

# FamilySearch Digital Microfilm

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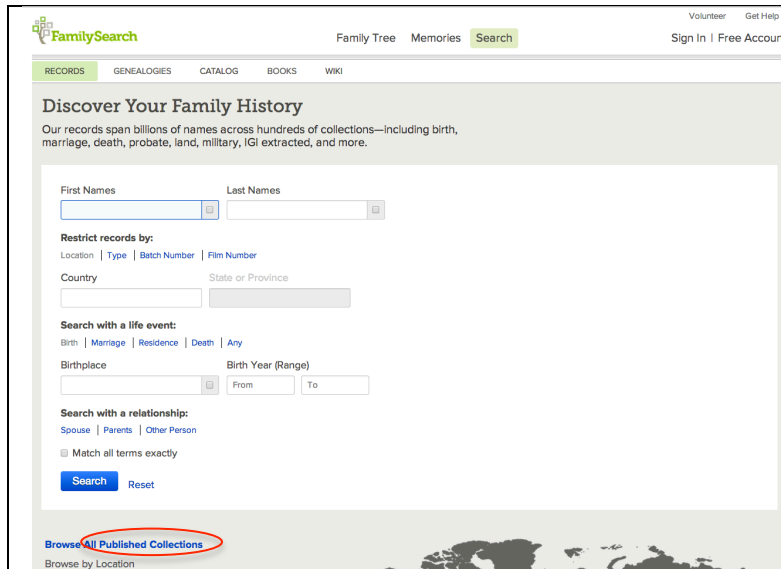
## About FamilySearch Microfilm

Un-indexed digital collections (“Browse Images” in the collection list) come from two sources:

- images converted from family tree existing film (3.5 billion images)
- images “born digital” (>35 million *new* images/month)

Images “born digital” may be available for browsing before they are listed in the FHL catalog.

Images can be attached as sources to records in the Family Tree and/or saved as JPG files.

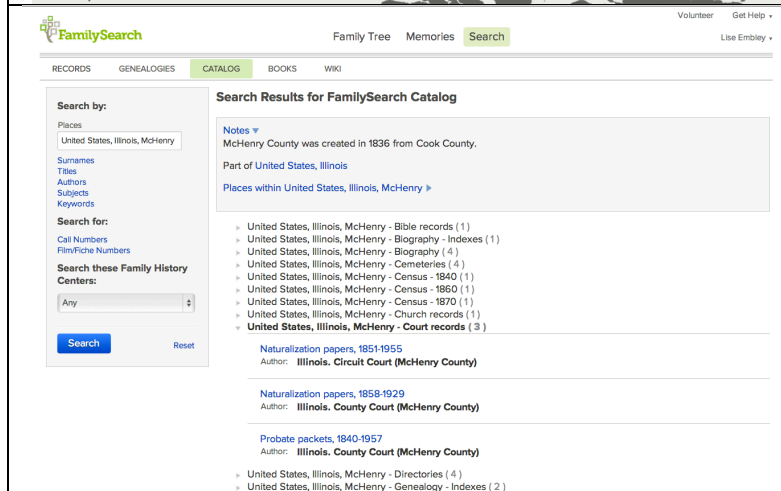


### Starting Point: Search Landing Page

“Browse” Collections are not indexed, so typing any information on this screen will *NOT* lead you to un-indexed digital microfilm.

Click on “Browse All Published Collections” or scroll further and select a location (Africa, Asia-Middle East, Continental Europe, etc.)

Search for a geography, then see what collections are available. Check the list frequently; new collections are added every few weeks.



### Starting Point: FHL Catalog

1. Click on [Search] and then [Catalog] and begin typing the place name. Default is “Place” search, but you can search by subject, surname, etc.
2. Select the place name from the list and click [Search].

Place names are listed from largest to smallest jurisdiction (opposite the way they are recorded in the Tree).

Watch for system-prompted options as you type. (Type s-l-o-w-l-y...)

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**Wills, 1898-1923**

Authors: Illinois County Court (McHenry County) (Main Author)  
 Illinois County Court (McHenry County) (Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1986

Physical: on 2 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

**Notes**

Illinois Probate Records are available online, [click here.](#)

Microfilm of originals in the McHenry County courthouse in Woodstock, Illinois.  
 Arranged in alphabetical order by surname.

**Subjects**

**Locality Subjects**

United States, Illinois, McHenry - Probate records

### Checking for Digital Availability

See “Notes”. Look for red text:

“...are available online, [click here.](#)”

The “click here” link takes you to the main collection landing page, *not* to the specific film/item in your search result.

Navigate “waypoints” to find your item.

**BEWARE:** The system will let you to order films that are available digitally.

### Coverage Table

The Coverage Table shows the places and time periods covered in the records for this collection. Most of the records in the collection are from the time periods listed in the table; however, the collection may have a few records from before or after the time period. This table is current as of October 2011.

Illinois Probate Books Year Ranges

Name of County	Recorded Year Range	Will Registers	Probate Records	Bonds and Letters
Alexander	1829-1902	1850-1902	1829-1867	1860-1886
Brown	1817-1936	1869-1890	1849-1923	1849-1936
Calhoun	1829-1916	1870-1916	1829-1874	1859-1904
Champaign	1851-1921	1851-1921	N/A	N/A
Coles	1866-1946	1866-1925	1900-1923	N/A

### Using Coverage Tables

Click on the “Learn more” link on the collection landing page.

Statewide collections (e.g., Illinois Probate Records) probably do not include all available records of that type for that state.

Coverage tables may not be current.

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Illinois Probate Records, 1819-1970

**Description**

Collection of probate records, which includes will, indexes, and other documents created to track the distribution of estates of deceased individuals who lived in Illinois. Probates were generally recorded in the county of residence. This collection covers probate records created by Illinois courts, 1819-1970, but the content and time period of the records will vary by county. Some county probate courts also include guardianship, naturalization, and/or military records. Additional records may be added to this collection. Check the wiki or browse the collection to determine current coverage.

[Learn more](#)

**View Images in this Collection**

Browse through [1,137,607 Images](#)

**Source Information**

"Illinois Probate Records, 1819-1970." Images. FamilySearch. http://FamilySearch.org : accessed 2014.

### Navigating Waypoints

Click on “Browse through [number] images” to begin.

Images may be organized by location (county, city, parish), year, surname or whatever makes sense for the collection. “Drill down” hierarchy of locations until you reach images.

There may be several organizational layers before you reach images.

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Illinois Probate Records, 1819-1970

County

- Alexander
- Brown
- Calhoun
- Champaign
- Coles
- De Witt
- DeKalb
- Effingham
- Fayette
- Franklin
- Gallatin
- Greene
- Hamilton
- Hancock
- Henderson
- Henry

### Exploring

Just keep clicking!

No two jurisdictions will have identical collection timeframes and content.

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June Term 1854  
 that the assets of the estate are  
 sum of 2402.05. and the disburse  
 to \$916.90. which being subtracted

### Navigating Images

↔ Use forward and back arrows to navigate one image at a time.

Enter an image number (estimate) to advance more quickly.

Image number ≠ Page number

Some collections may have index pages or be organized alphabetically.