

Genealogy Policies

Our policy on genealogy searches is as follows:

Searches must be submitted in writing. We will search for the records. If the records are found, we send an invoice for \$10.00 for each certified document. Only certified records can be provided. Any searches containing more than 10 records incur an hourly charge of \$14.57 per hour in addition to the charge for the certified copies. The public is always welcome to come and search our vault. We will provide limited assistance. And individual records can be viewed at no charge. The marriage and death indexes are public. An application form must be filled out to review individual records.

Following are some genealogy sources in Lake County:

Civil War Records: Peter J. Loucks 231-832-4345

Luther Area (Newkirk, Dover, and Ellsworth Townships), Luther Area Public Museum. Information is limited. They have 3 volumes of civil war names, some family bibles, books with family names, and the Luther Ledger. The museum is open by appointment only in the wintertime. Marilyn Gray 231-797-5398

Chase Library (Chase, Cherry Valley and Pinora Townships). Best times to call are Monday through Wednesday in the afternoons. 231-832-9511

Lake-Osceola Counties - Old Rugged Cross Museum. They have information on microfilm. 231-832-5431 You can also call Betsy Randall 231-832-9525 for help locating sources.

The Lake County Chamber of Commerce sponsors a website at www.lakecountymichigan.com. 231-745-4331

The Lake County Historical Society sponsors a website at www.michiganbackroads.com/counties/lake.htm 231-898-6500

The Lakeshore Guardian has some information on Idlewild www.lakeshoreguardian.com.

The State of Michigan has Seeking Michigan, a very good resource at <http://seekingmichigan.org/>

Land patents can be searched at www.glorerecords.blm.gov. The BLM will also provide certified copies of the original documents.

Idlewild Area – Old Morton Motel 231-745-7773.
www.historicidlewildmortonsmotel.com