

Microfilm in Special Collections

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Using microfilm in Special Collections

Some of our genealogical records on microfilm are available digitally online through databases such as Ancestry Library Edition (in-Library use only) and [FamilySearch](#). The Akron Beacon Journal 1872-current is available digitally through the subscription database [Newspapers.com](#). The Akron Reporter is available through [Ohio Memory](#). Before you visit us to look at microfilm, you may want to verify whether you can access it online. If you're not sure, please contact us for assistance.

We have several microfilm readers with printing and scanning capabilities. Scanning machines require users to log in with a valid Akron-Summit County Public Library card. Anyone living, working or attending school in Ohio may obtain a [library card](#) free of charge. Out-of-state visitors, please ask at the Special Collections reference desk for temporary access.

Scanning is free. You may email scanned files or save them to a flash drive or to personal cloud storage such as Google Drive. Printouts are \$.05 per page, payable at a coin-operated box.

We will be happy to assist you with locating microfilm, using the readers, and navigating the microfilm during your visit to Special Collections. If you cannot visit and would like us to look up specific records, please see our [Research Requests](#) guidelines.

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Records from Summit and surrounding counties

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

Summit County Death Records and alphabetical index 1870-1908

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

Summit County Guardian's Docket 1840-1886 and index 1840-1929; Appointments 1881-1885

Summit County Probate Court Journal 1852-1886

Summit County Will Books and index 1887-1902

Summit County Estate Records and index 1841-1944

Summit County Index to Estates (1840-1849), Births (1869-1908), and Deaths (1869-1908)
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.
Summit County Grantor & Grantee Indexes to Deeds 1840-1914
Summit County Naturalization Records
Cunningham (Akron) Funeral Home records 1906-1966
Glendale Cemetery (Akron) Burial Records 1839-1989
Akron City Directories 1871-1978
Akron Telephone Directories 1929, 1936, 1940-1989 (incomplete)
Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, Akron 1886, 1892, 1916, 1920, 1923, 1930, 1940
World War I Draft Registration Cards, Akron and Summit County
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 of which are 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

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
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 and issues may be missing.

Akron Beacon Journal

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.

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 timeframe. Issues of the Summit County Beacon, a weekly from the same time period in the OHS series, may also help to fill that gap.

Indexes prepared by Special Collections are available online. The subject indexes 1841-1939, as well as pre-1940 obituaries in the online [Ohio Obituary Index](#), correspond to the WPA series.

[Subject indexes 1841-1939](#)

[Obituary indexes 1937-present](#)

Other Akron newspapers

Akron Legal News Jun 1921-Dec 1993
Akron Reporter Oct 1969-Aug 1999, Oct 2003-Dec 2018
Akron City Times Jan 1869- Dec 1892
Akron Daily Democrat Apr 1892-Dec 1902
Akron Times Democrat Jan 1892-Dec 1906
Akron Press Jul 1904-Feb 1925 (incomplete)
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
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
United Rubber Worker Apr 1936-Dec 1994
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 newspapers

Barberton Herald Jan 1928-Oct 1946
Barberton Leader Jan 1913-Dec 1922
Barberton News Jul 1892-Dec 1929
Cuyahoga Falls Reporter scattered issues Dec 1870-Dec 1885, Dec 1885-Dec 1952
Cuyahoga Falls News Press 1930-1979 and 1981-2014 is located at the [Cuyahoga Falls Library](#)
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 newspapers

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
Kent State Disorder May 2, 1970-Apr 29, 1971

Cuyahoga County newspapers
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

Wall Street Journal 1959-2024

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

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 Broadside (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.

Family History Library microfilm on indefinite loan

Special Collections acquired many microfilmed genealogical records through ASCPL's status as an FHL affiliate library. They are part of our microfilm collection on indefinite loan. Some films are parts of record sets and we do not necessarily carry the entire record set. To see a list of titles, use our catalog to do a keyword search of [indefinite loan](#). The FHL has discontinued microfilm loans and there will be no additions to this collection.