

The One Minute Genealogist

Genealogy for the non-specialist librarian

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Websites & Databases

Obituary Links. Links organized by state.

www.obitlinkspage.com

Ohio Obituary Links. Links for newspaper obituaries and indexing, plus links to cemetery records, funeral home records, etc.

www.obitlinkspage.com/obit/oh.htm

Legacy .com. Full text obituaries from over 200 U.S. newspapers, 1998 to present.

www.legacy.com

Vitalrec.com. A clearinghouse for vital records information. Links to state and county departments holding records.

www.vitalrec.com

Ohio Department of Health. How to order birth, death, marriage and other vital records. Print out PDF request forms.

www2.odh.ohio.gov/VitStats/vsmain1.htm

Ohio Historical Society. Archives for Ohio. Selected historic vital records. Ohio death records, 1867-1953; and death record index, 1913-1937. Much more.

www.ohiohistory.org

Steve Morse index to the Social Security Death Index. Death benefit record indexing from 1962 to present. Link to record request form.

stevemorse.org

Family Search and the **International Genealogical Index**. A must-use resource for all genealogy projects. The Mormons make available indexing to millions of records from the U.S. and around the world.

www.familysearch.org

OPLIN Ohio County Connections.

www.oplin.lib.oh.us Click on "Discover Ohio," then link to County Connections.

Ohio GenWeb Project. Volunteer coordinators assemble state- and county-level resources. You'll be amazed by what you discover here.

www.rootsweb.com/~ohgenweb/

Stephen Morse, One-Step Webpages. Use the Steve Morse search engine for more efficient and flexible searching of many major genealogy indexes. Search Ellis Island, Social Security Death Index, and more.

www.stevemorse.org

HeritageQuest. Offers U.S. Census indexing and census page images. Library subscriptions available through OPLIN.

Ancestry Library Edition. This is NOT Ancestry.com, but a look-a-like subscription version produced by ProQuest. There are differences between the two. Ancestry Library has name indexing for all U.S. Census years. Also hundreds of other genealogy databases, searchable collectively or separately.

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. More than 241,100 links...not for those with only a few minutes to spare!

www.cyndislist.com

The Genealogy Page of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Many Ohio libraries have created fine genealogy areas on their websites. The Cuyahoga County Public Library is very proud of the outstanding resource page maintained by its Genealogy Specialist, Christy Wiggins. From the library home page (www.cuyahogalibrary.org) click on the "Research" drop down menu, click on "Subject Areas," click on "The Genealogy Page."

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- Birth: 1867 through December 19, 1908—selected years and counties on microfilm.
- Death: 1867 to December 19, 1908—selected years and counties on microfilm.
- Death: December 20, 1908 to December 31, 1953.
- Death Certificate Index: 1913-1937.
- Marriage: Before September 7, 1949—selected years and counties on microfilm.
- Marriage: After September 7, 1949—only Delaware, Franklin, Marion, and Tuscarawas counties.

Ohio Department of Health. Vital Records.

www2.odh.ohio.gov/VitStats/vsmain1.htm

- Birth: Dec. 20, 1908, to the present
- Death: Jan. 1, 1945, to the present.
- Marriage (abstracts only): Jan. 1, 1954, to present.

County Records.

Many vital records are held only on the county level. What vital records are held in your county? Try Ohio Vitalrec.com (www.vitalrec.com/oh.html) and Ohio GenWeb Project (www.rootsweb.com/~ohgenweb). And also investigate these:

- County government website
- County courthouse
- Historical society
- County archives
- County auditor
- County recorder
- City halls

DEATH RECORDS

Modern death records contain the following data fields:

Full name
Date of death
Gender
Social security number
Age
Date of birth
Birthplace
Whether or not served in U.S. military
Place of death
Name of mortuary
County and city/town of death
Marital status
Name of most recent spouse
Occupation
Education
Ethnicity/race
State/county/city/town of residence
Father's information
Mother's information
Informant's name
Method of disposition
Place/location/date of disposition
Whether or not embalmed
Signature of funeral practitioner
Name/address/license number of funeral home
Certifying physician
Date signed
Name of attending physician
Time of death
Registrar's signature
Date filed
Whether or not an autopsy was performed
Manner of death

Source: Willard, Terry and Jim.
"Using Death Records."
Ancestry Jan/Feb 2004 pp. 47-49.

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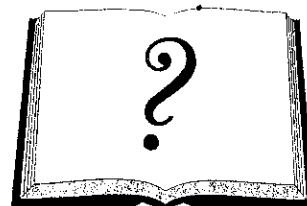


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BIRTH RECORDS

Birth records contain the following data fields:

Child's full name
Date and place of birth
Gender
Nationality
Race
Parents' full names
Parents' ages, birthplaces,
residences, occupations, and
number of children



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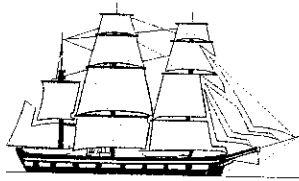
PASSENGER ARRIVAL RECORDS

Modern (after 1906) arrival records contain the following data fields:

Name of ship and shipmaster
Port of embarkation
Date and port of arrival
Passenger's name
Year and district of petition for naturalization
Ancestral home
Name of a relative or friend from homeland
Name and address of person being visited in the U.S.
Marital status
Profession and amount of cash on hand
Name of person who paid for the ticket
Age
Ethnicity
Physical description
Traveling companions

Customs Passenger Lists (1820-1891) contain the following data fields:

Name of ship and shipmaster
Port of embarkation
Date and port of arrival
Name of passenger
Age
Gender
Occupation
Nationality



Prior to 1820, no federal law required the recording of passenger arrival information in the United States. Any local records that may have been created varied widely in the type of information they contained.

Name of ship and captain
Date and port of embarkation
Date and port of arrival
Name of passenger
Age
Country of origin
Occupation
Number of bags carried

Source: Colletta, John P., Ph.D.
They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record, 2nd edition. Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, 1993.

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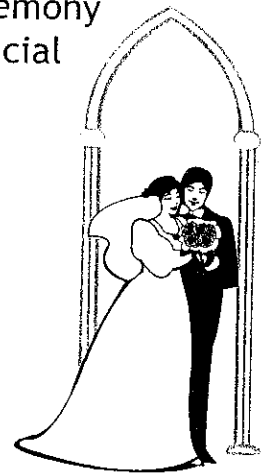
MARRIAGE RECORDS

Modern marriage license applications contain the following data fields:

Bride's (maiden) and groom's full names
Occupations
Previous marriages
Church/religious affiliations
Ages
Places of birth
Dates of birth
Name of presiding official (minister/rabbi/priest/justice of the peace)
Names of parents/guardians

Marriage license returns contain the following data fields:

Bride's (maiden) and groom's full names
Date of marriage ceremony
Place of marriage ceremony
Name of presiding official
Names of witnesses



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RESEARCH LOG SHEET

SOURCE	AUTHOR	CALL NUMBER/ MICROFORM NUMBER	LOCATION OF SOURCE (GIVE COMPLETE INFORMATION)	FORMAT OF MATERIALS			RELEVANT TO RESEARCH	
				PRINT	MICRO	CD-ROM	YES	NO
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GENEALOGY STARTER PAGE

A GENEALOGICAL CHART IS LIKE A MAP OF WHERE AND WHO YOU CAME FROM – SEE HOW MANY OF YOUR ANCESTORS YOU CAN FIND – AND START BY ASKING YOUR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS.

Always Capitalize Surnames
 Always Use Maiden Surnames
 When Recording Dates, write date/month/year
 When Recording Places, write town/county/states/country (start with smallest locale and end with largest).

(YOU)

Birthdate: _____
 Place: _____
 Marriage: _____
 Place: _____
 Deathdate: _____
 Place: _____

SPOUSE: _____

