



Using the Illinois State Archives Global Database Search

What is the Illinois State Archives Global Database Search

The Illinois State Archives Global Database Search is a search engine that will search all the electronic databases established by the Illinois State Archives. These databases are quite extensive and include:

- Public Domain Land Tract Sales
- Illinois Servitude and Emancipation Records
- Illinois Veterans Databases
 - War of 1812 Veterans
 - Winnebago War Veterans
 - Black Haw War Veterans
 - Mexican War Veterans
 - Civil War Muster and Descriptive Rolls, also those serving in Missouri Units and in U. S. Navy
 - Spanish-American War Veterans
 - 1929 Illinois Roll of Honor
 - Illinois Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Residents

Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900

Statewide Death Indexes, Pre-1916 - 1950

Arthur Local Registrar's Birth Certificates Index (1868–1925)

County Records:

Adams County Almshouse Register Index (1873–1898)

Brown County Almshouse Registers Index (1882–1963)

Carroll County Birth Certificates Index (1877–1913)

Chicago City Council Proceedings Files, 1833–1871 and Chicago Police Department Homicide Record, 1870–1930

Cook County Coroner's Inquest Record Index, 1872–1911

DeWitt County Coroner's Inquest Files Index (1924–1977)

East St. Louis City Court Naturalization Papers Index (1874–1906)

Fulton County Circuit Court Case Files Index (1825–1876)

JoDaviess County Almshouse Registers Index (1846–1938)

Kane County Circuit Court Case Files Index (1836–1870)

Lake County Circuit Court Case Files Index (1840–1898)

Livingston County Probate Case Files Index (1837–1958)

Logan County Circuit Court Criminal Case Files Index (1857–1945)

Macon County Circuit Court Case Files Index (1829–1861)

Macoupin County Coroner's Inquest Files Index (1835–1928)

Madison County Probate Case Files Index (1813–1903)

Mattoon Death Certificate Registers Index (1899–1918) and Court of Common Pleas Case Files Index (1869–1873)

McLean County Probate Record Index (1834–1934) and Will Record Index (1838–1940)

Mercer County Almshouse Register Index (1859–1948)

Morgan County Poor Farm Records Index (1850–1932)

Ogle County Almshouse Register Index (1878–1933) and Naturalization Papers (County Court) Index (1872–1906)

Peoria County Probate Case Files Index (1825–1887)

Rock Island Probate Case Files Index (1834–1899)

St. Clair County Circuit Court Chancery Case Files Index (1815–1870) and Farm Board Record Index (1874–1879)

Sangamon County Guardian's Case Files Index (1825–1901) and Probate Case Files Index (1821–1885)

Shelby County Circuit Court Case Files Index (1828–1871)

Stark County Almshouse Register Index (1868–1941)

Vermilion County Coroner's Inquest Files Index (1908–1956)

Wayne County Coroner's Inquest Record Index (1888–1960)

Woodford County Almshouse Registers Index (1868–1957)

Accessing the Illinois State Archive Global Database Search

- <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/GenealogyMWeb/globsrch.html>

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- The global search requires a complete surname to be entered followed by a comma. The surname **MUST** be followed by a comma – even if it is just the surname (eg. Franks,). To search for partial surnames, you should search the individual databases. (<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases.html>)

Name (for example: Smith, or Smith, John D)
Don't forget the **comma** after the surname!

- Enter your search criteria in the **Name** field on this page and click the **Submit Query** button.
- The Global Database Search will examine all databases on the Illinois State Archives web site containing name fields for the name you enter. A list of all databases containing the name you enter will be returned. Simply click on a database from the list which is returned to search for the record in that database.
- The links on the results page take you directly to the database search screens.
- Click on the database you want to search, then enter your search criteria again in that window's query box.
- Keep in mind the following points when using the Global Database Search:
 - The links on the results page take you directly to the database search screens. To get information about the database and the records it indexes, press the back button located at the bottom of the search screen.
 - To learn how to obtain copies of the records indexed by these databases, click on the links on the search screen.
 - Several of the databases have multiple name fields. The global database search examines all name fields. For example, if you searched for the name Smith, John D., both the plaintiff and defendant fields of the Shelby County Circuit Court Case Files would be searched.
 - If you cannot find a person for whom you believe there is a record, try broadening your search by typing variations of the spelling of a surname (such as Johnson and Johnsen).
 - Searching for a surname will return results more quickly than searches including a given name. For example, it is faster to search for the surname Smith, than search for the name Smith, John. When searching for a surname with a given name, please be patient!