Additional Resources

At the library:

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

Other Area Resources

(call for hours/services available)

- Appleton History Museum & Research Center
  www.appletonhistory.org
  128 N. Durkee St., Appleton WI 54911
  920-540-3699

- The History Museum at the Castle
  www.myhistorymuseum.org
  330 E. College Ave., Appleton, WI 54911
  920-735-9370

Area Research Centers

- University of Wisconsin—Green Bay Area Research Center
  www.uwgb.edu/archives/genealogy
  covers Calumet and Outagamie County

- University of Wisconsin—Oshkosh
  www.uwosh.edu/archives
  covers Winnebago County

www.apl.org/community/history has links to:

- MyHeritage
- Heritage Quest
- Digitized plat maps (show who owned land)
- Fox Valley Memory and Appleton Memory Project (has old photos, local history stories and links to other local historical organizations)
- Obituary Index
- Post-Crescent Index
- Veteran’s Grave Index
- APL Historic Photos Collection
- Local history information

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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made upon request and if feasible.
How can I find my family history?

Appleton Public Library has resources for you to use:

- You can use Ancestry Library Edition at the computers in the library to find records about families around the world.
- Heritage Quest has census records, city directories (lists of people who lived in a city with their home address and phone number), local history books, and more. You can use it from home or school by typing in your library card number.
- Upstairs in the Wisconsin Collection, we have city directories, books about Appleton history and some family histories.
- The Appleton Post-Crescent newspaper is on microfilm and we have it all the way back to 1853! Ask a librarian to show you how to look at them to find articles about your family.
- If you like being a family detective, we have books on how to search for family information from other countries, making scrapbooks about your family, and what life was like during other time periods.

You need pencil and paper and there are free forms you can print from online. The most important forms are the Family Group Sheet and the Pedigree Chart.

Starting Out

You can find lists of questions that are really interesting, as well as helpful for your research. Things like:

- What is your earliest or favorite memory from your childhood?
- What did you like to do for fun when you were little? What games did you play? What was your favorite toy and why?
- How did your parents meet?
- Who are the oldest relatives you remember? What were they like?
- Are you named after anyone? Who?
- Did you have any pets?
- What was your favorite food? Could you make the food or share the recipe?
- Where did your family live? Did anyone else live with you? What was your childhood home like? What did your room look like?
- What jobs did you or your parents have?
- Were there any special vacations you took—to visit relatives, or just for fun?
- Did my family immigrate to the U.S.? Where did they come from and when?