

Guide to City Directories, Criss Cross Directories & Telephone Directories available at the Cleveland Public Library

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ONLINE ACCESS: The directories listed in this guide are, for the most part, not available online. To find the scattered individual efforts of digitized Cleveland directories, search www.google.com for Cleveland City Directories.

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Part 1: Cleveland City Directories, 1837-1977

The first Cleveland City Directory was issued in 1837; the last directory for the city proper was issued in 1977. You can find the following directories in the departments listed:

- History Department owns paper copies of directories for the following years: 1881/82, 1889/90, 1890/91, 1894/95, 1929 & 1936-1977.
- Microform Center owns a complete set of all Cleveland City directories published (1837-1977) on microfilm.

NO DIRECTORY WAS PUBLISHED FOR THESE YEARS: 1838-45, 1847/48, 1851/52, 1853-55, 1858/59, 1862/63, 1933, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1962, 1967, 1971, 1973, 1975, 1976.

SUBURBAN COVERAGE: Before 1925, some suburbs adjacent to Cleveland are included in the Cleveland City Directory. Check each volume to determine coverage. Starting with the 1925 directory, the title page includes a list of suburbs covered in each volume. Suburbs included in the 1925 directory include: East Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, Bedford, Garfield Heights, Newburgh Heights, Bratenahl, Euclid Village, Lakewood and Rocky River. Linndale was included starting in 1927. University Heights was included starting in 1940. Starting with the 1951 directory, only the following suburbs are listed on the title page: Bratenahl, Brooklyn, Garfield Heights, Linndale and Newburgh Heights.

CRISS-CROSS DIRECTORY BY ADDRESS: The Cleveland City Directory features a criss-cross section (by address) starting with the 1929 edition.

WOMEN'S NAMES: Starting in 1929, wives' names first appear in the directory. Prior to that date, only widows and single women (often prominent or working women) appeared in the directory.

Part 2: Directories for Suburbs of Cleveland, 1924-1980

Starting in 1924, the Cleveland City Directory Company published separate directories for larger Cleveland suburbs. In 1964, these individual directories were consolidated into directories that covered all eastern suburbs (the East Suburban Directory) and all western suburbs (the West Suburban Directory). A scattering of independently published directories were produced throughout the years and these are also included here. Check each directory entry below to determine geographic coverage. Suburbs included are indicated in bold print.

The Library's microfilm collection of suburban Cleveland city directories consists of 83 volumes for the period 1924-1963. The following list represents an inventory of all of the directories included in this collection. Cleveland Public Library's Microform Center owns a microfilm edition of the suburban directories described in the following section. CPL does not own paper copies of these directories.

- **Bay Village** Directory consists of editions dated 1939, 1940, 1944, 1950. Editions for 1939-1944 were compiled and published by the Bay Village Public Schools. 1950 was compiled & published by St. Barnabas Episcopal Church.
- **Bedford**, Ohio, Directory for 1924 was compiled and published by the Bedford, Ohio, Chamber of Commerce.
- Cleveland City Directory Co.'s **Bedford** City Directory consists of the following editions: v.1 (1929), v.2 (1931), v.3 (1939), v.4 (1945), v.5 (1948), v.6 (1950), v. 7 (1952), v. 8 (1954), v. 9 (1955-56), v. 10 (1957), v. 11 (1959), v. 12 (1960), v. 13 (1961) and 1963. Maple Heights is included starting with v. 3 (1939). **Bedford Township** is included starting with v. 5 (1948). **Bedford Heights, Oakwood** and **Walton Hills** are included starting with v.7 (1952).
- **Berea**: The Mullin-Kille and Chamber of Commerce Berea Ohio Con Survey City Directory consists of v.1 (1948) and v.2 (1951). These volumes are labeled Master Edition. The 1954 directory is titled the Berea Directory, including **Brook Park, Middleburg Heights, Strongsville, Olmsted Falls, Westview**, compiled and published by Orange Line Publishing Company.
- Cleveland Directory Co.'s **Berea** City Directory, including **Middleburg Heights** consists of editions for 1958, 1959, 1961 and 1963.
- **Chagrin Valley** Directory consists of a single edition, dated 1973-1974, publisher not known.
- Cleveland City Directory Co.'s **Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Shaker Heights, University Heights and South Euclid** City Directory consists of the following editions: v.1 (1949), v. 2 (1951), v.3 (1953-54), v.4 (1955), v.5 (1956), v.6 (1958), v.7 (1959), v.8 (1960), 1961, 1962 and 1963. **Lyndhurst** is included starting with v. 6 (1958).
- The **Euclid** Official Directory and History, 1942, was compiled and edited by the Euclid Post 343, American Legion; Euclid Unit 343, American Legion Auxiliary and published by Euclid News Journal.

- Cleveland City Directory Co.'s **Euclid** City Directory consists of the following editions: [v.1], 1947, v.2 (1950), v.3 (1952), v.4 (1954), v.5 (1956), v.6 (1957), v.7 (1958), v.8 (1959), v.9 (1960), vol. 10 (1961), v. 11 (1962) and 1963.
- The **Fairview Park, Parkview, North Olmsted, Westlake** Directory, dated September 1953, was published by Orange Line Publishing Co.
- Editions of the **Garfield Heights** City Directory for 1954-55, 1956-57, and 1962 were compiled and published by the Garfield Heights Leader.
- The Cleveland Directory Co.'s **Lakewood** City Directory, including **Bay Village, Fairview Park** and **Rocky River** consists of the following editions: v. 1 (1949), v. 2 (1951), v.3 (1953), v.4 (1954-55), v.5 (1956), v.6 (1957), v.7 (1958), v.8 (1959), v.9 (1960), v.10 (1961), 1962 and 1963. **Westlake** is included starting with v. 7 (1958). **North Olmsted** is included starting with 1962.
- The **Lyndhurst** City Directory consists of editions for 1952-53 and 1954-55, publisher not known.
- The **Parma** City Directory for 1941 was published by the Cleveland Ohio Service Company.
- Cleveland Directory Co.'s **Parma** City Directory, including **Parma Heights**, includes the following editions: v.1 (1946), v.2 (1948), v.3 (1951), v.4 (1953), v.5 (1955), v.6 (1956), v.8 (1958), v.9 (1959), v.10 (1960), v.11 (1961), v.12 (1962) and 1963.
- The **Rocky River** Directory, 1954-1955, was compiled and published by the Orange Line Publishing Company.

East Suburban Directory (1964-79) and West Suburban Directory (1964-80)

In 1964, as the city's population continued to migrate to the suburbs, the Cleveland East Suburban and Cleveland West Suburban directories were first published. As of 1965, the directory for Cleveland proper no longer included any suburbs, although the 1964 directory still included Bratenahl, Brooklyn, Garfield Heights, Linndale and Newburgh Heights.

- History Department & Microform Center own complete sets of both of these series of suburban directories.

Part 3: Cleveland Criss-Cross Directories, 1923, 1926, 1960 to date

- Criss-Cross Directories are directories that list properties by address or telephone number.
- History Department owns Greater Cleveland Criss-Cross Directories (By Address) **for 1923, 1926 and 1960 to last year.**
- The Library does not retain copies of old Criss-Cross Directories arranged by telephone number.
- The Cleveland City Directory features a criss-cross section at the end of each volume starting with the 1929 edition.
- Business, Economics & Labor Department has the **current** Criss-Cross Directories (both address & telephone number editions).

Part 4: Cleveland Telephone Directories, 1880 to date

- Microform Center owns all Cleveland Telephone Directories on microfilm.
- Microform Center's holdings include directories (white pages, yellow pages & business-to-business) published from 1880 to the present.

Part 5: Directories for Ohio cities (except Cleveland), 1819-1960

Microform Center owns microfilm copies of the following directories:

Akron, OH (1841-60, 1889-99, 1903-49)	Dayton, OH (1837-1902, 1910-1960)
Ashland, OH (1917-1959)	Dayton, OH (Suburban: 1956-1959)
Ashtabula, OH (1908-1960)	Defiance, OH (1936-1959)
Bedford, OH (1939-1960)	Delaware, OH (1859-1860, 1905-1960)
Bellaire, OH (1913-1924)	Delphos, OH (1941-1960)
Bellefontaine, OH (1941-1959)	East Liverpool, OH (1902-1960)
Bowling Green, OH (1947-1959)	Elyria, OH (1923-1932, 1937-1960)
Bryan, OH (1923-1952)	Findlay, OH (1904-1960)
Bucyrus, OH (1909-1959)	Fostoria, OH (1903-1960)
Canal Dover, OH (SEE New Philadelphia)	Fremont, OH (1941-1960)
Canton, OH (1888-1952)	Galion, OH (1940-1960)
Celina, OH (1946-1960)	Girard, OH (SEE Warren)
Chillicothe, OH (1855-1861)	Greenville, OH (1939-1960)
Cincinnati, OH (1819-1960)	Hamilton County, OH (1939-1946)
Cincinnati Business Directory (1903-1915)	Hamilton, OH (1858-1859, 1888-1960)
Cincinnati Register (1915-1918)	Ironton, OH (1902-1960)
Circleville, OH (1859, 1947-1959)	Lancaster, OH (1906-1960)
Columbus, OH (1843-1960)	Lima, OH (1902-1960)
Coshocton, OH (1910-1928)	Lorain, OH (1903-1929, 1937-1960)

Mansfield, OH (1858-1859, 1881-1935)	Painesville, OH (1936-1957)
Maple Heights, OH (SEE Bedford)	Piqua, OH (1907-1928, 1943-1960)
Marietta, OH (1860-1861, 1914-1960)	Portsmouth, OH (1858-1960)
Marion, OH (1922-1960)	Sandusky, OH (1855-58, 1902-26, 1937-60)
Massillon, OH (1902-1932)	Shelby, OH (1941-1959)
Middletown, OH (1910-1960)	Salem, OH (1902-1960)
Montgomery County, OH (1912-1929)	Sidney, OH (1902-1931, 1943-1960)
Mount Vernon, OH (1858-59, 1903-33, 1952-60)	Springfield, OH (1852-1860, 1902-1960)
Napoleon (1947-1959)	Steubenville, OH (1856-1857, 1902-1934)
Newark, OH (1902-1960)	Tiffin, OH (1903-1914, 1920-1934)
New Philadelphia/Canal Dover, OH (1903-21, 1953-60)	Toledo, OH (1858-1935)
Niles, OH (SEE Warren)	Urbana, OH (1904-1918)
Norwalk, OH (1939-1960)	Warren/Niles/Girard, OH (1902-1935)
Norwood, OH (1909-1935)	Xenia , OH (1915-1931)
Ohio Farm Directories (1903-1917)	Youngstown, OH (1902-1935)
Ohio Statewide/Regional (1853-61, 1909-33)	Zanesville, OH (1851-1861, 1901-1936)

Part 6: Directories for U.S. Cities outside of Ohio, 1600s-1883

Directories for U.S. Cities (pre-1860)

Microform Center owns microfilm copies of **all city directories published in the United States** before 1860. For a complete listing of these directories, ask at the History Service Desk to see the index volume to the City Directories of the United States series, call number Ref. E 154.5 .C57x.

Directories for U.S. Cities (1861-1883)

Microform Center owns microfilm copies of the following directories:

Albany, NY (1861-1881)	Evansville, IN (1861-1881)
Atlanta, GA (1861-1881)	Fall River, MA (1861-1881)
Baltimore, MD (1861-1881)	Fort Wayne, IN (1861-1881)
Boston, MA (1861-1881)	Fort Worth, TX (1861-1881)
Brooklyn, NY (1861-1882)	Galveston, TX (1861-1882)
Buffalo, NY (1861-1881)	Grand Rapids, MI (1861-82)
Burlington, VT (1861-1883)	Harrisburg, PA (1861-1882)
Charleston, SC (1861-1881)	Hartford, CT (1861-1881)
Chattanooga, TN (1861-1881)	Indianapolis, IN (1861-1881)
Chicago, IL (1861-1881)	Jersey City, NJ (1861-1882)
Dallas, TX (1861-1882)	Joliet, IL (1861-1882)
Davenport, IA (1861-1881)	Kansas City, MO (1861-81)
Denver, CO (1861-1881)	Lexington, KY (1861-1881)
Des Moines, IA (1861-1882)	Little Rock, AR (1861-1882)
Detroit, MI (1861-1881)	Los Angeles, CA (1861-1881)
Erie, PA (1861-1882)	Louisville, KY (1861-1881)

Lowell, MA (1861-1881)
Manchester, NH (1861-1881)
Memphis, TN (1861-1881)
Milwaukee, WI (1861-1881)
Minneapolis, MN (1861-1882)
Mobile, AL (1861-1881)
Montana (1861-1882)
Nashville, TN (1860-1881)
Nevada (1861-1882)
New Haven, CT (1861-1881)
New Orleans, LA (1861-81)
New York, NY (1861-1881)
Newark, NJ (1861-1882)
Norfolk, VA (1861-1881)
Oakland, CA (1861-1881)
Omaha, NE (1861-1882)
Paterson, NJ (1861-1882)
Peoria, IL (1861-1882)
Philadelphia, PA (1861-1881)
Pittsburgh, PA (1861-1882)
Portland, ME (1861-1881)
Portland, OR (1861-1881)
Providence, RI (1861-1881).
Reading, PA (1861-1882)
Richmond, VA (1861-1881)
Rochester, NY (1861-1881)
Sacramento, CA (1861-1881)
Saint Louis, MO (1861-1881)
Saint Paul, MN (1863-1882)
Salt Lake City, UT (1861-81)
San Antonio, TX (1861-1882)
San Francisco, CA (1861-82)
Savannah, GA (1861-1881)
Scranton, PA (1861-1881)
Seattle, WA (1861-1881)
Syracuse, NY (1861-1881)
Topeka, KS (1861-1881)
Troy, NY (1861-1881)
Utica, NY (1861-1881)
Washington, D.C. (1861-81)
Wilmington, DE (1861-1882)
Worcester, MA (1861-1881)