

Genealogical Research Locations in Indianapolis and Vicinity

For the benefit of attendees who may wish to research either before or after the Conference, we are including this list of potential sites. Researchers may want to call ahead before traveling any distance. All directions are from the intersection of 21st Street and Shadeland Avenue, just west of the Marriott Hotel-Midwest Conference location.

Indiana State Library, Genealogy Collection

Mailing address: 140 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46204-2296 317-232-3689

Entrance: 315 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis IN 46202

Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 to 4:30, late on Thursdays until 7:00; Sat 8:00 to 4:00 The ISL houses the primary genealogical research collection in the area. The Genealogy Collection occupies a large area on the first and second floors of the building. Materials cover the entire United States [but heavy on Indiana, naturally] and many foreign countries. They include print, microfilm, fiche, electronic, and other forms, and also include manuscripts, newspapers, and numerous standard and staff-developed indexes. See online at www.IN.gov/library

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, take I-70 westbound to downtown; exit to I-65 northbound; exit shortly in left lane at West Street; go southbound on West Street to Ohio Street; turn left (east) on Ohio Street; the Library is on the right (south) side just past the canal bridge at the corner of Ohio and Senate. Genealogy Collection entrance door at 315 West Ohio Street. Street parking and downtown garages.]

Indiana Historical Society, William Henry Smith Memorial Library

450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis IN 46202-3299 317-234-0321

Hours: Tue-Sat 10:00 to 5:00 The Smith Library houses an extensive collection of Indiana materials, including manuscripts, photos, military histories, clippings, maps, periodicals, and pamphlets. See online at www.indianahistory.org

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, take I-70 westbound to downtown; exit to I-65 northbound; exit shortly in left lane at West Street; go southbound on West Street to New York Street; turn left (east) on New York Street; enter the Society parking lot from the right lane; the Library is on the second floor. Free parking.]

Indiana State Archives, Indiana Commission on Public Records

6440 East 30th Street, Indianapolis IN 46219 317-591-5222

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 to 4:00 The Archives house millions of Indiana records dating to the beginning of the state. Almost all are government records and many are indexed. The collection is especially good in Indiana military records, land records, and public institutions. See online at www.in.gov/icpr

[Directions: Drive north on Shadeland Avenue; turn left (west) on 30th Street; the Archives Building is approximately ¼ mile west on the north side of 30th Street. Free parking.]

Indiana State Department of Health, Vital Records
2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis IN 46204 317-233-2700.
NO WALK-IN REQUESTS.

This location houses copies of birth records (from 1907) and death records (from 1900) as reported by every county in the state. Mon-Fri 8:15 to 4:45; see online at www.in.gov/isdh/
[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, go west on I-70; exit to I-65 northbound; exit immediately to Meridian Street; turn left (south) on Meridian Street; go south approximately eight blocks; the ISDH is just past the Circle on the right, in a former department store. Downtown parking can be a problem.]

Marion County Health Department, Vital Records, Hasbrook Building,
3838 North Rural Street, Indianapolis IN 46205-2930 317-221-2400

Hours: Mon-Tue-Th-Fri 8:00 to 5:00; Wed 9:00 to 8:00 The MCHD is the primary source for Marion County birth and death records. See online at www.mchd.com.

[Directions: Drive north on Shadeland Avenue approximately 17 blocks; turn left (west) on 38th Street; drive west on 38th approximately 30 blocks; turn right (north) on Rural Street; the Hasbrook Building is one block north on the left; MCHD is on the first floor. Free parking.]

Indianapolis-Marion County City-County Building
200 East Washington Street, Indianapolis IN 46204-3327 317-327-4740 [Clerk]

Clerk of Circuit Court hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 to 4:30. Records Management Division of Clerk's Office (Room B-2, 9:00 – 4:30, Mon-Fri, 317-327-4706) has fairly recent record books and files. The Microfilm Archives Room (Room B-31, 8:00 – 4:30, Mon-Fri, 317-327-4962) has Marion County marriages, divorces, wills, and numerous other Marion County records. For other county offices, go to www.biz.indygov.org and check menus.

Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, go west on I-70 to the downtown area; exit to Michigan Street; turn right (west) on Michigan and go to Alabama Street; turn left (south) on Alabama and go to Washington Street; the City-County Building is on the northwest corner of Alabama and Washington Streets. Downtown parking may be a problem; one hour limit on most street parking meters.]

SullivanMunce Cultural Center
P. H. Sullivan Museum and Genealogy Library
225 Hawthorne St., Zionsville, IN 46077 317-873-4900

Hours: Tuesday thru Saturday, 10:00 to 4:00.

This medium-sized, good genealogical library is especially useful for Boone County materials. See online at www.sullivanmunce.org.

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, go north on I-465 around the north loop and exit on US421 (Michigan Road); go north on 421 and turn left (west) on IN 334 (Sycamore St.); follow Sycamore into Zionsville and turn left (west) on Hawthorne after the Dairy Queen; the Library is one block west on the south side of the street.]

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library
1120 Stafford Road, Plainfield, IN 46168-2230 317-839-6602

Hours: Mon-Tue-Wed-Th 9:00 to 9:00, Friday 9:00 to 6:00; Sat 9:00 to 5:00, Sun 1:00 to 5:00. The Guilford Historical Collection contains extensive Hendricks County materials, including many resources from this Quaker community. Check online at www.plainfieldlibrary.net

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, go west on I-70 past the International Airport and into Hendricks County; exit at State Route 267 northbound; follow 267 and turn left (west) at Stafford Road; the Library is on the north side approximately 4 blocks west. Free parking.]

Catholic Archives, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Xavier Building, 800-382-9836 ext 1429
1435 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis IN 46206-1410 317-236-1429

These archives contain local Catholic parish materials from 37 counties of central and southern Indiana. See online at www.archindy.org. Call to make an appointment.

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue go west on I-70 to the downtown area; exit to I-65 northbound; exit immediately to Meridian Street; go right (north) on Meridian; the Archives is one block north on the left side of the street.]

The American Legion National Headquarters, Library and Museum
700 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis IN 46204 317-630-1200

This specialized collection houses a large collection of military history materials, including valuable 20th century military unit histories, newspapers, photos, posters, and other items. This is not a public building. Research appointments should be scheduled 8:30-4:00 Mon-Fri. See online at www.legion.org/library.

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue go west on I-70 to the downtown area; exit to I-65 northbound; exit immediately to Pennsylvania Avenue; turn left (south) on Pennsylvania; the Legion Building is three blocks south on the right side of the street.]

Johnson County Museum of History, Genealogy Library
135 North Main Street, Franklin IN 46131 317-346-4500

Hours: Tue-Fri 9:00 to 4:00, Saturdays 10:00 to 3:00 The Genealogy Library on the lower level contains an excellent medium-sized collection that is strong on Johnson County materials and surrounding counties, with many locally generated files and indexes. See online at www.johnsoncountymuseum.org

Directions: From Shadeland Avenue go south on I-465 to I-65 southbound; go south on I-65 to the town of Franklin, approximately 20 minutes; exit #90 at IN 44; turn right (west) on 44 and go to downtown area; turn right (north) at Courthouse on Main Street; the Museum is two blocks north on the right. Free parking.]

Hamilton East Public Library, Indiana Room
1 Library Plaza, Noblesville IN 46060 317-770-3206

Hours: Mon-Tue-Wed-Th 9:00 to 9:00, Fri-Sat 9:00 to 5:30, Sun 1:30-5:30. The Indiana Room collection contains primarily Indiana and Hamilton County materials, with many locally-generated files and indexes. See online at www.hepl.lib.in.us

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue go north on I-465 to I-69; exit northbound on I-69; go north on I-69 and exit at IN 37; go north to Noblesville, approximately 10 minutes; turn left (west) at IN 32 (Conner Street); turn right quickly at Cumberland Road; the Library is one block north on the right.]

Anderson Public Library
111 East 12th Street, Anderson IN 46016 765-641-2442

Hours: Mon-Tue-Wed-Th 9:30 to 8:00, Fri-Sat 9:30 to 5:30, Sun 1:00 to 5:00. The Indiana Room of the APL is a strong general genealogy collection with many materials covering Indiana and Madison County. See online at www.and.lib.in.us/

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue, go north on I-465 and exit I-69 northbound; follow I-69 about 45 minutes and exit at Anderson on IN 9 northbound; follow 9 and turn left (west) on IN 32; follow 32 to downtown and turn right at Main Street; the Library is on the corner of 12th and Main. Free parking.]

Hancock County Public Library
900 West Mckenzie Road, Greenfield IN 46140 317-462-5141 ext 240

Hours: Mon-Th 9:00-9:00, Fri 9:00 to 6:00, Sat 9:00-5:00, Sun 1:00 to 4:00

The Indiana Room contains a small amount of primarily Hancock County materials, with some locally generated files and indexes. See online at www.hancockpub.lib.in.us.

[Directions: From Shadeland Avenue go east on I-70 to Greenfield, approximately 15 minutes; exit # 104 at IN 9; go south on 9 to McKenzie Road; turn right (west) on McKenzie (County Road 100N) and go through the roundabout. The Library is on the north side of the road at the corner of McKenzie and Fortville Pike/Franklin Street.]