## Free Internet Resources

#### **Family Search**

www.familysearch.org

The largest genealogy non-profit organization in the world that provides free online family search services. You can access over 4,600 family history centers in 132 countries.

## Find a Grave

www.findagrave.com A virtual cemetery experience including pictures, biographies, and more. A great resource for anyone when finding the final disposition of family, friends, and "famous" individuals.

### **National Archives Resources for Genealogists**

www.archives.org/research/genealogy The U.S. Government's collection of documents that record important events in American history.

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the Government agency that preserves and maintains these materials and makes them available for research.

## US Gen Web Project

www.usgenweb.org

This site was created by genealogists who shared a desire to create online centers for genealogical research.

The site includes query boards, listings of local sources for records, county and state histories, online genealogy books, research tips, maps, links, and more.

# Specific Items of Interest

**Microfilm** - The local history room stores many local newspapers on microfilm from as early as 1874. The newspapers can also be viewed online through our website.

<u>Allerton Histories/Books</u> – Learn more about Allerton Park and the Allerton Family with available publications.

<u>Sam Roane Scrapbooks</u> - 20 scrapbooks filled with local history in the form of photographs and newspaper clippings.

**Family Histories** - Browse the folders of local family histories that have been compiled, published, and donated to the library collection.

**<u>Historical Photos</u>** - Browse the binders full of historical photos in the library collection or view them digitally online through our website.

Local History Room computers are available for use of the library's paid subscription to <u>ancestry.com</u>.

Prints/Copies are: \$0.15 for Black & White \$1.00 for Color

### Piatt County Historical & Genealogical Society

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## Local History Room

# The **Max Hency Local History Room** has both paper and digital resources:

- In-library use only
- Closes 15 minutes before library closing time

#### <u>Hours:</u>

Monday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## Piatt County Research

Piatt County Histories History of Piatt County, Illinois by Emma Piatt c1883

Portrait & Biographical Album of DeWitt and Piatt Counties by Chapman Bros. c1891

Past & Present of Piatt County, Illinois by Charles McIntosh c1903

History of Piatt County, Illinois by Francis Shonkwiler c1917

The Good Life in Piatt County by Jessie Morgan c1968

<u>U.S. Federal Census Records</u> - 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930, 1940

Piatt County State Census - 1855 & 1865

Piatt County Marriage Index - 1841-1910

Piatt County Birth Index - 1877-1916

**<u>Piatt County Cemeteries</u>** - Books are

Printed by Township & Indexed by

Surname

Monticello Funeral Home Records -

Zybell 1906-1920; Bauman 1914-1948;

Mackey 1919-1948

<u>Monticello Directories</u> - 1909, 1916, 1921-22, 1940

Monticello Phone Directories - Misc.

Years; 1932-present

Monticello High School Yearbooks - Misc. years 1915-2006 (Also digitized and available online through our website) Piatt County Atlases - 1865, 1875, 1896,

1910, 1927

Piatt County Town Histories - Atwood, Bement, Cerro Gordo, Cisco, Deland, Hammond, LaPlace, Monticello, White Heath

<u>Family Files</u> - File Cabinets <u>County History Files</u> - File Cabinets <u>Surname Files</u> - File Cabinets Business Files - File Cabinets

# In-Library Use Only

#### Ancestry.com

- Covers both public records and newspapers
- Photos and maps are also included
- Provides tools to help your research, including charts and forms to organize your findings
- For use in Local History Room only

# Research from Home

#### Heritage Quest

www.monticellolibrary.org>>Genealogy>> Max Hency Local History Room>>Heritage Quest Icon

- Find census information plus books and articles on family and local history
- Search for Revolutionary War information, the U.S. Serial Set, and Freedman's Bank

<u>Digital Archives</u> - Newspapers & Yearbooks Atwood - 1911~1999 Bement - 1876~1978 + yearbooks Cerro Gordo - 1908~1999 + yearbooks Deland - 1902~1975 Hammond - 1904~1949 Mansfield - 1916~1947 Monticello - 1865~1999 + yearbooks

You can view these through our website at: www.monticellolibrary.org>>Genealogy>>D igitalArchives