

Family Ties

Getting Started with Genealogy

Resource Packet

A selections of genealogical tools
found at the Marion Public Library!



Local History Room

Below is a list of select resources that can be found in the Local History Room of the Marion Public Library. Due to the fact that genealogical research can require vast and varied resources depending on the activities of any given individual, listed here are only a handful of the available resources that tend to apply to most individuals.

Obituary Files 1985-2009

The Obituary Files contain clippings of obituaries published in local newspapers from Marion County Ohio. The clippings have been pasted onto index-cards with the name of the decedent, their date of death, and the date their obituary appeared in the newspaper. The cards are organized alphabetically by surname.

Format: Paper

Newspaper Clipping Files 1966-2009

The Newspaper Clipping Files contain articles clipped from local Marion County newspapers on a wide range of subjects and events, as well as biographies of some Marionites. The articles are organized by article topic. Topic include: accidents, biographies, local businesses, Marion history, public health, and more!

Format: Paper & Microfilm

Yearbooks

A collection of yearbooks from local Marion, Ohio high schools and preparatory schools that feature professional portraits of students, staff, and faculty. The yearbooks are organized by school and chronologically by year. The bulk of yearbooks range fall between the 1940s through the 1960s, though some schools have earlier and later issues such as the Marion Harding High School Quiver 1912-2017. Additionally, there are some gaps in issue ranges such as La Rue High School 1923, 1927, 1955, 1957, 1959-1960.

Format: Paper & Microfilm

Directories and Phonebooks 1915-2022

The directories list the names of Marion residents and business by address and type of business. These volumes are organized by the publisher (Polk, Dickman, Robinson, Yellowpages, etc) and chronologically by year.

Format: Paper & Microfilm

Other Local Newspapers

A collection of local newspapers produced by communities throughout Marion County including, the Marion Star (October 08, 1878 through December 2019). The newspapers are organized by name and then chronologically by issue date.

Format: Microfilm

Marion County Vital Records

A collection of vital county records recorded by the Marion County Probate Court and Health Department that serve as the official record of an individual's birth, marriage, and death. This collection contains Marriage Records (1824-1964), Birth Registers (1867-December 19, 1908), Birth Certificates (December 20, 1908-Present), Death Registers (1867-December 19, 1908) and Death Certificates (December 20, 1908-Present). Materials are organized by record type and then chronologically.

Format: Microfilm

Genealogy Databases

Below is a list of the databases available through the Marion Public Library website under the Find Information tab. While Ancestry Library Edition must be accessed within the Marion Public Library, the other available databases can be accessed from anywhere with your library card.

African American Heritage



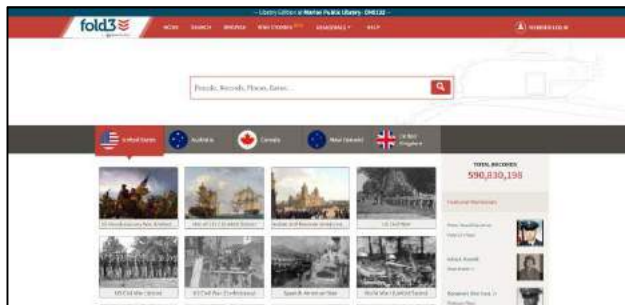
This groundbreaking digital resource focuses on African American family history research. It not only brings together records critical to African American family research, but also connects to a community of research experts, whose mentoring and assistance can frequently be the difference between research success and futility.

Ancestry Library Edition



[In Library Use Only] One of the largest collections of genealogical records online. Contains vital records including U.S. Census, birth, death, marriage, and more. You must be in the library to access this database.

Fold3



Fold3 is a genealogy tool that provides convenient access to military records, including the stories, photos, and personal documents of the men and women who served.

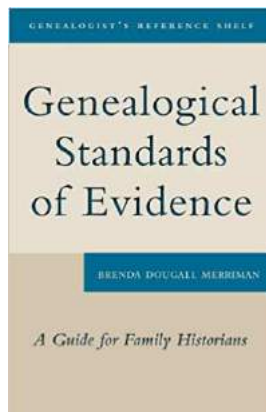
HeritageQuest



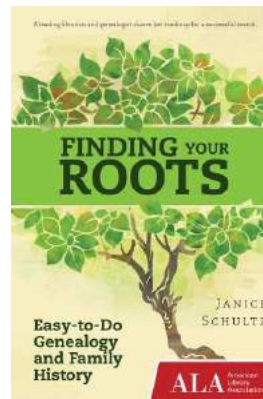
HeritageQuest Online is designed for genealogy and family history research. It includes over 25,000 books, the entire U.S. Census, and other expanding collections, making it one of the largest collections of genealogy materials in the country.

Genealogy Selected Reading

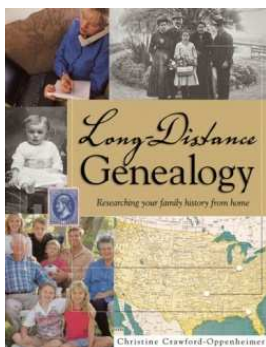
Many wonderful books have been written to help guide researchers on their genealogy quest. Below is a sampling of titles that can be found on the shelves of the Marion Public Library. For additional titles, please check our catalog or come to the nonfiction section, call numbers for these and other circulating genealogy titles are 929.1 and 929.2.



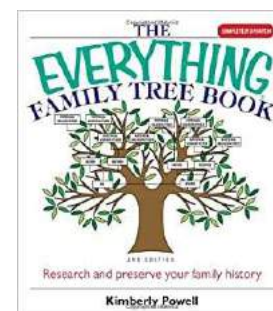
Genealogical Standards of Evidence
By B. D. Merriman
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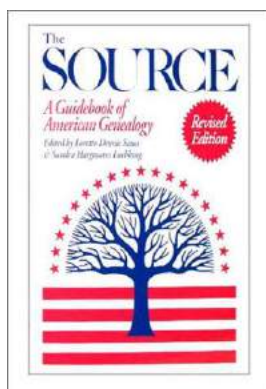
Finding Your Roots: Easy-to-do Genealogy and Family History
By J. L. Schultz
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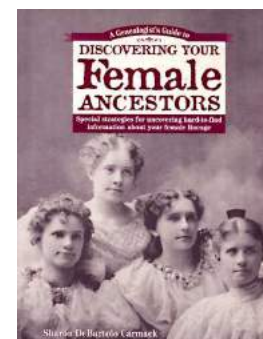
Long-distance Genealogy
By C. Crawford-Oppeneimer
929.1 CRAW



The Everything Family Tree Book
By K. Powell
929.1072 POWE



The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy
Edited By L. D. Szucs & S.H. Luebking
929.1 SOUR



A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Female Ancestors
By S. D. Carmack
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