

# Supplemental Records

Building and Researching Your Family Tree, a Twelve Part Series

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## Alternatives to Vital Records – Supplemental Resources

- Census
- Mortality schedules
  - 1900
  - State
  - Scholastic
- Court records
  - Divorce
  - Probate/Will
- Newspapers
  - Marriage
  - Obituaries
- Death registers
- Funeral home files
- Coroner's records
- Burial permits
- Pauper's interments
- Funeral programs
- Cemeteries
- Military records
  - Draft card
  - Pension
- Organizational directory
- City directories
- Church registers
  - Baptisms
  - Marriage
  - Death
- Poll tax list
- Family bibles
- Passport application
- Social security

## Value of Supplemental Records

- Confirm that the individual you are viewing is your ancestor.
- Fill in gaps for missing vital records.
- Support information found in other records.
- Identify potential names for FAN (Friends/Family, Associates, Neighbors) research.
- Names, Dates, and Places in your timeline.

## Research Strategies

- Always ask yourself what other records might exist? Complete an exhaustive search.
- Evaluate the record.
  - Who was the source/information for the information?
  - Was this information recorded at the time of the event or later?
- Utilize ALL available resources.
  - Online databases and websites
  - Print – books, newspapers, original documents
  - Microfilm
- Aim to understand the broader perspective of your ancestors' lives by researching the context in which they lived.
  - Who did they know?
  - What types of records were being created when they lived?
  - What type of institutions (organizations, churches, schools) were they involved with?

## Genealogy Links

### Databases

FamilySearch [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)

Ancestry (\$) [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

Fold3 (\$) [www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)

Newspapers.com (\$) [www.newspapers.com](http://www.newspapers.com)

Portal to Texas History [texashistory.unt.edu](http://texashistory.unt.edu)

Chronicling America [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov)

Elephind [www.elephind.com](http://www.elephind.com)

Find-A-Grave [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)



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