

Genealogy

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The Nobles County Library in Worthington and the Adrian Branch Library provide the AncestryLibrary database to their patrons. This database is available ONLY in the libraries.

County, Town, and Township Histories:

- "An Illustrated history of Nobles County"* by A. Rose, c1908
- "Nobles County History"* edited by Al Goff
- "Nobles County"* / Nobles County Historical Society., 2017
- "Illustrated Album of Biography of Southwestern Minnesota"*
- "The Names of Nobles County"*
- "Minnesota meanderings : the Amish Mennonite settlement in Nobles County, Minnesota, 1891-1910."*
- "Adrian Centennial Book 1876-1976"*
- "Adrian 125th Anniversary Book 1876-2001"*
- "Slade : an Account of a Family Hotel in Early Adrian"*
- "A Tale of One City : Brewster, Minnesota"*
- "Dundee, Minnesota 1898-1998"*
- "Ellsworth Centennial 1884-1994"*
- "The Ellsworth News Obituaries."*
- "A short history of Grand Prairie Township, Nobles County, MN"*
- "Leota, 1891-1991"*
- "Lismore Jubilee Book 1900-1975"*
- "Lismore Centennial Book 1900-2000"*
- "A Scrapbook of Org"*
- "A Railroad Station Became a Town : a Centennial History of the Round Lake and Indian Lake Community, 1882-1982"*
- "Rushmore Centennial Book 1878-1978"*
- "Wilmont 1899-1974 Diamond Jubilee"*
- "Wilmont Centennial 1901-2001"*
- "From New Cloth : the Making of Worthington"*
- "Worthington Album : a Project of the Worthington Daily Globe"*

Indexes:

- Nobles County Birth Index.* Begins 1871. Not all years covered after 1915.
- Nobles County Death Index.* Begins 1872. Not all years covered after 1910.
- Nobles County Marriage Index.* Begins 1872. Not all years covered after 1910.
- Nobles County Cemetery Indexes.* Compiled 1991.

Service Records/Information:

- "Nobles County 1890 Veterans Schedule"*
- "Nobles County in the war with Spain"*
- "In the World War, 1917-1918-1919, Nobles County, Minnesota"*
- "Service record of men and women of Nobles County" (WWI and WWII)*
- "Gold star boys" (Adrian, MN: WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam)*

Plat Books, Atlases, and City Directories"

1888 Nobles County Plat Book
1914 Nobles County Atlas/Plat Book
1926 Nobles County Atlas/Plat Book
+various years of other Nobles County plat books
+Worthington and various Nobles County city directories beginning 1948 (not all years)

Church and School Histories:

"McKinley School District 20 from 1900-1954" (Ransom Twp.)
"A light on the prairie : 100 years of Presbyterian heritage" (Reading, MN)
"A century of prairie sown faith : First Presbyterian Church, Round Lake, Minnesota"
"Through open doors, First Baptist Church, 1893-1993 (Worthington)"
"Worthington Church of the Brethren Centennial, 1897 – 1997"
"Worthington High School, Worthington, Minnesota : 2000 alumni directory : 1925-1999"

Information on surrounding Counties and Communities:

"The centennial history of Cottonwood County, Minnesota"
"Illustrated history of Jackson County, Minnesota"
"The sun and the moon : a history of Murray County"
"An illustrated history of the counties of Rock and Pipestone, Minnesota"
"Fulda Centennial History, 1881-1981" (Murray County)
"Heron Lake : 100 years of good living, 1883-1983" (Jackson County)
"Lake Wilson, 1882-1982" (Murray County)

Microfilm:

The Library has microfilm from the various Nobles County newspapers. The earliest newspaper is from 1874. We also have the Federal and State Census on microfilm. We have a microfilm reader/printer at the Library. Copies are 25 cents per page.

The Library staff can look up information from the microfilm. Specific dates (at least month and year) are needed to do this.

Recommended Websites:

"An illustrated history of Nobles County, Minnesota" by Arthur P. Rose (1908) [link: <https://archive.org/details/anillustratedhi00minnqoog/page/n9/mode/2up>]

Nobles County Historical Society [link: <http://www.noblescountyhistory.org/>]

Minnesota Historical Society [link: <http://www.mnhs.org/>]

Minnesota Marriage records online [<https://moms.mn.gov/>]

Ellis Island [link: <https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/>]

Search for passengers entering the Port of New York through Ellis Island from 1892-1924.