

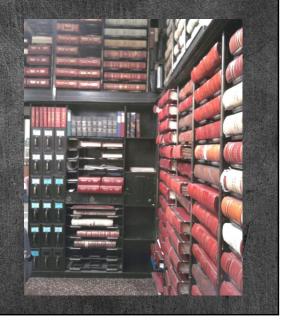


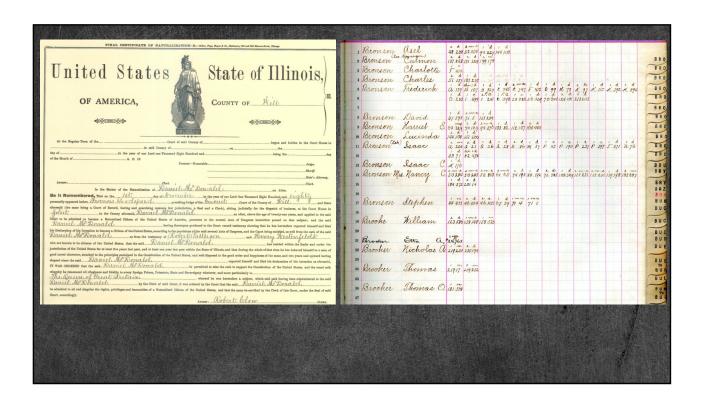
Genealogical Records and Locations

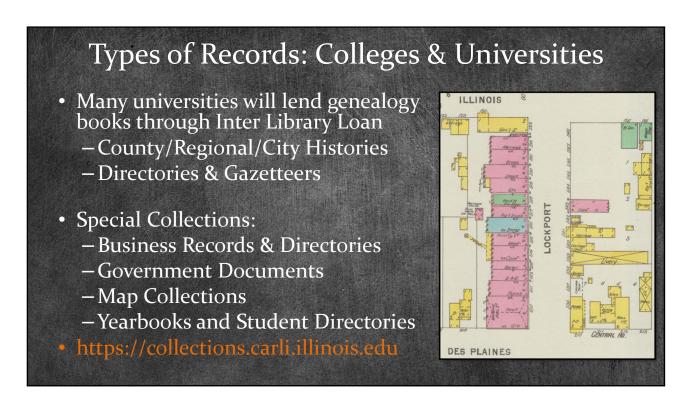
- Adoptions, Land Deeds, Wills and Probates
- Courthouses
- Maps, Histories, Newspapers
- Colleges and Universities
- Military & Government Records
- Archives: State and Federal
- Family Records, Diaries, Letters
- Historical & Genealogical Societies

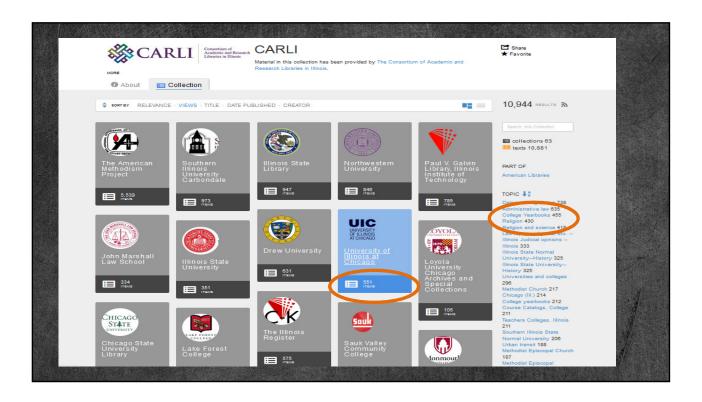
Types of Records: Courthouse

- Adoptions & Guardianships
- Criminal Court
- Family Court/Small-Claims Court
- Incorporations & Tax Records
- Land Deeds & Mortgages
- Maps and Plats
- Naturalizations
- Probates and Wills





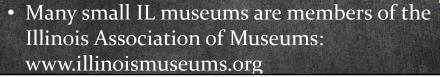






Types of Records: Archives and Museums

- Many museums have archives/special collections
 - Ephemera: Textiles, Furniture, Toys
 - Family Histories, Scrapbooks, Diaries
 - Photo Collections
- Archive Grid is "WorldCat" for archives: https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/



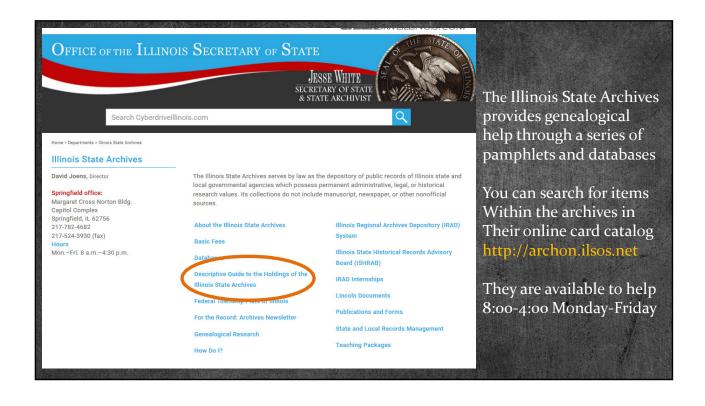


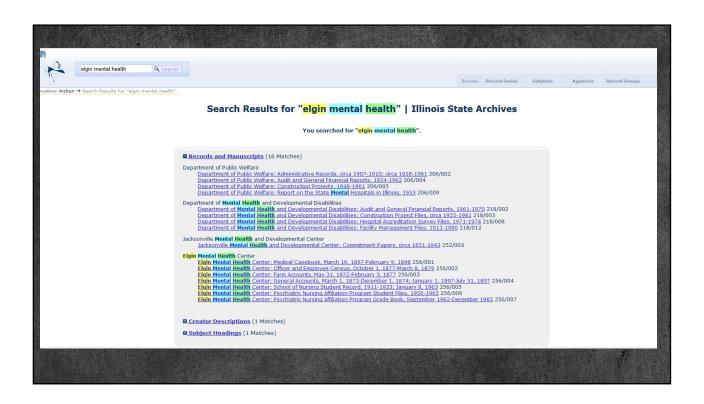
Illinois State Archives System

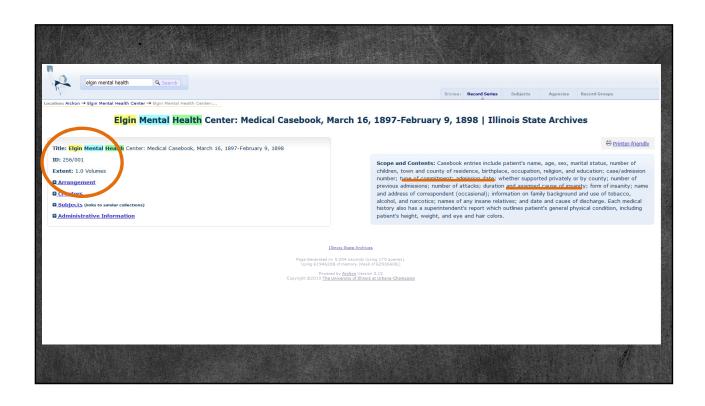
- Illinois State Archives
 - -State Government Records
 - -Land Records (School Lands Records)
 - -Military Service (Adjutant General)
 - Penitentiary Records
 - Vital Records (marriages and deaths)



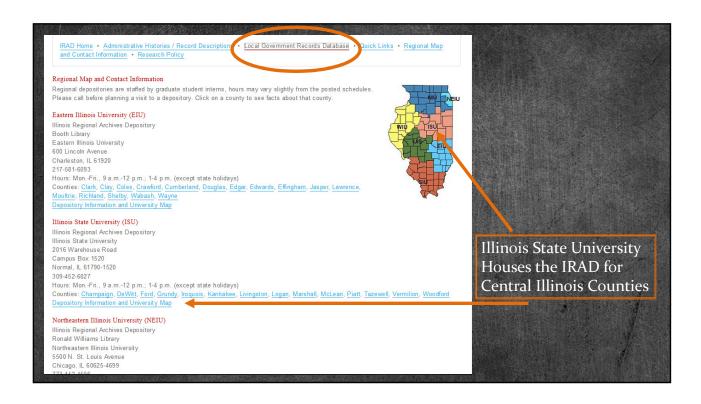
• www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives

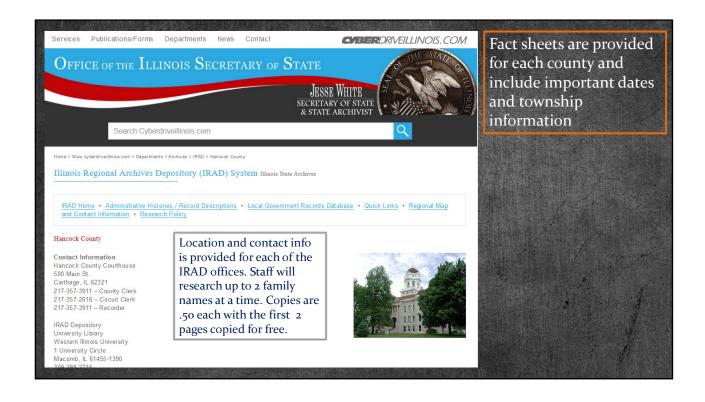


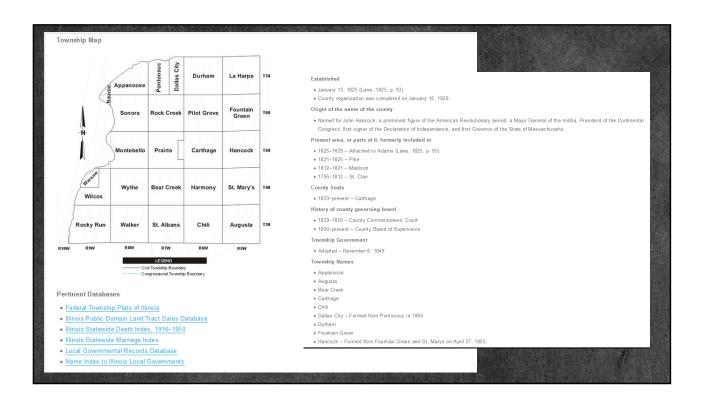


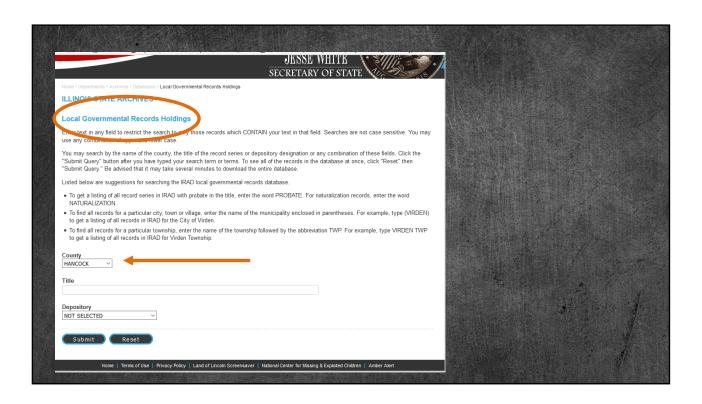


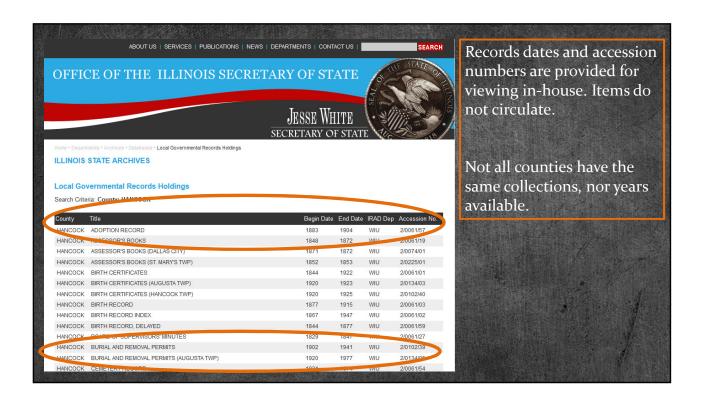














U.S. National Archives: NPRC

- National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis
 - -Government Employee Records
 - -Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Records
- Military Service Records 1914-Present
 - Records pre 1/1/1954 are open to the public
 - Records after 1/1/1954 are sealed and only available to next-of-kin
 - Next of Kin includes: un-remarried widow, children, siblings or parents

U.S. National Archives: Regional Branches

- Sixteen regional archives across the U.S.
- Fifteen Presidential Libraries
- Fifteen additional affiliated archives
- Each Archives branch collects records for their surrounding states
- The "Great-Lakes" branch of the National Archives is in Chicago and collects records for Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio & Wisconsin

U.S. National Archives: Great Lakes

- Naturalization Records for District (Federal) Courts
- Federal lawsuits and prosecutions
 - -FBI Case Files
 - -Copyright and Trademark Violations
- Maritime Records for 4/5 Great Lakes
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Records



Types of Records: Historical & Genealogical Societies

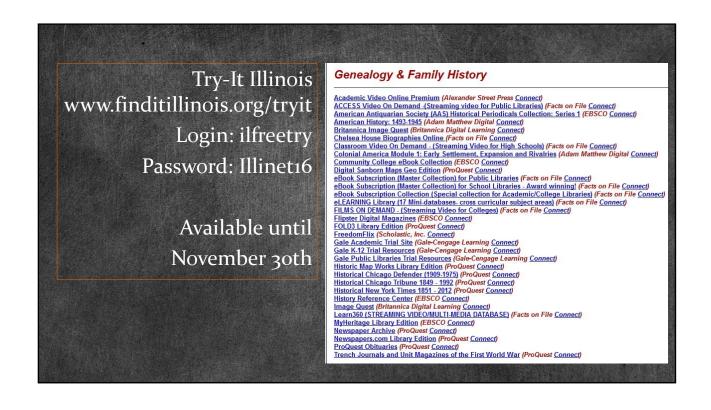
- Business Ledgers and Receipts
- Directories: i.e. City, Church, School
- Family Diaries, Papers and Records
- Group Records, Programs and Photos
- Military Service Papers and Uniforms
- Newspaper Clippings Files (Obituaries)
- Photos and Scrapbooks

Facebook and Flikr are a great way to find Historical and Genealogical societies



Facebook & Flikr Genealogy/History Pages

- www.facebook.com/willgrundygenealogicalsociety/?fref=ts
- www.facebook.com/Little-White-School-Museum-105387246173100
- www.facebook.com/ChicagoGenealogicalSociety
- www.flickr.com/photos/usnationalarchives
- www.flickr.com/photos/library_of_congress/sets
- www.flickr.com/groups/genealogy



Illinois Resources

- Illinois State Secretary of State: www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives
- Illinois State Archives IRAD: www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/IRAD/home.html
- Illinois State Genealogical Society: www.ilgensoc.org
- Illinois Digital Archives: www.idaillinois.org
- Kane County Vital Records: http://genealogy.kanecountyclerk.org
- DeKalb County Vital Records: www.dekalbgenealogy.com

Illinois Resources: Chicagoland

- A Look At Cook: www.alookatcook.com
- Chicago Ancestors: www.chicagoancestors.org
- Chicago Genealogical Society: www.chicagogenealogy.org
- Chicago Public Library (Chicago History Collection): www.chipublib.org/chicago-history
- Cook County Coroner's Inquest Records: www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/databases/ cookinqt.html
- Cook County Genealogy: www.cookcountygenealogy.com

Other Useful Web Tools

- Stephen P. Morse: www.stephenmorse.org
- Historical County Lines: http://jrshelby.com/hcl
- Birth Date Calculator: www.progenealogists.com/birthfromdeath.htm
- Hebrew Date Calculator: www.hebcal.com/converter
- Cyndi's List: www.cyndislist.com/database.htm
- Linkpendium: www.linkpendium.com

State & National Websites

- Daughters of the American Revolution: www.dar.org
- Jewish Genealogy: www.jewishgen.org/databases
- Minnesota Historical Society: http://people.mnhs.org/dci/Search.cfm
- Missouri State Archives Digital History: www.sos.mo.gov/mdh
- National Genealogical Society: www.ngsgenealogy.org
- US Railroad Retirement Board: www.rrb.gov/default.asp
- Washington State Archives: www.digitalarchives.wa.gov

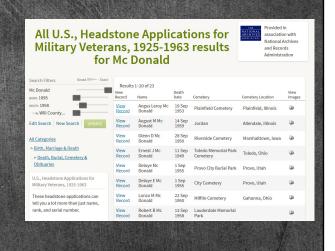
Case Study: Angus McDonald

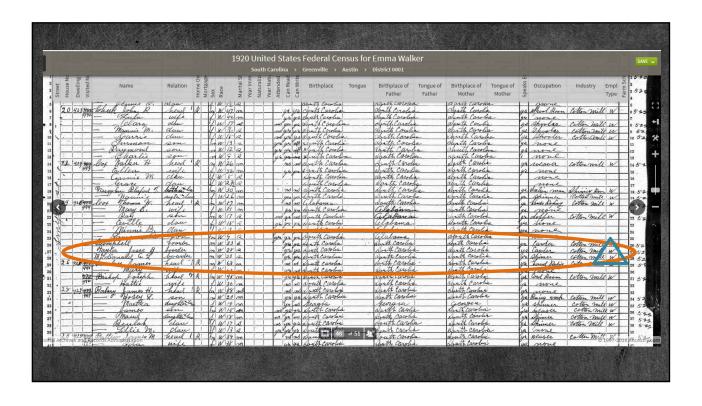
- Angus's eldest daughter Marion wanted to know more about her Dad's Military service in WWI: Story was he had been gassed in France.
- We knew his unit because it was listed on his military headstone
- Marion had a photo of him in uniform

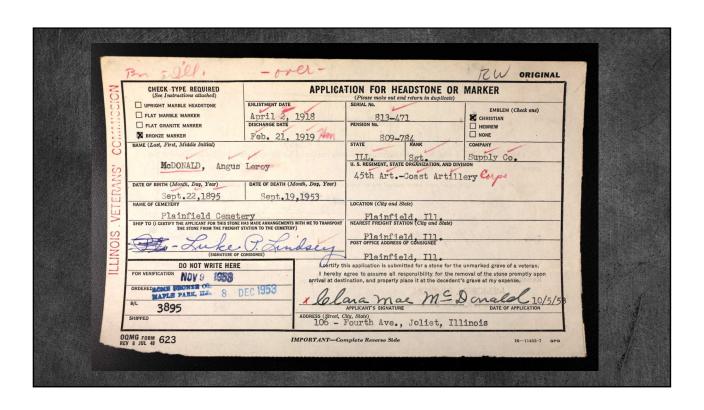


Online Resources:

- Ancestry Library Edition
 - -1920 census WWI veteran
 - World War I Draft Card listed as living in Galesburg, Illinois in 1917
 - U.S. Headstone
 Applications for Military
 Veterans 1925-1963 had a scan of Clara's application







Public Libraries:

- With no index to the Plainfield newspapers; I had to search each issue manually on microfilm looking for references to Angus.
- Two blurbs were found:
 - A letter to the editor describing life at Ft. Screven Georgia (1918)
 - An announcement for a "Welcome Home" parade and dinner for returning soldiers in March 1919 (which stated Angus could not attend because he had just been discharged)

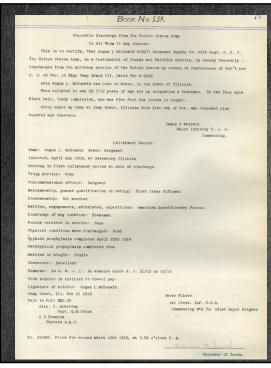
Fort Screven, Ga. July 1, 1918 Mr. U'S. G. Biskely A Plainfield (II. Dear Friend: Today I amin receipt of a couple of your papers. The Enterprise and being one of the many boys from Plainfield that are in the service, will have to say that those two papers was some troat to me, especially the letters published from the other Plainfield boys who are in the service, Thit cat being furuished by my mother gives me the feeling and carries me track to the many friend at lave in my home town, Plainfield And also it is my wish that you mail me this paper and week so that I may be able to seep up with the current evints in not around the, what I call, my town. Not knowing the price or the amount, of the money order to cover my subsertiting the price and immediately upon receipt I will mail the money order for I don't think that there is any price within my power could keep me from having the good news that I may reap from the Enterprise. My present-location is Fort Screven Georgia, and am assigned to the 6th Company Cast Artillery Oorps also was exceptionally fortunate to have been appointed Corporal after being here about one month. The service of the Coast Guards is very interesting and feel as though that very few that

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it to be the prettiest spot in Georgia, Not knowing anything else at this time that I think would interest anyone that I know of, that is, should it get in contact with them. I will close wishing every friend of mine and all the new friends, that I would like to win the very best of luck and that I am, and would like for them to know in the best of mood and am very much pleased with the army life especially the branch of service I am in, also it the Plainfield Khaki clad boys don't go over the top and march to Berlin there is surely something wrong, Awaiting an early reply as to my

wish, Yours truly,

Corporal August L McDonald 6th Co. CA C Forth Screven Ga. [Editors Note: -It has been and is the policy of the Enterprise to send the paper regularly to all the boys in khaki from Plainfield, and as the writer of the above comes under that head, he will be placed on the regular "soldier" list without charge. Any others can get the paper regularly by applying.]



Will County Recorder of Deeds recorded all military discharges filed by returning soldiers BUT refused to give Marion a copy because all discharges are sealed within the State of Illinois...

<u>8 months</u> later we were finally successful in procuring a copy.

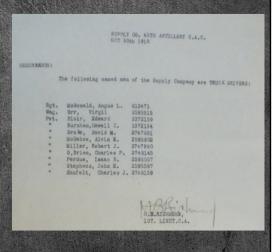
U.S. Archives: NRPC St. Louis

- I drove to St. Louis to view Angus's WWI personnel file. Sadly, the file was a "fire record" and was only 3 pages long; offering very little information about his service.
- It did confirm that Angus was discharged from Camp Grant in Rockford, Illinois



National Archives II: College Park, MD

- I was able to find the unit records for the 45th CAC Supply Brigade
- Angus was listed on 4 documents
 - His promotion to Supply Sergeant
 - His promotion to Sergeant
- Records listed where they were stationed in France; Hospital records for WWI are in Kansas City...



Illinois State Archives

- The State Archives in Springfield has applications for soldiers who applied for bonuses after WWI.
- Angus is listed in an index of soldiers & dependants who filed for bonuses between 1919-1925
- Once again, a file destroyed 80% off the applications. Angus's file did not survive.



Busting Brick Walls

- Patron comes to the desk looking for info to join the DAR:
- She has a bible page that shows the marriage of her ancestor that moves from Virginia to Kentucky @ 1820.
- Problems:
 - Scott County courthouse burned, not once but 3 times
 - Tornado wiped out town in 2008 (church destroyed)
 - No other record shows this marriage and it is needed by DAR

Busting Brick Walls

- Where should she look?
 - -Surrounding county courthouses for duplicate records
 - Kentucky State Archives for possible land patents and sales
 - Kentucky State Library for old newspapers on microfilm (ILL)
 - -Township Records
 - Highway Commissioners Records
 - Justice of the Peace
 - Internet Archives for early state histories or reminisences

Busting Brick Walls

- Patron comes to the desk looking for information about a photo of a baby girl in her family collection.
- Photo has a photographer's Mark on it with the studio and city claiming "new" address
- City directories list the studio at that address in 1899





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