

Home Sources

One the best places to start your research is what look for what you might have a home or in the homes of your family. This is a list of items that will help you to make connections or add “flesh” to your ancestors.

PERSONAL WRITINGS

- Journal
- Diary
- Oral Histories
- Biography
- Letters
- Photographs
- Autograph Albums
- Wedding Book
- Scrapbooks
- Funeral Books
- Guest Books
- Travel Logs

MILITARY RECORDS

- Military Service Records
- Pension Files
- Disability Files
- Discharge Papers
- Separation Papers
- National Guard
- Selective Service
- Bounty Awards
- Service Medals
- Firearms
- Uniforms
- Citations
- Rosters

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

- Membership Cards
- Publications
- Programs
- Uniforms
- Awards

CITIZENSHIP PAPERS

- Naturalization
- Alien Registrations
- Deportment

- Passports
- Visa
- Vaccination

CERTIFICATES

- Birth
- Marriage
- Death
- Divorce
- Adoption
- Graduation
- Christening
- Baptism
- Confirmation
- Ordination
- Ministry
- Membership
- Apprenticeship

LEGAL PAPERS

- Wills
- Deeds
- Land Grants
- Mortgages
- Leases
- Bonds
- Loans
- Contracts
- Summons
- Tax Papers
- Guardianship
- Adoption Papers

HEALTH RECORDS

- X-Rays
- Insurance
- Hospital Records
- Medical Records
- Immunization Records

NEWSPAPER

- Birth
- Marriage
- Obituary
- Human Interest
- Crime

FAMILY RECORDS

- Bibles
- Genealogies
- County Histories
- Letters
- Postcards
- Family Letters

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Births
- Engagement
- Wedding
- Graduations
- Death
- Divorces
- Anniversary
- Moving
- New Home
- Employment

SCHOOL RECORDS

- Report Cards
- Yearbooks
- Awards
- Diplomas
- Alumni List
- Club membership

LICENSES

- Drivers
- Motor Vehicle
Registration
- Business
- Occupation
- Professional
- Hunting

EMPLOYMENT RECORDS

- Apprenticeship
- Graduation
- Awards
- Severance Papers
- Social Security
- Retirement Papers
- Pension
- IRA
- Union
- Income

FINANCIAL RECORDS

- Accounts
- Receipts
- Bills
- Check Stubs
- Estate Records

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Silverware
- Dishes
- Needlework
- Quilts
- Insignias
- Plaques
- Engraved Jewelry