This guide contains a sample of The Newberry Library resources on this topic. Consult a reference librarian, the library web site, or catalog for more details.

**VITAL RECORDS**

Illinois Statewide Death Index, Pre–1916.


**CENSUS**


Printed statewide indexes 1820-1860 on census index shelves, Local History Ref 2nd floor open shelves. Many transcriptions and indexes arranged in alphabetical order by county, Call # range: Local History Ref F547.A2 through Local History Ref F547.W8 (2nd floor open shelf).

Illinois state census. 1825, 1830, 1835, 1845, 1855, 1865. See the State Census binder at the 2nd floor reference desk for call numbers and reel numbers. Note: Only heads of household are listed by name in the state census schedules. Index is only available for 1855.

**PERIODICALS**


**LAND RECORDS**

Public domain sales land tract record listing.
Springfield, Illinois: Illinois State Archives Division, 1984. Call # Microfiche 623. These are only the original land sales made by the federal government, and thus are largely limited to the period of early settlement and development in any given county. See also Public Domain Land Sale Records database at [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases.html)

**LOCAL HISTORIES AND GENEALOGICAL SOURCE MATERIAL**

Consult both the computer and card catalogs under the subject headings for the county of interest. Sometimes there may also be materials listed under a subject heading for a village, town or city. For Chicago and Cook County research, consult the Chicago Genealogy Sources instruction sheet before using the catalogs.

**MAPS AND GAZETTEERS**


MILITARY RECORDS


Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Illinois. Call # Microfilm 547 (specify surname on call slip).


See also the Illinois State Archives' military databases.
- Database of Illinois Civil War Veterans
- Database of Illinois Spanish-American War Veterans
- Database of Illinois Black Hawk War Veterans

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