

# Past Pursuits

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## Discover Your Appalachian Ancestors

By Judy James, Manager

Have you heard the one about Akron being the “capital of West Virginia?” Those of us in Special Collections who assist family historians on a daily basis know that there is more than just a kernel of truth in this punch line. If you grew up in Summit County, chances are good that at least one line of your ancestors hailed from our country’s Appalachian region. During the heyday of the rubber industry, many folks moved north to Akron to join the workforce of this thriving industry. Although they came from all parts of the south, a great majority came from the states of Virginia, West Virginia, and Kentucky.



This 1940 image of a mountaineer and his grandsons in Kentucky is from the American Memory Project.

The first two decades of the twentieth century saw droves of workers migrate from their homes in Appalachia where employment opportunities were becoming scarce, to the big city of Akron where jobs were plentiful. The rubber companies’ need for workers was so great that they regularly sent recruiters to small towns like Spencer, West Virginia to scout for prospective employees. According to an anecdote in *Wheels of Fortune: the Story of Rubber in Akron* by Steve Love and David Giffels, when recruiters found a potential worker, they would attach a tag with the name of the rubber company they represented to the recruit’s buttonhole. When they arrived at Akron’s Greyhound bus station, [page 2]

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company representatives would round up those with their company's tags. For those who made the trip on their own, Route 21 was the road to Akron.

These recruits and their families accounted, in part, for the significant increase in Akron's population during this time. According to the United States Census, natives of West Virginia and Kentucky accounted for approximately 3,000 Akron residents in 1910. By 1930, that figure jumped to more than 14,000. Although they settled in all of Akron's neighborhoods, a great majority made their homes in the areas of Lakemore, Springfield, and Ellet. Close-knit, they brought with them their traditions, culture, and religion. Dallas Billington's Akron Baptist Temple on Canton Road served as a spiritual center for many Appalachian families who settled in Summit County. Akron's West Virginia Society, established in 1916, held picnics every year until sometime in the 1990s. Often taking place at Summit Beach Park, these well-attended events included beauty contests and husband-calling contests. To be sure, Akron's history, and the lives of many of its families, have been impacted by these hard-working transplants that followed West Virginia's three Rs: readin', 'ritin', and Route 21 to Akron.

Saturday, November 7, from 9:30 am to 4 pm, we invite you to join Special Collections and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society to *Discovering Your Appalachian Ancestors*, a day-long event to celebrate and learn more about our Appalachian roots. Joining us are Akron resident Mari-Lynn Evans, author of the book and producer of the documentary *The Appalachians*, Barbara Vines Little, Certified Genealogist, author, and lecturer on Virginia and West Virginia ancestry, and Jana Sloan Broglin, Certified Genealogist, author, and lecturer on Kentucky research.

This program is free and open to the public. An hour for lunch will be on your own. For more information and to sign up, contact the Special Collections Division at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

## Survey Follow Up: Announcing the Online Map Room

By Joanne O'Dell, Librarian

Several people suggested through the online survey we conducted between November 2008 and February 2009 that we make historic maps and atlases available online. In response to your suggestions, we have created the [Online Map Room](#) available through [www.SummitMemory.org](http://www.SummitMemory.org).

This gateway allows you to browse the maps and atlases just as if you were turning pages here in Special Collections. Each page is a jpeg2000 image which allows you to zoom-in on any part of the image to read the text. We have indexed many buildings, the names of landowners, and other landmarks so the maps can be searched. You also can save these images to your home computer.

The [Online Map Room](#) currently contains five items with two more in process. Four of them come from the holdings of the Special Collections Division but three of them, the Summit County Atlases of 1874, 1891, and 1910 were contributed by the University of Akron Libraries. They provided the digital images added to [www.SummitMemory.org](http://www.SummitMemory.org). We are very grateful to Peter Linberger of The University of Akron Libraries for providing the atlases and to you, our patrons, for suggesting this project.

## Late Night at the Library

The Fifth Annual Late Night at the Library will be Friday, October 23. Join the Special Collections Staff and the Summit County Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for an evening of genealogy research. The Library will close at its regular time of 6 pm but will re-open for genealogists from 6:30 to 10:30 pm. Mingle with fellow researchers as you uncover the details of your ancestry. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. Parking is free in the High St. & E. Market St. deck after 6 pm. All printing and copying will also be free.

# StoryCorps®

## Conversations to be Archived at Library

by Cheri Goldner, Librarian

StoryCorps, the national oral history project in which participants interview one another in pairs, recorded nearly 90 conversations with northeast Ohio residents during its visit to Main Library in July. The visit was part of the StoryCorps Door-to-Door program, which allows organizations to bring trained facilitators and professional recording equipment right to their door rather than having to travel to a StoryBooth or a MobileBooth location. The Library visit was made possible by grants from Akron Community Foundation and the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation with support from the City of Akron and WKSU.

Most of the conversations recorded at the Library were between Summit County residents or about Summit County. All conversations for which participants signed a release, along with photographs of the participants, will be archived in Special Collections. In addition to recordings from the Library's Door-to-Door project, Special Collections will also serve as the local repository for the stories and photographs collected during the WKSU-sponsored StoryCorps MobileBooth visit to Akron from August 27-September 19. These materials will be a wonderful resource for genealogy and local history researchers.

While very few StoryCorps interviews appear on National Public Radio's *Morning Edition* and on [www.storycorps.org](http://www.storycorps.org), clips from some local interviews will likely air on WKSU and will appear on the Library's Web site. Full recordings of the interviews will also be available to Library visitors during our normal hours of operation.

In addition to the local access through Special Collections, all released StoryCorps recordings and photographs are added to the national StoryCorps archive in the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress (LOC). StoryCorps maintains an internal database of information on all released

interviews and has shared this with the LOC to help researchers there search the StoryCorps archives for recordings from a particular place or on a particular topic. They are currently working on providing online access to this database.



*StoryCorps facilitator Sylvie Lubow (left) prepares Pattilou and Kenneth Judge for their July 27 interview at the Library. Service dog Louie sat on Pattilou's lap throughout the interview.*

## On Exhibit - Traitor or Hero: Summit County's John Brown

One hundred and fifty years after he led the raid on Harpers Ferry, John Brown continues to stimulate controversy. Although some consider him a hero, while others a traitor, one thing is certain – John Brown was a man of passion and conviction. He dedicated his life to ridding the country of slavery by any means.

Visit Special Collections to see our John Brown exhibit – small glimpses into all the different time periods in his life: moving to Hudson, Ohio as a young boy, his own life as husband and father, business failures, the infamous raid at Harpers Ferry and finally his hanging as a traitor in 1859. Akron's response to John Brown's death was to lower flags to half staff while several leading citizens spoke in praise of him and his unwavering fight to abolish slavery.

## Millions of Records for 150 Countries: Available at Your Library!

As of March, the Akron-Summit County Public Library is an Affiliate Library of the Family History Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. This affiliate status allows us to borrow microfilm for library patrons directly from the Genealogical Society of Utah. Many of the millions of resources held by the library in Salt Lake City have been microfilmed and are available for loan for a small fee of \$5.50 per roll.

The holdings of the Family History Center Library may be searched on their online catalog, which is available from [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). Resources include family histories, military, church, immigration, vital records, and more. Any record that includes the notation "film notes" is available for loan. For more information about this service, contact Special Collections at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

## CHIPS To Meet in October

CHIPS, the Council of Historical Institutions of Portage and Summit Counties, is a collaborative organization of area historical societies, museums, and libraries. Founded in 1980, its purpose is to share information and expertise about issues affecting historical organizations. CHIPS rotates its meeting locations among the facilities of its member organizations. Meetings focus on tours of the facility, speakers, and regular business meetings.

Progress Through Preservation will host the next CHIPS meeting Saturday, October 17, 9 am. The meeting will be held at Preservation House, the historic one-room schoolhouse formerly known as the Fairlawn Park Garden & Civic Center Building, at 2074 West Market St. All are welcome to attend.

## Researching West Virginia Ancestors: Online Resources

*By Mary Plazo, Librarian*

Fortunately for genealogy researchers of today, more and more information becomes available literally by the hour and is right at our fingertips. This holds true for West Virginia, one of the many states that has been making their records more accessible by having them digitized and available online. You can find everything from vital records to maps online, plus the Web sites of historical and genealogical organizations that offer record lookups. Here are some sites that you may find helpful:

West Virginia Division of Culture and History  
<http://www.wvculture.org/index.aspx> (vital records).

West Virginia Archives and History Library:  
<http://www.wvculture.org/HiStory/archivesindex.aspx>

West Virginia and Regional History Collection at the West Virginia University Library:  
<http://www.libraries.wvu.edu/wvcollection/>

WVGen Web: <http://www.wvgenweb.org/cc-guide.htm>

West Virginia Genealogy on Genealinks:  
<http://www.genealinks.com/states/wva.htm>

West Virginia Genealogy Societies online:  
<http://www.wvgenweb.org/society/index.htm>

Tri-State Genealogical and Historical Society:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wvtsghs/>

West Virginia Genealogical Society:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wvgs/>

Mining [coal] Your History Foundation: A Statewide Genealogy and Local History Society:  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~myhf/>

The Virginia Historical Society:  
<http://www.vahistorical.org/>

## John Brown Celebrations

By Mary Plazo, Librarian

There's still time to participate in events around Northeast Ohio commemorating John Brown. Not only will 2009 be the celebration of his 209<sup>th</sup> birthday, but also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the famous raid on Harpers Ferry, which is thought to be one of the key events igniting the Civil War. Be sure to pick up a free *Akron History Trails* brochure highlighting the many important facts surrounding John Brown and his life, including details about commemorative events still taking place in the area.

Throughout the end of the summer and into the fall, there will be guided tours to the John Brown Monument Park near the Akron Zoo.

Folk duo *Magpie* will perform songs from their one-act play and song cycle about John Brown, *Sword of the Spirit*, at Crown Point Ecology Center in Bath, Ohio on Saturday, September 19, 7 pm.

The official Commemoration of the Raid on Harpers Ferry will be October 16, at the zoo grounds and memorial.

The Akron Art Museum will display prints by Jacob Lawrence: *The Legend of John Brown*, that show dramatic images representing the life events of John Brown and his historic role as activist and abolitionist. This exhibit opens Friday, October 16, the exact date of the anniversary of the raid on Harpers Ferry, and will be shown through February 14, 2010.

The Akron Symphony Orchestra will premier the program *The Passion of John Brown* by composer Jesse Ayers at E.J. Thomas, Saturday, October 17. This work will feature excerpts from John Brown's writings and accounts of his life. Also on the program is *John Brown's Body* by composer Kevin Puts, with narrated excerpts from Stephen Vincent Benet's epic poem of the same name.

The First Presbyterian Church will be holding an anniversary commemoration of John Brown's execution as well as tracing the Church's abolitionist roots Wednesday, December 2.

## Akron's Interurbans

By Michael Elliott

When you imagine what it must have been like to travel in the 1890s, most people today would volunteer that it must have been pretty rudimentary. And they would be right to a certain extent although people back then were more mobile than we give them credit for. The vehicle that revolutionized travel and made it all possible was the electric interurban coach. But what were interurban coaches and the interurban system? Put succinctly, it was a short lived but highly developed electrically operated railway network used for public mass transit and interlinking the larger cities and towns in Ohio and those of other states.



*This type of coach, built by the Kuhlman Company, was used by N.O.T. & L. from 1921 until 1932. From the Summit County Historical Society Collection.*

Until highway improvements began in earnest in the post WW I time period, most roads were unpaved and would become impassable during wintertime or wet weather. Any traveling not within walking distance was done either by train, horseback or horse drawn carriage. These modes of transportation were uncomfortably hot or cold depending on the season, dirty and, above all else, time consuming. The new system of interurban coaches allowed passengers to travel in previously unheard of comfort and speed. Ohio was foremost amongst the states in the development of interurban service with no other state approaching within a thousand miles of Ohio's peak total interurban mileage of 2,798. Ultimately, no Ohio town of more than 10,000 people was without

interurban service, and the territory along the shore of Lake Erie and from Toledo south to Cincinnati possessed an interurban network second to none.

In Akron, there were a succession of local electric traction companies over the years but the best known and the one that lasted the longest was the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. better known to everyone by the acronym of N.O.T. & L. Eventually, all of the interurban lines out of Akron were owned and operated by the N.O.T. & L. The first line of any distance out of Akron was the Akron, Bedford & Cleveland – known to riders as “the alphabet line” – which began operation in 1895. Other out of town routes soon followed with Akron to Canton service beginning in 1902. The line extended out along East Market St. in Akron and then generally paralleled Rt. 91 (now Canton Rd.) south through Uniontown and on to Canton. There were also lines into Wadsworth via Kenmore and Barberton and a route to Kent and Ravenna and onwards to points further east that roughly paralleled Rt. 59. The peak year of service for the entire N.O.T. & L. system (this includes city operations) was in 1919, when an astounding 91 *million* fares were collected and passengers carried.

**THE DIRECT LINE**

**To the Cities and Lakes of Northern Ohio**

Cleveland	Canal Dover	Wadsworth
Akron	Cuyahoga Falls	Bedford
Canton	Kent	Navarre
Massillon	Ravenna	New Berlin
Barberton	Uhrichsville	Strasburg
New Philadelphia	Kenmore	Beach City
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Myers Lake Park	Lake Brady	Lakeside Park
Silver Lake Park	Springfield Lake	Bedford Glens

**“The Dustless Way”**

**The Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co.**

*This advertisement appeared in the 1917 Tel-Buch, the University of Akron Yearbook.*

Although best known for carrying passengers, the N.O.T. & L. made the lion’s share of their revenue via freight service on the Electric Package Agency, a collaboration of regional electric traction companies. The slogan of N.O.T. & L. freight –

printed on the sides of the freight cars – was “Ship by trolley and save the highways,” undoubtedly designed to drum up business as much as preserve any road surface. Freight was not exclusively but was frequently sent at night so as not to interfere with passenger coaches. Overnight and even same day delivery of individual packages and bulk freight was the norm. As might be expected, some of the largest freight clients for the N.O.T. & L. were the rubber companies in Akron. As automobile production increased in the 1920s, an interurban three-car freight train would leave Goodyear every 20 minutes for Detroit fully loaded with automobile tires. Interurban freight was quicker and provided delivery much faster than trains, which faced more restrictive timetables and logistics. Easily capable of speeds in excess of 60 or 70 mph, the Electric Package Agency could be considered an early version of today’s Fed-Ex or UPS. Service between Cleveland and Akron was so dependably on time and speedy that newly printed newspapers from Cleveland could be delivered to Akron in little more than an hour, a length of time that would be difficult to beat even today. Locally, the interurban system also transported mail for the postal service, picked up milk from countryside farmers to be delivered into Akron for processing and even transported the recently departed to their final resting place. This last was made possible by a specially constructed mortuary car in which the family was able to travel in comfort while remaining with the body en route to the funeral parlor and cemetery in another city.

As the interurban and city trolley systems were used mostly by commuters on their way to and from work, revenue consequently dropped on weekends. To counter this shortfall, the N.O.T. & L. owned or leased area amusement parks where people would spend their leisure time and of course money, on the weekends. This arrangement netted the company earnings through both paying fares and the use of the park itself. In Akron, the N.O.T. & L. leased Lakeside Park (later to be known as Summit Lake Park) and provided service to Blue Pond Park on East Market St. east of Goodyear, Silver Lake Park to the north, and Springfield Lake Park to the south. The N.O.T. & L. also owned Brady Lake near Kent

and, perhaps the crown jewel of them all, Meyers Lake Park between Massillon and Canton. In a companion move to raise revenue on the weekends, it was common for group charters to be scheduled by local companies with several cars coupled together for excursions to Cedar Point in Sandusky or to Cleveland Indians baseball games.

By the late 1920s, the era of the interurban car was drawing to a close. It wasn't so much the expansion of roads as much as it was the upgrading of the road surface that spelled the end for the interurban system. Automobiles had been around since the early 1900s and were certainly gaining in popularity, but it wasn't until the extensive use of hardtop on roadways began that automobile travel became widely feasible. It was also during this time that the ever increasing number of vehicles on the road led to a corresponding reduction in interurban travel by the public. With improved roads and the new affordability and durability in automobiles – and just as importantly in buses and trucks – the use of interurban coaches and motor freight cars became unprofitable.

The first casualty was the Akron-Canton line, which was abandoned April 15, 1928 for passenger service, although freight service from the Hoover plant in North Canton continued for a few more months. The impetus for this decision was a dispute with the Stark County commissioners over the Northern Ohio's share of the cost of a highway widening project. The Akron-Ravenna and Akron-Cleveland lines did not last much longer and were abandoned April 1, 1932. Akron to Wadsworth (via Kenmore and Barberton) survived until December 31, 1934, when it too was discontinued. As might be imagined, the final straw was the deepening economic depression which triggered a steady decline in ridership and freight traffic throughout the entire region. With this, interurban service from Akron came to an end, not with a shout, but with a whisper, with even newspaper editorials noting that the age of electric traction had passed. Electric trolley service within the city staggered onward for a few years more having been given a brief reprieve by the demand for mass transit during the war. But on March 23, 1947, this too ended with streetcars

being replaced by electric and diesel powered buses. The electric traction railways were gone from northern Ohio, but they had served a purpose. The interurban system had successfully bridged the eras of steam and the automobile.

## **We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:**

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Bonnie Lias for two oral history interviews of Summit County immigrants.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Akron Chapter for donation in memory of Tressie Hildebrand McIntosh.

Robert Haag for *Indian Relic Collection: the Pinter Creek Auctions* by Robert Haag.

Mary Ripley Haggis for *Genealogy of Ripley – Hoyle with Extended Lines* by Mary R. Haggis.

Students of the fifth grade class of Our Lady of the Elms Elementary School for copies of their family histories.

Summit County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society for *Hardesty's History of Wayne County, West Virginia*, in memory of Nancy J. Wisor.

Summit County Chapter Ohio Genealogical Society for *West Virginia Encyclopedia*, in memory of Dan S. Floasin and Grace A. Hilliard.

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Summit County Ohio Genealogical Society for *Norton Township Cemeteries CD*  
Portage Lakes Historical Society for *Portage Lakes Herald*, 1953-1967.

## Workshops from Special Collections

### Branching Out: Second Steps in Genealogy Research

*Tuesday, September 22, 6:30 pm OR*

*Saturday, October 31, 10:30 am OR*

*Tuesday, November 24, 6:30 pm*

Special Collections' new class for fall 2009 is a more detailed continuation of *Getting Started in Family History* and is geared toward those who have already done some research on their own. Participants will learn what to expect when working with vital (birth, marriage and death) records and obituaries, and basic search strategies for finding them in both online and traditional sources. There is also a discussion of the different types of genealogical information and sources that researchers commonly encounter and how to recognize them. Because this class will use Internet resources, basic computer skills are recommended. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

### Finding Your Family in the Census

*Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 pm*

United States census records are rich sources of genealogical information. Join us to learn more about using these valuable records in your family research. Learn how to effectively search the databases Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest. As the emphasis will be on using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This workshop meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

### Introduction of Internet Genealogy

*Saturday, November 14, 10:30 am*

Overwhelmed by the abundance of genealogy information available online? Join us in Main Library's Computer Lab 2 as we discuss how to get the most from your family history web sleuthing. Learn about genealogy databases that are available through the Library, as well as how to find and evaluate many popular free genealogy Web sites.

As the emphasis will be on using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

### Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors

*Saturday, December 5, 10:30 am*

Many of us will find immigrant ancestors somewhere in our family tree. If your immigrant ancestor arrived in the U.S. between 1820 and 1940, this workshop can help you identify your immigrant ancestor and discover passenger lists and naturalization records. As we will be using electronic resources, basic computer skills are recommended. This workshop meets in Computer Lab 2, First Floor, Main Library. For more information or to sign up, contact us at 330.643.9030 or [speccollections@akronlibrary.org](mailto:speccollections@akronlibrary.org).

## Workshops from Summit County OGS

### Unlock Special Collections via the Internet

*Saturday, September 19, 1 pm*

*Akron-Summit County Public Library-Main*

Join us as Judy James of the Akron-Summit County Public Library's Special Collections Division presents the many valuable and sometimes overlooked resources available through the library's Web site. Learn to navigate the site and use the online catalog. Discover indexes and digital resources you can access from home, as well as [www.SummitMemory.org](http://www.SummitMemory.org), the library's online "scrapbook" of Summit County History.

### What to do with all that research?!

*Saturday, October 17, 1 pm*

*Akron-Summit County Public Library-Main*

Take a break from research and do something fun with your results. Are you at a loss on what you are going to do now that you have found your family? Don't worry anymore! Come and join us for a fun afternoon of learning what you can do with your research, whether it is just for you, sharing with family, or giving gifts from the heart, you'll be sure to find something worth doing to make your research come alive!



## Collections Now Available

The **Akron Crime Clinic Collection** contains newsletters, membership rosters and other documents related to the organization. The Akron Crime Clinic was originally formed in 1937 to share information among law enforcement personnel. For more information, please see <http://www.akronlibrary.org/internetresources/sc/fin ding/AkronCrimeClinic.pdf>

**Akron OASIS Collection** consists of videotapes of *OASIS Reaching Out*, originally broadcast between 1987 and 2008, and some documents. OASIS (Older Adults Service and Information System), founded in 1982, is a “national nonprofit educational organization designed to enhance the quality of life for mature adults,” focusing on wellness, volunteer and educational programs and activities. For more information, please see <http://www.akronlibrary.org/internetresources/sc/fin ding/AkronOASIS.pdf>

## New to the Collection

### Alabama

Alabama: the history of a Deep South state  
A history of Chilton County  
Coffee grounds: a history of Coffee County  
Magnolia Cemetery records: Mobile  
Piney Woods echoes: a history of Dale and Coffee Counties  
Tombstone inscriptions, Catholic Cemetery, Mobile Washington Co., All marriage records, Books 2 & 3, 1899-1911: non-white (Blacks/Indians)  
Washington Co., AL marriage records. 1826-1900

### Georgia

The cemeteries of Greene County  
Cumming historic cemetery  
Fulton County marriage records, 1854-1902  
Fulton County, Georgia marriage records, 1866-1902. “Colored” books, A-G  
Jackson County will abstracts, books A&B 1803-88  
Lumpkin County cemeteries  
Madison County marriages recorded, 1812-1909  
Oconee County abstracts of wills, 1875-1966  
Oconee County deaths, 1880-1944

### Georgia (cont.)

Towns County cemeteries  
Wilkes County will index 1777-1921: a testator index for researchers

### Kentucky

Boyle County cemetery records, 1792-1992  
Logan County cemeteries, 2000  
Logan County marriages. 3 vols. 1790-1974  
Marshall County cemeteries. Multiple vols.  
Midway Cemetery interments, 1890-1997

### Massachusetts

A guide to Massachusetts cemeteries, 2nd ed.

### Michigan

Abstracts of the early probate records of Ingham County, 1838-1869  
Cemeteries of Eaton Rapids Township, Eaton County  
Cemetery inscriptions and records of Carmel Township, Eaton County  
Cemetery inscriptions and records of Windsor Township, Eaton County  
Cemetery records, inscriptions and related annotations of Meridian Twp, Ingham County  
Combined Ingham Co., Mich., 1874 & 1895 atlases: with every name in index  
Death and marriage items abstracted from The Lansing State Republican, 1861-1871  
Death and marriage items reported in the Lansing State Republican, 1855-1860  
Index to Ingham County census, 1894,  
North Cemetery burials: Delhi Twp, Ingham County  
Rose Lawn Cemetery, Perry Township, Shiawassee County

### Mississippi

Calhoun County cemetery records  
Old Tishomingo County marriage index: 1851-1870  
Marriage index: 1870-1884, Prentiss County  
Private cemeteries in Adams County  
Tishomingo County marriages: 1887-1910  
Wills of Union County: 6 Feb 1882-6 Nov 1929

## **New York**

Cattaraugus County surrogate court abstracts:  
guardianship edition  
Cemeteries and burial sites in the town of Harmony,  
Chautauqua County  
The cemeteries of the town of Sherman,  
Chautauqua County  
Chautauqua County Alms House and Asylum,  
1833-1867. 2 vols.  
A comprehensive index to the records from the  
town of Harmony, Chautauqua County  
Directory of students who attended The Fredonia  
Academy during the years 1826-1867  
Earliest Holland Land Company sales in  
Chautauqua County  
Emigrants aided in Chautauqua County, 1853-1876  
Forestville Cemetery: gravestone inscriptions  
Holland Land Company delinquent contracts in  
Chautauqua County  
An index to the gravestones of the Westfield  
Cemetery, Westfield, Chautauqua County  
Marriages from The Saugerties Telegraph, 1846-  
1870 and obituaries, death notices and  
genealogical gleanings from The Ulster  
Telegraph, 1846-1848  
Pioneer Cemetery, Forestville, Chautauqua County  
Portland Evergreen Cemetery, Chautauqua County  
St. Mary's Cemetery, Dunkirk, Chautauqua County  
Staten Island church records  
Town of Mina cemeteries: and a brief history  
Town of Ripley cemeteries: tombstone inscriptions  
and other genealogical information from  
numerous sources

## **Ohio**

Abstract of wills, 1811-1851, Clinton County  
Abstracts of Wilmington newspapers, 1895-99  
All name index to History of Williams County  
Atlas of Lawrence County, vol. 2  
Atlas of Logan County, 1890  
Biographical record of Williams Co.  
Cemetery records, Logan County: Bloomfield,  
Stokes and Richland townships  
Cemetery update: east of Scioto River: update year  
2007 (Pickaway County)  
Clinton County birth records, 1867-1908  
Clinton County death records, 1867-1900

## **Ohio (cont.)**

Clinton County newspaper abstracts, 1835-1894  
Combined 1903 atlas and 1859 & 1953 wall maps of  
Clinton County: picture gallery of illustrations  
Darby, Monroe and Perry townships: cemetery  
inventories (Pickaway Co.)  
Excerpts from the Marysville Tribune: the major  
newspaper of Union County  
Five-generation charts: Noble County  
Forest Cemetery: burial records and physical  
inventory (Pickaway Co.)  
From the annals of Richland County  
Gleanings from The Richwood Gazette (Union  
County)  
Harrison, Union & Washington townships: Logan  
County cemetery records  
The history of Champaign and Logan counties: from  
their first settlement  
The history of Circleville schools, 1810-1976  
(Pickaway County)  
History of Morrow County  
History of Salt Creek Township public school  
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