

Microfilm Holdings in Special Collections

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Using microfilm in Special Collections

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We will be happy to assist you with locating microfilm and using the machines during your visit to Special Collections.

Microfilm holdings categories

Digital images of many records are available where noted in listings below. If you have trouble locating a record in these sources or would like us to look up specific records or articles, please see our [Requests & Lookups](#) page.

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Records from Summit and Surrounding Counties

Summit County Birth Records and indexes-alphabetical (1869-1908) & chronological (1900-1908)

Available online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com; also through the FamilySearch database [Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003](#)

Summit County Death Records and alphabetical index 1870-1908

Available online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com; index available through the FamilySearch database [Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997](#)

Summit County Marriage Records 1840-1922 and bride and groom indexes 1840-1943

Records available 1840-1916 through the FamilySearch database [Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-2013](#); records 1840-1980 available online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com

Summit County Guardian's Docket 1840-1886 and index 1840-1929; Appointments 1881-1885
Available in Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com; also available through the FamilySearch database [Ohio Probate Records, 1789-1996](#)

Summit County Probate Court Journal 1852-1886

Available 1852-1917 online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com

Summit County Will Books and index 1887-1902

Available 1840-1917 online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com

Summit County Estate Records and index 1841-1944

Available online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com

Summit County Index to Estates (1840-1849), Births (1869-1908), and Deaths (1869-1908)

Available online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com

Grantor Index to Deeds from Trumbull, Portage, Medina, and Stark Counties 1795-1840

Includes only townships from these counties that became part of Summit County in 1840.

Available 1840-1917 online through Ancestry Library Edition (in-library use only) or Ancestry.com

Summit County Grantor & Grantee Indexes to Deeds 1840-1914

Summit County Naturalization Records

Available [online](#) through the Summit County Clerk of Courts. Please note that the Clerk of Courts' collection differs in scope and content from the Special Collections microfilm.

Cunningham (Akron) Funeral Home Records 1906-1966

Glendale Cemetery (Akron) Burial Records 1839-1989

Akron City Directories 1871-1978

Available [online](#) up to 1968-69 through Special Collections.

Akron Telephone Directories 1929, 1936, 1940-1989 (incomplete)

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Akron 1886, 1892, 1916, 1920, 1923, 1930, 1940

Available [online](#) (except for 1920 and 1923) through the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN) database *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1867 – 1970, Ohio*.

World War I Draft Registration Cards, Akron and Summit County

Available [online](#) through Ancestry Library Edition or Ancestry.com.

Tallmadge Historical Society

Included in these three reels are documents from the Frank E. Lawrence Collection and Charles Cook Bronson's History of Tallmadge and the Western Reserve, both also available at the Tallmadge Branch Library. They are not indexed and in no particular order.

Surrounding counties:

Medina County Birth & Death Records 1867-1908

Medina County Corrected & Delayed Birth Records 1941-1965

Medina County Marriage Records 1918-1965

Portage County Birth Records 1867-1908, 1940-1941, 1960-1962

Portage County Death Records 1891-1908, 1940-1941 (incomplete)

Portage County Marriage Records 1808-1917

Portage County Probate Court Records

Guardian Records 1832-1889 (incomplete), County Home Register 1840-1913, Common Pleas Court Chancery Records 1835-1853, various records 1808-1867 (incomplete)

Stark County Birth Records 1867-1908

Stark County Death Records 1867-1908

Stark County Marriage Records 1809-1916 and index 1809-1972

Birth, marriage and death records for Ohio counties are available online through the following FamilySearch databases:

[Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003](#) (digital images)
[Ohio, County Marriages, 1789-1994](#) (digital images)
[Ohio, Deaths and Burials, 1854-1997](#) (index only)

Ohio Resources

Civil War Roster Index, Adjutant General of Ohio

County & Regional Histories and Atlases, Ohio Reels 7, 29, 33, 84

These reels consist of a variety of materials. Atlases include Delaware, Licking, Muskingum and Fairfield Counties, 1866; Stark, Tuscarawas, and Clark, 1875; Lake, 1898; and Holmes, 1907, among others. County histories include Hancock County, 1881 and the Historical Collections of Harrison County, among others.

Official Roster of Soldiers of the State of Ohio 1886-1895

Ohio Surname Index

Compiled by local chapters of the Ohio DAR between 1928 and 1936, this source indexes various Ohio county histories, other local histories, genealogies, and periodicals. A list of the indexed sources appears near the beginning of the first reel. Cards are arranged alphabetically by surname and provide the title and page number of the referenced source.

Ohio Death Certificates 1908-1953 and indexes 1908-1954

Certificates available [online](#) through the FamilySearch database *Ohio, Deaths, 1908-1953*.

Ohio Penitentiary Prisoner Registers 1829-1938

Information recorded varies with time period. Earlier entries may include name, length of sentence, type of crime, when and how discharged, birthplace, occupation, property owned, description of closest family, and comments on character. Later entries include less information. Discharge information extends beyond 1938. Entries are arranged chronologically by date of reception at the penitentiary and there is an index up to 1849.

Index to Summit County prisoners [online](#) through Special Collections.

Ohio Tax Duplicates 1812

Arranged alphabetically by county and roughly alphabetically by taxpayer surname.

Record of Appointment of Postmasters for Ohio 1832-1971

Arranged by county and not indexed. Researchers will need to know at least the county their subject served to locate a record. Information is generally limited to name, date of appointment, and township or locality served.

Genealogical Data Relating to Women in the Western Reserve Before 1840 (1850)

A project of the Women's Department of the Cleveland Centennial Commission, this source contains basic genealogical information on thousands of women who settled in the Western Reserve before 1850. Organized by township, information includes married name, maiden name, year of settlement in the township, where from, and last residence. A book index to the microfilm is available. Anecdotal biographical information on many, but not all of the same women is available in the companion two-volume book series, *Memorial to the Pioneer Women of the Western Reserve*.

Newspapers and Periodicals

Note: Date ranges may not be complete; scattered issues may be missing.

Akron

Akron Beacon Journal 1841-current (includes Akron Daily Beacon, Summit County Beacon and related titles)

The Akron Beacon Journal has gone through several title and frequency changes over the years. The microfilm is arranged in two separate series, one filmed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and one filmed by the Ohio Historical Society (OHS). These two series differ in both content and image quality.

Please note that issues of the Akron Daily Beacon **July-December 1888** are permanently missing from our WPA series. The [Ohio History Connection](#) carries the reel containing this time frame. Issues of the Summit County Beacon, a weekly from the same time period in the OHS series, may also help to fill that gap.

The Akron Beacon Journal is digitized through the subscription database [Newspapers.com](#). Visit https://www.newspapers.com/title_4267/the_akron_beacon_journal to search the Beacon. (Paid subscription required to view articles.)

Indexes are available online through Special Collections:

[Subject index 1841–1939](#)

[Obituary index 1937-2011](#)

Summit County Beacon 1877-1889 [online](#) through GenealogyBank (database **not** available at the Library)

The subject index 1841-1939, as well as pre-1940 obituaries in the online [Ohio Obituary Index](#), corresponds to the WPA series.

Other Akron newspapers:

Akron Legal News Jun 1921-Dec 1993

Akron Reporter Oct 1969-Aug 1999, Oct 2003-Dec 2004

Akron City Times Jan 1869- Dec 1892

Akron Daily Democrat Apr 1892-Dec 1902

Available [online](#) through Chronicling America (Library of Congress)

Akron Times Democrat Jan 1892-Dec 1906

Akron Press Jul 1904-Feb 1925

The following date ranges are unavailable: Jul – Dec 1907; Jan – Jun 1909; Jan – Jun 1910; Jul 1919 – Jun 1920.

Akron Times/Evening Times May 1913-Mar 1925

Akron Times Press Mar 1925-Aug 1938

Akron Germania Jan 1876-May 1920 (German language)

Akron Columbia May 1921-Dec 1925 (German language)

Sunday Gazette scattered issues Feb 1879-Sep 1886

October 9, 1881 issue available [online](#) through Access NewspaperArchive, listed under “Genealogy & Local History.”

Akron Republican/Sunday Republican Oct 1889-Dec 1891

Akron Free Democratic Standard Nov 1849-Oct 1850

Akron Buzzard and Buckeye Water Nymph, 26 Feb 1845; Cascade Roarer Jun 1845-Jul 1846; Tee-Total Mechanic Aug 1846-Oct 1846 (one one reel)

Daily Telegram Oct 1888-Apr 1889

Evening Journal/Sunday Journal Sep-Dec 1896

Veteran’s News Apr 1932-Dec 1960

Wingfoot Clan, Akron Edition Jun 1912- Dec 1917, Jan 1919-Dec 1969 (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Employee Newsletter)

1939-1946 issues available [online](#) through Summit Memory.

1912-1969 issues available [online](#) through University of Akron Archival Services

Wingfoot Clan, Aircraft Edition 1941-1945, 1947-1969 (Goodyear Tire & Rubber Employee Newsletter)

1941-1945 issues available [online](#) through Summit Memory.

1941-1969 issues available [online](#) through University of Akron Archival Services

Summit County

Barberton Herald Jan 1928-Oct 1946

Obituary index 1928-present available [online](#) through the Barberton Public Library.

Barberton Leader Jan 1913-Dec 1922

Obituary index available [online](#) through the Barberton Public Library.

Barberton News Jul 1892-Dec 1929

Cuyahoga Falls Reporter scattered issues Dec 1870-Dec 1885, Dec 1885-Dec 1952

Western Intelligencer Jul 1827-Feb 1830 (Cleveland & Hudson)

Observer & Telegraph Mar 1830-Sep 1833 (Hudson)

Ohio Observer Sep 1833-Jun 1855 (Hudson)

Portage Lakes-Kenmore Post/Herald Dec 1953-Nov 1967

Summit County Labor News Apr 1944-Jan 1976

Portage County

Ohio Star Jan 1832-Dec 1833, Sep 1852-Mar 1854 (Ravenna)

Western Courier May 1837-Apr 1838 (Ravenna)

Portage County Democrat Aug 1858-May 1876

Republican Democrat May 1876-Apr 1883 (Ravenna)

Ravenna Republican May 1883-Feb 1920

Kent Courier Oct 1889-Dec 1904

Garrettsville Journal Jul 1867-May 1894

Cuyahoga County

Plain Dealer Jan 1975-Dec 2001

Western Intelligencer Jul 1827-Feb 1830 (Cleveland & Hudson)

Other/Non-Ohio Newspapers and Periodicals

Gavit's American Deaths & Marriages 1784-1829

These newspaper abstracts focus on New York State, but also include other states and Canada. A book index is available.

National Intelligencer, Abstracts of Marriage and Death Notices 1800-1850 (Washington D.C.)

Includes other areas beyond Washington.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Volumes 1-59

This periodical of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society (NEHGS) continues its publication today. These volumes were published between 1847 and 1905 and consist of articles containing a wide range of genealogical and biographical information. Volumes are indexed.

Census Records: Population Schedules

Alabama 1830-1880, 1900-1930 and Slave Schedules

Arkansas 1850

Connecticut 1790-1840

Delaware 1800

Iowa 1850

Kentucky 1810-1880, 1900-1930, 1890 Veterans and Widows of Veterans and Slave Schedules

Maryland 1800-1820

Michigan 1850, 1880, Detroit only, Reels 610-614

Missouri 1850

New York 1790-1850

North Carolina 1820

Ohio 1800-1880, 1900-1930 and 1890 Veterans and Widows of Veterans
Pennsylvania 1800-1930 and 1890 Veterans and Widows of Veterans
Texas 1850
Virginia 1810-1860 and Slave Schedules
West Virginia 1870-1880, 1900-1930 and 1890 Veterans and Widows of Veterans

Census Records: Non-Population Schedules

Enumeration District Descriptions 1900-1930, Various States
Enumeration District Description Maps 1930, Ohio
Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts 1930

1935 Census of Business: Schedules of Motor Trucking for Hire, Ohio

This includes Richland County (part) to Wood County (part). Information given includes name of establishment and owner, address, legal form of business organization, type of trucking business, operating revenue and expenses, number and type of employees, amount of weekly payroll, and inventory of equipment.

Agricultural & Industrial Censuses 1850-1880, Ohio

Agricultural Census – Sandusky-Summit Counties 1850; Seneca-Summit Counties (data on individual farms), Knox-Wood Counties (statistical compilations), 1870. Agricultural censuses are arranged alphabetically by township within county; names are in no particular order. Information recorded may include name of owner/manager; number of acres and cash value; number and type of livestock; and types of produce and annual yield.

Industrial Census – Jefferson-Wood Counties 1850; Morrow-Wood Counties 1860; Summit-Wyandot Counties 1870; Stark-Union Counties 1880. Information recorded may include name of company or individual; type of business or product; capital invested; type and amount of raw material used; source of power; number of employees and average wages; quantities and values of products.

Indexes to Summit County sections of several censuses are available [online](#) through Special Collections.

Immigration Records

New York Passenger List Index, Passengers Names
McNd to Me (1820-1846) and McO to Mek (1800-1906)
New Orleans Passenger List – Arrivals, 4 Dec 1846-14 Jun 1847

Other/Non-Ohio Resources

The Bennett Family 1826-1910
Coon Family History, 2000 Descendants of Philip Coon/Koon of West Virginia
Colonial BroadSides (taken from the Birth of America Collection)
US Direct Tax of 1789 (Tax Lists for the Pennsylvania 4th Direct Tax, 3rd and 4th Assessment Districts, Dauphin County)
Pittston Gazette, 1 Jan 1899-14 Nov 1903 (Luzerne County PA)
Allegheny County Marriages, 1875-1909 (PA)
Index to Naturalization Records for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 1820-1906
New Jersey Militia Census 1793

U.S. City Directories c. 1930

This collection was originally meant to serve as a substitute for the 1930 U.S. Census before its release in 2002. Availability is limited to various years and selected cities in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Washington D.C., Boston, and Baltimore are also represented. Reels are organized alphabetically by city. Contact Special Collections for specific cities and years.

Microfilm on indefinite or extended loan from the Family History Library

These films are now permanently in our microfilm collection:

Delaware, New Castle County, Deed Books

Library has FOUR: LDS films #6610, #6611, #6612, #6613,

Indexes to Grantors and Grantees, 1640-1873

Catalogued: MFSC 929.37511 N534de

Delaware, New Castle County, Orphan's Court records

Library has: LDS film #6546, Books C-E, 1742-1777

Catalogued: MFSC 929.37511 D343or

Kansas, Dickinson County, Land Ownership Map, 1885

Library has: LDS microfiche #6079449

NOT catalogued

Kansas, Dickinson County, New Basel Community,

History, 1864-1964 by Harvey E. Bross, 1964

Library has: LDS microfiche #6111076

NOT catalogued

North Carolina, Wayne County, Records of Slavery and Free Persons of Color

Library has: LDS film #2440187, Civil, Criminal actions, 1783-1869

Catalogued: MFSC 929.3756395 C582

Pennsylvania, Bucks and Chester County Church Records, 1726-1909

Library has: LDS film #20454

NOT catalogued

Virginia, Albemarle County, Marriage registers and Statement of marriage licenses, 1806-1940

Library has: LDS film #30271

Catalogued: MFSC 929.3755482 AL328

Virginia, Frederick and parts of Augusta County

Frederick Findings (Serial)

Library has microfiches:

#6126492, Volume 4, 1991 (five microfiches)

#6126493, Volume 5, 1992 (four microfiches)

NOT catalogued

West Virginia, Cabell, Mason and Calhoun Counties Early records, deaths, marriages, wills, etc., 1809-1899

Library has: LDS film #848627

Catalogued: MFSC 929.375429 R311

West Virginia, Mason County, Will Books

Library has: LDS film #567420, Index 1834-1968, Will books, 1893-1896

Catalogued: MFSC 929.375433 W521

*Also available online at www.FamilySearch.org

West Virginia, Taylor County, Probate of wills, personal representatives

Library has: LDS film #0818735 Vols. 1-2, 1863-1904.

Catalogued: MFSC 929.3754555 T239pr

Austria, Bukowina, later Romania, now Ukraine

Metrical Books, 1816-1924, Civil Transcripts of Orthodox Church Records Library has: LDS film #2376424, births and marriages 1841-1911

Catalogued: 929.34779 Or77Me 1841

Austria, Bukowina, later Romania, now Ukraine

Metrical Books, 1840-1931, Civil Transcripts of Orthodox Church Records:

Library has THREE: LDS films #2332122, #2332230, #2388993,

births, deaths and marriages, 1840-1924

Catalogued: MFSC 929.34779 Or77me 1840

Barbados

Parochial Registers, St. Michael's Parish

Library has: LDS film #1157923, Baptisms, marriages, burials, 1648-1739

Catalogued: MFSC 929.372981 B228 *Also available online at www.FamilySearch.org

France, Keskastel, Bas-Rhin

Registres de l'état civil, Civil Registrations, 1794-1882

Library has FOUR: LDS films #0768151, #0768152, #0768154, #0768155,

Births, marriages, deaths and indexes, 1794-1862

Catalogued: MFSC 929.344 K42r

Link to search records in French at Civil Office at www.FamilySearch.org.

Germany, Bayern, Wiesbach, Kirchenbuch (Church Book) 1790-1839

Library has: LDS film #0193228

Catalogued: MFSC 929.343 Ev92k

Russia, Ukraine, Orthodox Church Records, 1721-1899

Library has TWO: LDS films #1921536 and #1922085, records in Russian
NOT catalogued.

Slovakia, Bukovce, formerly Bukovce, Czechoslovakia, Bukocz, Hungary,

Greek Catholic Parish Registers, 1773-1921

Library has: LDS film #1794362

Catalogued: 929.34373 G789ci 1816

*Also available online at www.FamilySearch.org

Slovakia, Miklusovce, formerly Miklosvagas, Saros, Hungary

Greek Catholic Parish Registers, 1785-1895

Library has: LDS film #1792631

Catalogued: MFSC 929.34373 G789ci 1785

*Also available online at www.FamilySearch.org

Slovakia, Czechoslovakia, Jaklovce, formerly Jekelfalu, Hungary

Roman Catholic Parish Registers 1716-1934 (Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths)

Library has TWO: LDS film #1739208 and 1739209 (1716-1920).

Catalogued: 929.34373 R577ci

*Also available online at www.FamilySearch.org

Carman Family Genealogies

Library has: LDS film #255504

Catalogued: MFSC 929.3747ca

Carmen Family

Library has TWO: LDS films #590416 and #590417

Catalogued: MFSC 9293747ce

Carmen Papers, dating from ca. 1510

Library has THREE LDS microfiches: #6080236

NOT catalogued

Hollens across America: a history of the Hollen/Holland family with roots in Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Norway, unconnected families with roots in Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

Published by the Hollens Family Association, 1990

Library has: NINE LDS microfiches: #6117763, Volume 2

NOT catalogued