



SEARCHING SMARTER: MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TIME AND RESOURCES

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INTRODUCTION

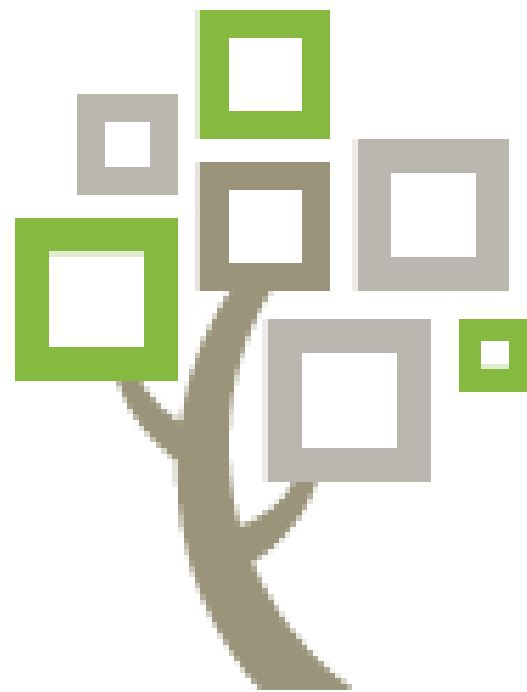
This session will teach you how to search efficiently so that you can find the information you're looking for quickly and effectively. It will cover strategies for using genealogical databases as well as libraries and archives.

RESEARCH GOAL

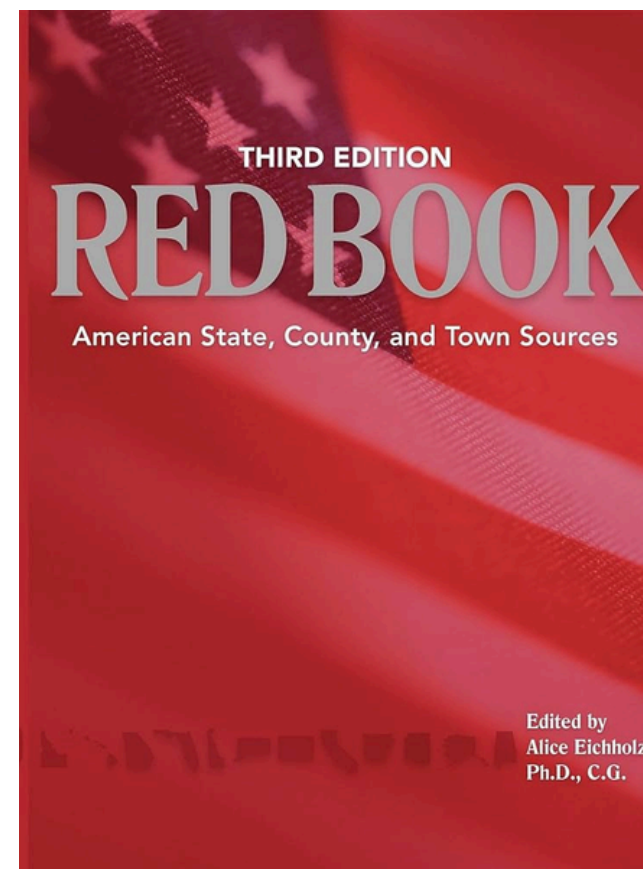
1. What information do I already know?
2. What information is missing?
3. What information do I want to know?

DO THESE RECORDS EXIST?

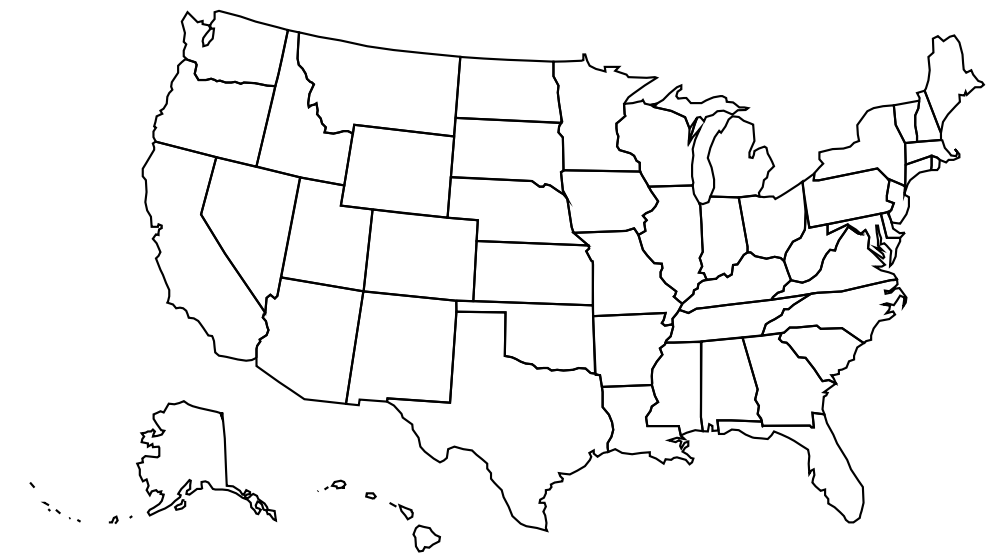
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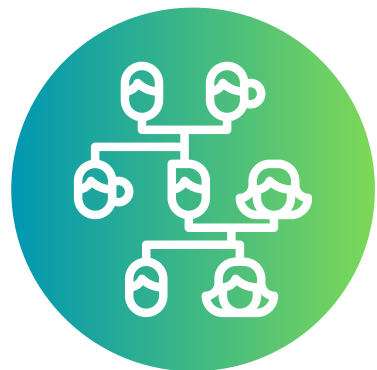


THE RED BOOK



AREA SPECIFIC





**Local Genealogical or
Historical Societies**



**State or County
Archives**



**Public Libraries
or Universities**

**WHERE TO
LOOK FOR
AREA SPECIFIC
RECORDS**

**HOW DO I
ACCESS
RECORDS?**

DIGITIZED

ARCHIVES

**OTHER PHYSICAL
RECORDS**

INFORMATION THAT CAN BE FOUND IN DIFFERENT RECORD TYPES

Birth

- Birth date and location
- Parent's personal information
 - name, age, religion, residency, etc.
- Legitimacy of birth

Marriage

- Personal information of bride and groom
 - name, age/birth date, religion, occupation, residency, etc.
- Marriage date and location
- Information about parents

Death

- Death date and location
- Birth date and location
 - age at time of death
- Cause of death
- Burial date and location
- Information about parents

ARE BIRTH RECORDS AVAILABLE FOR MY TIME PERIOD?

New England: Began recording births in the 1600s, started statewide registration between 1841-1897

Midwest: Some locations started keeping birth records in 1860

Appalachia: Birth certificates became required between 1898 and 1917

Other states: States slowly adopted standardized birth certificates; use of the standard version was not used until the 1930s

JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction will determine which entity made the records and where they may be today.

RESEARCH GOAL:

**WHO ARE ROBERT GLENN
WHITMER'S (1898 – 1967)
PARENTS?**

FAMILYSEARCH WIKI

Madison County, Ohio Genealogy

[United States](#) → [Ohio](#) → **Madison County**

Guide to **Madison County, Ohio ancestry, genealogy and family history**, birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

County Information [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

Description [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

Madison County was named for James Madison. The county is located in the central area of the state.^[3]

County Courthouse [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

Madison County Courthouse

1 N Main St
London, OH 43140
Phone: 740-852-9776
[Madison County Website](#)^[2]

Probate Court has birth and death records 1867-1908, marriage and probate records from 1810 and naturalization records;
County Health Department has birth records from 1908;
County Recorder has land and military records;
Clerk Court has divorce and court records^[4]

Madison County, Ohio Record Dates [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Known Beginning Dates for Government County Records ^[5]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1867	1810	1867	1810	1810	1810	1820
Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1908. General compliance year is unknown.						

Record Loss [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

Boundary Changes [[edit](#) | [edit source](#)]

[Ohio Online Genealogy Records](#)

County Facts

County seat:	London
Organized:	March 1, 1810 ^[1]
Parent County(s):	Franklin ^[2]

Neighboring Counties

Union • Franklin • Pickaway • Fayette •
Greene • Clark • Champaign
[See County Maps](#)

Courthouse



Location Map



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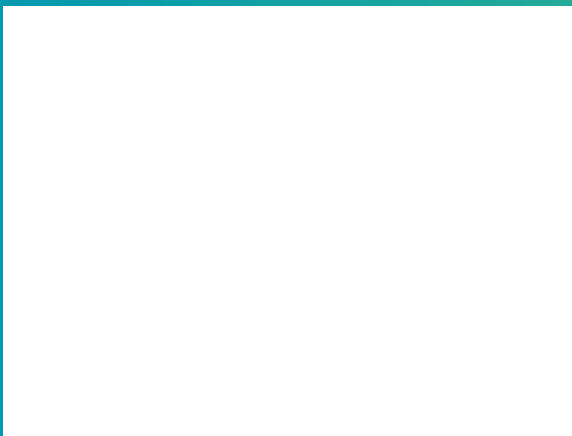
- **Parent Counties:** Formed from [Franklin](#) County 16 February 1810.^[6]
- **County Seat:** London



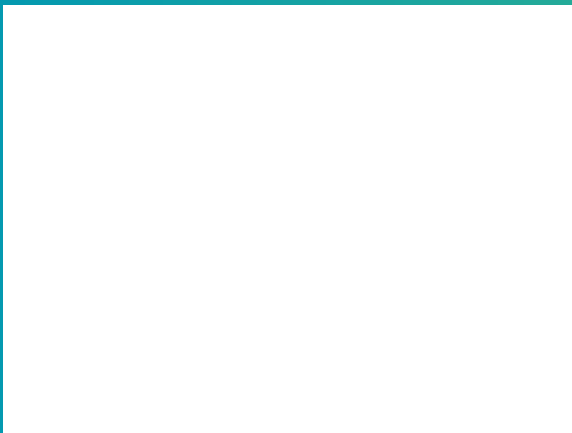
Birth [edit | edit source]

- **1841-2003** [Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003](#) at FamilySearch — [How to Use this Collection](#).
- **1908-1998** [Ohio, Birth Index, 1908-1998](#) at Ancestry (\$) — Index
- **1918-1953** [Ohio, Stillbirths, 1918-1953](#) at FamilySearch — [How to Use this Collection](#); index & images
- **1959-1998** [Ohio, Birth Index, 1959-1998](#) at MyHeritage - index (\$)

WORKING WITH INDEXED RECORDS



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RECORD OF BIRTHS							
No.	NAME IN FULL		DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH	
	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	Year	Mo.	Day	STATE	CITY, TOWN OR TOWNSHIP
	Wilson	Ruth	1896	Mar	7	Ohio	Madison
	Watson	Robert Platt	96	Oct	7	Ohio	Madison
	Williams	Robert J.	1898	Dec	11	Ohio	Madison
181	Whimer	Raymond	1896	Dec	5	"	"
245	Wilson	Ruth Ann	1896	July	19	"	"
✓ 179	Wilson	Raymond Arthur	1898	Dec	23	"	"
67	Wilson	Ralph	1898	Mar	22	"	"
11	Wallingford	Raymond A.	1898	Dec	3	Ohio	Madison
60	Webb	Elizabeth	1898	Dec	11	Ohio	"
311	Whitelaw	Robert	1898	July	25	"	"
★ 305	Whitmer	Robert Glenn	1898	Apr	30	Ohio	Madison
45	Whitmer	Raymond Dewey	1899	Aug	2	"	"
✓ 146	Wilson	Robert J.	1899	June	17	"	"
✓ 329	Wittich	Frederick Blake	1899	May	15	"	"
145	Warner	Roger Glen	1900	June	30	"	"
323	Warrigard	Ray	1901	Jan	26	"	"
281	Williams	Richard B.	1901	Oct	9	"	"
✓ 323	Williams	Russell A.	1902	Jan	10	"	"
✓ 134	Wheeler	Robert George	1902	Mar	8	"	"
162	Wicks	Robert	1903	2	14	"	"
224	Wilson	Robert Rodney	1904	Mar	9	"	"
316	Watson	Archie Horne	1903	18	17	"	"
88	Worthington	Raymond J.	1904	May	6	"	"
227	Wilson	Robert	1904	4	19	"	"



Madison County, Ohio Genealogy

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Guide to Madison County, Ohio ancestry, genealogy



Birth [edit | edit source]

- ★ 1841-2003 Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003 at Ancestry
- 1908-1998 Ohio, Birth Index, 1908-1998 at Ancestry
- 1918-1953 Ohio, Stillbirths, 1918-1953 at FamilySearch
- 1959-1998 Ohio, Birth Index, 1959-1998 at MyHeritage

BIRTH RECORD OF ROBERT WHITMER

Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003

Name index and images of county birth records in Ohio. The time period and type of record varies by county.

HOW TO USE THIS COLLECTION

BROWSE ALL 1,431,304 IMAGES

First Names

Robert Glenn

Place

Oak Run Township, Madison, Ohio, United States

SEARCH

MORE OPTIONS

EXPANDING YOUR SEARCH

CAN'T FIND THEM
IN THE INDEX?

BROADEN YOUR
SEARCH
PARAMETERS!

First Names
 ☐

Last Names
 ☐

Add Life Event
ANY BIRTH MARRIAGE RESIDENCE DEATH

Place ☐

Year (Range)

First Names
 ☐

Last Names
 ☐

Add Life Event
ANY BIRTH MARRIAGE RESIDENCE DEATH

Place ☐

Year (Range)

Parameters to be broadened

-Date of Event:

from **1898** to **between 1896 and 1900**

-Location: **Oak Run Twp., Madison, Ohio, United States**
to **Madison County, Ohio, United States**

-Name: **Robert Glenn Whitmer** to
Robert Whitmer, Glenn Whitmer, Rob Whitmer, etc

LOCATION (IF YOU KNOW IT)

Records

Images

Family Tree

Genealogies

Catalog

Books

Wiki

Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003

County

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[All counties birth register](#)

[Ashland](#)

[Ashtabula](#)

[Athens](#)

[Erie](#)

[Fairfield](#)

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[Licking](#)

[Logan](#)

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[Lucas](#)

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Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003

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Madison

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Birth registers 1895-1905 vol 2

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Feedback

SEARCH IMAGE BY IMAGE (CHECK FOR ALPHABETICAL OR CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

NON-INDEXED
RECORDS



CORRECT DATE RANGE

Records

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Ohio, County Births, 1841-2003 › Madison

Record Type, Date Range and Volume

[Birth registers 1867-1881 vol 1](#)

[Birth registers 1882-1894 vol 1A](#)

[Birth registers 1895-1905 vol 2](#)

[Birth registers 1905-1908 vol 3](#)



RECORD OF BIRTHS

IN MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.

No.	NAME IN FULL		DATE OF BIRTH			PLACE OF BIRTH			SEX					NAME OF FATHER	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME	RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	DATE OF RECORD		
	SURNAME	CHRISTIAN NAME	Year	Mo.	Day	STATE	COUNTY	CITY, TOWN OR TOWNSHIP	Male	Fem.	White	Col.	Illegit.				Mo.	Day	Year
	Wilson	Ruth	1896	Mar	7	O.	Mad	Stokes Tp.						Wilson John	Phemine Ada	Sou Colon, O.	6		1896
	Watson	Robert Platt	96	Apr	7	O.	Madison	London						A. S. Watson	Emmette Platt	London.	6		1896
	Williams	Robert J.	1896	Dec	11	Ohio	Madison	Jefferson						Chris Williams	Mary M. Neal	Jefferson Tp. Ohio	6		1896
181	Wimmer	Raymond	1896	Dec	5	"	"	"						Wimmer Charles	Laylor Sadie	Sou Colon O.	8	7	1897
245	Wilson	Ruth Ann	1896	July	19	"	"	Range						Joseph Wilson	Laura E. Brill	Madison Co. Ohio	8	9	1897
✓ 179	Wilson	Raymond Arthur	1896	Dec	23	"	"	London						Clark Wilson	Lammie Bonemus	N. Main Ct.	6	28	98
67	Wilson	Ralph	1898	Mar	25	"	"	Range Tp.						Wm J. Wilson	Carrie G. Brown	Madison County Ohio	6	29	98
11	Willoughby	Raymond A.	1898	Dec	3	Ohio	Madison	Oak Run						James Willoughby	Lena Watson	Oak Run Tp	6	12	99
60	Webb	Edith	1898	June	11	O.	"	Monon Township						Webb Samuel	Baker Bell	Plumwood C.	6	12	99
311	Whitelaw	Robert	1898	July	25	"	"	Stokes T.P.						Kerry Whitelaw	Fang Adams	Stokes T.P.	6	15	99
338	Whitmer	Robert Glenn	1898	Apr	30	Ohio	Madison	Oak Run Tp.	yes	yes	yes	no		Joseph Whitmer	Garrie Devo	Mt. Sterling P.O.	6	15	99
45	Waples	Raymond Dewey	1899	Aug	2	"	"	Range						Perry Waples	Laura Deven	Madison County O.	6	6	1900
✓ 146	Willson	Robert J.	1899	June	17	"	"	Rockford Tp.						Wm N. Willson	Eva Fox	London O.	6	7	1901
✓ 329	Wittich	Roderick Blake	1899	May	15	"	"	Mt. Sterling						R B Wittich	Stella M. Reed	Mt Sterling O.	6	9	1901
145	Warner	Roger Allen	1900	June	30	"	"	Fairfield Tp.						Allen E. Warner	Myra M. Tringle	Big Plains O.	5	28	1901
323	Winegarner	Ray	1901	Jan	26	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Albert Winegarner	Ira Edwards	Jefferson Twp	5	31	1901
281	Williams	Richard B.	1901	Oct	9	"	"	Sedalia						George T. Williams	Katharine Heath	Sedalia	6	14	1902
✓ 323	Williams	Russell L.	1902	Jan	10	"	"	Somersford Tp						Charles Williams	Nyrtle Lee	Somersford Tp	6	14	1902
✓ 34	Wheeler	Robert Lewis	1904	March	18	"	"	Oak Run Tp.						John L. Wheeler	Anna S. Kildeinger	Oak Run Madison Co. O.	6	1	1904
182	Wich	Roscoe	1903	2	14	"	"	Somersford						George Wich	Anna Bettie	Madison Co.	6	2	1904
291	Wilson	Robert Rodney	1904	Apr	9	"	"	Somersford						C. G. Wilson	Hettie West	Somersford T.P.	6	3	1904

INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM
ROBERT GLENN WHITMER'S
BIRTH REGISTER

Surname: Whitmer

Christian Name: Robert Glenn

Date of Birth: 1898 Nov. 30

Place of Birth: Ohio, Madison, Oak Run Tp.

Sex: Male

Color: W

Illegitimate: No

Name of Father: Amer Whitmer

Mother's Maiden Name: Carrie Deyo

Residence of Parents: St. Sterling P.O.

Date of Record: 15 June 1899

RECORD OF BIRTHS							IN MADISON COUNTY, OHIO.									
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Wilson	Robert Platt	1898	Nov	7	Ohio	Madison	London						A. P. Wilson	Phannetta Platt	London	6
Williams	Robert J.	1898	Dec	11	Ohio	Madison	Jefferson						Phine Williams	Mary M. Neal	Jefferson Tp. Ohio	6
Wimmer	Raymond	1898	Dec	5	"	"	"						Wimmer Charles	Saylor Sadie	Stokes Tp. Ohio	8
Wilson	Ruth Ann	1898	July	19	"	"	Range						Joseph Wilson	Laura J. Brill	Madison Co. Ohio	8
Wilson	Raymond Arthur	1898	Dec	23	"	"	London						Blanch Wilson	Emmel Ferguson	St. Marys Ohio	6
Wilson	Paula	1898	Nov	20	"	"	Range Tp.						Wesley Wilson	Carrie G. Brown	Madison County Ohio	6
Willoughby	Raymond A.	1898	Dec	3	Ohio	Madison	Oak Run						James Willoughby	Anna Watson	Oak Run Tp.	6
Willoughby	Willoughby	1898	Dec	11	"	"	Mount Lebanon						Walter Samuel	Baker Bell	Plumwood Ohio	6
Willoughby	Willoughby	1898	July	25	"	"	Stokes T.P.						Henry Willoughby	Fanny Adams	Stokes T.P.	6
Wimmer	Robert Glenn	1898	Nov	30	Ohio	Madison	Oak Run Tp.						Amer Whitmer	Carrie Deyo	Mt. Sterling P.O.	6
Waples	Rayman Dewey	1898	Aug	2	"	"	Range						Fanny Waples	Laura Deyo	Madison County Ohio	6
Wilson	Robert J.	1898	Dec	17	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Wesley Wilson	Eva Fox	London Ohio	6
Wittich	William P. Lake	1898	May	15	"	"	Mt. Sterling						P. B. Wittich	Stella M. Reed	Mt. Sterling Ohio	6
Werner	Robert Allen	1898	June	30	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Wesley Werner	May Lee	Jefferson Ohio	6
Werner	Richard A.	1898	Jan	2	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Wesley Werner	Eda Edwards	Jefferson Ohio	6
Werner	Richard A.	1898	Jan	4	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Wesley Werner	Eda Edwards	Jefferson Ohio	6
Werner	Robert Glenn	1898	Nov	30	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Wesley Werner	Eda Edwards	Jefferson Ohio	6
Werner	Robert Glenn	1898	Nov	30	"	"	Jefferson Tp.						Wesley Werner	Eda Edwards	Jefferson Ohio	6

**WHAT DO I DO IF I CAN'T FIND
ANY OF THOSE RECORDS FOR
MY RESEARCH??**



RECORD SUBSTITUTES

- **Probates**
- **Deeds**
- **Cemetery**
- **Censuses**
- **Military Records**

Think creatively!