

ULTIMATE RECORD CHECKLIST

Birth Records

- Civil birth ☐
- Religious birth (see religious) ☐
- Adoption ☐
- Orphan train ☐
- Orphanage ☐

Marriage Records

- Civil marriage records ☐
- Religious death records (see religious) ☐
- Civil divorce records ☐
- Consent forms ☐
- Intention to marry forms ☐
- Marital contracts ☐
- Marriage license ☐
- Prenuptial and post-nuptial agreements ☐

Death Records

- Civil death certificates ☐
- Religious death (see religious) ☐
- Burial permits ☐
- Cemetery deeds ☐
- Cemetery records ☐
- Coroner or medical examiner reports ☐
- Funeral home account books ☐
- Funeral directors' records ☐
- Funerary cards ☐
- Grave opening orders ☐
- Grave relocation records ☐
- Gravestone inscriptions ☐
- Graveyard or cemetery caretaker ☐
- Interment records ☐
- Monument company ☐
- Online memorials ☐
- Online obituaries ☐
- Social Security Death Index ☐

Religious Records

- Congregation histories ☐
- Dismissions ☐
- Dispensations ☐
- Lists of communicants ☐
- Marriage banns ☐
- Meeting notes ☐
- Parish registers of births, baptisms and christenings ☐
- Parish registers of confirmations ☐
- Parish registers of families ☐
- Parish registers of marriages ☐
- Parish registers of deaths, burials or interments ☐
- Parish registers of tithe payments ☐
- Paupers' fund reports ☐
- Pew rental listings ☐
- Session minutes ☐
- Sunday school records ☐
- Vestry minutes ☐
- Specialized records ☐

Newspaper Records

- Advertisements ☐
- Articles of interest ☐
- Auctions ☐
- Bankruptcies ☐
- Birth announcements ☐
- Burial events ☐
- Company dissolutions ☐
- Court records ☐
- Death notices ☐
- Divorces ☐
- Engagement announcements ☐
- Gossip columns ☐
- Graduations ☐
- Insolvency lists ☐
- Jury selections ☐
- Land transfers ☐
- Legal notices ☐
- Marriage licenses ☐
- Memorial announcements ☐
- Military draft lists ☐
- Missing heir advertisements ☐
- Missing immigrant advertisements ☐
- Natural disaster news ☐
- Obituaries ☐
- Passenger ship advertisements ☐
- Passenger ship arrivals ☐
- Probate notices ☐
- Public announcements ☐
- Public thank you notices ☐
- Reunions ☐
- Runaway slave advertisements ☐
- Social events and gatherings ☐
- Society columns ☐
- Unclaimed letters or mail lists ☐
- Wedding and anniversary announcements ☐

Home & Family Records

- Artifacts and ephemera ☐
- Diaries and journals ☐
- Family bibles ☐
- Handcrafted samplers and quilts ☐
- Interviews, oral and written ☐
- Letters and postcards ☐
- Medical records ☐
- Personal address books ☐
- Photo albums ☐
- Recipe cards or books ☐
- Report cards ☐
- Reunion memorabilia ☐
- Scrapbooks ☐
- Social media family groups ☐
- Wedding albums and memorabilia ☐

Probate Records

Administrative accounts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Court orders	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dower records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guardian accounts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guardian appointments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Inventories (chattel, slave lists)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Probate records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wills	<input type="checkbox"/>

Immigration & Travel Records

Alien registration cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Incoming passenger lists (U.S. Customs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indentures	<input type="checkbox"/>
List of aliens (U.S. Customs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
List of citizens (U.S. Customs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outgoing passenger lists	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passports and applications	<input type="checkbox"/>

Naturalization Records

Certificates of Naturalization (plus stubs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Declaration of Intention (first papers)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Petition with testimony and residency (second papers)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Land Records

Bureau of Land Management land patents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deeds or conveyances	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deeds of trust	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal bounty land warrants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Federal land grants	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Land Office patents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homestead grants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land surveys	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leaseholds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military bounty land warrants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mortgages	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheriffs' sales	<input type="checkbox"/>
State land grants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Warrants	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tax Records

Land tax digests	<input type="checkbox"/>
Real estate property tax records	<input type="checkbox"/>
State tax lists	<input type="checkbox"/>

Societal Records

Almshouse records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster records (natural and travel)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dog license applications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ethnic organizations and societies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance maps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online surname communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voter registrations	<input type="checkbox"/>

Census & Population Records

Federal censuses	<input type="checkbox"/>
State censuses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Population registers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural schedules	<input type="checkbox"/>
Census maps	<input type="checkbox"/>
Census substitutes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Industrial schedules	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manufacturing schedules	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military censuses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mortality schedules	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indian Census Rolls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dawes Rolls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slave schedules	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slave statistics registers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Defective, Dependent and Delinquent classes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheriffs' censuses	<input type="checkbox"/>

Court Records

Appeals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bastardy cases	<input type="checkbox"/>
Case files	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Docket books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judgment docket books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minute books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Order books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Penitentiary records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Petitions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prison records	<input type="checkbox"/>

DNA Records & Methods

Cousin matches	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNA testing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Autosomal DNA tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chromosome mapping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Triangulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNA painter tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNA ethnicity estimate graphs	<input type="checkbox"/>
DNA methods (Leeds, McGuire)	<input type="checkbox"/>
mtDNA tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Y-DNA tools	<input type="checkbox"/>
Surname projects	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Genealogical Records

Biographical directories or histories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Books about ancestors' communities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Document abstracts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Document transcriptions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genealogical journals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genealogical society newsletters	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genealogical society surname files	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lineage organizations and societies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pedigree databases (DAR)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published case studies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published family histories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Published genealogies	<input type="checkbox"/>

Work & Community Records

Accounting books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apprentice records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bankruptcy	<input type="checkbox"/>
City directories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maps of geographical areas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Doctors' journals or diaries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment licenses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Freedman's records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Histories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labor union records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Licenses for trades and professions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Life insurance records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mining accident records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mining employment records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organizations and societies (labor, trade)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pensions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plantation records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional directories	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional licenses	<input type="checkbox"/>
Railroad accident records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Railroad employment records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone directories	<input type="checkbox"/>
WPA records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post Office records	<input type="checkbox"/>

Military Records

Artifacts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Burial records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Court martials	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discharge records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Draft cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Headstone applications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Interment records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military academy records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Military history books	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payrolls	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pension applications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pension payment cards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pension records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prisoners of war records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Register of enlistments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Selective Service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service folder of records	<input type="checkbox"/>
State militia records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran compensation applications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Veteran benefits records	<input type="checkbox"/>
War bounty land warrants	<input type="checkbox"/>

School Records

Class reunion histories	<input type="checkbox"/>
College directories	<input type="checkbox"/>
School histories	<input type="checkbox"/>
School photos	<input type="checkbox"/>
School records	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yearbooks	<input type="checkbox"/>