS 21 .H46 2003)**
- Kovacs, Diane. *Genealogical Research on the Web* **(CS 14 .K68 2002)**
- Schepp, Brad. *The Online Genealogy Handbook* **(CS14 .S34 2008)**

CIRCULATING REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH GUIDES – A SELECTION

- Bell, C. W. *Ohio Genealogical Guide* **(F 490 .O3639x)**
- Sperry, Kip. *Genealogical Research in Ohio* **(CS 47 .S64 2003)**
- Vigil, Vicki Blum. *Finding your Family History in Northeast Ohio* **(F 490 .V54 2003)**

CIRCULATING AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY: HOW-TO BOOKS & RESEARCH GUIDES – A SELECTION

- *African American Genealogical Sourcebook* (**E 185.96 .A444 1995)**
- Burroughs, Tony. *Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree* **(E 185.96 .B94 2001)**
- Lawson, Sandra M. *Generations Past: a Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research* **(E 185.96 .L34 1988)**
- Smith, Franklin. *A Genealogists Guide to Discovering your African-American Ancestors* **(E 185.96 .S6514 2003)**
- Thackery, David T. *Finding your African American Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide* **(E 185.96 .T425 2000)**
- Witcher, Curt B. *African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources* **(Z 1361 .N39 W75 2000)***
- Woodtor, Dee. *Finding a Place Called Home: a Guide to African-American Genealogy* **(E 185.96 .W69 1999)**
- Young, Tommie Morton. *Afro-American Genealogy Sourcebook* **(E 185.96 .Y67 1987)**

*History has reference copy. Literature Department has circulating copies.

GENEALOGY GUIDES: SPECIALIZED TOPICS – SHELVED IN QUICK REFERENCE

- *International Vital Records Handbook* **(Ref. CS 42.7 .K46)**
- *Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States* **(Ref. CS 42.7 .S33 1997)**
- *Genealogist's Address Book* **(Ref. CS 44 .B46)**
- *County Court Records: a National Guide* **(Ref. CS 44 .S67)**
- *The Handybook for Genealogists, United States of America* **(Ref. CS 47 .H36)**
- *They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins* **(Ref. CS 47 .S97 1998)**
- *Land and Property Research in the United States* **(Ref. CS 49 .H66 1997)**
- *American Census Handbook* **(Ref. CS 49 .K4 2001)**
- *Red Book: American State, County and Town Resources* (Ancestry Publishing) **(Ref. CS 49 .R44)**
- *The Source: a Guidebook of American Genealogy* **(Ref. CS 49 .S9 1997)**
- *Finding Answers in U.S. Census Records* **(Ref. CS 49 .S984 2001)**
- *Cleveland Newspaper Index to Marriages and Deaths (1818-1876)* **(Ref. F 499 .C6 C534 1998)**
- *The Library: a Guide to the LDS Family History Library* **(Ref. Z 675 .C5 L4 1988)**
- *War of 1812 Genealogy* **(Ref. Z 1240 .S38 1983x)**
- *Civil War Genealogy: a Basic Research Guide to Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors with Detailed Sources…* **(Ref. Z 1242 .S35 1982)**
- *Revolutionary War Genealogy* **(Ref. Z 5313 .U5 S3 1982)**
- *Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives* **(Ref. Z 5313 .U5 U54 1985)**

BROWSING GUIDE TO GENEALOGY BOOKS IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT'S MAIN FLOOR REFERENCE COLLECTION
(Library of Congress Call Numbers)

NOTE WELL: The reference collection of genealogy books numbers in the thousands. Therefore, this guide is not comprehensive and you will find many valuable resources on the shelves that are not in this guide, particularly in the local history section (F490-F499). Use this outline as a guide to browsing the shelves. **Call numbers on the far left indicate the beginning of a range of books on a particular topic. Call numbers that follow bullet points are for specific titles.** Genealogy reference books relating to a specific place are shelved under the call number for that place (see the call numbers that start with the letter "F" for U.S. places). **Although the majority of the History Department's reference books are shelved in one long sequence, there is one notable exception: Quick Reference books**. Be sure to use the Browsing Guide in both Quick Reference and Main Floor Reference.

CR 53 **HERALDRY & COATS OF ARMS**
CR 1179 **FAMILY HERALDRY**
CR 3499 **TITLES OF HONOR, RANK, PRECEDENCE, ETC.**
CS 9 **GENEALOGY – GENERAL**
CS 40 **GENEALOGY – UNITED STATES (SEE ALSO LOCAL GENEALOGY IN THE "F" CALL NUMBERS)**

- ❑ **CS 44 .A57**
  Rider's *American Genealogical –Biographical Index*
  Note: the complete contents of this index are available on Ancestry.com. Volume 19 includes Key Titles Index.
- ❑ **CS 44 .N42 1960a**
  Newberry Library of Chicago Genealogical Index

CS 61 **SHIPS - PASSENGER LISTS & INDEXES**
These are published lists and indexes to published lists of immigrants to the United States and Canada (1600s-1900s). For copies of the actual records, contact the National Archives using NATF Form 81. (History Dept. has a small supply of these forms.)

- ❑ **CS 61 .M2 1995**
  Colonial Families of the United States
- ❑ **CS 68 .P363**
  Passenger and Immigration Lists Index (P.I.L.I.)
  P.I.L.I. indexes many of the published passenger lists in the Library's collection.

CS 80 **GENEALOGY – CANADA**
CS 95 **GENEALOGY – LATIN AMERICA**
CS 400 **GENEALOGY – EUROPE**
CS 410 **--- GREAT BRITAIN**
CS 480 **--- IRELAND**
CS 520 **--- CZECH REPUBLIC**
CS 560 **--- HUNGARY**
CS 580 **--- FRANCE**
CS 610 **--- GERMANY**
CS 680 **--- GREECE**
CS 750 **--- ITALY**
CS 870 **--- POLAND**
CS 940 **--- SPAIN**
CS 2305 **MEANINGS & ORIGINS OF FIRST & LAST NAMES**

- ❑ **CS 2485 .D53 2003 (shelved in quick reference)**
  Dictionary of American Family Names (A good source for surname origin and meaning.)
- ❑ **CT 211 .A64 1993x**
  American Biographical Index
  This six-volume series indexes the 300,000 individuals profiled in the *American Biographical Archive*, which is on microfiche in the Microform Center. Profiles date from the 1600s to the early 1900s. [SEE Ref. CT 211 .A43x for a list of the 367 reference works included in this series.]
- ❑ **D 570.85 .O3 A5**
  The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors and Marines in the World War, 1917-18
  Roster of Ohio soldiers, sailors and marines who served in World War I. Contains names, records, ranks and regiments.
- ❑ **D 570.85 .O31 C8 1939**
  Roster of Cuyahoga County Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Wounded in Action, Killed in Action ... WW 1914-18
- ❑ **D 675 .C54 L53 1999**
  Liberty Row
  Transcription of a list of names of WWI dead from Cleveland. The original list was transcribed from World War I memorial bronze plaques mounted at the bases of trees planted along a route following Liberty Boulevard (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) through to North Park Boulevard in Cleveland Heights.
- ❑ **E 98 .R28 W35 1993x**
  Black Indian Genealogy Research

- ❑ **E 154.5 .C57x**
  Index to *City Directories of the United States* microfilm collection.
  This volume is a listing of all U.S. city directories published before 1860. CPL owns all of these pre-1860 directories on microfilm in the Microform Center.

- ❑ **E 154.7 .S63x (shelved in quick reference)**
  The Social Register

- ❑ **E 176 .W64**
  Who's Who in America, Who's Who in Politics, and Who's Who in American Women

E 184 UNITED STATES ETHNIC GROUPS – IN ALPHABETIC ORDER

- ❑ **E 184 .B67 B32 1983**
  Czech Immigration Passenger Lists

- ❑ **E 184 .B7 E45 2006**
  Emigration from the United Kingdom to America

- ❑ **E 184 .D9 S95 1983**
  Dutch Immigrants in U.S. Ship Passenger Manifests, 1820-1880

- ❑ **E 184 .F89 H5**
  Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy

- ❑ **E 184 .G3 G38 1988** **Available online through www.archives.gov/research/**
  Germans to America
  List of German immigrants who came to the United States from 1850 onward.

- ❑ **E 184 .I6 F25 1983x** **Available online through www.archives.gov/research/**
  The Famine Immigrants: Lists of Irish Immigrants Arriving at the Port of New York, 1846-1851

- ❑ **E 184 .I6 I68 1995x**
  Irish Passenger Lists 1803-1806: Lists of Passengers Sailing from Ireland to America

- ❑ **E 184 .I8 I844 1992** **Available online through www.archives.gov/research/**
  Italians to America
  List of Italian immigrants who came to the United States from 1880 onward.

- ❑ **E 184 .J5 J558**
  Jewish Immigrants of the Nazi Period in the USA

- ❑ **E 184 .R9 M53 1995x** **Available online through www.archives.gov/research/**
  Migration from the Russian Empire
  List of immigrants of Russian nationality (including some Poles & Finns) who came to the United States from 1875 onward.

- ❑ **E 184 .S3 D63 1984**
  Directory of Scottish Settlers in North America, 1625-1825

- ❑ **E 185.93 .O4 P33 1996x**
  Index to the Cherokee Freedmen Enrollment Cards of the Dawes Commission
  The Dawes Commission was established to assess the claims of former slaves who sought to prove their Cherokee citizenship. Thousands of enrollment cards record the names of each member of a household and their age, sex and relationship to the head of the family.

- ❑ **E 185.96 .F42 1995x**
  Slave Ancestral Research: It's Something Else

- ❑ **E 185.96 .S817 1986**
  Slave Genealogy: a Research Guide with Case Studies

- ❑ **E 186.8 .A15**
  Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America

- ❑ **E 185.93 .O2 N57 1985**
  Blacks in Ohio, 1880, in the counties of...
  A listing of African Americans in Ohio in 1880 as represented in the U.S. Census.

- ❑ **E 202.5 .A15** **Note: Volumes 1-152 are available through Ancestry Library Edition database.**
  Lineage Book, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution
  The DAR lineage books include the names of descendants of men and women who served in the American Revolution. Both the service of the Patriot and his or her lineage have been established by the DAR. The last Lineage Book published was volume 166, published in 1921. This final printed volume ended with descendant number 166,000. Contact the DAR (www.dar.org) for information on members admitted since 1921.

- ❑ **E 255 .D38 1994**
  ***DAR Patriot Index* (Daughters of the American Revolution)**
  The DAR Patriot Index contains names of Revolutionary patriots, both men and women, whose service (between 1775 and 1783) has been established by the DAR. This index is used to determine which Patriots have been claimed by descendants as the basis for their membership in DAR. Not all of the names in the Patriot Index can be found in the DAR Lineage Books, as the last Lineage Book was published in 1921 and many more people have claimed membership since that time.

- ❑ **E 255 .O38**
  The Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio

- ❑ **E 255 .U53 1992**
  ***The Pension Roll of 1835* (United States War Department)**

- ❑ **E 255 .W56 1995**
  Index to Revolutionary War Service Records

- ❑ **E 263 .M4 M4**
  Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War: A Compilation from the Archives

- ❑ **E 269 .N3 G74 1984**
  Black Courage, 1775-1783: Documentary of Black Participation in the American Revolution

- ❑ **E 277 .B57 1996**
  Black Loyalist Directory: African Americans in Exile After the American Revolution

- ❑ **E 359.5 .O2 O3 1968**
  ***Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812*.**
  Index volume is shelved next to this volume.

- ❑ **E 444 .A45 (Supplement #4)**
  A Comprehensive Name Index for the American Slave
  From 1936 to 1938, more than 2,300 former slaves from across the American South were interviewed by writers and journalists under the aegis of the Works Progress Administration. These former slaves provided first-hand accounts of their experiences on plantations, in cities, and on small farms. Their narratives remain a peerless resource for understanding the lives of America's four million slaves.

- ❑ **E 464 .U6 1971**
  The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies
  This set is available in print and on CD-ROM. Alphabetical index by name available in both versions.

- ❑ **E 470 .C584x (shelved in quick reference)**
  Index to *Civil War Unit Histories. Part 4, The Union--Midwest and West Regimental Histories and Personal Narratives.* This is the index & guide to this comprehensive microfilm collection of Civil War unit/regimental histories. Every unit history known to exist at the time of filming is included in this series. The actual microfilm is in the Microform Center. **CPL owns only part four of the series, which covers the following states:** Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, California, Colorado, Dakota Territory, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington. [Ask for assistance in locating other published regimental histories.]

- ❑ **E 491 .D99 1978b (shelved in quick reference)**
  ***A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion* by Frederick Dyer**
  This massive work contains extensive factual and tabular information on the Civil War. Of particular interest to genealogists is the section that includes brief regimental histories. In his introduction, Dyer writes that his work includes, "a complete history of each and every regiment, battalion, battery, independent company, etc. organized from each State and Territory, also the Regular Army, U.S. Volunteers, U.S. Colored Troops and Indian Troops, from their entry into service to muster out."

- ❑ **E 494 .H4 1997x**
  The Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861 to 1865
  Arranged by state. Includes two volumes covering "United States Colored Troops"

- ❑ **E 525.3 .O38 and INDEX**
  Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866
  Includes rank and regiment. **The index to this series is on microfilm only: ask at History service desk to see index.**

- ❑ **E 540 .N3 G85x**
  Guide to Tracing Your African Ameripean Civil War Ancestor

- ❑ **E 548 .R67 1995x**
  The Roster of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865

- ❑ **E 591 .U58 1987**
  Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion
  Includes alphabetical name index.

- ❑ **E 726 .O3 B76 1982x**
  Index to Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War with Spain, 1898-1899

- ❑ **E 726 .O3 O25**
  The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War with Spain, 1898-1899 (Spanish-American War)
  Includes rank and regiment.

- ❑ **E 747 .W63**
  Who's Who in the Midwest
  Note: Current edition is shelved in General Reference Department.

F 1 – F 901 UNITED STATES – LOCAL GENEALOGY, STATE AND COUNTY HISTORIES, ETC. -- ARRANGED BY STATE or AREA
Note: CPL does not have material for every state. Check the call number for the state you are researching.

F 1-15 NEW ENGLAND

- ❑ **F 3 .E55 1984x**
  English Origins of New England Families: First Series

- ❑ **F 3 .G47 1985**
  Genealogies of Mayflower Families: From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register

- ❑ **F 3 .N48x**
  The Greenlaw Index of the New England Historic Genealogical Society

- ❑ **F 15 .B7 E542 1985**
  English Origins of New England Families: Second Series

F 16 **MAINE**
F 31 **NEW HAMPSHIRE**
F 46 **VERMONT**
F 76 **RHODE ISLAND**
F 91 **CONNECTICUT**
F 116 **NEW YORK/NEW YORK CITY**
F 131 **NEW JERSEY**
F 146 **PENNSYLVANIA**

❑ **F 146 .P41**
Pennsylvania Archives, Series 1-9 (CPL is missing series 3, v.3, 6, 18 and series 5, v.5.)
Historical information concerning Pennsylvania in nine series. Indexes include: **Series 1** (index at end of each volume and also in Ref. F 146 .C622 G46 1976). **Series 2** (index at end of each volume except v.8, 9, 10, 11, 13. Index to v. 13 & 14 at end of v.14). **Series 3, v. 1-10** (Cumulative index in v.27, pp. 1-331). **Series 3, v. 11-26** (Indexes in v. 27, pp. 337-790 [A-Co]; v.28 [Co-Ju]; v.29 [Ka-Re]; v.30 [Re-Z]. **Series 4** (General Index in v.12, pp. 643-963). **Series 5** (Index in Series 6, v. 15). **Series 6** is indexed by **Series 7**. **Series 8 and 9** have not been indexed. There is also a general guide to the contents of Series 1-9 **(Ref. F 146 .P432).**

NOTE: The series, *Colonial Records of Pennsylvania*, is also shelved in the History Dept. closed stacks (Call Number: 982.8 P38a, vols. 1-16) and it is also on microfiche in the Microform Center (Call Number: Z 1236 .L5). Indexes to the Colonial Records, v.1-16, include Ref. F 146 .C622 G46 (originally published in 1860) and Ref. Z 1237 .D86 1992x (a new index).

F 161 **DELAWARE**
F 176 **MARYLAND**
F 191 **WASHINGTON, D.C.**
F 206 **SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES**

❑ **F 213 .R42x**
Indexes to *Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War*
These are the indexes issued with this microfilm series (housed in the Microform Center). Online Catalog record for this title has a link to this information in an electronic index. The genealogical index to this series (below) is a better place to start.

❑ **F 213 .C66 2009 Index**
***Index to Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations* (second edition)**
Note: the actual records are on microfilm in the Microform Center. This is a comprehensive alphabetic name index to this massive microfilm collection. Use this index in conjunction with the indexes issued with the microfilm set (mentioned below) to get the most precise results.

❑ **F 215 .R423**
Indexes to *Records of Southern Plantations from Emancipation to the Great Migration*
Note: the actual records are on microfilm in the Microform Center. Online Catalog record for this title has a link to this information in an electronic index. Use this index in conjunction with the name index mentioned above.

F 221 **VIRGINIA**

❑ **F 225 .G462x**
Genealogies of Virginia families: from Tyler's Quarterly Historical and Genealogical Magazine

F 236 **WEST VIRGINIA**
F 251 **NORTH CAROLINA**
F 266 **SOUTH CAROLINA**
F 281 **GEORGIA**

❑ **F 281 .C71**
Colonial Records of the State of Georgia

F 306 **FLORIDA**
F 321 **ALABAMA**
F 336 **LOUISIANA**
F340 **MISSISSIPPI**
F 381 **TEXAS**
F 406 **ARKANSAS**
F 431 **TENNESSEE**
F 446 **KENTUCKY**
F 461 **MISSOURI**
F 486 **OHIO – GENERAL**
F 490 **OHIO & AREAS OF OHIO**

❑ **F 490 .H37 through F 490 .0363 (not shelved in chronological order)**
Census Indexes for Ohio, 1820-1880 (Each census index has a different call number.)
Printed indexes, arranged by surname, give county and township as well as page number of the Census. Actual census is on microfilm in the Microform Center. *Complete Census data is also available through the Ancestry and HeritageQuest databases.*

❑ **F 497**
Ohio County Histories (in alphabetic order)
Note: Histories of the 88 counties of Ohio include information on settlers, prominent landowners and significant events. Original editions were rarely indexed but the Library has acquired indexed reprint editions of most titles. **SEE ALSO: *County by County in Ohio Genealogy* (Ref. Z 1323 .O44 1992x- shelved in quick reference)**

F 497 .C9 **CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

❑ **F 497 .C9 M5 1988**
Memorial Record of the County of Cuyahoga and City of Cleveland, Ohio

F 497 .W5 **THE WESTERN RESERVE**

❑ **F 497 .W5 W45x**
Index to Genealogical Data Relating to Women in the Western Reserve Before 1840-(1850)
Note: Actual records are on microfilm in Microform Center (Microfilm Call Number: F 497 .W5 C53x)

F 499 OHIO CITIES/TOWNS (IN ALPHABETIC ORDER)

F 499 .C6 CLEVELAND HISTORY

[Note: many of the older Cleveland histories with biographical sketches are indexed in the History Department's *Index to Cleveland and Ohio Regional History*.]

F 521	**INDIANA**	**F 631**	**NORTH DAKOTA**	**F 771**	**COLORADO**
F 536	**ILLINOIS**	**F 646**	**SOUTH DAKOTA**	**F 791**	**NEW MEXICO**
F 550	**GREAT LAKES**	**F 661**	**NEBRASKA**	**F 806**	**ARIZONA**
F 561	**MICHIGAN**	**F 676**	**KANSAS**	**F 821**	**UTAH**
F 576	**WISCONSIN**	**F 691**	**OKLAHOMA**	**F 836**	**NEVADA**
F 591	**THE AMERICAN WEST**	**F 721**	**ROCKY MOUNTAINS**	**F 856**	**CALIFORNIA**
F 597	**THE NORTHWEST**	**F 726**	**MONTANA**	**F 871**	**OREGON**
F 601	**MINNESOTA**	**F 741**	**IDAHO**	**F 886**	**WASHINGTON**
F 616	**IOWA**	**F 756**	**WYOMING**	**F 901**	**ALASKA**

- ❑ **HA 201 .U55 2000 (shelved after the "G" reference books)**
  United States Census Index (1790-1810)

- ❑ **HA 214 .D63 1999 (shelved in quick reference)**
  The Census Book: A Genealogist's Guide to Federal Census Facts, Schedules and Indexes
  Includes blank census forms for all censuses (1790-1930) as well as many useful worksheets that may be photocopied.

- ❑ **HA 216 .M57 1986x (shelved in quick reference)**
  Miracode/Soundex Surname Codes
  A guide to the codes used in this numeric/alphabetic filing system for U.S. Census records.

- ❑ **HE 945 .A2 D5 1979 (shelved in quick reference)**
  Morton Allan Directory of European Passenger Steamship Arrivals: For the Years 1890 to 1930 at the Port of New York and for the Years 1904 to 1926 at the Ports of New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.
  Lists the arrival of passenger steamships, arranged by year and then listed alphabetically by steamship line. The ports of arrival and departure are given and as well month and day of arrival. [Note: does not contain passenger names.]

- ❑ **U 52 .O5 1995 (shelved in quick reference)**
  On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldier: Biographies of African Americans in the U.S. Army, 1866-1917

- ❑ **VM 381 .P3 1991 (Vol. 1, 1820-1850) (shelved in quick reference)**
  Passenger Ships Arriving in New York Harbor
  Arrivals are listed both chronologically by arrival date and alphabetically by ship name.

Z 675- Z 1325 &
Z 5301-Z 5315 BIBLIOGRAPHIES RELATING TO GENEALOGY, HERALDRY, AND BIOGRAPHY

- ❑ **Z 1249 .M5 C53 1985x (shelved in quick reference)**
  List of Books Containing Rosters of U.S. Soldiers in Various Wars, 1675-1898
  Arranged and compiled by the staff of the History Department from books in the Library's collection.

- ❑ **Z 1323 .O44 1992x (shelved in quick reference)**
  County by County in Ohio Genealogy
  The Ohio Historical Society's guide to 14,000 volumes and 15,000 microforms on Ohio genealogy resources.

- ❑ **Z 1361 .N39 A28X (shelved with bibliographies)**
  Blacks in Selected Newspapers, Censuses and Other Sources: an Index to Names and Subjects

- ❑ **Z 1361 .N39 B52 1991 (shelved in quick reference)**
  Black Biography: A Cumulative Index
  This is the index to the microfiche series *Black Biographical Dictionaries, 1790-1950* (SEE: Microform Center). Includes biographical information on 30,000+ African American individuals. Because this resource includes both famous persons and everyday persons who were active in their communities, it is of interest to both historians and genealogists. The complete content of this series is also available at CPL through the *African American Biographical Database*.

- ❑ **Z 5301 .P47x (shelved alphabetically with indexes)**
  PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)
  Comprehensive place, subject and surname index to current and retrospective genealogical and local history periodicals. Begun in 1986. No family journals are indexed. **The complete contents of PERSI is now available electronically through the HeritageQuest database.**

- ❑ **Z 5311 .C53 1985x (shelved in quick reference)**
  Index to Family Genealogical Information in Various Books and Periodicals owned by Cleveland Public Library
  Indexed by History Department Staff. Compiled between the 1920s and the 1970s.

- ❑ **Z 5313 .U5 F54 1988 (shelved in quick reference)**
  Passenger and Immigration Lists Bibliography, 1538-1900
  A guide to published lists of arrival in the United States. The useful alphabetical index at the end of the volume is arranged by place name (departure, arrival, settlement), name of people (such as French, German, Swiss), and many other topics, such as naturalizations.

- ❑ **Z 5319 .S24x (shelved with bibliographies)**
  Heraldry Index of the St. Louis Public Library
  Index to coats-of-arms contained in books in the St. Louis Public Library, many of which are also owned by Cleveland Public Library. The index is arranged alphabetically by family name. Each volume contains a guide to the abbreviations used in the index and a list of the books to which they refer.

BROWSING GUIDE TO GENEALOGY BOOKS IN THE HISTORY DEPARTMENT'S MAIN FLOOR REFERENCE COLLECTION

(Dewey Decimal Call Numbers - Southeast Corner Tower Room)

NOTE: Books acquired before 1975 are arranged by the Dewey Decimal Classification System. Books acquired since 1975 are arranged by the Library of Congress (LC) Classification system.

FAMILY HISTORIES/GENEALOGIES: Although the Library does not collect family histories, we do have a collection of older family histories for prominent families. These are in storage. Please ask a librarian for assistance.

419-419.3 General works of genealogy. Strengths: America (cities, states & country), Great Britain, Ireland

419.3 Ol84s
Swedish Passenger Arrivals in New York

419.3415 British Parish Registers (note: these are indexed in a card file–ask at the service desk for the index)

419.373 C591a
American Marriage Records Before 1699

419.3741 through 419.3797 This range includes vital records, cemetery inscriptions, deeds, and other records relating to the states. Call numbers for specific states are listed below. See also 419-419.3 for more genealogy books relating to U.S. cities and states.

419.3741 Maine
419.3744 Massachusetts
419.3745 Rhode Island
419.3746 Connecticut
419.3747 New York
419.3748 Delaware, Pennsylvania
419.3748 R878c ***A Collection of Upwards of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and Other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776***
419.3749 New Jersey
419.3752 Maryland
419.3754 West Virginia
419.3755 Virginia
419.3756 North & South Carolina
419.3758 Georgia
419.3758 Sm61c ***Cherokee Land Lottery***
419.3759 Florida
419.3761 Alabama
419.3763 Louisiana
419.3764 Texas
419.3766 Oklahoma
419.3767 Arkansas
419.3768 Tennessee
419.3769 Kentucky
419.3771 Ohio (arranged by county)
419.3773 Illinois
419.3774 Michigan
419.3775 Wisconsin
419.3776 Minnesota
419.3777 Iowa
419.3778 Missouri
419.3781 Kansas
419.3782 Nebraska
419.3784 North Dakota
419.3786 Montana
419.3788 Colorado
419.3789 New Mexico
419.379 California
419.3791 Arizona
419.3794 California
419.3795 Oregon
419.3796 Idaho
419.3797 Washington state

419.4 Surnames, Names, Place Names

419.5 Monuments & Inscriptions

419.6 Heraldry and Illumination

419.7 Nobility, Orders, etc.

419.72 through 419.726 Nobility (Peerage & Baronetage) – Great Britain and Ireland

419.73 Nobility – Germany
419 .74 Nobility – France
419.75 Nobility – Italy
419.76 Nobility – Spain
419.769 Nobility – Portugal
419.77 Nobility – Russia
419.785 Nobility – Sweden
419.792 Nobility – Netherlands
419.793 Nobility – Belgium
419.798 Nobility – Romania

419.799 Misc. Genealogy: Ghana, Mexico & Brazil

419.8 Seals, Heraldic Arms and Badges, Armor, Historic Devices, War Cries, Armorial

419.9 Flags of the World

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2880
MAP COLLECTION (Louis Stokes Wing, 6th Fl.) maps@cpl.org

- **Atlases of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County (late 19th century to the present)**
  The Map Collection houses an extensive collection of maps, including land ownership maps, of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County dating back to the 1790s. Many of the Department's 19th century atlases show buildings and landowners' names for large lots. Included are an 1881 atlas for the City of Cleveland, 1892 and 1898 atlases that cover most of Cuyahoga County and the county "gem" from 1874, with superb engravings of residences, hotels, stores and landmarks. A 1903 atlas covers the county but excludes Cleveland.
- **Ward Maps of Cleveland and Some Suburbs (1852 to the present) & U.S. Cities (pre-1900)**
  Dealing primarily with Cleveland but including more recent maps of suburban areas, ward maps can often help to narrow the search for pre-1900 census records not indexed by Soundex. Map Collection also owns a microfiche collection of pre-1900 ward maps for major U.S. cities.
- **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio (1874-1973)**
  Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps can help to date a building, identify its address, and provide information about changes to a property, such as porch additions or removals. Sanborn maps also show building material (brick, stone, or wood frame), number of stories, and other details about the structure. **Map Collection owns original paper copies of Sanborn Insurance Maps from 1886 (corrected to 1894) to 1919 (corrected through 1941) and an extensive microfilm collection of maps covering Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and *cities and counties throughout the State of Ohio* dating from 1874 to 1973.**
- **Hopkins Plat Books of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County (1912-1957)**
  Published primarily by G. M. Hopkins Co. for use by real estate and title companies, these plats display ownership of larger parcels, and indicate location of buildings, some addresses, new streets and subdivisions. Map Collection owns city books, 1912-1938; county books, 1914-1957. Later volumes cover only part of the county.
- **Historical Atlases and Pre-WWI Maps of Europe**
  European historical atlases and gazetteers in several languages aid in locating boundary and place name changes. Microform sets contain thousands of map sheets for Austria-Hungary, France, the German Empire and Ireland.
- **Reproductions of British Ordnance Survey Maps, circa 1820-1850s**
  Published in book format, this set reproduces the first significant national mapping of England and Wales. Pinpoints many small villages, estates and country homes.

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SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPT. (Louis Stokes Wing, 5th Fl.) social.sciences@cpl.org

- **School Yearbooks/Annuals**
  The Social Sciences Department owns a small, incomplete collection of older area school yearbooks/annuals.
- **List of Electors/List of Voters (Cuyahoga County, Ohio) (Ref. JK 5591 .A1 C89x)**
  These printed volumes include the names and addresses of all registered voters in the city of Cleveland and some suburbs. Arranged by ward* and precinct, then alphabetically by name. CPL owns: 1892 (wards 1-40), 1894 (wards 1-42), 1908 (wards 1-26, also including Bedford and Lakewood after ward 26), 1909 (wards 1-26), 1910 (wards 1-26), 1911 (wards 1-26; also including Bedford and Lakewood after ward 26), 1912 (wards 1-26, also including Bedford, Lakewood, Newburgh and Rocky River after ward 26), 1916 (only includes Bedford, East Cleveland, Lakewood and Village of West Park), 1917 (wards 1-26, also including Bedford and Lakewood after ward 26), 1922 (wards 1-32), 1931 (wards 1-33). Volumes for 1908-1917 include separate column for women. **[NOTE: Volumes for 1909-1912 are shelved with folios.]** Other volumes available at the Cuyahoga County Archives. *For help with ward maps, see the Map Collection.
- **Annals of Cleveland: Court Record Series/United States. Works Progress Administration (WPA) (Ref. JS 762 .A35x 1837-1877)**
  WPA index to court cases in Cuyahoga County for 1837-1877. Can be used to determine if a local person was involved in a court proceeding.
- **Annals of Cleveland: Officeholder Series. Historical record of public officeholders in Cuyahoga county; register of public officeholders in Cleveland, 1802-1891 (Ref. JS 762 .A32)**
- **Cleveland Church Histories**
  Histories of individual churches, as well as booklets published by individual congregations to commemorate important anniversaries.

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PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION (Louis Stokes Wing, 4th Fl.) photos@cpl.org

- **Cleveland Photographs**
  The Library has several collections of photographs that can help researchers compile a family history. For example, the City Hall Collection consists of approximately 60,000 photographs of local buildings - homes, stores, churches, etc. - taken by various agencies of the City of Cleveland from 1930 to the 1990s. Images are indexed by address, name of business, school, church, etc. Genealogists may be able to locate a photo of grandmother's house or the family church.
- **Photographs of Prominent Clevelanders**
  Several collections of photos of prominent Clevelanders are housed in the Photograph Collection. The work of well-known local photographers, such as George Edmondson and Ethel Standiford, is represented. Photos date from the early 1900s to the present and include civic leaders, politicians and business leaders - John D. Rockefeller, the Van Sweringen brothers and the Stokes brothers to name a few.
- **African American Families Photograph Collection**
  Organized by family name, this collection of approximately 500 photographs dating back to the 1870s documents African American history, life and culture.
- **Hispanic American Families Photograph Collection**
  Organized by family name, this collection of approximately 200 photographs to the mid-twentieth century documents Hispanic American history, life and culture.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2870
GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS DEPT. (L. Stokes Wing, 4th Fl.) GovDocs@cpl.org

- **U.S Congressional Serials Set (1818 to date)**
  The Serials Set is made up of bound, sequentially numbered volumes of all the reports, documents and journals issued by or submitted to the U.S. Congress (Senate and House of Representatives). Information of interest to genealogists may include private laws, pension claims, petitions, registers, land grants, immigration, mail contracts and other lists which include specific names. A detailed, multi-volume index is available.

  [Note: This resource is available as a key-word searchable full-text database through the Library's Web site.]

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2827
BUSINESS, ECONOMICS & LABOR DEPT. (L. Stokes Wing, 2nd Fl.) business@cpl.org

- **Criss-Cross Directory by Address - *current year only***
  Haines Address-a-Key Directory for Cuyahoga County only. Directory is arranged by address and gives name and phone number of occupant, if this information is published in the phone book (i.e., no unlisted information is given). Older editions from 1960 onward are housed in the History Dept.
- **Who's Who File of Cleveland Businessmen**
  Periodical and newspaper clippings on prominent Cleveland civic leaders and business men and women. Clipped from a wide variety of local and national journals from the 1930s through the mid-1970s. Alphabetical by name.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2910
MICROFORM CENTER (Main Bldg., 1st Floor, West) microform.center@cpl.org

U.S. CENSUS

- **U.S. Census: Ohio (1820-1930)**
  The Census microfilm includes a Soundex (coded surname index) for the years 1880-1920. Print indexes for the years 1820-1880 can be found in the History Dept. (The entire U.S. Census, 1790-1930, is also available through the Ancestry and HeritageQuest databases.)

VITAL RECORDS

- ***Ohio Death Certificates (Dec. 20, 1908-1953)*** **(Call Number: HA38.O3 O44)**
  Please consult the Library's Website for information about ordering copies. Death certificates may include: place of death; gender; race; marital status; date of birth; age; occupation; birthplace; parents; date of death; cause of death; place of burial; date of burial and undertaker.
- ***Marriage Records: Cuyahoga County (1810-1949, Volumes 1-200 only)*** **(Call Number: F497 .C9 M37 1982)**
  Microfilm of the actual marriage records for Cuyahoga County. To find a marriage record, first obtain the volume and page number from the Probate Court's online Historic Marriage License Index: probate.cuyahogacounty.us/ml/. Microform Center staff can assist you with this research. The Library does not issue certified copies of marriage records. Later records available from Probate Court.

DIRECTORIES

- **Cleveland Telephone Directories (Every directory from 1880 to the present)**
  Includes all available residential (later known as White Pages) and business (later known as Yellow Pages) directories.

- **City Directories Owned:**
  1.) **All Cleveland City Directories, 1837-1980 (includes all Cleveland East and West Suburban editions)**
  2.) **All Cleveland Suburban City Directories (individual directories for Cleveland suburbs), 1924-1974**
    - **Bay Village (1939-50)**
    - **Bedford (1924-1963),** includes Maple Heights starting in 1939, Bedford Township starting in 1948, Bedford Heights, Oakwood and Walton Hills starting in 1952.
    - **Berea (1948-1963),** 1954 edition includes Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, Olmsted Falls and Westview. 1958-1963 includes Middleburg Heights.
    - **Chagrin Valley (1973-1974)**
    - **Cleveland Heights/ East Cleveland/Shaker Heights/South Euclid/University Heights (1949-1963),** includes Lyndhurst starting in 1958.
    - **Euclid (1942-1963).**
    - **Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Parkview, Westlake (1953)**
    - **Garfield Heights (1954-1962)**
    - **Lakewood/Bay Village/Fairview Park/Rocky River (1949-63),** includes Westlake starting in 1958 and North Olmsted starting in 1962.
    - **Lyndhurst (1952-1955)**
    - **Parma/Parma Heights (1941-1963)**
    - **Rocky River (1954-1955)**
  3.) **All City Directories published in the United States before 1860 (Printed Guide in History Dept: Ref. E 154.5 .C57x)**
  4.) **A large selection of City Directories from throughout Ohio (1861-1960s) and the United States (1861-1883) NOTE: A listing of cities covered is available on the Genealogy Research Page of the Library's Website.**

- **Cleveland Blue Book (1888 to the present)**
  This social register of the Greater Cleveland area contains the names and addresses of locally prominent families. Listing includes names of spouses and children as well degrees earned and club memberships held.

- ***The Official Directory of Collinwood for 1899*** **[Online Access: http://cplorg.cdmhost.com/u?/p128201coll0,]**
  (F 499 .C63 O33 1899x)

- ***Criss-Cross Agency's Directory of Cleveland, Ohio*** **(1923 & 1926 only)**
  (F 499 .C6 A183x)
  See History & Geography Department section for Criss-Cross Directories for 1960 to date.

CLEVELAND NEWSPAPERS

- **Complete Backfile of All Major Cleveland Newspapers (1818 to the present)**

Selected list of newspapers owned:

Catholic Universe Bulletin (1874 to present)
Cleaveland Gazette and Commercial Register (1818-1820)
Cleveland Call & Post (1934--) **(SEE: RESEARCH DATABASES)**
Cleveland Citizen (1891-1994, 2001 to present)
Cleveland Edition (1984-1992)
Cleveland Gazette (1883-1945)
Cleveland Herald (1819-1886)
Cleveland Jewish News (1964 to present)
Cleveland Leader (1854-1917)
Cleveland News (1905-1960)
Cleveland Observer (1837-1940)
(Cleveland) Plain Dealer (1842 to present)
Cleveland Press (1878-1982)
Cleveland True Democrat (1847-1853)
Cleveland Whig (1834-1836)
Cleveland World (1890-1905)
Free Times (1992 to May 8, 2007)
Jewish Independent (1906-1964)
Jewish Review and Observer (1899-1963) and earlier titles: Hebrew Observer (1889-90), Cleveland Hebrew Observer (1889), Jewish Review (1895-99)
Standard of the Cross (1874-1886)
Sun Newspapers: backfiles of most local Sun newspapers.

LOCAL HISTORY INDEXES

- ***Ohio Surname Index, Compiled by the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution***
  (F 490 .O385x)
  Index to biographical information in numerous county histories and other Ohio sources. 450,000 cards, compiled between 1928 and 1936.

- ***Genealogical Data Relating to Women in the Western Reserve Before 1840-(1850)***
  (F 497 .W5 C53x)
  The index to this volume is housed in the History & Geography Department (Ref. F 497 .W5 W45x).

SLAVERY RESEARCH

- ***Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations from the Revolution through the Civil War***
  (F 213 .R42x)
  See information on indexes in the History & Geography Department section of this guide, page 11.

- ***Records of Southern Plantations from Emancipation to the Great Migration***
  (F 215 .R423)
  Indexes housed in the History & Geography Department under the same call number.

MILITARY RECORDS

- ***World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. Ohio (238 reels)***
  (D 570.85.O3 W67 1992)

- ***Soldiers Files from WWII and the Korean War***
  (D 769.85 .O31 C5x)
  A series of newspaper columns --arranged alphabetically by soldier's last name-- compiled from local newspapers during World War II and the Korean War. Usually includes a small photo and one or two lines about the serviceman.

- ***Grave Registration Cards A-Z, Soldiers Buried in Ohio from the Revolutionary War to World War II , [ca.1810]-1957***
  (F 490 .G73 1810)
  Records are in the form of index cards which contain slots for the following items: soldier's name, residence, death date, cause of death, date of burial, date of birth, place of birth, name of cemetery, location of cemetery, lot number, type of grave marker, name of relative, address of relative, and military service record (war served in, date enlisted, date discharged, serial number, branch of service, rank, company, outfit, or ship name). Very few of these cards include all of this information, however. The majority of them include only the soldier's name, birth date, death date, and cemetery information. The entries for Civil War soldiers, in most cases, also include the military service record.

MILITARY RECORDS – CIVIL WAR

- ***Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866***
  (E 525.3 .O38)
  Includes rank and regiment. Use preceding index first to find name.
  NOTE: The microfilm index to this series is now shelved in the History & Geography Department.

- ***Civil War Unit Histories. Part 4, The Union--Midwest and West Regimental Histories and Personal Narratives.***
  (E 470 .C584x)
  This is a comprehensive microfilm collection of Civil War unit histories. Every unit history known to exist at the time of filming is included in this series. **Part Four includes regiments from the following states:** Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, California, Colorado, Dakota Territory, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, and Washington.

- ***Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops: 55th Massachusetts Infantry* (Civil War)**
  (CD 3027 .M5 N3 No. 1801)
  NOTE: These collections of compiled records are indexed in Ancestry Library Edition Database (U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865) Available through all Internet PCs at CPL.)
  Compiled service records consist of a jacket-envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name, rank, unit, and card numbers. The contents of each envelope includes a series of cards containing various information from muster rolls, regimental returns, descriptive books and other records that were copied verbatim onto cards. A separate card was prepared each time an individual name appeared on a document.

- ***Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops: 1st Through 5th United States Colored Cavalry, 5th Massachusetts Cavalry (Colored), 6th United States Colored Cavalry.***
  (CD 3027 .M5 N3 No. 1817)

- ***Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops: Artillery Organizations***
  (CD 3027 .M5 N3 no. 1818)

- ***Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops: 1st United States Colored Infantry, 1st South Carolina Volunteers (Colored), Company A, 1st United States Colored Infantry (1 Year)***
  (CD 3027 .M5 N3 No. 1819)

- ***Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops: 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (Colored).***
  (CD 3027 .M5th N3 No. 1898)

NOTABLE BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS

- ***Black Biographical Dictionaries, 1790-1950***
  (E 185.96 .B5281 1987)
  Brief biographical information on more than 30,000 African American individuals. Because this resource includes both famous persons and everyday persons who were active in their communities, it is of interest to both historians and genealogists. Index volume is titled *Black Biography: 1790-1950, a cumulative index* (Ref. Z 1361 .N39 B52 1991) in General Reference and History Depts. The complete content of this series, including images of the actual texts, is also available at CPL through the *African American Biographical Database*.

- ***Index to Biographies in State and Local Histories in the Library of Congress***
  (CS 44 .U54x)
  This card index is arranged alphabetically by last name. Indexes about 630 books on 170,000 cards. Source material was published between the 1870s to the 1970s and covers all U.S. states.

NOTABLE BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS (CONTINUED)

- ***American Biographical Archive***
  (CT 211 .A43x)
  A single-alphabet cumulation on microfiche of 367 original biographical reference works covering 300,000 individuals from the earliest period of North American history through the early twentieth century. (Printsoldied index is in History Department: Ref. CT 213 .A64 1993x.)

- **Biographical Archives from Around the World (microfiche)***
  This massive series of biographical archives is easy-to-use because entries are arranged alphabetically by last name within each country. Included are biographical sketches of hundreds of thousands of prominent individuals. Years of coverage vary and are stated below where known. At the beginning of each series is a group of microfiche that contains the source material from which the Archive was comprised.

Africa [1581-1998]	(CT 1920 .A47x)	**India**	(CT 1502 .T53)
Arab Countries/Islamic Empire (DS 35.64 .A33x)		**Italy,** 1st series	(CT 1123 .A73 1992)
Asia, Southeast	(CT 1592 .S68)	**Italy,** 2nd series	(CT 1123 .A73 2002)
Australasia	(CT 2775 .A97x)	**Italy,** 3rd /4th series	(CT 1123. .A73x)
Balkan Peninsula	(CT 1195 .S83)	**Japan**	(CT 1832 .J37)
Baltic States	(DK 502.64 B33x)	**Jewish Biography**	(CT 1919 .P38 J82x)
Benelux	(CT 1161 .B56)	**Korea**	(CT 1842 .K67)
Canada	(CT 283 .C36)	**Poland**, 1st series	(CT 1230 .P64x)
China	(CT 1821 .C45x)	**Poland,** 2nd series	(CT 1230 .P642)
Czech Republic/Slovakia	(CT 933 .C47x)	**Russia/Soviet Union**	(CT 1203 .R7)
France	(CT 1003 .A72x)	**Russia/Soviet Union** [1827-1995]	(CT 1203 .R72)
Germany, 1st series	(CT 1053 .D48x)	**Soviet Union** [1917-1991]	(DK 275 .A1 B563)
Germany, 2nd series	(CT 1054 .D48x)	**Scandinavia**	(CT 1243 .S33x)
Germany [1960-1999]	(CT 1053 .D482)	**Slovakia/Czech Republic**	(CT 933 .C47x)
Great Britain, 1st series	(CT 771 .B74x)*	**Spain/Portugal**, 1st series	(CT 1345 .A72 1986)
Great Britain, 2nd series	(CT 933 .B74x)	**Spain/Portugal**, 2nd series	(CT 1345 .A72 1996)
Greece	(CT 1103 .G75x)	**Spain/Portugal**, 3rd series	(CT 1345 .A72 2002)
Hungary	(CT 951 .H86x)	**Turkey**	(CT 1902 .T87)

*Printed indexes for many of these series are located in the History Department.

OTHER NOTABLE TITLES

- ***Cuyahoga County Auditor's tax duplicates, 1819-1869.*** **(Call Number: F 497 .C9 C88 1819a)**
  Documents land ownership in Cuyahoga County. No records for 1820-1822. Printed guide to holdings is in History Dept. (F497.C9 T39 2002).

- ***U.S. Revolutionary War bounty land warrants used in the U.S. military district of Ohio and related papers (Acts of 1788, 1803, 1806).*** **(Call Number: KFO127 .U87 1971)**

- ***Register of Revolutionary War land warrants, Act of 1788, military district of Ohio: entries for the years 1799-1805.*** **(Call Number: KFO127 .U65 1967)**

- ***The Library of American Civilization***
  This collection contains 6.5 million pages of material relating to all aspects of American life and literature, from the beginning to the outbreak of World War I. Included are pamphlets, periodicals, documents both public and private, local histories, biographies and autobiographies of persons both famous and obscure, etc. Five-volume index by subject, bibliographic index, author & title is in **both** the General Reference and History departments **(Ref. Z. 1236 .L5 1971, vols. 1-5**). Additionally, each title included is cataloged separately in the CPL Online Catalog.

- ***Colonial Records of Pennsylvania*** **(Call Number Z 1236 .L5 – LAC# 21577-91)**
  Index volume shelved in History Department (Ref. F 146 .C622 G46 1976). History Department also owns paper original (982.8 P38a, volumes 1-16) as well as *The Pennsylvania Archives*, series 1-9 (Ref. F 146 .P41).

- ***The Landowners of Ireland*** **(Call Number: DA 905 .L36x)**
  An alphabetical list, published in 1878, of the owners of estates of 500 acres or £500 valuation and upwards in Ireland, with the acreage and valuation in each county, and also containing a brief notice of the education and official appointments of each person, to which are added his town and country addresses and clubs.

- ***Index of Surnames in Early Massachusetts from Printed Sources*** **(Call Number: F 63 .L34 1989xa)**

- ***Index to Coats of Arms: New Jersey State Library*** **(Call Number: Z 5312.N48 1978x)**

- ***Boston Transcript Genealogy Columns, June 6, 1896-April 30, 1941***
  (Call Number: CS 42 .B67x)

- ***Genealogy – Newspaper Columns with Surname Index, 1957-April 1967*** **(The Hartford Times)**
  (Call Number: CS 42 .H37)

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PERIODICAL CENTER. (Main Bldg., 1ST Floor, East) periodical.center@cpl.org

- **Cleveland-area High School Newspapers**
  An incomplete collection dating generally from the 1920s to the 1960s. Ask a Librarian for help with finding a specific title.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2881
LITERATURE DEPARTMENT (Main Bldg., 2ND Floor) literature@cpl.org

- **Card Index to Cleveland Literature, Theater, Television & Film**
  This card-file index, arranged alphabetically by subject, includes references to a wide variety of sources. Useful for researching prominent authors, poets, actors and television and film personalities.
- **Vertical Files: Literature, Theater, Television & Film**
  This file includes clippings and pamphlets relating to literature, theater, television and film in Cleveland and Ohio, including information on prominent authors, poets, actors and television and film personalities.

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2848
FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT (Main Bldg., 3RD Floor) fine.arts@cpl.org

- **Card Index to Cleveland & Ohio Art, Architecture & Music**
  Dating to the 1920s, this card-file index, arranged alphabetically by subject, includes references to a wide variety of sources. Useful for researching prominent artists, architects and musicians.
- **Vertical Files: Cleveland & Ohio Art & Architecture**
  Dating to the 1920s, this file includes clippings and pamphlets relating to art, architecture and music in Cleveland and Ohio, including information on prominent artists, architects and musicians.
- **Music Vertical Files & Index (1900-1992, 1993-)**
  Dating to 1900, this file includes clippings, brochures, programs and other materials dealing with musical events in Cleveland, including material on musicians. Files for 1900-1992 are in the **Microform Center on microfiche cards** (Call Number: ML 46 .C6 C53 1900x). Files for 1993 forward are in the Fine Arts Department on microfiche (Call Number: ML 46 .C6 C53).

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (216) 623-2895
FOREIGN LITERATURE DEPT. (Main Bldg., 4th Floor) foreignlit@cpl.org

- **Foreign Language Encyclopedias**
  Standard encyclopedias in approximately 30 different languages.
- **Language Dictionaries**
  Bilingual dictionaries of more than 40 different languages.
- **Names, usually in original language**
  Dictionaries of personal names in many languages.

TIPS ON SEARCHING THE CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY ONLINE CATALOG

Finding genealogical material in the Library's Catalog can be challenging. The following is a select list of subject headings used in the Library's online Catalog. To use these headings effectively, **select "Traditional Subject Search"** in the Catalog and enter the terms as shown, omitting the dashes between words.

Genealogy Resources by State or County
(State) – Genealogy (such as Maine – Genealogy)
(County, State) – Genealogy (such as Cuyahoga County–Ohio–Genealogy)

Ethnic Groups
(Name of Group) – Genealogy
Czech Americans - Genealogy
African Americans – Genealogy
Polish Americans - Genealogy
German Americans – Genealogy
Cherokee Indians – Genealogy
Indians of North America - Genealogy

Cemeteries
Cemeteries – Ohio – (County, township or city name)

Ship Passenger Lists
Ships – United States – Passenger Lists
Ships – Passenger Lists

Heraldry
Heraldry – (country) (such as Heraldry – France)

Wars
United States History – Revolution 1775-1783 – Registers
United States History – War of 1812 – Registers
United States History – Civil War – 1861-1865
Spanish-American War 1898 – Regimental Histories – Ohio

Names
Names – Personal – Dictionaries

Electronic Resources: Subscription Research Databases

The Library provides access to several research (subscription) databases of interest to genealogists. For up-to-date information on these databases, visit www.cpl.org. Click on "Do Research," then on "Genealogy" or "Biography" or "Newspaper Article" as appropriate. For information on locations and library cards, click on the "Services" and/or "Locations and Hours" links on the Library's home page.

Access Key
A = Available only at Cleveland Public Library branches
B = Available remotely only to CPL-registered cardholders
C = Available at all CLEVNET libraries
D = Available remotely to CLEVNET cardholders
E = Only available in the History & Geography Department

A SELECT LIST OF SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES:

- **African American Biographical Database (A, B)**
  This database includes a substantial compilation of biographical material on more than 30,000 African American individuals covering the period 1790-1950. Because this resource includes both famous and everyday persons, it is of interest to both historians and genealogists.

- **Ancestry Library Edition (C)**
  Provides over 1.2 billion records in more than 3,000 databases. Included are the digitized images of the U.S. Census from 1790 forward, including 1850 & 1860 Slave Schedules; Ohio Deaths (1958-2000); Social Security Death Index (1930s to present).

- **Biography and Genealogy Master Index (C, D)**
  Indexes current reference sources, such as Who's Who, as well as the most important retrospective works that cover individuals, both living and deceased, from every field of activity and from all areas of the world.

- **Call and Post (A, B)**
  Full-text searching of all issues of the *Cleveland Call and Post* published between 1934 and 1991. (Text for 1992 to present is available in the **Ethnic Newswatch** database.) Cleveland's longtime African American newspaper, the *Call & Post* was formed in 1927 by the merger of the *Call* and the *Post*. Search for obituaries and articles.

- **Cleveland Necrology File (Free to anyone with Internet access)**
  Created by the Cleveland Public Library, the Cleveland Necrology File contains local cemetery records and newspaper death notices for the following years: 1833, 1847-48, 1850-1975. For necrology information after 1975, see Cleveland News Index.

- **Cleveland News Index (Free to anyone with Internet access)**
  Created by the Cleveland Public Library, the online Cleveland News Index lists citation information for local news stories, feature articles and reviews from The Plain Dealer (1983-June 1999), Cleveland Magazine (1983-present), Northern Ohio Live (Sept. 1990-present), and Ohio Magazine (Oct.1990 -present). Obituaries from the Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Press are included from 1976 to the present. **Note: feature articles published between 1976 and 1982 are indexed in printed volumes of the Cleveland News Index located in the History & Geography Department.**

- **HeritageQuest Online (A, B)**
  HeritageQuest Online features five significant genealogy resources. The complete **U. S. Census, 1790-1930**, is browsable but indexing is incomplete. The fully searchable **Periodical Source Index (PERSI)** features more than 1.8 million citations from 10,000 genealogy periodicals. HeritageQuest's online collection of more than **25,000 family and local history books** are searchable by every word. Also includes **Revolutionary War Records** and **Freedman's Bank Records (1865-1874).**

- **New York Times Historical Database (1851-2001) (A, B)**
  The New York Times (1851-2001) offers full page and article images with searchable full text back to the first issue.

- **Ohio Birth Index Database (E)**
  Database index to births in Ohio from 1959-1962, 1964-2001.
  NOTE: Records for 1963, 1969 & 1972 are not available due to an uncorrectable defect in the database.

- **Plain Dealer (C, D)**
  Full text of the (Cleveland) Plain Dealer from 1991 to the present.

Electronic Resources: The Internet

Web Sites Selected by Cleveland Public Library

History Department staff have selected several Web sites dealing with local, state and national genealogical research and added them to the genealogy research page. To access the page, go to www.cpl.org, then click on "Do Research" and then on "Genealogy."

Web sites are different from subscription databases, which are described on the previous page.

Select sites:

- **African American Genealogical Society of Cleveland** www.aagsclev.org
- **AfriGeneas, African Ancestored Genealogy** http://www.afrigeneas.com
  AfriGeneas provides resources for researching African related ancestry. The goal of AfriGeneas is to help all African ancestored individuals to research their roots until all possible resources are exhausted.
- **Cemeteries of Cuyahoga County, Ohio** http://www.interment.net/us/oh/cuyahoga.htm
- **Christine's Genealogy** http://www.ccharity.com
  A compilation of African American Genealogy Websites.
- **Cuyahoga County Historical Marriage License Index, 1810-1998** http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/ml/
- **Cyndi's List** www.cyndislist.com
  This site indexes more than 241,000 genealogy databases.
- **East Cleveland Cemetery Burials** http://www.ectcf.org/
- **Ellis Island Records** http://www.ellisisland.org/
  Database of 22 million names of passengers, 1892-1924.
- **Family Relationship Chart** http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/genealogy/cousinchart.html
- **FamilySearch** (Latter Day Saints/Mormon Research Site) www.familysearch.org
- **Morgan Library Name Index** http://morganohiolibrary.com/
  Personal name/institution index to school catalogs, Cleveland City Directories (1837-1850), and more than 200 pamphlets related to Ohio history, from the Morgan Library of Ohio Imprints (1796-1850) collection.
- **National Obituary Archive** http://arrangeonline.com/
- **Obituary Index – Northwest Ohio** http://index.rbhayes.org/
  Index to 210,000 obituary notices published in newspapers in NW Ohio, including Sandusky, Fremont, Tiffin & Port Clinton.
- **Ohio Death Certificate Index (1913-1937)** http://ohsweb.ohiohistory.org/death//
  Ohio Historical Society index to death certificates for persons who died in Ohio between 1913 and 1937.
- **Ohio GenWeb Project** http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcuyaho/
  The OHGenWeb Project gathers together genealogical databases for the 88 counties of Ohio.
- **Rootsweb** http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/
  The primary purpose and function of RootsWeb.com is to connect people so that they can help each other and share genealogical research. Most resources on RootsWeb.com are designed to facilitate such connections.
- **Where to write for Vital Records** http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm
  The National Center for Health Statistics website guide to where to write for vital statistics across the United States.

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS & RESOURCES

A SELECT LIST OF LOCAL, STATE & FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, INSTITUTIONS & ORGANIZATIONS

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS (APG)

P.O. Box 350998, Westminster, CO, 80035-0998
Telephone (303) 422-9371 Website www.apgen.org
The online APG directory provides a list of professional genealogists with members' contact information, biographies, services and research specialties. Allows searching by specialty (such as ethnic group), location, zip code and residence of genealogist.

BOARD FOR CERTIFIED GENEALOGISTS

P.O. Box 14291, Washington, D.C. 20044
www.bcgcertification.org
The Board for Certified Genealogists will send you a list of local certified genealogists upon written request.

CARL B. STOKES UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE

Clerk of Court - U. S. District Court - Northern District of Ohio
800 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113-1830
(216) 357-7000

RECORDS

- Petitions for Naturalization, 1968 to date (Petitions & Index)

CLEVELAND CITY HALL - BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 122
Cleveland, OH 44114-1085
(216) 664-2315 (recorded information)
(216) 664-2317 (credit card orders)

Cost of each certified photocopy: $25 (as of 2009)
No personal checks. Major credit cards accepted.

RECORDS

- Birth Records, 1840-1880 (incomplete set); 1909 to date
- Death Records, 1909 to date

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ARCHIVES

2905 Franklin Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44113
(216) 443-7250
e-mail: archive@cuyahogacounty.us

Hours & staffing are limited. Call for hours and an appointment.

RECORDS

- Abstract of Votes, 1893-1974, Board of Elections
- Birth Records, 1849-1908 (City of Cleveland, 1840-68; Cuyahoga County, 1868-1908)
- Board of Elections Register of Naturalized Voters, 1836-1972
- Civil War Bounty Record, 1862
- Coroner's Case Files, 1833-1900 [Note: CPL History Dept. has a published index to these records: Ref. F 497 .C9 I52 1983x.]
- County Surveyor's Records, 1823-1893
- Death Records, 1840-1908 (City of Cleveland, 1840-68; Cuyahoga County, 1868-1908) (Original Records and Index)
- Divorce Records as follows:
  - Divorce case files, 1876-1882, Court of Common Pleas
  - Supreme Court records, 1811-1858
  - Court of Common Pleas Special Docket files, 1876-1922
- List of Electors, Board of Elections, 1893-1982
- Marriage Records, 1810-1941 (original files and index) (Also available on microfilm in Cleveland Public Library Microform Center)
- Marriage Records Microfilm Index, 1810 to the present (Also available as an online database: http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/ml/)
- Naturalization Records as follows:
  - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, ca. 1818-1971 (Note: The Court of Common Pleas continued creating Declarations of Intention from 1931-1971.)
  - Cuyahoga County Probate Court, 1859-1901 (Note: This court held parallel jurisdiction with the Court of Common Pleas over naturalizations from 1859-1901.)
- Probate Court General Estate Case Files, 1811-1918 (Wills, Documents relating to estates and guardianship); Indexes, 1813-1941
- Registration of Charters of Religions and Other Societies, 1845-1924
- Road Records, 1802-1898
- Tax Duplicates (Tax Records), 1819-1986 (not inclusive)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

1219 Ontario Street, Cleveland, OH 44113

Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office – Map Room (Room 310)
(216) 443-7000

Cuyahoga County Recorder's Office (Room 216)
(216) 443-7318

RECORDS

- Property Records: Deeds & Mortgages, etc, 1810 to date (Auditor & Recorder). Some records are at the County Archives.
- World War II veterans grave site index and discharge papers (see website for details: http://recorder.cuyahogacounty.us/)

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON PROPERTY RESEARCH, SEE: ***Checklist for Property Research in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County***, published by the Cleveland Public Library History & Geography Department. This guide is available on the Library's Website (**www.cpl.org)**. Follow the links to the History & Geography Department home page. The guide is at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, the guide can be found quickly by entering the terms "Cleveland Property Research" into the Google search engine (**www.google.com)**.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT - Clerk of Courts

1200 Ontario Street, Cleveland, OH 44113 **Call for current photocopying fees.**
(216) 443-7960

RECORDS

- Divorce Decrees, Index, 1912 to date
- Divorce Decrees, Court Records, current 5 years

NOTE: Older records are housed in the Cuyahoga County Court House, Clerk of Courts Microfilm Room, 1 Lakeside Avenue (See Below).

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COURT HOUSE

1 Lakeside Ave. NW , Cleveland, OH, 44114 **Call for current photocopying fees.**

Probate Court
(216) 443-8764
Probate Court Microfilm Room (Room 31 – Basement)
(216) 443-8935
Common Pleas Court Microfilm Room (Room 37– Basement)
(216) 443-7939
Marriage License Bureau (Room 146 – First Floor)
(216) 443-8920 (recorded information); 443-8921

All Probate Court research at the Court House should begin in Room 31 (the Microfilm Room) in the basement. Common Pleas Court research should begin in Room 37.

Note: The Cuyahoga County Probate Court was originally part of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court. Records from 1811 to 1852 are called Common Pleas Probate records. Records from 1852 to date are Probate Court records. The Probate Microfilm Room (room 31) maintains several helpful indexes, including the Historical Marriage Index, the Index to Estates (1852-1997) and the WPA Index to Birth Records (1868-1908).

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- Birth Records, 1868-1908, microfilm (Probate Court Microfilm Room). These show parents' names and date of birth. These records were created by doctors, midwives, family members or assessors. Before state law required birth records to be kept in 1867, births were often not recorded or were recorded some time after the event.
- Death Records, 1868-1908, microfilm (Probate Court Microfilm Room). These show decedent's date of death, age, address, cause of death and cemetery.
- Divorce Decrees, current five years: SEE Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas section.
- Divorce Decrees, 1865 to records from five years ago (Common Pleas Court Microfilm Room).
- Estate Records, 1810 to date (Probate Court Microfilm Room). These records show decedents' address, heirs and assets. There is a book index covering 1810-1896 and a microfiche index covering 1852-1997, copies of which are located both at the County Archives and at the Court House. Other indexes: Index to Wills that have gone through probate, 1879 to date. Computer Index to Estate Records, 1852 to date (staff access only). [**Helpful resource:** Cleveland Public Library's History Department owns a copy *of Abstracts of Wills, Estates and Guardianships, Cuyahoga County, Ohio Common Pleas Court, 1811-1852*, published by the Ohio Genealogical Society. Call Number: Ref. F 497 .C9 A27 2003.]
- General Case Files, 1919 to date (Probate Court Microfilm Room). These files cover guardianships, appropriations, land sales, trusteeships, changes of name, and legitimizations. Records for 1811-1918 are at the County Archives.
- Guardianships, 1810-date (Probate Court Microfilm Room). There were very few filings in the early years, perhaps because families did not feel the need to have formal guardianships for incompetent adults or minor children. Around 1950, the numbers increased. These records include the names of the parties involved, ages of minors, inventories and accounts if required.
- Marriage Records, 1811 to date (Marriage License Bureau, Room 146)* The earlier records show only the parties' names, date of marriage and who officiated. Later records evolved to include parties' names, places of birth, ages, occupations, parents' names, previous marriages and minor children.
- Name Changes, 1868-date (Probate Court Microfilm Room). There were very few filings in the early years. Around World War II, the numbers increased.
- Wills: See Estate Records

*The index to marriage licenses issued in Cuyahoga County from 1810 to April 1998 is maintained by the Judges of Probate Court. The index is available electronically. 1810-1998 is available at http://probate.cuyahogacounty.us/ml/]. 1999 to date is available through the *Search Docket and Index System* brings and also accesses other Probate Court cases.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - FAIRVIEW PARK REGIONAL BRANCH

21255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126
(440) 333-4700

The Fairview Park Regional Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library maintains a genealogy collection of nearly 6,000 books, 150 journals and newsletters, and thousands of microforms, with emphasis on Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and the Eastern United States. While Cleveland Public Library and Cuyahoga County Public Library-Fairview Park Regional have several genealogy titles in common, each has material not owned by the other.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS

Main Library
50 East North Temple Street, East Wing
Salt Lake City, Utah 84150
www.familysearch.org

Cleveland Branch – East (Solon)
5825 Liberty Road, Solon, Ohio 44139
(440) 498-0599

Cleveland Branch – East (Kirtland)
8854 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, Ohio 44094
(440) 256-8808

Cleveland Branch - West
25000 Westwood Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145
(440) 779-6195

SEE ALSO: ***The Library: a guide to the LDS Family History Library*** **(Ref. Z 675 .C5 L4 1988 (History Dept. quick reference)**

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The Latter Day Saints have microfilmed millions of genealogical records from around the world. Contact one of the local libraries to see how they can help you access their collections.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES – GREAT LAKES REGION

National Archives, Great Lakes Region
7358 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL 60629-5898
(773) 581-7816
www.archives.gov
A Guide to Genealogical Research at the National Archives: (http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/index.html)

RECORDS

- **U. S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division 1855-1967, Petitions for Naturalization, 1855-1967 and related indexes**
  Note: There are no petitions 1904-April 18, 1907. The petitions are arranged numerically by petition number, not alphabetically by name. If the petition number is not known, Archives staff will search indexes, if supplied with sufficient identifying information in writing. Public may do their own search of indexes by visiting the office in Chicago.
- **For current information on the many records maintained by the National Archives, as well as the forms needed to request records and information, please consult the National Archives' Website.**

OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Ohio Genealogical Society
713 South Main Street
Mansfield OH 44907-1644
(419) 756-7294
FAX (419) 756-8681
http://www.ogs.org
ogs@ogs.org
The OGS library has over 30,000 volumes, as well as large microform and manuscript collections. The web site contains many local databases as well as links to OGS chapters - 95 at the last count. OGS and its chapters have over 2000 Ohio local history/genealogy titles currently in print.

OHIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1982 Velma Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211-2497
(614) 297-2300
http://www.ohiohistory.org/

See Web site for costs for certificates and research.

RECORDS

- Birth Records for select counties, 1867-Dec. 19, 1908
- Death Records, December 20, 1908-1953
- See Web site for specific information on records and other holdings.

OHIO VITAL RECORDS

35 East Chestnut Street, Columbus, OH 43215-0098
(614) 466-2531 [phone], (614) 466-6604 [fax]
http://www.odh.ohio.gov/vitalstatistics/vitalstats.aspx

Cost per certified certificate: $21.50 (as of 2009). Call to confirm. Online request form available. Website has additional information regarding rush orders and fees for certification, etc.

RECORDS

- Birth Records, 1909 to date
- Death Records, 1953 to date

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE (INS)

425 I Street NW, Washington, D. C. 20536
(202) 514-4316

For Naturalization records after 1906, you may send form N585, "Application for a Search of the Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service," to the INS, Washington, D.C. 20536.

WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH 44106
(216) 721-5722
www.wrhs.org

NOTE: A fee is charged to use this private library. See Web site or call for current fees and hours.

Whether you are just beginning to put together your family tree or are a seasoned genealogist, the Western Reserve Historical Society offers a wealth of resources for genealogy research, including seminars and classes, outstanding collections and more.

RECORDS & SELECT HOLDINGS

- Index to Wills, 1811-1896 (WRHS only owns the index.)
- Marriage Records (microfilm), 1810-1941 & Index, 1810-1988
- Tax Records for Cuyahoga County, 1819-1869
- More than 18,000 family histories in book, pamphlet, and manuscript form
- U.S. Census: All available United States Federal Population Schedules from 1790 through 1930 (microfilm).
- International Genealogical Index to more than 200 million names recorded in the genealogical files of the Mormon church.
- Family Registry -- alphabetical list of surnames together with names and addresses of researchers registered with the Mormon church.
- Shaker Records -- Membership file, manuscripts, and printed materials from all Shaker settlements in the northeastern United States.