

TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN LACKAWANNA COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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When you are tracing your family history, the most valuable sources of information are often birth and death records, marriage records, wills, deeds and naturalization papers. These records are often scattered throughout a variety of public offices.

To make your genealogical search easier, we have compiled this brochure which lists many of these offices.

**Reference Department
Scranton Public Library
500 Vine Street
Scranton, PA 18509
(570) 348-3000 ext. 3008**

www.albright.org

Scranton Public Library is a member of the Lackawanna County Library System

BIRTH RECORDS

For births that occurred in Scranton between 1878-1905 >>>

Birth/death record searching is fee-based when performed by the library. Please inquire at the library.

Also >>>

**Reference Department
Scranton Public Library
500 Vine Street
Scranton, PA 18509
(570) 348-3000 ext. 3008**

**Genealogical Research Society
of Northeastern Pennsylvania
210 Grant Street
Olyphant, PA 18447
(570) 383-7661**

**For births that occurred in Lackawanna County (excluding
Scranton), between 1893-1905 >>>**

Also >>>

**Register of Wills
Lackawanna County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Scranton PA 18503
(570) 963-6702**

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of Northeastern Pennsylvania
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Olyphant, PA 18447
(570) 383-7661**

**For births that occurred in Lackawanna County (including
Scranton), after 1906 >>>**

**Pennsylvania Department
of Health
Division of Vital Records
101 South Mercer Street
P.O. Box 1528
New Castle, PA 16103
(724) 656-3100**

MARRIAGE RECORDS

For marriages that occurred in Lackawanna County from
October 1885 to the present >>>

Marriage Bureau
Lackawanna County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-6708

DIVORCE RECORDS

For divorces that occurred in Lackawanna County from
October 1885 to the present >>>

Clerk of Judicial Records
Lackawanna County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-6723

WILLS

From 1878 to the present (even if person died intestate) >>>

Register of Wills
Lackawanna County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-6702

DEEDS

For property owned, bought, or sold in Lackawanna County
from 1878 to the present >>>

Recorder of Deeds Office
Lackawanna County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-6775

NATURALIZATIONS

Index to naturalizations prior to 1878 (when Lackawanna County was still part of Luzerne County):

Prothonotary's Office Luzerne County Courthouse 200 N. River St. Wilkes Barre, PA 18702 (570) 825-1745

For naturalizations that occurred in Lackawanna County between 1878 and 1905:

Clerk of Judicial Records Lackawanna County Courthouse Courthouse Sq. Scranton, PA 18503 (570) 963-6723

Index to naturalizations that occurred in Lackawanna County between 1878-1905:

Genealogical Research Society of N E PA 210 Grant Street Olyphant, PA 18447 (570) 383-7661

Index to naturalizations performed in Scranton from 1901-1990:

U.S. District Court Middle District of PA Federal Bldg. 235 N. Washington Ave. Scranton, PA 18501 (570) 207-5600

Index and copies of naturalization records archives@philarch.nara.gov

Nat'l Archives and Records Administration Mid-Atlantic Region 900 Market St. Philadelphia, PA. 19107 (215)-597-3000

DEATH RECORDS

For deaths that occurred in Scranton between 1878 and 1905 >>>

Birth/death record searching is fee-based when performed by the library. Please inquire at the library.

Also >>>

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Scranton, PA 18509
(570) 348-3000 ext. 3008

Genealogical Research Society
of Northeastern Pennsylvania
210 Grant Street
Olyphant, PA 18447
(570) 383-7661

For deaths that occurred in Lackawanna County (excluding Scranton) between 1893 and 1905 >>>

Also >>>

Register of Wills
Lackawanna County Courthouse
Courthouse Square
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-6702

Genealogical Research Society
of Northeastern Pennsylvania
210 Grant Street
Olyphant, PA 18447
(570) 383-7661

For deaths that occurred anywhere in Lackawanna County (including Scranton) from 1906 to the present >>>

Pennsylvania Department
of Health
Division of Vital Records
101 South Mercer Street
P.O. Box 1528
New Castle, PA 16103
(724) 656-3100

Note: As a service to local residents, the Scranton Bureau of Vital Statistics will apply to the Division of Vital Records (in New Castle, PA) for birth or death records for births or deaths that occurred anywhere in Pennsylvania from 1906 to the present. >>>

PA Department of Health
Bureau of Vital Records
100 Lackawanna Avenue
State Office Building
Scranton, PA 18503
(570) 963-4595 (recording)