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Ohio has several great repositories for genealogy research. Among them is the collection at the [Columbus Metropolitan Library \(CML\)](#).

CML's collection for many years had only Ohio resources but that was to change significantly starting in 2007 when we received the State Library of Ohio's genealogy collection. Then, in 2009 we also received the Palatines to America Society and the Franklin County Genealogical & Historical Society's collections as well. Our collection had grown to include research material from across the United States and "across the pond." It is comprised of indexes and transcriptions of census, vital, military, court and other records typically found in courthouses across the nation. We also have state, county, and local histories, published family histories, extensive surname files, maps and atlases and more.

Special collections in the genealogy area include:

· **Ohio Daughters of the American Revolution**

This is a collection of transcribed vital and bible records for nearly every county in Ohio.

· **Ohio Huguenot Society**

The Huguenot collection has family Bibles, church records (U.S., Great Britain and France), and is said to be one of the largest collections of its kind in North America.

· **Joy Wade Moulton British Collection** This is a collection of genealogy resources for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

· **Palatines to America Society Collection** contains indexes and transcriptions of records from many Germanic speaking areas. This includes records from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Alsace-Lorraine, and parts of Russia and Poland that were part of the former German empire or had significant German populations.

Check our [catalog](#) for genealogy resources held at CML, and for a more extensive description of our genealogy collection, go to [Ohio Gateway to the West](#).

## Online Resources @ CML

We offer access to the following online genealogy resources: *Ancestry-Library Edition*, *HeritageQuest*, *African-American Heritage*, *America's Obituaries and Death Notices*, *Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for Ohio*, *Columbus Dispatch Electronic Edition*, *WorldCat*, and more. All are available at any CML location. All of these (except *Ancestry-Library Edition*) are available to you at home if you have a Discovery Place Library card. Any resident of Ohio is entitled to a [Discovery Place Library](#) card so go online and apply today.

Our services include:

- Reference service in person, by phone & by e-mail
- Consultations – Call us and schedule time to meet one-on-one with a librarian.
- We also offer genealogy and local history programming at the library. Go to our [“Events”](#) page (a keyword search using the word “genealogy” should provide you a list of the programs at the library) or contact us by phone.
- Staff is available for programs for your local organization.
- All CML locations provide wireless access, so bring your laptops, notebooks, iPads, and other mobile devices to access any of the online genealogy resources previously mentioned and more.
- Interlibrary Loan – If we do not have what you need, we can try to borrow it from another library.
- Meeting rooms are available to hold meetings, present programs, or do research. Also contact us for more information regarding a computer lab for presentations, training, etc.

Where are we?

The genealogy collection is at the [Main Library](#) downtown, 96 S. Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Our hours are Monday through Thursday 9-9, Friday-Saturday 9-6 and Sundays 1-5. For information on all of our locations and hours, go to our [Locations & Hours](#) page. You may also call 614-645-2275 and ask to speak with staff in the Genealogy History and Travel division or email us using the [“Ask It!”](#) feature found on our web page.

Come find your ancestors here at Columbus Metropolitan Library!