

## Our Policies

### Research

The department is open weekdays from 9 am to 4:45 pm. Appointments are encouraged. We are pleased to assist, without charge, researchers who come to the library in person. Due to our limited staff, requests received by mail, electronically and by phone are assessed a nominal fee.

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# PLAINFIELD FAMILY HISTORY

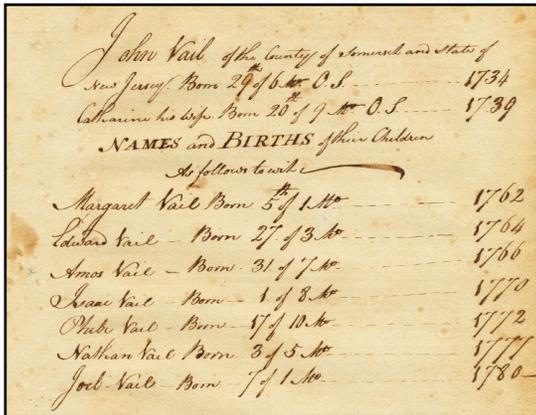


## Resources For Genealogical Research

*Consider making your family  
papers available for research at the  
Plainfield Public Library.*

# Genealogy Resources

The Plainfield Public Library offers a wide-range of tools for genealogical research that provide resources covering the entire world! In addition to how-to guides and Reference Department staples on the main floor of the library, the Local History Department's genealogy collection offers many specialized resources to family historians:



Genealogical Journals and Periodicals

Historical Newspaper Collection

Reference Books and Family Histories

Local Surname Files

Local Club and Organization Records

The Courier News Archive &

Obituary Index

Plainfield Police Logs & Tax Ledgers

Plainfield High School Yearbooks

# What Types of Items Are Important?

- ◆ **Photographs** – Family photos documenting milestones and personal memories, such as weddings, graduations, birthdays and the like.
- ◆ **Scrapbooks** – Albums that highlight family reunions, celebrations, and other occasions.
- ◆ **Correspondence** – Handwritten or typed personal letters, postcards, and telegrams.
- ◆ **Personal Documents** – Local diplomas, birth certificates, deeds, wills, etc.
- ◆ **Bible Records** – Family records of births, deaths, and marriages.
- ◆ **Diaries & Journals** – Personal and family histories that shed light on a person's life or local events.
- ◆ **Books** – Yearbooks, class directories, published genealogies, etc.
- ◆ **Other** – Artifacts, ephemera, and other memorabilia.

# Online Research

[http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/Departments/LH/LH\\_main.html](http://www.plainfieldlibrary.info/Departments/LH/LH_main.html)

*Access From Home or Library*

## ProQuest Historical Newspapers

*Search the Courier News back to 1891*

## Plainfield City Directories

1868 to 1982

## Historical Local Newspapers

1837 to 1918

## Ancestry.com Library Edition

Family history information, with 5 billion names and 4,000 searchable databases.

## American Ancestors Database

Access to over 110 million names in a variety of databases, making family research easy and efficient

## FamilySearch Affiliate Library

Explore the world's largest collection of free family trees, genealogy records and resources.

## HeritageQuest Online

A comprehensive treasury of American genealogical sources, family histories, and more.

## Local Census Collection

New Jersey state census records for Plainfield and the rest of Union County is held in microfilm format for the years 1865, 1885, 1895, 1905, and 1915.

**And so much more!**