

Locality Guide for Genealogical Research in Hamilton County, Indiana

History

Hamilton County was named for Alexander Hamilton, aid to General George Washington throughout the Revolutionary War and first Treasurer of the United States. The land containing Hamilton County was brought into the possession of the United States by the Treaty of St. Mary's in 1818. Hamilton County was formally organized from its parent county of Marion on April 7, 1823. The county seat is Noblesville. The county is divided into 9 townships consisting of Adams, Clay, Delaware, Fall Creek, Jackson, Noblesville, Washington, Wayne and White River. The major cities and towns are Arcadia, Atlanta, Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Noblesville, Sheridan and Westfield. Neighboring counties include Marion, Boone, Madison, Hancock, Howard and Clinton.

Hamilton County's roots are in agriculture. However, as Indianapolis grew north after WWII, Hamilton County developed as a suburb. Especially in the southern half of the county, farm fields have been replaced by both residential and commercial development. Today, Hamilton County is one of the nation's fastest growing counties. Numerous quality of life awards have been won by several communities in Hamilton County within the last decade.

Read More History Online ...

<http://genealogytrails.com/ind/hamilton/>

[Hamilton County, Indiana Timeline](#)

[A Brief History of Carmel, Indiana](#)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamilton_County,_Indiana

<http://www.countyhistory.com/hamilton/index.html>

[History of Hamilton County, Indiana: with illustrations and biographical sketches of some of its prominent men and pioneers : to which are appended maps of its several townships \(1880\)](#) by John F. Haines

[A history of the formation, settlement and development of Hamilton...](#)

By Augustus Finch Shiras - 1901 - 370 pages

[Indiana magazine of history, Volumes 59-60](#)

[Portrait and biographical record of Madison and Hamilton counties, Indiana \(1893\)](#)

[The People's guide, a business, political and religious directory of Hamilton co., Ind., together with a collection of very important documents and statistics connected with our moral, political and scientific history: \(1874\)](#)

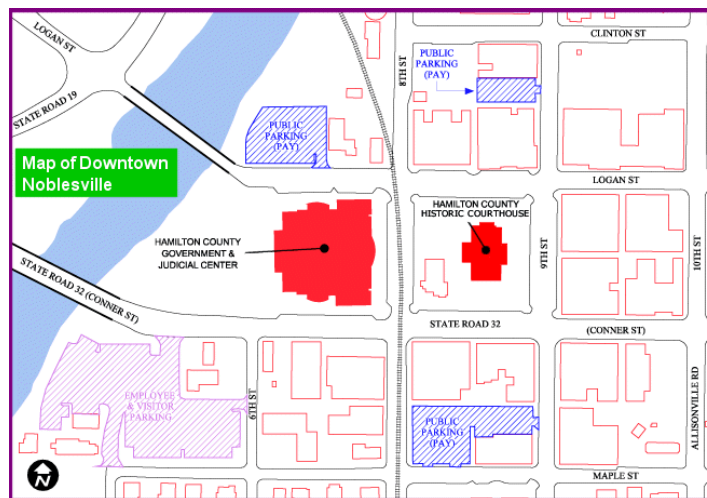
Directory includes: Last Name, First Name, Township, Residence, Occupation, Birthplace, Birth year, When Settled In County, Political Party, Religion

Repositories

The two main repositories for genealogical sources are those held by the Hamilton County Government and those at the Indiana Room at the Hamilton East Public Library (Noblesville, Indiana). Nearby hotels include the Fairfield Inn and Suites, Super 8 Motel, and Quality Inn & Suites which are all located just off State Road 37. There are several restaurants nearby each facility.

Hamilton County Government Offices

Most of the Hamilton County Government Departments, <http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/contacts.asp>, are housed in either the Judicial Center or the Historical Courthouse. These buildings are directly across the street from each other. It is necessary to go through a metal detector when entering the Judicial Center but not the Historic Courthouse. The hours of operation are 8 a.m to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. The offices are closed federal holidays, election days, religious holidays and some in-service days. There is no allocated space for research. There is adequate free 2 hour parking around the square. Additional pay lots are within a block of the courthouse. There are several cafes, sandwich shops and restaurants on the square or within 2 blocks of the square.



<p>Hamilton County Gov't and Judicial Center 1 Hamilton County SQ Noblesville, IN 46060</p> <p>*Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court Clerk – marriages, divorces, probate, guardianship, court records *Surveyor - Maps</p>	<p>Hamilton County Historic Courthouse 33 N. 9th Street Noblesville, IN 46060</p> <p>*Recorder – deeds, mortgages, liens *Treasurer – tax records in storage, make arrangements</p>
<p>Hamilton County Health Department 18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A Noblesville, In 46060 Phone: 317-776-8500 Fax: 317-776-8506</p> <p>*Birth and Death Records 1882 – present</p>	

Clerk's Office

<http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/departments.asp?id=2100>

317-776-9629

The Clerk's Office is the record-keeper for all county-level court cases: civil, criminal, traffic tickets, estates, guardianships, juveniles. The office issues marriage licenses; processes child support, judgment, and probation payments; issues warrants; and oversees and conducts all elections and campaign finance reporting requirements. Newer cases can be accessed via computer in the courthouse. Copies are \$0.50 per page. ***Note that the Clerk's Office closes at 4 pm.***

Family History Library Films, originals held by Clerk. See FamilySearch.org for film ordering detail.

*Probate order books, Circuit Court, Hamilton County, Indiana, 1822-1921 and Complete Probate order books, Probate Court, Hamilton County, Indiana, 1829-1866

*Probate records, 1830-1937

*Partition records, Circuit Court, Hamilton County, Indiana, 1856-1890

*Will records, 1824-1920

*Naturalization record, May 1855-Mar. 1905

*Marriage records, 1833-1959; license applications, 1882-1940

*Delayed birth records, June 1941-May 1977

Recorder's Office

<http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/departments.asp?id=2320>

317-776-9618 or 317-776-9619

The County Recorder was the first office created by the Constitution of the State of Indiana in 1816. The Recorder's Office records and preserves public records, including Deeds, Mortgages, Liens, Releases, Leases, Articles of Incorporation, Assumed Business Names, Military Discharges, Subdivision Plats, UCC's (Uniform Commercial Code filings) and other documents. However it does not generally include Court Orders, Decrees, Judgments, Wills or Death Certificates.

There is a computerized document index that extends back to January of 1987 and document images extend back to February of 1996. Employees of the Recorder's Office CANNOT search records. If you know the recording information, you may request a copy from the Recorder's Office. Seven computers are available in the Recorder's Office for Public Access. Public Search Hours are 8:00 am to 4:20 pm

Family History Library Films, originals held by Recorder. See FamilySearch.org for film ordering info.

*Record of apprentices and indentures, June 1847-Mar. 1887

*Deed records, 1825-1886

Treasurer's Office

<http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/departments.asp?id=2205>

317-776-9620

The Treasurer's Office collects, retains custody of, and disburses county funds. It collects various taxes including local and state property taxes, inheritance taxes, and delinquent taxes; and issues property tax statements. Old books and records are in storage so arrangements must be made prior to inspection.

Surveyor's Office

<http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/departments.asp?id=2200>

317-776-8495

Surveyor's website has 1866 Maps of Hamilton County Townships, Original Land Grant Map and Historical Aerial Photo Maps, Historical Plat Maps of various years, and a Cemetery Map. Free downloads.

Health Department

18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A

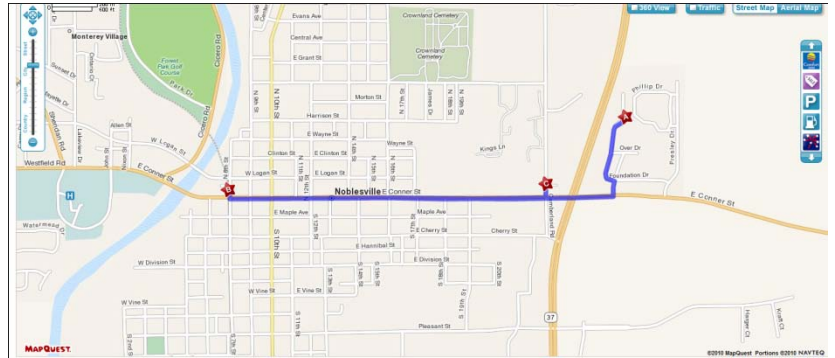
Noblesville, In 46060

Phone: 317-776-8500

Fax: 317-776-8506

Business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Health Department (A) is 1.6 miles from the Courthouse (B). Simply go east on State Road 32 across State Road 37 to the shopping plaza near Applebee's and Home Depot. The library (C) is just before State Road 37, turn left on Cumberland Road and the library is on the right.



Birth and Death Records

All persons born in Hamilton County after 1882 have written birth and death certificates on file with the Health Department. Late July and August are busy months due to the start of school.

Instructions and Forms <http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/forms.asp?entity=2122>

1. Complete Application
2. Must Enclose Copy of Photo ID (i.e. Drivers License)
3. Cash or Money Orders only – No Personal Checks or Credit Cards
Fee: \$10.00 copy of birth record
\$5.00 each additional copy of same record issued at same time.
4. Self Addressed Stamped Return Envelope

Mail Request to: Hamilton County Health Department
18030 Foundation Drive, Suite A
Noblesville, In 46060

Indiana Room

Hamilton East Public Library

One Library Plaza
Noblesville, IN 46060-5640
Phone 317-770-3206
indrm@hepl.lib.in.us
<http://www.hepl.lib.in.us/>

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Friday-Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday, 1:30 pm to 5:30 pm
http://www.hepl.lib.in.us/nob_map.html
Also see map above.

The Indiana Room is located on the second floor of the Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville. The Indiana Room is dedicated to preserving local and state history, and genealogy and family history. Many of the sources are part of special collections or reference materials and cannot be checked out. The department holds educational classes and seminars every month on genealogical topics. http://www.hepl.lib.in.us/ref/indiana_room.html.

Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville has ample free parking. There are several eating establishment very close to the library such as Applebee's, Starbucks, Penn Station, Burger King, and many more. However, due to congested traffic, driving is recommended.

The Indiana Room has microfilm and microfiche readers and copiers, computers, and a copy machine. Copies are 15 cents for the copy machine and 25 cents for microfilm. There is ample research space.

Subscription databases for use while in the library include:

- Ancestry Library Edition
- Heritage Quest Online
- New England Ancestors
- Footnote.com

Records Held in the Indiana Room

- General genealogy reference books
- Federal census records for the state of Indiana (microfilm)
- Hamilton County Histories by several authors.
- [Hamilton County History](#) A collections of photographs at the turn of the 19th to the 20th century including almost all of the Hamilton County Township Schools and photographs by Earl Brooks (1883-1968) of the people and places of Noblesville and the surrounding area. A joint project of the Hamilton County Historical Society and the Hamilton County Public Library.
- Obituary File Index (by surname)
 - 1837-1874
 - 1920-1946
 - 1950-current
 - 1874-1920, refer to Woodward, Marion C., Names in . . . death notices: An index to the Noblesville Ledger, Sept. 11, 1874 to March 20, 1881 [1978]. Ref 977.256
- Local newspapers dating back to 1837 (available on microfilm), spotty coverage before 1905
- Family Histories Files contain donated family histories and genealogies
- Hamilton County and Indiana clippings file
- Hamilton County cemetery listings
- Local high school yearbooks:
 - Noblesville 1901- current
 - Hamilton Southeastern 1984-1996, missing 1991 and 1993
- Sanborn maps of Noblesville (available on microfilm)
- Topographical Maps
- Plat Maps
- Family Tree Maker Archives
- City directories (Noblesville), various years 1874-1993
- Hamilton County Law Library

Vital Records

Works Progress Administration (WPA) Vital Record Indexes are available in the Indiana Room at the Hamilton East Public Library, on microfilm from the Family History Library, or on Ancestry.com.

WPA Index	Indiana Room	Family History Library Films	Ancestry.com
Birth Records 1882-1920	Ref 977.256 Births	Births A-K Births L-Q FHL US/CAN Film 1266797 Items 9-10 Births R-Z FHL US/CAN Film 1266798 Item 1	
Death Records 1882-1920	Ref 977.256 Deaths	FHL US/CAN Film 1266798 Item 2	Indiana Deaths, 1882-1920
Marriage Records 1850-1920	Ref 977.256 Marriage	FHL US/CAN Film 1266798 See film notes for clarification	Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941
Early Marriage Records 1833-1850	Ref 977.256 Marriage		

WPA Indexes to Vital Records for the other 67 Indiana Counties are available on microfilm and CD in the Indiana Room.

Marriage Records

Indexes for Hamilton County, Indiana can be found on various online sources.

[Indiana State Library Genealogy Database: Marriages through 1850](#)

[Indiana State Library Genealogy Database: Marriages: 1993-2002](#)

[Ancestry.com: Indiana Marriage Collection, 1800-1941](#)

The Indiana State Library has marriage applications and records on microfilm, various filming from 1833-1952. See <http://www.in.gov/library/3078.htm> for details.

VINE - [Vital INformation Exchange](#) or http://208.119.72.68/vine/vine_home.asp

VINE is a searchable statewide database, which is composed of Indiana local history and vital records from Indiana libraries and related organization. The Indiana Room at the Hamilton East Public Library is in the process of adding its Obituary File Index to this database.

Find A Grave

findagrave.com

SKL and SunCacher, Find A Grave contributors, have input a large number of cemetery listing for the county. The information has come from the Hamilton County Historical Society cemetery listings and gravestones.

Obituaries

If an obituary cannot be found in the Indiana Room, check the *Indianapolis Star*. Especially in the twentieth century, many Hamilton County residences had their obituaries printed in the *Indianapolis Star* due to the proximity of Indianapolis.

Church Records Filmed by Family History Library

[Church records, 1797-1934](#) Society of Friends. Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)

- [Church records, 1804-1964](#) Society of Friends. West Grove Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1820-1954](#) Society of Friends. Sheridan Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1836-1977](#) Society of Friends. Lamong Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1845-1923](#) Society of Friends. Hinkles Creek Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1859-1887](#) Methodist Episcopal Church (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1860-1919](#) Society of Friends. Eagle Creek Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1867-1907](#) Mt. Zion Baptist Church (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1870-1880](#) Society of Friends. Sugar Ridge Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1871-1910](#) Society of Friends. Spicewood Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)
[Church records, 1893-1922](#) Society of Friends. Noblesville Monthly Meeting (Hamilton County, Indiana)

Hamilton County Genealogical and History Contacts

<p>Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center 450 West Ohio Street Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269 http://www.indianahistory.org/</p>	<p>Indiana Genealogical Society P.O. Box 10507 Fort Wayne, IN 46852-0507 http://www.indgensoc.org/</p>
<p>Hamilton County Genealogist Nancy A. Massey Hamilton East Public Library One Library Plaza Noblesville, IN 46060 317-770-3206 massey@hepl.lib.in.us</p>	<p>Hamilton County Historian David Heighway 140 N. 15th St. Noblesville, IN 46060-2610 Phone: (317) 770-3222 Phone: (317) 773-2142</p>
<p>Hamilton County Genealogy Society 111 Beechmont Drive Carmel, IN 46032 Phone: 317-846-5714 Kathyvena@att.net Contact: Kathy A. Venable, President</p>	<p>Carmel Clay Historical Society www.carmelclayhistory.org 211 1st St. SW Carmel, IN 46032-2003 Phone: 317-846-7117 cchistory@indy.rr.com Contact: Thomas A. Rumer, Historian President: Kathy A. Venable</p>
<p>Hamilton County Historical Society P.O. Box 397 Noblesville, IN 46061-0397 Phone: 317-770-0775 Fax: 317-770-0775 hamiltoncomuseum@att.net Contact: Diane Nevitt, Director President: Dottie Young</p>	<p>Sheridan Historical Society www.sheridannews.net/historicalsociety/ 308 S. Main St. Sheridan, IN 46069-1113 Phone: 317-758-5054 sheridanhistorical@sbcglobal.net Contact: Jim Pickett, Executive Director President: Ron Stone</p>
<p>Westfield-Washington Historical Society P.O. Box 103 Westfield, IN 46074-0103 Phone: 317-804-5365 www.wwhs.us president@wwhs.us Contact: Joe Sanders, President</p>	

Libraries and Archives

The Indiana State Library, The Indiana State Archives and Allen County Public Library all have sources relevant to genealogical research. The Indiana Room at the Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville contains many unique genealogy and history sources for Hamilton County. It is recognized that research needs can vary, the other Hamilton County libraries are given as references.

Indiana State Library

140 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2207
317-232-3675

<http://www.in.gov/library/>

[Hamilton County Sources held at the Indiana State Library](#)

[Hamilton County Newspapers held at the Indiana State Library](#)

[Online Databases](#)

Indiana State Archives

6440 East 30th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219-1007
317-591-5222

<http://www.in.gov/icpr/2358.htm>

[Online Indexes](#)

Allen County Public Library

900 Library Plaza
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
260-421-1252

<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/index.html>

Hamilton North Public Library

<http://www.hnpl.lib.in.us/>

100 S Walnut St
Atlanta IN 46030
765-292-2521

209 West Brinton St
Cicero IN 46034
317-984-5623

Carmel Clay Public Library

55 4th Ave SE
Carmel, IN 46032
317-814-3900

<http://www.carmel.lib.in.us/>

Hamilton East Public Library

Fishers Library

Five Municipal Drive

Fishers, IN 46038-1574
317-579-0300
<http://www.hepl.lib.in.us/>

Westfield Washington Public Library

333 West Hoover St.
Westfield Indiana 46074
317-896-9391
<http://www.westfieldlibrary.lib.in.us/>

Family History Center

777 Sunblest Blvd
Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana, United States
Phone: 317-577-2911
Hours: W 12pm-8:30 pm; Sat noon-6 pm; additional hrs by appt
Closed: Weather; Major Holidays

Major Attraction

Conner Prairie Interactive History Park

Conner Prairie
13400 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
info@connerprairie.org
317-776-6006
800-966-1836
<http://www.connerprairie.org/>

Connor Prairie is a living history museum. Features Prairietown, a pioneer village set in 1836. Visitors can participate in daily living. Other attractions include 1859 Balloon Voyage, Lenape Camp, 1886 Liberty Corner, William Conner House. Special events include Civil War Reenactments, Headless Horseman Ride, "Mystery on the Prairie", Symphony on the Prairie and more.

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Addition Resources

<http://www.werelate.org/wiki/Special:Search?go=true&k=hamilton+county+indiana>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/in-local.htm>

<http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/IN/Hamilton/>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/roots-1/USA/in.html>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ind/hamilton/>

<http://ingenweb.org/inhamilton/>

[Indiana Magazine of History](#)

<http://webapp1.dlib.indiana.edu/imh/>

[Indiana Digital Archives](#)

<http://www.indianadigitalarchives.org/default.aspx>

[National Register of Historic Places](#)

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/IN/Hamilton/state.html>

[Family History Library Films for Hamilton County, Indiana](#)

[Bureau of Land Management](#)

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/>