

Peoria County Genealogical Indexes Guide

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Indexes Open to the Public

By State law, only indexes prior to 1916 can be made available to the public. This includes indexes of documents actually filed in the County Clerk's office prior to 1916. Indexes are available for following filed years:

Birth Records: 1878 - 1915

Marriage Records: 1825 - 1915

Death Records: 1878 - 1915

Delayed Birth Records

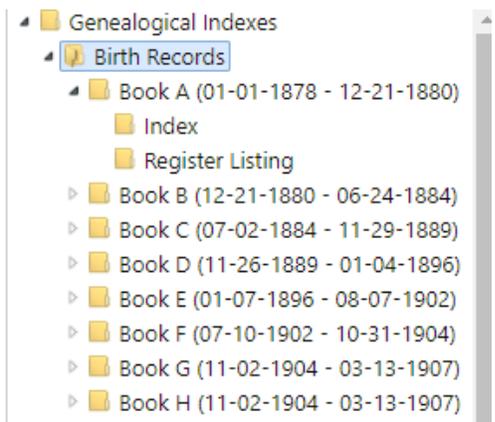
Not all births that occurred prior to 1915 were reported, meaning a birth certificate was not created at the time of birth. Delayed birth records were created for many of these individuals later in life. In many instances, delayed births were added to the *Index to the Register* books during the applicable years. These listings will provide the book and page number to the applicable delayed birth register book (i.e. O-25 is book O Page 25). However, the *Register* book will not be available online due to the file date being after 1915. Searches for individuals not found in the public indexes can be done by the County Clerk's Office. The actual date birth for our delayed birth records go as far back as 1850.

Accessing Indexes Online

Indexes prior to 1916 are available online through the Peoria County Clerk's website and can be accessed directly at:

<https://www.peoriacounty.org/DocumentCenter/Index/1858>

The indexes are sorted by record type, with subfolders for each book.



Index and Register System

For each book, there are two additional folders: *Index & Registers Listing*. The records were recorded chronologically within the register books. An index was then created for the names in each register book.

The online *Index* folders contain a file for each letter of the alphabet, which contains a listing of the last name of all individuals included in the book. The pages of the listing are then sorted into "A", "E", "I", "O", "U", and "Y" columns. Last names are sorted into these columns based on the first vowel in the name (excluding the first letter if it's a vowel).

A		E		I		O		U		Y	
Ash, Horace F.	51	Allen, Archibald	1	Allison, John	65	Adolph, John Wilhelm	20	Austin, Henry S.	27	Ayers, Francis	130
Adams, Wm.	56	Adney, Wm. D.	4	Aiken, John C.	106	Atwood, Timothy Jr.	29	Austin, George F.	29	Aby, David	193
Adams, Theodore	64	Avery, Wm.	12	Aiken, Peter W.	114	Armstrong, James C.	37	Austin, Wm. C.	185		
Adams, John	84	Anderson, Oliver P.	26	Adkinson, John	120	Armstrong, William	45	Aucutt, Francis W.	193		
Almaine, George D.	96	Atwood, Timothy J.	29	Alcolas, Michael	127	Atwood, Hiram	72	Aukland, Thomas	276		
Adams, Theo.	103	Anderson, Marten	31	Allison, Alexander	177	Arnold, Stephen	84	Austin, James E.	291		
Atchinson, Danforth	168	Andrews, Henry	49	Atkinson, John L.	223	Adlo, John A.	116	Austin, Abel	317		
Aby, David	193	Alexander, Reuben	66	Atkinson, Phillip	290	Atwood, Joel	121				
Ashbaugh, Geo. P.	211	Anglehofer, John L.	88			Armstrong, Longworth	133				
Adams, Wm.	235	Anderson, Edward	93			Abbott, Hiram	138				
Archdale, Thos.	260	Almaine, George G.	96			Armstrong, Alvin S.	304				
Allen, Wm. H.	291	Ames, Benjamin L.	101			Armstrong, Robt.	326				
Avas, John	336	Anderson, Albert	103			Anthony, Jno. H.	355				
Adams, Edward	345	Albertson, Eli	107								
Adams, John	354	Allen, Wm.	109								
		Ackley, John	110								

The page number of the *Register* book where the individual's record is listed is provided to the right of the name. If it's a delayed birth, the book letter and page will be listed.

The *Register Listing* online folders then contain files with the *Register* book pages, generally in ranges of 50 pages. Due to the large size of these files, the PDF may take a little time to load.

REGISTER							OF BIRTHS.						
No.	Date of Return.	1. Name of Child. 2. Sex. 3. No. of Child of this Mother.	Age & Sex.	1. Date of Birth. 2. Place of Birth.	1. Nationality of Father. 2. Place of Birth.	Age.	1. Nationality of Mother. 2. Place of Birth.	Age.	1. Full name of Mother. 2. Maiden name of Mother. 3. Residence of Mother.	1. Full name of Father. 2. Occupation.	1. Name and Address of Medical Attendant. 2. Name and Address of Person Making Certificate. 3. Signed by.		
665	Dec 1	William Arthur Woodruff		Nov 29 1887	Peoria	34	1		Elizabeth Woodruff	William W. Woodruff	1		
		Male		Peoria	Peoria		2	27	2	2	2		
		3					3	3	3	3	3		
666	Dec 7	Bertha Salgenstein		Nov 2 1887	Germany	42	1		3	Michael Salgenstein	2		
		Female		Peoria	Germany		2	3	3	3	3		
		3					3	3	3	3	3		

Purchasing Genealogical Copies of Records

Birth and marriage records are generally protected documents that can only be obtained by the individuals listed on the record. However, genealogical copies can be obtained after the following periods:

Birth Records: 75 years after birth (individual must be deceased)

Marriage Records: 75 years after the marriage

Death Records: 20 years after the death

Genealogical copies can be requested in person or by mail. In person requests are collected and mailed back after a search has been conducted by a genealogist. Mail requests can be submitted using the form available at <https://www.peoriacounty.org/219/Genealogy-Requests> or by mailing a letter with the pertinent information from the record (i.e. record type, name(s), date of event)

The fee for the 1st genealogical copy of a record is \$5 and each additional copy of the same record is \$4. Checks should be made payable to "Peoria County Clerk" and the request should be mailed to Peoria County Clerk, 324 Main St Room 101, Peoria IL 61602.