**City Directories and Genealogy**

What are City Directories? **City Directories** were created for salesmen, merchants, and others interested in contacting residents of an area. They are arranged alphabetically giving lists of names and addresses. These often list the adult residents of a city or area.

The most helpful directories for genealogical research are city and county directories of local residents and businesses. These are generally published annually and may include an individual's address, occupation, spouse's name, and other helpful facts. An individual's address can be very helpful when searching an unindexed census of a large city.

• Anatomy of a City Directory - discussion handout (3 pages)

• Ancestry Search ($) - <http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2469>

• Two Free Sites - <http://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/two-terrific-free-sites-for-online-citydirectoryresearch>

• Google Sites - <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/articles>

• Google Directory Site - <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/>

• Cincinnati - <http://digital.cincinnatilibrary.org/>

• City & County Directories -

<http://digital.cincinnatilibrary.org/digital/collection/p16998coll5>

Armed with samples of City Directories, and coupled with your knowledge of the use of Census Records, we can fill in some gaps on our research.

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<https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/City_Directories>

<https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Directories>

<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/city-directories>

<http://blogs.ancestry.com/circle/?p=3106>

https://books.google.com/books?id=iKRIAQAAMAAJ&pg=PA29&1pg=PA29&dg=Anatomy+o f+a+City+directory&source=bl&ots=12pgmvpP5Z&sig=tZtR4d 91jK6-ebo ymZ RkhoWw&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEw jl uM27gpXTAhUKMSYKHVDxDOgQ6A EIVTAN#v=one page&g=Anatomy%20of%20a%20City%20directory&=ffalse