

Home Sources For Family History



Find sources of information about:

Home Sources are sources of information already available in your home or the home of a relative. Consider using the following checklist as a guide when starting a family history project.

Household Items

- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Newspaper Clippings
- Quilts
- Needlework Samples
- Bible
- Genealogies
- Journals/Diaries
- Correspondence

School

- Report Cards
- School Newspapers
- Yearbooks
- Alumni Newspapers
- Awards
- Diplomas
- Transcripts
- Class Photos

Religion

- Baptismal Certificates
- Christening Records
- Ministerial Records
- Transfer Letters

Birth

- Announcement in Newspaper
- Mailed Baby Announcements
- Baby Books
- Adoption Records

Marriage

- Engagement Announcement
- Wedding Announcement
- Wedding Book
- Wedding Photographs
- 25th or 50th Anniversary Announcement

Death

- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Funeral Notice
- Memorials
- Articles
- Funeral Book
- Will/probate
- Funeral Cards
- Cemetery Plot Receipts

Military Service

- DD214
- Pension Records
- Ribbons/Medals
- Photographs
- Uniform
- Military Records
- Veterans Administration Card

Citizenship

- Visa
- Naturalization Papers
- Alien Registration
- Passport

Property Ownership

- Deed
- Homestead Records
- Mortgage
- Tax Records

Occupation

- Resume
- Social Security Card
- Awards
- Union Membership Records
- Income Tax Records
- Retirement Records
- Business License

Institutional Records

- Hospital Records
- Immunization Records
- Library Card
- Fraternal Order Memberships
- Charity Group Memberships

Divorce

- Court Papers
- Newspaper Notice