

Genealogy Collection

The Archives Room at the Hudson Library & Historical Society houses an extensive genealogy and local history collection.

The genealogy collection provides a well-rounded selection of materials for researchers, with an emphasis on sources for the eastern United States, especially Ohio. The collection is enhanced by a wide variety of subscription databases for state-of-the-art family history research. In addition, all federal census records dating back to 1790, vital records, an extensive collection of various counties' histories, a large microform collection, obituaries, and materials for military history can be accessed here.

The archives is available by appointment only. Please contact us to make an appointment or for more information.

Local History

The Hudson Library & Historical Society preserves and provides access to local materials documenting the history of Hudson, Ohio. Sources include a virtually complete run of Hudson newspapers from the late 1820s to date as well as 19th-century area newspapers such as the *Ravenna Republican* and the *Summit County Beacon*. Holdings include a substantial collection of non-circulating photographs from Hudson and the surrounding areas. Yearbooks from Hudson High School and Western Reserve Academy, as well as collections of books printed in Hudson and books by Hudson authors are also featured.

Manuscript Collection

In addition to substantial records relevant to local founding families such as the Hudsons, the collection also contains documents related to community organizations such the Hudson League of Women Voters.

The manuscript collection also includes one of the nation's largest holdings of materials concerning famed abolitionist John Brown.

Highlights

→ Subscription Databases

- Ancestry (in-house only)
- American Ancestors (in-house only)
- HeritageQuest
- Fold3
- Newspapers.com Ohio Collection

→ Newspaper Resources

- Hudson newspapers from 1828 to the present
- Hudson Library Newspaper Index

→ Genealogy Resources

- Hudson Necrology file: local obituaries dating from 1837 to the present.
- Summit County Vital Records: 19th and early 20th century births, deaths, marriages, wills, property records
- Hudson Genealogical Study Group an independent genealogical organization. www.hudsongsg.org

→ Local Resources

- Hudson Imprints and Authors: books printed in Hudson or written by local authors
- Yearbooks for: Hudson High School and Western Reserve Academy
- Photos taken throughout Hudson's history, dating back to the mid-19th century.
- House Reports: researched information on historic buildings and homes in Hudson.
- Walking Tours: tours of historic sites throughout Hudson: see schedule online and virtual tours.

→ Artifact Collection

- Exhibits throughout the library.

Historical Society Archives

The Historical Society identifies, preserves, and provides access to records that document the founding, history, and ongoing activities and functions of Hudson, Ohio, from its founding in 1799 to today. The Historical Society maintains the only comprehensive manuscript, genealogy, and artifact collection of Hudson and is dedicated to educating the community about the town's rich history through outreach, research, and events.

Hudson Memory

Hudson Memory (hudsonmemory.org) features digital exhibits and resources, which highlight the library's vast research holdings including its extensive manuscript and photograph collection on early pioneers and founding families, prominent individuals, local organizations, and more. The site includes an overview of the historical society's vast resources and research guides. Access to the library's virtual walking tour on the Antislavery Movement and the Underground Railroad, launched earlier this year, is also available from the site.



Dedicated to educating the community about Hudson's history from its founding in 1799 to today.



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