

**Seneca County, Ohio Online Genealogical Resources**  
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**Seneca County, Ohio Record Dates**

<b>Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records</b>						
<b><u>Birth*</u></b>	<b><u>Marriage</u></b>	<b><u>Death*</u></b>	<b><u>Court</u></b>	<b><u>Land</u></b>	<b><u>Probate</u></b>	<b><u>Census</u></b>
1867	1841	1867	1826	1821	1828	1820
Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1908.						

**Cemeteries**

[Findagrave.com](http://findagrave.com)

<http://www.greenlawncemeterytiffin.org/search-our-cemetery.html>

**Census Records**

All years available on familysearch.org for free; indexed.

[https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?fcs=region%3AUNITED\\_STATES%2CrecordType%3ACENSUS&ec=region%3AUNITED\\_STATES%2CrecordType%3ACENSUS](https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?fcs=region%3AUNITED_STATES%2CrecordType%3ACENSUS&ec=region%3AUNITED_STATES%2CrecordType%3ACENSUS)

**Church records**

**1796–2004** Ohio, Diocese of Toledo, Catholic Parish Records, at FamilySearch Historical Records – free. This collection includes images of parish registers recording the events of baptism, first communion, confirmation, marriage, and death in the Diocese of Toledo (Ohio), Roman Catholic Church. These records are accessed by browsing the images by county. In addition to traditional parish registers, this collection includes miscellaneous cemetery records, Books of the Elect, Professions of Faith, Sick Call registers, etc. All Seneca County Catholic Churches included. They are NOT INDEXED except when church index included in collection.

Protestant Churches – Many have been filmed by FamilySearch but most are not scanned yet. Nor are they indexed. Search familysearch catalog for your church. Example:

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3MV-6SFB-Q?i=8&cat=475300>

## County Histories

- Lang, William, *History of Seneca County, From the Close of the Revolutionary War to July 1880*, (Springfield, Ohio: Transcript Printing, 1880). Digital copy at [FamilySearch Digital Library](#), [Google Books](#), [Internet Archive](#), [Ancestry \(\\$\) \(Indexed\)](#); [FHL film 1000340 Item 2](#)
- Leeson, Michael A., *History of Seneca County, Ohio: Containing a History of the County, Its Townships, Towns, Villages, etc.*, (Chicago, Illinois: Warner, Beers, 1886). Digital copy at [FamilySearch Digital Library](#), [Google Books](#), [Internet Archive](#); [FHL film 1000340 Item 3](#)
- *A Centennial Biographical History of Seneca County, Ohio*, (Chicago, Illinois: Lewis Publishing Co., 1902). Digital copy at [Google Books](#) [Internet Archive](#) [FHL film 1000341 Item 1](#)
- Butterfield, Consul Wilshire, *History of Seneca County: Containing a Detailed Narrative of the Principal Events that Have Occurred Since Its First Settlement to Present Time*, (Sandusky, Ohio: D. Campbell, 1848). Digital copy at [Google Books](#) [Internet Archive](#) [FHL fiche 6049497](#); [book 977.124 H2b](#)
- Baughman, Abraham J., *History of Seneca County, Ohio: A Narrative Account of Its Historical Progress, Its People, and Its Principal Interests*, (Seneca, Ohio: Lewis Publishing Company, 1911). Digital copy at [Google Books](#) [Internet Archive](#)
- [Seneca County Atlases – 1874, 1896 -](#)  
<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/390362-redirectio>

## Court Records

Probate Records – Not all are online

Will Record Books (1828-1910) , Indexes, Administration Dockets 1839-1892

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/196064?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Recent cases are indexed online by the court -

<http://www.senecajpcourt.com/recordSearch.php?k=searchForm74031NOzIsAjxBQUusd6feLL8d6K0Vfe25d6DzcpdWC>

Ancestry.com (\$) – may have more probate records online and are indexed:

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8801/>

### **Naturalization Records (1859-1927) -**

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/346726?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Naturalization and Citizenship

- 1800-1977 - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/image/index?owc=46VB-YZJ%3A265564601%3Fcc%3D1987615>

## **Land and Property**

Familysearch.org:

Index to land records, 1822-1889

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/346240?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Deeds - 1822-1902

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/254157?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

Seneca County Recorders Office – 1987- current – Indexes to deeds

<https://www.uslandrecords.com/ohlr3/controller>

Seneca County Auditors Office – to search by parcel of land or by owner – good for tracing the property owners or researching a family home/land . You have to agree to conditions before using this free site. Transactions recorded from 1987 on.

<https://senecaoh-auditor-classic.ddti.net/Search.aspx?ActiveTab=Parcel>

## **Military Records**

World War I

- 1914-1919 - Ohio, World War I Statement of Service Cards, 1914-1919 at FamilySearch — index and images
- 1914-1918 - Ohio, World War I, Enrollment Cards, 1914-1918 at FamilySearch — index and images

- 1916-1920 - Ohio, WWI Index and Return Cards, 1916-1920 at FamilySearch — index

## Newspapers

**Ohio Obituary Index 1830's-current** – Index only. Kept up to date.

<https://www.rbhayes.org/main/ohio-obituary-index/>

The only free online newspapers for the public for Seneca County that I know of are the following, available on Chronicling America, from Library of Congress : Tiffin Tribune (1856-59), Tiffin Weekly Tribune (1859-1868), Tiffin Tribune (1868-1879).

[https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/#tab=tab\\_search](https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/titles/#tab=tab_search)

Also some are on Ancestry, Newspapers.com and other sites which may be available at an Ohio public library or for a fee at home. NewspaperArchives.com is available for Tiffin Seneca Public Library at home but there are only the above newspapers for Seneca County in it. Most Tiffin newspapers have not been digitized yet but the film is available at the Tiffin Seneca Public Library.

## Tax Records

1800-1950 - Ohio Tax Records, 1800-1850 at FamilySearch — index and images

For current records see Auditors Office <https://senecaoh-auditor-classic.ddti.net/Search.aspx?ActiveTab=Parcel>

## Vital Records

Online Birth & Death Indexes and Records

1867 – 1908 – Birth and Deaths Records (not certificates until 1908)

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/45195?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

- Also includes 1941-1965 – Delayed Birth Certificates -
- 1908-1964 - Ohio, Birth Index, 1908-1964 at ancestry.com (\$)
- 1908-1953 - Ohio Death Certificates, 1908-1953.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1307272>

Actual certificates! - Free name indexes and images at FamilySearch. Records include such information as birth date of deceased; city, county, and state of death; name of

spouse if married; names of parents; maiden name of mother; name of informant; if deceased was single, married, widowed or divorced; and occupation of deceased.

- 1908-1932, 1938-2018 Ohio, Death Records, 1908-1932, 1938-2018 at Ancestry.com (\$) — index and images
- 1913-1944, 1954-1963 Ohio Death Index, 1913-1944, 1954-1963 at MyHeritage (\$) — index

### **Online Marriage Indexes and Records**

1841-1951- Seneca County marriages – index and images – FamilySearch

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/253075?availability=Family%20History%20Library>  
1970-2003 Ohio, Marriages, 1970 - 2003 at MyHeritage (\$) — index

### **Additional Genealogy Resources**

**Familysearch.org** – Search for Ohio records geographically, then by INDEXED records, then by IMAGE ONLY (non-indexed records)

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/43?region=Ohio>

**Facebook Page** – Great articles and photos on Seneca County history, Then and Now articles and more:

<https://www.facebook.com/senecacountyhistoricalsociety>

**Tiffin Seneca Public Library – Digital Library -**

<https://www.ohiomemory.org/digital/collection/p15005coll27>

Use Search box

Created in 2009, the Seneca County Digital Library (SCDL) is a growing collection for historians and genealogists to explore the past and conduct research. It is a depository for digitized items that the library owns and those that have been donated or loaned for digitization. SCDL highlights local high school and collegiate yearbooks, county histories, census books, city and county directories, veterans' information, historic postcards, photographs, booklets, and newsletters.

### **Google**

Don't forget to try Google for everything – books, family trees, photographs and especially Google maps to find your ancestors' homes and property.