



**KIN HUNTERS of  
SANDUSKY COUNTY, OHIO,  
INC.**

*A Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society*  
Spiegel Grove  
Fremont, Ohio 43420-2796  
<http://www.kinhunters.org>

**KIN HUNTERS of SANDUSKY COUNTY  
PURPOSE**

- A. This nonprofit tax exempt organization is devoted to the interest of genealogy and family history.
- B. To collect and preserve historical records and to make such records available for genealogical research at the Hayes Presidential Center, Fremont, Ohio.
- C. To hold regular meetings of genealogical interest and to aid others in their genealogical research.
- D. To publish, if advisable, genealogical material compiled by members, and to copyright same if necessary.

**MEETINGS**

Unless otherwise noted, our meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. In May we meet on the third Sunday due to Mother's Day. Our meetings are held at the Sandusky Twp Hall, 2207 Oak Harbor Rd, Fremont, Ohio (N. St. Rt. 19 next to the Volunteer Fire Department.) There is ample parking and the building is handicapped accessible.

Special programs and speakers of genealogical and/or historical interest are offered. Visitors are always welcome.

**RESEARCH**

Keeping in mind that our membership is nationwide, we will provide one hour's initial research for each new member who lives outside northwestern Ohio. Please write for further details concerning this service.

**ARCHIVAL RESEARCH CENTER**

Original records depository of nineteen northwestern Ohio counties (including Sandusky)  
Center for Archival Collections  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43403-9075  
419-372-2411  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/cac/cac.html>

## SANDUSKY COUNTY HISTORY

The cannon "Old Betsy" is Sandusky County's most unique symbol of the past. This single cannon was used by Major George Croghan's successful defense of Fort Stephenson during the War of 1812. She presently sits on the site of Fort Stephenson near Major Croghan's final resting place in Fremont.

Lying on the western edge of the "Firelands" in northwest Ohio, Sandusky County was created in 1820 from Huron County Ohio. Fremont, once known as Lower Sandusky, is the county seat. The adjoining counties of Seneca and Ottawa were part of Sandusky County until 1824 and 1840 respectively.

Sandusky County's most distinguished citizen of the past is Rutherford B. Hayes, 19th President of the United States.

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library and Museums was the first Presidential Library established in the U.S.. The library's interest in genealogy stems from Hayes himself who, as early as 1860, was writing entries in his journals regarding his search for his antecedents. Today this library is a major research center for northwestern Ohio, having collections and resources far beyond President Hayes and the Sandusky County area. Affiliated with the Ohio Historical Society the use of the library is free. Call for current hours.

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library contains many research sources for Sandusky County and beyond. Cemetery Records, many Ohio County printed histories, Sandusky County Probate & Will records (original packets 1820-1894), plus a one of a kind obituary file indexed and available online.

The Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library  
Spiegel Grove  
Fremont, OH 43420  
419-332-2081 or 1-800-998-7737  
<http://www.rbhayes.org>

## MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Our membership newsletter, "Kith 'N Kin" is published four times a year. It contains many helpful genealogical articles, queries, meeting announcements and surnames of new members. In June a surname index of all Kin Hunters is published along with a membership roster.

Queries are free of any length at any time to all members.

New members receive all issues for the membership year in which they join.

We have also published many resource books for the County including birth records 1867-1908, marriage records 1820-1894, 1860 & 1903 Landowners atlases, 1874 historical atlas, cemetery recordings, index to wills & guardianships 1830-1900, and several more. Please ask or check our publications at [www.kinhunters.org](http://www.kinhunters.org).

## ANCESTOR FILE

Every member is encouraged to submit a five generation ancestor chart. These charts are indexed and placed on permanent file at the Hayes Presidential Center Library, where they are available for viewing by the general public. Additional family data of members' ancestors may be added at any time.

## AREA RESEARCH LIBRARIES

Harris Elmore Public Library  
328 Toledo St.  
Elmore, Ohio 43416  
419-862-3807  
<http://www.harris-elmore.norweld.org>

Tiffin-Seneca County Public Library  
77 Jefferson St.  
Tiffin, Ohio 44883-0157  
419-447-3751  
<http://www.tiffinsen.lib.oh.us>

Toledo-Lucas County Public Library  
325 Michigan Ave  
Toledo, Ohio 43624-1628  
419-259-5200  
<http://www.toledolibrary.org>

The Kin Hunters of Sandusky County, Ohio, Inc. invite you to become a member. Please complete and return this application.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of Ohio Genealogical Society?  Y  N (Circle One)

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED:  
(25 max) \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are payable January 1st annually: \$15.00.

Make checks payable in U.S. funds to: Kin Hunters of Sandusky County, Ohio & mail to: Kin Hunters of Sandusky County Inc. Spiegel Grove Fremont, Ohio 43420-2796