

United States Genealogy Research and Resource Tools

There are two "must peruse" websites for initiating original research in the United States. There are a lot of excellent resources well documents found on both **Family Search.Org** and **The Family History Guide**.

From a single URL cited below on **FamilySearch**, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for the USA that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could ever have imagined all from one extended screen display. It is a remarkable research guide for United States immigration, family history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Genealogy. The headings are specifically cited below along with their links that you can search quickly.

United States Genealogy

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United States

Guide to **United States genealogy**. Birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Country Information[\[edit source\]](#)

The United States of America is a country in North America bordered by [Canada](#) and [Mexico](#). Portions of the United States were formerly colonies of [Great Britain](#), [France](#), [The Netherlands](#), [Spain](#), and [Russia](#). The official language is English. ^[1]

Getting Started[\[edit source\]](#)

Links to articles on getting started with United States research.

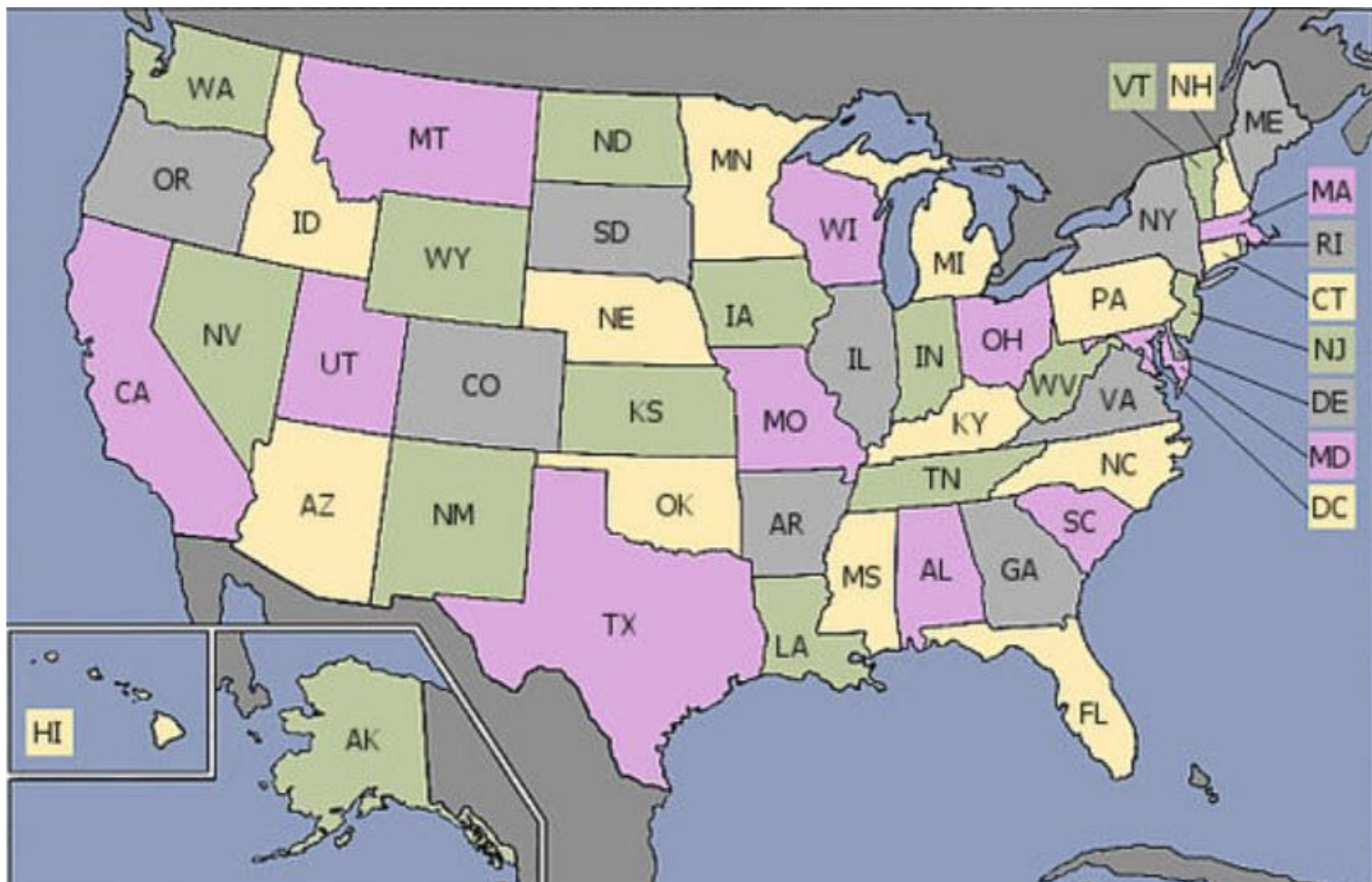
- [How to Find Birth Records](#)
- [How to Find Marriage Records](#)
- [How to Find Death Records](#)
- [Step by Step Research by State](#)
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Links to articles and websites that assist in United States research.

- [United States Record Finder](#)
- [US County Boundary Changes Maps](#)
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United States Clickable Map[\[edit source\]](#)

Genealogy records are kept on the state level in the United States. Click on a state below to go to the state Wiki article listing more information.



States[\[edit source\]](#)

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- [Massachusetts](#)
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- [Alaska](#)
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- [Pennsylvania](#)
- [Rhode Island](#)
- [South Carolina](#)

Territories and Federal District[\[edit source\]](#)

There are five territories and one federal district under the jurisdiction of the United States.

- [American Samoa](#)
- [District of Columbia](#)
- [Guam](#)
- [Northern Mariana Islands](#)
- [Puerto Rico](#)
- [Virgin Islands](#)

Former Territories[\[edit source\]](#)

There are six former territories of the United States.

- [Cuba](#)
- [Marshall Islands](#)
- [Micronesia](#)
- [Palau](#)
- [Panama Canal Zone](#)
- [Philippines](#)

More United States Research Strategies[\[edit source\]](#)

Research strategies give guidance on how to research or what records to search for first. Below are additional research strategy Wiki articles for the United States.

- [Principles of Family History Research](#)
- [How to Locate Your Ancestor in the United States](#)
- [How to Recognize your United States Ancestor](#)

More United States Research Tools[\[edit source\]](#)

Research tools can include resources that assist in locating correct records to search and determining the correct locality to search in. Below are links and Wiki articles to research tools in the United States.

- [Printable Genealogy Forms](#) - Genealogy forms used in researching
- [Digital State Archives](#) – Links to all State Archives websites and their online collections
- [Terminology & Meanings of Genealogical Terms](#) - includes lists of genealogical terms, abbreviations, and occupations
- [Ancestry's Red Book](#)

FamilySearch Resources[\[edit source\]](#)

Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in researching your family.

- [Facebook Communities](#) - Facebook groups discussing genealogy research
- [Learning Center](#) - Online genealogy courses
- [Historical Records](#)
- [Family History Center locator map](#)

References[[edit source](#)]

1. [Jump up](#)[↑] Wikipedia contributors, "United States," in *Wikipedia: the Free Encyclopedia*, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States, accessed 28 March 2016.

In other languages: **English** | [español](#) | [português](#) |

The Family History Guide at <https://thefhguide.com/project-9-poland.html> provides a more sequential process of learning consisting of outstanding step-by-step “how to” research tutorials for the United States that is organized into six levels offerings in a rather clear and concise format. I particularly like its infrastructure of topics for each level of tutorials.

1: Records 2: Location & Geo. 3: Regions / States **B: Vital Records** 1: Vital Rec. 2: Birth 3: Adoption 4: Marriage 5: Death, Obits 6: Cemetery **C: Census** 1: Records 2: By Decades **D: Immigration** 1: Records 2: Nat. / Passenger 3: Other **E: Military** 1: Records 2: By Conflict **F: Other Records** 1: Religious, Misc. 2: Property 3: Court 4: News. 5: Arch. / Lib. 6: Help