

Where can I learn more?

The *monthly meetings* of local genealogical societies are great resources for learning the “how to” of research! They are usually free and open to the public!

Workshops and conferences are also available and are advertised by many of these societies. Fees are charged for these programs.

*McHenry County Illinois

Genealogical Society (MCIGS)

www.mcigs.org

Lake County Illinois

Genealogical Society

www.rootsweb.com/~illcgs

Kane County

Genealogical Society

www.rootsweb.com/~ilkcgs

DuPage County Illinois

Genealogical Society

www.dcg.org

Elgin Genealogical Society

<http://nsn.nslsilus.org/elghome/egs>

Illinois State

Genealogical Society

www.rootsweb.com/~ilsgs

Allen County Public Library

www.acpl.lib.in.us

National Genealogical Society

www.ngsgenealogy.org



Beyond Online Resources... locating and acquiring Vital Record Documents.

We all wish we could find our entire family tree on the Internet, but in fact, many of the *documents* you need to verify your family history are **not** on the Internet. It is rare to find birth, death and marriage certificates, probate records, and other important *documents* filmed, scanned and put on the web for you to print! Contacting state and county vital records offices is the most direct way to get copies of these records.



The Internet can help you find **who** has the records, **what** is available, **where** they are kept, **how** to get them and **how** much it costs.

The **Vital Record Gateway** lists all 50 states by website. Chose the state you want and find out the who, what, where and how!

www.gengateway.com



The Handy Book for Genealogists (10th Edition) is considered the genealogists bible. This valuable resource is available in most libraries and has information on each states holdings, as well as many major countries. It also includes locations and web addresses for vital records, societies and repositories.



Oh, the Places
you will go.....
when searching
for your family
tree!

Day trips for Genealogical Research



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LIBRARIES

McHenry Public Library

809 North Front Street, McHenry, IL 60050

815-385-0036 www.nslsilus.org/mpld

MCIGS* houses its collection here and provides volunteers on Sundays. Heritage Quest Online.

Crystal Lake Public Library

126 Paddock St., Crystal Lake, IL 60014

815-459-1687 www.crystallakelibrary.org

MCIGS* houses more of its collection here with an emphasis on New York.

Gail Borden Public Library

200 N. Grove St. Elgin, IL 60120

847-742-2411 www.elgin.lib.il.us

Genealogy collection with over 3000 resources, 275 microfilm reels and Heritage Quest Online.

Arlington Heights Public Library

500 North Dunton Avenue,

Arlington Heights, IL 60004

847-392-0100 www.ahml.lib.il.us

Katherine Shackley Room for local history and genealogy. Collection includes 7700 Reference, 330 circulating, 130 periodicals, microfilm and Ancestry Plus available. Tuesday afternoon assistance from D.A.R. members.

Winnetka Public Library

786 Oak Street, Winnetka, IL 60093

847-446-7220 www.wpld.alibrary.com

Katherine Greeley Genealogical Collection, 6000 non-circulating volumes, microfilm, an emphasis on Atlantic states to Mississippi river. Volunteer assistance available.

Newberry Library

60 W. Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610

312-943-9090 www.newberry.org

Independent library for research and reference in the Humanities. Census microfilm, indexes, family histories, closed stacks, non-circulating collection. Free readers card available. Under 16 not admitted.

STATE & FEDERAL ARCHIVES

National Archives Great Lakes Region

7358 S. Pulaski Rd, Chicago, IL 60629-5898

773-581-7816 8am-4:15pm M-F Tues -8:30pm

www.nara.gov

Federal Population Censuses for all states 1790-1930.

Selected passenger arrival records and indexes and more.

Self-serve microfilm reading room. Call ahead to reserve a microfilm reader. Check website for holdings.

Illinois State Archives

Illinois Regional Archive Depository (IRAD)



Located on *seven* state university campuses. They house and service the archival records of county, township and municipal government. Records include birth, death, marriage, probate, naturalization, voter registers, court cases and more. Check website for holdings of regional IRADs. *Researchers are advised to call first.*

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/services.html

For Chicago and Cook County records:

Northeastern Illinois University

Ronald Williams Library

5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, IL 60625

773-442-4506 M-F 9:00am—4:00pm

For 17 Northern Illinois counties including McHenry, Kane, Lake and DuPage.

Northern Illinois University

Founders Memorial Library

Regional History Center Room 400

DeKalb, IL 60115

815-753-1807 M-F 8:00am—4:30pm

HISTORICAL SOCIETIES FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS

Wisconsin Historical Society Library

816 State St., Madison, WI 53706

608-264-6535 www.wisconsinhistory.org/genealogy

One of the largest genealogical collections in the country.

US Federal Census 1790-1920 and indexes. Canadian census 1666-1901 and some indexes. Some passenger lists on microfilm and indexes. Microfilm edition of the Draper manuscripts. Open Stacks. Family Histories. Wisconsin vital records pre-1907.

Family History Centers are branch facilities of the

Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah. The FHL have records filmed all over the world by the Genealogical Society of Utah. Concentration on census returns, passenger lists, court property, probate, and vital records from church and government sources for deceased persons who lived before 1920.

These centers are located inside the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and will provide access to microfilms. Fees are charged for ordering microfilm from FHL. Access to their many databases is available at

www.familysearch.org

Buffalo Grove Illinois

15 E Port Clinton, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Phone: 847-913-5387

Hours: W & Th: 10am-2pm, 7pm-9:30pm; Sat: 10am-2pm.

Crystal Lake Illinois

5209 North Walkup, Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Phone: 815-459-7475

Hours: T, W, Th 1pm-4pm, 7pm-9:30pm; Sat 10am-2:30pm

Schaumburg Illinois

1320 W Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193

Phone: 847-885-4130

Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:00am-9:00pm

Saturdays 9:00am-1:00pm.