Logan County, West Virginia Genealogy

United States
West Virginia

Logan County

Guide to Logan County, West Virginia ancestry, genealogy and family history, birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

County Information

Description
The County was named for Chief Logan. The County has Logan as its seat and the County was created January 12, 1824. The County is located in the south central area of the state.

County Courthouse
Logan County Courthouse
300 Stratton Street
Logan, WV 25601
Phone: 304-792-8550
Fax: 304-792-8600
Logan County Website

County Clerk has birth, marriage and death records from 1872, burial, probate, land and military records.

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County Facts

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<th>County seat:</th>
<th>Logan</th>
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<tr>
<td>Organized:</td>
<td>January 12, 1824</td>
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<tr>
<td>Parent County(s):</td>
<td>Cabell, Kanawha, Giles (VA), Tazewell (VA)</td>
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Neighboring Counties
Boone • Lincoln • Mingo • Wyoming
See County Maps

Courthouse

Location Map
Logan County, West Virginia

Record Dates

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.

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<th>Birth*</th>
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Statewide registration for births and deaths began in 1917. General compliance by 1925.

Record Loss

Fire sometime during the Civil War destroyed most, but not all, records. Many Logan County records were destroyed during the Civil War, and records were not kept for several years following the war. The Library of Virginia records on microfilm help fill in the years 1853-60.

For suggestions about research in places that suffered historic record losses, see:

- Arlene Eakle, When the Records are Gone in the Tennessee Genealogy Blog.
- Michael John Neill, Burned Counties in Family History Circle.

Boundary Changes

- **1824**--Logan County was created 12 January 1824 from Cabell (now West Virginia), Kanawha (now West Virginia), Giles and Tazewell Counties (Virginia).
- **County seat:** Logan [5]

For animated maps illustrating West Virginia county boundary changes, "Rotating Formation West Virginia County Boundary Maps" (1617-1995) may be viewed for free at the MapofUS.org website.

Populated Places

For a complete list of populated places, including small neighborhoods and suburbs, visit Hometown Locator. The following are the most historically and genealogically relevant populated places in this county:[6]
Cities
- Logan (county seat)

Towns
- Chapmanville
- Man
- Mitchell Heights
- West Logan

Unincorporated communities
- Argyle
- Baber
- Baisden
- Banko
- Barnabus
- Becco
- Beebe
- Black Bottom
- Blair
- Bradshaw
- Braeholm
- Chambers
- Christian
- Claypool
- Coal Valley
- Cora
- Craneco
- Crites
- Crooked Creek
- Crown
- Crystal Block
- Dabney
- Daisy
- Davin
- Davis
- Dehue
- Diamond
- Dobra
- Dog Patch
- Don
- Earling
- Emmett
- Ethel
- Fanco
- Five Block
- Fort Branch
- Freeze Fork
- Frogtown
- Gillman Bottom
- Godby Heights
- Greenville
- Guyan Terrace
- Halcyon
- Hedgeview
- Hensley Heights
- Hetzel
- Huff Junction
- Hutchinson
- Isom
- Justice Addition
- Kelly
- Kitchen
- Lake
- Landville
- Latrobe
- Lintz Addition
- Logan Heights
- Lorado
- Lundale
- Lyburn
- Melville
- Micco
- Mifflin
- Mineral City
- Monclo
- Monitor
- Mountain View
- Oilville
- Orville
- Pardee
- Peach Creek
- Pecks Mill
- Phico
- Pine Creek
- Ralumco
- Red Campbell
- Ridgeview
- Rita
- Rum Junction
- Saunders
- Sharples
- Shegon
- Shively
- Slagle
- Sodom
- Sovereign
- Spruce Valley
- Stirrat
- Stone Branch
- Stowe
- Sulphur Springs
- Sunbeam
- Sunset Court
- Superior Bottom
- Sycamore
- Taplin
- Thompson Town
- Trace Junction
- Troy Town
- Upper Whitman
- Verner
- Walnut Hill
- Wanda
- Whirlwind
- Whites Addition
- Whitman
- Whitman Junction
- Wilkinson
- Wylo
- Yolyn

Census-designated places
- Accoville
- Amherstdale
- Big Creek
- Kistler
- Mallory
- McConnell
- Robinette
- Rossmore
- Sarah Ann
## History Timeline

## Resources

The best place to get started tracing your Logan County ancestors is [Logan County Recreated](https://logancountyrecreated.org). The compiler created a database of ALL the families that lived in the area between the 1850s and the 1870s. [7] His database is available through FamilySearch Community Trees.

### Bible Records

### Biographies

- West Virginia Biographies Project - [Logan County](http://www.wvbio.com/logan/)

### Business, Commerce, and Occupations

### Cemeteries

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See [West Virginia Cemeteries](http://wvcemeteries.com) for more information

### Census Records

For tips on accessing Logan census records online, see: [West Virginia Census](http://wvcensus.com).

- Turner, David Anderson "1860 Census of Logan County, Virginia", annotated by Mr Turner. 1981.
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<th>Census Year</th>
<th>Pop.</th>
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<td>4,309</td>
<td>17.1%</td>
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<td>3,620</td>
<td>−16.0%</td>
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<td>4,938</td>
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<td>5,124</td>
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<td>7,329</td>
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<td>11,101</td>
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<td>1900</td>
<td>6,955</td>
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<td>1910</td>
<td>14,476</td>
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<td>41,006</td>
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<td>58,534</td>
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<td>67,768</td>
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<td>1950</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>36,743</td>
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Source: "Wikipedia.org".

### Church Records
- LDS Ward and Branch Records
  - Logan

### Court Records

### Directories

### Emigration and Immigration

### Ethnic, Political, and Religious Groups

### Funeral Homes
- Funeral Homes in Logan, West Virginia

### Genealogies

The following compiled genealogies treat multiple Logan County families:

- Anglin, Walter F. *The Anglin Families of Colonial Virginia, In search of Descendants Approximately 300 pages*
- Lane, Mrs Julian C. "Key and Allied Families" Statesboro, Georgia. The Press 1931
- Turner, David Anderson. *The Family of Floyd Cook*.

### Price
Guardianship

Land and Property Records

Land and property records can place an ancestor in a particular location, provide economic information, and reveal family relationships. Land records include: deeds, abstracts and indexes, mortgages, leases, grants and land patents.

See West Virginia Land and Property for additional information about early West Virginia land grants. After land was transferred to private ownership, subsequent transactions were usually recorded at the county courthouse and where records are currently housed.

- Logan County Land book, 1824-1902 A register of land owners and the details of their properties year by year. Only available on microfilm. See FHL catalog.
- Logan County Deed books, 1835-1968 A collection of volumes containing the deeds of Logan County. Partially digitized. See FHL catalog.
  - Digitized Items:
    1. Volume B 1832-1879
    2. Volumes C-D 1846-1893
- See "Taxation" section for Personal Property Tax Books.

Local Histories

Local histories are available for Logan County, West Virginia Genealogy. County histories may include biographies, church, school and government history, and military information. For more information about local histories see the wiki page section West Virginia Local Histories.

The West Virginia Encyclopedia Articles addressing various topics dealing with West Virginia. Some articles of interest relating to Logan County are:

- "Logan County" by Robert Y. Spence
- "Tug Fork" by Mack H. Gillenwater
- "Big Sandy River" by John Hartford

History and Genealogy Logan County

West Virginia Archives & History Logan County Contains a list of books and newspaper articles dealing with Logan County history.

- Johnston, David E. History of the Middle New River Settlements & Contiguous Territory Standard Printing & Publishing, Huntington, WV 1906 General History, family sketches, military rosters, including areas of Giles and Tazewell County which are now in Logan County.
- Booton, Orland H. Account of Mine Wars 1960
- Davis, Dolores Riggs. Dehue History Book - Depicts the rise and decline between 1916-

- Jackson, Margaret *A History of Logan West Virginia* 1950
- Pearlman, Agnes B. "Virginia, Later West Virginia." 1976
- Ragland, Henry Clay *History of Logan County, Virginia* 1896.
- Swain, George T.: *History of Logan County, Virginia* rewritten by in 1927
- Wardell, Patrick."Virginia & West Virginians 1670-1870".Heritage Books 1986
- Thurmon, Walter R *The Logan Coal Field of West Virginia*; West Virginia University Library 1964.
- Centennial Program: City of Logan, West Virginia 1852-1952. 1952

Maps and Gazetteers

- Maps of West Virginia (1617-1995)
- 1850 Virginia Map Including West Virginia
- Map of Logan County, West Virginia
- Trails Rus-West Virginia Map
- Logan County West Virginia 1895
- West Virginia County Clerk Map
- City of Logan West Virginia Map

Migration

Military Records

Revolutionary War

- *A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services: With their Names, Ages, and Places of Residence, as Returned by the Marshalls of the Several Judicial Districts, Under the Act for Taking the Sixth Census*. 1841. Digital versions at U.S. Census Bureau and Google Books et. al. 1967 reprint: FHL Collection 973 X2pc 1840. See Virginia, Western District, Logan County on page 135.

Civil War

*Regiments.* Service men in Logan served in various regiments. Men often joined a company (within a regiment) that originated in their county. Listed below are companies that were specifically formed in Logan County:

Confederate
- 1st Regiment, Virginia State Line (Cavalry) (Confederate). Companies A, E, H, I, K.
- 2nd Regiment, Virginia State Line (Cavalry) (Confederate). Company H.
- 2nd Battalion, Kentucky Mounted Rifles (Confederate). Company D.
- 4th Regiment, Virginia State Line (Cavalry and Infantry) (Confederate). Company A. [8]
- 5th Regiment, Virginia State Line (Cavalry, Artillery, and Infantry) (Confederate).
  Company A. [8]
- 34th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry (Witcher’s Battalion, Virginia Mounted Rifles)
- 45th Battalion, Virginia Infantry (Confederate). Companies B, D, and E. [10]

**Union**

- 8th Regiment, West Virginia Infantry. [11]

Records and histories are available, including:

- **1861-1865** West Virginia Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865 at FamilySearch — index
- **1861-1865** U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865 at Ancestry — index (free)
- **1861-1865** U.S., Union Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865 at Ancestry — index (free)
- West Virginia in the Civil War
- Civil War 7th West Virginia Calvary
- Logan Wildcats
- Rending of Virginia, Hall, Granville Davisson, self published 1902 The Birthing of West Virginia eyewitness accounts of Secession and Wheeling Conventions, many pictures of ancestors.
- Civil War Medals of West Virginia. Where are they?

**World War II**

- Logan County, West Virginia WWII Casualties Army and Air Force

**Korean War**

- Korean War Casualties from West Virginia

**Naturalization and Citizenship**

- **1814-1991** West Virginia Naturalization Records, 1814-1991 at FamilySearch — index and images

**Newspapers**

- The Logan Banner
- Williamson Daily News

**Obituaries**

**Other Records**
Periodicals

Probate Records

Online Probate Records

- **1724-1978** West Virginia Wills and Probate Records 1724-1978 at Ancestry — index and images $
- **1756-1971** West Virginia Will Books 1756-1971 at FamilySearch — index and images
- Logan County, West Virginia Will Books 1873-1968
- West Virginia Will Books Logan

School Records

Tax Records

- West Virginia Records at the Library of Virginia
- Early Logan County Personal Property Tax List
- County and City Court Records Land and Office Patents & Grants Land Taxes, 1782-1900
- Personal Property Taxes Vital Statistics, 1853-1862

West Virginia real and personal property tax records are managed by the County Assessor in each county. Land and land improvements are considered real property while mobile property is classified as personal property.

Many County Assessors offer an online searchable database, where assessment record searches can be performed by name, account number, year, or mp/parcel number. Where online records are not available, requests for records can be made to the Assessment Office in person, by phone, or in writing.

The search for tax information can start [here](#)

Vital Records

- West Virginia Vital Records, 1865-1969 (varies) - Includes birth, death, and marriage.
  - Year Coverage for Logan County
    - Birth: 1825, 1853-1860, 1863-1864, 1866-1916
- Logan County USGENWEB Archives - Vital Records
- Logan County, West Virginia Marriage Archives
- Logan County, West Virginia, births, marriages, deaths, wills and bible records (1872-1900) copied from Logan court house records 1936.

Birth

Marriage

- **1801-1962** - West Virginia, United States Marriages at FindMyPast — index $
Death
- **1804-1999** - West Virginia Deaths, 1804-1999 at FamilySearch — index

Divorce

Research Facilities

Archives

Family History Centers

Family History Centers provide one-on-one assistance and free access to premium genealogical websites. In addition, many centers have free how-to genealogy classes.

- Introduction to LDS Family History Centers. The closest family history centers are in the Huntington Family History Center and the Charleston Family History Center

Libraries

- Logan Area Public Library
  16 Wildcat Way
  Logan, WV 25601
  304-752-6652

- Family History Books that were found at the South West Virginia Community College were taken to Logan High School in April May of 2004. Patron should call during inclement weather before traveling to confirm library hours. College Library has a wealth of information on Logan County History and Family History

Logan High School, Logan, West Virginia 304-752-6606
West Virginia State Archives

Museums

Societies

- Logan County Genealogical Society
  P O Box 1959
  Logan, WV 25601

Websites

- Logan County, WV History, Records, Facts and Genealogy
- West Virginia Genealogy Network Community on Google+
- West Virginia Genealogy Network Group on Facebook
- Logan County, West Virginia USGENWEB
- Logan County History
- Logan Field. Map of the coal field that provided employment to many residents.
- Logan county People and Places
- Logan County Veteran’s Page
- Logan WV Genealogy
- Logan County West Virginia History and Genealogy
- CYNDI’S List West Virginia
FamilySearch Catalog - The FamilySearch catalog contains descriptions and access information for all genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) in their collection. Use Historical Records to search for specific individuals in genealogical records.

Research Guides

References


7. The following sources were used to create this database: (1) The History of Logan County by Henry Clay Ragland, (2) 1850 Logan County Virginia Census, (3) 1860 Logan County Virginia Census, (4) 1870 Logan County WV Tridelphia Township, (5) 1850 Wyoming County, Virginia Census, (6) 1853-1860 Logan County, Virginia Birth Marriage and Death Records, and (7) 1850 - 1860 - 1870 Logan County, Virginia Mortality Schedules.


Links to West Virginia-related articles (see also Virginia-related articles)
Historical Jewish population comparisons. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Part of a series on Jewish population centers have shifted tremendously over time, due to the constant streams of Jewish refugees created by expulsions, persecution, and officially sanctioned killing of Jews in various places at various times. In addition, assimilation and forced conversions have also impacted Jewish population sizes throughout Jewish history. Historical Jewish population comparisons. From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. Jump to navigation Jump to search. Jewish population centers have shifted tremendously over time, due to the constant streams of Jewish refugees created by expulsions, persecution, and officially sanctioned killing of Jews in various places at various times. In addition, assimilation and forced conversions have also impacted Jewish population sizes throughout Jewish history. The following historical population figures are compiled from multiple sources. They are not of uniform reliability or methodology and may not represent uniform time series. They are presented as illustrative of the development of global demographic trends. Sources are given at the end of the page. For graphs of this data see this page. World and regional populations (in millions). year. world.