

GENEALOGY RESOURCES IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	HOURS	RESOURCES
Ottawa Library	105 S Hickory www.ottawa.lib.ks.us email:ottawalibraryreference@yahoo.com	785-242-3080	9am-8pm M-Thrs 9am-5pm Fri & Sat Sun 2-5pm --No Sun. hours Jun-Aug	Franklin County newspapers and census on microfilm, cemetery books, city directories, First Families of Franklin Co file
Franklin County Genealogical Society	P.O. Box 353 www.franklincountykansas.net/	Send genealogy inquiries here	Meets 2pm 3rd Sun/mo @ RMH mtg rm	Online maps, indexes to marriages, cemetery information and much more
Franklin County Historical Society	www.old.depot.museum/ email: history@ott.net			
⇒ Franklin County Records & Research Center	1124 W 7th St Terrace	785-242-1232	9am-12pm and 1-5pm M-F	Photos, biographical files, maps, atlases, marriage records 1858-1960
⇒ Old Depot Museum	135 W Tecumseh	785-242-1250	Tues-Sat 9-4 Fri 9-7, Sun 1-4	Local history displays
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Family History Center	1212 Willow Lane	785-242-6860 Jeanne Bickerstaff H242-3927, cell: 785-893-4022	Tues 6-9pm Weds 10am-1pm&6-8:30pm Thrs 10am-2pm Or by apt.	Family history information
Franklin County Records				
⇒ Courthouse	315 S Main	Register of Deeds 229-2440	8am-4:30pm	Grantor/grantee records Property records
		County Treasurer 229-3450		Tax records
⇒ District Court Building	301 S Main	Clerk of the District Court 785-242-6000	8am-12pm 1-4pm M-F	Marriage & divorce records, probate files Internet: www.kscourts.org/dstcts/4frco.htm
Highland Cemetery	Ottawa Library has 1889-1996			Sexton-Debbie Swank 785-229-3655
⇒ Ottawa City Hall	101 S Hickory	785-229-3600	8am-5pm	Newer Highland cemetery records by date
Funeral Homes				
⇒ Dengel & Son	3 rd & Hickory www.dengelmortuary.com	785-242-2323	8am-5pm	Death records (also www.nationalobituaryarchive.com)
⇒ Lamb-Roberts-Heise	325 S Hickory	785-242-3550	8am-5pm	Death records

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QUESTION	ANSWER	RESOURCES
Where are the birth & death records for Franklin County kept?	There is not a single source of information for these. Franklin County Records & Research Center has births 1907-early 1911 and deaths 1860's-early 1911. Index in process	At the library: Franklin County cemetery book-R Local History & Franklin Co Vital Statistics Register (1892-1907) on microfilm Reel 1106. Dept of Vital Statistics in Topeka (from 7/1/1911)-Application forms available in the Vertical File under Vital Statistics or at website below. Funeral Homes (see over)
How can I find addresses to write for birth & death records in other states?	A booklet listing these is in the Vertical File under Vital Statistics	On the Internet: http://vitalrec.com/
How can I find out what county a town is in?	Look in the "Rand McNally Commercial Atlas" R912 Ran (on top of flat file)	On the Internet: www.mit.edu:8001/geo
How can I find county courthouse addresses?	Look in "Business Phone Book USA" R917.3 Bus, kept at the Reference Desk. Government-County	On the Internet: www.genealogy.com/00000245.html
How can I find a genealogical society in other counties in Kansas?	"Directory of Historical & Genealogical Societies in Kansas" R978.106 Dir	On the Internet: http://skyways.lib.ks.us/kansas/genweb/kcgs/socaddrs.htm
Is there an index to obituaries in the Ottawa Herald?	A partial index done by the FCGS is located in FCGS file in Reference Dept.	The Ottawa Herald is on microfilm from beginning to present in the Ottawa Library Reference Dept.
Where can I find a census microfilm for Franklin County?	All census microfilm available for Franklin County is in the Ottawa Library Reference Dept.	We can request KS census on microfilm free from Lawrence/limit 2 per patron
Is there an index to the census?	KS 1860 Territorial census index KS 1870 state census index G929.3781	A binder with Franklin County Surname Indexes for State Census is on top of the microfilm cabinet.
Where can I obtain forms and charts?	Pedigree charts and Family group charts are available at the Ottawa Library Circulation Desk for 20 cents each	On the Internet: http://www.ancestry.com/trees/charts/ancchart.aspx http://www.ancestry.com/charts/familysheet.aspx
How can I apply to be in the First Families of Franklin County?	Application forms are available at the Ottawa Library	First Families of Franklin County file cabinet in Reference, online index & form @ www.ottawa.lib.ks.us/1stfamilies.html
Where else could I look for a Franklin County family name?	The Early Franklin County Settlers card file. A card in front of the first file explains abbreviations.	There is a set of five red companion notebooks. Also try "History of Franklin County, Kansas" 978.166 His, Local History
How can I find the county seat of a county?	Look in the "Rand McNally Commercial Atlas" R912 Ran (on top of flat file) See table in front of each state in the index	Also in the "Handy Book for Genealogists" G929.1 Han or "American Counties" R917.3 Kan Kansas Internet District Court Directory: http://www.kscourts.org/dstcts/4distdir.htm
I have no idea how to start. Where do I begin?	General books about genealogy in the genealogy section, lower level	A good one is "Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy" by Val D Greenwood Gen 929.1 Gre