

Family History Research in Illinois and Wisconsin

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I. Brief Historical Background

- A. Colonial Period**
- B. Territorial Period**
- C. Statehood**

II. General Websites

A. Cyndi's List (cyndislist.com)

- 1. States**
- 2. Religions**
- 3. Occupations**

B. FamilySearch (familysearch.org)

- 1. Research Wiki**
- 2. Digital Books**

C. Ancestry (ancestry.com)

- 1. State Databases**
- 2. Religions**
- 3. Occupations**

D. Newspapers

- 1. Chronicling America (chroniclingamerica.loc.gov, free)**
- 2. Newspaper Archive (newspaperarchive.com, subscription)**
- 3. Newspapers (newspapers.com, subscription)**
- 4. Genealogy Bank (genealogybank.com, subscription)**
- 5. Heritage Hub (America's Obituaries and Death Notices) (at some public libraries)**
- 6. Illinois Digital Newspaper Collection (idnc.library.illinois.edu/)**
- 7. Wisconsin State Historical Society Library (wisconsinhistory.org)**

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III. State Specific Websites

A. Illinois

- 1. Illinois State Archives Databases
(cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases)**
- 2. Illinois Regional Archives Depository System (IRAD)
(cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/IRAD)**

B. Wisconsin

- 1. Wisconsin Historical Society Library – Family History
(wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15307)**
- 2. Wisconsin Area Research Centers
(www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS4000)**

IV. Religious Resources

A. Ancestry.com (search catalog for the title of the database)

- 1. U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Swedish American Church Records, 1800-1947**
- 2. U.S., Evangelical Free Church of America, Swedish American Church Records, 1842-1947**
- 3. U.S., Evangelical Covenant Church, Swedish American Church Records, 1868-1970**
- 4. U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969**
- 5. U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970**
- 6. U. S., Dutch Christian Reformed Church Vital Records, 1856-1970**
- 7. U.S., Selected States Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records, 1701-1995**
- 8. U.S., Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, Vol. I-VI, 1607-1943**
- 9. Illinois, Select United Methodist Church Records, 1824-2009**
- 10. History of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches and ministers in Wisconsin**

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- B. Family Search (search catalog for the location of the parish or cemetery (PLACE))**
 - 1. Chicago, Joliet, Milwaukee and St. Louis Catholic parish registers and cemetery interment records**
 - 2. Other denominations may have been filmed or digitized, always check.**

- C. Find My Past (findmypast.com, subscription, available at FHCs and many libraries)**

V. Ethnic Resources

- A. Norwegian American Genealogical Center & Naeseth Library, Madison, Wisconsin (nagcnl.org)**
- B. The Swenson Swedish Immigration Research Center, Rock Island, Illinois (augustana.edu/swenson)**
- C. Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, Madison, Wisconsin (mki.wisc.edu)**
- D. Dooley-Wagner Research Center, Luxembourg American Cultural Society & Center, Berlin, Wisconsin (lacs.lu/research-center/)**
- E. Irish American Heritage Center, Chicago, Illinois (irish-american.org)**
- F. The Scottish Genealogical Society – Chicago Scots, North Riverside, Illinois (<https://chicagoscots.org/get-involved/genealogy/>)**
- G. Balzekas Museum of Lithuanian Culture, Chicago, Illinois (<https://balzekasmuseum.org/genealogy/>)**
- H. Polish Genealogical Society of America, Chicago, Illinois (pgsa.org)**
- I. Mennonite Historical Library, Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana (<https://www.goshen.edu/mhl/>)**

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Illinois, United States Genealogy

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Guide to **Illinois ancestry, family history, and genealogy** birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records. This article is about the U.S. state of Illinois. For other uses, see [Illinois \(disambiguation\)](#).

Illinois Information [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Illinois became the twenty-first state admitted to the United States on December 3, 1818. Illinois was created from Illinois Territory and is located in the Midwestern region of the United States.^[1] The capital is Springfield and there are 102 counties in Illinois.^[2]

Getting Started [\[edit \]](#) [\[edit source \]](#)

Getting Started with Illinois Research

Links to articles on getting started with Illinois research.

- [Guided Research](#)
- [Step-by-Step Illinois Research, 1880-Present](#)
- [How to Find Birth Records](#)
- [How to Find Marriage Records](#)
- [How to Find Death Records](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)

Illinois Online Genealogy
Records

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Community [↗](#)

Illinois Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Illinois research.

- [Illinois Record Finder](#)
- [Boundary Changes for Illinois Counties](#) [↗](#)
- [Illinois Archives and Libraries](#)
- [ILGenWeb](#) [↗](#)
- [Geographical Names Information System](#) [↗](#) - U.S. gazetteer of places, cemeteries and post offices in Illinois .

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