

## Investigating Infamous Ancestors

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### Websites

Google Books

[www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com)

New York Library Digital Collections (Photographs)

<http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/>

Chicago History Museum Digital Collection

<http://digitalcollection.chicagohistory.org/cdm/>

Explore Chicago Collections

<http://explore.chicagocollections.org/>

Library of Congress

[www.loc.gov](http://www.loc.gov)

Chicago Tribune

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/>

University of Chicago Photographic Archive

<http://photoarchive.lib.uchicago.edu/>

Newspapers.com

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

Chicago Public Library

[www.chipubliclib.org](http://www.chipubliclib.org)

Illinois State Archives Databases

<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/home.html>

Homicide in Chicago 1870 - 1930

<https://homicide.northwestern.edu/>

Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives

<http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/?RecArchivePage=6000&section=RecArchivePage>

FBI

<https://www.fbi.gov/foia/>

National Archives and Records Administration Great Lakes Region

<https://www.archives.gov/chicago/>

Cook County Medical Examiner's Office

<http://www.cookcountylil.gov/medical-examiner/how-to-obtain-recordsreports/>

## Research Locations / FOIA Contacts

### **Illinois State Archives**

Margaret Cross Norton Bldg.  
Capitol Complex  
Springfield, IL 62756  
217-782-4682  
217-524-3930 (fax)  
Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives**

50 W. Washington Room 1113  
Chicago, IL 60602  
Phone: 312-603-6601  
Fax: 312-603-4974  
Hours: Mon-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

### **N.A.R.A. Great Lakes Region**

7358 South Pulaski Road  
Chicago, IL 60629-5898  
773-948-9050  
E-mail: [chicago.archives@nara.gov](mailto:chicago.archives@nara.gov)  
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### **Department of Corrections FOIA contact**

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### **FBI FOIA contact**

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attn: FOI/PA Request  
Record/Information Dissemination Section  
170 Marcel Drive  
Winchester, VA 22602-4843  
Fax: (540) 868-4391/4997  
E-mail: [foiparequest@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:foiparequest@ic.fbi.gov)

## Historic Research at the Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives

Cook County Clerk of the Circuit Court Archives  
50 W. Washington Room 1113  
Chicago, IL 60602  
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Fax: 312-603-4974

### Naturalizations

Dates: 1871 - 1929

Superior, Circuit, County and Criminal Courts of Cook County (Other municipal courts not included)

1871 - 1903 Name, date of naturalization, possibly address and witness  
1904 - 1906 + town of birth, port of departure, date and port of arrival, occupation and witness  
1906 - 1929 + wife's name and date of birth; children's names and DOB, physical description

### Probate / Wills

Probate Cases from 1871 - 1892 on Access at help desk 1893 - 1976 Indexes on microfilm by years then alphabetically

Wills from 1850 to 1993 on Microfilm (1850 - 1915 is one roll)

### Divorce / Law / Chancery Records

Superior and Circuit Courts 1871 - 1965 microfilm index  
Div/Law/Chancery from 1966 - 1992 on microfiche in binders

### Criminal (Felony)

1872 to 1983 on microfiche in two binders by year then alphabetically.  
(1900-1927 cases have been destroyed but indictments from 1913 to 1927 remain on microfilm)

### Municipal Court Records

October 1914 - June 1923 (no name index only chronological order)

### Burnt Records

1872 - 1940 Access Database by name at help desk  
(records re-establishing ownership of land after 1871 fire)

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