

Welcome!

Special Collections houses the Library's local history and genealogy resources. Our goal is to collect, preserve, and provide access to the history of Summit County, and to continue to maintain one of the area's most extensive genealogy collections. If you're looking for local newspaper articles, obituaries, historic photographs, or resources for your family history, we can help.

Special Collections materials are often rare or fragile. For this reason, most of our materials cannot be checked out, but you are welcome to use them in our public reading area.

We actively collect historical and genealogical documents pertaining to Summit County, and we appreciate donations. Many of our resources are donated by people seeking a public archival home for their collections. Please contact Special Collections if you would like to donate.

For more complete information on our resources and services, please see our website.



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Under the "Research" menu, select
"Genealogy & Local History."

Hours:

Monday – Thursday 10 am – 8 pm
Friday 10 am – 6 pm
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Closed major holidays.
Check the Library's website or
call ahead to confirm.

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Genealogy and Local History Resources and Services



Local History Resources

Our local history collection includes a variety of materials pertaining to all aspects of Akron and Summit County history, including books, the *Akron Beacon Journal* and other local newspapers, photographs, clippings, and archival collections. We are also the repository for the document and photograph collections of the Summit County Historical Society.



Summit Memory

Our Akron and Summit County digital collections website, Summit Memory (www.summitmemory.org), showcases historic photographs, documents, newspapers, artifacts, and audiovisual resources from our collections and those of area partner institutions.



Local History Database

This searchable online database, accessible from the database pages under the "Research" menu of the library website, provides descriptions of thousands of individual historical documents stored in our division. To see these items, please ask at the reference desk.

Genealogy Resources

Our genealogy collection focuses on the eastern United States with an emphasis on Ohio, Summit County and surrounding counties. We also provide access to many online databases including Ancestry Library Edition, World Vital Records, and Fold3.



Genealogy Classes

Special Collections offers several recurring genealogy classes to help you with your family research. All classes are free of charge and open to the general public. Registration is required. Class descriptions and our current schedule are available on our website.

Reference Services

We are happy to take questions in person and by phone, postal mail, or email. While we cannot undertake extensive research, we will do our best to answer your question. Photocopies or digital copies of many of our materials are available at varying cost. Please see our website for complete guidelines on our reference and copy services.

Past Pursuits

Our quarterly newsletter *Past Pursuits* features articles about our community's history, tips for genealogy research, and upcoming events. Back issues are available on our website. Please contact us if you would like to receive the most current issue by email.



Information for Researchers

You will need a valid ASCPL library card to use our computers and scanners. If you do not have one, please ask at the reference desk. We offer microfilm reader/printers and scanners, a photocopier, and a document scanner. Bring change and dollar bills for photocopies and a flash drive to save scanned items. We have outlets and wireless internet access for those bringing laptops. Cameras and hand-held scanners are permitted. Food and beverages are not permitted. For up-to-date information on copy fees, parking and dining options, and more detailed information on research policies, please see our website.

