

Records of Genealogical Value

Record Type	Possible Contents
Vital Records	
Birth	Name • Birth • Parents • Residence
Marriage	Name • Date • Age • Parents • Residence • Spouse • Occupation • Status
Death	Name • Date • Age • Parents • Residence • Spouse • Occupation • Cause
Family Bible	Name • Family members • Dates of B-M-D • Origins • Misc
Church Records	
Christening	Name • Birth • Christening • Parents • Sponsors • Residence
Confirmation	Name • Date • Birth (or age) • Parents • Residence
Marriage	Name • Date • Age • Parents • Residence • Spouse • Occupation • Status
Death	Name • Date • Age • Residence • Spouse • Occupation
Census Records	Family Group • Name • Age • Residence • Occupation • Nationality • More
US Military Draft	Name • Birth • Residence • Physical description • Occupation • Status
Probate & Wills	Name • Dates of Action • Heirs • Residence • Property • Administrators
Other Death Records	
Social Security Death	Name • Death date • Last known residence
Cemetery Records	Gravestones with names and dates • family burial sites
Funeral Home	Possible family information available no where else
Obituaries	Abundance of data for family members as well as for deceased
Land & Tax Records	Residence • Spouse • Family Members
Immigration	Name • Age • Gender • Country of birth • Family
Naturalization	Name • Age • Gender • Country of birth • Residence • Family • Occupation
Printed Materials	Largely undocumented data, which may or may not be accurate
Newspapers	Generally accurate - especially in notices of birth, marriage, death
Magazines	See PERSI
County Histories	Generally accurate data for contemporaries; questionable data for ancestors.
Genealogies	Inaccuracies abound. Documentation / verification is needed
Family Histories	Same
Web Sites	Same
Find a Grave Memorials	Same