



PATHFINDER: GENEALOGY AND FAMILY HISTORY

REFERENCE BOOKS

The following are examples of reference books that may be useful for genealogical and family history research.

[Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1900-1920 as Published in Paddock Publications, Arlington Heights, Illinois](#) (R/929.37731/B619)

[Chicago Ancestor File 1974-1984](#) (R/929.377311/C532)

[Chicago and Cook County: A Guide to Research](#) (R/929.107207731/S998ch)

[County Courthouse Book](#) (R/929.373/B477co)

[Guide to Records in the National Archives -- Great Lakes Region](#)
(R/929.1072077/U58gu; 929.1072077/U58gu)

[Index to the Obituaries and Death Notices Appearing in the Dziennik Chicagoski 1890-1899](#) (R/929.377311/H745in) [1900-1909](#) (R/929.377311/H745ni) [1910-1919](#) (R/929.377311/H745te) [1920-1929](#) (R/929.377311/H745tw)

[Revolutionary Soldiers Buried in Illinois](#) (R/929.3773/W179re)

[The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy](#) (R/929.1072073/S724)

FULL TEXT

[Ancestry Library Edition](#) Includes the Social Security Death Index, World War I draft registration cards, many passenger lists, and much more

[Heritage Quest](#) Includes many family histories, an index of genealogical and local history articles (PERSI), selected records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application files, and much more

(Both [Ancestry Library Edition](#) and [Heritage Quest](#) include 1790-1930 census information)

Newspapers can be a good source of genealogical and family history information.

You may want to check our newspaper subscription databases, and especially:

Historical Chicago Tribune

Chicago Tribune

OTHER PATHFINDERS

- [Chicago History](#) (for sources to provide background about Chicago)
- [Niles History](#) (Please also check this pathfinder for information if you are doing genealogical research about ancestors who lived in Niles)

- Immigration and Immigration Policy (includes sources about the history of immigration to the United States)
- Polish-Americans (for information sources about Polish-American history)
- Presidents, Vice Presidents, and First Ladies (especially if you might have a President, Vice President, or First Lady as an ancestor and want to find out more about him or her)

INTERNET RESOURCES

www.alookatcook.com Includes information for genealogical and family history researchers interested in Cook County

www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments Click on Illinois State Archives and then on Search Our Online Databases. There are many indexes included here. A few are the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900; the Illinois Statewide Death Index Pre-1916, and the Illinois Statewide Death Index 1916-1950. There are even some Almshouse indexes. If you go back to Illinois State Archives, you can also click on Genealogical Research. This will allow you to find a number of useful genealogical and family history research guides.

(www.library.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/irad/iradaddr.html is a quick way to find Illinois Regional Archives Depository addresses.)

<http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/> National Archives Great Lakes Region website

www.cyndislist.com Many genealogical and family history resources are included here (For Illinois resources, check <http://www.cyndislist.com/il.htm>)

www.familysearch.org the website of the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; includes many links—You can also use this to find Family History Centers

www.usgenweb.com Internet websites for genealogical and family history research; organization is by county and state

<http://www.ellisland.org/> Ellis Island information

www.rootsweb.com Includes mailing lists, message boards, and many other resources

Area Organizations

(It is often best to call first before traveling to an organization in order to receive information about an organization's collections and policies.)

Arlington Heights Memorial Library

500 N. Dunton Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004 (847) 392-0100

<http://www.ahml.info/research/genealogy>

Arlington Heights Memorial Library is a designated branch of the Family History Library

Archdiocese of Chicago Archives

<http://archives.archchicago.org>

711 West Monroe, Chicago, Illinois 60661 (312) 831-0711

Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD)

www.library.sos.state.il.us/departments/archives/irad/iradaddr.html

Ronald Williams Library, Northeastern Illinois University, 5500 N. St. Louis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60625-4699 (773) 442-4506 (Chicago and Cook County IRAD)

National Archives Great Lakes

<http://www.archives.gov/great-lakes/>

7358 South Pulaski Road Chicago, Illinois 60629-5898 (773) 948-9000

Newberry Library

www.newberry.org

60 W. Walton Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610 (312) 255-3506

Winnetka Public Library

<http://www.wpld.alibrary.com/genealogy.asp>

768 Oak Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093 (847) 446-7220

BOOKS

Online Catalog UNDER: Genealogy, Family History

Browse the following areas: R/929; 929

The Niles Library has a number of books about genealogy. Listed below are some examples:

[American Passenger Arrival Records: A Guide to the Records of Immigrants Arriving at American Ports by Sail and Steam](#) (929.1072073/T314am)

[Black Genesis: A Resource Book for African-American Genealogy](#) (929.108996/R796bl)

[Finding Your Chicago Ancestors](#) (929.107207731/D888fi)

[Finding Italian Roots: the Complete Guide for Americans](#) (929.1072045/C698fi)

[First Steps in Genealogy](#) (929.1/A425fi)

From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Genealogy and Family History (929.1089924/K96fr)

Genealogy via the Internet (929.10285/R646ge)

Polish Roots (929.1/C551po)

The Sleuth Book for Genealogists (929.1072073/C948sl)

Tracing Your Family History (929.1072/H913tr)

Your Guide to Cemetery Research (929.5072/C287yo)

(If a book is checked out, one of the reference librarians can put it on hold for you.)

NOTE

This pathfinder was prepared to assist you in locating materials. If you have any questions or require assistance, please ask a Librarian on duty.

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Niles, Illinois 60714

(847) 663-1234

Reference Services Department: (847) 663-6603 or (847) 663-6604

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