

The Genealogy Center at the Allen County Public Library

WELCOME GUIDE

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA



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FIND YOUR STORY IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

**Thank you for your interest in the Genealogy Center
at the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana.**

With one of the largest physical collections in the world, plus unrivaled access to world-class digital resources — and free, one-on-one help from professional genealogists — this is one of the best places in the country to research your family history.

Located in a 42,000 sq. ft. facility in downtown Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Genealogy Center is just blocks from dozens of restaurants, museums, hotels and other welcoming amenities.

In this guide, you'll find information and resources to help ensure your visit to Fort Wayne and the Genealogy Center is enjoyable and memorable for your entire family.

CONTACT

The Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the Allen County Public Library

900 Library Plaza
Fort Wayne, IN 46802
(260) 421-1225

For current hours, check the
Genealogy Center website.

GenealogyCenter.org

Genealogy@ACPL.info

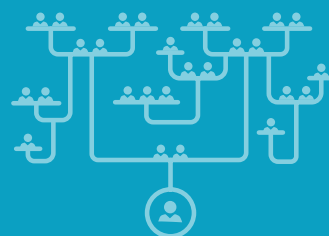
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PLANNING YOUR VISIT

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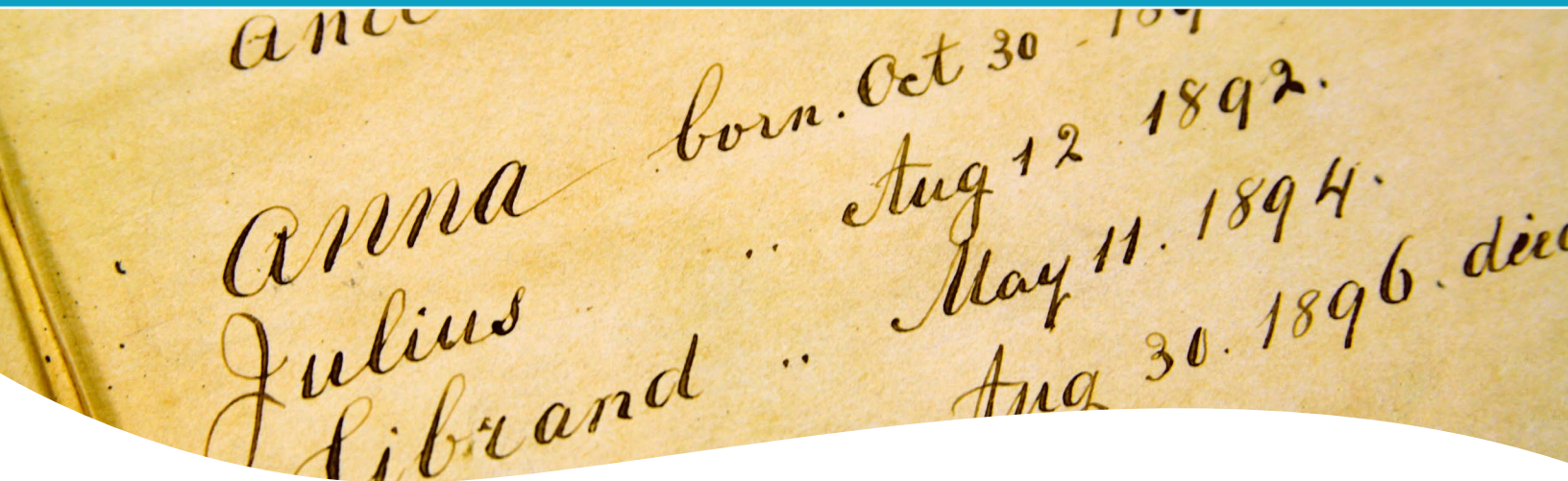
TIPS FOR PLANNING YOUR VISIT

We're very excited for your upcoming visit to the Genealogy Center, located in the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne! We have a few tips to make your visit more productive and enjoyable:

- Be prepared by checking out their website at GenealogyCenter.org. Look for the surnames you are researching as well as the places you believe your ancestors lived in their catalogs and numerous databases. Always feel free to ask a question by email Genealogy@ACPL.info. This will give you an overview of the resources you'll be searching when you arrive.
- Bring a USB drive to save images from computers, microtext, and books for free.
- Bring dollar bills for the copy machines.
- You may bring just about anything with you: files and notebooks, computers and tablets, scanner, camera, pens, pencils, etc. However, they do not allow food or drink in the Center. These may be stored in your bag, but not consumed in this area of the library.
- You might want to bring a sweater or light jacket. No matter the season, the rooms occasionally get a little cool.
- Wear comfortable shoes. The Genealogy Center covers about the same space as a football field.
- Want to schedule a free appointment with a genealogist in advance? Email Genealogy@ACPL.Info to get started. Plus, we'll have a welcome packet waiting for you upon arrival that includes dining guides, maps, and more.

Use our Family Tree worksheet in the Resource section to get started!

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FAMILY HISTORY CHECKLIST

FOR BEGINNERS

1	Write down what you already know about your family.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Explore your home for photo albums, scrapbooks, files, holy books and diaries — anything that may identify family members.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Talk with your relatives. Ask them what they know about your family.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Explore the many genealogy websites, and contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Contact Genealogy@ACPL.info if you need virtual help.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Visit the Genealogy Center in Fort Wayne, Indiana for an extensive collection of genealogy resources and personalized services.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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FORT WAYNE SAVINGS PASS

As you explore Fort Wayne, take this Savings Pass with you to enjoy discounts at restaurants, attractions, boutiques, and more! The Visit Fort Wayne Savings Pass is a mobile savings pass with deals and discounts at locations throughout Fort Wayne. To redeem your discounts at this location and others, simply show your mobile phone at checkout. More than \$200 of savings — right at your fingertips.

Check [VisitFortWayne.com/SavingsPass](https://www.visitfortwayne.com/SavingsPass) to learn about the great discounts you can enjoy as a visiting genealogy researcher!

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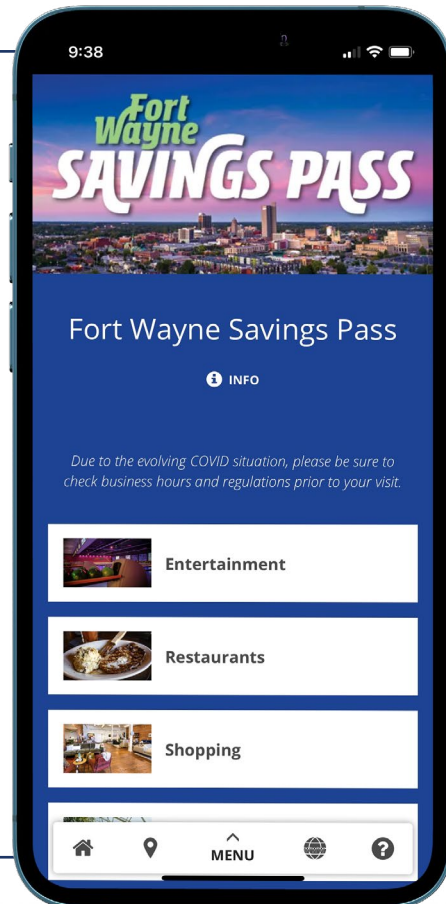
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Show your phone at checkout to redeem savings



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WHAT'S NEAR THE GENEALOGY CENTER

The Genealogy Center is located in the Allen County Public Library in downtown Fort Wayne, conveniently located near many attractions and restaurants.

Paid parking, including handicap spots, is available in two surface lots, with entrances located off Wayne Street and Webster Street. Additional parking is available in the Allen County Public Library's underground garage, with the entrance located off Wayne Street.

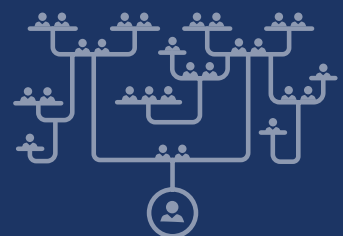
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OVERVIEW

We realize your goal will be to spend most of your time in the Genealogy Center researching your family history, but be sure to save time to enjoy everything else Fort Wayne has to offer, just steps away.

After a day of researching, take the night off at a **TinCaps baseball game** (April through September.) Don't forget to stay for the fireworks that follow most Friday and Saturday games in the summer.

For a little relaxation, we suggest a stroll through the beautiful **Botanical Conservatory** or **Fort Wayne Museum of Art**.

To get outdoors, take a short walk to the Midwest's newest attraction, **Promenade Park**, which features porch swings, a tree canopy trail, an amphitheatre, beer garden, and many other modern amenities.

Looking to catch a show? Fort Wayne's historic **Embassy Theatre**, located in downtown Fort Wayne, features national touring Broadway productions, concerts of all musical formats, cinema, and other fun performances.

You'll definitely need to eat during your visit. Downtown Fort Wayne offers plenty of great dining options. Pull up a chair at the classic **Cindy's Diner** or **Coney Island**, enjoy a meal on the patio at **Tolon** or the **Sidecar**, or grab a quick bite at **816 Pint & Slice** or **The Burger Bar**.

And if it's coffee you're after, stop by **Conjure Coffee** or **Fortezza**, both located in downtown Fort Wayne.

Welcome to Fort Wayne, known as the City of Restaurants for its wide variety of eating establishments. This listing includes restaurants which are within easy walking distance of the Grand Wayne Center and downtown Fort Wayne attractions.

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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS, CONTINUED

- 1 816 Pint & Slice**
816 S Calhoun St • (260) 423-6600
New York style pizza, whole or by the slice. **L D \$**
- 2 Big Eyed Fish**
1502 N Wells St • (260) 420-3474
Voted "Best Fish in Town." Known for their breaded Alaskan Pollock & HUGE Pork tenderloin. Casual dining, outdoor dining. Daily special. **B L D \$**
- 3 Bistro Nola**
620 S. Calhoun St • (260) 488-6682
New Americana style cuisine (in a casual, walk-up lunch setting.) Offering soups, salads, & sandwiches (on fresh in-house bread and entrees) made in a scratch kitchen. **B L \$**
- 4 The Brass Rail**
1121 Broadway • (260) 267-5303
Downtown's spot for live music. Craft beer and cocktails. Live original music many nights. A Fort Wayne original for over 70 years. Open 3pm to 3am 365 days a year. 21 and over. **D \$\$**
- 5 Burger Bar**
223 W. Jefferson Blvd
Unique and Handcrafted Burgers that are not just delicious but memorable. **L D \$**
- 6 Cindy's Diner**
230 W Berry St • (260) 422-1957
Authentic 50's Diner. Serving the "WHOLE WORLD" 15 at a time. Breakfast served anytime. **B L \$**
- 7 Club Soda**
235 E Superior St • (260) 426-3442
Sizzling steaks, cool jazz and commodious cocktails. 21 & over. Closed Sun. **L D \$\$\$**
- 8 Coney Island**
131 W Main St • (260) 424-2997
Family owned since 1914, this local favorite's specialty is the legendary Coney Dog on a steamed bun. M-Th 8am-10pm, F-Sat 8am-11pm, Sun 9am-9pm. **B L D \$**
- 9 Conner's Kitchen + Bar**
1150 S Harrison St • (260) 467-1638
Enjoy elevated Midwest cuisine and a hangout worthy atmosphere at Downtown's newest restaurant. **B L D \$\$**
- 10 Conner's Rooftop**
223 W Jefferson Blvd
Fort Wayne's only Rooftop Restaurant serving dinner overlooking Parkview Field. **D \$\$**
- 11 Copper Spoon/The Sidecar**
301 W Jefferson Blvd (260) 755-1019
Enjoy a seasonal menu prepared with sustainable, locally sourced ingredients. Nationally acclaimed bar features about 600 unique spirits & wines. In the summer, try The Sidecar patio Tiki bar. 21 and over. **L D \$\$**
- 12 Dash-In**
814 S Calhoun St • (260) 423-3595
Coffee drinks, famous grilled cheeses, fresh & creative menu, house made soups. Live music weekend nights and 70+ craft beers. 21 & over. Closed Sun. **B L D \$**
- 13 DeBrand Fine Chocolates**
878 Harrison St • (260) 969-8353
Stop in to experience some of the world's finest chocolate. M-Th 10am-9pm, Fri- 10am-10:30pm, Sun 12-6pm. **L D \$**
- 14 The Deck**
305 E Superior St • (260) 426-3411
A favorite spot for outdoor dining. Situated on the bank of the St. Mary's River. Good eats and cold drinks in a setting unlike anywhere else in the city. Open May-Oct. **L D \$\$**
- 15 Don Hall's Old Gas House**
305 E Superior St • (260) 426-3411
Prime Rib, seafood, steaks and Cajun specialties. **L D \$\$\$**
- 16 Features at the Hilton**
1020 S Calhoun St • (260) 420-1100
We connect out of town visitors with local regulars, great drinks with great food, and business with pleasure. 6:30am-11pm daily. **B L D \$\$**
- 16 Starbucks at the Hilton**
1020 S Calhoun St • (260) 420-1100
Just steps from the Embassy Theatre and Botanical Conservatory! **B L D \$**
- 17 Henry's**
536 W Main St • (260) 426-0531
Specials: Friday Prime Rib, Saturday seafood. Family owned and operated since 1959. Full food service 4 pm 'til midnight. M-Sat 4pm-2am, Sun 4-11pm. 21 & over. **D \$\$**
- 18 The Hoppy Gnome**
203 E Berry St • (260) 422-0070
Tacos, tortas and salads created in a "scratch" kitchen. **L D \$**
- 19 Hop River Brewing Co.**
1515 N. Harrison St • (260) 739-3931
Visit this 15-barrel production micro-brewery/taproom in downtown Fort Wayne. This local brewery is all-ages with award-winning beer, long community tables, games, outdoor patio with firepits, from-scratch & seasonal food menu, and community events. Closed Mon. **L D \$**
- 20 J.K. O'Donnell's Irish Ale House**
121 W Wayne St • (260) 420-5563
A wee bit of Ireland. . . pub fare, unique beers, hard cider and eclectic daily features. Family room open until 7pm. 21 & over. **L D \$**

Blue dot denotes member of Visit Fort Wayne | Restaurants are open 7 days a week unless otherwise noted.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner | Average cost per person: \$ = under \$10 \$\$ = \$10-\$20 \$\$\$ = \$20-\$30 \$\$\$\$ = Over \$30

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DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS, CONTINUED

21 Mad Anthony Brewing Co.

2002 Broadway • (260) 426-ALES

Fresh, natural handcrafted ales. Gourmet pizza, pasta, salads & munchies. Family dining. **LD** \$\$

22 O'Reilly's Irish Bar & Restaurant

301 W Jefferson Blvd
(260) 267-9679

Irish specialties, grilled hamburgers, pizza, salads, sandwiches, specialty beer. Outdoor ballpark dining and party space. 11am-3am daily. 21 & over. **LD** \$

23 Oyster Bar

1830 S Calhoun St • (260) 744-9490

Landmark since 1888 with a great atmosphere and superb seafood. Closed Sun. **LD** \$\$\$

24 Paula's on Main

1732 Main St • (260) 424-2300

Enjoy lobster, oysters on the half shell, fresh cut steaks, chowder, salads in an eclectic atmosphere. Full bar. Closed Sun. **LD** \$\$\$

25 Pembroke Bakery & Café

300 E Main St in the Auer Center
(260) 247-7220

Vegan bakery: artisanal breads, desserts and gluten-free items. Homemade vegan, vegetarian, & carnivore soups, salads & sandwiches. Local & organic ingredients. **B LD** \$

26 Proximo

898 Harrison St • (260) 459-6150

Upscale restaurant specializing in Latin cuisine. **B LD** \$\$\$

27 Rudy's Wine Chocolate and Cigars

409 W Brackenridge • (260) 451-0115

Serving Indiana wines and beers and DeBrand Fine Chocolates. Nonsmoking inside, but smoking on the large rear patio. Open daily. 21 & over. **LD** \$

28 Ruth's Chris Steak House

224 W Wayne St • (260) 444-5898

Famous for sizzlin' steaks and New Orleans inspired menu. Open daily for dinner, Fri lunch. **D** \$\$\$\$

29 Shigs in Pit Barbeque

2008 Fairfield Ave • (260) 387-5903

Traditional Southern barbeque and homemade side salads. **LD** \$

30 Takaoka of Japan

305 E Superior St • (260) 424-3183

Showmen chefs create your meal tableside! **LD** \$\$\$

31 Three Rivers Distilling Co.

224 E Wallace St • (260) 745-9355

Fort Wayne's only distillery, featuring a full restaurant and cocktail bar. Spirits made from Indiana organic, non-GMO grain and distilled on-site. Choose from the finest whiskeys, vodka, gin, and coffee liqueur. Saturday and Sunday Brunch. **D** \$\$

32 Alto Grado **LD** \$

33 Arby's **B LD** \$

34 Big Apple Pizza **LD** \$

36 Burger King **B LD** \$

37 Comfort Food Café **B L** \$
Closed weekends

38 Conjure Coffee \$ Closed Sun

39 Conjure Coffee \$ Closed Mon

40 Domino's Pizza **LD** \$

41 Don Chavas Mexican Grill **LD** \$ \$
Closed Sun

42 Double Dragon **LD** \$

43 El Salvador **LD** \$

44 Fortezza Coffee **B LD** \$
Closed Sun

45 Green Frog Inn **L** \$

46 Jimmy Johns **LD** \$

47 Junk Ditch Brewing Company \$ \$
Closed Tue

48 King Gyros **LD** \$

49 Klemm's Kafe **B L** \$ Closed Sun

50 Landing Beer Co. **D** \$ \$

51 Lincoln Tower Soda Fountain
B L \$ Closed Weekends

52 Marquee Opening Soon

53 McDonald's **B LD** \$

54 Mercado **LD** \$

55 Nawa **LD** \$

56 O'Sullivan's **LD** \$

57 Pedal City Beer Garden **D** \$

58 Poptique Closed Sun, Mon

59 Powers Hamburgers **LD** \$
Closed Sun

60 Pupuseria El Rinconcito **B LD** \$

61 Purple Mountain Cheesecake **LD** \$

62 Rally's **LD** \$

63 Redwood Inn **LD** \$ \$
Closed Sun, Mon

64 Revitalize Health Bar **B L** \$
Closed Weekends

65 Saigon **B LD** \$ Closed Wed

66 Salsa Grille at George's
International Grocery **LD** \$

67 Sassie Cakes **L** \$

68 Starbucks **B LD** \$

69 Subway **B LD** \$

70 Summit City Brewwerks **D** \$ \$
Closed Sun

71 Sweets on Main **D** \$

72 Taco Bell **LD** \$

73 Tolon **LD** \$ \$ \$ \$

74 Welch's Ale House **LD** \$ \$
Closed Sun

75 Wendy's **LD** \$

76 Zinnia's Bakehouse **B L** \$

77 Trubble Brewing **LD** \$

78 Trubble Riverside **LD** \$

79 Utopian Coffee **B L** \$

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FAMILY ITINERARY

While you're researching in the Genealogy Center, the rest of the family can enjoy Fort Wayne's affordable attractions and activities.

The whole family will love the **Fort Wayne Children's Zoo**, one of the top zoos in the nation. It features 40 acres of animals, rides, hands-on experiences, and beautifully landscaped grounds.

Fort Wayne also has dozens of other great museums and entertainment options, from **Science Central**, where you can test your imagination (and the rules of gravity!) in a hands-on laboratory—to the **Botanical Conservatory**, where families wander through a sea of lush gardens and tranquil waterfalls, and take in exciting new exhibits with every season. Even our **Museum of Art** offers hands-on activities for kids!

Plan your visit around one of our many summer festivals, which kick off in June with **Arab Fest**, **Germanfest**, and **Greekfest**.

For some extra family fun, a visit to **Promenade Park** is a must. Rent a kayak, explore Fort Wayne's eight miles of riverfront trails, or spend time splashing in the kids' canal.

For a quick break, explore the public art located all around downtown Fort Wayne. Keep a look out for murals covering Fort Wayne alleyways, street corners, and parks!

Fort Wayne is a convenient and affordable destination, perfect for the whole family. Request a visitors guide to start planning your getaway at [VisitFortWayne.com/guide](https://www.visitfortwayne.com/guide).

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ADDITIONAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Use the resources below to help you plan your itinerary.

HOTEL INFORMATION

www.visitfortwayne.com/hotels

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

www.visitfortwayne.com/events

RESTAURANTS

www.visitfortwayne.com/restaurants

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

www.visitfortwayne.com/restaurants/downtown

ATTRACTIONS

www.visitfortwayne.com/things-to-do/attractions

SHOPPING

www.visitfortwayne.com/things-to-do/shopping

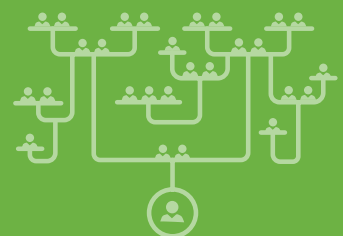
MAPS

www.visitfortwayne.com/plan/maps



RESOURCES

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MY FAMILY TREE

KEY

B: When Born
WB: Where Born
M: When Married
D: When Died
WD: Where Died

1 NAME
 B:
 WB:
 M:
 D:
 WD:

2 FATHER
 B:
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 M:
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 WD:

3 MOTHER
 B:
 WB:
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4 FATHER OF NO. 2
 B:
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5 MOTHER OF NO. 2
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6 FATHER OF NO. 3
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7 MOTHER OF NO. 3
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8 FATHER OF NO. 4
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9 MOTHER OF NO. 4
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10 FATHER OF NO. 5
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11 MOTHER OF NO. 5
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12 FATHER OF NO. 6
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13 MOTHER OF NO. 6
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 D:
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14 FATHER OF NO. 7
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 M:
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15 MOTHER OF NO. 7
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FIND YOUR STORY: DISCOVERIES

We hope you have a successful research session at the Genealogy Center. To commemorate your visit and help share your findings, use this page to track your discoveries.

TOP DISCOVERIES:

1

What is one of the coolest stories you found at the Genealogy Center?

2

When you return, what are your research next steps.

FIND YOUR STORY: DISCOVERIES

MORE ABOUT YOUR ANCESTORS:

1 Most common profession:

2 Most unusual first names:

3 Person with the most children. How many?

4 Biggest surprise or scandal you discovered?

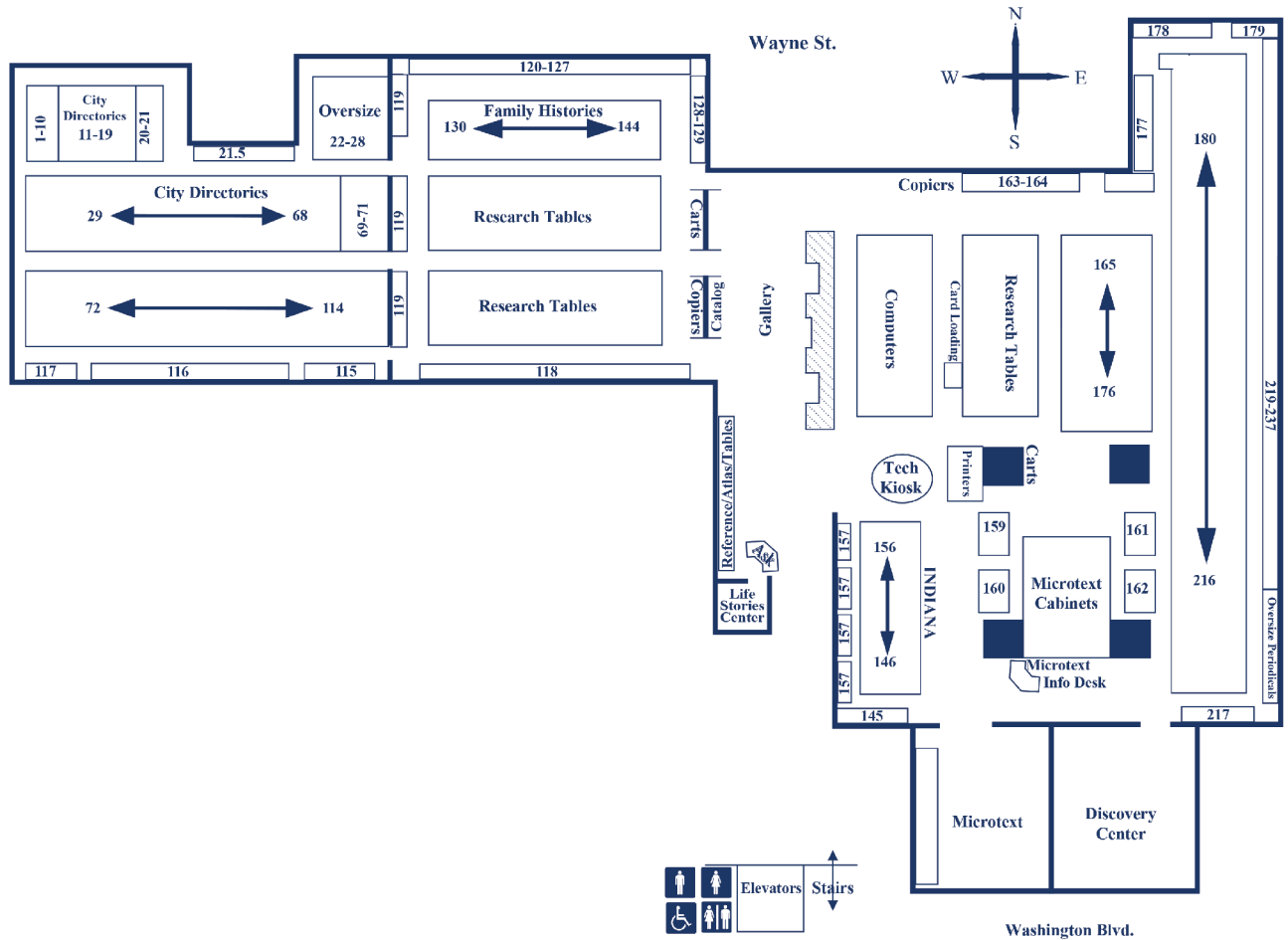
5 Ancestral place that you'd most like to visit:

6 Ancestor that shares something interesting with a living relative (Be sure to tell them!):

7 Ancestor that looks the most like a living relative (Be sure to show them!):

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GENEALOGY DEPARTMENT MAP



RESEARCH LOG

Ancestor's Name

Objectives			Locality	
Date of Search	Location/ Call Number	Description of Source <small>(author, title, year, pages)</small>	Comments <small>(purpose of search, results, years and names searched)</small>	Doc. Number