

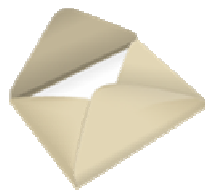
## PRINT RESOURCES

In addition to our microfilm collection, we have many resources in print form. Some of these include:

- Beginning Genealogy Books
- Cemetery, Church, and County Histories
- Family Histories
- Belleville City Directories, beginning in 1860
- Passenger and Immigration Indexes
- Birth, Death, and Marriage Indexes for St. Clair and surrounding counties
- DAR Lineage Books
- Maps and Plat Books
- Past Yearbooks from some of the local High Schools
- Past Quarterlies from the St. Clair County Genealogical Society and other societies in Southern Illinois
- Resources and indexes for Eastern, Southern, and neighboring states such as Virginia, Tennessee, Missouri, and Kentucky
- Genealogy help books on locating resources in other countries such as Germany, Ireland, and Canada.

This pamphlet showcases just some of the resources here at the library so if you are interested in searching your family history, COME SEE US!

## RESEARCH REQUESTS



The Archives staff does not do extensive, general family research, but will search indexed material for specific names in a specific record (i.e. an obituary for a time range from a particular community newspaper held by the Library.) The fee is \$2.50 per name per record, payable by cash or check to the Belleville Public Library. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be sent with postal requests. E-mail requests are also accepted. The link to send an email can be found at the Library website, <http://www.bellevillepubliclibrary.org>. These requests will be billed. If you have any questions about research requests, please feel free to call the library at 618-234-0441 ext. 22.

### Our Hours:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Friday—Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Closed Sundays

## BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

### GENEALOGY RESOURCES AT YOUR LIBRARY

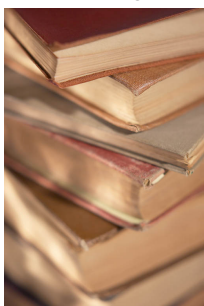


121 East Washington St.  
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Genealogy and Archives Section — 2nd Floor  
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# GENEALOGY RESOURCES AT YOUR LIBRARY

The Genealogy section is located on the second floor of the Belleville Public Library. The resources that make up our collection are helpful to both beginning and experienced genealogists.



The Belleville Public Library is also the depository of the St. Clair County Genealogical Society (SCCGS). The Society is continually publishing and adding local resources to the library's collection.

## CARD FILES

The Card File indexes are one of the most-used resources in the genealogy section of the library. These card files include indexes for:

- WPA Index to Belleville Newspapers, 1840-1940
- Belleville Newspaper Obituary Index, 1941-present
- East St. Louis Newspaper Obituaries, beginning in the 1860s
- St. Clair County Burials
- Select East St. Louis Funeral Home Records (Burke & Sedlack Funeral Homes)
- Surname Files - Names alphabetically filed for research done by members of SCCGS

## NEWSPAPERS ON MICROFILM

The Genealogy section of the Library has a great collection of newspapers dating back to the 1840s on microfilm. A list of just a few of these include:

- Belleville Weekly/Daily Advocate, 1840-1958
- Belleville News-Democrat, 1901-present
- East St. Louis Journal, 1889-1976

We also have a collection of Belleville German Newspapers on microfilm as well as newspapers from other towns in Southern Illinois, such as Freeburg, Lebanon, and Du Quoin.

## VITAL RECORDS

Birth, Marriage, and Death records are popular items among genealogists. Copies of registers and indexes for these vital records can be viewed on microfilm here at the library.

Some of these include:

- St. Clair County Death Registers, 1870-1943
- St. Clair County Marriage Registers, 1846-1919
- St. Clair County Birth Indexes, 1874-1914
- St. Clair County Marriage Index, 1763-1905

## CHURCH RECORDS

Church Records can be a great source of information for such things as Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials. They can compliment or fill in for a missing vital record. The SCCGS microfilmed records from some of the Methodist and Baptist churches in the area and all available parish registers from the entire Catholic Diocese of Belleville. These microfilm are housed here at the library.

## ESTATES AND WILLS

The Genealogy section of the Library is also home to a significant collection of St. Clair County Probated Wills, Non-Probated Wills, and Probated Estates on microfilm. This collection grows every year through the work of the SCCGS.

## CENSUS RECORDS

Federal and State census records are available on microfilm for St. Clair and adjacent counties. These span from 1840-1930. We also have printed census indexes for St. Clair county through 1870 and for many other Illinois counties as well.

## MILITARY RECORDS

Military records are also a popular request for many researchers. Included in our microfilm collection are Civil War Muster Rolls and WW I Draft Registration Cards for St. Clair County. Books on military records, pension files, and Adjutant General reports are also available.

## ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

The Library subscribes to the genealogical resource Ancestry Library Edition. Included in this online database are:

- U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1930
- UK Census Collection, 1861-1901
- US Immigration Collection including ships' logs and passenger indexes
- Vital Records and Social Security Death Index
- Military Collection including WW I draft registration cards - 98% of males under 46 in 1917-18
- Comprehensive Reference Collection where you can search major genealogy reference books and browse over 700 historic and modern maps.

This database is available on any computer in the library. No login or password is required. There is no remote access.



## HERITAGE QUEST ONLINE

The Library also subscribes to the genealogical and local history resource, Heritage Quest. With this database, you can find:

- U.S. Federal Census, 1790-1930
- Genealogy and Local History Book Collection which includes thousands of full-text books, family and local histories, city and county directories, church records, tax lists, etc.
- PERSI (Periodical Source Index) which contains a subject index to 1.7 million articles from genealogy and history periodicals
- Revolutionary War Pension Applications

This database is available on any computer in the library. No username or password is required. Remote access is available to BPL cardholders. Just enter your 13-digit barcode number!