

Pathfinder

This subject guide is for members of the public seeking genealogical information from the State Library of Ohio. For additional information, contact the State Library about available services, reference help and publications at 614-644-7051 or refhelp@library.ohio.gov.

Note: In 2006, the State Library of Ohio's Genealogy collection was transferred to the main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library. While we do have items that may be of interest to genealogists, we strongly encourage patrons seeking Ohio genealogical information to begin their search with the **Columbus Metropolitan Library**.

Electronic Collections:

- **Ohio Web Library** (<http://www.ohioweblibrary.org/>): The Ohio Web Library is an evolving collection of thousands of online publications and research resources. The Ohio Web Library includes: popular magazines, trade publications, scholarly research journals, newspapers from Ohio and the nation, encyclopedias, dictionaries, speeches, poems, plays, maps, satellite images of Ohio, and more.
- **Ancestry Library Edition (Accessible on library premises only)**: U. S. Census records; military records; court, land and probate records; vital and church records; directories; petitions for naturalization; passenger lists and more.

Ohio Specific Sources:

- **Ohio Historical Society** (<http://www.ohiohistory.org/resource/archlib/>): The Archives/Library of the Ohio Historical Society collects, preserves, and makes available to the public written and graphic information concerning Ohio's history. As the State Archives of Ohio, it is the designated repository for state government records of enduring historical value.
- **Ohio Memory Project** (<http://www.ohiomemory.org/>): Ohio Memory is a collaborative digital library project of the Ohio Historical Society and the State Library of Ohio, which includes collections from more than 354 cultural heritage institutions from all of Ohio's 88 counties. Established by the Ohio Historical Society in 2000, the mission of the Ohio Memory Project is to provide access to historical treasures of Ohio, bringing together primary sources from all parts of the state in an online scrapbook.
- **ExploreOhio** (<http://www.exploreohio.org/>): ExploreOhio is a large collection of resources to learn just about anything about the Buckeye State. They provide an extensive series of useful links on subjects relating to Ohio.
- **Ohio Genealogical Society** (<http://www.ogs.org/>): The Ohio Genealogical Society is the largest state genealogical society in the United States. Its mission is to meet the educational needs of its members and the general public through the acquisition, preservation, and dissemination of genealogical and historical information.

eJournals/eBooks:

Title	Collection	From
Annals of Genealogical Research	Directory of Open Access Journals	2005
Journal of Genetic Genealogy	Directory of Open Access Journals	2005
Journal of Family History (in library only)	Electronic Journal Center	1999

Federal and Commercial Websites:

- **National Archives: Resources for Genealogists** (<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html>): Use the National Archives to find census records, military records, immigration records, nationalization records and more.
- **Ellis Island** (<http://www.ellisland.org/>): The American Family Immigration History Center from the Ellis Island Immigration Museum allows users to explore a large collection of immigrant arrival records.
- **Opening History** (<http://imlsdcc.grainger.uiuc.edu/history/>): U.S. History Resources from libraries, museums, and archives.
- **The WorldGenWeb Project** (<http://www.worldgenweb.org>): The WorldGenWeb Project is a non-profit, volunteer based organization dedicated to providing genealogical and historical records and resources for world-wide access.
- **Cyndi's List** (<http://cyndislist.com>): A comprehensive, categorized and cross-referenced list of links to genealogical research sites online.

Items from the State Library of Ohio Collection:

- Broadworth, Clifton. Genealogical Resources in U.S. Federal Depository Libraries. Oklahoma City: Oklahoma Dept. of Libraries, 2006. Print. [**CS49 .M67 2006x**]
- Galford, Ellen. The Genealogy Handbook: The Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family Tree. Pleasantville, NY: Reader's Digest, 2005. Print. [**CS16 .G36 2005x**]
- Helm, Matthew. Genealogy Online for Dummies. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Pub, 2008. Electronic. [**eBook**]
- Melnyk, Marcia Yannize. Family History 101: A Beginner's Guide to Finding Your Ancestors. Cincinnati, OH: Family Tree Books, 2005. Print. [**CS16 .M44 2005**]
- U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. Black Family Research: Records of Post-Civil War Federal Agencies at the National Archives. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 2010. Print. [**AE1.124:108/2010**]

Library of Congress Classification/Dewey Classification:

- Library of Congress: CS-Genealogy, CR-Heraldry, F490- Ohio Genealogy
- Dewey Decimal System: 929-Genealogy

Search Terms:

- Genealogy
 - Cemeteries—Recording
 - Families of Royal Descent
 - Registers of Births, etc.
- Heraldry
- Precedence