

MEDINA COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY

Local History & Genealogy Research Sources

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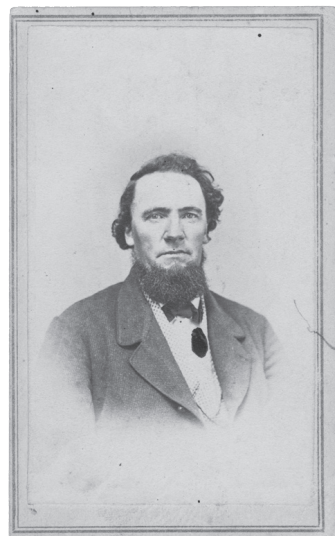


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Franklin Sylvester Local History and Genealogy Collection

Located in Medina Library, the Franklin Sylvester Local History and Genealogy Collection was inaugurated September 1992 and encompasses the local history and genealogy materials. Named for the local cattle baron who donated the money for the first public library in Medina, the collection is devoted to basic genealogy resources and the rich history and colorful people of the Medina County area.



Franklin Sylvester

Local History and Genealogy Research Sources Available at Medina Library

This booklet is provided to help you realize all the resources the library has to offer in your genealogy research. Unfortunately because of the special nature and historical value of these materials, many of them are not listed in the library's computer catalog. That's why we have compiled this brief list of the resources and collections available at the Medina Library.

The staff of the Medina County District Library is happy to assist you in your research. We are here to help you use the resources of the library. For our offsite members, we are able to search indexes and photocopy pertinent information. However, time and staff limitations do not allow for in-depth research. If you need more information or assistance, please ask a staff member for a referral.

Microform Holdings

Census

- Medina County, Ohio 1820 -1930
- Medina County, Ohio 1890 Union Civil War Veterans or their Widows
- Agricultural Census Medina County, Ohio 1850, 1860, 1880
- Medina County Mortality Schedules, 1850, 1860

County Records

- Birth Records of Medina County 1867-1909
- Death Records of Medina County 1867-1909
- Indexes to the Deeds of Medina County 1790-1923
- Land Sales of Medina County - Final Records 1852-1902
- Medina County Marriage Records Index
 - Indexed by Groom's last name, A-Z 1818-1865
 - Indexed by the Bride's last name, A-Z 1818-1865
 - General Index
- Marriage Records Card File Indexes - Female and Male
- Marriage Records of Medina County 1818-1965
- Medina County Duplicate Tax Records 1819-1838
- Naturalization Records 1834-1965
- Records of Deeds of Medina County 1795-1861
- Veteran's Graves in Medina County Cemeteries from the Revolutionary War to World War I
- Wills of Medina County 1820-1901 (not indexed)

Newspapers

- Medina County Gazette 1855-present
- Medina County Sentinel 1899-1961
- Seville Chronicle 1948-1984

Miscellaneous Microforms

- Index to the Ohio Union Civil War Roster of Soldiers
- Ohio Union Civil War Roster of Soldiers
- Sprague Collection
- White-Snyder Collection
- Women in the Western Reserve 1840-1850

Medina Histories

Atlases

1857 Map of Medina County, Ohio from Actual Surveys
Historical Atlas of Medina County, Ohio, 1874
1897 Atlas and Directory of Medina County, Ohio

Arts

Community Bands of Medina, Ohio 1859-2009

Brunswick

Brunswick Area Community Guide, 1997-98, 2001
Brunswick Area Directory 1976
Brunswick Images of America
Brunswick: Our Hometown
Brunswick Your Future Now! 1989
Community Facilities Plan Brunswick, Ohio 1964
Land Use and Thoroughfare Plan Brunswick, Ohio 1963
Land Use Survey & Analysis Brunswick, Ohio 1963
Life and Times in Brunswick, Ohio
Outline History of Brunswick 1815-1965
Socio-Economic Study Brunswick, Ohio 1963

Building

Building a Firm Foundation:
Medina County Architecture 1811-1900
Early Homes and Churches in Medina County, Ohio
Exploring Barns of Medina County
Historic Buildings
Historic Homes of Medina County (2 binders)
Historic Tour 1968
House on the Hill (King Phillips Deibel house)
Houses of Medina 1880-1890
National Register Listings for Medina County, Ohio, 1994
Ohio Historical Inventory for Medina County
Phillips House aka "Blue House"

Business

100th Anniversary of Old Phoenix
Businesses in Medina
Cheese Factories in Medina County, Ohio 1869-1900
Circus is Coming
Coal Gas, Oil, Gem, Magazines...
Heritage and Values of RPM
History of Ohio Farmers Insurance
Tobacco, Horsemen's Protective Association and Ice
in Medina County in The Mid 1800's

Cemetery

Cemetery Record Liverpool Township Medina County Ohio
Chatham Township Cemetery, Civil War Veterans
Cherished Memories Obituaries & Death Notices of Burials in
Liverpool Township Medina County, Ohio 1871-1985
East of Homer Cemetery
Friends of the Cemetery Newsletter
Granger Greats in Fairview Cemetery
Index to the WPA Medina County
"Cemetery Plots for Veterans" Book
Internment List for the Ohio Western Reserve
National Cemetery, 2003
Lost Souls of Medina - Medina Co. Home Cemetery
Restoration Project
Mennonite Cemeteries of Medina County
Old Town Cemetery List
Sharon Township Cemetery Record
Spencer Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions
Spring Grove Cemetery the Beginnings 1883-1890
Tombstone Inscriptions from Earhart/Greenhoe Cemetery
Tombstone Inscriptions from the Cemeteries in
Medina County Ohio (1983) (Also on CD-ROM)

Census

1820 Census Index for Medina County, Ohio
1830 Census Index for Medina County, Ohio
1850 Census Surname Index for Medina County, Ohio
1870 Census Index for Medina County, Ohio

Chatham

Chatham Historical Society Newsletter
Chatham Sesquicentennial 1818-1968
Chatham Township Cemetery, Civil War Veterans
Chatham UCC Congregational Membership List 1834-1990
Early Twentieth Century Chatham
History of Chatham Township
Index to the History of Chatham Township
Ministers of the Chatham
 United Church of Christ, Congregational
Vital Records from Chatham Township Medina County Ohio

Churches

Amish Medina
Baptist Church Medina City
Bennett's Corners Community Church
Brunswick Methodist Church 1817-1967
Church of St. Francis Xavier - 1962
Congregational Self-Study Report for
 St. Mathew Lutheran Church 1975
Faith of Our Fathers Bronson Memorial Church 1985
First Baptist Church, Medina Ohio 1833-1946
First One Hundred and Fifty Years of St. Paul's Episcopal Church
First Presbyterian Church 1831-1931, Seville, Ohio
Historical Sketch of the Catholic Church in Medina
History of Methodism in Wadsworth 1814-1903
History of Methodism in Wadsworth 1902-1991
History of Poe Methodist Church, 1837-1930
History of Religion in Medina County
History of Seville United Methodist Church 1826-1976

Churches (continued)

History of the First Congregational Church,
 Medina, Ohio 1819-1909
History of the First Congregational Church,
 Medina, Ohio 1894
Holy Martyrs 1992
Index to Church Records at Emmanuel E & R Church
 1847-1920 (Valley City)
Index to Church Records at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Membership List of Chatham United Church of Christ,
 Congregational 1834-1990
One Hundred and Fifty Years and More of the
 Chatham Congregational Church
One Hundred and Fifty Years the United Church of Christ,
 Congregational Medina, Ohio 1819-1969
One Hundred Years 1819-1919 First Congregational Church
 Medina Ohio
Our Challenge the Methodist Church, Medina, Ohio 1965
Our Heritage First Congregational Church
 United Church of Christ, Medina, Ohio
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1970
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 1974
Saga of a Village Church (Church of Christ - Medina)
Saint Ambrose
Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Session of Medina Association of
 Congregational Churches and Ministers
Souvenir History (1830-1910) of the
 York Congregational Church
Spencer United Methodist Church
St. Martin of Tours, Valley City, Ohio
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Medina, Ohio, 1974
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Directory 1978
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Directory 1979
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
 Valley City, Ohio 1846-1946
St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
 Valley City, Ohio 1846-1966

Churches (continued)

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Valley City, Ohio 1846-1971
Story of the Mennonites of Medina County (1832-1982)
United Church of Christ Congregational 1819-1969, Medina
United Presbyterian Church 1831-1931, Seville, Ohio
Writing the History of Your Church
Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Valley City, Ohio 1830-1955

Community Plans

County Home

Medina County Home Those Early Years 1855-1935

Crime

Arrest and Trial of Frederick Streeter
for the Murder of the Coy Family
Booze and Gambling Medina County, Ohio During Prohibition
Gienke Family Poisoned
Murder, Mayhem and Medina
Murder of Ora Lee
My Sister is Missing
Steam Engine Explosion
Who Killed Ora Lee?

Directories (county wide)

Medina County Directory 1916, 1931, 1949-51, 1953, 1956,
1959, 1962, 1965, 1968, 1970, 1974, 1976, 1989, 1992
Medina County Phone Books 1963, 1989-1990, 1992-1996,
1999, 2004-2009, 2012
Dickman's Criss-Cross Directories for Medina County,
1976, 1979, 1988, 1991-2012

Fair Programs 1975 - 2012

Family History

Medina County Genealogies and Family Histories
Collected During the Sesquicentennial

Farming

Medina County Agricultural Society (1880-1890)
Soil Survey of Medina County
Windgalore Farm

Flood

Flood Plain Information Medina County Ohio 1971

Government

Directory of Public Officials Medina County, Ohio 2008

Granger

Bringing History Home to Granger: the 1910s and World War I
Bringing History Home to Granger: the 1940s and World War II
Bringing History Home to Granger: the 1950s & the Korean War
Bringing History Home to Granger: the Civil War Years
Bringing History Home to Granger: the Earliest Years
Highland Highlights
History of Remson Corners Granger Township
Life in Granger Township in 1885

Guilford

Book About Seville 1816-1966
Seville, 1816-1916
Seville, Ohio 1816-1941

Harrisville

Growing a Village Lodi 1811-1986
Lodi High School Yearbooks, 1941-1943
Lodi Homecoming and Centennial Souvenir (1911)
Lodi Sesquicentennial

Hinckley

- Highland Heritage
- Highland Highlights
- Hinckley Township 1825-1975
- Hinckley Township 1825-2000
- History of Hinckley (Archive Box)
- Life on Hinckley Ridge
- Memoirs of Hinckley

History

- Colorful - Early Settlers, Innovators & Characters of Medina, County
- Great Fire! April 15, 1872
- Historian a Look Back at Medina County
- History of Medina County (1948)
- History of Medina County and Ohio (1881) & Separate Index
- History of Medina County, Ohio 1812-1889
- Hometown U.S.A. (booklet that accompanies the movie)
- K.K.K. of Medina County, Ohio
- Lightning Strikes Twice
- Local Chips and Splinters 1886-88
- Local Chips and Splinters 1889
- Main Street U.S.A is an Important Market
- Medina County Historical Society Newsletter
- Medina County Story (Medina County Genealogical Society Newsletter)
- Medina County History (newspaper clippings)
- Medina County Ohio Gazette Newspaper Abstracts (1854-1898)
- Medina County Ohio Gleanings
- Medina County Remembers 9/11
- Medina Images of America
- Medina Ohio
- Medina, The City, The County, The People
- Ohio Historical Review Featuring Medina County
- Olden Days of Medina a Children's Guide to Medina History

History (continued)

- Pioneer History of Medina County (1861) & Separate Index
- Recollections of Medina Characters, Medina, Ohio
- Remembering Medina County
- Reminiscence of Medina County, Ohio
- Scholars Companion
- Timeline of Medina County History
- Years Ago Now 1854-1895

Homer

- History of Homer Township
- History of Homer Township and Harrisville Township

Indexes

- Index - "Backward Glance" Valley City and Liverpool Township
- Index - Chippewa Lake Park Chronicles
- Index - Historical Highlights of Medina
- Index - History of Chatham Township
- Index - History of Medina County Ohio 1881
- Index - Pioneer History of Medina County
- Index - Seville 1816-1916
- Index - Story of the Mennonites in Medina County
- Index - Wadsworth Center to City
- Index - White-Snyder Genealogy Collection

Lafayette

- Chippewa Lake Amusement Park Vol. 2 1900-1929
- Chippewa Lake Chronicles
- Chippewa Lake Park 1800-1978
- Chippewa Lake Park 1940's
- Chippewa Lake Park In the Beginning
- Chippewa Lake Park Rush to the Glory Years 1900-1929
- Chippewa Lake Park the Glory Years 1930-1949
- Chippewa Lake Revisited 1995 edition
- Event-Full - Chippewa Lake Correspondence 1900

Lafayette (continued)

Images of American Chippewa Lake Park
Local Happenings of Chippewa Lake 1892-1893
Medina County Gazette Happenings -
Lafayette Township 1878-1898
Medina County Gazette Happenings -
Lafayette Township 1899
Tombstone Inscriptions and Burial Records of the Cemeteries
of Lafayette Township, Medina County Ohio

Land

Abstract of Title Lots 10 & 11 Montville Township Medina County
Regional Land Use Plan 1963

Legal

My Recollections (sic) of the Medina County Bar

Library

Newspaper Clippings 1997- Present

Litchfield

Litchfield Happenings, 1923-1924
Story of Litchfield, Ohio 1831-1981
Story of Litchfield, Ohio 1831-1997

Liverpool

Biographies of the Pastors of the Zion Evangelical
Lutheran Church Valley City, Ohio
Cemetery Record Liverpool Township Medina County Ohio
Index to Church Records at Emmanuel E & R Church
1847-1920 (Valley City)
Rural Reflection a History of Liverpool Township 1810-2010
Valley City and Liverpool Township Commemorative Book
(separate index)
Valley City and Liverpool Township Sesquicentennial Scrapbook

Local History (AV)

America's Home Town Medina, Ohio, 1990 (DVD)
History of Medina County
Main Street USA, 1944-45 (VHS & DVD)
Medina, America's Home Town (VHS)

Maps

1836-1837 Plat Map of Seville
1857 Map of Medina County, Ohio
1925 Plat Map of Medina County, Ohio
1975 Atlas Medina County, Ohio
1982 Plat Book of Medina County Ohio
1991 Plat Directory
Medina County, Ohio Official Farm Plat Book & Directory 1963
Medina County, Ohio Plat Book 1976

Medina - City and Township

10th Annual Medina Oktoberfest (DVD)
About the Past - newspaper clippings from the column
written by Evelyn Thomas that appeared in the
Medina Gazette 1980-1987
Community Park and Recreation Stud
Death by Sex
Growing up in Weymouth, Ohio in the 1920's and 30's
Heritage A history of First Baptist Church of Medina, Ohio
Historical Highlights of Medina (1966)
Medina, a Visibly Unique City 1978
Medina City Directories 1948-1992
Medina City Parks
Medina Community Guides
Medina High School Alumni Directory
Medina High School Annual Reports, 1986-1988, 1990-1994
Medina High School Class Lists 1876-1925
Medina High School Yearbooks
Medina Historic Contexts
Medina Industrial Directories, 1964, 1967, 1969, 1972-1977

Medina - City and Township (continued)

- Medina Landmark Files
- Medina, The City, The County, The People
- Medina Today Americas Hometown
- Medina Township Newsletter
- Old Town Cemetery
- Park Recreation and Open Space Plan
- Phoenix Hall: a Decade of Entertainment in
Medina, Ohio 1880-1890
- Spring Grove Cemetery
- Williams' Medina, Elyria and Oberlin City Directory,
City Guide and Business Mirror 1859

Military

- 8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry
- Index to the WPA Medina County
"Cemetery Plots for Veterans" Book
- Medina After the Civil War
- Medina Boys, Union Veterans the G.A.R. of Medina 1880-1890
- Medina County Women of the Military, Volume One
- Medina County Women of the Military, Volume Two
- Medina County Ohio Civil War Veterans
- Medina in World War II
- Revolutionary Soldier's Graves, located in Cuyahoga,
Lorain and Medina County
- Veterans Buried in Medina County
 - Volume 1 - Revolutionary War
 - Volume 2 - War of 1812
- Young American Patriots - The Youth of Ohio in WWII

Montville

- Brief History of Montville Township 1818-1968
- Montville Co-Workers Club A Farm-Women's Club
of Medina 1922-1965
- Montville Township
- Montville Township 1818-1865

Naturalization

- Index Medina County Naturalization Records 1834-1961
- Naturalization Records of Medina 1834-1961

Newspaper

- Murdered in Medina

Pioneers

- First Families of Medina County Lineage Society Applications
- Index to First Families of Medina County Lineage Society
- Lomer Griffin Lodi's Oldest Man
- Medina County Ohio Pioneers - Surname H
- Medina County Ohio Pioneers - Surname M
- Pioneer Folks
- Pioneer Folks in Medina County, Vol. 1, 2, 3, 4
- Pioneer Perspective of Early Medina

Probate

- Index to Medina County Divorce Records 1825-1900
- Index to Probate Court Records of Medina County, Ohio
- Marriages, Deaths, Divorces 1870, 1872-1875

Public Officials

- Postmasters of Medina County, Ohio 1880-1890

Sharon

- Early Sharon Township
- Sharon Township Cemetery Records
- Sharon Township from Forest to Farms
- Sharon Vignettes, Volume 1, 2 and 3

Spencer

- Black River High School Yearbooks, 2002, 2011
- Spencer Town Crier (newsletter)
- Trip to Spencer 1823-1973

Tax

Tax Records of Portage Summit & Portions of
Medina Counties, Ohio 1808-1820

Transportation

Cleveland Southwestern & Columbus Trolley
Railroads of Medina 1880-1890
Sentinel (magazines featuring Medina County Trains)
Southwestern Lines: the Story of the Cleveland,
Southwestern & Columbus Rail

Vital Records

Births, Marriages, Deaths 1886-1887
Births, Marriages, Deaths 1892-1893
Births, Marriages, Deaths 1894-1895
Births, Marriages, Deaths 1896-1897
Deaths, 2 volumes
Early Marriage Bonds of Medina Ohio 1818-1865
Index of Early Marriages in Medina County Ohio 1818-1878

York Township

The Way We Were York Township, Ohio 1870-1890

Wadsworth

Comprehensive Plan Wadsworth 1974
Remembering Wadsworth from Pioneers to Streetcars
Wadsworth Center to City (1938)
Wadsworth City Directories 1951-1999
Wadsworth Heritage
Wadsworth Memorial
With Pride & Dignity the History of the
Wadsworth Police Department

Miscellaneous

Aerial Photographs - donated by the Conservation Office
these photographs cover all of Medina County, 1937-1979

Family Genealogies - check with the librarian

Pamphlet files - newspaper clippings on topics of interest in Medina

Local Resources

Medina County Historical Society

206 North Elmwood, P. O. Box 306, Medina, Ohio 44258
330-722-1341
<http://www.medinahistorical.com/>

Medina County Genealogy Society

206 North Elmwood, Medina, Ohio 44258
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohmcogs2/>

Medina County Court House

93 Public Square, Medina, Ohio 44256

Internet Sources

Medina Library Website - <http://www.mcdl.info/>

Medina County District Library online obituary index

http://www.mcdl.info/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=150&Itemid=98

Medina County Genealogy Website

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