

ALLEN COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
GENEALOGY CENTER
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Preparing For Your First Trip



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Material Available

- 350,000 printed volumes
- 513,000 items on microfilm and microfiche
- 55,000 volumes of family histories with an additional 5,000 on microfiche
- ... and growing daily
- Census Records
- City Directories
- Passenger Records
- Military Records
- US Special Collections
- Native American Records
- African-American Records
- Canadian Records
- British Isles, Germany, other countries *
- Periodicals from other genealogical societies from around the country.

* Limited resources



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What to do ahead of time

- Decide what families you want to research and prioritize them.
- Be specific on the states and/or counties you are researching.
- Use the libraries on-line catalogs to determine the call numbers of the sources you wish to research. Allows you a running start when you arrive.
- Bring money for printing from library computers.



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Online Databases Available

- Ancestry.com
- African American Heritage
- AmericanAncestors.com
- Fold3.com (formally Footnote.com)
- HeritageQuestOnline.com
- Origins Network: British, Irish, & Scots
- Historical Newspapers
- NewEnglandAncestors.org
- World Vital Records

Guides to the Library

- Location Map of all library stacks.
- One-page research guides on foreign countries.
- Guided tour of the Genealogy Center (with prior notice).



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What to bring

Required

- Research notes of families you are researching, including :
 - Empty family group sheets.
 - Empty pedigree charts.
- Paper and pencil for note taking.
- Money for printing from library computers (\$3-\$5).

Optional

- Laptop computer –
 - To reference your database and other records.
 - Free internet access.
- Flatbed scanner or camera.

Conveniences

- Restrooms are nearby.
- Dunkin Doughnuts sandwich shop on first floor.
- Plenty of room for you to stretch out while researching.

