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# Genealogy

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## Website/Databases

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- CPL only
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- CPL, home, school & work with CPL card
  - HeritageQuest
  - Chicago Tribune
  - Defender



Questions?

# Thank you!



## SOCIAL SCIENCES DIVISION

Thinking of tracing your family tree? Where will you begin? The best place is to start with a "how to" book. Examples of these will be listed below. Tracing family roots is challenging and time consuming work. If you read up on the basics of genealogy before you start your research, your quest is more likely to be successful. Talk to your family. Encourage older members of your family to reminisce and jot down names, places, and dates. Contact more distant relatives for information too. If you are lucky, you may even locate some family member who has done some genealogical research and has information they can share with you.

### CHICAGO ANCESTORS

The Social Sciences Division has resources on microfilm on the 5th floor to help trace family members from Chicago:

Chicago City Directories, 1839, 1843-1917, 1923, 1928/29.

Chicago Telephone Directories, 1878-1971 (1976-current on microfiche).

U.S. Personal Name Census, Chicago, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, (1890 census records were destroyed in a fire in Washington and are not available) 1900, 1910, and 1920. (1920 for all of Illinois. As of this printing, 1930, ordered, not yet available.).

SOUNDEX 1880 Population Schedule: Illinois

SOUNDEX 1900 Population Schedule: Illinois

MIRACODE 1910 Population Schedule: Illinois

SOUNDEX 1920 POPULATION Schedule: Illinois

Illinois County Histories (96 reels of microfilm containing 360 county histories and atlases published in the late 19th and early 20th Century. The paper index to the collection includes an index by county.)

The Newspapers and General Periodicals Division, on the 3rd floor, has various Chicago newspapers, some as early as 1833.

### U.S. ANCESTORS

**For relatives from areas in the U.S. other than Chicago:** Census Schedules are available at the National Archives, 7358 South Pulaski Road, Chicago, IL. Phone (773) 581-7816 to arrange for their material. (Interlibrary loan service is no longer available).

Sources for birth, marriage, divorce, and death records can be located in: **International Vital Records Handbook**. A copy is available at the Social Sciences reference desk.

You might be lucky enough to find that your family history is already written. See the **Genealogies in the Library of Congress Bibliography**, call number: Z5319.U53.

## ANCESTORS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES

If you are researching your family back to the "Old Country", remember that record keeping varied from century to century and from country to country. The Social Sciences Division has information on genealogical searching in other countries. (See list of books below). Additional helpful titles include:

**Passengers to America** (note: excerpted from selected volumes of The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1847-1961). Call number CS68.P37 1977

**San Francisco Ship Passenger Lists**. Call number CS68.R37 1978

**Ship Passenger Lists, 2 vols.** Call number CS68.S53

**Passenger and Immigration Lists Index**. Call number CS68.F537

**Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1833-1866**, microfilm

**Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Baltimore, Maryland, 1820-1897**, microfilm

**Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Massachusetts, 1848-1891**, microfilm

**Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1800-1906**, microfilm.

### SELECT TITLES FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

**African American Genealogical Sourcebook**. Call number E185.96.A444 1995

**Afro-American Genealogy Sourcebook**, by Tommie Morton Young. Call number E185.96.Y67 1987.

**The Ancestry Family Historian's Address Book: A Comprehensive List of Local, State, and Federal Agencies and Institutions and Ethnic and Genealogical Organizations**, by Juliana Szucs Smith. Call number CS44.S65 1997

**Black Genealogy**, by Charles L. Blockson. Call number CS21.B55 1977.

**Chicago and Cook County Sources: A Guide to Research**, by Loretto D. Szucs. Call number Z1278.C5S97 1996.

**Directory of American Libraries with Genealogy or Local History Collections**, by P. William Filby. Call number Z675.G44F56 1988.

**Family History Made Easy: a Basic Guide for Tracing Your Family History in Twelve Easy Steps**, by Loretto D. Szucs. Call number CS16.S98 1998

**Finding a Place Called Home: a Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity**, by Dee Parmer Woodtor. Call number E185.96.W69 1999.

**From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy**, by Arthur Kurzweil. Call number CS21.K87 1996.

**Genealogical Data from Colonial New York Newspapers**, by Kenneth Scott. Call number CS68.G46.

**Genealogical Evidence: Guide to Standard of Proof Relating to Pedigrees, Ancestry, Heirship, and Family History**, by Noel Stevenson. Call number CS14.S73.

**Genealogical Historical Guide to Latin America**, by Lyman DePlatt. Call number CS95.P58 1978

**Genealogical Research for Czech and Slovak Americans**, by Olga K. Miller. Call number CS524.M54 1978.

**Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook**, by Emily Croom. Call number CS47.C75 1994

**Genealogy Online for Dummies**, by Matthew L. Helm, April Leigh Helm. Call number CS21.H46 1998

**Genealogy Online: Researching Your Roots**, by Elizabeth Powell Crowe, Bill Mann. Call number CS49.C76 1998

**The Genealogy Sourcebook**, by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack. Call number CS44.C39 1998

**German Immigrants: Lists of Passengers Bound from Bremen to New York, 1847-1854**, by Gary J. Zimmerman. Call number E184.G3Z56 1985.

**Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, 1850-1855**, by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby, v. 1-2. Call number E184.G38 1988.

**A Guide to German Parish Registers in the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Volume 1, Baden, Bavaria, Wuerttemberg**, compiled by Johni Cerny. Call number CS613.C47 1988.

**A Guide to Jewish Genealogical Research in Israel**, by Sallyann Amdur Sack. Call number Z6374.B5S23 1987.

**How to Trace Your African-American Roots**, by Barbara Thompson Howell. Call number E185.86.H69 1999.

**Scottish Family History**, by Margaret Stuart. Call number CS463.S8 1978.

**Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies**, by David H. Street. Call number E185.96.S817 1986.

**Somerset Homecoming: Recovering a Lost Heritage**, by Dorothy S. Redford. Call numbers E185.96.R42 1988 and F264.S68R4 1989.

**The Source: a Guidebook of American Genealogy**, edited by Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking. Call number CS49.S65 1997.

**A Student's Guide to Polish American Genealogy**, by Carl S. Rollyson and Lisa O. Paddock. Call number E184.P7R575 1996 (note: One volume in the *Oryx American Family Tree Series*; other volumes cover African, British, Chinese, German, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Jewish, Mexican, Native, and Scandinavian Americans.)

**They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins**, by Loretto D. Szucs. Call number CS47.S96 1998.

**Turbo Genealogy**, by John Cornelius Cosgriff. Call number CS47.C67 1997

**Virtual Roots: a Guide to Genealogy and Local History on the World Wide Web**, by Thomas Jay Kemp. Call number CS21.K46 1997

## GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS DEPT. UNITED STATES DOCUMENTS

The United States government has published a number of titles which can be of interest to the genealogist. Most of these are located in CPL's Government Publications Department (GPD). All of these titles are published reports; archival records (such as personal names from the U. S. Census of Population) will NOT be found in this department. Most of the records in GPD are of a military or public office nature. Listed below are some of the titles that might be useful in adding information to family history. Dates indicate the holdings in the Government Publications Department.

### CENSUS RECORDS GUIDE

U. S. Census Bureau. **Age Search Information**. 1981. Call number: C3.6/2:Ag3/981.

This guide explains how the Census Bureau's population census records are used to furnish personal data about individuals. Information is given on genealogical sources and references to information found in sources other than the Census Bureau.

**PUBLIC SERVICE RECORDS**

**World War I Veterans and Widows**

**Pilgrimage for the Mothers and Widows of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the American Forces Now Interred in the Cemeteries of Europe.** Call number: H. doc. 71-140 (Serial Set 9225).

After World War I, Congress provided funds so that mothers and widows might view the final resting place of their sons or husbands. In addition to the name and address of the woman qualified to make the pilgrimage, this directory gives the name of the deceased, the rank and organization of the deceased, and the cemetery in which the individual is buried.

**Registers Of Public Employees**

**Official Register of the United States.** Call number: S1.11 (1832-1859); I1.25 (1861-1905); C3.10 (1919-1932); CS1.31 (1933-1959). Also on microfilm (1817-1959).

Included in this register are the civil, military and naval, and judicial officials in the United States government. Office, where employed, and sometimes the state of birth are given. The type of information included varied over the years. Earlier editions also listed the names of the postmasters.

**Biographic Register.** (Title varies). Call number: S1.6 (1930-1949); S1.69 (1950-1975).

The **Register** contains biographical information on higher level personnel in foreign affairs. Birthdate, academic degrees, and experience in both private and public sectors are included.

**Foreign Service List.** Call number: S1.7 (1940-1949, partial holdings of 1961 and 1962, 1963-1965).

This list includes those individuals with assignments to the Foreign Service as well as other personnel in the field of foreign affairs (officers of AID, USIA, and the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force). No biographical information is given.

**MILITARY DIRECTORIES**

**Historical Register of the United States Army, from its Organization.** Call number: W3.11:1789-1889.

Information is provided for officers of all services (including the volunteer staff) as well as enlisted men. State where born (if known), state where appointment was made, brief listing of promotions and appointments, and date of death can be found here. A second edition, covering the years 1789-1903, is housed in the Special Collections Department on the ninth floor. This title was compiled by Francis Bernard Heitman.

**Official Army Register.** (Title varies). Call number: W3.11(1872-1947 with a few editions missing from the 1890s); M108.8(1949); D102.9(1950-1976). Also available in microfilm for 1789-1897.

These registers provide name, rank, date of commission, and regiment. In some years, date of birth and/or death are included. The **CIS Serial Set Index** lists some of the **Registers** which were included in the **Serial Set**; the **Checklist...1789-1909** provides a quick list of **Serial Set** volumes. Both the **Index** and

**Checklist** are described under **General Indexes** in this pathfinder.

**Army List and Directory.** Call number: W3.10/1(1919-1941).

This list of officers provides name, serial number, organization, and address.

**Navy Register.** (Title varies). Call number: N1.10 (1873-1945 with some editions missing); M206.2:R26 (April 1, 1949); M206.10 (1949); D208.12 (1950-current). **Registers** for 1812-1860 are in the **Serial Set**; volume numbers can be located through the **Checklist...1789-1909**. See **General Indexes** for descriptions of the **Checklist**.

Information varies over the years. Older volumes include name, date of present commission, state of birth, state from which appointment was made, and number of years in service for each individual.

**Navy Directory: Officers of the United States Navy and Marine Corps.** Call number: N 1.24: (1922-41). The directory includes an alphabetical list of officers as well as a list of officers by shore establishment and by ship.

**Combat Connected Naval Casualties, World War II: By States.** Call number: N 1.34/2: 1 & 2.

The list is alphabetical by the state of residence of next of kin. Casualties listed represent only those on active duty in the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard.

**Air Force Register.** Call number: D303.7 (1950-1972, 1979; 1982-current is on microfiche).

Early editions included both active and retired lists. For each individual, the rank and date of birth are given. Current lists include only the active roster. Academic education level is also given.

**Register of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the United States Naval Reserve.** Call number: D208.12/2 (1981-current).

This register includes the name of the individual, year of birth, and rank.

**Register of Retired Commissioned and Warranted Offices, Regular and Reserve, United States Navy and Marine Corps.** Call number: D208.12/3 (1960-1972, 1977-1978, 1984).

For each individual person, information includes date retired, rank on retired list, and year of birth.

**War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.** Located in Reference area. The Atlas (Call number: W45.8) is located in the oversized closed stacks.

This classic study includes an index through which an individual can be located. Although families cannot be traced through this source, the **Records** place an individual in a certain time and location during the War.



U.S. Senate. Committee on Veterans' Affairs. **Medal of Honor Recipients, 1863-1978**. Senate Committee Print, 96th Congress, 1st Session. Call number: Y4.V64/4: M46/3/863-978 or in CIS Congressional hearings microfiche (1979); call number S762-5. Paper copy located in Reference area.

All recipients of the Medal of Honor in all branches of service are included in this listing. Rank and organization, birthdate, and place of birth (if known) are included. The citation itself is given.

#### MAPS AND GAZETTEERS

U.S. Board of Geographic Names. **Gazetteers**. Located in Reference area.

Each gazetteer covers either a single country or a group of countries. Place names, including those which have changed, are listed along with the latitude and longitude of the site. These volumes are useful for verifying spelling or location of a town.

U.S. Geological Survey. **Topographical Maps**. 7.5' series. Located in Map area.

CPL has maps of each state and a quadrangle index to accompany them. In most cases, only the most recent topographic map is retained. Maps show locations of cemeteries and churches as well as cities, towns, and villages. Maps are not always complete, and some sites (such as churches or schools) may be missing.

#### GENERAL INDEXES

*Indexes will lead the researcher to publications not listed elsewhere on this sheet.*

**Checklist of United States Public Documents, 1789-1909**. Located in Reference area.

The **Checklist** provides annotations and call numbers for documents issued by the various departments. Arranged by issuing agency, it is somewhat difficult to use because there is no subject index. However, the **Checklist** includes many registers and listings of personnel in the military and in the departments.

**Cumulative Subject Index to the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications, 1900-1971**. Located in Reference area.

The **Monthly Catalog** is the official listing of government publications of the United States government. Unlike the **Checklist**, no publishing history of any title is given. This index is similar to the **Checklist** in that reference is to a publication, rather than to an individual listed in the publication.

Congressional Information Service. **CIS U.S. Serial Set Index, 1789-1969**. Located in Reference area.

Included in this index to Congressional materials are petitions for military pensions, or for other assistance from the Government. These petitions are indexed by the individual's name or by subject headings.

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS DOCUMENTS

Two items of interest in the collection of Illinois state documents are: Illinois. Secretary of State. State Archives. **Archives Marriage Record Index**. 1987. 26 microfiche.

This listing is alphabetical by name of the individual along with the name of his/her spouse. Where applicable, the license number is given, along with the date of license, county where applied for, and archival record control number. The index covers portions of the 19th century for many counties in Illinois, but this edition does not include Cook, Lake or Will. No instructions have been provided for the use of the title (For an updated version via Internet Access see <http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/marriage.html>).

Illinois. Secretary of State. State Archives. **Public Domain Sales Land Tract Record Listing**. 1984. Each section contains 144 microfiche.

The first section is arranged by county and then by purchaser's name. A brief description of the location of the land, the number of acres bought, the price per acre and total price, and the date purchased with reference to the volume and page in archives records are included. The second section is arranged by geographical location (county, meridian, range, township, and section). Most listings seem to be earlier than 1870 (For an updated version via Internet Access see [http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/data\\_lan.html](http://www.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/data_lan.html)).

#### CITY OF CHICAGO DOCUMENTS

Chicago city government agencies have published several titles which may be of interest to the genealogist. Unless otherwise noted, all volumes are in closed stacks. The researcher needs to ask at the Municipal Reference Collection desk for assistance.

City Council. **Proceedings**. 1858-current. Volumes from 1921 to the present are located in the Reference area.

In addition to city business, these volumes include memorials or congratulatory remarks to persons residing in Chicago who have attained some measure of achievement. Also included are claims of individuals against the city. There is usually a subject index for each volume; this includes names of individuals as well.

Civil Service Commission. **Annual Report**. 1896-1925, 1940.

These reports can be used to verify appointments, retirements, salary changes, leaves of absence, resignations, and investigations of individuals employed by the City. Name of individual, department, and the position are included. Each report has an index through which references to persons can be found.

Bureau of Statistics. **City Manual**. 1908-1916.

These manuals are a compendium of information on city government and politics. Each one includes the names of officers of city agencies, political party committees, presidents of ward clubs, superintendents of wards, and officers of clubs such as the Union League and Iroquois Club. Type of information may vary from year to year. Some names are listed in a typescript index to the set.

Mayor. **Mayor's Messages and Municipal Reports.** 1880-1896.

These volumes are compilations of annual reports of the various agencies. Some of the reports give information on city personnel. This title can be used to supplement the holdings of other annual reports listed in this bibliography.

Sometimes annual reports have a wealth of information or include information that one would not expect to find in a government document. Two titles which include such information are:

Fire Department. **Report of the Fire Marshall.** 1871-1930.

The Fire Marshall's annual report must be one of the most detailed reports issued by a city agency. Although the information varies over the years, most volumes list awards for heroic service, retirements, and deaths. In addition, rosters of the various companies are given. In some years, the individual's name, company affiliation, and position are stated. Some reports include the individual's address. Early reports (through 1882) include country of birth and/or former occupation.

Department of Electricity. **Annual Report.** 1889-1911. The Department was re-named the Department of Gas and Electricity and continued to issue annual reports. Holdings are for 1913-1930.

A section of each of these reports is devoted to a listing of individuals who were in accidents involving electricity. Individual's name, age, occupation, and a brief description of the accident are included. In most instances, the individual died as a result of the accident.

Most annual reports for recent years describe the work of the agency and usually do not refer to personnel matters. One report may be of interest, however.

Chicago Transit Authority. **Transit News.** 1950-1974.

This internal publication gives news concerning CTA employees. It includes lists of awards, commendations, anniversaries, and retirements. Often there are short articles concerning an individual who has performed meritoriously.

Chicago Board of Education. **Annual Report.** 1867-8 through? 1925-6.

Through the volume for 1894-5, the reports include the names of high school graduates and the high school graduated from. The names of the members of the Board of Education are also included.

Chicago Board of Education. **Directory.** 1897-1954.

The names of the principals of the various schools and members of the Board of Education can be found in all directories. Through the 1929-30 volume, the names and addresses of teachers were also included; thereafter, only the names of the superintendents, principals, and assistants to the principals were listed.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

Special Collections is located on the 9th floor. In addition to the collections listed below, Special Collections contains resources on the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893, the Century of Progress Exposition of 1933, book arts, book collecting, Chicago authors and publishing, historical and contemporary Chicago theater, general Chicago history, the Chicago Public Library Archives, and the Harold Washington Archives & Collections. Call 312-747-4875 for reading room hours.

## NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY RESEARCH COLLECTION

This collection is comprised of some 150 linear feet of archival material and over 6,000 photographs. The majority of the material was collected by various neighborhood historical societies which flourished in the 1930s and 1940s. Almost every individual neighborhood archive has files of historical information on area residents, businesses, schools, residences, churches, parks, streets, and transportation which are easily accessed via non-published guides available in the Reading Room. The following are among the West Side and South Side neighborhoods included in the collection: Austin, Calumet, East Garfield Park, Lawndale-Crawford, Lower West Side, North Lawndale, Pullman, Roseland, South Chicago, South Lawndale, South Shore, West Garfield Park, West Side, West Town, and Woodlawn.

In addition, there are family papers for the following Chicago families: Kircher, O'Quinn, Tobias, and Ton.

The papers of Rev. Norman B. Barr contain lists of the several thousand marriages, baptisms, and funerals at which Barr officiated during his ministry on Chicago's Near North Side, 1897-1943. Rev. Barr superintended a Presbyterian mission known as Olivet Institute, and many of these marriages, baptisms, and funerals were conducted on behalf of the city's poor and otherwise non-church-affiliated population. The lists are in chronological order and are not indexed.

Similar collections for Chicago's North Side neighborhoods are at the Sulzer Regional Library, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago, IL 60625. Phone: 312-744-7616.

## GENEALOGY: A GUIDE TO LIBRARY RESOURCES

### CIVIL WAR RESEARCH COLLECTION

Rich genealogical resources are available for those researching ancestors who participated in the Civil War. In addition to the separate titles listed below, Special Collections holds a large regimental history collection from all states which participated in the war. Many regimental histories include complete rosters of their soldiers.

**War of the Rebellion: Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies.** 130-volume set of official correspondence and reports, first published in 1901. Indexed.

**Official Records of the Union and Confederate Navies in the War of the Rebellion.** 30-volume set. Indexed.

**Official Army Register of the Volunteer Force of the United States Army.**

8-volume set. Indexed.

**Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers.** Microfilm published by the National Archives. Alphabetical listings state by state of all volunteer Union soldiers who served in the war, including African Americans. 16mm. microfilm.

## OTHER LIBRARIES IN THE CHICAGO AREA

**The Chicago Historical Society,**  
Research Library  
1600 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL 60610  
312-642-4600

**Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints Library**  
2801 Lake Avenue  
Wilmette, IL 60091  
847-251-9818

**Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints,**  
Schaumburg Branch  
P.O. Box 94205  
1320 West Schaumburg Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60195  
847-882-9889

**Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter Day Saints,**  
Hyde Park Family History Center  
5200 S. University Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60615  
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(Call first during these hours)  
773-493-1830

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## Introduction to Genealogy Databases

Access the Chicago Public Library's **Genealogy Popular Topics** page at:  
<http://www.chipublib.org/cplbooksmovies/poptopics/genealogy.php>

### Featured Resources

- Ancestry Library Edition » Search the U.S. and U.K. censuses, the Social Security Death Index, World War I Draft Registration Cards, Civil War Service Records, Immigration Records, and thousands more sources for genealogical research. Available at all Chicago Public Library locations.
- HeritageQuest Online » HeritageQuest contains scanned images of all available U.S. census schedules (1790-1930); over 25,000 scanned books on family and local history; PERSI, an index to magazine articles in the field of family and local history; images of selected records from Revolutionary War pension and bounty-land-warrant application files; images of the registers of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company; and selected Congressional documents and reports from the *American State Papers* and *U.S. Serial Set*. Note that a Chicago Public Library card is required to use this resource from home, school, or work.

### Featured Chicago Public Library Collections

- Avalon Branch » The Avalon Branch on Chicago's southeast side has an extensive collection of African American genealogy materials.
- Beverly Branch » The Beverly Branch's Jule Conroy Irish Heritage Collection offers many materials for Irish genealogical research.
- Harold Washington Library Center » Resources at the Harold Washington Library Center include a variety of sources on microfiche and microfilm (for example, passenger lists, city directories, military records, and pension records) as well as a large selection of "how to" guides for the beginning researcher.
- Sulzer Regional Library » The North Side Neighborhood History Collection holds materials of interest to persons researching ancestors who lived on Chicago's North Side, and the Newspapers and Magazines Department holds microfilm of Chicago city directories and twentieth-century Chicago neighborhood papers.
- Vivian G. Harsh Research Collection of Afro-American History and Literature » The Harsh Collection at the Woodson Regional Library has numerous sources for the study of African American genealogy.



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## Helpful Websites

- Genealogy at the Newberry Library » <http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/collections.html> » Located on Chicago's Near North Side (60 W. Walton, 312-943-9090), the Newberry Library is recognized nationwide for its collections in local and family history.
- RootsWeb.com » <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/> » RootsWeb.com is a collection of free resources, including the Social Security Death Index, from Ancestry, Inc.
- Where to Write for Vital Records » <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm> » This page, sponsored by the National Center for Health Statistics, tells you where to send (and how much to pay) for birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates in every state.
- Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet » <http://www.cyndislist.com/> » Cyndi's List is the best-known guide to sites for genealogical research on the Internet.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints » <http://www.familysearch.org> » Family History Centers of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have extensive microfiche, microfilm, and print collections featuring census, vital statistics, and a wide variety of records to assist the family researcher.
- Clerk of Circuit Court – Records and Archives/Archives Department » <http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/?section=RecArchivePage> » Find records created by the Cook County Court systems dating back to the 1871 Chicago fire.
- Cook County Clerk's Office – Vital Records » <http://www.cookcountygenealogy.com> » Birth, marriage and death records for the purpose of genealogical research, from the Genealogy Unit of the Cook County Clerk's Office.
- Genealogical Research in the Illinois State Archives » <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/services.html> » This guide will walk you through the use of the Archives' wide variety of sources for genealogical research, including use of the Archives' many online indexes.
- NARA Great Lakes Region » <http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/> » Find out about the sources for genealogical research housed at the three Great Lakes facilities of the National Archives, including the facility in Chicago.



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