



# CHICAGO GENEALOGY

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## NEWBERRY ONLINE RESOURCE

<http://www.chicagoancestors.org/> is a website devoted to helping people find and share historical information about Chicago

## VITAL RECORDS

Consult Cook County Vital Records Guide

<http://www.chicagoancestors.org/downloads/vital.pdf>

**Polish Marriages in Chicago through 1915.** Marriages in Catholic parishes in Chicago. Compiled by the Polish Genealogical Society of America.

<http://www.pgsa.org/CzuchMar.php>

Request forms for genealogical copies of Cook County birth, death, and marriage certificates are available at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

## NEWSPAPERS

A full list is available at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk and at <http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/newspaper.pdf>

**Chicago Daily News.** 1879-1935 only. Open shelf microfilm behind 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

**Chicago Defender.** 1909-1950 only. Open shelf microfilm behind 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

### **Chicago Tribune**

- 1849-1872, lacking 1859. Call # Microfilm 605. Specify month and year.
- 1914-1920, 1928-1939, lacking May 1917. Call # A6.169. Specify month and year. Papers are too fragile to photocopy.
- 1940-1964. Open shelf microfilm behind 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.
- 1849-1985 (ProQuest Historical Newspapers), fully searchable digitized version.

**Illinois Newspaper Project.** Search by town of publication or by specific title if already known. The database will provide you with a list of libraries in Illinois that have copies of the newspaper. Includes Newberry Library holdings. There is good coverage of Chicago newspapers. <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/inp>

## DIRECTORIES AND TELEPHONE BOOKS

**Chicago city directories.** 1839-1870 (irregular), 1871-1917 (every year), 1923, 1928/29 on microfilm behind 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk. Selected years available online at: <http://chicagoancestors.org/#tab-tools>

**Chicago telephone books.** Incomplete holdings. See binder at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk. 1930 and 1940 on microfilm behind 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

**Chicago criss-cross directories.** 1952, 1953, 1955. See directories binder at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk. The 1928-1929 Polk directory is available online at: <http://www.chsmedia.org/househistory/polk/start.pdf>

See also social, ethnic, fraternal, and other directories in the directories binder at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk or online at:

<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/citydirholdings.pdf>

## CENSUS

Complete federal census on microfilm 1840-1880, 1900-1930. Printed indexes through 1870. CD-ROM index for 1870. Soundex index and CD-ROM index for 1880. Soundex/Miracode index for 1900, 1910, 1920. Map finding aids for 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930. Enumeration district descriptions for 1920, 1930. See <http://www.alookatcook.com> for ward/enumeration district boundaries, 1870-1880, 1910-1930.

## CHURCH RECORDS

For more church records, see Guide to Chicago Churches and Synagogues at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk or [http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/church\\_guide.pdf](http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/church_guide.pdf)

Also consult the Family History Library (Salt Lake City) catalog at <http://www.familysearch.org>. Through a loan program, microfilm can be ordered for use at the Newberry. Ask at the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

**Bethania Lutheran, W. Indiana (now Grand) and Carpenter.** Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1297 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1893-1906), Marriages (1878-1906).

**Bethesda Lutheran Church, 3725 E.105th (Swedish).** Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1294 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1800s-1928), Marriages (1891-1928) Deaths (1893-1928).

**Central Lutheran**, Lovell and LeMoyne (Norwegian). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1299 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1922-1946), Marriages (1922-1946) Deaths (1922-1946).

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Luke**, 1500 W. Belmont (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 544 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1884-1975), Marriages (1884-1975), Deaths (1884-1975).

**First Bethlehem Lutheran**, 1645 W. LeMoyne (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1173 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1871-1934), Marriages (1871-1877, 1883-1902, 1904-1935), Deaths (1886-1891, 1900-1935).

**First Immanuel Lutheran**, 1124 S. Ashland (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 867 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1863-1958), Marriages (1854-1955), Deaths (1857-1950).

**First St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran**, 1301 N. LaSalle (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1076 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1863?-1985), Marriages (1872-1985), Deaths (1869-1947).

**First Zion Evangelical Lutheran**, 19th and Peoria (Swedish). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1260 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1868-1943), Marriages (1868-1941), Deaths (1886-1941).

**Lutheran Church of the Redeemer**, 4901 W. Bernice (Norwegian). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1298 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1916-1945), Marriages (1916-1945), Deaths (1916-1945).

**Moreland Lutheran Church**, 5443 W. Huron (Norwegian). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1300 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1886-1962), Marriages (1886-1962), Deaths (1886-1962).

**Old St. Mary's (Catholic)**, 25 E. Van Buren. Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 706 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1833-1929), Marriages (1803-1929).

**St. James Evangelical Lutheran**, 2248 N. Fremont (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 374 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1870-1931), Marriages (1870-1923), Deaths (1870-1951).

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran**, Hoyne and Walton (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1262 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1867-1974), Marriages (1867-1974), Deaths (1867-1974).

**St. Mathews Evangelical Lutheran**, 2108 W. 21<sup>st</sup>. Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1204 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1872-1934), Marriages (1872-1978), Deaths (1876-1926).

**Saron**, Shakespeare and Richmond (Swedish). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1295 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1888-1933), Marriages (1888-1933), Deaths (1833-1933).

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran**, 1400 N. Laramie (German). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1302 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1870-1979), Marriages (1871-1979), Deaths (1871-1979).

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran**, 7950 S. Burnham (Norwegian). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1303 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1900-1971), Marriages (1902-1971), Deaths (1903-1971).

**Zion Lutheran**, 2244 S. Irving (now Bell). Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1296 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Baptisms (1884-1942), Marriages (1884-1942), Deaths (1884-1942).

## CEMETERY RECORDS

### **Bohemian National Cemetery.**

Call # Local History Ref F548.61.B64 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Genealogical request forms at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

### **Cook County Honor Roll, 1956.** Veterans' graves.

Call # Local History Ref E181.I34 1956 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

### **The Roll of Honor: ...Soldiers, Sailors and Marines...buried in the cemeteries of Cook County.**

Call # E494 .L67 1922 and E494 .L67 1922 Index.

### **Norwood Park Home Cemetery, in Chicago, Illinois.**

Call # Local History Ref F548.25 .N69 1997 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

**Records of Waldheim and Forest Home.** Organized by date of burial. Call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1215 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

### **Union Ridge Cemetery** (6700 West Higgins).

Call # Local History Ref F548.25 .U55 1995 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

**Wunders.** Indexed transcription of gravestones, Call # Local History Ref F548.61.W85 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Unindexed ledger books, call # Local History Ref Microfilm 1261 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Ask at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk for guide.

## OBITUARY INDEXES

Husband, Lori. **Deaths in the *Chicago Defender*, 1910-1920.** Park Forest, Ill.: L. Husband, 1990. Call # Local History Ref F548.5 .H87 1990 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

Novak, Joe. **The *Denni Hlasatel* Obituary Index.** 1891-1995 in 2 volumes. Sugar Grove, Ill.: Czech and Slovak American Genealogy Society of Illinois, 1996. For 1891-1970, Call # Local History Ref F548.9.B67 N679 1996 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf) and for 1971-1995, Call # Local History Ref F548.9 B67 N6792 1997 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Served Chicago's Bohemian community.

Hollowak, Thomas. **Index to Obituaries and Death Notices appearing in the *Dziennik Chicagoski*.** 1890-1929 in 4 volumes. Call # Local History Ref F548.9 P7 H65 1984 through F548.9 P7 H653 1991 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf). Served Chicago's Polish community. See also, <http://www.pgsa.org/dzien9029.php> for 1890-1920 and <http://www.pgsa.org/dzien3071.php> for 1930-1971.

## BUILDINGS, STREETS AND ADDRESSES

**Cook County Assessor's Office.** Search by address or neighborhood. Property value information, approximate age of the building, recent photo.  
<http://www.cookcountyassessor.com>

**Plan of Re-Numbering City of Chicago.** Shows house number changes that impacted most of the city in 1909. Ask at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk. Also available online at: <http://www.chsmedia.org/househistory/1909snc/start.pdf>

**City of Chicago Landmarks Commission.** Chicago Historic Resources Survey. Information about pre-1940 buildings of architectural or historical interest. Search online by street name, neighborhood, architect, construction era or style at: <http://www.ci.chi.il.us/Landmarks/CHRS.html>. Book version has photos, community histories, cross-indexes and more. Call # Ref NA735.C4 C395 1996 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor open shelf).

McNalis, John. **Chicago Streets.** Shows street name changes. Ask at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk. Online at: <http://www.chsmedia.org/househistory/nameChanges/start.pdf>. For street name changes, see also: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~itappcnc/pipcnstreets.htm>

Chicago Historical Society. **Index to the *American Contractor's Chicago Building Permit Column*, 1898-1912.** Searchable by architect, original owner, or street name.  
<http://www.chsmedia.org/househistory/1898-1912permits/search.asp>

## MAPS

**Checklist of Chicago region maps at the Newberry Library : including maps of the city, Cook County, and the collar counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will.** Chicago: The Newberry Library, 2005. Call # Local History Ref Z6028 .N48 2005c (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

**Sanborn maps for Chicago.** Call # G1409 C4 S3 1901 map8C Index Map. 1900-1950. Most volumes contain corrections dated to 1990. Also available on-line in *Digital Sanborn Maps 1867-1970* (many suburbs also).

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Chicago Police Department Homicide Record Index, 1870-1930.** The Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) in Chicago created this index of Chicago homicide victims:  
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/homicide.html>  
Northwestern University has created a database with this information.  
<http://homicide.northwestern.edu/>

**Cook County Coroner's Inquest Record Index 1872-1911.** Created by IRAD. Lists coroner's inquests, which are investigations of deaths under criminal or suspicious circumstances.  
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/cookingt.html>

**Chicago and Cook County Biography and Industry File,** 3<sup>rd</sup> floor card catalog. Indexes biographical sketches from over 25 local histories and biographical dictionaries.

**Chicago Genealogist.** Journal of the Chicago Genealogical Society. Call # Local History Ref F548.1.C45 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

**Chicagoland Genealogy Research Locations.** An interactive map of research facilities commonly used by genealogists.  
<http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/maps/research.html>.

DuMelle, Grace. **Finding Your Chicago Ancestors.** Chicago: Lake Claremont Press, 2005. Call # Local History Ref F548.25 .D86 2005 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor open shelf).

Grossman, James R., Ann Durkin Keating, Janice L. Reiff, ed. **The Encyclopedia of Chicago.** Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2004. Local History Ref F548.3 .E53 2004 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk). See also:  
<http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/>

Szucs, Loretto. **Chicago and Cook County Sources: A Guide to Research.** Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, 1996. Call # Local History Ref Z1278.C5S97 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk).