

WINN PARISH, LOUISIANA

LOCALITY GUIDE

BACKGROUND

Quick Facts

- Parish Seat = Winnfield
- Established 24 February 1852 from Catahoula, Natchitoches, and Rapides
- Southern portions of Winn became Grant on 4 March 1869
- Statewide registration for births began in 1918; local compliance dates vary
- Statewide registration of deaths began in 1911; local compliance dates vary
- Marriage/court/land/probate records available beginning in 1886 (after total record loss)

Online Research Guides

[FamilySearch Wiki - Winn Parish, Louisiana](#)

[RAOGK - Winn Parish, Louisiana](#)

Geography and Maps

[Newberry Library: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries – Louisiana](#)

[MapofUS.org – Interactive Map of Louisiana Parish Formation History](#)

[David Rumsey Map Collection – Louisiana](#)

[My Genealogy Hound – Winn Parish, Louisiana \(1911 Rand McNally\)](#)

History

[Wikipedia – Winn Parish, Louisiana](#)

[USGenWeb – Winn Parish History Articles](#)

[Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northwest Louisiana](#)

[Brief History of Winnfield and Winn Parish in 1936](#)

[Briley's Memorial History & Cemetery Directory of Winn Parish, Louisiana](#)

Migration Routes

[FamilySearch – Louisiana Migration](#)

[Transportation in Louisiana – LA Office of Cultural Development Report](#)

[El Camino Real: The King's Royal Highway through Winn Parish](#) by Frank Mobley

Libraries and Archives

[Winn Parish Library \(Online Catalog\)](#)

[Ouachita Parish Public Library](#)

[Prescott Memorial Library @ Louisiana Tech University](#)

Genealogical Societies and Publications

[Winn Genealogical & Historical Association – *Legacies & Legends of Winn Parish, Louisiana*](#)

North Louisiana Genealogical Society – *North Louisiana Genealogical Society Journal*

Central Louisiana Genealogical Society – *Central Louisiana Genealogical Society Quarterly*

Northeast Louisiana Genealogical Society – *Northeast Louisiana Genealogical Society Quarterly*

Winn Parish Courier – Annette Carpenter Womack, Courier Publishing Company

Sikes Historian – Wolf Creek Handicraft Guild

Record Loss

1868 – Courthouse fire; some record loss
1886 – Courthouse fire; complete record loss
1917 – Courthouse fire; undetermined record loss

Reference Books

[Winn Parish History](#) by Winn Parish Historical Society
[Winn Parish](#) by Bob Holeman; Friends of the Louisiana Political Museum Foundation
[Briley's Memorial History & Cemetery Directory of Winn Parish, Louisiana](#) by Richard Briley III & Ida Martin Briley
[History of Winn Parish](#) by Dhale Love & Eugene F. Love
[Looking Back, Winn Parish, 1852-1986](#) by Dhale Love & Eugene F. Love
[Winn Parish as I Have Known It](#) by Harley Barnard Bozeman
[1890 Northwest Louisiana History & Biographies: Winn Parish](#) by Southern Publishing Company
[Family Maps of Winn Parish, Louisiana](#) by Gregory A. Boyd
[El Camino Real: The King's Royal Highway through Winn Parish](#) by Frank Mobley
Masonry in Winn Parish, Louisiana, 1857-1983 by Eugene Love
A History of Education in Winn Parish by Ruie B. Nugent
The Lighthouses: Winn Parish, Louisiana, 1852-1985 by Dhale Love
Obituary Index, 1925-1980, of Winn Parish, Louisiana by Raymond P. Carpenter
Funeral Home Programs of African-Americans in Winn Parish by Mary Roberson
Index to the Sikes Historian by Patricia Gilman

RECORD COLLECTIONS

Bible Records

[USGenWeb Project – Winn Parish Bible Records](#)
[Be It Known and Remembered \(Vol 1 – 5\)](#) by Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

Cemetery Records

[Find A Grave - Cemeteries in Winn Parish, Louisiana](#)
[USGenWeb Project – Winn Parish Cemetery List](#)
[Louisiana Tombstone Inscriptions, v. 3 \(Bienville, Webster, Winn, and Lincoln Parishes\)](#) by Louisiana Society NSDAR

Census Records

[see Louisiana and US guides]

Church Records

[USGenWeb Project – Winn Parish Church Records](#)

Court Records

[see Land & Property, Probate, Tax, Vital Records sections]

Immigration and Naturalization

[see Louisiana and US guides]

Land & Property Records

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – Direct Index v. 1, 1886-1949](#) (FHC only)
[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – Direct Index v. 2-3, 1950-1971](#) (FHC only)
[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – Reverse Index v. 1, 1886-1949](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – Reverse Index v. 2, 1950-1971](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – v. A-B, 1882-1890](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – v. C, 1890-1892](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – v. D, 1892-1896](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – v. E, 1896-1899](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Conveyance Records – v. F, 1899-1900](#) (FHC only)

Newspapers & Directories

[Chronicling America – *The Comrade* \(1894-1911\)](#)

[Chronicling America – *The Southern Sentinel* \(1861-1909\)](#)

[Newspapers.com – *The Comrade* \(1894-1911\)](#)

[Newspapers.com – *The Southern Sentinel* \(1861-1909\)](#)

The Comrade (1890-1914)

The Dodson Times (1902-19??)

The Sentinel (1891-?)

Sgt. Dalton's Weekly (1922-19??)

The Southern Sentinel (1883-1910)

Winn Parish Democrat (1887-1890)

Winn Parish Enterprise and Winnfield News-American (1954-1981)

Winn Parish Enterprise (1924-1954)

Winn Parish Enterprise (1981-current)

The Winnfield News-American (1922-1954)

The Winnfield Sentinel (1915-19??)

Winnfield Times (1914-1922)

Probate Records

[FamilySearch – Successions – Index to Successions, 1885-1962](#) (FHC only)

Tax Records

[FamilySearch – Tax Records – Parish Tax Roll, 1887-1890](#) (FHC only)

Vital Records

[FamilySearch – Marriage Records – Marriage Index, 1886-1971](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Marriage Records – Marriages, v. A, 1886-1893](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Marriage Records – Marriages, v. B, 1892-1898](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Marriage Records – Marriages, v. C, 1898-1906](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Marriage Records – Marriages, v. D, 1906-1911](#) (FHC only)

[FamilySearch – Marriage Records – Marriages, v. E-F, 1911-1916](#) (FHC only)