



Visitors use our resources to learn about ancestors from all over the world. In addition to United States research, many of our patrons focus on German, Irish, Italian, Jewish, and Polish genealogy.

### **About Our Center**

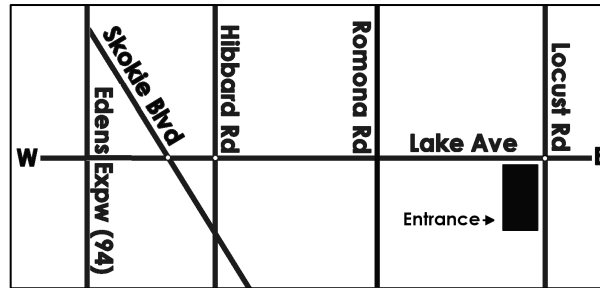
The Wilmette Family History Center is a branch of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. It is open to the public free of charge. Everyone is welcome!

Our center is staffed by volunteers who understand the basic principles of family history research. They can guide you in using the Family History Center's resources and equipment and can suggest local libraries, archives, and societies that also provide genealogical and historical information.

### **Planning a Visit**

If you're planning a visit to our center to begin your genealogy, write down what you know about the family you want to research—names, dates, and places—and choose a research goal. This will help our volunteers to best assist you.

If you're an experienced family history researcher, you may want to search the online Family History Library Catalog at <[www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)> to see what records are available for your research before visiting our center. Feel free to call ahead to see if we have the films you need or if you would have to order them from Salt Lake.



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### **How to Find Us**

Our center is housed in a stone church building—The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Stake Center—on the SW corner of Lake & Locust.

**North on the Edens:** Exit at Lake Avenue, going east. Pass through stoplights at Skokie Blvd. and Hibbard Rd. Watch for the church building on your right just before the stoplight at Locust.

**South on the Edens:** Exit at Skokie Blvd/Route 41, going south and turn left onto Lake Ave. Pass through the stoplight at Hibbard Rd and watch for the church building on your right just before the stoplight at Locust.

**Public Transportation:** Take the 422 Pace Bus (Lake Avenue) from the Linden El Station or the Wilmette Metra stop and get off at the corner of Lake and Locust.

### **Hours**

**Please call or check our patron tools page for the current year's schedule.** We may also close due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances. If you're traveling a long distance, telephone ahead to make sure we'll be open.

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Visit our center to learn how you can gain access to over 2.4 million rolls of microfilmed genealogical records from all over the world and to use our on-site resources.

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## Resources Available at the Wilmette Family History Center

### Microfilm & Microfiche

Our center has a large collection of extended loan films including the ones listed below. Complete collections are marked with \*

#### ● **Chicago and Cook County Records**

- \*Cook County Birth Index, 1871-1916
- \*Chicago Delayed Birth Index, 1871-1948
- \*Chicago Birth Certificates, 1878-1922
- \*Chicago Birth Registers, 1871-1915
- Cook Birth Certificates, 1878-1894, 1916-1922
- \*Cook County Birth Registers, 1878-1894
- \*Cook County Marriage Licenses, 1871-1916
- \*Cook County Marriage Index, 1871-1916
- \*Chicago Death Index, 1871-1933
- \*Index to Deaths Mentioned in Chicago Newspapers, 1856-1889 (Sam Fink's)
- \*Chicago Death Certificates, 1878-1947
- Cook County Death Certificates, 1916-1947
- \*Cook Death Certificates, 1878-1909, 1916-1922
- \*Coroner's Death Certificates, 1879-1904
- Out-of-town Death Certificates, 1909-1915
- \*Archdiocese of Chicago Parish Records
- Calvary Cemetery Interment Records
- \*Chicago City Directories
- \*Cook County Naturalization Indexes
- \*Lurie Index of People in Chicago in 1937 (voter registration)
- \*Northwestern Hospital Births, 1896-1933

#### ● **International Records**

- English Birth & Marriage Index
- German Church & Civil Records
- Hamburg Passenger List Indexes
- Jewish Church & Civil Records
- Norwegian Church Records
- Polish Church Records
- Scottish Church Records

### Internet Access for Genealogical Research

Our center has six Internet for access to free and subscription databases including

- **FamilySearch.org**  
Family History Library Catalog  
International Genealogical Index  
Pedigree Resource File  
Record Search Pilot
- **Footnote.com**  
Chicago City Directories  
Records from the National Archives
- **Genline.com**  
Swedish Church Records, 1500s-1800s
- **HeritageQuest**  
United States Census, 1790-1930  
Digital access to 20,000+ local histories and compiled genealogies  
PERSI (index to genealogy-related periodicals)
- **WorldVitalRecords.com**  
Newspaper ARCHIVE  
Small Town Papers  
Genealogical Publishing Company Books

### CD-ROM

- **Census**  
1851 British Census  
1880 U.S. Census and National Index  
1881 British Census  
1881 Canadian Census
- **Other**  
Freedman's Bank Records  
Mormon Immigration Index  
Pedigree Resource File  
U. S. Military Index for Vietnam and Korea

### Basic Reference Materials

- Genealogical Guidebooks
- Foreign Language Dictionaries
- Maps and Gazetteers
- State and Country Research Guides

## Why Family History?

Sometimes patrons ask why members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are interested in family history. One answer is that Church members believe families are very important. Members believe that families can be united in the most sacred of all human relationships—husband and wife, parents and children—in a way that cannot be limited by death. Church members do family history research out of love for their ancestors and a desire to serve them. If you'd like more information, please ask for the brochure entitled *Why Family History?* when you visit.



## Share Your Research

Are you looking for a way to safeguard the research you've already done? We invite you to submit your genealogy to the Pedigree Resource File. A digital copy of the information will be preserved in the Granite Mountain Records Vault near Salt Lake, and the information may be made available to researchers worldwide on CD-ROM or online. There is no fee for contributing to or using the Pedigree Resource File. Our volunteers can give you more information.

## Fees

There is no cost to visit our center or to use our on-site resources, but we charge a small fee for film orders, copies, and other materials.

- Microfilm orders: \$5.50
- Microfiche orders: \$1.50
- Copies from film: \$.35/ea
- Photocopies: \$.10/ea
- Laser printer copies: \$.05/ea

We offer country, state, and ethnic research outlines, genealogical word lists and letter-writing guides for languages other than English, blank forms, and other materials at cost. Fees subject to change.