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WARREN PUBLIC
Genealogy Handbook
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WARREN PENNSYLVANIA
Genealogy Handbook

This handbook has been compiled to assist those interested in locating materials available at the Warren Public Library for genealogical research.

While the library does not have staff available to do your genealogical research for you, all Reference Department staff will be happy to help you locate and use the available materials listed in this handbook.

WebCat iBistro Card Catalog

Our card catalog is computerized. There are several public terminals throughout the library—the mezzanine, first floor and in the basement. Home access is provided to WebCat through our Internet home page:

http://www.warrenlibrary.org/

The catalog may be searched by: author's name, book title, or subject. Keyword searches and Boolean searches may also be done. WebCat will provide a specific book or list of books/materials from particular areas or time periods.

Materials located in the Reference Room are marked REFERENCE non circ under location heading. The location listing for materials in our Special Collections/ Pennsylvania Room are marked PENN-ROOM non circ. Non circ means that the materials may not leave the Reference Department. This is to ensure that all material is available to as many patrons as possible as soon as possible.

“When we die, we become “stories” in the minds of others.”
REFERENCE RESOURCES

Genealogy Handbooks: The Reference Department has several excellent resources for "how to" start or continue your genealogical research such as books that contain forms, addresses for societies and organizations and official document sources, as well as information on how to use the Internet for your family research. (929-929.3). Following is a list of a few sources for your convenience:

Ref 929 Sz7 Rev    THE SOURCE: A GUIDEBOOK of AMERICAN GENEALOGY
Edited by Szucs, Loretto Dennis & Luebking, Sandra Hargreaves

Ref 929 Everton 10th ed.  THE HANDY BOOK for GENEALOGISTS
Everton Publishers, Inc

Ref 929 K32 4th ed.  INTERNATIONAL VITAL RECORDS HANDBOOK
Kemp, Thomas Jay

Ref 929.1 Genealo 5th ed.  THE GENEALOGIST'S ADDRESS BOOK
Bentley, Elizabeth Petty

Ref 929.1 Greenw 3rd ed.  RESEARCHER'S GUIDE to AMERICAN GENEALOG
Greenwood, Val D.

Ref 929.1 Kovacs
Kovacs, Diane K.

Ref 929.1 Howells
Howells, Cynthia L.

Ref 929.1 Melnyk
Melnyk, Marcia Yannitze

Ref 929.3 N24un
Neagles, James C.

U.S. MILITARY RECORDS

CYNDI'S LIST: www.cyndislist.com

THE GENEALOGIST'S QUESTION & ANSWER BOOK:
Solutions & advice for maximizing your search results

GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH on the WEB

THE GENEALOGIST'S QUESTION & ANSWER BOOK:
Solutions & advice for maximizing your search results
Biographies: There are a number of biographies of prominent citizens in the PA Room. Books about specific individuals may be found in the WebCat under the person's name. Many of the books with multiple biographies have indexes for locating information on specific individuals.

Biography Files: The Reference Department has created Vertical files on many of the county's prominent citizens and families. These contain photocopies of newspaper articles, and/or information from our local histories. These biographical files can also be found under the headings of artist, physician or teacher. Please ask at the Reference Desk to view these materials.

Business and Industry: Pennsylvania Industrial Directories may contain information on local businesses. The older editions are located in the PA Room (381 H24). Information may also be located in the City Directories. (917.48 W25K) Vertical files have been created for many of the local businesses. Please ask at the Reference Desk.

Picture File: The historical photographs of the Warren area include pictures of buildings, churches, bridges, fires, floods, railroads, farms, people, etc. This historical photograph collection is now available online through the library's homepage www.warrenlibrary.org or at this direct link http://www.warrenlibrary.org/digital.php

Postcard File: Warren area. (974.867 Warren)

Stepping Stones: A publication of the Warren County Historical Society, that began in 1955 and continues to the present day. It contains many topics of historical interest. Each five-year volume contains an index. The most recent editions are not bound or indexed.
National Genealogical Society  
http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/  
Offers leads to a collection of useful topics, including Immigration Research, an online course about how to conduct your research, numbering systems used in genealogy, the National Geographic Hall of Fame.

National Archives and Records Administration Genealogy Page  
http://www.archives.gov/genealogy/index.html  
FAQs, hints, and links for accessing historical and census data from the National Archives. Also links for accessing individual military records and military unit histories.

Rootsweb:  
http://www.rootsweb.com/  
"Rootsweb is the oldest and largest FREE genealogy site." Even though this site is now sponsored by MyFamily.com, it is still free. Rootsweb is a great place for novices and experts alike. This is the home of Roots Surname & Location lists. Excellent source for locating others who are researching the same families. Gives contact information so users can share research. It contains a variety of "how-to's" and numerous resources leading to personal connections with possible relatives researching the same Surnames or areas of the country. Their WorldConnect Project contains “36+ Million Names Linked in Family Trees," and Genseeker, which contains “500,000 documents.” There are links to all areas of the country to search posted queries or to leave one of your own. Warren County's Rootsweb Page: contains histories, biographies, obituaries, cemetery listings, and photos for the Warren County area in addition to the usual queries and surname index pages.

Rootsweb also sponsors the US GenWeb which includes the Census Project, in which volunteers are transcribing the official census for online perusal, the Tombstone Project, surveys of cemetery headstone transcriptions, and numerous other links to special historical and genealogical resources submitted by volunteers from all over the world. Although this links specifically to the US pages, which are then separated into states and counties, they also have links to countries all over the world.

Vertical Files: Other files (in addition to the biography and business files) in the Reference Department contain information on many of the events in Warren County. These contain historical and current information on many topics such as the Kinzua Dam, Seneca Indians, Warren School District, Warren State Hospital, Struthers Library Theatre, Warren County Organizations, Warren Business and Industry, etc.

Warren City Directories: These directories provide information on where and when your family lived in the Warren area. Many of the directories include sections for all the communities in the county. These directories start with 1876 and go up to the present year. Not all years are available.

Warren County Histories: We have several resources for Warren County's history. Some are located on a shelf near the Reference Desk. Other materials are located in the Pennsylvania Room that is often kept locked. Please ask our reference staff for assistance.

Other Counties: County histories are listed in the WebCat by county name. Most will be located in the Pennsylvania Room.

Yearbooks: Warren High School Dragon yearbooks, 1906 to the present are available in the PA Room or in the Reference Office. (379.7 W25) There are only two years that are missing from the collection, 1912 and 1913. There were no Warren Dragons published during those years.
**MAPS**

*Howden & Odbert’s Historical Atlas of Warren County:* (912 H83) Published in 1878, this atlas contains not only maps, but also many etchings of the homes, farms and businesses of Warren County. Property owners are listed on the maps.

*Sanborn Map Company: Insurance Maps of Warren, Pennsylvania; including North Warren, Stoneham, Venturetown and part of Pleasant Township, Warren County:* This set of maps was originally published in 1932 but has been corrected with paste-over to 1940. These are located on the oversize shelves in the PA Room and are also on microfilm.


**JOURNALS**

*New England Historical and Genealogical Record:* Produced four times a year by the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, this journal contains biographical information; family trees; articles on historical events; town, church, and cemetery records. We are fortunate to have the collection from 1847 through 1998. We have indexes for these journals for Volumes 1-148.

*Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography:* Published quarterly by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, this periodical deals with historical and biographical topics pertaining to Pennsylvania. The Library has copies ranging from 1877 to the present. These are stored in the basement with periodicals and must be requested 24 hours in advance. The indexes are available in the Reference Department.

**Genealogy Today**
http://www.genealogytoday.com
Excellent gateway to online genealogy resources. Offers a primer on family research, special tools for family historians, a Jr. section for children tracing their family tree and other unique features.

**Genealogy.org**
http://www.genealogy.org/?start=100&week
Links to over 1800 sites having relevancy to genealogical subjects including family history. Ranks the sites by tracking the number of times each site is accessed in the current week.

**GenHelp.org**
http://www.genhelp.org
Genealogy Tutorials covering such basic skills as interviewing, record keeping and identification of primary and secondary information sources. Includes links to specific online resources such as Archives, Libraries, Societies, Biographies and cemeteries. Information is available in over 10 languages.

**Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names Online**
http://www.getty.edu/research/conducting_research/vocabularies/tgn/

**Heritage Quest: Genealogy 101**
http://www.heritagequest.com/genealogy/help/
Gives basic guidelines for obtaining and following up on death records and discusses in detail the procedures for searching census, family history library, state county records etc. for family tree information.

**In Search of the Elusive Ancestor**
http://www.angelfire.com/oh2/fountainofyouth/elusive.html
Search over 7,000,000 names. Links to additional genealogical sites.
Family Tree Magazine
http://www.familytreemagazine.com
A bimonthly publication offering excerpts from the print edition, Ethnic Toolkits, tips for researching ethnic and immigrant heritage, downloadable research forms and links to 101 genealogy web sites. Visitors can also subscribe to the free online newsletter.

Genealogy
http://genealogy-about.com/
A wealth of features useful for searching maps, census resources, wills and property records, countries, ethnicity and famous ancestors.

Genealogy Charts, Records, and Books
http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ruthann/charts/chartsrecbooks.htm
A great place to obtain FREE charts. You can download them to your harddrive to print from there or they can be emailed to you as an attachment. Includes Ancestor Charts, Family Group Sheets, Individual Data Sheets, Census Forms, etc.

The Genealogy Home Page
http://www.genhomepage.com/
Gateway site to over 4,000 links in 15 categories. Updated daily.

Genealogy: Pennsylvania
Created by Everton's, this list of links includes a research outline to assist you in your Pennsylvania Research, as well as numerous helpful resource links.

GenealogySpot
http://www.genealogyspot.com
Categorized gateway to online genealogy resources for novices and experienced genealogists alike

Pennsylvania History: The Pennsylvania Historical Association publishes this journal four times each year. It references historical and biographical data pertinent to Pennsylvania. Copies from 1972-1997 are stored in the periodical archives and must be requested 24 hours in advance. A partial index is available in the Reference Department.

Pittsburgh History: Published quarterly by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, it was formerly known as Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine. The Library holds copies of this journal in the periodical archives from 1989 to 1994. Please request 24 hours in advance.

VITAL RECORDS
Warren County birth and death records from 1893 through 1905 are available at the Register and Recorder's office, Warren County Courthouse. After 1905, Pennsylvania records must be obtained for a small fee from the Pennsylvania Department of Health. For the most recent contact and fee information for all state Vital Record offices, please ask the Reference Librarian for the most recent edition of Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages and Divorces published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (312 Where). The Warren County Historical Society has some records of births and deaths prior to 1893 from county newspapers or in other types of records.

Warren Newspapers: Warren Newspapers from 1824 to within six months of the present day are kept on microfilm in the Reference Room. All current newspapers are kept in the Reading Room available on the first floor or may be requested at the Circulation Desk. Ask at the Reference Desk for assistance in using the microfilm readers / printers. Each print copy is 25 cents. The microfilm readers only accept exact change (quarters, nickels and dimes). Change can be purchased at the Circulation Desk prior to visiting the Reference Department.

Microfilm of newspapers from other communities might possibly be obtained through your local library’s Interlibrary Loan Department.
**Vital Statistics File:** The Vital Statistics File in the Reference Department contains index cards listing the location of birth, marriage and death notices in the Warren newspapers from 1824 to present. The Reference Department maintains this file as a courtesy to our Warren area residents and those seeking genealogical information. The card file contains data from 1824 to the present time, however there is a gap in the information for the years 1909 - 1945.

Our volunteers are doing a wonderful job of playing catch-up on all this material. As the card file expands, only the actual birth announcements, wedding announcements and obituaries are recorded. No engagements, wedding applications or funeral / memorial announcements are presently recorded. The cards are color-coded: black-obituaries; blue-marriages; white-birth announcements. Cards are filed by (1) Surname, First Name. Each card should contain (2) the date event occurred, (3) the name of the paper in which the event appeared, (4) the date it appeared in the newspaper, (5) the page number and (6) the number of the column on which it appeared.

In some cases you may find more information on the cards, such as a spouse's name or an individual's nickname and / or maiden name. When using the files, be sure to check for variant spellings. You might also find duplicate cards containing what seems to be the same data. This might be due to a listing in a different newspaper, a difference in the spelling of the name, etc. Please do not remove ANY cards.

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Newspaper name: Warren Mail (3)
Issue date: November 22, 1863 (4)
GENEALOGY LINKS

These links are provided for your convenience. They are not maintained by the Warren Public Library. We are not responsible for their content. As with any information you may encounter on the Worldwide Web, please remember that it may not be accurate. Always document any information you use with a reputable source.

ACCESS PA
http://www.accesspa.state.pa.us/
Although not a genealogy site, you can search for books available at other libraries dealing with genealogy, county histories, family histories, etc. These can then be requested through Interlibrary Loan at your local library. Note: Not all libraries will loan all of their books. Even though a book may be listed on ACCESS PA, there are instances when it cannot be obtained.

Ancestors
http://www.byubroadcasting.org/ancestors/
Originally created as an online companion to Ancestors, the PBS television series about tracing family histories, this site offers an impressive array of family research resources and a Teacher’s Guide with materials available for classroom use.

Afrigeneas: African Ancestored Genealogy
http://www.afrigeneas.com/

An American Adventure
http://www.phillipsplace.net/genealogy/
Index to a collections of surnames linked to genealogical records. Index includes geographic access.

Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence:
By Rev. Frederick W. Pyne represents compilations of all known descendants of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence derived from the application files of the Society of the Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence together with the massive manuscript compiled by Frank W. Leach and many other published sources. The library currently owns volumes 1 through 7 representing all of the thirteen original states.

Society of Mayflower Descendants publications:
Thirty five genealogical volumes, popularly known as the Mayflower Society “Silver Books”, trace the descendants of the Mayflower families through three, four and five generations.

Periodicals:
NEW ENGLAND ANCESTORS
New England Historic Genealogical society
EVERTON’S GENEALOGICAL HELPER
Eveton’s
Passenger and Immigration Lists:

(a) The PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS INDEX and SUPPLEMENTS record citations to information about immigrants and passengers who arrived in North America from the 16th century to the early 20th century. Entries consist of the names of passengers listed alphabetically, the person's age if known, the place of arrival, the year of arrival if known, a code number referring to the source book, and the page number on which that particular name is listed in the book. The source books are listed numerically in the front of each book in the section titled SOURCES INDEXED. An annotated list of all sources used in the multi-volume set is THE PASSENGER AND IMMIGRATION LISTS BIBLIOGRAPHY, 1538 - 1900 (929.3 F47B). The Warren Public Library does NOT own most of the source books, but a photocopy of the relevant page can usually be obtained through ILL.

(b) Passenger and immigration information is also available from the National Archives. Copies of ship passenger arrival records may be ordered by sending a completed original of Form NATF 81 (the National Archives will not accept photocopies, your request must be on an original form) available by request from:

National Archives and Records Administration
Attn: AWCTB, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20408-0001

(c) A sample NATF 81 form may be seen in the Reference Room and may be obtained online at: http://www.archives.gov/contact/inquire-form.html

The National Archives will not perform comprehensive searches. It is best to provide them with the full name of the passenger, port of entry, and the approximate date of arrival. For more information, consult GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES (929.3 UN3).

(d) Other books on immigration may be found by checking WEBCAT under the subject headings: Immigration, Emigration and Ships, and Passenger Lists. The Warren Public Library has many books on special topics such as German immigrants, immigrants to Virginia, Quaker immigrants and many more.

I Am Addicted To Genealogy!

When you are in a different city do you look through the phone book to find people that have the same surname as one of your ancestors?

Do you get excited when you drive by a Cemetery?

Do you talk about your deceased ancestors as though they were still alive?

Does your librarian or the person that works at the archives know your whole life story?

Do you check the obituaries everyday?

Does your spouse call the library to see when you are coming home?

Do you spend your vacation tracking down ancestors in county courthouses?

Do you keep pictures of tombstones or long deceased ancestors in your wallet?

Can you remember the date an ancestor died but you can't remember to feed the pets?

Instead of an emergency kit in your car you have a research kit.

Does your boss call the library or archives to see when you will be coming back from your lunch break?

If you said yes to one or more of these you are an addicted genealogist.

http://home.earthlink.net/~howardorjeff/addicted/
Census on Microfilm:
1800 - Warren, Washington, Wayne, and York Counties
1810 - Northumberland, Potter, Somerset, Venango and Warren Counties
1820 - Tioga, Union, Warren, and Washington Counties
1830 - Warren, Columbia, Beaver, and Centre Counties
1840 - Clearfield and Warren Counties
1850 - Venango and Warren Counties
1860 - Warren County
1870 - Warren County
1880 - Warren County
1890 - Veterans and Widows of the Civil War: Butler, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango and Warren Counties.
1900 - Warren County
1910 - A - Venango and Warren Counties
1910 - B - Warren and Washington Counties
1920 - Venango and Warren Counties
1930 – Warren County
1940 - Warren County

Signs showing the order in which communities appear on the census reels are available in the microfilm area.

Military History: Regimental histories may be found by looking in WEBCAT / iBistro under the appropriate state name and military division (such as New York - Calvary or Pennsylvania Infantry - 23rd regiment) or entered under the desired period in U.S. history (such as U.S. History - Civil War). The National Archives will send information about military records if you send them a completed form (Standard Form 180) REQUEST PERTAINING TO MILITARY RECORDS. http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/

Mayflower Index: This two-volume set (929 M11) is a located in the PA Room. It lists descendents of the Mayflower pilgrims. THE MAYFLOWER AND HER LOG (974 AM3) is also kept in the PA Room. Other books about the Mayflower may be found by checking WEBCAT / iBistro under the subject heading "Mayflower".

DAR - DAC: The Warren Public Library contains an extensive collection of the records kept by the Daughters of the American Colonists and the Daughters of the American Revolution. These lineage books (369.12N21H) and (929 DAUGHTER) list the women and their ancestors. There is a DAR Ancestors Index (929.2D261) to the lineage books.

Pennsylvania Archives: The PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES (974.8P385A) contain early records of Pennsylvania History on such topics as baptisms, boundaries, colonies, depreciation lands and pay, donation lands, forts, governors, military and muster rolls, naturalizations, oaths of allegiance, pensioners, surveys, taxes, wars, and the whiskey insurrection.
Warren County Courthouse:
The Prothonotary's office holds many records of interest to genealogists.

Naturalizations: from 1906 - 1969

Divorces: from 1867 - present

Adoptions: from 1827 - 1956

Alien Dockets: from 1847 - 1969

There are gaps in the records due to a fire in the storage warehouse. Their office is open Monday through Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. You may reach the Prothonotary’s office by calling 814-728-3440.

http://www.warrencountypa.net/current/depts.php?name=Prothonotary

CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES

Census in Book Form:

Heads of Families at the first census of the United States taken in the year 1790: This volume is a roster of heads of families as compiled from the Census Office records. The returns for Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, Tennessee and Virginia were destroyed by fire in 1814. Since the federal Census schedules of the state of Virginia for 1790 are still missing, the lists of the state enumerations made in 1782, 1783, 1784, and 1785, while not complete, have been substituted.

Warren Library holds copies of the 1790 census for the following states in the Pennsylvania Room. (317 UNITED)

Connecticut    Massachusetts    North Carolina
South Carolina    Maine    New Hampshire
Pennsylvania    Vermont    Maryland
New York    Rhode Island    Virginia

Pennsylvania Census of 1790 is near the Microfilm Storage Cabinets with the Pennsylvania Census Indexes for 1800 and 1810.

The Library holds an index for western Pennsylvania’s 1860 Census.

**US Government Links** - Warren Public Library has been a selective Federal depository library since 1885.

The goal of the program is to make government publications available to the general public. Depository libraries receive publications issued by all three branches of the federal government and make those available to their patrons. A selective depository, like Warren Public Library, receives only those documents that it chooses, and not everything published by the U.S. Government.

Most of the government publications at the Warren Public Library are available in the Reference Department and electronically via the Internet. Many print items are cataloged and can be located by searching the library's computerized card catalog. Other items are filed in vertical files or shelved in the government document section in the Reference Department.

**Warren County Historical Society:**

The Historical Society has many genealogical records not available at the library. Some of these include family and Bible records, scrapbooks, cemetery, and church records. WCHS is open Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 A.M. They are located at 210 Fourth Avenue, Warren, Pa. (next to the courthouse) or phone (814) 723-1795. They will do research for a fee.

**Genealogical Societies:** The following list is only a few addresses, there are many more.

National Genealogical Society
4527 17th Street, North
Arlington, VA 22207-2399
http://www.grsnp.org/

American Historical Association
400 A Street, SE
Washington, DC 20003-3889

Corry Area Historical Society
945 Mead Avenue
Corry, PA 16407

Warren County Historical Society
P.O. Box 427
Warren, PA 16365
http://www.warrenhistory.org/
Miscellaneous Historical Materials on MicroFilm:

Badman, Philip. His original diaries. 1849


The Jack Daniel's Ledger (account book of a store on the Brokenstraw which opened November 1795)

Miscellaneous Material on Warren County (special newspaper editions on Warren and the Library centennial program, some church records)

Pennsylvania County Histories:

Book of Biographies - Biographical Sketches of the Leading Citizens of the 37th Judicial District, 1899

Howden and Odbert’s Atlas of Warren County, 1887

Schenck’s History of Warren County, 1887.

Pinegrove Township: Hodges Death records, 1847-1932

Chautauqua County Cemetery records, 1750-1935

Sanborn Map Company - Insurance maps of Warren, Pennsylvania

Stepping Stones, March 1955 - September 1974

Warren County Cemetery records, 1750-1935

Online Resources:

Allegheny Chronicles - A digital project launched in 2006 by the Warren Library Association to preserve and provide public access to collected materials documenting history and economic growth along western Pennsylvania’s Allegheny Watershed. Includes over 350 photographs from the Warren Public Library’s historic photograph collection.

Heritage Quest – This popular subscription Website is accessible from your home computer through the Warren Public Library’s Homepage and provides access to the complete set of US Federal Census Records from 1790 to 1930, over 25,000 family and local histories, over 1.6 million genealogy and local history articles, and selected records from Revolutionary War Era Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files.

Ancestry Library Edition – Accessible only at the Warren Public Library, this subscription Website contains over 3,000 databases that include census, military, family trees, newspapers, directories, histories, along with free, printable genealogical charts and forms.

Reference USA – A comprehensive directory of U.S. individuals that can be searched in a number of useful ways. It is also a detailed listing of 10.5 million businesses with the ability to search by company name, type of business, geography, business size and more.