

and certificates



Refer to this handy roster of source types to ensure you've checked all ancestral records.

Business and Employment Records	military discharges	mortgages and leases
apprentice and indenture records	minute books	plat maps
doctors' and midwives' journals	name changes	surveys
insurance records	naturalizations	tax rolls
merchants' account books	property foreclosures	warrants
professional licenses	voter registrations	
\square railroad, mining and factory records	□wills	Military Records
\square records of professional organizations	□ wolf-scalp bounties	☐ Colonial wars
and associations		Revolutionary War and frontier
	Directories	conflicts (War of 1812, Indian wars
Cemetery and Funeral Home Records	\square biographical	and Mexican War)
□ burial records	□ city	Civil War
☐ grave-relocation records	\square professional/occupational	Spanish-American War
☐ tombstone inscriptions	□ telephone	□ World War I
		□ World War II
Censuses	Home Sources	□ Korean War
□ agriculture schedules (1850 to 1880)	☐ baptism and confirmation certificates	
☐ American Indian (special censuses)	□ birth certificates and baby books	☐ Vietnam War
☐ Civil War veterans schedules (1890)	checkbooks and bank statements	draft records
defective, dependent and	death records and prayer cards	pension applications
delinquent schedules (1880)	☐ diaries and journals	records of relocations and internment
☐ federal population schedules	☐ family Bibles	camps for Japanese-Americans,
(1790 to 1930)	☐ funeral/memorial cards	German-Americans and Italian-
manufacturing/industry schedules	heirlooms and artifacts	Americans during World War II
(1810, 1820, 1850 to 1880)	☐ letters and postcards	
mortality schedules (1850 to 1880)	☐ marriage certificates and	Newspapers
school censuses	wedding albums	☐ birth announcements
slave schedules (1850, 1860)	medical records	classified advertisements
social statistics schedules (1850 to 1880)	photographs	\square engagement, marriage and
state and local censuses	recipe books	anniversary announcements
- state and local censuses	school report cards, yearbooks	□ ethnic newspapers
Church Records		\square family reunion announcements
	and scrapbooks	\square gossip and advice columns
□ baptism and christening records □ confirmation records	□ wills	☐ legal notices
	Incomingation Describe	□ local news
congregational histories	Immigration Records	□ obituaries
meeting minutes	alien registration cards	□ runaway notices (slaves, indentured
membership, admission	citizenship papers	servants, wives)
and removal records	passenger lists	unclaimed-mail notices
ministers' journals	□ passports	
Court Records	Institutional Records	Published Sources
adoption records	almshouse	□ compiled genealogies
□ bastardy cases	□ hospital	genealogical periodicals
civil records	□ orphanage	☐ local and county histories
coroners' files	□ police	record abstracts and transcriptions
criminal records	prison	·
ustody papers	school	Vital Basards
estate inventories	work-farm	Vital Records □ birth
guardianship papers	- WOIN-IGIIII	*****
	Land and Property Pecards	death
insanity/commitment orders	Land and Property Records ☐ deeds	☐ divorce/annulment
licenses and permits		\square marriage
marriage bonds, licenses	☐ grants and patents	

homestead records