



## How to Get Started on Your Family History At The Hayes Presidential Library

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### **First - Talk to family - Start charts with self - Record all sources**

Talk with older relatives; look for family records, such as Bibles, diaries, letters, and newspaper clippings; collect and record old family traditions and stories - consider using a tape or video recorder or smart phone to preserve the memories of the older generation. Use ancestor charts and family group sheets to record information. Enter into computer program, if possible. Hayes recommends *RootsMagic* and copies are available in the Museum Store.

Ancestry.com – create online family tree, works best with subscription

### **Now - Check sources at the Hayes Presidential Center**

Computerized catalog of books on the web – go to [maurice.bgsu.edu](http://maurice.bgsu.edu) or our web site [www.rbhayes.org](http://www.rbhayes.org) and look under the Library – check for family names. Also check [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org) for entire country/world's books. Also Google specific titles of books and you may find them digitized and online if older than 1920's.

### **Ohio Obituary Index -[www.rbhayes.org/index](http://www.rbhayes.org/index)**

Over 3.5 million names from Ohio newspapers from the 1810's to the present, with over half being from Northern Ohio counties. Also includes indexing of some marriage notices, biographical files, probate cases, and other miscellaneous sources

### **County books and atlases** on shelves, on microfilm (for out of state) and online.

Look for biographical narratives, cemetery records, published vital statistics, etc.

### **Census records**

HPLM has access to the entire US census from 1790 to 1940 via internet sites, such as *AncestryInstitution.com* and other paid websites. There are indexes available for all. If you are a \$45 member of the Hayes Presidential Center you can have at-home access to *Archives.com* and *MyHeritage.com*, both have all the US censuses. *Ancestry.com* is the personal genealogical service which can be subscribed to, \$160 - \$300 a year. *FamilySearch.org* is free to the public, indexes the entire census and also has images of census online.

### **Military and church records**

Military reference books and microfilm –esp. listing of Ohio soldiers in various wars. Large collection of Sandusky county church records on microfilm, including records of all the Catholic Churches in the county.

### **Microfilmed records**

- Sandusky County records, such as births, deaths, marriages
- Hundreds of Ohio city directories plus thousands of county histories for other states, such as PA, NY, IN, MI, CA & IL
- Extensive collection of newspapers from this area and Ohio.

If you can't find it at Hayes, we can refer you to the next place to search, such as courthouses, state archives, and other libraries, and of course, internet resources.

### **Hayes Library Genealogical Internet Subscriptions – free to in-house users**

- Ancestry.com
- American Ancestors – New England Historic and Genealogical Society's website
- Fold3 – Website dealing mostly with military records
- MyHeritage.com – International site with over 5 billion historical records and 1.5 billion family trees.
- FindMyPast.com
- NewspaperArchives.com

### **Hayes Presidential Library & Museums** web site: [www.rbhayes.org](http://www.rbhayes.org)

- Look under “Rutherford B. Hayes” tab for genealogy of the Hayes and Webb families.
- Look under “Library” then Online Catalog for the catalog of our books -see [maurice.bgsu.edu](http://maurice.bgsu.edu)
- Look under “Obituaries” then “Search Obituaries” – [www.rbhayes.org/index](http://www.rbhayes.org/index)

### **Family Search Program**

Sponsored by the LDS (Mormon) Church – 4 + billion names giving births, christening, and marriage information all over the world. Online – [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) . Also has Ohio death certificates from 1908-1953, Ohio Death Records, 1867-1908, Ohio marriages, Ohio Probate records, some Ohio births, Toledo Diocese Catholic Church records and many US census records **for free**.

Genealogy classes at Hayes Presidential Library (usually run 9:30-11:30 am) See Calendar of Events for dates of classes, almost monthly. Call for registration – 419-332-2081;

Important addresses for genealogical web sites:

- [www.usgenweb.com](http://www.usgenweb.com) – genealogical web sites, divided by state, then county
- [www.rootsmagic.com](http://www.rootsmagic.com) - good genealogy program, free “stripped down” version can be downloaded – Roots Magic Essentials; upgrade to full program eventually
- <http://beginninggenealogy.googlepages.com/> - An online tutorial for beginning genealogists from the Genealogy Center at Fort Wayne's Allen County Public Library  
<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy/getstart.html>
- [www.cyndislist.com](http://www.cyndislist.com) – a categorized & cross-referenced index to over 300,000 genealogical resources on the Internet

Hours: 9 –5 Monday – Saturday

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