

Southern States Research

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Description: This classes explores a variety of record types useful to extend your pedigree and find information on your ancestors who lived in the Southern States.

UNITED STATES RECORD SELECTION TABLE¹

If You Need	2. Look First In	3. Then Search
Age	Census , Vital Records , Cemeteries	Military Records , Taxation
Birth date	Vital Records , Church Records , Bible Records	Cemeteries , Obituaries , Census
Birthplace	Vital Records , Church Records , Census	Newspapers , Obituaries
City or parish of foreign birth	Church Records , Genealogy , Biography , Naturalization and Citizenship , Societies	Vital Records , Obituaries , History , Emigration and Immigration
Country of foreign birth	Emigration and Immigration , Census , Naturalization and Citizenship , Church Records	Military Records , Vital Records , Newspapers , Obituaries
County origins and boundaries	History , Maps , Historical Geography	Gazetteers
Death	Vital Records , Cemeteries , Probate Records , Church Records , Obituaries , Societies	Newspapers , Bible Records , Military Records , Town Records
Ethnicity	Minorities , American Indians , Societies	Church Records , Emigration and Immigration , Naturalization and Citizenship , Periodicals
Historical background	History , Periodicals	Minorities
Immigration date	Emigration and Immigration , Naturalization and Citizenship , Genealogy , Societies	Census , Newspapers , Biography
Living relatives (and adoptions)	Genealogy , Directories , Court Records , Obituaries , Internet, Adoptions	Census , Biography , Societies , Church Records , Probate Records

¹ FamilySearch Family History Research Wiki article, "United States Record Selection Table," https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Record_Selection_Table.

UNITED STATES RECORD SELECTION TABLE CONTINUED

If You Need	2. Look First In	3. Then Search
Maiden name	Vital Records , Church Records , Newspapers , Bible Records	Cemeteries , Military Records , Probate Records , Obituaries
Marriage	Vital Records , Church Records , Census , Newspapers , Bible Records , Town Records	Cemeteries , Military Records , Probate Records , Naturalization and Citizenship , Land and Property
Occupation	Census , Directories , Emigration and Immigration	Newspapers , Court Records , Biography
Parents, children, and other family members	Vital Records , Church Records , Census , Phone Disc , Probate Records , Obituaries , Genealogy	Bible Records , Newspapers , Emigration and Immigration , Adoptions
Physical description	Military Records , Biography	Naturalization and Citizenship , Vital Records , Emigration and Immigration , Genealogy
Place-finding aids	Gazetteers , Maps , Historical Geography	History , Periodicals
Place (town) of residence when you know only the state	Census (indexed), Genealogy , Military Records , Vital Records , and other records with a statewide index, Soundex	Biography , Probate Records , History , Directories , Societies , Taxation
Places family has lived	Census , Land and Property , History , Directories	Military Records , Taxation , Obituaries
Previous research (compiled genealogy)	Genealogy , Periodicals , Societies	History , Biography
Record-finding aids	Archives and Libraries , Societies	Periodicals
Religion	Church Records , History , Biography	Bible Records , Cemeteries , Genealogy
Social activities	History , Biography , Newspapers , Societies	Town Records , Court Records , Cemeteries , Directories , Obituaries

For research strategies, specific to the southern states see the following Wiki articles.

Alabama Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Alabama_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Arkansas Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Arkansas_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Georgia Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Georgia_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Florida Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Florida_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Kentucky Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Kentucky_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Louisiana Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Louisiana_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Missouri Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Missouri_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Mississippi Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Mississippi_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

North Carolina Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/North_Carolina_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

South Carolina Research Tips and Strategies-

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Tennessee Research Tips and Strategies-

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Texas Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Texas_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Virginia Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Virginia_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

West Virginia Research Tips and Strategies-

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/West_Virginia_Research_Tips_and_Strategies

Glossary of Internet Sites: *The Internet URLs were current at the time this handout was prepared. If a URL does not work, try using your favorite search engine and search for title by its name. \$ = paid site*

Alabama Maps http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/	Interment.net http://www.interment.net/
All Biographies http://all-biographies.com/	Internet Archive https://archive.org/
Ancestor Hunt http://www.ancestorhunt.com/	Library of Virginia http://www.lva.virginia.gov/
Ancestry.com \$ http://home.ancestry.com/	Linkpedium http://www.linkpendium.com/
Bible Records Online http://biblerecords.com/	MortalitySchedules.com http://www.mortalityschedules.com/
BillionGraves http://billiongraves.com/	MyHeritage \$ http://www.myheritage.com
Biography Online, http://www.biographyonline.net/	National Funeral Directors Association http://nfda.org/public.html
Bureau of Land Management http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov/default.aspx	Newspaper Archive \$ http://www.newspaperarchive.com/
Castle Garden http://www.castlegarden.org/	Newspapers.com \$ http://www.newspapers.com/
Census Finder http://www.censusfinder.com/	Obituaries Search http://obituarydatabase.com/index.htm
Chronicling America http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/	Online Military Indexes and Records http://www.militaryindexes.com/
Cyndi's List http://www.cyndislist.com/	Online Searchable Death Indexes http://www.deathindexes.com/
DAR Daughters of the American Revolution \$ http://www.dar.org/	Ship Passenger Lists & Records Online http://www.germanroots.com/onlinelists.html
Directory of Funeral Homes http://www.the-funeral-home-directory.com/	Redbook Funeral Directory http://redbookfuneraldirectory.com/
Ellis Island http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/	RootsWeb http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/
FamilySearch.org https://familysearch.org/	United States Digital Map Library http://usgwarchives.net/maps/
FamilySearch Community Trees https://histfam.familysearch.org/index.php	USGenWeb Project http://www.usgenweb.org/
Find A Grave http://www.findagrave.com/	US National Archives http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/
FindMyPast \$ http://www.findmypast.com/	US National Cemetery Administration http://www.cem.va.gov/
Fold3 \$ http://www.fold3.com/	USGenWeb Archives http://www.usgwarchives.net/
GenealogyBank \$ http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/	Utah Digital Newspapers http://digitalnewspapers.org/
Google Books http://books.google.com/	WikiTree http://www.wikitree.com/
HeritageQuest Available through public libraries.	Worldcat.org http://www.worldcat.org/
HomeTownLocator http://www.hometownlocator.com/	Your favorite search engine