



Museum/History Research Center  
Burlington, Wisconsin

## Historical Resources

### *Local Resources*

- **Libraries** - Ask reference librarians what is available at the library, library system, website and BadgerLink. Reference section may include maps, city/town/county directories, atlases, county histories, family histories, genealogy resources, and newspapers on microfilm
  - **Burlington Public Library** - <https://www.burlingtonlibrary.org> -
  - **East Troy Lions Public Library** - <https://www.eastroy.lib.wi.us/>
  - **Matheson Memorial Library (Elkhorn)** - <https://www.elkhorn.lib.wi.us/wordpress/>
  - **Rochester Public Library** - <https://www.rochester.lib.wi.us/>
  - **Lake Geneva Public Library** - <https://www.lakegeneva.lib.wi.us/>
  - **Waterford Public Library** - <https://www.waterford.lib.wi.us/>
  - **Union Grove Public Library** - <https://www.uniongrove.lib.wi.us/>
  - **Community Library (Salem & Twin Lakes)** - <https://www.communitylib.org/>
- **Historical Societies/Centers/Resources**

#### *Racine County*

- **Burlington Historical Society Museum/Research Center**  
<https://burlingtonhistory.org/>
- **History Seekers of Union Grove** -  
<https://www.facebook.com/UnionGroveHistorySeekers/>
- **Norway Historical Society** - <https://www.racinecounty.com/departments/public-works-and-development-services/parks-department/colonel-heg-memorial-park>
- **Racine County and Burlington Genealogical Society** -  
<https://burlingtongenealogical.weebly.com/>
- **Racine Heritage Museum's Research Center** -  
<https://www.racineheritagemuseum.org/>
- **Rochester Area Historical Society** -  
<https://www.facebook.com/p/Rochester-Area-Historical-Society-100064683879648/>
- **The Legacy of Waterford** - <https://historicalwaterfordwi.com/>

#### *Kenosha County*

- **Bristol Historical Society** - <http://bristolwisconsinhistoricalsociety.com/>
- **Kenosha History Center Archives** - <https://www.kenoshahistorycenter.org/>
- **Western Kenosha County Historical Society** - <https://kenoshacountyhistory.org/>

#### *Walworth County*

- **East Troy Area Historical Society** - <https://easttroyareahistoricalociety.org/>
- **Elkhorn FamilySearch Center** -  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Elkhorn Wisconsin FamilySearch Center](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Elkhorn_Wisconsin_FamilySearch_Center)
- **Geneva Lake Museum, Inc** - <https://genevalakemuseum.org/>
- **Walworth County Historical Society** - <http://www.walcohistory.org/>
- **Walworth County Genealogical Society** - <http://walworthcgs.com/> Elkhorn Library
- **Wisconsin Historical Society** - <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>  
<http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/localhistory/directory/index.asp> (search affiliates)

## State Resources

- **University of Wisconsin & Wisconsin Historical Society**
  - **Area Research Centers** - May request inter-library loans from the Wisconsin Historical Society - <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/>
    - UW-Parkside (Kenosha, Racine counties) - 900 Wood Rd, Library, Kenosha <https://www.uwp.edu/learn/library/archives/>
    - UW-Whitewater (Walworth County, etc) - 800 West Main Street, Anderson Library, Whitewater <https://www.uww.edu/library/archives>
  - **Wisconsin Local Digital History Collections** - [www.library.wisc.edu](http://www.library.wisc.edu) - search for "wisconsin local history", includes Waterford Area Local History Digital Collection - <https://search.library.wisc.edu/digital/AWaterfordLocHist>
  - **Robinson Map Library** - <https://geography.wisc.edu/maplibrary/aerial-photography/>
  - **Wisconsin Archaeological Atlas** (Charles Brown Atlas) - county/town plat maps from 1920s with archaeological sites (at Wisconsin Historical Society Archives)
  - **Wisconsin Historic Aerial Imagery Finder** - <https://www.sco.wisc.edu/>
- **Wisconsin Architectural Archives** - [https://www.mpl.org/archives/wisconsin\\_architectural\\_archives.php](https://www.mpl.org/archives/wisconsin_architectural_archives.php)
- **Wisconsin State Genealogical Society**
  - Kenosha County - <https://wsgs.org/kenosha>
  - Racine County - <https://wsgs.org/racine>
  - Walworth County - <https://wsgs.org/walworth>
- **Recollection Wisconsin** - <https://recollectionwisconsin.org/> - brings together digital cultural heritage resources from Wisconsin libraries, archives, museums and historical societies.

## National Resources

- **FamilySearch** - <https://www.familysearch.org/>
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kenosha\\_County,\\_Wisconsin\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Kenosha_County,_Wisconsin_Genealogy)
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Racine\\_County,\\_Wisconsin\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Racine_County,_Wisconsin_Genealogy)
  - [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Walworth\\_County,\\_Wisconsin\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Walworth_County,_Wisconsin_Genealogy)
  - Historical Images - <https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/>
- **Library of Congress** - <https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>
- **National Archives** - <https://www.archives.gov/research>
- **Cyndi's List** - <https://www.cyndislist.com/> (categories including land, county)
- **Historic Mapworks** - <https://historicmapworks.com/>

## Newspapers - Begin searching at:

- **Chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/** - search for names/locations of newspapers
- **TheAncestorHunt.com** - links to where to access the newspapers
- If not digitized, check the Wisconsin Historical Society's collections ([wisconsinhistory.org](http://wisconsinhistory.org)) and local libraries (e.g., Burlington newspapers on microfilm at the Burlington Public Library, Elkhorn Independent newspapers on the Matheson Library website).

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