

Free at Marshall Public Library!

- Access is limited to computers inside the library, including library computers and personal devices operating on library wi-fi (laptops, tablets, etc).
- To access Ancestry.com, visit our homepage at www.marshallillibrary.com. On the left-hand side of the page, there is a link to ancestry.com. Clicking this link will open the Ancestry page in a new window.
- From here, enter any known information (name, birth date, death date, etc) about the individual and select "Search."
- Records may be printed for a small fee. Printing is not available from laptops.



Clark County Genealogical Library

521 Locust St

Marshall, IL 62441

217-826-2864

Hours: Thursday—Saturday: 12:30 to 3 pm

Edgar County Genealogical Library

408 N. Main St.

Paris IL 61944

217-463-4209

Hours: Wed.-Fri. 9am-4pm

1st Sat. each month 9am-1pm

Closed major holidays

Vigo County Public Library

One Library Square

Terre Haute, IN 47807

812-232-2113

Hours:

Monday—Thursday : 9 am to 9 pm

Friday: 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm

Sunday: 1 to 5 pm (Labor Day to Memorial Day only)

MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

612 Archer Avenue

Marshall, IL 62441

www.marshallillibrary.com

Genealogical Resources



Genealogical Resources Available at Marshall Public Library

Print Resources -

Located in the reference section near the circulation desk are a variety of books, binders, and folders full of valuable records and local history. These include:

Records:

- Clark County Census Records (1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900)
- Clark County Marriages (1860—1899)
- Index to Clark County Probate Records
- Original Land Grant Records, Clark Co.
- 1892 and 1910 Plat books
- Sandborn Fire Insurance maps
- Cemetery Surname Index

Local Compilation Binders:

- Colonel William Archer
- Photographic History of Marshall
- Marshall High School National Road Projects
- Interviews with local residents (audio also)
- Cemetery locator maps and directions
- Downtown Marshall— newspaper clippings and photographs, block by block

Magazines/Journals:

- Journal of Illinois History
- Wabash Valley Generations

Books:

- Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois (1907)
- History of Clark County
- History of Crawford and Clark Counties (1883)
- Combined Atlas of Edgar Co, IL
- Marshall High School Yearbooks

MICROFILM HOLDINGS

Microfilm of local newspapers dating back to the mid-1800s are available for viewing. Please ask at the circulation desk and staff will assist with the microfilm machine. Film is loaned one reel at a time, with collateral (driver's license, keys, etc) left at circ desk. Printouts are available for a small fee.



Newspapers available on microfilm include:

Local Newspapers: (most issues available)

Clark County Democrat	Dec. 1917 – Sept. 1979
Clark County Herald	Aug. 1871 – Oct. 1928
Marshall Herald	Sept. 1936 – Dec. 1975
Marshall Choice	Mar. 1988 - Dec. 1995
Marshall Advocate	Nov. 1996 – current*
Clark County Chronicle	Oct. 1999 – Nov. 2000
Marshall Independent	Jan. 1978 – Aug. 1996
Independent Choice	Aug. 1996 – current*
Marshall Republican	Aug. 1907 – July 1910
Marshall Messenger	Aug. 1868 – Apr. 1877
Flags of Our Union	May 1861 – May 1864

MISC PAPERS: (Very limited issues)

Clark County:

Hornet, State Democrat, Weekly Messenger, Eastern Illinoian

State of Illinois:

Hamilton, Franklin, Coles, Cook, Dekalb, and Adam Counties

*Issues not yet released on microfilm are in storage but are available for viewing. Please ask library staff.

• Find A Grave

www.findagrave.com This site can be searched by name or cemetery, and limited to state and county. This is a volunteer based site that can have TONS of info and photos of gravesites. Not every person has been listed though. If you know the cemetery, you can put in a request to have a record added.

• Illinois State Archives

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html>

Illinois State Archives has many databases to search. Online only shows basic info, but the regional office @ EIU they will send copies of the official records for 25 cents per page.

• Vigo County Marriage and Obituary Index

<http://www.vigo.lib.in.us/subjects/genealogy>

Vigo County Public Library genealogy search. They have a marriage index (which actually has copies of the real record!) and obituary index. The obit search only gives name, date, and newspaper published in, but you may visit the library and use microfilm to find the obit or for a small fee they will look it up for you.

• Roots Web and Genealogy Trails

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ilclark/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ill/clark/>

These two are volunteer run websites for Clark County. Most counties in the US have a page on rootsweb.com and genealogytrails.com

If you are looking for info in another county, just google the county and state name and you will usually find a page to look at. Some are much more thorough than others; it depends on the volunteers who run the site.

• Family Search

familysearch.org This site is run by the Church of Latter Day Saints. They have indexed almost all genealogy records for the U.S. The website also offers really good tutorials and online classes to explain how to conduct family history research.