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State Archives

Archives and Libraries

Archives and libraries contain a wealth of information about almost every subject imaginable. Included in their collections are almost certainly documents and records valuable to genealogical research. You should always become familiar with your local, county and state libraries and archives.

The following record repositories have major collections and services helpful for genealogical research. Before you visit an archive or a library,

contact the organization and ask for information on the collection, hours, services, and fees.

Each state has a state archive or a state library. Many states have both. These serve as the repositories for state and county government records. They often have some federal records as well, such as the U.S. census schedules for the state. A list of all of the state archives and libraries is kept up to date on the webpage for the Council of State Archivists website. Another comprehensive list of state

archives and their websites is available from the Georgia Secretary of State's website for anyone wanting to find a specific state archive.

Also see the state Archives and Libraries wiki articles for more information on these and other archives in each state.

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_How_to_Find_Genealogy_Records

Websites: <http://www.statearchivists.org/states.htm>

<http://www.digitalstatearchives.com/>

<http://rc.statearchivists.org/default.aspx>

https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/United_States_How_to_Find_Genealogy_Records

<http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/>

GenQuote:

"Other things may change us, but we start and end with family."

~ Anthony Brandt



GenTips:

Tips for New Archival Researchers

Before attempting to copy any archival materials, inquire about the duplication policies of the archive. Duplication policies greatly differ at each archive. Some are rather restrictive and do not allow self-service copying, while others are more liberal and may even allow patrons to bring in their own scanner or digital camera to make higher resolution copies of their materials. <http://guides.library.oregonstate.edu/subject-guide/1101-Tips-for-New-Archival-Researchers>