Winnebago County Local History/ Genealogical Resources at The Neenah Public Library

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The Neenah Public Library can assist you with your genealogical research. The Library has local newspapers on microfilm for most years dating back to 1856. City directory coverage for Neenah/Menasha dates back to 1900. The library also has most phone books for the Neenah/Menasha area dating from 1913, the Federal Census on microfilm from 1840-1930 (excluding 1890), local and state histories, plat maps, and much more! If we do not have a particular book or resource that is needed for your research we may be able to obtain it for you through our Interlibrary Loan service. If you have any questions regarding our collection please ask for assistance at our Reference Desk or call 886-6315.

Newspapers

Menasha Conservator
May 14, 1856-March 17, 1860
Island City Times
October 22, 1863-January 15, 1870
Neenah Gazette
December 23, 1871-September 4, 1880
February 19, 1881-July 22, 1882
Neenah City News
October 16, 1875-January 29, 1876

Neenah City Times
February 5, 1876-December 29, 1883
June 28, 1884-December 6, 1884
Neenah Daily Times
August 8, 1882-December 30, 1882
July 2, 1883-December 31, 1883
June 28, 1884-December 16, 1884
January 1, 1885-May 17, 1919
Twin City News
February 11, 1895-May 14, 1895
Neenah News Times
May 19, 1919-December 31, 1943
The Daily News Times
January 3, 1944-December 31, 1949
Twin Cities News Record
January 1950-May 1984
Post-Crescent
1950-Current
Neenah Citizen
March 3, 1995-Current

Obituary Indexes

The Neenah Public Library has obituary indexes for the following dates:
(Please ask for at the Reference Desk)
- May 14, 1856-March 17, 1860
- October 22, 1863-November 10, 1864
- 1872-May 24, 1893
- 1997-June 2001

Vital Records
(Please ask for at the Reference Desk)
- **Index to Birth Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 1, 1831-1886, Rev. Edition,** Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 2002.
  Local Hist 929.3 W834b v. 1 1831-1886
- **Index to Birth Records, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 2, 1887-1891, Rev. Edition,** Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 2002.
  Local Hist 929.3 W834b v. 2 1887-1891
- **Index to Birth Records, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 3, 1892-1895, Rev. Edition,** Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 2002.
  Local Hist 929.3 W834b v. 3, 1892-1895
- **Index to Birth Records, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 4, 1896-1900, Rev. Edition,** Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 2002
  Local Hist 929.3 W834b v. 4, 1896-1900

- **Index to Death Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 1, 1842-1897**.
   Wollangk, Judith Ann., Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1998.
   Local Hist 929.3 W834i
- **Index to Death Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 2, 1898-1912.**
   Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 2004.
   Local Hist 929.3 W834i v.2
- **Index to Divorce Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, 1850-1939.** Protz, Ruth
   Liskow., Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1998.
   Local Hist 929.3 P946i-d
- **Index to Marriage Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 1, 1848-1874.**
   Protz, Ruth Liskow., Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1994.
   Local Hist 929.3 P946i, vol. 1
- **Index to Marriage Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 2, 1875-1891,
   Rev. Edition.** Protz, Ruth Liskow., Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1998.
   Local Hist 929.3 P946i, v.2
- **Index to Marriage Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 3, 1892-1902.**
   Protz, Ruth Liskow., Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1998.
   Local Hist 929.3 P946i, vol. 3
- **Index to Marriage Records Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 4, 1903-1912.**
   Protz, Ruth Liskow., Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1998.
   Local Hist 929.3 P946i, vol. 4.

The Neenah Public Library also provides vital
records indexes on microfiche. The indexes are
compiled by the State of Wisconsin Department of
Health and Family Services. Please ask at the
Reference Desk for the microfiche.

- **Birth Index Microfiche**
   Pre-1907 Alphabetical Index
   Pre-1907 Chronological Index
- **Death Index Microfiche**
   Pre-1907 Alphabetical
   1959-1979 Alphabetical
   1979-1997 Alphabetical
- **Marriage Index Microfiche**
   Pre-1907 Alphabetical **(Adams-Price Co.)**
   1973-1978 Groom
   1979-1997 Groom
   1973-1978 Bride
   1979-1997 Bride
- **Divorce Index Microfiche**
   1965-1984 Alphabetical

Cemetery Records

- **Oak Hill Cemetery**

Burial records are computerized and information can be obtained by calling (920) 886-6144, or by stopping in at the business office at the City Administrations Building, 211 Walnut Street. The records are also online at http://www3.ci.neenah.wi.us/BurialInquiry/.
The library has a hard copy of the burial list, but this list is not the most current listing. Ask at the Reference Desk.

- **St. Patrick's Historic Cemetery,** Martin, Sylvia Shea., St. Patrick's Parish, 1997.
  Local Hist 929.5 Sa24

City Directories

The library has Neenah/Menasha City Directories for the following years:

1900, 1905
1910, 1914
1920, 1924, 1928
1931, 1934, 1937
1940, 1942, 1946, 1948
1950, 1952, 1954, 1956, 1958, 1959
1960, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1969
1970, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1979
1980, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 1989
1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1997, 1998, 1999
2000, 2002-2009

Federal Census

The Federal Census can provide valuable information for the genealogical researcher. The Neenah Public Library has the following census records on microfilm for Winnebago County:

- **1840 Winnebago County**
  Names only head of household, plus indicates numbers of males & females in age groups.
- **1850 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, ages, state or country of birth, and occupation.
- **1860 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, ages, state or country of birth, and occupation.
- **1870 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, ages, state or country of birth, occupation, and indicates whether males 21 or over are citizens of the U.S.

- **1880 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, relationship to head of household, ages, state or country of birth, parents place of birth, and occupation.
- **1900 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, relationship to head of household, month & year of birth, state or country of birth, parents place of birth, and occupation. Also asks foreign born for date of immigration to the U.S.
- **1910 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, relationship to head of household, age, marital status, years married, number of children & children living, state or country of birth, parents place of birth, and occupation. Also asks foreign born for date of immigration to the U.S.
- **1920 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, relationship to head of household, age, marital status, state or country of birth, parents place of birth, and occupation. Also asks foreign born for date of immigration to the U.S., and year naturalized.
- **1930 Winnebago County**
  Lists all names, relationship to head of household, age, marital status, age when married, state or country of birth, parents place of birth, and occupation. Also asks foreign born for date of immigration to the U.S., and if naturalized.

The 1890 census for most of the United States including Wisconsin is not available due to a fire that destroyed most of the records.

The following census indexes are also available:

- **U.S. Federal Census Index, Wisconsin 1840,** Jackson, Ronald Vern, editor.
  Local Hist 929.1 Un3 1840
- **U.S. Federal Census Index, Wisconsin 1850,** Jackson, Ronald Vern, editor.
  Local Hist 929.1 Un3 1850
- **1860, Milwaukee and Winnebago Counties, including Cities of Milwaukee and Oshkosh, U.S. Federal Census Index,** Jackson, Ronald Vern, editor.
  Local Hist 929.1 Un3 1860
- **Wisconsin 1870 Census Index,** Heritage Quest, 3 volumes
  Local Hist 929.3775 W753

The library also has subscriptions to **HeritageQuest** and **Ancestry.com.** Both online databases have the entire U.S. Federal Census online! Please ask at the Reference Desk for assistance.

Neenah/Menasha Histories

- **The Emerging Cities: Menasha, Neenah: Stories of the 19th Century.** Citizen Printing & Publishing Co., 1998.
  977.564 N293

- **Factories in the Valley: Neenah-Menasha, 1870-1915.** Glaab, Charles N., State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1969.
    977.54 G45
- **A History of Neenah.** Shattuck, S. F., 1958
    977.54 Sh2
- **History of Neenah, Illustrated: Being a Complete Historical Sketch from the "Early Days to the Present Time.** Cunningham, G. A., Gazette Printing Establishment, 1878.
    977.54 C91
- **Millstone and Saw: the Origins of Neenah-Menasha.** Smith, Alice E., State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1966.
    977.54 Sm51
- **The Parks of Neenah: An Historical Interpretation.** Dunwiddie, William E., Neenah Park and Recreation Commission, 1993.
    977.564 D923p
- **A Tale of Twin Cities: or the Development of the Fox River Waterway.** Neenah Historical Society, 1993.
    977.564 T143

County Histories

- **History of Winnebago County, Wisconsin, and Early History of the Northwest.** Harney, Richard J., 1880
    Local Hist 977.564 H22
- **The History of Winnebago County & the Fox River Valley, 1541-1877.** Thwaites, Reuben Gold., The County, 1984.
    Local Hist 977.56 T428h
- **History, Winnebago County, Wisconsin: Its Cities, Towns, Resources, People.** Lawson, Publius V., 1908.
    Local Hist 977.564 L44, 2 vols.
- **In This Century: A History of Winnebago County in the 20th Century.** Engel, Dave., New Past Press, 1998.
    Local Hist 977.564 In1

Regional & Local Histories

- **History of Northern Wisconsin, Containing an Account of its Settlement, Growth, Development, and Resources.** Western Historical Company, 1881.
    Local Hist 977.5 W52
- **History of the Fox River Valley, Lake Winnebago, and the Green Bay Region.** Titus, William A., S.J. Clarke Pub. Co., 1930.
    Local Hist 977.56 H629, 3 vols.

- **History of the Town of Clayton Winnebago County, Wisconsin.** Winchester Area Historical Society. AmeriPrint Graphics Inc., 1999.
  Local Hist 977.564 C579
- **History of the Town of Winchester Winnebago County, Wisconsin.** Winchester Area Historical Society. Rogers Publishing, 2002.
  Local Hist 977.564 W721
- **Town of Wolf River Winnebago County, Wisconsin, History 1855 to 2005.** Town of Wolf River. Rogers Publishing, 2005.
  Local Hist 977.564 T66
- **The Winnebago-Horicon Basin: a Type Study in Western History.** Schafer, Joseph., State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1937.
  Local Hist 977.56 Sch1w

Civil War Soldiers of Winnebago County

- **Civil War Veterans of Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 1, A-H.** Langkau, David A., Heritage Books Inc., 1993.
  Local Hist 973.76097756 L265c
- **Civil War Veterans of Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Volume 2, I-T.** Langkau, David A., Heritage Books Inc., 1994.
  Local Hist 973.76097756 L265c

Plat Maps

- **Illustrated Atlas of Winnebago County, Wisconsin.** Randall, George A., 1889.
  Local Hist 917.75 IL5w
- **Map and Plat Book of Winnebago County Wisconsin.** Gorman & Soudea, 1909.
  Local Hist 912.77564 M32 1909
- **Atlas of Winnebago County, Wisconsin.** W.W. Hixson & Co., 1928.
  Local Hist 912.77564 At65

The library also has plat maps for the following years: 1963-1966, 1972, 1974, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2001, 2003, and 2007.

Neenah High School Yearbooks

Neenah High School Yearbooks are located in the Local History Room, under the call number Local Hist 370 R591. The library has the following years: 1920, 1928, 1930, 1937-1953, 1955-1957, 1959-2009.

Digital Collection

Several of our most popular local history titles and much of the NPL photograph collection are now available on the Internet. The collection includes:

- **History of Neenah, Illustrated** by G. A. Cunningham (1878).
- **A History of Neenah** by S. F. Shattuck (1958).
- **Neenah Historical and Architectural Survey Project: Intensive Survey Project Report** by Peter Adams (1982).
- **Sterling's Neenah/Menasha City Directory 1920-21.**
- **Wright's Neenah/Menasha City Directory 1924.**
- **400 Photographs from the Local History Collection**

The Neenah Public Library Digital Collection is a part of the University of Wisconsin's State of Wisconsin Digital Collection. Other local library collections that are also part of the UW collection include:

- Appleton Public Library
- Fond du Lac Public Library
- Menasha Public Library
- Oshkosh Public Library

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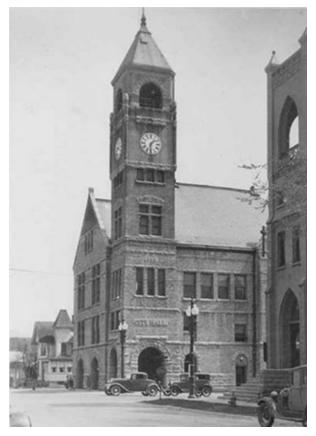
http://www.neenahlibrary.org

At the top menu bar select "Local History" and then click on "Neenah Public Library Local History Digital Collection."

Research Guide

- **A Research Guide to Winnebago County, Wisconsin, Rev. ed.** Protz, Ruth Liskow.,
  Winnebagoland Genealogical Society, 1998.
  Local Hist 929.3 P948r

This is a very helpful research tool you may wish to consult before you begin you genealogical research in Winnebago County.

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