

STATE OF IDAHO: COUNTY INFORMATION
Name of County, County Web Site, Establishment Date, County Clerk Office, Genealogy/Historical Societies, County Newspapers
Information Compiled October 2009

IDAHO FACTS:

Nickname: Gem State.

Motto: Esto Perptua meaning "may she endure forever."

State Tree: Western White Pine (*Pinus monticola*)

State Flower: Western Syringa (*Philadelphus lewisii*)

State Bird: Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*)

Admission to Statehood: July 3rd 1890

***Ada County:** <http://www.adaweb.net/>

Established December 22, 1864 with its county seat at Boise. Named for Ada Riggs, the first white child born in the area and the daughter of H. C. Riggs, one of the founders of Boise and a member of the Idaho Territorial Legislature. Boise became the capital of Idaho in 1865.

County Clerk: Courthouse, 200 West Front Street Boise, ID 83702 Phone: (208) 287-6840 Fax: (208) 287-6849

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idada/>

Boise Dead Relative Collectors

Attn. Bonnie Fuller (208) 898-0687

fuller32@cableone.net

1469 E. Sage Hen Ct.

Meridian, ID 83642-7801

Idaho Genealogical Society: idahogenealogy@hotmail.com and/or: <http://www.idahogenealogy.org/>

P.O. Box 1854

Boise, ID 83701-1854

Meridian History Center

33 East Broadway, Meridian, Idaho 83642 Phone 208-489-0602

IDAHO STATE Historical Society & Museum: <http://www.idahohistory.net/>

610 N. Julia Davis Dr

Boise, ID 83702

Idaho Black History Museum: <http://www.ibhm.org/>

508 Julia Davis Dr.

Boise, ID 83702 208-433-0017

Basque Museum & Cultural Center: <http://www.basquemuseum.com/>

611 W. Grove St.

Boise, ID 83702-5971

Newspapers:

Idaho Statesman: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sun; Circ. 68060

Box 40, 1200 N. Curtis Rd, Boise, Id. 83707

PH, 377-6200; FAX, 377-6303

Kuna Melba News: <http://www.kunamelba.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed.; Circ, 2100+

326 Avenue D, P.O. Box 373, Kuna, ID 83634

PH, 922-3008; FAX, 922-3009

email: kunamelbanews@aol.com

The Valley Times

Pubday(s), Wed.; Circ, 1250

67 E. State St., Eagle, ID, 83616

FAX, 939-6738

***Adams County:** <http://www.co.adams.id.us/>

Established March 3, 1911 with its county seat at Council. Named for John Adams, the second President of the United States. The Council valley was a meeting place for the Nez Perce and Shoshoni Indian Tribes.

County Clerk: Courthouse, Council, ID 83612-0048 Phone: (208) 253-4561 Fax: (208) 253-4880

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.adamscountyhistory.org/>

Adams County Historic Preservation Commission

P.O. Box 225

Council ID 83612

Adams County Genealogy site: <http://home.ctcweb.net/~jcpeart/default.html>

Newspapers:

Adams County Record : <http://www.theadamscountyrecord.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur: Circ, 1800

Box R, 100 Illinois Ave., Council, Id. 83612

PH, 253-6961; FAX, 253-6801

***Alturas County:** No longer a county. See following county maps for placement.

<http://www.idahogenealogy.com/alturas/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/alturas/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/alturas/newsmisc.html>

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Alturas_County,_Idaho

<http://www.idahogenealogy.com/alturas/hailey.htm>

Alturas County was a county in Idaho Territory and later the state of Idaho from 1864 to 1895. It covered an area larger than the states of Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware combined. Most present-day southern Idaho counties were created at least in part from the original Alturas County area. The name Alturas comes from a Spanish word for "mountain summits" or "mountainous heights."

Alturas County was created by the Idaho Territorial Legislature in February 1864. Later that year the mining camp of Rocky Bar was designated the county seat. The county seat was moved to Hailey in 1882.

In 1889, the Idaho Territorial Legislature created Elmore County and Logan County from parts of Alturas County.

On March 5, 1895, to circumvent a recent state Supreme Court decision striking down an earlier county reorganization, the Idaho Legislature combined Alturas and Logan Counties into a new county called Blaine. Two weeks later on March 18, the southern portion of the newly-created Blaine County was split off to form Lincoln County with its county seat at Shoshone. Hailey remained the county seat of what was now Blaine County and **Alturas County disappeared from the Idaho map.** *On March 5, 1895, the county of Blaine was created. The first section of the act creating Blaine County reads as follows: "The counties of Alturas and Logan are hereby abolished and the county of Blaine is hereby created, embracing all of the territory heretofore included within the boundary lines of said Alturas and Logan Counties." The county seat was located at Hailey. On March 18, 1895, the county of Lincoln was created out of the county of Blaine and the county seat located at Shoshone.*

The "act to abolish the counties of Alturas and Logan and to create and organize the county of Blaine," provided that "Sidney Kelley, Fred W. Gooding and Israel T. Osborn, shall be the county commissioners of said county, H. H. Clay, treasurer, J. J. McFadden, probate judge and ex-officio superintendent of public instruction, Andrew J. Dunn, coroner, and Frank C. Mandell, surveyor. Of the two persons elected in said Alturas and Logan Counties at the last election to each of the offices of sheriff, of assessor and ex-officio tax collector, and of clerk of the district court and ex-officio auditor and recorder, during the first year one shall be the officer and the other shall be his assistant or deputy, and during the second year they shall exchange positions, and the clerk of the district court and ex-officio auditor and recorder for the third and fourth years shall alternate as herein provided, and that unless they can agree among themselves upon the order in which they shall so occupy such office, the Board of County Commissioners of Blaine County shall determine the same." All the above named officers qualified. The following also qualified: Geo. W. Richards, clerk of district court and ex-officio auditor and recorder, Thomas Fenton, Sheriff, and James M. McPherson, assessor and tax collector. The creation of Lincoln County on March 18, 1895, legislated County Commissioner Fred W. Gooding out of office in Blaine County for the reason that he was no longer a resident of Blaine County. John E. Schad was appointed County Commissioner by the governor. He presented his commission and qualified. Logan County was a county in Idaho Territory and later the state of Idaho from 1889 to 1895. Logan County was created from parts of Alturas County by the Idaho Territorial Legislature in 1889 with Bellevue as its county seat. Six years later, the Idaho Legislature attempted to return Bellevue to Alturas County, but the plan was struck down by the state supreme court. In response on March 5, 1895, the Idaho Legislature combined Logan and Alturas Counties into a new county called Blaine. Two weeks later on March 18, the southern portion of the newly-created Blaine County was split off to form Lincoln County with its county seat at Shoshone and Logan County ceased to exist. Bellevue became part of Blaine County.

***Bannock County:** <http://www.co.bannock.id.us/>

Established March 6, 1893 from part of Bingham County, with its county seat at Pocatello. Named for the Bannock Indians, the first inhabitants of the area, whose name was spelled Bannock by early settlers.

County Clerk: 624 E. Center, Room 211, Pocatello, ID 83201-6274 Phone: (208) 236-7334 Fax: (208) 236-7345

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Shoshone Bannock Tribal Museum: <http://www.blacksmithinn.com/forthall.html>

Box 306

Fort Hall, ID 83203

Phone: (208) 237-9791 Fax: (208) 237-4318 Toll Free: (800) 806-9229

Books:

"Progressive men in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho." Chicago: A W. Bowen & Co., 1904. Over 400 pioneers living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho, prior to 1904.

Newspapers:

Idaho State Journal: <http://www.journalnet.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sun; Circ, 17386

Box 431, 305 South Arthur, Pocatello, Id. 83204
PH, 232-4161; FAX, 233-8007

***Bear Lake County:** <http://www.bearlakecounty.info/>

Established January 5, 1875 with its county seat at Paris. Named for Bear Lake, which lies half in Idaho and Half in Utah. In 1863 the first permanent settlement was at Paris, established by forty Mormon families who came in wagons, in ox carts and on foot over very difficult terrain from Cache Valley, Utah.

County Clerk: PO Box 190, Paris, ID 83261-0190, Phone: (208) 945-2212 Fax: (208) 945-2780

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Bear_Lake.html

Books:

"Progressive men in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho." Chicago: A W. Bowen & Co., 1904. Over 400 pioneers living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho, prior to 1904

Newspapers:

News-Examiner: <http://www.news-examiner.net/>

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 1871

Box 278, 847 Washington St., Montpelier, Id. 83254

PH, 847-0552; FAX, 852-0158

***Benewah County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/benewah.html>

Established January 23, 1915, with its county seat at St. Maries, by an act of the state legislature from the southern part of Kootenai County. Named for a Coeur d'Alene Indian chief. Some settlement began after the completion of the Mullan Road in 1860, but most settlers came to the area after the discovery of gold near St. Maries in 1880.

County Clerk: St Maries, ID 83861-1886 Phone: (208) 245-3212 Fax: (208) 245-3046

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Benewah.html

Books:

"Coeur d'Alene Indian Cemeteries and Burial Ground 1844-1987, Benewah & Kootenai Counties, Idaho." Alfred E. & Betty J. Shane, 1987. Self-published List of all people (native and white) buried in Coeur d'Alene Indian cemeteries and burial grounds between the years 1844 to 1987.

Newspapers:

Gazette-Record: <http://www.smgazette.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 3497

127 S. 7th St., St. Maries, Id. 83861

PH, 245-4538; FAX, 245-4011

***Bingham County:** <http://www.co.bingham.id.us/>

Established January 13, 1885, with its county seat at Blackfoot, from the east and north parts of Oneida County.

Named by Territorial Governor William M. Bunn for his friend Henry Harrison Bingham, Pennsylvania Congressman. Fremont County was carved out of Bingham in 1893, Bonneville in 1911, Power in 1913, and Butte in 1917.

County Clerk: 501 N. Maple #205, Blackfoot, ID 83221-1028 Phone: (208) 785-8040 Fax: (208) 785-4131

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Bingham.html

Bingham County Historical Museum

190 N. Shilling Ave.

Blackfoot, ID 83221

Phone: (208) 785-8065 Nearest City: Blackfoot Location: Southeastern Idaho, N. of Pocatello

Directions: Downtown Blackfoot

Books:

"Progressive men in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho." Chicago: A W. Bowen & Co., 1904. Over 400 pioneers living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho, prior to 1904.

Newspapers:

Shelley Pioneer

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 1382

Box P, 1534 E. Center St., Shelley, Id. 83274

PH, 357-3435; FAX, 745-8703

The Morning News: <http://www.am-news.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sat; Circ, 3910

Box 70, 34 N. Ash Street, Blackfoot, Id. 83221

PH, 785-1100 ; FAX, 785-4239

***Blaine County:** <http://www.co.blaine.id.us/>

Established March 5, 1895 with Hailey as the county seat. Named for James G. Blaine, U. S. Secretary of State (1889-1892) under President Benjamin Harrison. The area was first explored in 1818 by Donald Mackenzie.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Hailey, ID 83333-0400 Phone: (208) 788-5505 Fax: (208) 788-5501

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Blaine County Historical Museum

213 North Main Street (physical address)

P.O. Box 124 (mailing address)

Hailey, Idaho 83333 208-788-1801 bcmuseum@mindspring.com

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Blaine.html

Books:

"Iona." Centennial Book Coission. The History of Iona Idaho, photos and history of 100 years.

Newspapers:

Mountain Express: <http://www.mtexpress.com/index2.php>

Pubday(s), Wed: Circ, 1712

Box 1013, 591 First Ave. N., Ketchum, Id. 83340

PH, 726-8060; FAX, 726-2329

***Boise County:** <http://www.boisecounty.us/>

Established February 4, 1864 with its county seat at Idaho City. Named for the Boise River, which was named by French-Canadian explorers and trappers for the great variety of trees growing along its banks. The Boise Basin, in which Idaho City lies, was one of the richest gold mining districts in the nation after the discovery of gold in 1862. At its peak in the 1860s and 1870s, Idaho City was, for a time, the largest city in the northwest; it was this great influx of people that led to the establishment of the Idaho Territory.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Idaho City, ID 83631-0157 Phone: (208) 392-4431 Fax: (208) 392-4473

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Boise.html

<http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/100626/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/boise/>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idboise/>

Newspapers:

Idaho World

Pubday(s), Wed: Circ, 1150

Box 99, Garden Valley, Id. Id. 83622

PH, 462-3487; FAX, 462-3325

***Bonner County:** <http://www.co.bonner.id.us/>

Established February 21, 1907 with its county seat at Sandpoint. It was named for Edwin L. Bonner, who, in 1864, established a ferry on the Kootenai River where the town of Bonners Ferry is located. The ferry became an important site in emigrant travel between Walla Walla to the placer and quartz mines in British Columbia.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Sandpoint, ID 83864-1305 Phone: (208) 265-1432 Fax: (208) 265-1447

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idbcgs/?cj=1&o_xid=0001231185&o_lid=0001231185

Bonner County Genealogical Society

PO Box 221

Kootenai, Idaho 83840

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Bonner.html

Newspapers:

Bonner County Bee: <http://www.bonnercountydailybee.com/>

Pubday(s), Tues-Sun: Circ, 6441

Box 159, 310 Church St., Sandpoint, Id. 83864

PH, 263-9534; FAX, 263-9091

Priest River Times

Pubday(s), Thur: Circ, 1398

Box 10, 1221 Albeni Rd, Priest River, Id. 83856

PH, 448-2431; FAX, 448-2938

***Bonneville County:** <http://www.co.bonneville.id.us/>

Established February 7, 1911 by the state legislature from the north and east parts of Bingham County. Named for Captain B. L. E. Bonneville, of the U. S. Army, who explored throughout the Snake River area in the 1830s. A settlement developed at the site of 1864, this settlement was known as Idaho Falls after 1891.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Idaho Falls, ID 83402-3582 Phone: (208) 529-1350 ext. 1355

Fax: (208) 529-1353

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Bonneville.html

<http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/100628/>

Newspapers:

Cable Scene

Pubday(s), Sat; Circ, 674
Box 3838, 587 4th St., Idaho Falls, Id. 83403
PH, 523-7777; FAX, 745-8703

Post-Register: <http://www.postregister.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sun; Circ, 26551
Box 1800, 333 Northgate Mile, Idaho Falls, Id. 83403
PH, 522-1800; FAX, 529-3142

***Boundary County:** <http://www.boundarycountyid.org/>

Established January 23, 1915 with its county seat at Bonners Ferry. It was so named because it borders Canada in the north, Washington on the west, and Montana on the east as well as Bonner County on the south.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805-0419 **Phone:** (208) 267-2242 **Fax:** (208) 267-7814

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Boundary.html

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idbounda/>

<http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/100629>

Boundary County Historical Society & Museum: bcmuseum@meadowerk.com

Box 808
7229 Main St.
Bonners Ferry, ID 83805

Newspapers:

Bonners Ferry Herald

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 3217
Box 539, 7183 Main., Bonners Ferry, Id. 83805
PH, 267-5521; FAX, 267-5523

Kootenai Valley Times

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 1559
Box Q, 6389 Bonner Ave., Bonners Ferry, Id. 83805
PH, 267-7004; FAX, 267-2762

***Butte County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/butte.html>

Established February 6, 1917 with its county seat at Arco. It was named for the buttes that rise from the Snake River plain and served as landmarks to trappers and pioneers who traveled through the area. The first white men in the region were thought to be Donald Mackenzie and his Northwest Fur Company trappers in 1818.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Arco, ID 83213-0737 **Phone:** (208) 527-3021 **Fax:** (208) 527-3295

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idbutte/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Butte.html

<http://politicalgraveyard.com/geo/ID/BT.html>

Newspapers:

Arco Advertiser: <http://www.arcoadvertiser.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 2161
Box C, 146 S. Front St., Arco, Id. 83213
PH, 527-3038; FAX, 527-8210

***Camas County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/camas.html>

Established February 6, 1917 with its county seat at Fairfield. Named for the lily-like plant found in the area with an edible bulb used as food by settlers.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Fairfield, ID 83327-0430 **Phone:** (208) 764-2242 **Fax:** (208) 764-2349

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Camas.html

Camas County Historical Society: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idcamas/>

P.O. Box 571
Fairfield, ID 83327

***Canyon County:** <http://www.canyonco.org/>

Established March 7, 1891 with its county seat at Caldwell. Current sources attribute the name to the canyon of the Boise River near Caldwell. However, both John Rees and Vardis Fisher believed it was named for the Snake River canyon which forms a natural boundary for the county. The Hudson's Bay Company established Fort Boise in 1834 near what is now Parma, but abandoned it in 1855. Immigrants traveled through Canyon County on the Oregon Trail.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Caldwell, ID 83605-3542 **Phone:** (208) 454-7557 **Fax:** (208) 454-6689

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idcanyon/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Canyon.html

Canyon County Cemetery and Obituary site: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idfs/>

Newspapers:

Idaho Press-Tribune: <http://www.idahopress.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-S; Circ, 20340

Box 9399, 1618 N. Midland Bd., Nampa, Id. 83652

PH, 467-9251; FAX, 467-9562

***Caribou County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/caribou.html>

Established February 11, 1919 with its county seat at Soda Springs, the last county in Idaho to be created. Named for the Caribou Mountains, which in turn are named for Cariboo Fairchild, who had taken part in the gold rush in the Cariboo region of British Columbia in 1860. He discovered gold in this region two years later. This area was on the routes of the earliest explorers, fur trappers and Oregon Trail emigrants. Thousands of emigrants passed through the present site of Soda Springs, so named for the many effervescent natural springs in the area.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Soda Springs, ID 83276-0775 Phone: (208) 547-4324 Fax: (208) 547-4759

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idcaribo/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Caribou.html

Newspapers:

Caribou County Sun

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 2813

Box 815, 169 South First, Soda Springs, Id. 83276

PH, 547-3260; FAX, 547-4422

***Cassia County:** <http://www.cassiacyounty.org/>

Established February 20, 1879 with its county seat at Albion. The county boundaries were later reduced in 1913 by the creation of Twin Falls and Power counties. The county seat was changed to Burley on November 5, 1918. Named for Cassia Creek, this was named for one of two words: cajeaux, peasant French for raft; or James John Cazier, member of the LDS Church and of the Mormon Battalion, later a colorful captain of an emigrant train, whose name was corrupted to cassia. Locally it is also believed that the name is derived from the name of a plant.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Burley, ID 83318-1838 Phone: (208) 878-4367 Fax: (208) 677-1003

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idcassia/>

Cassia County Historical Society & Museum:

<http://www.cassiacyounty.org/historical-society/museum.htm>

Box 331

Burley, ID 83318

***Clark County:** <http://www.clark-co.id.gov/>

Established February 1, 1919 with its county seat at Dubois. Named for Sam K. Clark, early settler on Medicine Lodge Creek who became the first state senator from Clark County. The city of Dubois was named for U.S. Senator Fred Dubois, a prominent Idaho political figure in early history.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Dubois, ID 83423-0007 Phone: (208) 374-5304 Fax: (208) 374-5609

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Clark.html

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idclark/>

<http://www.lib.byu.edu/dlib/clarkcounty/>

Book: "History of Idaho: The Gem of the Mountains", Volume 3, page 774; By James Henry Hawley, makes note of Sam K. Clark in biography.

***Clearwater County:** <http://www.clearwatercounty.org/>

Established in February 27, 1911 with its county seat at Orofino. Named for the Clearwater River whose name was translated from the Nez Perce term Koos-Koos-Kai-Kai, describing clear water. In September, 1805, Lewis and Clark followed an old Indian trail between the north and middle forks of the Clearwater River and met the Nez Perce near the present site of Weippe. Gold was first discovered by E. D. Perce in 1860 and Pierce City, the oldest mining town in Idaho came into existence.

County Clerk: Box 586, Orofino, ID 83544-0586 Phone: (208) 476-5615 Fax: (208) 476-9315

Genealogical Societies: <http://www.clearwatermuseum.org/memberinfo.htm>

Clearwater Historical Museum

P.O. Box 1454

Orofino, ID 83544

Newspapers:

Clearwater Tribune: <http://www.clearwatertribune.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 2923

Box 71, 161 Main, Orofino, Id. 83544

PH, 476-4571; FAX, 476-0765

***Custer County:** <http://www.co.custer.id.us/>

Established January 8, 1881 with its county seat at Challis. Named for the General Custer Mine, which was named in honor of General George Custer who died at the Battle of Little Bighorn. Its history begins with fur traders and pathfinders as early as 1824; later in the 1860s and 1870s prospectors and miners came. It contains portions of the Sawtooth, Salmon River, White Cloud, Pioneer, Lost River, and White Knob Mountains and contains the highest peaks in the state.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Challis, ID 83226-0385 Phone: (208) 879-2360 Fax: (208) 879-5246

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idcuster/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Custer.html

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/custer/>

Newspapers:

Challis Messenger: <http://www.challismessenger.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 1820

Box 405, 310 N. Main St., Challis, Id. 83226

PH, 879-4445; FAX, 879-5276

***Elmore County:** <http://www.elmorecounty.org/>

Established February 7, 1889 with its county seat at Rocky Bar. Named for the Ida Elmore Mines, the area's greatest silver and gold producer of the 1860s. The Oregon Trail crossed the Snake River at Three Island Crossing near Glens Ferry. A station on the overland stage route, originally named Rattlesnake, was moved to the railroad line and became Mountain Home. On February 4, 1891 the county seat was moved to Mountain Home.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Mountain Home, ID 83647-3028 Phone: (208) 587-2130 Fax: (208) 587-2159

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Elmore County Historical Foundation/Mountain Home Historical Museum: nmarshall@mountain-home.us

Box 204

180 South 3rd East

Mountain Home, ID 83647 Phone: (208) 587-6847

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idelmor/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/elmore/index.html>

<http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/100638/>

Newspapers:

Mountain Home News: <http://www.mountainhomenews.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 3720

Box 1330, 195 S. 3rd East, Mt. Home, Id. 83647

PH, 587-3331; FAX, 587-9205

***Franklin County:** <http://www.franklincountyidaho.org/>

Established January 20, 1913 with its county seat at Preston. Named for the first settlement in Idaho, Franklin, which in turn was named for Franklin Richards, an apostle of the Mormon Church. The settlement began in Franklin County in 1860 with thirteen families.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Preston, ID 83263-1234 Phone: (208) 852-1090 Fax: (208) 852-1094

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Franklin.html

<http://www.genealogytrails.com/ida/franklin/index.html>

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/id/franklin/franklin.htm>

Newspapers:

Preston Citizen: <http://www.prestoncitizen.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 3153

Box 472, 77 South State, Preston, Id. 83263

PH, 852-0155; FAX, 852-0158

***Fremont County:** <http://www.co.fremont.id.us/>

Established March 4, 1893 with its county seat at St. Anthony. Named for John C. Fremont, an explorer known as the "Pathfinder" who passed through the area in 1843. The first settlement in the county was Egin Bench in 1879.

County Clerk: 151 W. 1st St. N., Rm. 12, St. Anthony, ID 83445-0448 Phone: (208) 624-7332 Fax: (208) 624-4472

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Fremont County Historical Society & Museum

Saint Anthony, Idaho 83445

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idfremont/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Fremont.html

Books:

"Progressive men in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho." Chicago: A W. Bowen & Co., 1904. Over 400 pioneers living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho, prior to 1904.

Newspapers:

Standard Journal: <http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/>

Pubday(s), Tues. thru Saturday .; Circ, 5000

Box 10, 23 South 1st St., Rexburg, Id. 83440

PH, 356-5441; FAX, 356-8312

***Gem County:** <http://www.co.gem.id.us/>

Established March 15, 1915 with its county seat at Emmett. Named for the state nickname, "Gem State." Fur trappers were in the area as early as 1818 and Alexander Ross explored Squaw Creek in 1824. Prospectors and miners moved through the county in 1862 in route to the gold rush in the Boise Basin, and by the next year irrigation began along the Payette River.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Emmett, ID 83617-3096 Phone: (208) 365-4561 Fax: (208) 365-6172

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Gem County Historical Society: <http://www.gemcohs.org/>

501 East First Street,

Emmett, Idaho 83617

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idgem/>

<http://resources.rootsweb.ancestry.com/USA/ID/Gem/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Gem.html

Newspapers:

Messenger-Index: <http://www.messenger-index.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 3146

Box 577, 120 N. Washington, Emmett, Id. 83617

PH, 365-6066; FAX, 365-6068

***Gooding County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/gooding.html>

Established January 28, 1913 with its county seat at Gooding. Named for Frank R. Gooding, pioneer sheep rancher, early mayor of the city of Gooding, later Idaho Governor and U. S. Senator. Mountain men and fur traders trapped the Malad River extensively in the early 1800s. Settlers came to the rich agricultural lands of the Hagerman Valley in the 1860s.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Gooding, ID 83330-0417 Phone: (208) 934-4221 Fax: (208) 934-4408

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.gchshome.org/>

Gooding County Historical Society: scheney@magiclink.com

PO Box 580

Gooding, ID 83330 (208) 934-5135

***Idaho County:** <http://www.idahocounty.org/>

Established February 4, 1864 by the First Idaho Territorial Legislature with its county seat at Florence. In 1861 it had been established as the third county of the Washington Territory. Named for the Steamer Idaho that was launched June 9, 1860 on the Columbia River and served miners during the gold rush in north Idaho. In 1875 Mount Idaho was named the county seat; in 1902 the county seat was moved to Grangeville following a 10-year struggle between Grangeville and Mount Idaho.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, 320 West Main Street 320 West Main Street, ID 83530-1992 Phone: (208) 983-2751 Fax: (208) 983-1428

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.genealogytrails.com/ida/idaho/index.html>

Idaho County Genealogical Society: library@grangeville.us

215 W. North Street

Centennial Library

Grangeville, ID 83530 208-983-0951

Idaho County Historical Museum

Rt 1 Box 82

Grangeville, ID 83530

Idaho County Historical Society

305 N. College

Bicentennial Historical Museum

Grangeville, ID 83530 208-983-2573

Historical Museum at St. Gertrude

465 Keuterville Rd

Cottonwood, ID 83522-5183 208-962-2050 FAX 208-962-2059

Books:

"An Illustrated History of North Idaho." Western Historical Publishing Co., 1903 (no author). The book covers the history of and events in the towns, and early settlers of Nez Perces [sic], Idaho, Latah, Kootenai, and Shoshone counties of Idaho from 1903 and previous. There are some pictures of early settlers. THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE - it can be freely downloaded from the Internet Archives project.

<http://www.archive.org/index.php>

Newspapers:

Cottonwood Chronicle: <http://www.cottonwoodchronicle.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 909

Box 157, King Street, Cottonwood, Id. 83522

PH, 962-3851; FAX, 962-7131

Idaho County Free Press: <http://www.idahocountyfreepress.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 3491

Box 690, 318 E. Main, Grangeville, Id. 83530

PH, 983-1070; FAX, 983-1336

***Jefferson County:** <http://www.co.jefferson.id.us/>

Established February 18, 1913 with its county seat at Rigby. Named for Thomas Jefferson, third president of the United States. The first settlers were Mormons who constructed irrigation systems.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Rigby, ID 83442-0538 Phone: (208) 745-7756 Fax: (208) 745-6636

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.genealogytrails.com/ida/jefferson/index.html>

Jefferson County Historical Society & Museum

Box 284

118 West 1st South

Rigby, ID 83442

Newspapers:

Jefferson Star

Pubday(s), Thu; Circ, 2245

Box 37, 134 W. Main St., Rigby, Id. 83442

PH, 745-8701 ; FAX, 745-8703

***Jerome County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/jerome.html>

Established February 8, 1919 with its county seat at Jerome. Three sources for the name are commonly given:

Jerome Hill, one of the developers of the North Side Irrigation Project; his grandson, Jerome Kuhn, Jr.; or his son-in-law, Jerome Kuhn. All were important to the growth of the county.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Jerome, ID 83338-0407 Phone: (208) 324-8811 Fax: (208) 324-2719

Genealogy/Historical Societies: <http://www.historicaljeromecounty.com/>

Jerome County Historical Society

P.O. Box 50

Jerome, Idaho 83338

Phone: 208-324-5641

E-mail: lhelms@northrim.net

***Kootenai County:** <http://www.co.kootenai.id.us/>

Established December 22, 1864 by the Second Territorial Legislature with Seneaqueuten, a trading post below Lake Pend Oreille, as the county seat. Rathdrum replaced Seneaqueuten as county seat in 1881 and Coeur d'Alene replaced Rathdrum in 1908. Named for the Kutenai Indians who inhabited the area when the white man arrived.

The word "Kootenai" is derived from the Kutenai word meaning "water people."

County Clerk: PO Box 9000, 501 Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID 83816-9000 Phone: (208) 769-4441 Fax: (208) 667-8534

Genealogical/Historical Societies:

<http://www.genealogytrails.com/ida/kootenai/index.html>

Kootenai County Genealogical Society

8385 North Government Way

Hayden, Idaho 83835

To request additional information, please e-mail below.

Email Jeanne Venturino at tonyv@imbris.net

Books:

"Coeur d'Alene Indian Cemeteries and Burial Ground 1844-1987, Benewah & Kootenai Counties, Idaho." Alfred E. & Betty J. Shane, 1987. Self-published List of all people (native and white) buried in Coeur d'Alene Indian cemeteries and burial grounds between the years 1844 to 1987.

"An Illustrated History of North Idaho." Western Historical Publishing Co., 1903 (no author). The book covers the history of and events in the towns, and early settlers of Nez Perces [sic], Idaho, Latah, Kootenai, and Shoshone counties of Idaho from 1903 and previous. There are some pictures of early settlers. THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE - it can be freely downloaded from the Internet Archives project.

<http://www.archive.org/index.php>

Newspapers:

Coeur d'Alene Press: <http://www.cdapress.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sun; Circ, 17983

201 N. 2nd St., Coeur d'Alene, Id. 83814

PH, 664-8176; FAX, 664-0212

***Latah County:** <http://www.latah.id.us/>

Established May 14, 1888 with its county seat at Moscow. This area was first formed as Lah-Toh County in 1864 with Coeur d'Alene as the county seat; in 1867 the name Lah-Toh was dropped when the area was placed in Nez Perce County. In 1888 the U. S. Congress created the county as we know it, the 16th Idaho County and the only Idaho County created by Congress. Named for Latah Creek, which drains the northwest corner. The name is Nez Perce and means "the place of pine trees and sattle," because the Indians found stones here suitable for pulverizing camas roots and shade under the pine trees in which to work.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Moscow, ID 83843-0568 Phone: (208) 882-8580 ext. 3379 Fax: (208) 883-7203

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

[Latah County Historical Society:](http://users.moscow.com/lchs/) <http://users.moscow.com/lchs/>

327 East Second Street - Moscow ID 83843

208/882-1004 - lchlibrary@latah.id.us

Books:

"An Illustrated History of North Idaho." Western Historical Publishing Co., 1903 (no author). The book covers the history of and events in the towns, and early settlers of Nez Perces [sic], Idaho, Latah, Kootenai, and Shoshone counties of Idaho from 1903 and previous. There are some pictures of early settlers. THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE - it can be freely downloaded from the Internet Archives project.

<http://www.archive.org/index.php>

"The Trees Grew Tall." John B. Miller, 1972. History of the early days in Bovill area (and some from nearby Helmer. Some early 1860's information, mostly 1900's.

"They Came to a Ridge." Ann Nilsson Driscoll, the News Review Publishing Co., 1970. A history of the settlement of the American and Driscoll Ridge in Latah County. Includes communities of Genesee, Juliaetta, Troy, Kendrick, Moscow, and more. Many surnames listed with some brief biographies, and local recollections.

Newspapers:

Daily News: <http://www.dnews.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sat; Circ, 5903

Box 8187, 409 S. Jackson, Moscow, Id. 83843

PH, 882-5561; FAX, 883-8205

Latah Eagle

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 1487

521 S. Jackson, Moscow, Id. 83843

PH, 875-0693; FAX, 875-8744

***Lemhi County:** <http://lemhicountyidaho.org/>

Established January 9, 1869 with its county seat at Salmon. Named for Fort Lemhi, the L.D.S. Salmon River Mission, which was named for King Lemhi in the book of Mormon. Lewis and Clark were the first white men in this area.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Salmon, ID 83467-3943 Phone: (208) 756-2815 Fax: (208) 756-8424

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idlemhi/>

[Lemhi County Historical Society & Museum:](http://lemhimuseum.org/) <http://lemhimuseum.org/>

Box 645

Salmon, ID 83467 [208] 756-3342

Newspapers:

Recorder-Herald

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 3190

Box 310, 519 Van Dreff St., Salmon, Id. 83467

PH, 756-2221; FAX, 756-2222

***Lewis County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/lewis.html>

Established on March 3, 1911, the county is named after Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The Nez Perce Indians made this area their home and knew no whites until the Expedition spent a month in the Clearwater River Valley (near the town of Kamiah) after returning from the Pacific Coast in May 1806.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Nezperce, ID 83543-0039 Phone: (208) 937-2661 Fax: (208) 937-9234

Genealogy/Historical Society:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idlewis/>

http://www.genealogytoolbox.com/php/gt_county.php?FIPS=16061

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Lewis.html

Lewis County Historical Society

RR 2 Box 512

Kamiah, ID 83536

Newspapers:

Clearwater Progress: <https://www.clearwaterprogress.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur.; Circ, 4200
417 Main Street, Kamiah, Id. 83536
PH, 935-0838; FAX, 935-0973

Lewis County Herald

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 781
Box 159, 517 Oak Street, Nezperce, Id. 83543
PH, 937-2671; FAX, 962-7131

***Lincoln County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/lincoln.html>

Established March 18, 1895 with its county seat at Shoshone. Lincoln was much larger originally, in 1913 Gooding and Minidoka took about half the original Lincoln County, after the creation of Jerome in 1919, Lincoln was left with only 1,206 square miles. Named for President Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States, under whose administration the Idaho Territory was established.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Shoshone, ID 83352-0800 Phone: (208) 886-7641 Fax: (208) 886-2707

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/lincoln/index.html>
http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Lincoln.html
<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895/ID/County/lincoln.htm>
<http://politicalgraveyard.com/geo/ID/LI.html>
http://www.accessgenealogy.com/cemetery/idaho/lincoln_county.htm
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idlincol/>

***Madison County:** <http://www.co.madison.id.us/>

Established February 18, 1913 with its county seat at Rexburg. Named for President James Madison, the fourth president of the United States. First settlers in the county were Mormon families from Utah, who built the first irrigation system.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Rexburg, ID 83440-0389 Phone: (208) 356-3662 Fax: (208) 356-8396

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/madison/index.html>
http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Madison.html

Newspapers:

Standard Journal: <http://www.rexburgstandardjournal.com/>

Pubday(s), Tues. thru Saturday.; Circ, 5000
Box 10, 23 South 1st St., Rexburg, Id. 83440
PH, 356-5441; FAX, 356-8312

***Minidoka County:** <http://www.minidoka.id.us/>

Established January 28, 1913 with its county seat at Rupert. Named directly for the first settlement, Minidoka, a railroad siding. The name is Indian, but the exact meaning is in dispute. Some believe that Minidoka means "well, spring" but there was not a source of water such as a well or spring until 1946. Others say the word is Shoshoni and means "broad expanse," because the broadest portion of the Snake River Plain lies here.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Rupert, ID 83350-0474 Phone: (208) 436-9511 Fax: (208) 436-0737

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Minidoka County Historical Society
100 East Baseline
Rupert, ID 83350
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idminido/>
<http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/100652/>
http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Minidoka.html

***NezPerce County:** <http://www.co.nezperce.id.us/>

Established February 4, 1864 by the Idaho Territorial Legislature with its county seat at Lewiston. Named for the Nez Perce Indians who occupied the area before the white man. Previously established by the Territorial Legislature of Washington in 1861. This was one of the four original Idaho counties in 1863 from which all 44 have been carved. The present boundaries of Nez Perce County were set in 1911. Lewis and Clark were the first white men in the area in 1805. Lewiston served as the territorial capital for twenty-two months before the capital was moved to Boise.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Lewiston, ID 83501-0896 Phone: (208) 799-3020 Fax: (208) 799-3070

Genealogical/Historical Societies:

Twin Rivers Genealogy Society POB 386 Lewiston, Idaho 83501

<http://www.npchistsoc.org/>
Nez Perce County Historical Society
0306 Third Street
Lewiston, Idaho 83501

208-743-2535

Books:

"An Illustrated History of North Idaho." Western Historical Publishing Co., 1903 (no author). The book covers the history of and events in the towns, and early settlers of Nez Perces [sic], Idaho, Latah, Kootenai, and Shoshone counties of Idaho from 1903 and previous. There are some pictures of early settlers. THIS BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE - it can be freely downloaded from the Internet Archives project.

<http://www.archive.org/index.php>

Newspapers:

Lewiston Morning Tribune: <http://www.lmtribune.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sun; Circ, 22671

Box 957, 505 C St., Lewiston, Id. 83501

PH, 743-9411; FAX, 746-7341

***Oneida County:** <http://www.co.oneida.id.us/>

Established January 22, 1864 with its county seat at Soda Springs. In 1866 it was moved to Malad City, because of its growth and its location on the stagecoach line and freight road between Corinne, Utah, and the mines in Butte, Montana. Named for Lake Oneida, New York, the area from which most of the early settlers had emigrated.

County Clerk: 10 Court Street, Malad, ID 83252-0191 Phone: (208) 766-4116 ext. 10 Fax: (208) 766-2448

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/oneida/>

<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895/ID/County/oneida.htm>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Oneida.html

Books:

"Progressive men in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho." Chicago: A W. Bowen & Co., 1904. Over 400 pioneers living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Fremont, and Oneida Counties, Idaho, prior to 1904.

Newspapers:

Idaho Enterprise

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 1427

Box 205, 100 East 90 South, Malad City, Id. 83252

PH, 766-4773; FAX, 766-4774

***Owyhee County:** <http://www.owyheecounty.net/index1.php?home>

Established December 31, 1863 with its county seat at Ruby City. Owyhee County, Idaho was an original county of Idaho Territory. This was the first county to be established by the first territorial legislature. In 1867 the county seat was moved to Silver City and in 1934 to Murphy. Gold was discovered on Jordan Creek in 1863, and millions of dollars of gold and silver were taken from Silver City region until the industry declined in the early 1900s. It is a very rural county, noted mostly for mining, ranching, and farming. It is the second largest county in land area in Idaho, but has only slightly more than 10,000 residents.

Information following on Owyhee County submitted by Mary O'Malley ochspress@owyheemuseum.org:

Owyhee County History

When Meriwether Lewis and three companions stepped into Idaho at Lemhi pass in August 1805, they were the first Euro-Americans to enter Idaho, last of the 50 states entered by non-Indians. By September 1809, London-born David Thompson, fur-trader and geographer for the Northwest Company, had built a trading fort on Lake Pend d' Oreille east of Sandpoint, the first house built by Europeans in what became Idaho.

In early November 1811, Scotland-born Ramsey Crooks and 18 companions became the first Europeans to enter what became Owyhee county, when they traveled the south banks of the Snake River from west of Burley to near Weiser. They were part of the Astorians, as the group sent overland in 1811 by John Jacob Astor to start a fur-trading post (named Astoria) at the mouth of the Columbia River.

The name Owyhee comes from the river that Scotland-born Northwest Company leader Donald McKenzie sent three of his employees to trap. These three men were called "Owyhees" after their home in what was then called the Sandwich Islands. (When Captain James Cook discovered and named the Sandwich Island in 1778, he asked the natives what they called themselves and wrote the answer as "Owyhees". When American missionaries wrote this name they spelled it "Hawaii".) Natives of the islands often were hired by fur-trading companies when ships bound for the Columbia stopped at the islands for provisions. Most fur-trading groups in the Snake River country had several in their company. When McKenzie came back to meet them in the spring of 1820, the Indians told them that other Indians had killed them. The only thing found of the three men was one of their horses with the Indians and the bones of one of the men. The river and the country around it were called Owyhee after these men.

Idaho became a Territory in 1863 and Owyhee County was the first county created. On December 31, the first Territorial Legislature decreed that "all that part of said Territory lying south of the Snake River and west of the summit of the Rocky Mountains chain be, and the same is hereby organized into a county to be called Owyhee". Oneida County was formed from Owyhee County east of the 113th meridian on January 22, 1864 in the same session of the Legislature. In 1879, Cassia County was created from the eastern part of Owyhee County, and in 1930, the people of King Hill voted to join Elmore County.

When Owyhee County was created in 1963, Ruby City was the first county seat. But Silver City, just one mile south soon became much larger and on February 1, 1867, was named the county seat. As mining failed and agriculture became the main industry of the county, Murphy was voted the county seat in 1934. The County Courthouse was completed in 1935 and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, POB 128, Murphy, Idaho 83650-0128 Phone: (208) 495-2421 Fax: (208) 495-1173
Genealogy/Historical Societies:

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Owyhee_County,_Idaho#Parent_County

<http://owyheemuseum.org/>

Owyhee County Historical Society Museum and Library

17085 Basey St

PO Box 67

Murphy, ID 83650 (208) 495-2319 (208) 495-9824 Fax

Books:

"Owyhee County Gleanings." Wilma Lewis Statham, 1986, Births, marriages, deaths, cemetery, and some school children names in Owyhee Co, Idaho 1863-1904.

Newspapers:

Owyhee Avalanche: <http://www.owyheepublishing.com/>

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 1490

Box 97, 20 East Idaho, Homedale, Id. 83628

PH, 337-4681; FAX, 337-4867

***Payette County:** <http://www.payettecounty.org/>

Established February 28, 1917, with its county seat at Payette. Payette was originally settled as a railroad camp in the 1860s and called Boomerang for the log boom on the Payette River. The site, and the community which grew around it, was later named in honor of the area's first white settler, Francois Payette, a Canadian fur trapper and explorer with the North West Company who arrived in 1818.

County Clerk: 1130 3rd Ave. N., Rm. 104, Payette, ID 83661-2473 Phone: (208) 642-6000 Fax: (208) 642-6011

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://payettecounty.info/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Payette.html

<http://www.linkpendium.com/genealogy/USA/ID/Payette/>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/payette/>

<http://www.geocities.com/payettehistory/homepage.html?1019771915660>

The museum is located at 90 South 9th street in Payette, Idaho. If you have questions or comments or are interested in becoming a member of the Payette County Historical Society, please contact Ann Curtis at 208-642-4883 or e-mail your comments to payettemuseum@qwestoffice.net

Newspapers:

Independent Enterprise

Pubday(s), Wednesday; Circ, 2632

124 S. Main Street, Payette, ID 83661

PH, 642-3357; FAX, 642-3560

***Power County:** <http://www.co.power.id.us/>

Established on January 30, 1913 with its county seat at American Falls. Named for the American Falls Power Plant. American Falls was the first settlement in the county and was a frequent camping place on the Oregon Trail. It became a railroad station when the Oregon Short Line was built across southern Idaho.

County Clerk: 543 Bannock, American Falls, ID 83211-1200 Phone: (208) 226-7611 Fax: (208) 226-7612

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.co.power.id.us/historical-society/genealogy.htm>

<http://recordsproject.com/county/idaho/power.asp>

<http://www.accessgenealogy.com/worldwar/idaho/power.htm>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/power/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Power.html

Power County Museum

Artifacts and historical information about the city of American Falls, including how the town had to be moved when the American Falls dam was built.

Located at 500 Pocatello Avenue in American Falls, ID.

Newspapers:

Aberdeen Times

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 855

Box X, 31 South Main., Aberdeen, Id. 83210

PH, 397-4440; FAX, 226-5295

Power County Press

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 1756

Box 547, 174 Idaho St., American Falls, Id. 83211

PH, 226-5294; FAX, 226-5295

***Shoshone County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/shoshone.html>

Established February 4, 1864 with its county seat at Pierce. In 1885 the county seat was moved to Murray, in 1890 to Osburn, and finally to Wallace in 1893. The first organized unit of government within Idaho boundaries created and named for the Shoshoni Indians in 1858 by the Washington Territorial Legislature as part of Washington, effective in 1861.

County Clerk: 700 Bank Street, Wallace, ID 83873 Phone: (208) 752-1264 Fax: (208) 753-2711

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idshosho/>

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idshosho/lookupvolunteer.htm>

<http://genealogytrails.com/ida/shoshone/>

<http://www.livgenmi.com/1895/ID/County/shoshone.htm>

<http://wallace-id.com/business.html#depot>

Oasis Bordello Museum in Historic Wallace, Idaho

The Oasis Bordello, built in 1895 as a hotel and saloon, was an operating bordello until 1988 when the ladies of the evening made a hasty departure, leaving everything behind. Take a tasteful tour of the premises and learn about the history of this unusual museum. Located at 605 Cedar Street in Wallace, ID.

Wallace District Mining Museum. The Silver Valley is the richest silver mining region in the world. In just one hundred twenty years, over 1.1 BILLION ounces of silver have been produced from mines in this valley. The museum captures the impact of mining history with artifacts and exhibits depicting the hardships, toils and home life of the period. An exhibit of photographs and commissioned paintings helps bring the reality of those early days to light.

Captain John Mullan Museum

Dedicated to the history of Mullan, the museum is housed inside the old Liberty Theater. Visitors will find historical photographs, household furnishings, old newspapers, mining relics, vintage memorabilia and other items related to the early history of Mullan, Idaho. Located at 229 Earle Street in Mullan, ID.

Books:

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<http://www.archive.org/index.php>

Newspapers:

Shoshone News-Press: <http://www.shoshonenewspress.com/>

Pubday(s), Tues-Sun: Circ, 3107

Box 149, 401 Main Street, Kellogg, Id. 83837

PH, 783-1107; FAX, 784-6791

***Teton County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/teton.html>

Established January 26, 1915, with its county seat at Driggs. It was named for the adjacent Teton Mountains and valley. The valley was formerly known as Pierre's Hole where Indians held their councils and trappers met for their rendezvous.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Driggs, ID 83422-0070 Phone: (208) 354-2905 Fax: (208) 354-8410

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

Teton Valley Museum: 208) 354-6000/(208) 456-2559

Focused on the history of Teton County and surrounding area, the museum features a local veteran's room and an extensive research library. Located one mile north of Driggs on Hwy 33.

POB. 363, 137North Hwy 33, Driggs, Idaho 83422

Newspapers:

Teton Valley News: <http://www.tetonvalleynews.net/>

Pubday(s), Thur: Circ, 2500

75 North Main, Driggs, Id. 83422

PH, 354-8101; FAX, 354-8621

***Twin Falls County:** <http://www.twinfallscounty.org/>

Established February 21, 1907 with its county seat at Twin Falls. Named for the nearby waterfalls on the Snake River. A station line was established at Rock Creek in 1864 for the Ben Holladay Stage Line. The Twin Falls South Side project brought water to thousands of acres of arid land in 1904 and became one of the most successful in the Carey Act irrigation projects.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0126 Phone: (208) 736-4004 Fax: (208) 736-4182

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idtwinfa/>

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Twin_Falls.html

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idtwinfa/cemetery.htm>

http://www.interment.net/US/id/twin_falls.htm

<http://www.cousinconnect.com/p/a/100660/>

<http://www.gendir.com/locales/3296>

Books:

"Coroner Records from Court House Twin Falls, Idaho." Christine Storey July 2004. Coroner Records for Twin Falls County. 1907-1918, 1931-1938. 1907 to 1918 and 1931 to 1938 are only years available.

"Death Register from Court house Twin Falls County Idaho." Christine Storey, July 2004. Death registers for years 1907 to 1911.

Newspapers:

Buhl Herald

Pubday(s), Wed; Circ, 2638
Box 312, 126 S. Broadway St., Buhl, Id. 83316
PH, 543-4335; FAX, 543-6834

Times-News: <http://www.magicvalley.com/>

Pubday(s), Mon-Sun; Circ, 22718
132 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls, Id. 83303
PH, 735-3255; FAX, 734-5538

***Valley County:** <http://www.idaho.gov/aboutidaho/county/valley.html>

Established February 26, 1917 with its county seat at Cascade. Named for the outstanding topographical feature of the area, Long Valley. Fur trappers were the first white men in the area but permanent settlement did not take place until the 1880s when livestock ranchers moved into Long Valley.

Court Clerk: County Courthouse, Cascade, ID 83611-0737 Phone: (208) 382-4297 Fax: (208) 382-4955

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Valley_County,_Idaho

<http://www.genealogytrails.com/ida/valley/index.html>

Central Idaho Historical Museum

This is actually a complex of buildings built by the CCC in 1936. Featured are displays related to Idaho forestry and history. Located at 101 State Street in McCall, ID. Call Teresa for more information at 208-334-2120 ext. 18

Newspapers:

Cascade Advocate

Pubday(s), Wed;
Box 1079 112 N. Main St., Cascade, Id. 83611
PH, 382-3233; FAX, 382-6728

Star-News: <http://www.mccallstarnews.com/>

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 4335
1000 1st Street, McCall, Id. 83638
PH, 634-2123; FAX, 634-4950

***Washington County:** <http://www.co.washington.id.us/>

Established February 20, 1879, with Weiser as its county seat. Named for George Washington, the first president of the United States. Donald MacKenzie was one of the first white men in the area in 1811. Settlers came in the 1860s after gold was discovered in the area.

County Clerk: County Courthouse, Weiser, ID 83672-0670 Phone: (208) 414-2092 Fax: (208) 414-3925

Genealogy/Historical Societies:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~idwashin/>

http://www.co.washington.id.us/links_of_interest/genealogy_info.htm

http://www.kindredtrails.com/ID_Washington.html

Newspapers:

Upper Country Reporter

Pubday(s), Thur; Circ, 1010
Box 9, 155 Superior St., Cambridge, Id. 83610
PH, 257-3515; FAX,

Weiser Signal-American: <http://www.ruralnetwork.net/~newsroom/>

Pubday(s), Mon & Wed; Circ, 2290
Box 709, 18 East Idaho St., Weiser, Id. 83672
PH, 549-1717; FAX, 549-1718