

Locating Genealogy Resources at Oakland County

There are several departments within Oakland County Government that maintain and make available information that is important to genealogy and local history researchers.

Listed below is a brief overview of the departments and their holdings:

Oakland County Research Library

1200 N. Telegraph, Building 14 East
Pontiac, MI 48341-0453
www.oakgov.com/reslib/

Telephone: (248) 858-0738
Fax: (248) 452-9145
Email: reslib@oakgov.com

Public Hours: 8:30-5p.m., Monday-Friday

Research Library Genealogy and Local History Collection:

Ancestry Library Database
Biography and Genealogy Master Index Database
Cemetery records for various county communities
Census Records
County, city, and town histories
Genealogy Research How-To Resource Guides
Genealogy Society and Organizational newsletter and journals
Marriage Records
Michigan History Books
Maps
Newspapers (microfilm)
Surname Indexes

Patrons should consult the Research Library's online catalog which can be accessed at www.oakgov.com/reslib/ for an exact listing of the library's holdings.

Research Library genealogy materials generally do not circulate. Photocopy and microfilm machines are available for patron use. Copies are .15¢ per page. *Cash only accepted.*

Reference questions can be submitted to the Research Library in person, via telephone, fax or email. For obituary requests that appeared in *The Pontiac/Oakland Press*, please submit the person's full name and date of death.

Oakland County Genealogy Society Library Collection:

The Oakland County Genealogical Society was founded in 1977 and promotes and encourages an interest in genealogy and related fields among its members and the general public. The objectives of the Society are to locate, publish, and safeguard public and private genealogical records and to encourage and instruct in the science of genealogical research and compilation through workshops, sharing, and other educational means. Their library collection is available for public research, but does not circulate.

Patrons should search the society's library catalog which can be accessed at www.rhpl.org for a complete listing of their holdings.

Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds

Vital Records

1200 N. Telegraph, Dept. 413

Pontiac, MI 48341-0413

www.oak.gov.com/clerkrod/contact/vital_statistics.html

Telephone: (248) 858-0571

Email: clerk@oakgov.com

Public Hours: 8:00- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Birth Certificates:

Certificates less than 100 years old are confidential records and are only available to the person, parent or legal guardian named on the record. Legal guardians and representatives will require additional documentation to obtain access to the certificate.

Death Certificates:

Applicants must provide the full name of the deceased person and date of death. Certificates are available from 1867- to the present.

Marriage Certificate:

Applicants must provide the full name of both the groom and bride (maiden) and date of marriage. Certificates are available from 1827- to the present.

All records can be ordered in person, by mail or online. Records are \$15.00 per copy and \$5.00 for additional copies. *Cash and credit card payments only. No personal checks are accepted.*

Oakland County Historical Commission

Telephone: (248) 625-3010

The Oakland County Historical Commission interacts with the County's many local historical societies, historic preservations and County departments in order to promote interest in Oakland County's rich heritage.

The Commission makes available for research, historic maps and local community history books. These items are located in the Oakland County Research Library.

Oakland County One Stop Shop

Executive Office Building
1200 N. Telegraph Road
Building 34 East
Pontiac, MI 48341
www.oakgov.com/oss/

Telephone: (248) 858-0720
Fax (248)-975-9555

Public Hours: 8:30-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Property Maps and Aerial Photography:

Aerial photographs are available dating back to 1963. Maps can be customized and printed in a variety of sizes, scales and orientations. Prices for the maps range from \$3.00-\$40.00 depending upon aerial year.

Maps can be ordered in person, by mail or online. *Please note that all online orders have an enhanced access fee.*

Oakland County Records Retention

1200 N. Telegraph
Pontiac, MI 48341

Telephone: (248) 858-0525

Public Hours: 8:30-5:00 p.m.

The public records of the Oakland County Circuit Court and county subdivision records are available for research. Microfilm machines are provided for use.

Oakland County Treasurer

1200 N. Telegraph
Pontiac, MI 48341
www.oakgov.com/treasurer/

Telephone: (248) 858-0611

Public Hours: 8:30-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Tax/Assessment rolls from 1956 to present are available on microfilm. Copies can be made for \$1.00 per page. This information is currently not available online and must be accessed in person.

Tax/Assessment rolls from 1841-1871 are located at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. Individuals should consult the university directly to obtain access to this information.

Questions pertaining to Tax Assessment rolls from 1871-1955 should be directed to the State Archives of Michigan at (517)-373-1408 or archives@michigan.gov