

Arkansas

Research Outline

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This outline describes major sources of information about families from Arkansas. As you read this outline, study the *United States Research Outline* (30972), which will help you understand terminology and the contents and uses of genealogical records.

RECORDS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY

The Family History Library has many of the records listed in this outline. The major holdings include census, land, probate, and marriage records.

Some of the sources described in this outline list the Family History Library's book, microfilm, and microfiche numbers. These are preceded by *FHL*, the abbreviation for *Family History Library*. These numbers may be used to locate materials in the Family History Library and to order microfilm and microfiche at Family History Centers.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG

The library's records are listed in the Family History Library Catalog found at the Family History Library and at each local Family History Center. To find a record, look in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog for:

- The *place* where your ancestor lived, such as:
UNITED STATES - CENSUS RECORDS
ARKANSAS - MILITARY RECORDS
ARKANSAS, PULASKI - VITAL RECORDS
ARKANSAS, PULASKI, LITTLE ROCK - HISTORY
- The *record type* you want to search, such as:
UNITED STATES - **CENSUS RECORDS**
ARKANSAS - **MILITARY RECORDS**
ARKANSAS, PULASKI - **VITAL RECORDS**
ARKANSAS, PULASKI, LITTLE ROCK - **HISTORY**

The section headings in this outline match the names of record types used in the Family History Library Catalog.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

The following archives, libraries, and societies have collections or services that are helpful for genealogical research:

- Arkansas History Commission
One Capitol Mall
Little Rock, AR 72201
Telephone: 501-682-6900
- National Archives—Southwest Region (Fort Worth)
Building 1, Dock 1
P.O. Box 6216
501 West Felix Street
Fort Worth, TX 76115-0216
Telephone: 817-334-5525
Fax: 817-334-5621
- Arkansas Genealogical Society
P.O. Box 908
Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908
- Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives
Old Washington Historic State Park

Highway 195
Washington, AR 71862
Telephone: 870-983-2633
• Little Rock Public Library
700 Louisiana Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
Telephone: 501-376-7860
Fax: 501-375-7457
• University of Arkansas
Special Collections Library
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Telephone: 501-575-5577

To learn more about the history and record-keeping systems of Arkansas counties, use the 17 inventories of the county archives published by the Historical Records Survey around 1940. Copies of 16 inventories are available at the Family History Library.

Computer Networks and Bulletin Boards

Computers with modems are important tools for obtaining information from selected archives and libraries. In a way, computer networks themselves serve as a library. The Internet, certain computer bulletin boards, and commercial on-line services help family history researchers:

- Locate other researchers
- Post queries
- Send and receive e-mail
- Search large databases
- Search computer libraries
- Join in computer chat and lecture sessions

You can find computerized research tips and information about ancestors from Arkansas in a variety of sources at local, state, national, and international levels. The list of sources is growing rapidly. Most of the information is available at no cost.

Addresses on the Internet change frequently. As of April 1997, the following sites are important gateways linking you to many more network and bulletin board sites:

- USGenWeb

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

A cooperative effort by many volunteers to list genealogical databases, libraries, bulletin boards, and other resources available on the Internet for each county, state, and country.

- Roots-L

<http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/usa/>

A useful list of sites and resources. Includes a large, regularly-updated research coordination list.

For further details about using computer networks, bulletin boards, and news groups for family history research, see the *United States Research Outline* (30972), 2nd ed., "Archives and Libraries" section.

FamilySearch™

The Family History Library and some Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch™. FamilySearch is a collection of computer files containing several million names. FamilySearch is a good place to begin your research. Some of the records come from compiled sources; some have been automated from original sources.

BIBLE RECORDS

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) collection contains several volumes of Arkansas Bible records. This collection is described in the "Genealogy" section of this outline. The DAR Bible records are partially indexed in the following:

Kirkham, E. Kay. *An Index to Some of the Bibles and Family Records of the Southern States*. . . . Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1979. (FHL book 973 D22kk v. 1; fiche 6089183.)

Kirkham, E. Kay. *An Index to Some of the Bibles and Family Records of the United States*. Vol. 2. Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 1984. (FHL book 973 D22kk v. 2; fiche 6089184, see section 2, pages 66-93.)

BIOGRAPHY

The best collection of published biographies in Arkansas is at the University of Arkansas Library. Also search the biographical sections of statewide, regional, and county histories for biographical information. In 1889 and 1890 the Goodspeed Publishing Company published a series of regional biographical encyclopedias. Most have recently been reprinted and are indexed. Those available at the Family History Library include:

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Eastern Arkansas. . . . 1890. Reprint. Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1978. (FHL book 976.7 H2bhm; film 934823 item 3.)

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Northeast Arkansas. . . . Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889. (FHL book 976.7 H2ba; film 928094.)

Biographical and Historical Memoirs: of Pulaski, Jefferson, Lonoke, Faulkner, Grant, Saline, Perry, Garland and Hot Springs Counties, Arkansas. . . . Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1889. (FHL 934823 item 2.)

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Southern Arkansas. . . . 1890. Reprint. Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1978. (FHL book 976.7 H2bh, 1960 reprint of 1890 edition on film 845266.)

Biographical and Historical Memoirs of Western Arkansas. . . . 1891. Reprint. Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1978. (FHL 976.7 H2bw.)

CEMETERIES

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) collection includes tombstone inscriptions from Arkansas cemeteries. This collection is described in the “Genealogy” section of this outline.

Another important collection is *Cemetery Records of Arkansas*, Vols. 1-8, 11 (Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society, 1957; FHL book 976.7 V22g; volumes 1-8, 11 on films 908969-71; volumes 1-8, 11 on fiche 6046948).

Many tombstone inscriptions have been published in periodicals or are available in manuscript form at local repositories. A guide to help you locate these and the inscriptions in the DAR collection is *Index to Sources for Arkansas Cemetery Inscriptions* (North Little Rock, Ark.: Daughters of the American Revolution, 1976; FHL book 976.7 A1 No. 93).

CENSUS

Federal

Most federal census records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *United States Research Outline* provides more detailed information on these records.

The Family History Library has the U.S. federal censuses for the state of Arkansas for 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920. The 1890 census was destroyed.

Statewide indexes are available for the 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1870 censuses in book and microfiche format. A Soundex (phonetic) index is available on microfilm for part of the 1880 and all of the 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses. In addition, indexes for the 1870 census are available for many counties in Arkansas.

Mortality schedules exist for the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses. The schedules for the years 1850 to 1880 are indexed in book and microfiche format. The indexes are available at the Family History Library. The schedules are at the Arkansas History Commission and the University of Arkansas.

Territorial

The 1810 and 1820 censuses for the area that became Arkansas were destroyed. The federal census for the Territory of Arkansas is available and indexed for 1830. The Arkansas History Commission has sheriff's censuses for several counties in 1829 and Arkansas County in 1823 (1823 census is on FHL film 977363 item 2). These are indexed in Ronald Vern Jackson, *Arkansas Sheriff's Censuses: 1823 and 1829* (Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems, 1978; FHL book 976.7 X2s 1823, 1829). Only the heads of households are listed in these censuses.

CHURCH RECORDS

Before 1900 the largest religious groups in Arkansas were the Baptist and Methodist Episcopal (now United Methodist). The Family History Library has many church records for Arkansas and several histories of local churches. The following directories may help you locate other church records:

A Directory of Churches and Religious Organizations in the State of Arkansas. Little Rock: Historical Records Survey 1942. (FHL book 976.7 K24h; film 823676 item 6.)
Guide to Vital Statistics Records in Arkansas: Volume II, Church Archives. Little Rock: Historical Records Survey, 194-. (FHL book 976.7 K2h; film 873998 item 2.)

Many denominations have collected their records into central repositories. You can write to the following addresses to learn where the records are located:

Baptist

Arkansas Baptist State Convention Collection
Riley Library
Ouachita Baptist University
410 Ouachita
Arkedelphia, AR 71998
Telephone: 870-245-5000
Fax: 870-245-5500

Methodist

North Arkansas Conference Depository
Olin C. Bailey Library
Hendrix College
1600 Washington Ave. and Front Streets
Conway, AR 72032

Telephone: 501-450-1303
Fax: 501-450-3800

COURT RECORDS

Major Arkansas courts that have kept records of genealogical value include the following:

Circuit courts have countywide jurisdiction over criminal cases, naturalization, and major civil cases. The Family History Library has copies of many circuit court records.

Chancery courts have countywide jurisdiction over equity, divorce, probates, and adoptions. The Family History Library has some chancery court records. For Pulaski County, for example, the library has copies of the records from 1839 to 1877.

Courts of common pleas have countywide jurisdiction over non-real estate civil matters. The Family History Library has some courts of common pleas records.

County courts have countywide jurisdiction over juvenile matters, taxes, claims, and county expenditures. The Family History Library has some county court records, including Pulaski County files from 1846 to 1878.

Justice of the peace courts have countywide jurisdiction over preliminary hearings of criminal cases and minor contract matters. The Family History Library has some justice of the peace records, such as the Pulaski County files from 1873 to 1917.

Original court records are kept by the clerks in each county courthouse. Copies of records at the Family History Library often date from the creation of a county to about 1900, and some indexes are available through the 1970s. Court records are also available at the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives.

DIRECTORIES

Directories of heads of households have been published for major cities of Arkansas. For example, the Family History Library has the following directories for Little Rock:

1871-1935	FHL films 1376975-79
1913, 1915, 1916, 1930, 1940, 1956, 1983	FHL books 976.773 E4p
1930, 1940	FHL film 425665 item 1 & 2

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

Very few Europeans came to the Arkansas area during the years of French and Spanish rule, 1686 to 1803. The 1810 census of the Louisiana Territory listed only 1,062 non-Indian residents in the entire District of Arkansas.

Immigration began in earnest with the cotton boom of 1818. Many families of Scottish, Scotch-Irish, and English descent moved overland from Virginia and the Carolinas through Tennessee and Mississippi or Missouri. They often brought slaves with them. In 1860, Black slaves comprised over one fourth of the population. Most Arkansans today are descended from Anglo-Saxon and Black families who came from older southern states before 1900.

About 1867, the rich land between the Arkansas and White rivers beckoned to large groups of Southern European emigrants. Many families from Poland settled in Pulaski County. A number of Italians located in the northwestern part of the state.

The last Indian tribes had been removed from Arkansas to present-day Oklahoma by 1835. Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs have been transcribed in Jack D. Baker, *Cherokee Emigration Rolls, 1817-1835* (Oklahoma City: Baker Pub., 1977; FHL book 970.3 C424be).

Some immigrants landed at New Orleans and traveled up the Mississippi River to Arkansas. The Family History Library has passenger lists for New Orleans from 1820 to 1921 and indexes from 1820 to 1952. The National Archives has passenger lists through 1945 and indexes to 1952. More detailed information on immigration sources is in the *United States Research Outline*.

GAZETTEERS

A guide to place names of Arkansas is Russell Pierce Baker, *Arkansas Township Atlas: A History of the Minor civil Divisions in Each Arkansas County* (Hot Springs, Ark.: Arkansas Genealogical Society, 1984; FHL book 976.7 E5b; fiche 6110887).

GENEALOGY

Most archives, historical societies, and genealogical societies have special collections and indexes of genealogical value. These must usually be searched in person.

A notable manuscript collection of compiled genealogies is the *Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Collection*. This collection consists of transcripts of Bible records, cemetery records, church records, marriages, deaths, obituaries, and wills. It was

microfilmed in 1970 and 1971 at the DAR Library, Washington, D.C., and is available on 20 reels at the Family History Library (beginning with FHL film 844392). It is listed in the Family History Library Catalog under ARKANSAS - COLLECTED WORKS.

A compilation of the genealogies of some of the early pioneer families is Mrs. Larry P. Clark, *Arkansas Pioneers and Allied Families* (Little Rock, Ark.: Mrs. Larry P. Clark, 1976; FHL book 976.7 D3c; film 1036635 item 4; fiche 6051363).

HISTORY

The following important events in the history of Arkansas affected political jurisdictions, family movements, and record keeping.

1686	The French established Arkansas Post, the first white settlement in what is now Arkansas. It was the administrative center for the French, Spanish, and United States governments until 1821 when Little Rock became the capital.
1763	France ceded the region to Spain.
1800	Spain officially returned the land to France, although Spanish occupancy continued until 1802.
1803	The United States acquired the area that is now Arkansas with the Louisiana Purchase and it became part of the Louisiana Territory.
1812	The Missouri Territory was established, including Arkansas in its boundaries. After the War of 1812 the Indian population decreased, and white settlers arrived to claim bounty land
1813	The territorial legislature established Arkansas County.
1819	Arkansas became a separate territory.
1836	Arkansas became a state.
1861	Arkansas seceded from the Union. It was readmitted in 1868.

A useful source for studying the history of Arkansas is David Y. Thomas, ed., *Arkansas and Its People*, 4 vols. (New York: American Historical Society, 1930; FHL book 976.7 H2t; microfilm 934821; fiche 6051359).

A brief bibliography of local histories of Arkansas is Georgia H. Clark and Bruce R. Parham, *Arkansas County and Local Histories: A Bibliography* (Fayetteville: Mullins Library of the University of Arkansas, 1976; FHL book 976.7 H23c).

LAND AND PROPERTY

When the United States organized the Missouri Territory in 1812, it agreed to recognize the private land grants previously issued by Spain and Mexico. Most of these are in Arkansas and Desha Counties. A preemption law of 1814 gave those already living on the land the first right to claim the land. Private land claims commissions were established to process these claims. Private claims to 1837 in the *American State Papers* are indexed in Phillip W. McMullin, *Grassroots of America* (Salt Lake City: Gendex Corp., 1972; FHL book 973 R2ag index; fiche 6051323).

Another helpful publication is *First Settlers of the Missouri Territory*, 2 vols. (Nacogdoches, Tex.: Ericson Books, 1983; FHL book 977.8 R2f). Volume 1 has the grants from the *American State Papers*, class 8, public lands. Volume 2 has the grants in the present states of Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma.

As the various Indian tribes were removed from the area, their land became the public domain. The land was surveyed and sold by the United States government through land offices, in a process called land-entry. The first general land offices were established in 1818.

Records of the land offices are located in:

Arkansas State Land Commission Office
State Capitol

Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Telephone: 501-324-9222

Patents are located at:

Bureau of Land Management

Eastern States Office

7450 Boston Blvd.

Springfield, VA 22153

Telephone: 703-440-1600

Fax: 703-440-1609

Land-entry case files and applications of those who settled in Arkansas after the Homestead Act of 1862 are in the National Archives. All of the above files are arranged according to legal descriptions of the land. The Family History Library has the land tract books and original survey plats on microfilm.

See the "Military Records" section of this outline for information about land in Arkansas that was given for service in the War of 1812.

Subsequent transfers of land between private owners were recorded by the clerk of the circuit or county court. Some counties have two courthouses where the documents could have been filed. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of most of the county

deeds and indexes. From Pulaski County, for example, the Family History Library has 57 microfilms of deeds (1819-86) and land indexes (1819-1919).

MAPS

The Family History Library has a number of Arkansas maps. County maps are also found in the *Arkansas Township Atlas* listed in the “Gazetteer” section of this outline.

The University of Arkansas has a large collection of maps, atlases, and gazetteers.

MILITARY RECORDS

Many military records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) provides more information on the federal military records and search strategies. For Arkansas the following sources are also very helpful:

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Bounty land in Arkansas, Illinois, and Missouri was granted to soldiers who served in the War of 1812. Copies of the bounty land warrants are available at the Family History Library (FHL films 983163-77 index on 983163). They provide the name of the soldier, rank, unit, and date of warrant. A list of 6,600 grantees, arranged by county name, is in Katheren Christensen, comp., *Arkansas Military Bounty Grants (War of 1812)* (Arkansas Ancestors, 1971; FHL book 976.7 R2c).

Civil War (1861-1865)

Soldiers from Arkansas served in both the Union and Confederate armies. Indexes and the compiled military service records are available at the Family History Library and the National Archives.

Arkansas pension records for Confederate veterans are located at the Arkansas History Commission. Pension records for Union veterans are available only at the National Archives. The Family History Library has an index of Union pensioners.

In 1911 a special census was taken of Confederate veterans. Returns are available for 40 of the 75 counties. Abstracts of the questionnaires have been published in Bobbie J. McLane and Capitola H. Gazner, *Arkansas 1911 Census of Confederate Veterans*, 3 vols. (N.p.: Arkansas Ancestors, 1977-1981; FHL 976.7 X2m; fiche 6019335). An index has

been published by the same authors (FHL 976.7x2m index). All of these censuses are at the Arkansas Historical Commission, and most are on microfilm at the Family History Library.

World War I (1917-1918)

World War I draft registration cards for men age 18 to 45 may list address, birth date, birthplace, race, nationality, citizenship, and next of kin. Not all registrants served in the war. For registration cards for Arkansas, see:

United States. Selective Service System. *Arkansas, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. National Archives Microfilm Publications, M1509. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1987-1988. (On FHL films beginning with 1522740.)

To find an individual's draft card, it helps to know his name and residence at the time of registration. The cards are arranged alphabetically by county, within the county by draft board, and then alphabetically by surname within each draft board.

Most counties had only one board; large cities had several. A map showing the boundaries of individual draft boards is available for most large cities. Finding an ancestor's street address in a city directory will help you in using the draft board map. There is an alphabetical list of cities that are on the map. For a copy of this map see:

United States. Selective Service System. *List of World War One Draft Board Maps*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives. (FHL film 1498803.)

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Naturalization records were generally filed in the circuit courts in each county. About 40 percent of the counties in Arkansas have pre-1907 records. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of the records for some of these counties. For residents of Little Rock (Pulaski County), for example, the library has declarations of intention and some final certificates, 1870 to 1918.

Some naturalization papers were filed in the U.S. District Courts located in Fort Smith, Little Rock, and Fort Worth, Texas.

A statewide index to naturalization records of Arkansas was compiled by the Works Projects Administration for the years 1809-1906 (FHL film 1730849). Copies of this index are at the National Archives—Southwest Region (Fort Worth), the Arkansas History Commission, and the U.S. District Court in Fort Smith. For naturalization records after September 1906, contact the National Archives—Southwest Region (Fort Worth) or

the local Immigration and Naturalization Service.

NEWSPAPERS

The best collection of Arkansas newspapers is at the Arkansas History Commission. The Family History Library has not acquired copies of Arkansas newspapers, but the following guides can help you locate and search Arkansas newspapers:

Union List of Arkansas Newspapers, 1819-1942. Little Rock: Historical Records Survey, 1942. (FHL book 976.7 B3h; film 897366 item 2; fiche 6051358.)

Morgan, James Logan. *Arkansas Newspaper Index, 1819-1845: Index to Obituaries, Biographical and Probate and Chancery Notices*. Newport, Ark.: Morgan Books, 1981. (FHL book 976.7 B32m.)

Allsopp, Fred W. *History of the Arkansas Press for a Hundred Years and More*. 1922. Reprint. Easley, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1978. (FHL book 976.7 B3a.)

PERIODICALS

The major genealogical periodicals and magazines helpful for Arkansas research are:

The Arkansas Family Historian. 1962-. Published by Arkansas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 908, Hot Springs, AR 71902-0908. (FHL book 976.7 B2a; vols. 1-4 on film 874450; vols. 5-6 on film 873991.)

Backtracker. 1972-. Published by Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 796, Rogers, AR 72757. (FHL book 976.7 B2bt; fiche 6101428-44, Vols. 1-21.)

Flashback. 1951-. Published by Washington County Historical Society, 118 East Dickson, Fayetteville, AR 72701. (FHL book 976.714 B2f; an index for 1964 to 1970 is on film 844958 item 8.)

The Melting Pot Quarterly. 1978-. Published by The Melting Pot Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 936, Hot Springs, AR 71902. (FHL book 976.7 D25m. Emphasis is on Garland County region.)

PROBATE RECORDS

Probate records of Arkansas have been kept by the probate or county courts. The records include case papers, wills, bonds, inventories, and dockets. The Family History Library has probate records for most of the counties of Arkansas, including packets and administrator's settlements. For example, the library has microfilms of a variety of probate records for Pulaski County for the years 1818-1919. You can also

obtain copies of the original records by contacting the clerk's office in the appropriate county courthouse.

A statewide index of wills is Mrs. James H. Stevenson and Mrs. Edward L. Westbrooke, *Index to Wills and Administrations of Arkansas from the Earliest to 1900* (Jonesboro, Ark: Vowels Printing Co., 1986; FHL book 976.7 P22st; fiche 6050936).

TAXATION

Lists of taxpayers provide information similar to the early census records. Published indexes of tax lists are available for the years 1819 to 1829 and for 1830 to 1839.

Microfilm copies of personal and property tax records, between 1860 and 1900, are available at the Family History Library for most counties. The county clerks have the original records.

VITAL RECORDS

Birth and Death Records

Arkansas began recording births and deaths on a statewide basis in February 1914. Some Little Rock and Fort Smith records from 1881 are also available from the state. Delayed registrations of births are available since 1914. For copies of state records write to:

Division of Vital Records
Arkansas Department of Health
4815 West Markham Street, slot 44
Little Rock, AR 72205-3867
Telephone: 501-661-2336

The current fees for obtaining copies of the state's records are listed in *Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces* (Hyattsville, Md.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, March 1993; FHL book 973 V24wv). Copies of this booklet are at the Family History Library and the Family History Centers. You can also write to the Division of Vital Records (address above) for current information.

The vital records cannot be examined by the public. The Division of Vital Records will issue copies only to a family member or the individual named on the record unless the information is going to be used for family history. You must specifically state the purpose for which the certificate will be used.

Earlier birth and death records were kept in each county, although records prior to 1914 are sparse. You can obtain copies by contacting the appropriate county clerk's office. The Family History Library has copies of birth, delayed birth, death, and funeral home records for a few counties, such as the records of Sebastian County births, 1877 to 1913, and deaths, 1881 to 1929 (FHL films 1034198-99).

Marriage Records

Marriage records dating from the creation of each county are available from the county clerk's office in the county where the license was issued. Some counties in the state have two courthouses where the documents could have been filed. The state office has marriage records since 1917 and indexes to marriages from 1820 to the present.

The Family History Library has microfilmed copies of the county marriage records to about the 1920s. From Pulaski County, for example, the library has 51 microfilms of marriage record books and indexes for 1838 to 1921.

Divorce Records

Certified copies of divorce records are available from the clerk of the circuit or chancery court in the county where the divorce was granted. In addition, the Division of Vital Records has divorce records filed since 1923.

Inventory of Vital Records

Further information on the history and availability of Arkansas vital records is in *Guide to Vital Statistic Records in Arkansas*, Vol. 1 (Little Rock: Arkansas Historical Survey, 1942; not at Family History Library).

FOR FURTHER READING

For more detailed information on research and records in Arkansas, see:

Wagoner, Claudia. *Arkansas Researchers' Handbook*. Fayetteville, Ark.: Research Plus, 1986. (FHL book 976.7 D27w.)

Another helpful source is:

Eichholz, Alice, ed. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*. Rev. ed. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992. (FHL book 973 D27rb 1992; computer number

594021.) Contains bibliographies and background information on history and ethnic groups. Also contains maps and tables showing when each county was created.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

The Family History Library welcomes additions and corrections that will improve future editions of this outline. Please send your suggestions to:

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84150-3400
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Arkansas Historical Background

History

Effective family research requires some understanding of the historical events that may have affected your family and the records about them. Learning about wars, governments, laws, migrations, and religious trends may help you understand political boundaries, family movements, and settlement patterns. These events may have led to the creation of records that your family was listed in, such as land and military documents.

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1686	The French established Arkansas Post, the first white settlement in what is now Arkansas. It was the administrative center for the French, Spanish, and United States governments until 1821 when Little Rock became the capital.
1762	France ceded the region to Spain.
1800	Spain officially returned the land to France, although Spanish occupancy continued until 1802.
1803	The United States acquired the area that is now Arkansas with the Louisiana Purchase, and it became part of the Louisiana Territory.
1812	The Missouri Territory was established, including Arkansas in its boundaries. After the War of 1812 the Indian population decreased, and white settlers arrived to claim bounty land. The territorial legislature established Arkansas District.
1819	Arkansas became a separate territory.
1836	Arkansas became a state.
1861	Arkansas seceded from the Union. It was readmitted in 1868.
1898	Over 300,000 men were involved in the Spanish-American War, which was fought mainly in Cuba and the Philippines.
1917–1918	More than 26 million men from the United States ages 18 through 45 registered with the Selective Service for World War I, and over 4.7 million American men and women served during the war.
1930s	The Great Depression closed many factories and mills. Many small farms were abandoned, and many families moved to cities.
1940–1945	Over 50.6 million men ages 18 to 65 registered with the Selective Service. Over 16.3 million American men and women served in the armed forces during World War II.

1950–1953	Over 5.7 million American men and women served in the Korean War.
1950s–1960s	The building of interstate highways made it easier for people to move long distances.
1964–1972	Over 8.7 million American men and women served in the Vietnam War.

Your ancestors will become more interesting to you if you also use histories to learn about the events that were of interest to them or that they may have been involved in. For example, by using a history you might learn about the events that occurred in the year your great-grandparents were married.

Historical Sources

You may find state or local histories in the Family History Library Catalog under Arkansas or the county or the town. For descriptions of records available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on **Family History Library Catalog**. The descriptions give book or film numbers, which you need to find or to order the records.

Local Histories

Some of the most valuable sources for family history research are local histories. Published histories of towns, counties, and states usually contain accounts of families. They describe the settlement of the area and the founding of churches, schools, and businesses. You can also find lists of pioneers, soldiers, and civil officials. Even if your ancestor is not listed, information on other relatives may be included that will provide important clues for locating your ancestor. A local history may also suggest other records to search.

Most county and town histories include separate sections or volumes containing biographical information. These may include information on 50 percent or more of the families in the locality.

In addition, local histories should be studied and enjoyed for the background information they can provide about your family's lifestyle and the community and environment in which your family lived.

About 5,000 county histories have been published for over 80 percent of the counties in the United States. For many counties there is more than one history. In addition, tens of thousands of histories have been written about local towns and communities. Bibliographies that list these histories are available for nearly every state.

For descriptions of bibliographies for Arkansas available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on **Family History Library Catalog**. Look under BIBLIOGRAPHY or HISTORY - BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Local histories are extensively collected by the Family History Library, public and university libraries, and state and local historical societies. Two useful guides are:

A brief bibliography of local histories of Arkansas is Georgia H. Clark and Bruce R. Parham, *Arkansas County and Local Histories: A Bibliography* (Fayetteville: Mullins Library of the University of Arkansas, 1976; FHL book 976.7 H23c).

Filby, P. William. *A Bibliography of American County Histories*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. (FHL book 973 H23bi.)

Kaminkow, Marion J. *United States Local Histories in the Library of Congress*. 5 vols. Baltimore: Magna Charta Book, 1975-76. (FHL book 973 A3ka.)

State History

A useful source for studying the history of Arkansas is David Y. Thomas, ed., *Arkansas and Its People*, 4 vols. (New York: American Historical Society, 1930; FHL book 976.7 H2t; microfilm 934821; fiche 6051359).

United States History

The following are only a few of the many sources that are available at most large libraries:

Schlesinger, Jr., Arthur M. *The Almanac of American History*. Greenwich, Conn.: Bison Books, 1983. (FHL book 973 H2alm.) This provides brief historical essays and chronological descriptions of thousands of key events in United States history.

Webster's Guide to American History: A Chronological, Geographical, and Biographical Survey and Compendium. Springfield, Mass.: G&C Merriam, 1971. (FHL book 973 H2v.) This includes a history, some maps, tables, and other historical information.

Dictionary of American History, Revised ed., 8 vols. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1976. (FHL book 973 H2ad.) This includes historical sketches on various topics in U.S. history, such as wars, people, laws, and organizations.

Arkansas Statewide Indexes and Collections

Guide

Introduction

In the United States, information about your ancestors is often found in town and county records. If you know which state but not the town or county your ancestor lived in, check the following statewide indexes to find the town or county. Then search records for that town or county.

The indexes and collections listed below index various sources of information, such as histories, vital records, biographies, tax lists, immigration records, etc. You may find additional information about your ancestor other than the town or county of residence. The listings may contain:

- The author and title of the source.
- The Family History Library (FHL) book, film, fiche, or compact disc number. If the words *beginning with* appear before the film number, check the Family History Library Catalog for additional films.
- The name of the repository where the source can be found if the source is not available at the Family History Library.

What You Are Looking For

- Your ancestor's name in an index or collection.
- Where the ancestor was living.

Steps

These 2 steps will help you find information about your ancestor in statewide indexes or collections.

Step 1. Find your ancestor's name in statewide indexes or collections.

On the list below, if your ancestor lived between the years shown on the left, he or she may be listed in the source on the right.

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|------------|--|
| 1580–1900s | Ancestral File
International Genealogical Index
Family History Library Catalog - Surname Search |
| 1580s–1952 | Daughters of the American Revolution (Arkansas). Arkansas Genealogical Collection. (FHL films 844392–406; 869279 items 4–7.) |

- 1580s–1939 Thomas, David Yancey. *Arkansas and Its People*. (FHL book 976.7 H2t; film 934821, vols. 1–4; fiche 6051359, vols. 3–4.)
- 1580s–1943 Hempstead Genealogical Society. *Lineage Charts and Family Group Sheets: Submitted by Members of Hempstead County Genealogical Society*. (FHL book 976.7 D2hc; film 1598112 items 4–6.)
- 1600–1990s Arkansas Biographical Card File Index, 1819–1950. (on 53 FHL films beginning with 1926788.) Microfilmed at the Arkansas History Commission.
- 1600–1990 Arkansas Genealogical Society. *Arkansas Genealogical Society, Surname Directory*. (FHL book 976.741/Hi C4a.)
- 1607–1993 White, Mrs. P. Newton. *National Society, Arkansas Society Colonial Dames XV11. Century: Rosters, 1951–1993*. (FHL book 976.7 C4w.)
- 1633–1958 Arkansas Cemeteries Inscriptions and Genealogical Records. (FHL book 976.7 V22c.) Contains genealogies also.
- 1658–1950 **The Arkansas Family Historian**. See the annual indexes. (FHL book 976.7 B2a; films 874450 v. 1–4; 873991 v. 5–6.)
- 1670–1962 Clark, Mrs. Larry P. **Arkansas Pioneers and Allied Families**. (FHL book 976.7 D3c; film 1036635 item 4; fiche 6051363.)
- 1700–1860 White, Virgil D. **Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pensions**. (FHL book 973 M28g; vols. 1–4.) Volume 4 contains an every-name index to volumes 1–3.
- 1700–1860 Daughters of the American Revolution. **DAR Patriot Index**. Centennial Edition. (FHL 973 C42da 1990, 3 vols. Lists Rev. War patriots; about 100,000 names. Volume 3 lists the wives of the soldiers.)
- 1700–1868 **D.A.R. Revolutionary War Burial Index**. (FHL films 1307675–82.) Alphabetical; prepared by Brigham Young Univ. from DAR records; often lists name, birth date, death date, burial place, name of cemetery, company or regiment, sometimes gives the place of birth, etc. About 67,000 names.
- 1700–1860 Hatcher, Patricia Law. *Abstracts of Graves of Revolutionary Patriots*. (FHL book 973 V38h, vols. 1–4.) About 55,000 names.
- 1700–1840 Brakebill, Clovis. **Revolutionary War Graves Register**. (FHL book 973 V3br.) About 55,000 names.
- 1700–1840 **A General Index to a Census of Pensioners For Revolutionary or Military Service, 1840**. (FHL book 973 X2pc index; film 899835 items 1–2; fiche 6046771.) Lists Revolutionary War pensioners whose names are on the 1840 census lists.
- After using the general index, go to the original book (FHL book Ref 973 X2pc 1967; film 899835 item 3.) This book gives town of residence, the name of the head of household where they were living, and age of pensioner or their widow.
- 1700–1835 **The Pension Roll of 1835**. Indexed Edition. (FHL book 973 M24ua 1992, vols. 1–4.) Vol. 4 has the index; vols. 1 to 4 list Revolutionary War soldiers and gives county of residence, state of service, and often age. These also have data on soldiers who received pensions and died from 1820s–1835.
- 1700–1900 Payne, Dorothy. **Arkansas Pensioners, 1818–1900: Records of Some Arkansas Residents Who Applied to the Federal Government For Benefits Arising From Service in Federal Military Organizations** (Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Indian and Mexican Wars). (FHL book 976.7 M2pa.)

- 1700–1978 [The Arkansas Historical Quarterly](#). (FHL book 976.7 B2ah.) See index to vols. 1–35, mostly a subject index.
- 1700s–1990s Manuscript Catalog. (Not at FHL.) At Arkansas History Commission.
- 1735–1948 Tucker, Robert L. Northwest Arkansas Genealogical Societies Family Pedigrees. (FHL book 976.7 D2t.)
- 1736–1945 [The Backtracker](#). (FHL book 976.7 B2bt; fiche 6101428–44.) See the annual indexes.
- 1739–1921 Presley, Mrs. Leister E. Biographical Index to Centennial History of Arkansas. (FHL 976.7 H2c index film 845477 item 7.) See below.
- 1739–1921 Herndon, Dallas Tabor. [Centennial History of Arkansas](#). (FHL film 934820.) Indexed by Presley's Biographical Index, see above.
- 1739–1947 Herndon, Dallas Tabor. [Annals of Arkansas, 1947: A Narrative Historical Edition Revising, Reediting and Continuing a Centennial History of Arkansas, Preserving the Record of the Growth and Development of the State and Chronicling the Genealogical and Memorial Records of its Prominent Families and Personages](#). (FHL book 976.7 H2h; film 1036013.)
- 1740–1900 White, Virgil D. [Index to War of 1812 Pension Files](#). (FHL book 973 M22i.)
- 1740–1880s War of 1812 Pensioners Living in Arkansas during the 1880's: Abstracted From the Executive Documents. (FHL book 976.7 M2wa.)
- 1770–1860 [Mortality Schedule, Arkansas, 1860](#). (FHL book 976.7 X2j 1860.)
- 1774–1950 Shinn, Josiah Hazen. [Pioneers and Makers of Arkansas](#). (FHL film 934822.)
- 1777–1949 Andrea, Leonardo. Graveyards in Arkansas. (FHL film 954249 item 17.)
- 1780–1920 [Census indexes, 1830–1880 and 1900–1920](#). Or click on **Family History Library Catalog**. Then select CENSUS or CENSUS - INDEXES from the topics that are listed.
- 1780–1870 [Mortality Schedule, Arkansas, 1870](#). (FHL book 976.7 X2j 1870.)
- 1790–1850 [Mortality Schedule, Arkansas, 1850](#). (FHL book 976.7 X2j 1850.)
- 1791–1965 Arkansas Periodical Index, 1981–1985. (FHL book 976.7 B22a.)
- 1793–1850 Arkansas Marriages, Early to 1850: A Research Tool. (FHL book 976.7 V22am.)
- 1797–1960 Cemetery Records of Arkansas. (FHL book 976.7 V22g, vols. 1–8; films 908969–971; fiche 6046948.)
- 1800–1848 Arkansas Mexican War Soldiers. (FHL book 976.7 M22adwa; fiche 6093855.)
- 1800–1928 Allen, Desmond Walls. [Arkansas Union Soldiers Pension Applications Index](#). (FHL book 976.7 M22a; fiche 6104428.)
- 1800–1990 Cemetery Inscriptions Published in 30 Years of the Arkansas Family Historian. (FHL book 976.7 V32c.)
- 1800–1865 United States. Adjutant General's Office. Index to Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas. [\(FHL films 821811–36.\)](#)
- 1800–1936 Index to Arkansas Confederate Pension Applications. (FHL book 976.7 M22adl; film 1697962 item 2.)
- 1800–1929 Arkansas. State Auditor. Arkansas Confederate Pension Records, ca 1901–1929. (FHL films 1722443–563.) The pensions are in alphabetical order.

- 1800–1865 United States. Adjutant General's Office. **Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Arkansas.** (FHL films 881488–91.)
- 1800–1936 Ingmire, Frances T. Arkansas Confederate Veterans and Widows Pension Applications [1891–1936]. (FHL book 976.7 M28f.)
- 1800–1934 United States. Veterans Administration. **General Index of Pension Files, 1861–1934.** (On 544 FHL films beginning with 540757.) This is a card index to pension applications of Civil War and Spanish-American War veterans; copies of the original files may be ordered from the National Archives.
- 1800–1911 McLane, Bobbie Jones. An index to the Three Volumes, Arkansas 1911 Census of Confederate Veterans. (FHL book 976.7 X2m index.) See FHL book below.
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- 1808–1912 Reminiscences of Arkansas Pioneers: Pages From the Arkansas Pioneers Magazine, 1912–1916. (FHL book 976.7 H2r7.)
- 1814–1900 Stevenson, Corinne Cox. Index to Wills and Administrations of Arkansas From the Earliest to 1900. (FHL book 976.7 P22st; fiche 6050936.)
- 1819–1922 Watkins, Raymond W. Confederate Burials in Arkansas Cemeteries. (FHL book 976.7 V3w.)
- 1819–1871 Chism, Stephen J. **The Arkansas Gazette Obituaries Index, 1819–1879.** (FHL book 976.773/L1 V42c.)
- 1819–1845 Morgan, James Logan. Arkansas Newspaper Index, 1819–1845: Index to Obituaries, Biographies, notes and Probate and Chancery Notices From Arkansas Newspapers, 1819–1845. (FHL book 976.7 B32m.)
- 1819–1881, 1964–1983 Abstracts of the Arkansas Advocate and . . . Gazette. (Not at FHL.) At the Arkansas History Commission.
- 1819–1845 Morgan, James Logan. Arkansas Marriage Notices, 1819–1845. (FHL book 976.7 V2m.)
- 1820–1967 Counts, Mrs. William H. A Compendium of Arkansas Genealogy. (FHL book 976.7 D2c.)
- 1820–1847 Christensen, Katheren. **Arkansas Military Bounty Grants.** (FHL book 976.7 R2c.) War of 1812.
- 1825–1967 Cemetery Records of Arkansas County, Arkansas. (FHL book 976.786 V3c.) The first county of Arkansas.
- 1878–1918 United States Selective Service System. Arkansas, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918. (On 71 FHL films beginning with 1522740.) Men ages 18 to 45 are listed alphabetically by county or draft board.

For ideas on ways your ancestor's name might be spelled by indexers or in collections, see Name Variations.

Step 2. Copy and document the information.

The best method is to:

- Make a photocopy of the page(s) with your ancestor's name.
- Document where the information came from by writing the title, call number, and page number of the index or collection on the photocopy. Also write the name of the library or archive.

Where to Find It

Family History Centers and the Family History Library

You can use the Family History Library book collection only at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, but many of our books have been microfilmed. Most of our films can be requested and used at our Family History Centers. To locate the address for your nearest Family History Center, [click here](#).

For information about contacting or visiting the library or a center, see [Family History Library and Family History Centers](#).

Libraries and Archives

You may be able to find the books at public or college libraries. If these libraries do not have a copy of the book you need, they may be able to order it from another library on interlibrary loan.

To use interlibrary loan:

- Go to a public or college library.
- Ask the librarian to order a book or microfilm for you through interlibrary loan from another library. You will need the title of the item and the name of the author.
- The library staff will direct you in their procedures. Sometimes this is free; sometimes there is a small fee.

You can find addresses and phone numbers for most libraries and archives in the [American Library Directory](#), published by the American Library Association. The *American Library Directory* is available at most public and college libraries.

Maps

Computer Resources

MapQuest Maps

Summary: Must know address, city, state, and zip code; more recent maps

Animap

BYU FHL – on computer

Summary: Has each state with maps. Shows county boundary changes and allows marking of cities and finds distances.

Google Maps

Summary: Has address finder, allows keyword searching, and allows street, satellite, or terrain views

Geology.com Maps

Summary: Has Relief, Elevation, Drainage, Political and Road Maps for each state.

Arkansas Maps Bibliography

Andriot, Jay. *Township Atlas of the US.*, McLean, Virginia (1991).
Mic/Gen Ref - G 1201 .F7 AS 1991

Summary of Book: Shows "minor county subdivisions" maps start after 1930 and are provided by Bureau of the Census. Census county division or minor civil divisions. Does not include Hawaii or Alaska.

Evaluation of Arkansas Maps: pp. 1-22. County subdivisions - townships and places with county location index.

Baker, Russell Pierce. *Arkansas Township Atlas: A History of the Minor Civil Divisions in Each Arkansas County*, Arkansas (1984).
Map Collection - F 410 .1335 1984

Summary of Book: 212 pages.

Evaluation: Tells when counties were formed - parent counties with county seat. Names of townships.

Hansen, Gerald T. and Carl H. Moneyhon. *Historical Atlas of Arkansas, Oklahoma* (1989).
Map Collection Quarto - G 1356 .SI H3 1989

Summary of Book: 71 pages, plus a bibliography. Shows changes in area until present.

Evaluation: Shows pre-European settlement patterns. European and American exploration. Land subdivisions and boundary changes. Early Arkansas (military fronts), Civil War battle sites.

Kirkham, E. Kay. *A Genealogical and Historical Atlas of the United States of America*,
Everton (1976).
Map Collection - G 1201 .E6225 k5 1976

Summary of Book: Lists of boundary changes. Has 1884 index to cities and towns. Lists historical events (basic historical and political) and early settlements. Has a good bibliography.

Evaluation of Arkansas Maps: pp. 7, 120, 136, 144, 160-161 and 203. Page 7 gives a brief history of the state. The other pages are maps.

Puetz, C. 1. *Arkansas County Maps*, Wisconsin (1986).
Map Collection Quarto - G 1355 .A75x 1986

Summary of Book: 152 pages of county maps.

Evaluation: Little blurb on each county, shows rivers, canals etc.

Thorndale, William and William Dollarhide. *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790 - 1920*, Baltimore, Maryland (1987).
Mic/Gen Ref and Census Area - G 1201 .F 7 T5 1987

Summary of Book: Outlines counties and changes in 10 year intervals. Gives brief history on census, its growth and accuracy. Sources for maps come from state/territorial laws.
Evaluation of Arkansas Maps: pp. 32-42. Shows modern boundaries and changes.



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Arkansas Federal Census Population Schedules, 1830 to 1920

Guide

Introduction

Federal censuses are taken every 10 years. Arkansas residents are included in territorial and federal censuses 1830 through 1880 and 1900 through 1920.

- The 1830 through 1840 censuses give the name of the head of each household. Other household members are mentioned only by age groupings of males and females.
- The 1850 census was the first federal census to give the names of all members of the household.

For more information about the U.S. Federal Censuses, see [Background](#).

What You Are Looking For

The information you find varies from record to record. These records may include:

- Names of family members.
- Ages of family members, which you can use to calculate birth or marriage years.
- The county and state where your ancestors lived.
- People living with (or gone from) the family.
- Relatives that may have lived nearby.

Steps

These 5 steps will help you use census records.

Step 1. Determine which censuses might include your ancestors.

Match the probable time your ancestor was in Arkansas with the census years. This will determine which censuses you will search.

Example of a time an ancestor was in Arkansas.
in Arkansas from 1861 [-----] through 1901
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1830 1840 1850 1860 **1870 1880 1900** 1910 1920
Arkansas census years

This person would be included in Arkansas censuses from 1870 to 1900.
(The 1890 census was mostly destroyed.)

Step 2. Determine a census to start with.

Start with the last census taken during the life of your ancestor.

The censuses from **1850 to 1920** give more information and include the name, age, and birthplace of every person in the household.

The censuses from **1790 to 1840** give the name of the head of household and the number of males and females in age groups **without** their names.

The censuses for 1930 and later are available from the U.S. Census Bureau only.

For ways the census can help you find your ancestor's parents, see Tip 1.

Step 3. Search the census.

For instructions on how to search a specific census, click on one of the following years:

1830 1840 1850 1860 1870
1880 1900 1910 1920

For information about archives and libraries that have census records, see [Where to Find It](#).

Step 4. Search another census.

Repeat Steps 2 and 3 until you search all the censuses taken during the life span of your ancestor. Each census may contain additional information.

If you skip a census taken when your ancestor lived, you risk missing additional information, such as names of in-laws or other relatives who may have lived with or near the family. Those names and relationships may help you identify earlier generations.

For other information about how to search the census, see [Tips](#).

Step 5. Analyze the information you obtain from the censuses.

To effectively use the information from the census, ask yourself these questions:

- Who was in the family?
- About when were they born?
- Where were they born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1850 through 1920.)
- Where were they living—town or township, county, and state?
- Where were their parents born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1880 through 1920.)
- Do they have neighbors with the same last name? Could they be relatives?

For more about comparing information in several censuses, see [Tip 3](#).

Tips

Tip 1. How can the census help me find my ancestor's parents?

Searching the census taken closest to the time the ancestor married has the best possibility of finding your ancestor and spouse living close to their parents and other family members.

Tip 2. How can I understand the information better?

Sometimes knowing why the census taker asked a question can help you understand the answer. Detailed instructions given to census takers are in the book *Twenty Censuses: Population and Housing Questions 1790-1980*, updated as *200 Years of U.S. Census Taking*, both by the United States Census Bureau.

Tip 3. How can comparing information in more than one census help me?

Comparing censuses indicates:

- Changes in who was in the household, such as children leaving home or the death of grandparents or a child.
- Changes in neighbors. Remember, neighbors might be relatives or in-laws.
- Changes about each individual, such as age.
- Movement of the family within Arkansas to a different county or town.
- Movement of the family out of Arkansas if the family no longer appears in the census for Arkansas.

You will eventually want to know every country, state, county, township, and town where your ancestor was located. You can then check information in other records for those places. A careful check of all available federal census records can help you identify those places.

Ages and estimated birth dates for an individual may vary greatly from census to census. Often ages are listed more accurately for young children than for older adults.

Background

Description

A census is a count and a description of the population of a country, colony, territory, state, county, or city. Census records are also called census schedules or population schedules.

Early censuses are basically head counts. Later censuses give information about marriage, immigration, and literacy. In the United States, censuses are useful because they begin early and cover a large portion of the population.

What U.S. Federal Censuses Are Available

Censuses have been taken by the United States government every 10 years since 1790. The 1920 census is the most recent federal census available to the public; the 1930 census will be released in 2002.

In 1885 the federal government also helped 5 states or territories (Colorado, Florida, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Dakota Territory) conduct special censuses. The 1890 census of Arkansas was destroyed in a fire.

Types of Census Schedules

The following census schedules are available for Arkansas and were created in various years by the federal government:

- **Population schedules** list a large portion of the population; most are well-indexed and are available at many repositories.
- **Mortality schedules** list those who died in the 12 months prior to the day the census was taken for the 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses.
- **1840 pensioners' schedules** list people who were receiving pensions in 1840. Included were men who fought in the Revolutionary War or in the War of 1812 or their widows.
- **Slave schedules** for Southern states list slave owners and the number of slaves they owned in 1850 and 1860.
- **Agricultural schedules** list data about farms and the names of the farmers for the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses.
- **Manufacturing or industrial schedules** list data about businesses and industries for the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses.

How the Censuses Were Taken

People called enumerators were hired by the United States government to take the census. The enumerators were given forms to fill out and were assigned to gather information about everyone living in a certain area or district. Enumerators could visit the houses in any order, so families who are listed together in the census may or may not have been neighbors. The accuracy of the enumerators and the readability of their handwriting varies.

After the census was taken, usually one copy was sent to the state and another to the federal government. Sometimes copies were also kept by the counties. Few of the state and county copies survived.

When the Censuses Were Taken

Census takers were supposed to gather information about the people who were part of each household on the following dates:

1790-1820: First Monday in August
1830-1900: 1 June (2 June in 1890)
1910: 15 April
1920: 1 January
1930: 1 April

If your ancestor was born in the census year, your ancestor should be listed only if he or she was born before the census date.

If your ancestor died in the census year, your ancestor should be listed only if he or she died after the census date.

The census may have actually taken several months to complete and may reflect births and deaths after the census date.

Censuses from 1930 to the Present

U.S. Federal Censuses from 1930 to the present are confidential. The 1930 census will be available in 2002. You may ask the U.S. Census Bureau to send information about:

- Yourself.
- Another living person, if you are that person's "authorized representative."
- Deceased individuals, if you are "their heir or administrator."

You may only request information for one person at a time. There is a fee for each search. To request information, you must provide the person's name, address at the time of the census, and other details on Form BC-600, available from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For the address of the U.S. Census Bureau, see *Where to Find It*.

Colonial, Territorial, State, and Local Censuses

Colonial, territorial, state, and local governments also took censuses. Nonfederal censuses generally contain information similar to and sometimes more than federal censuses of the same time. The Arkansas area was under French and Spanish rule from 1686 through 1803. For lists of residents, see Morris S. Arnold's book, *Arkansas Colonials: A Collection of French and Spanish Records Listing Early Europeans in Arkansas, 1686-1804*.

Arkansas took territorial censuses for 1823, 1829, and 1830.

Arkansas became a state in 1836. Arkansas has no state censuses.

Censuses for some towns and counties exist for the early American colonies and for areas colonized by France, Spain, and Mexico. Lists of early residents, sometimes referred to as "censuses," have usually been reconstructed from other records, such as tax and land records.

Colonial, territorial, state, and local censuses may be available on the Internet, at Family History Centers, in the Family History Library, and in state and local archives and libraries.

Where to Find It

Internet

Many Internet sites include census records, census indexes, or information about censuses. You may find the following sites helpful:

- Arkansas GenWeb and USGenWeb have links to indexes and records and may have links to archives, libraries, and genealogical and historical societies.
- CensusLinks on the 'Net includes links to Internet sites with United States and Canada censuses and indexes. It includes information about censuses and how to use them, a Soundex calculator, census forms you can print, an age calculator, and more.
- **Browse Categories** on this screen has links to records and indexes that are available on the Internet.
- The Archives and Libraries section of the *Arkansas Research Outline* lists Internet addresses for several Arkansas archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of Arkansas census records, and the Internet sites may list what records they have.

Family History Centers

Many Family History Centers keep copies of some census microfilms. Family History Centers can borrow microfilms of a U.S. Federal Census from the Family History Library. A small fee is charged to have a microfilm sent to a center.

You may request photocopies of U.S. Federal Censuses from the Family History Library. Staff at the Family History Center can show you how to request this service.

Family History Centers are located throughout the United States and other areas of the world. See Family History Centers for the address and phone number of the center nearest you.

Family History Library

The Family History Library has complete sets of the existing U.S. Federal Censuses from 1830 to 1920. No fee is charged for using the census microfilms in person.

For a list of indexes and other census records, click on **Family History Library Catalog**. Select from the list of titles to see descriptions of the records with the film or book call numbers. Use that information to obtain the records at a family history center or at the Family History Library.

For information about contacting or visiting the library, see *Family History Library and Family History Centers*.

National Archives

Copies of the existing federal censuses from 1790 to 1920 are available in the Microfilm Research Room in the National Archives Building and at the 13 Regional National Archives. The National Archives has a microfilm rental program for census records. Call 301-604-3699 for rental information. For information on how to order photocopies of census records from the National Archives, click here.

College and Public Libraries

Many college libraries have copies of the census microfilms, particularly for their own states. Many larger public libraries have copies of the census soundex and populations schedules. Smaller public libraries may be able to obtain the records through interlibrary loan.

State Archives, Libraries, Historical Societies, etc.

The Archives and Libraries section of the *Arkansas Research Outline* lists Internet and mailing addresses for several Arkansas archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of Arkansas census records, and the Internet sites may list what records they have.

U.S. Census Bureau

To request information from the 1930 census and later censuses, you must provide your relative's name, address, and other details on Form BC-600, available from:

The U.S. Census Bureau
P.O. Box 1545
Jeffersonville, IN 47131
Telephone: 812-218-3300

Genealogical Search Services

Many genealogical search services will search the census for a fee. These sources can help you find a genealogical search service:

- CyndisList lists many companies and individuals who do research and mentions publications about how to hire a professional genealogist.
- Advertisements in major genealogical journals may help you find a researcher.

U.S. State Censuses

ARKANSAS

- 1823, 1829
Arkansas sheriff's censuses, 1823 & 1829. **FEC Table 7
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- 1854
Statistical **State Census
Microfiche
Card 1. of 1**
- 1865
Washington County, Arkansas, Sheriff's
Census for 1865. **See BYLINE for
call number**
- 1890
1890 Saline County, Arkansas, taxpayers :
a substitute for the missing 1890 census:
with full-name index. **F 41.7.S23 B4x
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Crittenden County Crittenden County was created in 1825 from Phillips County.

Cross County Cross County was created in 1862 from Crittenden, Poinsett & St. Francis counties.

Dallas County Dallas County was created in 1845 from Clark & Bradley counties.

Desha County Desha County was created in 1838 from Arkansas & Chicot counties.

Dorsey County See Cleveland County.

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Perry County Perry County was created in 1840 from Conway County.

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