

# LAKE COUNTY GENEALOGY RESOURCES



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# Libertyville and Early Lake County History

All material is located at Cook Park Library in Libertyville, unless otherwise noted.

## Libertyville

*Libertyville Historic Walking Tour*

**Local History Ref Libertyville 728.37 LIB**

These publications include photos of various Libertyville homes and businesses. It includes histories about each of these.

*Libertyville Illustrated*

**Local History Ref Libertyville 977.321 LIB** (also in the Illinois Digital Archive)

Published in 1897, this book paints a detailed portrait of our town before the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It includes early photo images of homes and businesses, and indexes.

*Libertyville* by Jim Moran

**Local History Ref Libertyville 977.321 MOR**

Predominantly photographs and images from Libertyville's early years, with brief histories.

*Libertyville Then and Now* by Laura Hickey, Arlene Lane and Sonia Schoenfield

**Local History Ref Libertyville 977.321 HIC**

Pictures of businesses and buildings around town from the 1950s are compared with photographs in 2010. Descriptions of the past and current businesses are included.

*Our Town* by Lowell Nye

**Local History Ref Libertyville 977.321 NYE** (also in the Internet Archive)

Published in 1942 as a promotional booklet for prospective residents. Includes photos and a map.

## Early Lake County

*The Past and Present of Lake County, Illinois, Index to the Past and Present of Lake County,*

**Local History Ref Regional 977.321 PAS** (also in Google Books)

Published in 1877. Descriptive history of the townships in Lake County as well as brief biographies of early farmers and businessmen.

*Portrait and Biographical Album of Lake County, Illinois*

*Index to Portrait and Biographical Album of Lake County, Illinois* (name index)

**Local History Ref Regional 929.377321 POR** (also in Google Books)

Published in 1891. Extensive family history information for some names from this time period.

*A History of Lake County, Illinois* by John J. Halsey

*Index to the Names of Person Appearing in A History of Lake County, Illinois*

**Local History Ref Regional 977.321 HAL** (also in Google Books)

Published in 1912. County and township histories.

*Prairie Farmer's Reliable Directory of Farmers and Breeders, Lake County*

**Local History Ref Regional 977.321 PRA**

Published in 1917. Contains brief biographies of local agriculturalists.

## Maps

### *Lake County Atlas of 1885*

- Contains a name index in front. Kept on top of the Local History File cabinets.

### *Lake County Maps Online*

- Search Lake County Maps Online to view current maps and past aerials.
- Current Map: <https://maps.lakecountyil.gov/maponline/>
- Past Aerials: <https://maps.lakecountyil.gov/historicaerials/>

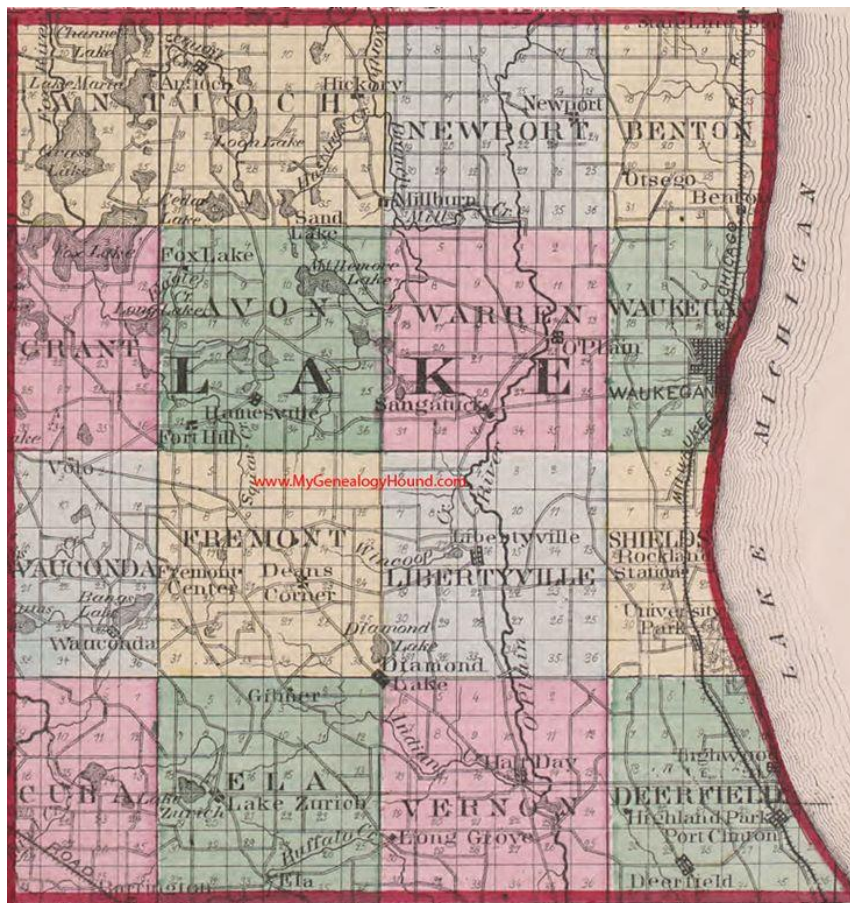
### *Sanborn Maps*

- Online database, in-library use only
- Links on the Local History webpage: <https://www.cooklib.org/local-history/>.
- Color versions available through the Library of Congress: <https://www.loc.gov/maps/?fa=location:libertyville>
- Fire Insurance Maps for Libertyville dated 1897, 1907, 1912, 1924, 1933, 1933-48. Shows outlines of businesses and some homes in the downtown area.

### *Map File*

Libertyville city, township and Lake County plat maps. Some township maps show land ownership. Kept in Adult Services Office; please ask for assistance.

- Index available on the Local History webpage:



## Newspapers

These issues are available on microfilm:

- *Little Fort Porcupine* (March 12, 1845 – March 16, 1847) – Incomplete
- *Waukegan Weekly Gazette* (1850 – 1886 select issues)
- *Lake County Independent* (February 1894 – April 21, 1916)
- *Libertyville Independent* (April 28, 1916 – 1929)
- *Lake County Register* (January 7, 1922 – April 1, 1930)
- *Independent-Register* (April 3, 1930 – December 1987)
- *Libertyville News* (1932-1941)
- *The News-Sun* (January 1988 – December 1999)
- *Daily Herald* (January 1999 – 2023)

*Libertyville Review*, 1982 – 2004, incomplete

Hard copies are in the Local History stacks at Cook Park.

*Vernon Review*, 1960-2004, incomplete

Hard copies in Closed Stacks at Aspen Drive Library in Vernon Hills

Check out America's News and Newspapers.com for online access to many of these. These are accessible through the Research page: <https://www.cooklib.org/research/>.

Also, check out the Local History Digital Collection for additional online coverage: <https://vitacollections.ca/cmpldnewsindex/search>.

## Newspaper Indexes

Print *Article Index*, 1894 – 1932 & *Obituary Index*, 1894-1999

Print indexes to articles/obituaries from the *Independent Register* (etc.) in Local History section

Online *Indexes* (<http://vitacollections.ca/cmpldnewsindex/search>) include:

- Obituary Index for *Independent Register* (all title variations), 1894 – 1999
- Article Index for *Independent Register* (all title variations), 1894 – 1932
- Birth, Marriage/Engagement, and Death Notices from *Libertyville Review*, 1982 – 2004

## Local History File

Contains Clippings and Articles. Subjects are listed on Local History webpage:

<http://www.cooklib.org/local-history>

## Online Sources

*Illinois Digital Archives*, <http://www.idaillinois.org>

Includes images from the collection of the Libertyville Historical Society: post cards, photographs, directories, and publications.

*Local History Webpage*, <https://www.cooklib.org/local-history/>

*Local History Digital Collections*, <http://vitacollections.ca/cmpldnewsindex/search>

Includes online indexes listed above and features illustrated essays about local history.

# Libertyville and Lake County Genealogy

## Cemeteries

*A Guide to Cemetery Names and Locations in Lake County, Illinois*

**Genealogy Ref 929.50977321 LAK**

Information on the following cemeteries can be found at **Genealogy Ref 929.509773**

- Am Echod Cemetery, Waukegan Township, 1928-2013
- Antioch Township Cemetery Inscriptions, Lake County, Illinois
- Avon Township Cemetery Inscriptions, Lake County, Illinois
- Daggitt Cemetery (aka Braeside/Grace) 1845-1980, Mooney Cemetery 1898-2009, Highland Park, Moraine Township, Illinois
- Ela Township Tombstone Inscriptions: Lake Zurich Cemetery, Briggs Cemetery, Pahlman Cemetery, Fairfield Cemetery, St. Matthew Cemetery, Bennett Cemetery, Lake Zurich Golf Club Cemetery
- Fort Sheridan Cemetery, Lake County, Illinois
- Grant Township Cemetery Inscriptions
- Grayslake Cemetery, Lake County, Illinois
- Ivanhoe Cemetery and Swan Cemetery, Fremont Township, Lake County, Illinois
- Lake Mound Cemetery, Zion, Lake County, Illinois
- Lake Villa Township Cemetery Inscriptions, Lake County, Illinois
- Libertyville Township Cemetery Inscriptions (includes Lakeside Cemetery), Lake County, Illinois
- Newport Mt. Rest Cemetery, Newport Township, Lake County, Illinois
- Newport Township Tombstone Inscriptions: Millburn Cemetery, Millburn, Illinois; St. Patrick's Cemetery, Wadsworth, Illinois
- Oakdale Cemetery, Newport Township, Lake County, Illinois
- St. Mary's Cemetery, Lake Forest, Illinois, 1857-2015
- St. Mary's Cemetery and Transfiguration Cemetery, Fremont Township, Lake County, Illinois
- St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Highland Park, Moraine Township, Lake County, Illinois, 1855-2005
- St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Waukegan, Illinois, 1835-2000
- St. Patrick Cemetery, Lake Forest, Illinois, 1840-2008
- Union Cemetery (also known as Spaulding Corner Cemetery), 1845-2008, Waukegan, Illinois
- United States Naval Cemetery at Great Lakes, Illinois, 1913-1996
- Vernon Township Cemetery Inscriptions, Lake County, Illinois
- Warren Cemetery Tombstone Inscriptions and Burial Records, Warren Township, Lake County, Illinois
- Wauconda Township Cemetery Inscriptions, Lake County, Illinois
- White Memorial Cemetery and St. Paul Cemetery, Cuba Township, Lake County Illinois
- Willow Lawn Cemetery, Lake County, Illinois, 1968-2022

## Census

Lake County Census, 1840 – 1930, excluding 1890 and 1920

**Genealogy Ref 312.9 UNI Illinois Lake** (schedules available on microfilm)

These are transcriptions by the Lake County Genealogical Society, not the original schedules.

## Church Histories and Record Books

### Histories

*First Congregational Church of Rockefeller*  
**Local History Ref Regional 929.377321 DOL**

*One Hundred Years of God's Word: St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School*  
**Local History Ref Libertyville 284.134 ONE**

*Passing the Flame: The Sesquicentennial of the United Methodist Church, Libertyville, Illinois, 1836-1986*  
**Local History Ref Libertyville 287.677321 MAS**

*Report of the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Fremont Congregational Church, Ivanhoe, Illinois*  
**Local History Ref Regional 929.377321 REP**

*St. Joseph's Church: Libertyville, Illinois*  
**Local History Ref Libertyville 282 SAI**

### Record Books

*Congregational Record Book, St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Libertyville, Illinois, 1924-1965*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 CON**

*Long Grove, Illinois, Church Records*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 KNI**

*Memory Book & Directory 1962-2001: Faith Community Church, UCC\**  
**Local History Ref Libertyville 285.834 MEM**  
\*This record book also contains the church's history.

*Mother of God Church, Waukegan, Illinois: Death & Burial Records, 1903-1991*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 MOT**

*St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lake Zurich, Illinois, Baptisms 1864-1936, Confirmations Marriages and Burials 1964 (i.e. 1864)-1957*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 SAI**

## **Funeral Home Records**

*Index to Peterson Funeral Home [Waukegan] Burial Records, 1865-1945*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.509773 IND**

*Peterson Funeral Home, Waukegan, Illinois [1911-1914]*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.509773 PET**

*Strang Funeral Home: Antioch, Illinois, 3 volumes, 1944 - 1970*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 STR**

*Strang Funeral Home (Grayslake, Ill.): 1908-1964*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 STR**

*White & Tobin Funeral Home 22 December 1911- 26 March 1926*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 WHI**

## **Land Records**

*Libertyville Township, Lake County, Illinois, Early Title Abstract Index*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LIB**

*First Land Purchases in Lake County, Illinois*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 MOG**

## **Naturalization Records**

*Lake County Illinois Naturalization Records [1864-1920]*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LAK**

## **Vital Records**

*Lake County, Illinois Index to Recorded Births, 4 volumes [1866-1915]*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LAK**

*Lake County, Illinois Marriages, 7 volumes [1839-1916]*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LAK**

*Lake County, Illinois Death Index, 1877 – 1901*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LAK**

*Lake County, Illinois Death Records, 1902 – 1903*  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LAK**

*Lake County Illinois Wills & Probate Index [1887-1949]\**  
**Genealogy Ref 929.377321 LAK**

\*Actual wills are at the Genealogy Room of the Lake County Genealogical Society, located at the Vernon Hills Village Hall, 290 Evergreen Dr., Vernon Hills, IL, 847-918-3584



## **Yearbooks**

(Ask for these at the Cook Park Information Desk.)

Carmel Catholic High School  
*Spirit* 1968, 1972, 1976-79, 1981

Highland Middle School  
*Piper* 1953-56, 1958-60, 1962-63, 1970

Libertyville High School  
*Nautilus* 1918-1942, 1944-2011, 2014, 2015, 2022

Mundelein High School  
*Obelisk* 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1968

Vernon Hills High School (Available at Aspen Drive Information Desk)  
*Continuum* 2001-2012

## **Other Items**

Telephone Books, 1913-2010\* (1904-1959 online\*\*)

\*Available by request. Ask for these at the main level Information Desk.

\*\*Available through the Illinois Digital Archives: <https://www.idaillinois.org/>

*Libertyville Directory*, 1901-1925 (also available on Ancestry.com) – Incomplete  
**Local History Ref Libertyville 977.321 LIB**

*Libertyville Directory and Street Guide*, 1949 & 1951  
**Local History Ref Libertyville 977.321 LIB**

*Haines Criss Cross*, 2011-2019  
**Ref 977.311 HAI**

## **Other Repositories**

Lake County (IL) Genealogical Society  
290 Evergreen Dr., Vernon Hills, IL.  
(847) 918-3584  
<https://lakecountyilgenealogy.org/>  
*Staffed by volunteers. Call before visiting.*

Lake County History Archives  
Bess Bower Dunn Museum  
1899 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville, IL  
(847) 968-3400  
<https://www.lcfpd.org/museum/collections/Dunn@LCFPD.org>