
HELPING GENEALOGY PATRONS

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Web Links

Getting Started

- <https://familysearch.org/ask/gettingStarted>
- <https://www.ancestry.com/Academy/courses/recommended>
- <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/10-steps-to-start>
- https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Family_History_for_Beginners

Genealogy Forms

- https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Genealogy_Research_Forms
- [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Charts and Forms](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Category:Charts_and_Forms)

Paleography Tutorials

- <https://script.byu.edu>
- <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/paleography/tutorial/>

Other Resources

- FamilySearch Wiki
https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
- FamilySearch Catalog
<https://familysearch.org/catalog/search>

Databases

- Familysearch.org
- Ancestry.com
- HeritageQuest.com
- Sanborn.com
- Fold3.com

Reference Books

- Professional Genealogy - Elizabeth Shown-Mills
- Mastering Genealogical Proof
- Evidence Explained – Elizabeth Shown-Mills
- Reading Early American Handwriting

Genealogy Sources

• Family History Library Catalog Locality Search Classification System

Names in a record <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indexes • Names, Personal (etymologies) - Query files¹ 	Records in a collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventories, registers, catalogs - inventories - catalogs • Bibliography • Archives and libraries • Directories (of organizations) • Church directories 	Geography of places <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gazetteers • Maps • Historical geography • Postal and shipping guides • Description and travel • Names, geographical 	Instructions related to conducting research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handbooks, manuals, etc. • Periodicals (articles) 	History of places or groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History • Church history • Encyclopedias and dictionaries • Military history • Minorities • Centennial celebrations • Laws and legislation • Jewish history • Buddhist history • Hindu history • Islamic history • Shinto history • Chronology • Yearbooks • Migration, internal 	Culture religious, social or ethnic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Religion and religious life • Social life and customs • Ethnology • Folklore 	Facts about places or groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almanacs • Statistics • Heraldry • Names, personal • Politics and government • Occupations • Dwellings 	Language and handwriting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language and languages • Handwriting • Encyclopedias and dictionaries
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Finding Aids

Background Information

REFERENCE TOOLS

All Sources Useful to Genealogists

GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

Compiled Sources

Original Records

International <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collections such as -IGI -Ancestral File - Family histories² (use FHLC Surname Search) - Query files¹ - Surname registries³ - Family group sheet exchanges⁴ 	Local <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genealogy • Biography • History (local) • Periodicals • Societies • Nobility • Visitations, heraldic 	Vital Events <i>births, marriage, divorce, death</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vital records • Civil registration • Church records • Cemeteries • Obituaries • Town records • Divorce records • Bible records • Funeral homes • Newspapers 	Residency <i>where people lived</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census • Directories of cities • Taxation • Voting Registers • Population 	Ownership <i>disposition of real estate and personal property</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probate records • Land and property • Manors 	Occupation <i>employment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Military records • Business records and commerce • Merchant marine • Officials and employees • Pensions 	Immigration <i>migration and citizenship</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emigration and Immigration • Naturalization and Citizenship • Colonization 	Civil Action <i>public or legal transactions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Court records • Public records • Notarial records • Guardianship • Town records 	Institutions <i>establishments</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools • Poorhouses and poor law • Orphans and orphanages • Medical records • Correctional institutions 	Groups <i>religious or cultural</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native races • Slavery and bondage • Jewish records • Minorities • Buddhist records • Hindu records • Islamic records • Shinto records 	Personal <i>records of or about an individual</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Diaries⁵ - Journals⁵ - Autobiographies⁵ - Letters⁵ - Photographs⁵ <p><i>A few are listed in the Surname Search of the FHLC.</i></p>
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¹In query periodicals, and commercial online computer service message boards. ²In the Family History Library Catalog Surname Search. ³In Family Registry, Ancestral File submitters, and commercial online computer service genealogical membership directories. ⁴Advertized in genealogical periodicals. ⁵Usually in home libraries or storage boxes.

Choose a Finding Aid Record Type

OBJECTIVE	RECORD TYPES	
<i>To obtain information about—</i>	<i>Look in the Family History Library Catalog Locality section for these record types:</i>	
	<i>First look for:</i>	<i>Then look for:</i>
Names (in a record)	Indexes	Names, personal
Records (in a collection)	Inventories, registers and catalogs Bibliography Archives and libraries	Directories (organizations) Church directories

Choose a Compiled Record Type

OBJECTIVE	RECORD TYPES	
<i>To obtain information at an—</i>	<i>First look for:</i>	<i>Then look in:</i>
International (level)	Collections (like <i>Ancestral File, Pedigree Resource File, and International Genealogical Index.</i>)	Family histories (Look in the Surname Search of the <i>Family History Library Catalog.</i>)
Local (level)	<i>Look in the Place Search of the Family History Library Catalog for these record types:</i>	
	Biography Genealogy History	Societies Periodicals Nobility Visitations, heraldic

Choose an Original Record Type

OBJECTIVE <i>To obtain information about—</i>	RECORD TYPES <i>Look in the Family History Library Catalog Locality section for these record types:</i>	
	<i>First look for:</i>	<i>Then look for:</i>
Vital Events (records of birth, christenings, marriage, divorce, death, and burial)	Vital records Civil registration Church records Cemeteries Obituaries Town records	Divorce records Bible records (and other family records) Funeral homes Newspapers
Residency (records of place where lived)	Census Directories (city)	Taxation Voting registers Population
Ownership (disposition of real estate, personal property)	Probate records Land and property	Manors
Occupation (records of employment)	Military records Business records and commerce	Merchant marine Officials and employees Pensions
Immigration (records of migration and citizenship)	Emigration/Immigration Naturalization and citizenship	Colonization
Civil Action (records of public or legal transactions)	Court records Public records	Notarial records Guardianship
Institutions (records of or about a school, prison, medical facility, orphanage or poorhouse)	Schools Poorhouses-poor law Orphans and orphanages	Medical records Correctional institutions Concentration camps
Special Groups (records about religious or cultural groups)	Native races Slavery and bondage Jewish records Minorities	Buddhist records Hindu records Islamic records Shinto records
Personal Records (records of or about an individual)	Note: For a diary, journal, or autobiography of an individual, contact family members. A few are listed in the Surname section of the library catalog.	

Choose a Background Information Record Type

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	<i>First look for:</i>	<i>Then look for:</i>
Geography (of places)	Gazetteers Maps Historical geography	Postal and shipping guides Description and travel Names, geographical
Instructions (related to conducting research)	Handbooks, manuals, etc.	Periodicals
History (of places or groups)	History Church history Encyclopedias and dictionaries Military history Minorities Centennial celebrations Laws and legislation	Jewish history Buddhists history Hindu history Islamic history Shinto history Chronology Yearbooks Migration, internal
Culture (related to religious, social and ethnic groups)	Religion and religious life Social life and customs	Ethnology Folklore
Facts (about places or groups)	Almanacs Statistics Heraldry Names, personal	Politics and government Occupations Dwellings
Language (and handwriting)	Language and languages	Handwriting

SOURCE: [https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Choose a Record Type#Original Records Choices](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Choose_a_Record_Type#Original_Records_Choices)