

Our presenter this month was Jay Shock on Allegheny County genealogy sources beyond the usual suspects that we are all familiar with. Jay took us through all the sites listed below, giving examples for many of them. As the backdrop for his talk Jay used the Allegheny County Wikipedia page on FamilySearch.org. It's available here and has many more local genealogy sources.

[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Allegheny\\_County,\\_Pennsylvania\\_Genealogy](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Allegheny_County,_Pennsylvania_Genealogy)

The URL's for the sites Jay talked about are:

Allegheny Cemetery (>> 100,000 burials). They will entertain written inquiries about more detailed information than is found on their site or on FindAGrave.

<http://www.alleghenycemetery.com>

Catholic Cemeteries (currently 14 cemeteries). They will entertain written inquiries for more detailed information than is found on their site or on FindAGrave.

<http://www.ccapgh.org/search-burial-records.asp>

Norm Meinert's tombstone inscriptions on Rootsweb – Hundreds of cemeteries, Allegheny and adjoining counties.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njm1/tombs.htm>

Roman Catholic- Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives and Records Center. They respond to written inquiries. The submission form is found at the bottom of the page of this URL. If your ancestors are Catholic they provide an invaluable service.

[www.diopitt.org/office-archives-and-record-center/](http://www.diopitt.org/office-archives-and-record-center/)

Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Records.

<http://www.episcopalpgh.org/archives>

St. Luke Episcopal Church Records — University of Pittsburgh Archives

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/f/findaid/findaid-idx?c=ascead&cc=ascead&rgn=main&view=text&didno=US-PPiU-ais197716>

Multiple Denominations: Genealogical and Family History Resources @ Pitt: Church and Synagogue Records. <http://pitt.libguides.com/c.php?g=12551&p=66410>

The tabs at the top contain many other records they have, either at the Pitt Library in Oakland or at the University of Pittsburgh Archives Service Center at 7500 Thomas Blvd in Point Breeze.

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Maps back to 1872. Some years cover most of Allegheny County

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/maps/browse.html>

Pittsburgh and Allegheny City directories for most years 1815 through 1945, searchable by name <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/p/pitttextdir>

Photos <http://digital.library.pitt.edu/images/pittsburgh>

Building Permits – PDF's arranged by year then by ward – can be tedious (but rewarding).

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/f/findaid/findaid-idx?type=simple;c=ascead;view=text;subview=outline;didno=US-PPiU-ais197110>

Pittsburgh Historic Maps back to 1835 – includes a slider bar to see how an area changed over time. <http://peoplemaps.esri.com/pittsburgh-maps>

Newspapers.com has good Western PA content, and their search results can be used to find the cited article in the free Google Newspaper Archive.

[www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)

[www.news.google.com/newspapers](http://www.news.google.com/newspapers)

The Pittsburgh Catholic, starting in 1844.

<http://digital.library.duq.edu/cdm-pc>

Probate record search in Allegheny County – tutorial (best to use as a guide with your own example):

It applies to searching both online (e.g., FamilySearch) and in-person at the County, and covers the somewhat convoluted process of going from an estate index to a proceedings index to a will book. Probate records are being added to Ancestry.com, which only requires a straightforward search. But familysearch has a very complete set for the entire state.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njm1/13-AC-ProbateRecords.html>

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society Membership fee; bringing area naturalization records and their own journals online. <http://www.wpgs.org>

Tax Records, 1877-1935 | Pa. State Archives - Allegheny County by community. Requires on-site visit in Harrisburg.

<https://archon.klnpa.org/psa/?p=collections/findingaid&id=4636&q=&rootcontentid=502555#id502555>

Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh – birth and death records for Pittsburgh, Allegheny City and several other local communities, 1870 - 1905.

<http://www.carnegielibrary.org/research-overview/genealogy/allegheny-county-birth-and-death-records>

Search the FamilySearch.org Catalog for browsable data sets (especially Pittsburgh births and Allegheny City births and deaths) not found via Search Records. [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Bonus sites for marriages if your ancestor went elsewhere to marry.

Westmoreland County <http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/index.aspx?NID=1572>

West Virginia birth, marriage and death Records [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)

1870 - 1905 Pittsburgh City Deaths – searchable – index and images.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1810412>

<http://www.ancestry.com/> Search card catalog – Pittsburgh / Allegheny as search term(s)