

# Genealogy Resources at the Cudahy Family Library



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This guide is intended for people who wish to find information about genealogical research and to research their family tree.

### **Where to begin**

There are many good books offering advice on how search for your ancestors. These titles, and many more like them, can be found on our shelves. For additional titles, browse the shelves near and around 929.1. You can do a subject search in the catalog under “Genealogy.” In addition to the general guidebooks, there are also guidebooks available for specific resources like census records, tax records, immigration records, birth, death and marriage records, etc.

Cudahy Family Library also maintains an extensive collection of materials chronicling the history of Cudahy, Wisconsin, many of which are useful for genealogists. The Local History collection is housed in the Katherine Quentin Eaton Local History Room of the Cudahy Family Library and is open by appointment.

# **BOOKS**

## **Getting Started:**

*Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide to Family History and Genealogy* by Jim Willard  
929.1 W693

*First Steps in Genealogy: A Beginner's Guide to Researching Your Family History*  
by Desmond Walls Allen  
929.1 A425

*The Genealogist's Companion & Sourcebook* by Emily Anne Croom  
929.1 C948c

*The Genealogy Handbook: The Complete Guide to Tracing Your*

*Family Tree*  
by Ellen Galford  
929.1 G155

*Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Family's History and Heritage* by Barbara Renick  
929.1 R413

*How to Find Your Family Roots*  
by William Latham  
929.1 L352

*Who Do You Think You Are? : The Essential Guide to Tracing Your Family History*  
by Megan Smolenyak.  
929.1 S666

## **International Research:**

*Genealogist's Address Book*  
by Elizabeth Petty Bentley  
R929.1 B477

*International Vital Records Handbook*  
by Thomas J. Kemp  
R929.1 K32

*The Family Tree Guide Book to Europe: Your Passport to Tracing Your Genealogy Across Europe* by Erin Nevius  
929.1 F198

## **American Research:**

*Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy* by Val D. Greenwood  
929.1 G816a2

*The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*  
929.1 S724

*The Family Tree Resource Book for Genealogists: Essential Guide to American County and Town Sources*  
edited by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack and Erin Nevius  
R 929.1 C287

## **Wisconsin Research:**

*Guide to genealogical collections in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area*  
edited by Mark A. Vargas  
R 929 G971

*Some Pioneer Families of Wisconsin: An Index* edited by Betty Patterson  
R 977.503 S693

*Wisconsin Genealogical Research*  
by Linda M. Herrick  
929.1 H566

*WISDEX: Wisconsin Biography Index*  
compiled by Darlene E. Waterstreet  
R 920.9775 W811x

## **Cudahy-area Research:**

*Generations of Pride: A Centennial History of Cudahy, Wisconsin*  
compiled, edited, and written by the Cudahy Family Library staff  
977.594 C964grr

*Cudahy, Wisconsin: Generations of Pride*  
by Joan Paul  
977.594 C964j

City directories are searchable by name or by address. Our Local History Collection includes the following directories:

City of Cudahy – 1921-1966

Town of Lake – 1938-1950

City of South Milwaukee 1942-1962

Bresser's Milwaukee County 1970-current

Wright's City of Milwaukee 1947-current

Our Local History Collection has copies of *The Arrow*, the Cudahy High School yearbook, from 1923-current.

Village and City of Cudahy personal property and real estate assessment records are available in the local history collection, from 1894-1970.

Company newsletters for Patrick Cudahy, Inc. and Federal Rubber are available as bound volumes in the Local history Collection and contain some personal information about employees.

*Peacock Feathers* (Patrick Cudahy, Inc.) 1919-1951

*Extra Service* (Federal Rubber) 1916-1929

## **Census Research:**

*American Census Handbook*

by Thomas Jay Kemp

R317.3 K32

*Wisconsin 1905 Census* – includes an alphabetical list of civil war veterans residing in the state as of June 1, 1905

Local History Collection

*Your Guide to the Federal Census for Genealogists, Researchers, & Family Historians*

by Kathleen W. Hinckley

317.3 H659

## **Online and Digital Research:**

*The Complete Idiot's Guide to Online Genealogy*

by Rhonda McClure

929.1 M128

*Digitizing Your Family History: Easy Methods for Preserving Your Heirloom Documents, Photos, Home Movies and More in a Digital Format*

by Rhonda R. McClure

929.1 M128d

*Genealogy Online for Dummies*

by Matthew Helm and April Leigh Helm

929.1 H478

*Netting Your Ancestors: Genealogical Research on the Internet*

by Cyndi Howells

929 H859

*Plugging into Your Past: How to Find Real Family History Records Online*

by Rick Crume

929.1 C956

*Preserving Your Family Photographs: How to Organize, Present, and Restore Your Precious Family Images*

by Maureen A. Taylor

929.1072 T244p

## **Military Research:**

*Exploring Civil War Wisconsin: A Survival Guide for Researchers* by Brett Barker

977.5 B255

*Researching Your Civil War Ancestors in Wisconsin* by Dennis R. Moore

929.1072 M821

*WWII Military Records: A Family Historian's Guide* by Debra Johnson Knox

929.1 K74

## **Cemeteries:**

*Cemetery Locations in Wisconsin*

compiled by Linda M. Herrick and

Wendy K. Uncapher

R 929.509775 C994

*Old Cemetery Burials of Milwaukee*

*County, Wisconsin* by Elizabeth

Doherty Herzfeld

R 929.50977594 H582

## **Ethnic Research:**

You can search for specific ethnic groups by subject in the library catalog using this format:

[group name] – genealogy or [group name] Americans – genealogy

*For example: Germany – Genealogy or German Americans – Genealogy*

Books about finding female ancestors can be found in the library catalog by searching for:

Women – United States – Genealogy

# NEWSPAPERS

## Print Newspapers:

*Advisor Press* 1892 – 1987

*Free Press* (Cudahy) 1980 - 1981

*Reminder/Enterprise* (Cudahy; complete) 1933 – 1945

*Reminder/Enterprise* (Cudahy; incomplete) 1959 – present

## Microfilmed Newspapers:

*Milwaukee Courier* 11/1/1843 - 6/7/1847

*Milwaukee Journal* 3/23/1921 - 4/29/1921

*New Day: The National Socialist Weekly* 6/12/1920 - 7/22/1922

*Reminder/Enterprise* (Cudahy) 1912 – 1998

*South Milwaukee Journal* 1893 - 1932

*Cudahy Times* 10/29/1893 - 3/21/1894

*The Tracer* (Cudahy) 9/1943 - 2/1946

## Online Newspapers:

Online newspapers may be accessed through the library catalog at

<http://countycat.mcfls.org>

*Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* 1990 – present. Complete coverage, printable.

*Access Newspaper Archive* “contains tens of millions of searchable newspaper pages, dating as far back as the 1700s.”

# ONLINE RESOURCES

A wealth of genealogical resources can be found on the Internet, and more records are being digitized each year. Many websites are free; however, some are subscription-based and can be accessed via the library's subscription. Not all records are available online; retrieving records not yet digitized may require a visit to a research facility or a written request for copies.

## FREE WEBSITES:

### *Cyndi's List*

<http://www.cyndislist.com>

One of the most comprehensive lists of genealogical websites.

### *Ellis Island Passenger Records*

<http://www.ellislandrecords.com>

Includes 25 million immigrant arrival records from the Ellis Island Archives.

### *Family Search*

<http://www.familysearch.org>

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints operates Family Search, the largest genealogy organization in the world.

### *National Archives Records Administration*

<http://www.archives.gov/index.html>

Repository for many records useful for genealogical research, such as the federal population censuses, military service and pension records, immigration records, and naturalization records. Many of the records have been digitized and are available through Ancestry and Heritage Quest subscription databases.

### *Roots Web*

<http://www.rootsweb.com>

Website designed to connect people so that they can help each other and share genealogical research.



## **LOCAL INTEREST WEBSITES:**

### *Links to the Past*

<http://linkstothepast.com/Milwaukee>

A clearinghouse for genealogical and historical information related to Milwaukee County residents.

### *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Archives*

<http://www.jsonline.com/historicarchive/search/>

Includes the *Milwaukee Journal*, *Sentinel* and *Journal Sentinel* papers from 1884-2007, searchable by word or by date.

### *Southeastern Wisconsin Historical Resources*

<http://www.carolynbrady.com/wisclinks.html>

Links to websites with historic information related to Southeastern Wisconsin, arranged geographically.

### *Wisconsin GenWeb Project*

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wimilwau/>

Milwaukee County research and information sharing portal.

### *Wisconsin Historical Society Library & Archives*

<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org>

A variety of genealogical information is available online.

## **SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES:**

The Library subscribes to the following databases for our patrons. They may be accessed from any library computer through the library catalog, <http://countycat.mcfls.org>. Please see a librarian for assistance.

### *Ancestry Plus Library Edition*

Ancestry.com is the world's largest online resource for family history with an extensive and unique collection of billions of historical records that have been digitized, indexed and put online since 1997. The Library Edition offers access to additional records that are not available on the free version of the website.

### *Heritage Quest*

HeritageQuest Online is an essential collection of unique material for both genealogical hobbyists and professionals, with coverage dating back to the late 1700s. HeritageQuest Online combines digital, searchable images of U.S. federal census records with the digitized version of the popular UMI® Genealogy & Local History collection and other valuable content.

# **ARCHIVAL MATERIALS**

The Cudahy Family Library Local History Collection includes a variety of materials useful for genealogists researching their Cudahy ancestors. Please make an appointment to visit the Katherine Quentin Eaton Local History Room.

## **Maps:**

Many maps include property ownership information. Collection highlights include:

1867 Lake Township Map	1929 Town of Lake Map
1877 Milwaukee County Map	1931 City of Cudahy Map
1881 Milwaukee County Map	1937-1954 Sanborn Fire Insurance
1893 Milwaukee County Plat Map	Map
1908 City of Cudahy Map	

## **School Records:**

The Local History Collection contains enrollment data including names and ages of students as well as their parents' names for the now-defunct Washington School, 1895-1970. In addition, minutes and treasury reports from the Town of Lake School District No. 7, 1869-1900, are available.

## **Church Records:**

Microfilmed copies of sacramental records from several Protestant congregations are available.

- Dr. Martin Luther Church, 1914-1931
- St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1928-2003
- St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1910-2006
- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1894-2006

## **Clipping and Photograph Files:**

The Local History Collection includes over 10,000 cataloged photographs and extensive biographical newspaper clippings, including obituaries for Cudahy residents. The files are searchable by name through an online index at [www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org/localhistory.html](http://www.cudahyfamilylibrary.org/localhistory.html).

## **ADDITIONAL AREA RESOURCES**

### *Cudahy Historical Society*

4647 S Kinnickinnic Ave, Cudahy, WI 53110

<http://www.cudahyhistoricalsociety.net>

The mission of the Cudahy Historical Society is to collect, preserve and disseminate information about the City of Cudahy, Wisconsin, for the benefit of the entire community and to preserve their property, the historic Cudahy Depot. The former Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Depot is a both a museum and a meeting place for the Society. The Depot's rooms are filled with historic pictures and a variety of local artifacts from days gone by.

### *Milwaukee County Genealogical Society*

PO Box 270326, Milwaukee, WI 53227

<http://www.milwaukeegenealogy.org>

The Milwaukee County Genealogical Society collects, exchanges, and preserves genealogical materials; informs the general public about genealogy; and purchases books of genealogical value to be donated to public libraries in the Milwaukee area. The society offers genealogy classes, organizes research trips, and will conduct research for individuals for a fee.

### *Milwaukee County Historical Society*

910 N. Old World Third Street, Milwaukee, WI 53203 (414) 273-8288

<http://www.milwaukeehistory.net>

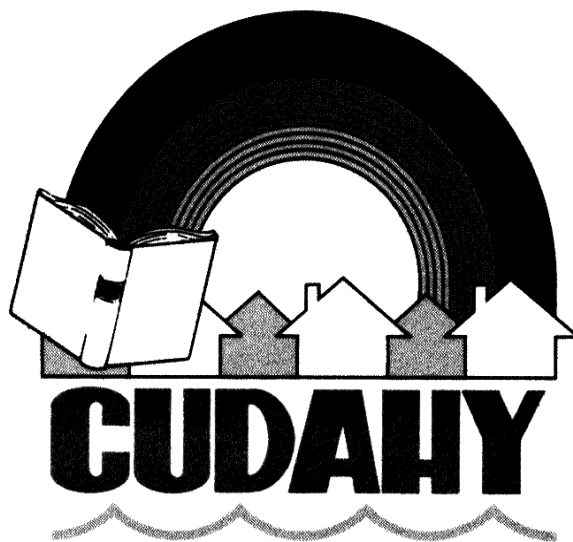
The Milwaukee County Historical Society's research library encompasses a variety of records useful to genealogists, including census records, city and county directories, church records, maps, microfilmed newspapers, naturalization papers, obituaries, and school census records. Check their website for specific holdings.

### *Milwaukee Public Library*

814 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233 (414) 286-3000

<http://www.mpl.org>

The Milwaukee Public Library's genealogical collection includes a wide variety of historic newspapers, census materials, bibliographies, and family histories. In addition, they have a collection of city directories dating back to 1847, historic maps, photographs, and clipping files for prominent individuals.



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Hours

Sunday Noon - 4 p.m.

Monday - Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday Noon - 4 p.m. (summer)