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GENEALOGY RESOURCE GUIDE

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This list describes major hubs of genealogical information, offline and on. It is by no means exhaustive. If you need help navigating a website or finding a record, ask a librarian.

For a more detailed guide to where to find individual types of records, check our [Family History Records Guide](#).

LOCAL RESOURCES

[Ozaukee County Register of Deeds](#)

VISIT: 121 W. Main Street, Room 120, Port Washington, WI 53074

CALL: 262-284-8260

Open from 8:30AM-5PM, Monday through Friday, the Ozaukee County Register of Deeds Office maintains a collection of family history records that includes vital records, property records, and naturalization records, among others.

[Ozaukee County Historical Society](#)

VISIT: N57 W6406 Center Street, Cedarburg, WI 53012

CALL: 262-377-4510

EMAIL: ozaukeearchivist@gmail.com

The Ozaukee County Historical Society Archives houses vital records, obituaries, newspapers, property records, family histories, and more. They recommend that you call or email ahead to check hours and schedule a research appointment.

Family History Centers – [Brookfield](#) and [Milwaukee](#)

VISIT: 755 N. Woelfel Road, Brookfield, WI 53045; or 9600 W. Grange Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53130

CALL: 262-641-7408 or 414-425-4182

EMAIL: wi_milwaukee_north@familyhistorymail.org or
wi_milwaukee@familyhistorymail.org

Satellites of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Family History Centers provide access to vital records, census records, and more. The Family History Library makes many records available [online](#), but others are only available within local Family History Centers. Hours vary by location; call to confirm.

[Milwaukee Register of Deeds](#)

VISIT: 901 N. 9th Street, Room 103, Milwaukee, WI 53233

CALL: 414-278-4027

EMAIL: rodvitalrecords@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Milwaukee birth, marriage, and death records from the nineteenth century onward are available at the Milwaukee Register of Deeds. This office is open 8AM-12PM and 12PM-4PM Monday through Friday for genealogical research. **You must make an appointment before visiting. You must bring personal identification, like a driver's license or state ID.**

[Milwaukee County Historical Society](#)

VISIT: 910 N. Old World Third Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203

CALL: 414-273-8288

The Milwaukee County Historical Society's Research Library includes obituaries, biographies, city directories, court records, and the Civil War Roster of Wisconsin Veterans, among others. The Society is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30AM-5PM. **You must make an appointment before visiting. There is an entry fee.**

[Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society](#)

VISIT: 504 S. 4th Street, Watertown, WI 53094

CALL: 920-262-2362

EMAIL: dodgejeffersongensoc@gmail.com

The Dodge/Jefferson Counties Genealogical Society Genealogical Library, located in Watertown's Heritage Hall, contains not only vital, land, and immigration records, but also city and county histories and directories, newspaper clippings, maps, and more. **There is an entry fee.**

[State Vital Records Office](#)

VISIT: 1 W. Wilson Street, Room 159, Madison, WI 53703

CALL: 608-266-1373 for general inquiries; 608-267-7820 for appointments

EMAIL: dhsvitalrecords@dhs.wisconsin.gov

The State Vital Records Office houses birth, marriage, death, and divorce records from the nineteenth century to 1938, 2002, and 1967, respectively. They also have indexes of these records through 1984, 2012, 2015, and 1986, respectively. Their research room is open Monday through Friday from 8AM-10AM and 10:30AM-12:30PM. **You must make an**

appointment before visiting. You must bring personal identification, like a driver's license or state ID.

[Wisconsin Historical Society](#)

VISIT: 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706

CALL: 608-264-6535 (Library) or 608-264-6460 (Archives)

EMAIL: asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org or askarchives@wisconsinhistory.org

The Wisconsin Historical Society's Library and Archives contain pre-1907 vital records, newspapers, plat maps, census records, Civil War enlistment records, family histories, and more. Their vital records index and select digitized materials are available on their website, but all other materials are onsite. The Library and Archives are open Monday through Saturday, but their hours vary; check their website or call to confirm.

ONLINE RESOURCES

[FamilySearch.org](#)

Operated by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, FamilySearch.org is a wide-ranging database containing various types of records, including a vital records index; censuses; passenger lists; and more. They require that you create a **free** account to access their database. Some of their records are only available on microfilm. In those cases, an index is available on the website. FamilySearch is actively digitizing microfilmed materials. Check back later to see if the material has been digitized.

[Ancestry: Library Edition](#) (Library Use) OR [Ancestry.com](#) (Personal Subscription)

Ancestry is one of the most well-known genealogy research sites. Like FamilySearch, it contains myriad records, from censuses to petitions of naturalization to the Social Security Death Index. All of Ancestry's materials are available on Ancestry.com; Ancestry: Library Edition offers limited access. Ancestry: Library Edition is available **free** through the Weyenberg Library; otherwise, individuals may **purchase a subscription** to Ancestry.com.

[HeritageQuest](#) - via [BadgerLink](#)

Thanks to BadgerLink, Wisconsin's Online Library, Wisconsin residents can access censuses, local histories, biographical sketches, Revolutionary War materials, and more online, for free. Click "HeritageQuest Online" on BadgerLink.com to access the site.

[Wisconsin Historical Society Family History Records](#) – via [BadgerLink](#)

A partnership between BadgerLink, the Wisconsin Historical Society, and Ancestry.com makes the Wisconsin vital records index, select Wisconsin state censuses, and Wisconsin wills and probate files available to Wisconsinites for free. Click "Wisconsin Historical Society Family History Records" on BadgerLink.com to access the site.