

RECORDS OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

Lake County OH GenWeb – Genealogy and history databases, directory, links www.rootsweb.com/~ohlake/

Birth Records

- **1867 - 20 Dec. 1908** (Sporadically done) Probate Court, index card file, 2 large ledgers. \$3 cert., \$.25 uncert.
- **21 Dec. 1908 to Current** – Lake County General Health District, Department of Vital Statistics, 33 Mill Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077, 440-350-2543.
- **21 Dec. 1908 to Recent** – Division of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, 65 South Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Five cents each uncert. With SASE (for now).

Death Records

- **1867 – 20 Dec. 1908** (Sporadically done) Probate Court, index card file, 2 large ledgers. \$3 cert., \$.25 uncert.
- **21 Dec. 1908 to Current** – Lake County General Health District, Department of Vital Statistics, 33 Mill Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077, 440-350-2543. Certified only \$9.00.
- **21 Dec. 1908 thru 1944** – Ohio Historical Society, 1985 Velma Avenue, Columbus, OH 43211 Self-service \$.25 each; Mail, \$1.00 each plus SASE with full date. (Also Trumbull Co. Library & Akron Library).
- **21 Dec. 1908 thru 1944** – Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor Archives-Library, 151 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44501-0533. Self-service only \$.25 each.
- **1945 to Recent** – Division of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, 65 South Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Five cents each uncert. With SASE (for now).

Marriage Records

- **Pre 1840** in Geauga County
- **1840 to Current** – Indices, Applications and Returns – Marriage License Department, Probate Court, First Floor 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2784. \$.25 each page. Vol.A-C have applications in separate volume from returns.
- **Indices for Volumes A-C (1845-1865) and D-K and 12 (1904)** – at Morley Library.

Divorce Records

- **1840 to Current** – Domestic Relations Division of Court of Common Pleas, basement, Lake County Court House Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2708. \$.25 each page.

Wills and Estates

- **1840 to Current** – Indices, will books and estate packets – Probate Court, Annex First Floor, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2626. \$.25 each page.

Law Suits and Criminal Proceedings

- **1840 to Current** – Court of Common Pleas, Annex basement, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077, 440-350-2657.

Naturalization

- **1840 to 1906** – Probate Court Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2626. \$.25 each page (may be 1-8 pages).
- **1910 to 1975** – Court of Common Pleas, basement, Lake County Court House Annex, in person only. \$.25 each page (may be 3-8 pages).
- **1910 to 1975** – Morley Library (coming soon).
- **1840 to 1975** – Index cards for Probate & Court of Common Pleas, basement, Lake County Court House Annex, in person only. Morley soon.

Tax Records (Real and Personal)

- **1840 to Current** – Lake County Treasurer's Office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2516

Deed Records

- **1836 to Current** – Indices to deeds, deed records, mortgages, liens, releases, etc. Recent ones computerized. Lake County Recorder's office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2510. \$1.00 per page.
- **Pre 1836** – Geauga County
- **Pre 1836** – Copied Indices, Lake County Historical Society

Military Discharges (If not found at one site, try other.)

- **1865 to Current** – Lake County Recorder's office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2510
- **1865 to Current** – Veterans Service Office, 105 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2567

Census

- **1820 to 1930** – Census Films for Lake and Geauga County at Morley Library. Index books for 1820 – 1880. On-line databases available at library with images and indexing of most US Federal Census.
- Most US Census and Indices or Soundex if available, at Western Reserve Historical Society.
- All Ohio and book indices 1810-1880 at Fairview Park Regional Library.
- Some films at Lake County Historical Society and Kirtland Family History Center.

Maps

- **Current County Road Map** – Lake County Engineer's Office, 550 Blackbrook Rd. (Off Rte. 44), Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2770.
- **Tax Maps** – Tax map department, lower level, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077.
- **Current Plat Maps** – Auditor's Office, First Floor, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077.
- **Planning Commission Maps** – Lake County Planning Commission, 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2740.
- **Historical and others** – Lake County Historical Society, Morley Library, Recorder's Officer, etc.

Obituaries and Newspapers

- **1822 to Current** – Obituaries index of *Painesville Telegraph* (1822-1986) and *The News Herald* (1986 to current). Papers on microfilm. Also recent *Plain Dealer*. Morley Library, 184 Phelps Street, Painesville, OH 44077.
- Obituary index of News Herald begun in 1977. Little Red School House, Shankland Road, Willoughby, OH 44094. Fee for service.
- News Herald on microfilm with scattered indexing, obits indexed (1981 to current). Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, OH 44094. 440-942-3200.

Cemetery Records

- See *Lake County OH Cemetery Locator Map Guide*. Lake County Genealogical Society at Morley Library.
- Cemetery Inscriptions and record resource link on-line at www.rootsweb.com/~ohlcs/ (project in progress)

Church Records

- See *Lake County OH Church Records Survey* by Lake County Genealogical Society at Morley Library.

LOCAL RESEARCH FACILITIES

Morley Library – Local History and Genealogy Room (Lake County Gen. Society home), 184 Phelps Street, Painesville, OH 44077, 440-352-3383.

Lake County Historical Society – 8610 King Memorial Road (Mentor Rd.), Mentor, OH 44060, 440-255-8979

Family History Center – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 8854 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, OH 44060, 440-256-8808 (Many local records, books, and indices have been filmed by the Family History Library and are available for use for a small fee at the Family History Center. Check the catalog at www.familysearch.org).

Western Reserve Historical Society – 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106, 216-721-5722.

Cuyahoga County Public Library – Fairview Park Regional, 21255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, OH 44126, 440-333-4700.

Geneva Public Library – Ashtabula Gen. Society home, 860 Sherman St., Geneva, OH 44041. 440-466-4521

Geauga County Library – Geauga Co. Gen. Society home, 14641 E. Park St., Chardon, OH 44024, 440-834-4012.

MOST TOWNS AND TOWNSHIPS HAVE HISTORICAL SOCIETIES. CONTACT LOCAL LIBRARIES, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OR CITY HALLS.