

AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH CHECKLIST

BIRTH RECORDS

- Birth Certificate
- Church/Temple Record
- Family Bible
- Newspaper Announcements
- Social Security Records

CITIZENSHIP RECORDS

- Alien Registration
- Naturalization Papers
- Passenger Lists/Border Crossings
- Passport Applications

MARRIAGE

- Church/Temple Record
- Family Bible
- Marriage License, Bonds, Banns, Certificate
- Divorce Records
- Newspaper Records

LAND & PROBATE RECORDS

- Guardianship Records
- Land Records (deeds, gloreCORDS.blm.gov, grants, homestead, mortgages, patents, surveys, tract books, warrants, water rights)
- Wills, Inventories, Bonds, Estate Sales

MILITARY RECORDS (Fold3.com)

- Bounty Land Records
- Draft Registrations
- Service/Enlistment Records
- Pensions (Vet, Widow, Minor)
- Soldiers Homes Records
- Military Organizations (i.e., GAR)

DEATH RECORDS

- Cemetery, Gravestone
- Church/Temple Record
- Coroner's Report
- Death Certificate
- Family Bible
- Funeral Home, Burial & Transport Permits
- Obituary
- Probate records
- Social Security records

CENSUS RECORDS

- State/County Census
- Non-population Schedules
- Federal census:
 - 1790-1830: household head, # free persons/slaves
 - 1840: occupation classifications, pensioners
 - 1850-1860: all household members named, did marriage occur w/in year, land value; non-population schedules
 - 1870: first listing by name of African Americans, foreign-born men age 21+ naturalized; non-population schedules
 - 1880: home address in left column, relation to head of household; non-population schedules
 - 1890: hard to find (fire); Civil War Vets & Widows Schedule
 - 1900: birth mo/yr, children (# born, # living), own vs. rent, immigration year, naturalized?
 - 1910-1920: marriage #, Vets - UA: Union Army, UN: Union Navy, CA: Confed Army, CN: Confed Navy
 - 1930: home \$/monthly rent, own radio, Vets - CW: Civil War, SP: Span-Amer, PHIL: Philippine Insurrection, BOX: Boxer Rebel MEX: Mex Exped, WW: WWI
 - 1940: education, employment

ADDITIONAL INTERNET RESOURCES

- Ancestry.com (message boards & online trees)
- CyndisList.com
- Facebook.com (pages & groups re: genealogy/history)
- FamilySearch.com (catalog, trees, books, genealogies)
- FindMyPast.com
- GenealogyBank.com
- Google.com
- MyHeritage.com
- Linkpendium.com

ADDITIONAL RECORDS

- Anniversary Books (Church/Town)
- Baby Books
- Business records, ledgers
- Church Minutes/Ministers' Journals
- Church records (Confirmation, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, New Member, Governing Body Minutes)
- City/Farm Directories
- County History Books
- Court Records
- Criminal Files
- Employment/Pension Records (incl. apprentice)
- Family Histories
- Farm Records
- Fire Insurance Maps
- Genealogy/History Societies (City, County, State & Country)
- Insurance Records (Benevolent, Guild/Trade)
- Institution Records (orphanage, elderly, prison, poorhouse)
- Libraries (local, state, WorldCat, ArchiveGrid, DP.LA)
- Licenses (occupation, recreation)
- Lineage/Patriotic Societies (ex: [services.DAR.org/Public/DAR_Research/search](http://services.DAR.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/search))
- Maps/Atlases/Gazetteers
- Medical Records
- Memorabilia (Antiques, Diaries, Letters, Photos)
- Newspapers (Library of Congress Chronicling America, icon.crl.edu/digitization.php#US)
- Organization Memberships (ex: Masons, Odd Fellows)
- Passports, passport applications
- PERSI (FindMyPast.com/persi)
- Pioneer/Settler programs
- School Records/Yearbooks
- Tax Lists (personal/real property, poll, school, war, delinquent)
- Town/Township Records
- Voting Records
- Welfare/Relief/Aid Associations