

# RECORDS OF GENEALOGICAL INTEREST IN LAKE COUNTY, OHIO

Lake County OH GenWeb Genealogy, history, databases: [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlake/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlake/)

## Birth Records

- **1867-20 Dec 1908** (Sporadically done) Probate Court, index card file, 2 large ledgers. \$3 cert, \$.05 uncert. Microfilm at Morley Library, Alpha transcription Lake Co *OHGenWeb*, images *FamilySearch* (see catalog)
- **21 Dec 1908 to Current** - Lake County General Health District, Department of Vital Statistics, 5966 Heisley Rd., Mentor, OH 44060, 440-350-2543. Any Ohio birth - certified only- \$21.50. Ask for long genealogy form. Some indexes *Ancestry*, *Archives.com*
- **21 Dec 1908 to Recent** - Division of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, 225 Neilston St, Columbus, OH 43215, (614) 466-2531. Certified only- \$21.50.

## Death Records

- **1867-20 Dec 1908** (Sporadically done) Probate Court, Index card file, 2 large ledgers. \$3? cert, \$.05 uncert. Microfilm at Morley Library, Index on *Ancestry*, Transcription on *GenWeb*, Images at *FamilySearch* following births
- **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 \$21.50. Ask for long genealogy form
- **21 Dec 1908 thru 1953** - [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) Printable certs for free. Film at CPL and Akron Library
- **1908-1963** - Ohio History Connection <https://www.ohiohistory.org/learn/archives-library> \$7 +tax+research
- **1964 to recent** - Division of Vital Statistics, Ohio Department of Health, Vital Statistics, 225 Neilston Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, Phone: (614) 466-2531. <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/en/vitalstatistics/vitalmisc/vitalstats> Certified only- \$21.50.

## Marriage Records

- **Pre 1840** in Geauga County (or Cuyahoga for Chagrin/Willoughby.) **Pre 1806** in Trumbull County.
- **1840-Current** Indices, Applications and Returns- Marriage License Department, 25 N. Park Place, P.O. Box 470, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2784. \$.05 each page. Vol. A-C have applications in separate vol. from returns.
- **1840-1915** Index on *Lake Co. GenWeb* under Vital Records
- **1850-1923, 1952-1955** images on *FamilySearch*

## 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. \$.25 per page.

## Wills and Estates

- **1840-current** Indices, Will books and estate packets - Probate Court, Annex First Floor, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2626. \$.05 each page. Stored off-site. Call ahead.
- **1840-1901** Records from books and Will Books 1853-1901, images on *Family Search*

## Law Suits and Criminal Proceedings

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

## Naturalization

- **1840-1906** Probate Court Annex, 25 N. Park Place, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2626. \$.05 each page (may be 1-8 pages) - missing Vol. A. Microfilm at Kirtland Family History Center. Images at *FamilySearch*
- **1910-1975** Court of Common Pleas, basement, Lake County Court House Annex, in person only. \$.25 each page (may be 3-8 pages). Microfilm also at Morley Library. Originals at NARA Chicago, images at Fold3.
- **1840-1975** Abstract at [www.rootsweb.com/~ohlcs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohlcs/) Index cards for Probate & Common Pleas, basement, Lake County Court House Annex, in person only. Microfilm of cards at Morley Library.

## Tax Records, Real and Personal

- **1840-current** Lake County Treasurer's Office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2516

## Deed Records

- **1836-current** Indices to Deeds, Deed records, Mortgages, Liens, Releases, etc. Recent ones computerized. Lake County Recorder, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2510. \$2.00 per page, 10c self.
- **Pre 1836** Geauga County for most of current Lake County
- Pre 1840 for Willoughby/Chagrin Cuyahoga County Recorder  
<http://fiscalofficer.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/RecordedDocumentsServices.aspx>
- **Pre 1840** Copied Indices, Lake County History Center, also [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlake/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlake/) Government

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

- **1865-ca 1940** Lake County Recorder's office, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2510.
- **1865-?** Veterans Service office, 105 Main Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Painesville, OH 44077 440-350-2567

## Census

- 1820-1930 Census Films for Lake County and Geauga County at Morley Library. Index books for 1820-1880. On-line

databases available at library with images and indexing of all US Federal Census.

- All extant US Census available on various genealogy web sites. 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, lower level, 105 Main Street, Painesville, OH 44077
- Current Plat maps - Auditor's Office, First Floor, 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](http://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, Shankland Road, Willoughby, OH 44094. Fee for service.
- *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* (some missing) at <https://news.google.com/newspapers>

#### Cemetery Records

- See *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 [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlchs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlchs/)
- Record resource links for online records for Painesville Evergreen, Leroy active cemeteries, and Perry at those jurisdiction's web sites

#### 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](http://lakehistorycenter.org) has catalog of much research material under exhibits.

**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 <http://familysearch.org>)

**Western Reserve Historical Society**, 10825 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106, 216-721-5722, [www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org)

**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**, (Geauga 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.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlake/>

Lake County Genealogical Society [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlchs/](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohlchs/)

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