

Kane County History & Genealogy Research

Resources

- [Genealogy Trails](#) has a page for the Kane County area which is always useful.
- [Kane County government](#) has put together a section of their website that covers a brief overview of the history of the county from the time of territorial status through the present.

Groups

- [Hampshire Historical Society](#) is the historical preservation group that focuses not only on the Hampshire, IL area but also has preserved some wonderful artifacts and documents from some of the local areas.
- [Tree Climbers](#) is the once monthly genealogy group that the library hosts. They meet on the third Saturday of every month at 10 a.m. and help each other with genealogical conundrums.
- [Gail Borden Public Library](#) has an incredible genealogy collection while also serving as a FamilySearch microfilm site.

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- [Sycamore True Republican Newspaper](#) is a digitized newspaper that often covered news from our library district. This newspaper is conserved by the [Joiner History Room](#) which is a fantastic local resource and should be on every local genealogist's visit list.

Groups

- [Sycamore History Museum](#) is a coordinated group of dedicated volunteers and professionals that strive to bring history and genealogy resources to life.
- [Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society](#) focuses on Genoa, IL history both the preservation and display of their wonderful museum and collection.

State of Illinois History & Genealogy Research

Resources

- The [Illinois Digital Newspaper Collections](#) are digitized newspapers from around the state that are available for free.
- The [Office of the Illinois Secretary of State](#) has indexed a group of databases from around the state and made the valuable indices available for search.
- The [Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library](#) is an excellent resource for collections of material, microfilm and maps from across the state and the nation.

Groups

- [Illinois Genealogical Society](#) works hard to put together events and opportunities for genealogists and historians to continue their research.

American & Worldwide History & Genealogy Research

Resources

- [Project Gutenberg](#) digitizes books that are out of copyright and makes them available for free.
- [Google Books](#) digitizes books and makes them available for free or for a fee.
- [Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness](#) is a collective of genealogists helping other genealogists.
- [FindAGrave](#) seeks to create a public database of graveyards.
- [GloRecords](#) is the database provided by the Bureau of Land Management (Land Records Division) that provides original land record applications moreover the database holds not only the images but also plots the locations.

Groups

- [FamilySearch](#) is a genealogy organization operated by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is the largest such group in the world. Their records database is quite extensive moreover the wikis they maintain are an excellent genealogy guide.
- [Daughters of the American Revolution \(DAR\)](#) is a non-profit group which works to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.