

# Genealogy Source Checklist



Person/Family:

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## Home Sources Inventory

- Account Books
- Adoption Papers
- Anniversary Guest Books
- Appointment Calendars
- Awards & Citations
- Baby Announcements
- Baby Books
- Bank Books
- Bank Statements
- Baptism Records
- Baptismal Certificates
- Bills
- Bills of Sale
- Biographies
- Birth Certificates
- Calling cards
- Canceled Checks
- Church Records
- Citizenship Papers
- Confirmation Certificates
- Court Records
- Credit Cards
- Credit Statements
- Death Announcements
- Death Certificates
- Diaries
- Diploma
- Discharge Papers
- Divorce Papers
- Draft Cards
- Driver's Licenses
- Employment Records
- Family Bibles
- Family Business Papers
- Family Correspondence
- Family Documents
- Family Genealogies
- Family Group Sheets
- Family Histories
- Family Needlepoint
- Family Pedigrees
- Farm Records
- First Papers - Citizenship
- Funeral Programs
- Graduation Record
- Greeting Cards & Invites
- Health/Medical Records
- Heirlooms
- Hunting & Fishing Licenses
- Identification Cards
- Income Tax Forms
- Insurance, Automobile
- Insurance, Fire
- Insurance, Health
- Insurance, Life
- Journals
- Land Deeds
- Ledgers
- Legal Papers
- Letters
- Magazine Subscriptions
- Marriage Certificates
- Marriage Licenses
- Medical Records
- Memoirs
- Military Awards
- Military Records
- Motor Vehicle Registration
- Naturalization Papers
- Newspaper Clippings
- Passports
- Photographs
- Poetry
- Post Cards
- Prescriptions
- Probate/Estate Records
- Property Tax Receipts
- Recipe Files
- Report Cards
- School Assignments
- School Enrollment
- School Records
- Scrapbooks
- Social Security Cards
- Stocks and Bonds
- Tax Records
- Telegrams
- Union Cards
- Yearbooks
- Wedding Announcements
- Wedding Guest Books
- Wedding Invitations
- Wills

## Vital Records

- Adoption Papers
- Birth Certificates

- Birth, Corrected
- Birth, County Indexes
- Birth, Delayed
- Birth, State Indexes
- Death Certificates
- Death, County Indexes
- Death, State Indexes
- Divorce Papers
- Marriage Applications
- Marriage Banns
- Marriage Bonds
- Marriage Certificates
- Marriage, County Indexes
- Marriage Licenses
- Marriage, State Indexes

## Newspapers

- Advertisements
- Anniversaries
- Auctions
- Bankruptcies
- Biographies
- Birth Announcements
- Court Claims
- Criminal Convictions
- Death Notices
- Divorces
- Family Stories
- Forced Sales
- Gossip Columns
- Historical Pieces
- Indexes
- Local News
- Marriage Notices
- Milestones
- Obituaries
- Probates
- Regional Correspondents
- Ship Arrival Notices
- Ship Departure Notices
- Unclaimed Mail

## School Records

- Awards
- Class Pictures
- College Records
- Diplomas
- Elementary Records
- Honor Societies
- Private School Records

- Report Cards
- Scholarships
- School Newspapers
- Secondary Records
- Trade School Records
- Transcripts
- University Records
- Vocational Records
- Yearbooks

## Church Records

- Admissions
- Annulment
- Baptismal
- Birth
- Blessing
- Burial
- Christening
- Church Archives
- Church Histories
- Church Minutes
- Confirmation
- Death
- Dedication
- Disciplinary Proceedings
- Marriage Banns
- Membership Lists
- Ministers' Records
- Misc Church Records
- Missionary Records
- Ordination Records
- Removals
- Seminary Records
- Transfers
- Vestry Records

## Directories

- AG & BI Directory
- Business Almanacs
- Cemetery Directories
- City Directories
- County/Rural Directories
- Funeral Director Directories
- GRD Directory
- Phone Books
- Trade/Business Directories
- Who's Who Directories

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## Employment Records

- Account Books
- Apprenticeships
- Disciplinary Actions
- Indentures
- Job Applications
- Licenses
- Pensions
- Personnel files
- Service Awards
- Termination
- Trade Directories
- Transfers
- Union

## Military Records

- Bounty Awards
- Citations
- Disability
- Discharges
- Muster Rolls
- National Guard
- Pensions
- Ribbons
- Selective Service Board
- Service Records
- Form DD214 (WWII)
- Veterans Records

## Land Records

- Deeds
- Grantee Index
- Grantor Index
- Homestead Applications
- Land Partitions
- Leases
- Mortgages
- Patents, land grants
- Plates and Maps
- Surveys
- Water Rights

## Tax Records

- Personal Property
- Poll Tax
- Poor Rate
- Real Estate
- School
- Social Security
- Tax Exemptions

## Court Records

- Case Files
- Dockets
- Indexes
- Judgments
- Minutes
- Orders, Decrees

## Legal Notices

- Auctions
- Bankruptcies
- Convictions
- Court Claims
- Divorces
- Forced sales
- Probate

## Immigrant Records

- Alien Registration cards
- Change of Name
- Citizenship Papers
- Crew Lists
- Customs Records
- Deportation
- Immigrant Aid Societies
- Letterbooks
- Naturalization
- Oaths of Allegiance
- Passenger Lists
- Passport Applications
- Protocols
- Register of Seamen
- Vaccination Certificates
- Visas

## Institutional Records

- Charities
- Convents
- Fraternal Organizations
- Genealogical Societies
- Historical Societies
- Hospitals
- Libraries
- Mission Societies
- Orphan Agencies
- Reunion Registries
- Seminaries

## Private Sources

- Automobile
- Fire
- Health
- Insurance
- Life
- Marine

## Cemetery Records

- Deeds
- Funds
- Funeral Homes
- Gifts
- Memorials
- Monuments & Tombstones
- Plats
- Perpetual Care
- Sexton's Records

## Mortuary Records

- Burial Registers
- Funeral Books
- Funeral Cards

## Probate Records

- Administrations
- Bonds
- Guardianships
- Indexes
- Inventories
- Packets
- Settlements
- Wills

## Censuses, State and Misc.

- State Census Indexes
- State Census Schedules
- Compiled State Records
- State Military Records
- Social Statistics

## Censuses, Federal

- 1790 Printed Index
- 1790 Schedules
- 1800 Printed Index
- 1800 Schedules
- 1810 Printed Index
- 1810 Schedules
- 1820 Printed Index
- 1820 Schedules
- 1830 Printed Index
- 1830 Schedules
- 1840 Printed Index
- 1840 Schedules
- 1840 Veterans List
- 1850 Printed Index
- 1850 Schedules
- 1850 Slave Schedules
- 1850 Mortality Schedules
- 1860 Printed Index
- 1860 Schedules
- 1860 Mortality Schedules
- 1870 Printed Index

- 1870 Schedules
- 1880 Printed Index
- 1880 Schedules
- 1880 Mortality Schedules
- 1880 Soundex
- 1890 Veterans Schedules
- 1900 Printed Index
- 1900 Schedules
- 1900 Soundex
- 1910 Printed Index
- 1910 Printed Index
- 1910 Schedules
- 1910 Soundex/Miracode
- 1920 Printed Index
- 1920 Schedules
- 1920 Soundex
- 1930 Schedules
- 1940 Schedules

## Compiled Sources

- Biographies
- City Directories
- County, Local Histories
- Family Histories
- Genealogies
- Indexes
- Lineage Society
- Pedigrees
- Professional directories
- Publications

## Collections

- Catalog
- Oral History Projects
- Manuscript Collections
- National Union Manuscript
- Periodical Source Index
- Vertical File Surname Collections
- WPA Projects

## Genealogical Periodicals

- Indexes
- Genealogies
- Historical Articles
- Queries
- Source Extraction