

Additional resources

At the library:

- Appleton school yearbooks
- Maps of Appleton
- Cemetery transcriptions
- Atlases
- Post-Crescent microfilm

<http://www.apl.org/e/apl> has links to:

- Digitized plat maps (show who owned land)
- Fox Valley Memory (has old photos, local history stories and links to other local historical organizations)
- Obituary Index (from the Appleton Post-Crescent)
- Post-Crescent Index
- Veteran's Grave Index
- APL Historic Photos Collection

<http://www.apl.org/community/history>

- History of Appleton
- Famous Appleton residents

Area Resources

Appleton History Museum & Research Center

<http://appletonhistory.org/>
128 Durkee St., Appleton WI 54911
920-815-3541

The History Museum at the Castle

www.myhistorymuseum.org
330 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911
920-735-9370

University of Wisconsin—Green Bay

<http://www.uwgb.edu/archives/genealogy> 920-465-2539
Covers Calumet and Outagamie County

University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh

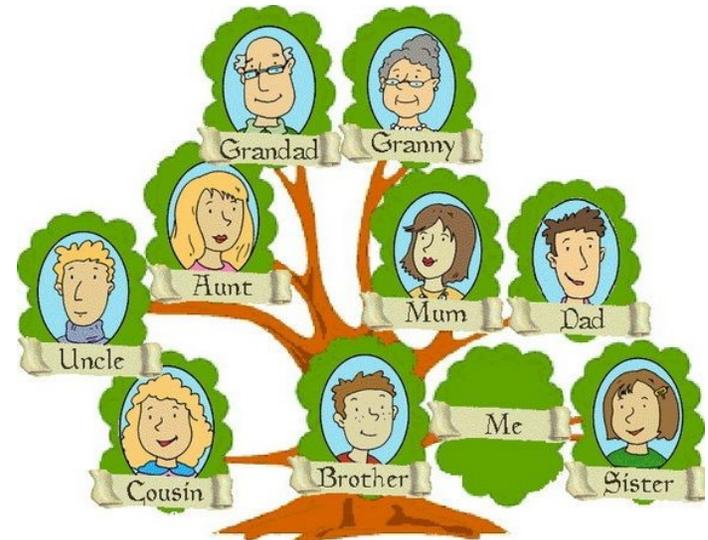
www.uwosh.edu/archives 920-424-0828
Covers Winnebago County

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Genealogy

How to find your ancestors



**Appleton
Public Library**

www.apl.org 920-832-6173

How can I find my family history?

In the **Wisconsin Collection**, we have city directories (lists of people who lived in Appleton with their house address and phone number), books about local history (WI 977.5) plus some family histories.

APL has created obituary and newspaper indexes as well as digitizing local history resources. Fox Valley Memory has many pictures. Visit www.apl.org/e.

You can use **Ancestry Library Edition** at the catalog computers (the ones with the white screens) or on your laptop in the library, but not from home. It is a well-known collection of indexes and records about families around the world.

Heritage Quest and **World Vital Records** have many records and Heritage Quest has family history books. You can use it from home or school by typing in your library card number, as well as in the library.

The **Appleton Post-Crescent newspaper** is kept for several months, then we get the microfilm. We have Appleton newspapers back to 1853! Ask a librarian to show you how to look at them. You can even see what happened the day you were born.

If you like being a family detective, we have books (929.4) telling how to search for family information, making scrapbooks about your family, tips on writing your family history, and telling what life was like during other time periods.



Starting out

You need pencil and paper, or for those who want to find all their ancestors, there are computer programs to track your family tree. Free forms are available online, including from the National Archives at <https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>. The most important forms are the Family Group sheet and the Pedigree sheet, which shows each generation of parents.

Start by writing down everything you know. Ask your parents and other family members about grandparents and great-grandparents. You could ask them to write a story about their life.

Here are some questions to get started:

- What games did you play when you were little?
- Who was your favorite relative and why?
- What did your room look like?
- Could I see any old family photos?
- What was your favorite food? Could you make the food or share the recipe?
- Did you have a pet?
- Where did your family live? Did anyone else live with you besides your parents, brothers and sisters?
- What jobs did you or your parents have?
- Did you take vacations to visit your relatives, or just for fun? Where did you go? What did you do?
- Did my family immigrate to the U.S.? Where did they move from, and when did they come? How did they travel—by air, ship or railroad?