

FAMILY HISTORY SOURCES

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There are two types - **ORIGINAL** Records and **COMPILED** Sources.

ORIGINAL Records

Diary/Journal
 Autobiography
 Letters
 Scrapbooks
 Family Bibles
 Histories
 Photographs
 Medical Rec.
 Military
 Social Sec.
 Employment

Vital Events

Church Rec.
 Christening, burial,
 Marriage, banns, etc.
 Civil Rec.
 Birth, death
 Marriage, etc.
 Cemetery
 Town Rec
 Funeral Homes
 Newspapers
 Obituaries
 Divorce Rec.
 Adoption

Residency

Census
 Fed., state & town
 Directories
 Taxation
 Voting Reg.

Immigration

& Emigration
 Passenger lists
 Naturalization
 Colonization

Ownership

Probate Rec.
 Land/Property

Occupational

Military rec.
 (Service files,
 Pension, discharges
 Muster roll, etc.)
 Business
 Officials
 Apprenticeships
 Awards
 Pensions
 Employee rec.
 (Gov't. Empl.)
 Railroad

Civil Action

Town rec.
 Court rec.
 Public rec.
 Guardianship
 Notarial rec.

Institutional

Schools
 Correctional
 Medical & hospital
 Orphanages
 Charities
 Poorhouses
 Seminaries

Other

Native Am. rec.
 Slaves & bondage
 Minorities

COMPILED Sources

International

Intn'l Gen.Index (IGI)
 Pedigree Resource File
 Ancestral File
 Online Databases
 Collections
 Family Histories

Local

Genealogies
 Biographies
 Histories
 Periodicals
 Newspapers
 Genealogical Societies
 Historical Societies
 DAR & etc.
 Nobility
 Visitations

Indexes

Online and CDs
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***Internet**

*Many original records are coming to the Internet

*Be cautious - Always learn the source, or submitter, and VERIFY the information on any compiled record.