

Tracing Your Family Tree

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- V. Printed Sources
 1. Library
 - A. Family histories
 - B. Census indexes
 - C. Cemetary indexes

D. Local Newspapers

2. Heraldry and surname bibliographies

VI. Local Records

1. Court house
2. Records by mai
3. Official court records
4. Vital statistics
5. Probate records
6. Wills

VII. State Records

(State records may sometimes be obtained online. More on that later)

VIII. Federal Research Sources

1. National Archives
2. Census material
3. Mortality Census Schedules
4. Pension records and pension payment records
5. Bounty-Land records
6. Passenger arrival records
7. Miscellaneous

IX. Miscellaneous Records

1. Newspaper files
2. Private organizations

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3. Institutional

4. Church and Cemetary records

X. Heraldry, Hereditary, Patriotic and Genealogical Societies