

Virginia Research Facilities—Shenandoah Valley—Waynesboro



Waynesboro Public Library

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Open: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and other times by appointment. Some of the collection is only available when archivist is on duty. To ensure available access, call ahead for an appointment.

Covered: Waynesboro and Augusta County records include cemetery lists, family records, and histories of local businesses; state records include abstracted county court records from Augusta and surrounding counties; national records include Federal Population Census.

Research Facility

Waynesboro Public Library has one of the largest local history and genealogical collections in the area. The book collection contains obituary books, county records, city directories, school yearbooks, military resources, and more. The archival file collection contains cemetery records, family records, histories of local businesses, and other documents of local interest. The microfilm collection includes census records, county records, and local newspapers.

Be Prepared

Copier: 15¢ per page / 30 or more 10¢ per page

Researchers can use cameras, scanners, etc. Microfilm machines do not have USB ports, but paper copies can be made for 15¢ per page. We do basic research for inquirers free of charge.

Online resources

HeritageQuestOnline includes most U.S. Federal Census Records, American Revolution Pension and Bounty Land Application Files, PERSI™ Archives, Freedman's Bank (1865-1874), U.S. Serial Set, and genealogy books and periodicals. This resource can be used in the library or by remote access with a Waynesboro Public Library card.

The *historical photograph collection* contains more than 1,500 photographs depicting people and places in Waynesboro. The photographs are included in the digital collections of the Virginia Memory database at the Library of Virginia and are available for viewing.

Holdings

The book collection contains every county in Virginia as well as books pertaining to Pennsylvania, North Carolina, West Virginia, & other states close to Virginia. Maps include Sanborn maps for Basic City & Waynesboro, topographic maps of Augusta and surrounding counties. Newspapers on microfilm are *Waynesboro News Virginian*, 1930-present

Collections

Genealogy Periodical Collection includes all magazines indexed in *Swem's Virginia Historical Index*. These periodicals contain material vital to researchers, particularly early time period research. The periodical collection also includes *The Virginia Genealogist*, *Virginia Appalachian Notes*, *Augusta Historical Bulletin*, and many other titles that will assist patrons with local area research.

The *Sanborn Map Collection* includes insurance maps for Waynesboro from 1886 to 1920 and Basic City from 1891 to 1912. Genealogists use these maps to locate residences and workplaces of ancestors. The maps are also used for historical research because some of the structures no longer exist.

Augusta County Historical House Collection includes architectural surveys of houses located in Augusta County. These surveys were created by Ann McCleary, architectural historian for Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission.

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