

RECORDS OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

Lake County *OH GenWeb* Genealogy, history, databases <https://www.usgenwebsites.org/OHLake>

Birth Records

- 1867-20 Dec 1908 (sporadically done) Probate Court, index card file, 2 large ledgers. Microfilm at Morley Library, Alpha transcription Lake Co. *OHGenWeb*, images at *FamilySearch*
- 21 Dec 1908-Current – Lake County General Health District, Department of Vital Statistics, 5966 Heisley Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Any Ohio birth – certified only- #1.50. Ask for long genealogy form. Some indexes on *Ancestry*.
- 21 Dec 1908-nearly current – Division of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, 4200 Surface Rd., Columbus, OH 432128 - 614-466-2531. <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/vital-statistics/vital-statistics> Certified only - \$21.50.

Death Records

- 1867-20 Dec 1908 (sporadically done) Probate Court, index card file, 2 large ledgers. Microfilm at Morley Library, chronological transcription Lake Co. *OHGenWeb*, images at *FamilySearch*
- 21 Dec 1908-Current – Lake County General Health District, Department of Vital Statistics, 5966 Heisley Rd., Mentor, OH 44060. Any Ohio birth – certified only- \$21.50. Ask for long genealogy form. Some indexes on *Ancestry*.
- 21 Dec 1908-1953 Certificates at “Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953” on *FamilySearch*. 1954-1970 Death Certificates at *Ohio History Connection* (non-certified) https://resources.ohiohistory.org/death/search_dc.php \$15.05, currently by internet only.
- 1964-current - Division of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, 4200 Surface Rd., Columbus, OH 432128 - 614-466-2531. <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/vital-statistics/vital-statistics> Certified only - \$21.50.

Marriage Records

- Pre 1840 in Geauga County (or Cuyahoga for Chagrin/Willoughby) Pre 1806 in Trumbull County
- 1840-1915 Index on Lake Co. GenWeb under Vital Records
- 1840-2017 Images on *FamilySearch* (Caution, Vols. A-C have applications in separate volume from returns.)
- 1840 to current – Indexes, Applications and Returns – Probate Court, 440-350-2326 or marriage@lakecountyohio.gov Request form for certified: <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/probate-court/marriage-department/> \$2.00 +SASE

Divorce Records

- 1840-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. Currently in-person only. Probably \$0.25 per page

Wills and Estates – Probate Court

- 1840-current. Probate Court, Lake County Court House Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2626. \$0.05 per page, Stored off-site. Call ahead.
- 1840- 1935 - Images of original probate packets on *FamilySearch*. Will books 1853-1901. Also journals, real estate, etc.

Law Suits and Criminal Proceedings

- 1840-current Court of Common Pleas, basement, basement, Lake County Court House Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-3657

- A variety of records are now online, complicated, but worth learning.
<https://recordroom.cottsystems.com/lakeoh/guest/search/oib>

Naturalization

- 1840-1906 - Probate Court, Lake County Court House Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077. 440-350-2626. \$0.05 per page, Stored off-site. Call ahead.
- 1910-1975 – Northern Ohio District by Court of Common Pleas. Basement, Lake County Court House Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-3657 \$.25 per page, usually 3-8 pages. Originals at NARA Chicago, images on Fold3. Microfilm of cards at Morley Library
- 1840-1975 – Abstract (index) of Index cards for Probate & Common Pleas by Lake County Genealogical Society.
<https://www.lcgsohio.org> Microfilm of cards at Morley Library.

Tax Records, Real, Personal, and Occupational

- 1840 to current, mostly microfilm at Lake County Treasurer's Office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077-440-350-2516
- Tax records to 1850 on FamilySearch

Property Records

- 1836-current - Indexes and Deeds, Deed records, Mortgages, Liens, Releases, etc. Recent ones computerized. Lake County Recorder, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 basement, 440-350-2510. \$2.00 per page, \$0.10 self-copies.
- 1840-1950 – Deed Indexes for Lake County on *FamilySearch*
- 1839-1881 +1926-1937 for Lake County on *FamilySearch*
- Pre-1840– Geauga County for current Lake County, except Willoughby on FamilySearch.
- Pre-1840 Cuyahoga Co. for Chagrin/Willoughby <https://cuyahoga.oh.publicsearch.us/> Also, indexes, deeds and mortgages on *FamilySearch*.
- Pre 1840 – Copied Indexes, Lake County History Center, also on *GenWeb* -
<https://www.usgenwebsites.org/OHLake>

Military Discharges – (If not found on one site, try the other.)

- 1865-1940 – Lake County Recorder's office 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2510
- 1865-? -Veterans service office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2567

Census

- 1820-1950 – Population and extant non-population schedules on microfilms for Lake and Geauga Counties at Morley Library with AISI book indexes 1820-1880.
- On-Line census images are on various genealogy websites. There are some local indexes on *GenWeb*.

Maps

- Current County Road Map - Lake County Engineer's Office, 550 Blackbrook Road (Off Rt. 44) Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2770 (1 free)
- Tax Maps - tax map department, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077
- Current Plat maps - Auditor's Office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 now on-line
- Planning Commission Maps, Lake County Planning Commission, 125 E. Erie Street, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2740.
- Historical and others - Lake County History Center, Morley Library, Recorder's office, etc.
- Other maps such as 1874 and 1898 landowners linked from Lake Co. *OHGenWeb*. See Maps.

Obituaries and newspapers

- See Lake Co. *OHGenWeb* - includes large collection of abstracts by Judy Stebbins. 1822-current - Obituary Index of *Painesville Telegraph* 1822-1986 and *The News Herald* 1986-current online at www.morleylibrary.org.
- 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, See Willoughby Historical Society
- *News Herald* on microfilm with scattered indexing, obits indexed 1980-current, Willoughby Public Library, 30 Public Square, Willoughby, OH 44094 440-942-3200
- 1851- 1950 *Painesville Telegraph*, *Telegraph Republican* (some missing) at <https://news.google.com/newspapers>. Also on *MyHeritage*
- Willoughby Historic Newspapers on *Internet Archive* <http://archive.org>

Cemetery Records

- *Lake County OH Cemetery Locator Map Guide*, Lake County Genealogical Society at Morley Library
- Early to about 2003, Cemetery Inscriptions for Lake County by Gen Society at <https://www.lcgs.org> Site has Record resource links for online records for Painesville Evergreen, Leroy active cemeteries, and Perry at those jurisdictions' web sites
- Early to about 2003, Cemetery Inscriptions for Lake County by Gen Society at *OHGenWeb* browsable with much more information. <https://www.usgenwebsites.org/OHLake>

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, 352-3383 <http://www.morleylibrary.org>
- Lake County Historical Society, 415 Riverside Dr., Painesville Twp., OH 44077, 440-639-2945. <Http://lakehistorycenter.org> has catalog of much research material under exhibits.
- *FamilySearch* Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 8854 Chillicothe Road, Kirtland, OH 44060, 440-256-8808 (Many local records, books and indices filmed by the Family History Library and are available for use at the *FamilySearch* Center. Check the catalog at <http://.familysearch.org>)
- Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106, 216-721-5722, www.wrhs.org Library currently closed.
- Cuyahoga County Public Library, Fairview Park Regional, 21255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park, OH 44126, 440-333-4700
- Ashtabula County District Library (Asht. Gen. Soc. home) 4335 Park Ave, Ashtabula OH 44004, 440- 997-9341
- Geauga County Library, (Gauga Co. Gen. Society home) 110 E. Park Street, Chardon, OH 44024, 440-285-7601
- Most towns and townships have historical societies listed on *GenWeb*. Contact local libraries, chambers of commerce or city halls.
- Lake County OH *GenWeb* <http://www.usgenwebsites.org/OHLake>
- Lake County Genealogical Society <https://www.lcgsOhio.org>

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