

Research Checklist of Genealogical Sources

Today's Date: ___/___/___

Ancestor's Name: _____

Nicknames: _____ Spouse: _____

Date & Place of Birth: _____

Date & Place of Death: _____

Source List:

PERSONAL & FAMILY RECORDS:

___ Personal Knowledge
___ Personal Interview
___ Family Bible
___ Oral History/Tradition
___ Journals/Diaries
___ Biography
___ Letters
___ Scrapbooks
___ Baby Books
___ Wedding Book
___ Funeral Program
___ Photos
___ Pedigrees
___ Family Group Sheets
___ Family Histories
___ Heirlooms
___ Health Records
___ Economic Records
___ Lineage Books

CERTIFICATES:

___ Birth
___ Marriage
___ Death
___ Divorce
___ Adoption
___ Graduation
___ Christening/Blessing
___ Baptism
___ Ministerial
___ Apprenticeship
___ Achievement
___ Award

SCHOOL RECORDS:

___ Diplomas
___ Report Cards
___ Honor Roll
___ Awards
___ Transcripts
___ Yearbooks
___ Elementary
___ Secondary
___ College
___ Scholarship
___ Alumni Papers

U.S. FEDERAL CENSUS

___ Indexes 1860
___ 1790 1870
___ 1800 1880
___ 1810 1890
___ 1820 1900
___ 1830 1910
___ 1840 1920
___ 1850 1930
___ 1940
___ Agriculture
___ Mortality Schedules
___ 1890 Veteran's Census

STATE CENSUSES:

NEWSPAPERS:

___ Indexes
___ Births
___ Deaths
___ Marriages
___ Anniversaries
___ Obituaries
___ Advertisements
___ Announcements
___ Society Page
___ Business Page
___ Local News

CHURCH RECORDS:

___ Births
___ Christening
___ Baptism
___ Confirmations
___ Ordinations
___ Marriage
___ Adoption
___ Banns
___ Divorce
___ Annulments
___ Death
___ Burial
___ Removals
___ Membership Lists
___ Minister Records
___ Minutes
___ Reprimands
___ Excommunications

MARRIAGE RECORDS:

___ Banns
___ Applications
___ Licenses
___ Returns
___ Certificates
___ Invitations
___ Court Divorce

CEMETERY RECORDS:

___ Sexton
___ Funeral Homes
___ Family Bible
___ Tombstone
___ Memorials
___ Gifts
___ Indexes

MILITARY RECORDS:

___ Service
___ Pension
___ Bounty Land
___ Disability
___ Discharge
___ National Guard
___ Selective Service
___ Service Medals
___ Ribbons
___ Citations/Commendations
___ Separation Papers
___ Draft Registrations

LOCAL HISTORIES

PROBATE RECORDS:

___ Wills
___ Administrations
___ Inventories
___ Bonds
___ Settlements
___ Packets
___ Guardianships
___ Intestate Requests

CITY DIRECTORIES:

LAND RECORDS:

___ Deeds
___ Mortgages
___ Surveys
___ Patents/Grants
___ Maps
___ Land Grants
___ Leases
___ Water Rights

COURT RECORDS:

___ Dockets
___ Minutes
___ Orders, Decrees
___ Judgments
___ Case Files

COURT-RELATED RECORDS:

___ Sheriff/Police
___ Jail
___ Jury
___ Lawyers Briefs
___ Justice of the Peace

IMMIGRANT RECORDS:

___ Passenger Lists
___ Passports
___ Visas
___ Vaccinations
___ Protocols
___ Letter books
___ Crew Lists
___ Register of Seamen
___ Logbooks
___ Naturalizations
___ Citizenship Papers
___ Customs Records
___ Immigrant Aid Societies
___ Deportment
___ Alien Registration

INSTITUTIONAL RECORDS:

___ Charities
___ Hospitals
___ Convents
___ Seminaries
___ Libraries
___ Historical Societies
___ Genealogical Societies

EMPLOYMENT RECORDS:

___ Indentures
___ Apprenticeships
___ Job Applications
___ Resumes
___ Transfers
___ Termination
___ Disciplinary
___ Licenses
___ Pensions
___ Service Awards
___ Personnel
___ Social Security
___ Retirement
___ Union

FEDERAL RECORDS:

___ Social Security Applications
___ Social Security Death Index
___ Federal Court Cases
___ Political Office

TAX RECORDS:

___ Poll Tax
___ Personal Property
___ Real Estate
___ School
___ Poor Rate
___ Income Tax
___ Business

LICENSES:

___ Business
___ Occupation
___ Hunting
___ Firearms
___ Drivers
___ Motor Vehicle

INSURANCE:

___ Life
___ Fire
___ Automobile
___ Health

COLLECTIONS:

___ Indexes
___ Newspapers
___ Personal Papers
___ Correspondence
___ Surname Files
___ Biographies
___ DAR
___ Library of Congress
___ NARA
___ Reference Works
___ Periodicals
___ Govt. Publications

ONLINE SOURCES:

___ Heritage Quest
___ PERSI
___ LDS Family History Catalog
___ RootsWeb.com
___ USGenweb.com

