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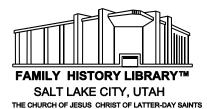
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This outline describes major sources of information about families from Vermont. As you read this outline, also study the *United States Research Outline* (30972), which will help you understand terminology, contents, and uses of genealogical records.

RECORDS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARYTM

The Family History Library has many of the records listed in this outline. The library's major holdings include vital, cemetery, census, probate, town records, and local histories.

Most sources described in this outline list the Family History Library's book, microfilm, microfiche, compact disc, and computer numbers. These are preceded by FHL, the abbreviation for $Family\ History\ Library$. You can use these numbers to locate materials in the library and to order microfilm and microfiche at Family History Centers.

You can use the computer number if you have access to the Family History Library Catalog $^{\text{TM}}$ on computer. The Computer Number Search is the fastest way to find a source in the catalog.

The Internet is growing in importance to genealogists. Sources found on the Internet are cited in this outline with their Universal Resource Locator (URL) address.

FAMILYSEARCH®

FamilySearch at Family History Centers™

FamilySearch is a collection of computer files containing millions of names. FamilySearch is a good place to begin your family history research. Some of the records come from compiled sources, and some have been extracted from original sources. The Family History Library[™] and many Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch. A few FamilySearch files, for example, the *U.S. Social Security Death Index* and the *U.S. Military Index*, are found on the Family History Library and Family History Center[™] version of FamilySearch, but not on the FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service.

FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service

The web site www.familysearch.org allows you to research your genealogy, order Family History Library publications, learn research strategies, and look for information about your ancestors in the following resources:

Ancestral $File^{TM}$, a file of over 35 million names organized into families and pedigrees.

International Genealogical Index®, an index of over 360 million names extracted out of vital records primarily from the British Isles, North America, and northern Europe.

Family History Library Catalog[™], a description and classification of over 2 million microfilm reels and hundreds of thousands of genealogical books. You can search the catalog by family name, locality, author, or book or film number.

SourceGuide[™], a resource that contains a collection of over 150 research outlines for states, nations, or genealogy topics, an extensive glossary of word meanings, and a catalog helper.

Family History Centers[™], a list of locations where you can order the microfilms described in the Family History Library Catalog and SourceGuide.

Web Sites, a categorized list of thousands of links to Internet sites related to family history.

Collaboration Lists, user-created mailing lists of researchers interested in similar genealogical topics.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG TM

The records of the Family History Library $^{\text{TM}}$ are listed in the Family History Library Catalog available at the library, at each Family History Center $^{\text{TM}}$.

To find a record in the Family History Library Catalog, look in the Locality Search for:

The *place* where your ancestor lived, such as:

UNITED STATES - CENSUS VERMONT - MILITARY RECORDS VERMONT, BENNINGTON - HISTORY VERMONT, BENNINGTON, RUPERT -VITAL RECORDS

The record type you want to search, such as:

UNITED STATES - CENSUS VERMONT - MILITARY RECORDS VERMONT, BENNINGTON - HISTORY VERMONT, BENNINGTON, RUPERT -VITAL RECORDS

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

RECORD SELECTION TABLE: VERMONT

This table can help you decide which records to search. It is most helpful for research from 1800 to the present.

- 1. In column 1, select a research goal.
- In column 2, find the types of records most likely to have the information you need.
 In column 3, find additional record types that may be useful.
- 4. Look in the section of this outline that corresponds to the record type you chose. It explains what the records might tell you, how to search them, and how to find the records in the Family History Library Catalog™ using the Locality Search. Some records are not at the library.
- 5. If you do not find the desired information, see the Records Selection Table in the United States Research Outline (30972) for more suggestions.

Note: Records of previous research (Genealogy, Biography, History, Periodicals, and Societies) are useful for most goals, but are not listed unless they are especially helpful.

1. If you need information about	2. Look first in	3. Then search
Adoptions	Probate Records, Town Records	Court Records, Census, Vital Records
Age	Census, Cemeteries, Vital Records	Military Records, Naturalization and Citizenship, Emigration and Immigration
Birth date	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Church Records	Town Records, Military Records, Biography, Bible Records
Birth place	Vital Records, Church Records	Census, Military Records, Town Records
Boundaries and origins	Maps, Gazetteers	History, Societies
Children	Census, Probate Records, Vital Records, Genealogy	Town Records, Church Records, Land and Property, Bible Records
City or parish of foreign birth	Vital Records, Biography	Naturalization and Citizenship, Church Records
Country of foreign birth	Census, Naturalization and Citizenship, Vital Records	Biography, Military Records, Minorities, Emigration and Immigration
Death information	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Church Records, Town Records	Probate Records, Newspapers, Bible Records
Divorce	Town Records, Vital Records, Court Records	Newspapers, Census
Ethnic background	Native Races, Minorities, Emigration and Immigration	Census, Naturalization and Citizenship, Church Records
Historical background	History, Periodicals, Gazetteers, Town Records	Maps, Land and Property, Church Records
Immigration date	Emigration and Immigration, Naturalization and Citizenship, Census	Maps, Biography, Minorities, Court Records
Living relatives	Probate Records, Directories, Town Records, Census	Biography, Newspapers, Land and Property
Maiden name	Vital Records, Probate Records, Church Records	Town Records, Military Records, Bible Records
Marriage information	Vital Records, Census, Church Records, Town Records	Military Records, Naturalization and Citizenship, Bible Records, Probate Records, Newspapers
Naturalization	Naturalization and Citizenship, Census, Court Records	Land and Property, Biography, Military Records
Occupations	Census, Directories, Town Records	Biography, History

RECORD SELECTION TABLE: VERMONT			
1. If you need information about	2. Look first in	3. Then search	
Other family members	Census, Probate Records, Town Records	Vital Records, Church Records, Bible Records	
Parents	Vital Records, Census, Church Records, Town Records	Probate Records, Biography, Genealogy, Bible Records	
Physical description	Military Records, Naturalization and Citizenship	Biography	
Place-finding aids	Maps, Gazetteers, History	Archives and Libraries, Societies	
Places of residence	Census, Military Records, Town Records, Taxation, Directories	Land and Property, Naturalization and Citizenship, Public Records	
Place of residence when you know only the state	Census, Vital Records, Military Records	Naturalization and Citizenship, Taxation, Directories, Bible Records	
Previous research	Genealogy, Biography, Societies	Periodicals, History, Archives and Libraries	
Record-finding aids	Archives and Libraries, Periodicals, Church Records	Societies, For Further Reading	
Religion	Church Records, Vital Records	Biography, History, Cemeteries	
Social activities	Societies, Biography	Cemeteries, Directories, Town Records	

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

Many archives and libraries have resources such as maps, gazetteers, and other place-finding aids to help you locate information about Vermont. They may have collections of previous research, such as family and local histories and biographies. Many have record-finding aids such as guides to their own collections or inventories of records housed elsewhere in the state.

Archives

· Vermont State Archives 26 Terrace St. Drawer 9 Montpelier, VT 05609-1103

Telephone: 802-828-2308 Fax: 802-828-2465

Internet: http://vermont-archives.org/

National Archives—Northeast Region (Boston)

380 Trapelo Road

Waltham, MA 02154-02452 Telephone: 781-647-8104

Fax: 781-647-8088

Internet: http://www.archives.gov/northeast/

 Genealogical Society of Vermont P.O. Box 1553 St. Albans, VT 05478

Internet: http://www.genealogyvermont.org/

Societies

• New England Historic Genealogical Society 101 Newbury Street

Boston, MA 02116-3007 Telephone: 617-536-5740 Fax: 617-536-7307

Internet: http://www.newenglandancestors.org/

Vermont Historical Society

109 State Street

Montpelier, VT 05609-0901 Telephone: 802-828-2291 Fax: 802-828-3638

Internet: http://www.vermonthistory.org/

The Family History Library[™] has the following guides to the manuscript and miscellaneous collections of the Vermont Historical Society:

Brigham, Loriman S. Guide to the "Miscellaneous File" of Uncatalogued Material in the Vermont Historical Society: With a Supplementary Index to the Guide. Montpelier, Vt.: n.p.,1969. (FHL book 974.3 A3b; film 908069, item 20; fiche 6046847; computer number 166719.) This card index of persons, places, and subjects includes family histories and court, business, and land records. The family histories listed may have genealogies, pictures, military records, financial family papers, and correspondence.

Brigham, Loriman S. *A Calendar of Manuscripts in Certain Boxes at the Vermont Historical Society.* Montpelier, Vt.: n.p., 1970. (FHL book 974.3 A3br; film 908503; computer number 166727.) This is a continuation of the above guide.

Brigham, Loriman S. *A Calendar of Manuscripts in Document Boxes at the Vermont Historical Society.* Montpelier, Vt.: n.p., 1972. (FHL book 974.3 A3bri; film 908503, item 2, computer number 166725.) This is a continuation of the above guide.

Libraries

 Vermont Department of Libraries 109 State Street Montpelier, VT 05609-0601 Telephone: 802-828-3261 Fax: 802-828-2199

Internet: http://dol.state.vt.us/

 Vermont Public Records Division General Service Center Reference Research Drawer 33 Montpelier, VT 05633-7601 Telephone: 802-828-3286

Fax: 802-828-3710

Internet: http://vitalrec.com/vt.html

• Special Collections
Bailey/Howe Library
University of Vermont
Burlington, VT 05405-0036
Telephone: 802-656-2020

Fax: 802-656-4038

Internet: http://library.uvm.edu/

Repository Guides

Repository guides list libraries, museums, or historical societies and the holdings of each:

A Guide to Vermont's Repositories. Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont State Archives, 1986. (FHL book 974.3 A3g; computer number 435144.) This guide gives addresses, phone numbers, brief descriptions of holdings, years covered, hours, copying facilities, and whether they accept mailin requests. It includes an index.

Basic Sources for Vermont Historical Research.
Montpelier, Vt.: Secretary of State, 1981? (FHL 974.3 A1 no. 44; computer number 243325.)
This guide provides names of officers, addresses, telephone numbers, hours, and brief descriptions of collections and services at six repositories in Vermont.

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 can 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 and on-line catalogs.
- Join in computer chat and lecture sessions.

You can find computerized research tips and information about ancestors from Vermont in a variety of sources at local, state, national, and international levels. Much of the information is available at little or no cost. Addresses on the Internet change frequently. The following sites are important gateways to additional sites:

FamilySearch® Internet Genealogy Service [database on-line]. Salt Lake City: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 22 March 1999 [cited 10 August 1999]. Available at www.familysearch.org; INTERNET. At this site you can access the Family History Library Catalog™, Ancestral File™, International Genealogical Index®, SourceGuide™, lists of Family History Centers™, web sites related to family history, and lists of researchers interested in similar genealogical topics. You can also learn about and order Family History Library publications.

Howells, Cyndi. "U.S. - Vermont - VT." In Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet [database on-line]. Puyallup, Wash.: Cyndi Howells, 10 August 1999 [cited 12 August 1999]. Available at www.cyndislist.com/vt.htm; INTERNET. This site lists more links to other Vermont genealogical sites and describes more resources than any other site on the Internet.

"Vermont USGenWeb." In the USGenWeb Project [database on-line].N.p., 1999 [cited 10 August 1999]. Available at http://home.att.net/~Local_History/VT_History.html; INTERNET. This site is 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.

"United States Resources: Vermont." In RootsWeb [database on-line]. N.p., 12 July 1999 [cited 10 August 1999]. Available at www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/usa/vt.html; INTERNET. This site contains a useful list of sites and resources and includes a large, regularly updated research coordination list.

Gaunt, Christine. "Vermont Resources." In Genealogy Resources on the Internet [database on-line]. N.p., 6 October 1998 [cited 23 August 1999]. Available at http://www-personal.umich.edu/~cgaunt/vermont.html; INTERNET. This site provides links to vital record offices, genealogical and historical societies, queries, mailing lists, county-by-county Internet sites, and gopher sites.

"VTGenExchange." In Genealogical Exchange & Surname Registry [database on-line]. N.p., 1996–99 [cited 23 August 1999]. Available at http://www.genexchange.org/state.php?state=vt; INTERNET. This site brings searchable data to genealogists, including databases (church, cemetery, census, land, immigration, naturalization, and vital records), directories, historical accounts, mailing lists, queries, and names of local surname researchers and look-up volunteers.

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

Some Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch. These computers do not have access to on-line services, networks, or bulletin boards. You can use these services at many public libraries, college libraries, and private locations.

Further inventories and other information about Vermont archives and libraries can be found in the Family History Library Catalog by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES VERMONT, [COUNTY] - ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

BIBLE RECORDS

Bibles were often given to a bride as a wedding gift, and families recorded in them information about immediate family and close relatives. Bible records can include birth, marriage, and death dates; parents' names; and names of children and their spouses, including maiden names. A person's age at the time of death may be given. Many families kept Bible records although few of these records have survived. Some have been donated to local libraries or societies.

Some indexed Bible records of Vermont can be found in:

Kirkham, E.K. *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; computer number 298346.) Volume 2 covers Vermont and New England. It is a surname index to many names from Bible records found on microfilms at the Family History Library™.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has a collection of Vermont Bible records. This collection is described in the "Genealogy" section of this outline.

The Vermont Historical Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society also have large collections of Bible records from Vermont.

More Bible records of families from Vermont can be found in the Family History Library CatalogTM by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - BIBLE RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - BIBLE RECORDS

BIOGRAPHY

Biographies provide useful genealogical information such as a person's birth date and place; names of family members, including maiden names; education; occupation; and social, political, and religious affiliation. They may also contain a physical description of the person, previous residences, and immigration information. Biographies are the product of family knowledge or previous research about early settlers and prominent citizens of a state, county, or town. Local histories may contain biographical sketches of lesser-known people.

The University of Vermont at Burlington and the Vermont Historical Society have the largest and most representative collections of biographical materials. The Family History Library™ collection includes biographies of civil and military leaders and pioneers.

Genealogical and Family History of the State of Vermont. 2 vols. New York: Lewis Publishing, 1903. (FHL book 974.3 D3cg; films 496892, item 2 and 496893; fiche 6046680; computer number 166268.) These volumes are about leading Vermont citizens. Birth dates and places for several generations may be included. This source is indexed by surname.

Vermont Historical Gazetteer: A Magazine
Embracing a History of Each Town, Civil,
Ecclesiastical, Biographical and Military.
6 vols. in 9. Burlington, Vt.: A. M. Hemenway,
1868–1923. (FHL book 974.3 H2v; films
1000620–21; computer number 159287.) This
book includes all towns in the state, except
towns in Windsor County. Each volume contains
local histories and biographical notes. Volume 6
is a comprehensive index.

Kent, Dorman B.E. *Vermonters*. Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 1937. (FHL book 974.3 D3k; film 1000630, item 4; computer number 165852.) This book includes an index and is arranged alphabetically by town of birth. It is a list of prominent Vermont-born business, political, military, and ecclesiastical leaders and their occupations. It is arranged chronologically by birth year under each town.

Ullery, Jacob G. *Men of Vermont*. Brattleboro, Vt.: Transcript Pub., 1894. (FHL book 974.3 D3u; film 1000623, item 3; computer number 165865.) Each alphabetical biography relates political and military facts, residences, and family information.

Dodge, Prentiss Cutler. *Encyclopedia, Vermont Biography*. Burlington, Vt.: Ullery Publishing, 1912. (FHL book 974.3 D3d; computer number 165877.) This book contains information about founders and politicians and includes governors, senators, and judges with some genealogical information. It also includes an index.

See the "Biography" section of *the United States Research Outline* (30972) for information on nationwide biographical collections. See also the "History" and "Genealogy" sections of this outline for additional sources.

To find biographies and published family histories on specific surnames in the Family History Library Catalog^M, use a Surname Search. Typing the words *Vermont* in the Keyword Search will help to limit the search to families in Vermont.

The Family History Library has many collected biographies and local county histories with biographical sketches of residents. These can be found in the Family History Library Catalog by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - BIOGRAPHY VERMONT, [COUNTY] - BIOGRAPHY VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -BIOGRAPHY

CEMETERIES

Cemetery records, such as tombstone and sexton's records, may give birth and death dates, age at death, name of spouse and children, and the maiden names. Sometimes they include birthplace. Tombstones may have symbols or insignias indicating military service and social or religious affiliations. Family members may also be buried nearby.

Locating Cemeteries and Cemetery Records

The following book helps you locate where cemeteries can be found in Vermont:

Burial Grounds of Vermont. Townshend, Vt:
Vermont Old Cemetery Association, 1991. (FHL book 974.3 V34b; computer number 693088.)
This source contains 485 pages of cemetery listings with detailed maps. The lists are arranged by county, then by town. They include the first and last burial dates in the cemetery, approximate number of burials in each lot, and the condition of the lots.

For a bibliography of Vermont cemetery record transcripts, see:

Nichols, Joann H. *Index to Known Cemetery Listings in Vermont*. 3rd ed. Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 1995. (FHL book 974.3 V32n; computer number 777008; 2nd ed. book 974.3 A1 no. 27; fiche 6093892; computer number 142524.) This bibliography is arranged by county, town, and then by cemetery name. Next to each cemetery's name is a code you can use to locate the cemetery transcript. It also includes many Family History Library™ microfilms.

Most Vermont gravestones from earliest times to 1870 have been transcribed and are found in the Vermont Secretary of State's *General Index to Vital Records of Vermont, Early to 1870* cited in the "Vital Records" section of this outline.

Internet Tombstone Transcripts and Index

Genealogical society members often copy and publish tombstone inscriptions (abstracts). The USGenWeb Archives have headstone abstracts from five cemeteries listed on their Internet site at:

Chase, Scott. "The Vermont Tombstone
Transcription Project." In USGenWeb Archives
Digital Library [database on-line]. N.p.:
USGenWeb Archives, 22 June 1999 [cited 11
August 1999]. Available at http://www.rootsweb.
ancestry.com/~cemetery/vermont/vermont.html;
INTERNET. This is a county-by-county list of
cemeteries. The five highlighted cemeteries have
tombstone abstracts. Abstracted cemeteries are
indexed in:

"Search the USGenWeb Archives Digital Library" In USGenWeb Archives Digital Library [database on-line]. N.p.: USGenWeb Archives, 22 September 1997 [cited 24 August 1999]. Available at www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/ussearch.htm; INTERNET. This web site indexes cemetery abstracts and other items. Select the state of interest, type the name of the ancestor you seek in the "Query" field, and click **Search**. For best results, use the "Search Tips" and examples at the bottom of the web page. The computer will list any matches it finds and give you the option of viewing the full transcript.

Cemetery Transcripts

The Genealogical Society of Vermont has published many cemetery transcriptions in their quarterly *Branches and Twigs*. See the "Periodicals" section of this outline for more information.

Some cemetery records are available for Vermont.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) copied many tombstone records. Their collection, described in the "Genealogy" section of this outline, is on microfilm at the Family History Library. It includes cemetery records for Addison, Bennington, Grand Isle, Rutland, and Windsor counties, and the towns of Dover, Bristol, Fairfax, Hardwick, Middlebury, Poultney, Pomfret, Putney, Shelburne, Waterville, Vergennes, and Waltham.

Index to James N. Arnold Tombstone Records' Collection. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1992. (On 12 FHL films beginning with 1819819; computer number 695706.) This index is arranged alphabetically by surname and covers tombstone records in Vermont, and other states.

The Veterans Affairs Office of the Vermont Adjutant General has a veterans' grave registration card file for veterans of wars from the American Revolution through World War I. Over 6,000 Revolutionary War veterans' graves are listed by town in:

Crockett, Walter H. Soldiers of the Revolutionary War Buried in Vermont, and Anecdotes and Incidents Relating to Some of Them. 1903–4. Reprint, Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle Antiquarian Books, 198–?. (FHL book 974.3 M2cw; computer number 349451; FHL fiche 6078110; computer number 698533.) This book lists by town the names of those buried and includes a list of 3,196 pensioners arranged by county.

The Vermont Historical Society has a 14-drawer collection of grave registrations for soldiers of any war buried in Vermont. It has not been updated since it was created by the WPA before World War II.

Original records for cemeteries, tombstone inscriptions, and burial and removal permits are usually found in each town clerk's office. See the "Town Records" section of this outline.

Several periodicals have published inscriptions and inventories from Vermont cemeteries. These are referenced in the "Places" section of the *Periodical Source Index* (PERSI), described in the "Periodicals" section of this outline.

For more information on cemetery records, see the *United States Research Outline* (30972.) To

find more sources in the Family History Library Catalog $^{\text{TM}}$, use a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - CEMETERIES VERMONT, [COUNTY] - CEMETERIES VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -CEMETERIES

CENSUS

Census records can show the following information for each member of a household: name, age, state or country of birth, marital status, occupation, race, citizenship, and immigration information. They can also give clues to marriage dates, death dates, migration patterns, previous residence, adoptions, and divorces. Parents or other relatives may also have been living with a family when a census was taken. People listed in the census with the same surname may be related. Statewide census indexes can help you locate families when you have only their state of residence.

Federal Censuses

Population Schedules (1790–1920). Many federal census records are at the Family History Library[™], the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *United States Research Outline* (30972) provides detailed information about these records.

The Family History Library has microfilms of the U.S. federal censuses of Vermont taken every 10 years from 1790 (actually taken in 1791) to 1920. The 1890 census was destroyed, but the 1890 Civil War Union veterans schedule and a published index are available at the Family History Library and at the National Archives.

Statewide indexes represent almost every household in the Vermont censuses. For most families, they index only the first person listed in each household, who was usually the father or head of the household. Many families, however, had relatives or friends with a different surname living with them when the census was taken. In those cases, the first person of each surname in the household is included in the index.

Statewide indexes are available for the 1790, 1800, 1810, 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 federal censuses in book and microfiche format. Soundex (phonetic) indexes are available for part of the 1880 census (those indexed are households with children born between 1870 and 1880). There is a Soundex index for all households in the 1900 and 1920 censuses. The 1910 census does not have a Soundex index.

Omissions. Some statewide indexes and multistate indexes have significant omissions. There are 18 towns omitted from the 1850 statewide census index. These include indexes for Rutland County census pages 348–416, Washington County census pages 62–132, and Windham County census pages 1–151. The 1860 statewide census index omits an entire microfilm of census records for the county of Addison on census pages 1–616.

The FamilyFinder™ Index described below omits the same set of 1850 census pages, but it does index the Addison County names omitted in the 1860 statewide index. The AIS Microfiche Indexes described below also omit the same set of 1850 census pages, and do not index the 1860 census at all. The Family History Library does not have countywide indexes to fill these statewide census index gaps.

Countywide indexes to federal censuses may include heads of households that were overlooked or whose names were misspelled in statewide indexes. Countywide indexes are listed in the Family History Library Catalog™ Locality Search under:

VERMONT, [COUNTY] - CENSUS - [YEAR]

The state copy of the 1850 federal census of the towns of Baltimore and Springfield listed the town of birth for each resident. For an index of this state copy of these two towns, see *Vermont Families in 1791* cited in the "Genealogy" section of this outline.

Multi-state census indexes usually contain the same information gathered in preparing statewide indexes. These records often index censuses (federal, state, and territorial), tax lists, and other records that identified where people lived in the area. Multi-state indexes containing Vermont records are:

FamilyFinder™ Index and Viewer Version 4.0.
Family Tree Maker Archives, index.
Brøderbund Software, Novato, Calif., 1997.
(FHL compact disc no. 9, 1997 index; computer number 808500.) This does not circulate to Family History Centers™. It is a single composite index to the 1790–1860 federal censuses of Vermont and New England, the 1850 and 1860 mortality schedules, and various petitions, Vermont state papers, and selected town records from about 1760 to 1797. An Internet edition of this index is also available:

"Internet FamilyFinder™." FamilyTreeMaker.com [database on-line]. Novato, Calif.: Brøderbund Software, 21 July 1999 [cited 13 August 1999]. Available at http://familytreemaker.com/; INTERNET. You can search the Internet FamilyFinder index for free. It displays the census year and state for each name matching the search. It may also list many vital records and genealogical collection citations. Once you know the census year and state, you must use the original index on compact disc, microfiche, or book to obtain enough data to easily find the name in the original census schedules. Similar index information is also available at www.Ancestry.com/census/ for a subscription fee.

Jackson, Ronald Vern. AIS Microfiche Indexes of the U.S. Census and Other Records. Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1984. (This has no FHL fiche number, but it is available on microfiche at many Family History Centers.) Census indexes for 1790, 1800, and 1810; Vermont state papers; and various town records from about 1760 to 1797 are combined together on Search 1. Separate Vermont 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 indexes are on other searches. Mortality schedules for 1850 and 1860 are combined on Search 8.

When indexes are not available or omit or incorrectly index a name, you can still look for the name in the census schedules. For large cities, it helps to first learn a person's address by searching city directories created near the time of the census. Information for a directory was gathered long before publication, so a directory from the year after the census may match the census better than the one published during the census year. (See the "Directories" section of this outline for more information). Once you learn a person's address, search the original census schedules for that address.

These reference tools help determine which census schedule microfilm and enumeration district to search for specific addresses:

Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumerations Districts. National Archives Microfilm Publications, T1224 and T1210. These descriptions were prepared by the United States Bureau of the Census. The Family History Library film numbers are:

- 1880, FHL film 1402862; computer number 299426
- 1900, FHL film 1303027; computer number 117685

- 1910, FHL film 1374012; computer number
- 1920, FHL film 1842719; computer number 687949

Buckway, G. Eileen. *U.S. 1910 Federal Census: Unindexed States: A Guide to Finding Census Enumeration Districts for Unindexed Cities, Towns, and Villages*. Salt Lake City: Family History Library, 1992. (FHL book 973 X2bu 1910; fiche 6101340 [set of 8]; computer number 678265.) This guide lists all Vermont towns (or wards) with their 1910 census enumeration district numbers and FHL film numbers.

Mortality Schedules (1850–1880). The 1850 and 1860 mortality schedules are indexed in the multi-state indexes described previously.

The 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 mortality schedules (lists of persons who died in the preceding 12 months) are at the Vermont Department of Libraries. The 1870 schedule is also at the National Archives. In addition to providing the same information about the deceased person that the regular census schedules provide for the living, mortality schedules also state the month and cause of death and the number of days ill. The Family History Library has abstracts of the 1850 and 1860 mortality schedules in volumes 17 and 18 of the Daughters of the American Revolution records described in the "Societies" section of this outline. The abstracts may show the county of residence. name, age, sex, color, marital status, and occupation of the deceased. The library also has the 1880 mortality schedules:

United States. Census Office. 10th Census, 1880. *Vermont Mortality Returns, 1880*. Montpelier, Vt: Public Records Division, 1982. (FHL film 1405371; computer number 309703.)

Veterans Schedules (1840 and 1890). In the 1840 federal census a listing was made of the Revolutionary War veterans, giving their age, residence, and the name of the head of the household. The following index is available, listing these veterans for all states:

A General Index to a Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Service, 1840.
Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1965. (FHL book 973 X2pc 1965 index; fiche 6046771; computer number 270948; film 899835, items 1–2; computer number 271067.) The book with the actual 1840 census information is:

A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Service: With Their Names, Ages, and Places of Residence, as Returned by the Marshals of the Several Judicial Districts, Under the Act for Taking the Sixth Census. Washington D.C.: Printed by Blair and Rives, 1841. (FHL book 973 X2pc 1840; film 1064759, item 3; computer number 270766.)

For the 1890 census of Vermont Union Army veterans of the Civil War, see:

United States. Census Office. 11th Census, 1890. Schedules Enumerating Union Veterans and Widows of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

National Archives Microfilm Publications, M0123. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1948. (FHL film 338264; computer number 59376.)

For an index to the 1890 veterans schedules, see:

Jackson, Ronald Vern. *1890 Vermont Census Index*. Salt Lake City: Accelerated Indexing Systems, 1984. (FHL book 974.3 X22j 1890; computer number 417882.)

Colonial Census

For a partial list of Vermont residents in 1771, see:

Holbrook, Jay Mack. *Vermont 1771 Census*. Oxford, Mass: Holbrook Research Institute, 1982. (FHL book 974.3 X3h; computer number 112365.) This source gives an alphabetical list showing name, year, residence, record type, and source. It also gives a reconstructed list of names compiled from records of first settlers, residents, petitioners, rioters, and landowners from 1761 to 1778.

Vermont census records can be found in the Family History Library Catalog by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - CENSUS VERMONT - CENSUS - [YEAR] VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CENSUS -[YEAR]

CHURCH RECORDS

Church records and the information they provide vary greatly depending on the denomination and the record keeper. They may contain information about members of the congregation, such as age; date of baptism, christening, or birth; marriage information and maiden names; and death date. Records may include names of other relatives who were witnesses

or members of the congregation. The members of some churches were predominantly of one nationality or ethnic group.

Before 1900 the largest religious groups in Vermont were the Baptist, Congregational, Episcopal, Methodist, and Roman Catholic churches. For a list of churches in Vermont, see John Gordon Melton's *National Directory of Churches, Synagogues and Other Houses of Worship* in the "Church Records" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

The Family History Library[™] has the records of some denominations in Vermont. Many denominations have collected their records into central repositories. To locate these repositories, write to the following addresses:

Baptist

Bailey-Howe Library University of Vermont Burlington, VT 05405-0036 Telephone: 802-656-2020

Fax: 802-656-4038

Internet: http://library.uvm.edu/

American Baptist Historical Society 1106 South Goodman Street Rochester, NY 14620 Telephone: 716-473-1740 Attn: Karen Sundland Internet: http://www.baptisthistory.us/

internet. http://www.oaptistinistory.us/

For a history of the Baptist church, see:

Crocker, Henry. *History of the Baptists in Vermont.* Bellows Falls, Vt.: P. H. Gobie Press, 1913. (FHL film 1033832, item 2; fiche 6051223; computer number 122476.) This book includes an index.

Congregational

Congregational Library 14 Beacon Street Boston, MA 02108 Telephone: 617-523-0470

Fax: 617-523-0470

Internet: www.14beacon.org

For a history of the Congregational churches in Vermont from 1762 to 1914, see:

Comstock, John Moore. *The Congregational Churches of Vermont and Their Ministry, 1762–1914, Historical and Statistical.* St. Johnsbury, Vt.: Caledonian, 1915. (FHL book 974.3 K2cc; film 874201, item 3; fiche 6046853 [set of 3]; computer number 167116.) This book includes historical information and is arranged by town.

Episcopal

Episcopal Diocesan Center 5 Rock Point Road Burlington, VT 05401-2735 Telephone: 802-863-3431 Fax: 802-860-1562

For further information, see:

Historical Records Survey (Vermont). *Inventory of Church Archives of Vermont, No. 1, Diocese of Vermont, Protestant Episcopal.* Montpelier, Vt.: The Survey, 1940. (FHL book 974.3 K23h; computer number 78603.) This book also includes a historical sketch of each parish or mission.

Methodist

Green Mountain College Library One College Circle Poultney, Vt 05764 Telephone: 802-287-8225

Fax: 802-287-8222 (Attention Library)

Internet: www.greenmtn.edu

Roman Catholic

Roman Catholic genealogical records are kept in each individual parish. For general information, or for the location and addresses of parishes, contact:

Archives of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington 351 North Avenue Burlington, VT 05401 Telephone: 802-658-6110

Fax: 802-658-0436

Internet: www.vermontcatholic.org

Assemblee des Eveques du Quebec 1225 St. Joseph Blvd. East

Montreal, Quebec Canada H2J 1L7

Telephone: 514-274-4323

Universalist and Unitarian

MacDonald, Edith Fox. *Rebellion in the Mountains: The Story of Universalism and Unitarianism in Vermont*. Concord, N.H.: New Hampshire Vermont District of the Unitarian Universalist Association, 1979. (FHL book 974.3 K2m; computer number 524028; film 0974420; computer number 304770.) This book relates the history of these religions and their coming together. It shows societies in each county and lists the names, dates, and locations of the ministers' churches, including the names of the laymen who were involved. It includes an index.

For more information, see the "Church Records" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972). More sources can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - CHURCH RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - CHURCH RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN], -CHURCH RECORDS

COURT RECORDS

Names of Vermont residents may be found in civil court records of actions such as disputes over property or settlement of estates. Criminal court records have information of those involved in confrontations, thefts, or destruction of property. These records may give a person's age, residence, occupation, and family relationships. Friends and neighbors may have given depositions as witnesses.

The following are major Vermont courts that kept records of genealogical value:

1777– *Superior or county courts* have pres. countywide jurisdiction over major civil and criminal cases.

pres. Justice courts had countywide jurisdiction over civil and criminal cases. As other courts were created, jurisdiction of the justice courts was reduced to minor civil cases.

1800s– *District courts* have countywide pres. jurisdiction over minor civil and criminal cases.

The records of these courts are available at the county courthouses. The Public Records Division at Montpelier has county court and supreme court records for Bennington, Caledonia, Chittenden, Washington, and Windsor counties from 1782 to 1834. The University of Vermont has some Windsor County documents for 1759 to 1852.

See the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for more detailed information on court records. Refer to the "Probate Records," and "Naturalization and Citizenship" sections of this outline for information about those specific court records.

The Family History LibraryTM has microfilm copies of only a few court records. They can be found in the Family History Library CatalogTM by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT, [COUNTY] - COURT RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - COURT RECORDS

DIRECTORIES

City and county directories are similar to presentday telephone books and are useful records for locating people. They were often published annually, listing heads of households, employed household members, and their occupations and addresses. They can be used with census records or as substitutes for them.

For Vermont, directories have been published for various cities and counties since the mid 1800s, though they may not exist for every year. Some directories focus on the businesses or occupations of an area, while others include heads of households and landowners.

The University of Vermont and other libraries have collections of city and county directories. Typical types of directories are city directories, telephone directories, church directories, occupational directories, farmers directories, or rosters of society members.

The Family History Library[™] has compact discs that incorporate recent telephone directories for most of the United States. These directories are not available at Family History Centers[™], but may be used at the Family History Library. Current telephone directories can also be found on the Internet, and may assist in finding living relatives.

A series of directories to businesses in Vermont is:

Vermont (State) Directories. Woodridge, Conn.: Research Publications, 1990–94. (On 20 FHL fiche 6044609–15; computer number 660765.) These directories for the years 1849 and 1855–1860 include the names of businessmen, officials, clergymen, merchants, and doctors and are listed by town and then alphabetically by name. These are a microfilm of originals published by various publishers.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society microfilmed their entire collection of Vermont directories. This collection is also available through the American Genealogical Lending Library in Bountiful, Utah.

Directories for each county in Vermont were published by Hamilton Child between 1881 and 1888. They include the names of residents and their occupation and include farmers and other rural residents. Directories of heads of households have also been published for some cities in Vermont. These and other directories can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - DIRECTORIES VERMONT, [COUNTY] - DIRECTORIES VERMONT. [COUNTY], [TOWN] -DIRECTORIES

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

The "Emigration and Immigration" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) lists several important sources for finding information about immigrants to this country. These sources include many references to people who settled in Vermont. The *Tracing Immigrant Origins Research Outline* (34111) introduces the principles, research strategies, and additional record types you can use to identify an immigrant's original hometown.

People

Colonial settlers of Vermont generally came from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. During the early years of statehood until about 1808, settlers continued to come to Vermont from southern New England, but by the 1830s many Vermonters had left for developing cities in the south or for new farmlands to the west in the United States or to the north in Canada.

Before the middle of the 19th century, Irish immigrants from overseas came to build the railroads. Canadian immigrants, especially French Canadians from Quebec province, began to come to the state before the Civil War and continued to come in large numbers in the early 1900s. Smaller numbers of settlers came from Italy, Wales, Spain, and Poland to work in the mines, mills, and quarries of Vermont.

For a history of settlement patterns of emigrants from Vermont before 1860, see:

Stilwell, Lewis D. *Migration from Vermont*. Growth of Vermont, 5. Montpelier, Vt.: Vermont Historical Society, 1948. (FHL book 974.3 W2s; film 873949; computer number 155492.) This book includes a name and locality index and charts showing migration patterns of Vermonters to other parts of the United States.

Records

Colonial immigrants. Names of colonial immigrants listed in published sources are indexed in P. William Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. See the "Emigration and Immigration" section of the United States Research Outline (30972) for this source and more detailed information on U.S. immigration sources.

A comprehensive list of about 140,000 immigrants to America from Britain is:

Coldham, Peter Wilson. *The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607–1776 and Emigrants in Bondage, 1614–1775*. Family Tree Maker's Family Archives, no. 350. Brøderbund Software, Novato, Calif., 1996. (FHL compact disc no. 9 pt. 350; computer number 784052.) This compact disc is not circulated to Family History Centers[™]. It includes Vermont immigrants and may show British hometown, emigration date, ship, destination, and text of the document abstract. These are also indexed in the *FamilyFinder*[™] *Index and Viewer* described in the "Census" section of this outline.

New England Passenger Lists (1820–1940). The major port of entry to New England is Boston. The following indexes and records are available:

United States. Bureau of Customs. *Passenger Lists* of Vessels Arriving at Boston, 1820–1891: With Index 1848–1891. National Archives Microfilm Publications, M0277. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1959–1960. (On 397 FHL films starting with 205656; computer number 217426.) The passenger lists between 1874 and 1883 are

missing. The Massachusetts State Archives has copies of these lists, including the nine missing years. There is an index:

United States. Bureau of Customs. A
Supplemental Index to Passenger Lists of
Vessels Arriving at Atlantic & Gulf Coast
Ports (Excluding New York) 1820–1874.
National Archives Microfilm Publications,
M0334. Washington, D.C.: National
Archives, 1960. (FHL films 418161–348;
computer number 216582.)

United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Index to Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Jan 1, 1902–Dec. 31, 1920; Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Boston, Aug. 1, 1891–1943; Book Indexes to Boston Passenger Lists, 1899–1940.* National Archives Microfilm Publications, T0521, T0843, T0617, and T0790. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1944–45, 1956. (On 597 FHL films beginning with 1724620; computer number 92077.) The indexes are chronological by arrival date and name of the ship and then lists the passengers alphabetically.

Portland, Maine was another significant port of arrival:

United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Portland, Maine, 1893–1943; Index 1893–1954*. National Archives Microfilm Publications, A1151, and T0524. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1944, 1986. (On 34 FHL films beginning with 1412619; computer number 92110.) Index cards are grouped by time period and then by name of the head of the household, but are not in strict alphabetical order.

Canadian Border Crossing Records

(1895–1954). Lists of passengers crossing the Canadian border to the United States, including Vermont, were collected at St. Albans, Vermont, and are called Manifest of Passengers Arriving in the St. Albans, Vermont District. This collection includes records from all over Canada and the northern United States. These are the records compiled by U.S. immigration officials who inspected travelers at all Canadian seaports, major cities, and emigration stations and at U.S. train arrival stations in all border states from Maine to Washington. These lists may include the name of the passenger, date and port or station of entry, literacy, last residence, previous visits to the United States, place of birth, and names of relatives in the United States and Canada. For a

full description of the two sets of records and four indexes, see the "Emigration and Immigration" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972). One record pertains more to Vermont than the others:

United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. St. Albans District Manifest Records of Aliens Arriving from Foreign Contiguous Territory: Records of Arrivals through Small Ports in Vermont, 1895–1924. National Archives Microfilm Publications, M1462. Washington, D.C.: National Archives Records Service, 195–?. (FHL film 1430387–92; computer number 423849.) These records are arranged first by entry station, then alphabetically by surname. They are from Vermont ports of entry only: Alburg, Beecher Falls, Canaan, Highgate Springs, Island Pond, Norton, Richford, St. Albans, and Swanton.

Where Vermont Residents Went. For information about where Vermont residents tended to move, see:

Davenport, David Paul. "Yankee Settlement of New York 1783–1820." *Genealogical Journal* 17, no. 1 & 2 (1988/1989): 63–88. (FHL book 973 D25gi; computer number 261185.) This article gives a state-by-state analysis of New Yorker origins and includes several maps.

Darlington, James W. "Peopling the Post-Revolutionary New York Frontier." *New York History* 74, no. 4 (Oct. 1993): 340–81. (FHL book 974.7 H25n; computer number 407876.) This statistical analysis with detailed maps also discusses where people moved after settling New York.

Other sources on emigration and immigration can be found in the Family History Library CatalogTM by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

GAZETTEERS

Gazetteers list geographical names such as towns, settlements, villages, districts, rivers, and mountains. They identify these locations and sometimes, give historical and biographical information concerning early residents.

Several guides to Vermont place-names have been published, including:

Hayward, John. *A Gazetteer of Vermont*. 1849. Reprint, Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1990. (FHL book 974.3 E5h; computer number 555138.) This book includes histories of counties and towns; descriptions of the boundaries; names of the first settlers, ministers, and businessmen; and population schedules for each town for the census years.

Swift, Ester Munroe. *Vermont Place-Names: Footprints of History.* Brattleboro, Vt.: Stephen Greene Press, 1977. (FHL book 974.3 E2s; computer number 124263.) This source contains brief histories of each town and county that include dates of creation and maps and indicate whether the town was created by New Hampshire grants, New York patents, or Vermont charters. The 1996 edition is not yet available at the Family History Library™.

Thompson, Zadock. *History of Vermont: Natural*, *Civil and Statistical in Three Parts, with an Appendix, 1853*. Burlington, Vt.: Thompson, 1853. (FHL book 974.3 H2t; fiche 6046850; computer number 165806.) Part 3 of the book contains a gazetteer that is alphabetical and gives a detailed description of the counties, towns, rivers, and mountains.

Hemenway's *The Vermont Historical Gazetteer* cited in the "Biography" section of this outline contains a list of counties and towns with their origins and history and names of prominent citizens.

Other gazetteers and place name resources can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - GAZETTEERS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - GAZETTEERS VERMONT - HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHY VERMONT - NAMES, GEOGRAPHICAL

GENEALOGY

Many genealogies of the earliest immigrants and settlers of the colonial states have been published. Most of the published town and county histories in Vermont also contain genealogies. Most archives, historical societies, and genealogical societies have special collections of previous research and indexes of genealogical value. You must usually search these in person.

Nationwide Indexes

You will find information on the following important nationwide genealogical indexes in the *United States Research Outline* (30972), in the sections indicated:

- Ancestral File[™] ("Genealogy" section. Also available on FamilySearch® Internet Genealogy Service.)
- FamilyFinder™ Index ("Census" section. Also on the Internet at www.familytreemaker.com/allsearch.html.)
- Family History Library Catalog[™] Surname Search ("Introduction" and "Genealogy" sections. Also available on FamilySearch® Internet Genealogy Service.)
- Genealogical Index of the Newberry Library ("Genealogy" section)
- Index to American Genealogies ("Genealogy" section)
- Index to National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections (NUCMC) ("Genealogy" section. Also available on the Internet at http://lcweb.loc.gov/coll/nucmc/nucmc.html.)
- International Genealogical Index® ("Genealogy" section. Also available on FamilySearch® Internet Genealogy Service.)
- Old Surname Index File ("Genealogy" section)
- Periodical Source Index (PERSI) ("Periodicals" section. Also available on the Internet at www.Ancestry.com/ancestry/search/3165.htm for a subscription fee.)

These indexes are available at the Family History Library[™] and many libraries with family history collections. For another nationwide index important to Vermont research, see:

American Genealogical-Biographical Index.

Vols. 1–198+. Middletown, Conn.: Godfrey Memorial Library, 1952–. (FHL book 973 D22am; on 31 FHL films beginning with 1698167; computer number 49554.) This is a continuing series. An earlier edition of 48 volumes was published as *The American Genealogical Index*, 1942–1951. The expanded edition consists of 198+ volumes indexing over 12 million brief citations (name, date, and source) to over 1,150 manuscripts, periodicals, or books. This index is also available through:

"American Genealogical Biographical Index (AGBI)." Ancestry.com [database on-line]. Orem, Utah: Ancestry, 1999. Available at www.ancestry.com/agbi.htm; INTERNET. This online database is available only to Ancestry.com members. It also available on CD-ROM.

To help interpret citations and locate the original sources, use the colored pages in some volumes, or

Key Title Index to the American Genealogical Biographical Index: Register of Family History Library Call Numbers. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1990. (FHL book 973 D22am index; film 1698167, item 4; fiche 6088377; computer number 491052.) This shows which sources are at the Family History Library and gives their call numbers.

Statewide and Regional Collections

Heppman, John A. "A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy." *Vermont Genealogy* 3 (1998): 17–27, 79–89, 128–36, and 4 (1999): 17–30, [plus one or two more installments]. (FHL book 974.3 D25v v. 3–4; computer number 770515.)

The Family History Library has many collections of genealogies and family histories. Those dealing mostly with Vermont families can be found in the following sources:

Genealogical and Family History of the State of Vermont, 2 vols. New York: Lewis Pub., 1903. (FHL book 974.3 D3cg; film 496892, item 2; fiche 6046680; computer number 166268.) This source contains the genealogies and achievements of some of the leading men of Vermont and includes an index.

Cutter, William Richard. New England Families, Genealogical and Memorial. 4 vols. New York: Lewis Historical Pub., 1913. (FHL book 974.D2c 1913; films 164686–89; computer number 268103.) These volumes relate the achievements of the citizens of Vermont. They contain biographical information on the head of a family and genealogical data on the family members. These are complete with names, places and dates of events. Each volume is indexed.

Greenlaw, William Prescott. *The Greenlaw Index of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.* 2 vols. Boston, Mass.: G. K. Hall, 1979. (FHL book Q 974 D22g; computer number 40822.) This is an index to many local histories and genealogies published between 1900 and about 1940. It is arranged by family name and carries each family through three or more generations.

English Origins of New England Families: From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. First Series, 3 vols., 1985. Second Series, 3 vols., 1985. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing. (First series FHL book 974 D2e; fiche 6047919–21; computer number 282008.) (Second series FHL book 974 D2en; fiche 6047922–24; computer number 343700.) These family genealogies are taken from the original multi-volume work of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register. The information is complete for several generations in each family. All sources are cited, and each volume has a detailed index.

Vermont Families in 1791. Special Publication / Genealogical Society of Vermont, v. 1. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992. (FHL book 974.3 D2v; computer number 663536.) This is an ongoing series of alphabetical lists of the pioneer families of Vermont. Each family shows several generations with detailed information, including dates and places of events. Sources are cited for all information and an index is included. Volume 2 (1997) is not yet available at the Family History Library. For a combined index of both volumes, see the author's Internet site:

Bartley, Scott Andrew. "Name Index." In Scott Andrew Bartley [database on-line]. Boston, Mass.: S.A. Bartley, 3 July 1999 [cited 13 September 1999]. Available at www.yourgenealogist.com/names_index.htm; INTERNET. This also indexes the state copy of the Baltimore and Springfield 1850 federal census schedules which lists each person's town of birth.

Barden, Merritt Clark. *Vermont, Once No Man's Land*. Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1928. (FHL book 974.3 D2b; film 1033810, item 11; computer number 104188.) This book is a genealogical summary of the families who lived along the New York border in Vermont and their connection with those who lived over the line in New York.

Savage, James. A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England: Showing Three Generations of Those Who Came Before May 1692. 4 vols. 1860–62. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1981. (FHL book 974 D2s; fiche 6019972; computer number 218421; film 0001351–53; computer number 270809.) This source includes brief sketches of the families and where they lived when they arrived in this country. The families are arranged alphabetically through the four volumes.

Daughters of the American Revolution (Vermont). *Genealogical Collection*. Washington D.C.: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971. (FHL films 850109–22; computer number 100976.) Transcripts of Bible, cemetery, church, marriage, death, obituary, and will records. Arranged by county and town. Many volumes are indexed. The records are also available at the Vermont Historical Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

More information about the resources for genealogical records in Vermont can be found in the Family History Library Catalog by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - GENEALOGY VERMONT, [COUNTY] - GENEALOGY VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -GENEALOGY

HISTORY

Effective family history research requires some understanding of the historical events that affected your family and the records about them. Learning about wars, governments, laws, migrations, and religious trends can help you understand political boundaries, family movements, and settlement patterns.

State, county, and town histories often contain biographical sketches of local citizens, including important genealogical information. This may be one of the best sources of information for some families.

The following important events in the history of Vermont affected political boundaries, record keeping, and family movements:

- 1724 The first permanent English settlement was made at Fort Dummer, near the site of present-day Brattleboro. Permanent settlement began in most of Vermont after 1760, when the English drove the French from the area.
- 1749 New Hampshire granted land for 129 towns in Vermont.
- 1764 New York claimed jurisdiction and tried to
 1776 establish county governments in the area.
 Albany, Cumberland, Gloucester, and
 Charlotte counties of New York included
 what is now Vermont. When New York
 land grants conflicted with the earlier
 grants, New Hampshire pioneers formed the
 Green Mountain Boys to drive first the
 "Yorkers" and then the British from the
 area.
- 1777 Vermont was an independent republic until 1791 it joined the Union in 1791.
- 1800 Many people went to new lands in upstate 1816 New York to escape the War of 1812, cold seasons, floods, and epidemics. In one epidemic more than 6,000 persons died.
- 1820- The Champlain Canal opened in 1823,
 1860 connecting Vermont to New York City. The Erie Canal opened in 1825, carrying Vermont settlers to Ohio and other western areas. Irish laborers came to work on Vermont railroads, the first of which opened in 1848.
- 1861 More than 35,000 Vermonters served in the 1865 Union Army during the Civil War.
- After Agriculture declined and farmers left for the cities or better farms in the Midwest.
- Late French Canadians and Europeans settled
 1800s mostly in cities to work in factories.

 Burlington grew rapidly because of lumber.

 The granite industry boomed in Barre. The textile industry declined and many mills were moved to the South.
- 1930s Depression closed many factories and mills.
- 1960s Interstate highways led to increased tourism.

State Histories

The Family History Library[™] has many histories of Vermont including:

Carpenter, W. H. *The History of Vermont from Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Lippincott, Grambo, 1853. (FHL film 1065107; computer number 504473.) This history discusses Indian wars, settlements, the problems with Canada, and frustrations caused by Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York meddling.

Crockett, Walter H. *Vermont, the Green Mountain State.* 5 vols. New York: Century
History, 1921. (FHL book 974.3 H2c; film
1000619; computer number 144715.) This is an
all-encompassing history including the Indians,
French and English settlements, the New
Hampshire grants, and the resistance to New
York. It includes indexes.

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 area families. The "History" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) cites nationwide bibliographies of local histories, which include local histories of Vermont. For a statewide bibliography of local histories, see:

Vermont, a Bibliography of Its History.

Bibliographies of New England History, v. 4. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1981. (FHL book 974.3 H23v; computer number 116280.) This book includes state, county, and local histories and an index of authors, editors, compilers, subjects, and places.

For a statewide collection of brief local histories, see:

Brown, Elizabeth Crockett. *Historical Sketches of Vermont Communities*. N.p., 1991. (FHL book 974.3 H2be; computer number 644201.) This source contains historical information about each town. There are brief sketches arranged by counties and towns.

Information on additional resources about the history of Vermont and local histories of its towns and counties can be found in the Family History Library Catalog $^{\text{TM}}$ by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - HISTORY VERMONT, [COUNTY] - HISTORY VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - HISTORY

LAND AND PROPERTY

The availability of land attracted many immigrants to America and encouraged westward expansion. Land records are primarily used to learn where a person lived and when he or she lived there. They often reveal other family information as well, such as the name of a spouse, an heir, other relatives, or neighbors. You may learn a person's previous residences, his occupation, if he had served in the military, if he was a naturalized citizen, and other clues for further research.

Vermont's first landholders were called proprietors. There are many proprietors' records in the "Town Records" of each town. Most of these records are available at the Vermont Public Records Division, General Services Center. Vermont is a state-land state. After the Revolutionary War, the land was controlled and dispersed by the state government.

Originally, Vermont was part of Massachusetts. In 1749, New Hampshire claimed a large portion of the area and granted land for 129 towns in Vermont. In 1764, New York claimed jurisdiction over a large portion of the land held by New Hampshire. In 1777, Vermont became independent, and claimed the land was under its jurisdiction. The towns remained the same, and the town records contain the land deeds without regard to the political jurisdiction of the time.

Some records of early land transactions are:

Holbrook, Jay Mack. *Vermont's First Settlers*.

Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute,
1976. (FHL book 974.3 R2h; computer number
165862.) This source is an alphabetized list of
persons who received land grants in Vermont
from 1763 to 1803. Each listing identifies the time
and location of the property and the page number
of the source in volume 2 of the *State Papers of Vermont*. See the "Public Records" section of this
outline.

Holbrook, Jay Mack. *Vermont Land Grantees*1749–1803. Oxford, Mass.: Holbrook Research Institute, 1986. (FHL fiche 6044861; computer number 445204.) This does not circulate to Family History Centers™. This source contains a listing of the first 15,000 land grants by New Hampshire, 58 percent of which are in present-day Vermont. The remainder of the land became Vermont land charters. New York did not recognize the legality of the New Hampshire land

grants, and New York issued its own land patents for much of the Vermont territory. This book lists the land grant townships with maps of the localities. It includes an alphabetical list of those persons who received the grants and shows the name, year, and source of the information.

Sequestration, Confiscation, and Sale of Estates. State Papers of Vermont, v. 6. Montpelier, Vt.: Secretary of State, 1941. (FHL book 973.6 B4s v. 6; film 1321236, item 4; computer number 15957.) This source includes an index. During the Revolutionary War, many residents would not sign an Oath of Allegiance to the rebel government. Their lands and property were confiscated, and by 1778 many fled to Canada. In 1783, after the war, many returned to Vermont, decided to sign the Oath of Allegiance, and petitioned to have their property returned. This 465-page source lists their names, claims, and value.

Vermont. Secretary of State. New York Land Patents 1688–1786: Covering Land Included in the State of Vermont, (Not Including Military Patents). State Papers of Vermont, v. 7. Montpelier, Vt.: Secretary of State, 1947. (FHL book 974.3 B4s v. 7; computer number 16332.) New York and New Hampshire both claimed disputed land now in Vermont. This volume shows names and dates and includes an index.

Vermont. Secretary of State. *Petitions for Grants of Land 1778–1881*. State Papers of Vermont, v. 5. Montpelier, Vt.: Secretary of State, 1939. (FHL book 974.3 B4s v. 5; computer number 16331.) This source includes an index. Each petition describes the property, location, and the reason for the petition.

Before 1780 jurisdiction over land records was with the county. During the 1780s the town clerks were given jurisdiction over land records. You should consult records of the town clerks. See the "Town Records" section of this outline.

Additional information on available land and property records can be found in the Family History Library Catalog^{$^{\text{TM}}$} by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - LAND AND PROPERTY VERMONT, [COUNTY] - LAND AND PROPERTY VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - LAND AND PROPERTY

MAPS

Several types of maps are useful for genealogists. Some give the historical background of the area; others show migration routes such as roads, rivers, and railroads. Topographical maps show physical and manmade features, such as creeks, hills, trails, and roads used as persons came to Vermont. Sometimes maps also include cemeteries and churches. Plat and land ownership maps, as well as other types of maps, are described in the "Maps" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972). In the Family History Library Catalog[™], atlases are listed in the Locality Search under "Maps."

The largest collections of maps in Vermont are available at the Vermont Historical Society and the University of Vermont. The Vermont Historical Society collection contains the earliest maps of Vermont.

Many of the maps at the Family History Library[™] are in published atlases. For example, maps showing boundary changes in Vermont are found in:

New Hampshire, Vermont, Atlas of Historical County Boundaries, New York: Simon & Schuster, 1993. (FHL book 974 E3n; computer number 634346.) In addition to giving a chronology of the development of each county, this atlas contains maps showing the county boundaries and the towns in each county.

Graffagnino, J. Kevin. *The Shaping of Vermont*. Rutland, Vt.: Vermont Heritage Press, 1983. (FHL book Q 974.3 E3g; computer number 299371.) This book includes maps for 1749 to 1877.

See also the "Gazetteers" section of this outline, and the "Gazetteers" and "Maps" sections of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for more resources regarding places in Vermont.

Frederick W. Beers published atlases for all counties in Vermont except Essex between 1869 and 1878. These include the names of landowners. The Family History Library has the atlases for Addison, Bennington, Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orleans, Rutland, Washington, Windham, and Windsor counties. For these and other maps of Vermont, see the Family History Library Catalog Locality Search under:

VERMONT - MAPS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - MAPS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - MAPS

MILITARY RECORDS

Military records identify millions of young men who served in the military or who were eligible for service. Evidence that an ancestor actually served may be found in family traditions, census records, naturalization records, biographies, cemetery records, and records of veterans' organizations. Military records can give birth dates, marriage dates, death dates, spouse and children names, localities of residence throughout the life of the family. Many military records are found at the Family History Library[™], the National Archives, and other federal and state archives.

For each war listed below, additional federal sources are listed in the *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118). It contains search strategies and information to guide you to the best records for your objective.

Revolutionary War (1775–1783)

If a person supported the Revolution, he may be mentioned in records as a rebel, patriot, or Whig. Those who opposed the Revolution were Loyalists or Tories.

Patriots. Service and pension records and indexes for patriots are available on film at the National Archives and the Family History Library. See the *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) for these sources. Sources including information specifically about Vermont soldiers are:

Fisher, Carleton Edward. *Soldiers, Sailors, and Patriots of the Revolutionary War, Vermont.*Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992. (FHL book 974.3 M2f; computer number 662177.)
The book indicates the soldier's birth date and place, residence, and company. It may also include the name of the spouse and death or burial date and place.

Goodrich, John E. Rolls of the Soldiers in the Revolutionary War, 1775 to 1783: The State of Vermont. Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1904. (FHL book 974.3 M2g; film 896965; fiche 6046670; computer number 166292.) These rolls consist largely of payrolls, pay-table orders, and receipts. Information varies but it generally indicates soldier's name and rank, days in service, pay per day, miles, and total. It is arranged by year and then by unit. It is indexed by name.

For burial records of Revolutionary War soldiers, see the "Cemetery Records" section of this outline.

Loyalists. For Loyalist records, see the "Military Records" section of the *Canada Research Outline* (34545), and also:

Sequestration, Confiscation, and Sale of Estates, a 465 book described in the "Land and Property" section of this outline.

Burleigh, H.C. Sequestrations, Confiscations, and Sale of Estates. Toronto: United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada, 1970. (FHL book 974.3 A1 no. 55; computer number 422437.) Most of the names on this 10-page list show only the Vermont town (court) where their property was confiscated. A few records mention their service to the British. These records were abstracted from records in Albany.

War of 1812 (1812–1815)

The Family History Library has indexes to the federal service and pension files for the War of 1812. See the *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) for details and for sources not mentioned below.

For a published roster of soldiers, see:

Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. *Roster of Soldiers in the War of 1812–14*. St. Albans, Vt.: Messenger Press, 1933. (FHL book 974.3 M2vr; film 1421722, item 6; computer number 167574.) This source lists each Vermont soldier's name, unit, dates of service, and source of the information. Some entries give residence and rank, widow's first name, and the pension certificate number.

Civil War (1861–1865)

Service and pension records are available only at the National Archives. Indexes to service and pension records of Union Army soldiers are available on film at the National Archives and the Family History Library. For an index to compiled service records of Union soldiers, see:

United States, Adjutant General's Office. *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organization from the State of Vermont.* National Archives Microfilm Publications, M0557. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1964. (FHL films 882472–85; computer number 278651.) See the *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) for further details.

A state roster of soldiers is:

Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. Revised Roster of Vermont Volunteers: And Lists of Vermonters Who Served in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion, 1861–66. Montpelier, Vt.:
Watchman Publishing, 1892. (FHL book 974.3 M2va; film 1036000, item 8; computer number 162427.) This source is arranged by military unit and then by name, with rank, residence, date of enlistment, date of muster, and remarks. It includes an index.

Unit Histories. An important inventory for finding Civil War military histories is:

A Guide to the Microfiche Edition of Civil War Unit Histories: Regimental Histories and Personal Narratives. Part 2, The Union—New England. Bethesda, Md.: University Publications of America, 1993. (FHL book 973 M2cwu pt. 2; computer number 660208.) Vermont units are listed on pages 73–78. The library has the large microfiche collection described in this guide. Use the library catalog to find individual items. This may include correspondence, diaries, memoirs, and regimental histories published before 1920. The guide shows the unit name, counties where it was raised, author, title, publication information, number of pages, and source repository. This guide includes an author index and a major engagements index.

For regimental sketches, officers lists, and lists of soldiers killed in action, see:

Benedict, G. G. *Vermont in the Civil War*. 2 vols. Burlington, Vt.: Free Press Association, 1886–88. (FHL film 1000622, items 3–4; computer number 183618.) This source includes an index.

Internet sites with information about Vermont in the Civil War include:

"The Civil War Archive" [database on-line]. N.p., 1998 [cited 11 August 1999]. Available at www.civilwararchive.com/unionvt.htm; INTERNET. This site includes histories and background information on Vermont regiments.

"Vermont in the Civil War" [database on-line]. N.p., 1999 [cited 11 August 1999]. Available at www.vermontcivilwar.org; INTERNET. This site includes the names of over 34,000 soldiers, sailors, and marines including their town, regiment, and company. It also includes unit

histories and time lines of significant events in the Civil War relating to Vermonters.

State old soldier home. Records of the state old soldiers' home at Bennington, Vermont, are described in "Additional Records" at the end of this section.

Spanish-American War (1898–1899)

Service and pension records are available at the National Archives. Indexes to these records are available at the Family History Library. See the *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) for these sources.

A published roster of soldiers is:

Vermont in the Spanish-American War. Montpelier, Vt.: Herbert T. Johnson, 1929. (FHL book 974.3 M2vs; film 1320525, item 9; computer number 372591.) This source is arranged by unit or branch of the service, then by name. It includes residence, birthplace, age, and enlistment date. Some entries indicate the soldier's date of death, rank, and muster out date and place.

World War I (1917–1918)

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

United States. Selective Service System. Vermont, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918. National Archives Microfilm Publications, M1509. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1987–88. (On 17 FHL films beginning with 1984059; computer number 764758.)

To find an person's draft card, it helps to know his name and residence at the time of registration, since the cards are arranged alphabetically by county, within the county by draft board, and then alphabetically by surname. Counties may have had more than one draft board. Most counties had only one board, large cities had several.

For a list of men and women in the military, see:

Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. Roster of Vermont Men and Women in the Military and Naval Service of the United States and Allies in the World War, 1917–1919. Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1927. (FHL book 974.3 M2vav; computer number 708603.) In addition to the name, this includes the

soldier's residence, town of birth, age, enlistment date, organization, and discharge date

World War II (1941–1945)

For a list of Vermonters in all services, see:

Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. Roster of Vermonters in Uniformed Service in the United States During the Second World War, 1941–1945. 2 vols. Montpelier, Vt.: Adjutant General's Office, 1972–74. (FHL book 974.3 M2var; computer number 678941.) This roster includes the name of the soldier, full date of birth, town of birth, residence, and dates of enlistment and separation from the service. For additions and changes, see:

Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. *Additions* and Changes to the Roster of Vermonters, WWII, 1941–1945. Montpelier, Vt.: Adjutant General's Office, 1976?. (FHL book 974.3 M2var supp.; computer number 685569.)

Additional Records

Vermont maintained a soldiers home for veterans in Burlington, Vermont. Reports of Vermont Old Soldiers Home began about 1890. The Vermont Department of Libraries has copies of these reports in:

Vermont. Old Soldiers Home. *Reports*. (State Library V362.8 V59re [Not at Family History Library].) The reports include the soldier's name, unit, disability, marital status, literacy, and present status such as discharged, furloughed, or deceased. By 1912 personal information was no longer included. The report content varies.

More military records and sources can be found in the Family History Library CatalogTM by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - MILITARY HISTORY VERMONT - MILITARY RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], MILITARY RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -MILITARY RECORDS

MINORITIES

Records and histories of minorities and ethnic groups may provide clues to immigrant origins, migration information and previous residences. See the "Minorities" section of the *United States*

Research Outline (30972) for further sources on ethnic, racial and religious groups.

You can find information on minority groups in most of the same records as other groups. Start your research in the same resources you would search for non-minority groups. The records listed in this section provide information about specific groups in Vermont.

For Vermont, a good source for French-Canadian families in Grand Isle County is:

DeMarce, Virginia Easley. *Notebook, French Canadian Settlement in the Champlain Islands, Grand Isle County, Vermont, before the year 1880*. Arlington, Va: Mrs. James L. DeMarce, 1988. (FHL book 974.312 D2d 1988; film 1698074, item 4; computer number 740124; 1985 edition on FHL microfiche 6126290; computer number 368935.) Arranged alphabetically by surname, this book contains genealogies of French-Canadian families in Grand Isle County. It also mentions descendants who lived outside the county.

Other records of minorities in Vermont can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - MINORITIES VERMONT, [COUNTY] - MINORITIES VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -MINORITIES

NATIVE RACES

The most prominent early Indian tribes in Vermont were the Abénaki and Mahican. The western Abénaki Indians were composed of subdivisions including Sokoki, Missisquoi, and Cowasuck. Most of the Indian tribes have disappeared from Vermont through warfare, disease, or migration.

See the "Native Races" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for suggestions on how to research American Indian ancestry. For the history of American Indians in Vermont, see:

Calloway, Colin G. *The Western Abenakis of Vermont, 1600–1800.* The Civilization of the American Indian Series, v. 197. Norman: University of Oklahoma Press, 1990. (FHL book 970.3 Ab71cc; film 1598340, item 5; computer number 571616.) This contains a chronology of the tribe and a good bibliography of sources.

Haviland, William A. *The Original Vermonters*. Hanover, N.H.: Published for University of Vermont by University Press of New England, 1981. (FHL book 970.1 H1990; computer number 460595.) This history includes information on the Abénaki and Mahican tribes in Vermont, an index, and a bibliography.

You can also find articles about Vermont Indians in *Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society* and in *Vermont History*. These periodicals and the *Periodical Source Index (PERSI)*, which could be used to find articles on Indians, are discussed in the "Periodicals" section of this outline

Additional sources on specific tribes can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Subject Search under the name of the tribe, for example:

ABÉNAKI INDIANS

Other sources can be found in the Family History Library Catalog by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - NATIVE RACES

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Naturalization is the process of granting citizenship to foreign-born residents.

Naturalization papers are an important source of information about an immigrant's place of origin, his foreign and Americanized names, residence, and date of arrival

Immigrants to the United States have never been required to apply for citizenship. Of those who applied, many did not complete the requirements for citizenship. Evidence that an immigrant completed citizenship requirements can be found in censuses, court minutes, homestead records, passports, voting registers, and military papers. Even if an immigrant ancestor did not complete the process and become a citizen, he may have filed an application. These application records still exist and can be very helpful.

Records

Various types of records were created during the naturalization process, including declarations of intention, petitions for naturalization, oaths of allegiance and certificates of naturalization and citizenship. Each record can give details about a

person, such as age, residence, country or city of origin, ethnic background, the date and port of arrival, the name of the ship, names of spouse and children with their birth dates and places, and previous residences or current address.

Records for earlier years usually contain less information than those after 1906, when the federal court system for naturalization was revised and details such as birth date and place, physical description, and marital status may be given. See the "Naturalization and Citizenship" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for a more complete discussion of the naturalization process and the records created.

Naturalization records for Vermont have been filed primarily in county and district courts. You can obtain copies of declarations and petitions from the clerk of the appropriate court or from the Public Records Division in Montpelier. The Public Records Division and the National Archives-Northeast Region (Boston) also have naturalization records for the United States District Court, Vermont District, at Burlington, Chittenden County.

Index

New England naturalization records for 1791 to 1906 were copied and indexed by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the late 1930s. Some of the records are more recent than 1906. The copies and index are at the National Archives-Northeast Region (Boston). The original records remain in the courts. The National Archives in Washington, D.C., and the Family History Library™ have microfilm copies of the index:

United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. *Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791–1906.* National Archives Microfilm Publications, M1299. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1983. (FHL films 1429671–787; computer number 305194.) The Soundex index cards are arranged by state and then by name of the petitioner. The cards show the date of naturalization, the name and location of the court, and the volume and page or certificate number of the naturalization record. The index for Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire is on films 1429717–87.

For naturalization records after September 1906, contact the National Archives—Northeast Region (Boston) or a federal office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Family History Library has copies of naturalization records for the counties of Rutland

and Lamoille. They can be found in the Family History Library CatalogTM by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT, [COUNTY] -NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers publish marriage, divorce, death, and funeral notices, and obituaries. Notices include names, dates, and places. Marriage and death notices may contain maiden names and names of parents and other living relatives.

Newspapers also publish articles of local interest that often cover religious and social events in the community and include the names of people involved. Some newspapers serve several communities and devote columns to the everyday happenings in the area. Newspapers also include legal notices, estate sales, and advertising for local businesses.

Some cities in Vermont began publishing newspapers in the 1780s and 1790s. The Vermont Department of Libraries has a large collection of newspapers.

Inventory on the Internet

Over 900 Vermont newspapers are cataloged in:

McShane, Daniel. Vermont Newspaper Project [database on-line]. N.p.: Vermont Newspaper Project, 23 August 1999 [cited 24 August 1999]. Available at http://danalib.uvm.edu/vtnp/vnphome.html; INTERNET. This site briefly lists newspaper title, town, life span, and repositories so that researchers can contact repositories for further details and obtain copies through interlibrary loan.

Published Index and Guide

The Family History Library $^{\text{m}}$ has not acquired copies of Vermont newspapers. There is an index to the *Burlington Free Press:*

Historical Records Survey (Vermont). *Index to*the Burlington Free Press in the Billings
Library, University of Vermont, 6 vols.

Montpelier, Vt.: Historical Records Survey,
1940–41. (FHL book 974.317 B32h; on 2 FHL
films beginning with 844896, item 3; computer
number 77859.) This index covers the years
1848–1865 and indexes news items,
advertisements, and vital records. Copies of

this newspaper are available through the Vermont Department of Libraries and the University of Vermont.

A guide to help locate indexes to newspapers is:

New England Library Association. Bibliography Committee. *A Guide to Newspaper Indexes in New England*. Holden, Mass.: New England Library Association, 1978. (FHL book 974 B32n; fiche 6051391; computer number 5148.) The newspapers are listed by state, town, and then by the name of the newspaper. It includes the dates the indexes cover, the frequency of the newspapers, what type of items in the newspaper are indexed, and the name and address of the library where the indexes are located.

See the "Newspapers" and "Obituaries" sections of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for help in locating other newspapers published in Vermont.

Many periodicals publish information from newspapers. These are referenced in the "Places" section of the *Periodical Source Index* (PERSI) described in the "Periodicals" section of this outline.

More resources regarding local newspapers for Vermont can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - NEWSPAPERS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -NEWSPAPERS

PERIODICALS

Most family history periodicals publish transcriptions of local sources used in genealogical research. Information published in periodicals may include family histories, genealogies, historical background, maps, information about local records and archives, queries, census indexes, transcripts of family Bibles, church records, court records, cemetery records, land records, military records, obituaries, and wills. Often published by genealogical or historical societies, they typically focus on the records of a particular county, while a few may specialize in records of a particular ethnic group or religion.

Periodicals. Major Vermont periodicals are:

Across the Border. Carlton Place, Ontario: Diana Hibbert Bailey, 1988. (FHL book 971.4 D25ab; computer number 436253.) This quarterly contains abstracts of census, vital, church, and cemetery records for the northern Vermont counties of Essex, Lamoille, Chittenden, Caledonia, Grand Isle, Franklin, Washington, and Orleans and the eastern townships of Quebec. There is a surname index in each volume.

Branches and Twigs. 1972–1995. Published by the Genealogical Society of Vermont, P.O. Box 1553, St. Albans, VT 05478. (FHL book 974.3 B2br; computer number 77629.) This quarterly published queries; abstracts of census, marriage, Bible, cemetery, and church records; diaries; genealogies; and ancestor and submitter lists. An all-name index is planned. This source is continued by Vermont Genealogy.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 1847—. Published by the Society, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116. (FHL book 974 B2ne; on 43 FHL films beginning with 845443, item 2; computer number 231574; FHL compact disc 33 pts. 1–9; computer number 748811.) There are cumulative indexes to volumes 1–50 and volumes 51–148. Part 9 of the compact disc version has a cumulative index to 1995. This quarterly includes genealogies, abstracts of vital and church records, local genealogical histories, and New England source material.

Vermont Genealogy. St. Albans, Vt.:
Genealogical Society of Vermont, 1996—. (FHL book 974.3 D25v; computer number 770515.)
This quarterly includes queries, genealogies, book reviews, family histories, and abstracts of Bible, church, and marriage records. There is a name and place index. This source continues in part in Branches and Twigs.

Vermont History. 1954—. Published by the Vermont Historical Society, Pavilion Office Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05602. (FHL book 974.3 H25vaa; computer number 154214.) This quarterly magazine was called Proceedings of the Vermont Historical Society from 1860 to 1943 and the Vermont Quarterly from 1944 to 1953. It has book reviews and articles on the history and development of Vermont.

Indexes. Some of the periodicals listed above have annual indexes in the final issue of the year. For nationwide indexes to these and other family history periodicals, see:

Periodical Source Index (PERSI). 31+ vols. Ft. Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1986–. (FHL book 973D25per 1847–1985; fiche 6016863 [set of 40] (1847–1985); computer number 444407; book 973 D25per (1986–1997); fiche 6016864 [set of 15] (1986–1990); computer number 658308.) This guide indexes over 1.1 million articles in over 5,000 English-language and French Canadian family history periodicals. For further instructions, see the Periodical Source Index Resource Guide (34119). For easier-to-use, more complete computer editions of the index, see:

Periodical Source Index. Ancestry[™] and the Allen County Public Library Foundation, Orem, Utah, 1997. (FHL compact disk no. 61; computer number 808087.) This does not circulate to Family History Centers[™]. It merges all 31+ volumes into one index.

"Periodical Source Index Search." In Ancestry.com [database on-line]. Orem, Utah: Ancestry, 1999. Available at www.ancestry.com/ancestry/search/3165.htm; INTERNET. This on-line database is available only to Ancestry.com members.

More periodicals can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - PERIODICALS VERMONT - GENEALOGY - PERIODICALS VERMONT - HISTORY - PERIODICALS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - GENEALOGY -PERIODICALS

PROBATE RECORDS

Probate records are court records created after a person's death that relate to a court's decisions regarding the distribution of his estate to his heirs or creditors and the care of his dependents. You may find the person's death date, the names of family members (including married daughters), family relationships, and residences. You may also learn about the adoption or guardianship of minor children and dependents. These documents are important to family history researchers because they usually exist for time periods before civil birth and death records were kept. Adoption cases over 99 years old are open to the public.

See the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for more information on probate records and their genealogical value.

Probate records of Vermont are kept by probate courts. The records include wills, inventories, estates, guardianships, name changes, adoptions, and relinquishments. There are 14 counties and 19 probate districts in Vermont. The five southern counties (Bennington, Orange, Rutland, Windham, and Windsor) have two probate courts each. You can obtain copies of the records by contacting the clerk of the appropriate probate district.

For the addresses of the probate district courts, see the *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* mentioned in the "For Further Reading" section near the end of this outline. You can find similar information in:

"Vermont Probate Districts." In VTGenWeb [database on-line]. N.p., 12 August 1999 [cited 25 August 1999]. Available at www.rootsweb.com/~vtgenweb/probate.htm; INTERNET. This site lists the counties, brief county history sketches, each probate district with its address, telephone number, office hours, and the years for which probate records are available.

Many of the records are on microfilm at the Family History Library^{TM}. They can be found in the Family History Library Catalog^{TM} by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT, [COUNTY] - PROBATE RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - GUARDIANSHIP

PUBLIC RECORDS

Records of officials, assembly proceedings, governor's papers, overseers of the poor, petitions, state papers, and schools are examples of public records that may give information about ancestors not contained in other records. Most of these collections contain a variety of records such as land, history, tax, court, legislative or other records. They can be used to find a persons place of residence.

The Vermont State Papers are available through the Vermont State Archives, and the Vermont Department of Libraries. For a description of volumes 1–82 of the state papers, see: Wallace, Marlene, and John Williams. "Vermont State Papers: Rich Sources for the Study of Vermont History." *Vermont History* 38, no. 3 (Summer 1970): 214–249. (FHL book 974.3 H25vaa v. 38; computer number 154214.) This describes the contents of volumes, including the record type, years covered, contents, and comments on their value. The Family History Library™ does not have the manuscript volumes, but has only the published volumes in:

Vermont. Secretary of State. *State Papers of Vermont*. 22 vols. Montpelier, Vt.: Secretary of State, 1918–1991. (FHL book 974.3 B4s; computer number 167646.) These volumes include petitions, laws, proceedings of the General Assembly, records of the Surveyor General, Loyalist land confiscations, and New York land grants. The Family History Library has only volumes 1–17.

For other public records, see the Family History Library Catalog[™] Locality Search under:

VERMONT - PUBLIC RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - PUBLIC RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - PUBLIC RECORDS

SOCIETIES

Societies often maintain a genealogical file for historical families of the area or for ancestors of society members. Most genealogical societies focus on local and regional records, while others concentrate on the records and migrations of ethic groups or minorities.

Societies may guide you to useful sources, suggest avenues of research, put you in touch with other genealogists who are interested in the same families, or perform research for you. The resources of the society may help determine immigrant origins. Genealogical and historical societies may publish transcriptions of original records, and many publish quarterly periodicals.

Some genealogical and historical societies hold conferences in which lecturers discuss genealogical research methods, available sources, and other topics. These lectures include information on records or research. Transcripts, audio tapes, and conference class outlines are often available to the public.

Lineage and Heritage Societies

Lineage societies, such as the DAR, Colonial Dames, and the Sons of the American Revolution, require members to prove they are descended from people such as colonists or soldiers. The applications for membership in these societies are usually preserved and occasionally published. National lineage societies such as the DAR are described in the "Societies" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

A few national lineage societies have chapters in Vermont:

Daughters of the American Revolution (Vermont). Vermont Miscellaneous Records. 20 vols. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1952. (FHL films 227742–47; computer number 184454.) These are Vermont records of Bible, church, and cemetery records; 1850 and 1860 census mortality schedule abstracts; town, vital, and family records; deeds; Revolutionary War records; lineage records; school records; some wills; and tax lists. Each volume is individually indexed.

Hinman, Alice A.. *Vermont State Conference, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1892–1930.* Rutland, Vt.: Tuttle, 1931. (FHL book 974.3 C4h; computer number 164629.) This source contains detailed biographical information on the members and includes genealogical facts.

Allen, Charles Edwin, *The Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Vermont*. Burlington, Vt.: Free Press Printing, 1906. (FHL book 974.3 C4cw; computer number 165016.) This book lists the officers, member claims, and member biographies.

Society of Colonial Wars (Vermont). Society of Colonial Wars in Vermont: Officers, Committees and Members. 3 vols. Burlington, Vt.: Free Press Printing, 1909–1922. (FHL book 974.3 C4cwc; film 1673335, items 5–6; computer number 166045.) This contains biographical and genealogical information of members.

Genealogical and Historical Societies

Genealogical and historical societies can provide historical information about families in the area or ancestors of society members. The majority of the New England genealogical and historical societies deal mainly with all the New England states. There are a few which specialize in Vermont histories and genealogies. For the addresses and telephone numbers of the following societies, see the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline.

Genealogical Society of Vermont. Founded in 1971, it is dedicated to assisting genealogists with Vermont research. They publish a quarterly journal, Vermont Genealogy, which contains genealogies, source records, and book reviews.

Vermont Historical Society. The largest historical society in the state, it collects family histories, published vital records, cemetery inscriptions, town histories, and military and biographical information. Their holdings include a large manuscript collection, letters, diaries, and account books

New England Historic Genealogical Society.

Founded in 1845, it is dedicated to the collection, preservation, and publication of materials relating to family and local history. There is a large section of both books and microfilm devoted entirely to Vermont records.

Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society.

Founded in 1966, they publish *Links*, a semiannual journal. They have a library and research facilities.

Vt-FCGS St. John's Club 9 Central Ave PO Box 65128 Burlington, VT 05406-5128

Local historical societies often have records related to family history, but may have limited hours. For a list of local historical societies, see:

"Local Historical Societies." In Vermont Historical

Society (database on-line). Montpelier, Vt.: VHS, 24 August 1999 (cited 25 August 1999). Available at www.state.vt.us/vhs/lhs/lhsindex.htm; INTERNET. This list gives addresses, telephone numbers, collection descriptions, contact persons, hours, and admission fees.

Family Associations and Surname Societies

Family associations and surname societies have been organized to gather information about ancestors or descendants of specific individuals or families. See the "Societies" section of the *United*

States Research Outline (30972) for a directory and more information about these societies.

Clubs or Other Organizations

Clubs or occupational or fraternal organizations may have existed in the area where your ancestor lived. Those societies may have kept records of members or applications that may be of genealogical or biographical value. Though many of the old records have been lost, some have been donated to local, regional, or state archives and libraries.

Public librarians and county clerks may be aware of other local organizations or individuals you can contact for information and services. In many small communities, the elderly are a wonderful resource for history and memories. Some maintain scrapbooks of obituaries and events in the community.

Additional sources about Vermont societies can be found in the Family History Library Catalog™ by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - SOCIETIES VERMONT, [COUNTY] - SOCIETIES VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -SOCIETIES

TAXATION

Tax records vary in content. They may include the name and residence of the taxpayer, description of personal property, number of males over 21, and farm animals. They are usually arranged by date and locality and are not usually indexed. Tax records can be used in place of missing land and census records to locate a person's residence.

Some tax lists are in the town records and also in the manuscript collection *Vermont State Papers*. See the "Town Records" and "Public Records" sections of this outline.

The 1862 to 1866 Civil War income tax assessment lists for Vermont are at the National Archives (Washington), the National Archives-New England Region (Boston), and at the Family History Library™:

United States. Commissioner of Internal Revenue. *Internal Revenue Assessment Lists* for Vermont, 1861–1866. National Archives Microfilm Publication, M0792. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1980. (FHL films 1578444–50; computer number 463735.) This lists the name of the person taxed and their residence. It may also list occupation and type of tax.

For additional information on the genealogical value of tax records, see the "Taxation" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

Vermont tax records can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search for:

VERMONT - TAXATION VERMONT, [COUNTY] - TAXATION VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] -TAXATION

TOWN RECORDS

Vermont is the youngest New England state. Permanent settlements first arose in the 1760s under grants issued by New Hampshire. In 1764 the settlements were placed under the jurisdiction of New York. The settlers formed their own government in 1777, and Vermont joined the Union in 1791. In Vermont, as in other New England states, the basic governmental unit is the town, where original vital records and copies of deeds are held.

The earliest records are called proprietors' records. After the proprietors sold their lands, the town clerk was the principal local record keeper. Town records generally begin with the founding of a town and are kept to the present.

Town records may contain records of births, marriages, burials, cemeteries, appointments, earmarks, estrays (records of stray animals), freemen's oaths (men eligible to vote), land records, mortgages, name changes, care of the poor, school records, surveys, tax lists, town meeting minutes, voter registrations, and *warnings out* (of town). Birth, marriage, and death information found in town records is described further in the "Vital Records" section of this outline.

Warnings Out. A unique section of the town records of northern New England are the records of warnings out. Warnings out permitted local authorities to issue warrants requiring newcomers to leave town. The town was responsible for all the inhabitants, and if a person or family moved into town who could not qualify as a desirable member of the town or show personal means of support, they could be warned out by a warrant from the town constable. Warnings out in Vermont can be found as early as 1768 and as late as 1818. The original records were kept by the town clerk of each town,

but information and lists have been published. For more information, see:

Rollins, Alden M. *Vermont Warnings Out.* 2 vols. Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1995-97. (FHL book 974.3 N2r; computer number 769224.) The records show the date the warning was given by the constable and the names of the family members involved. The book is arranged by county, then the dates are listed with the names of those for whom the warrant was issued. Volume 1 covers the northern counties, volume 2 covers the southern counties. There is an addendum in volume 2 for records recently found in the northern counties. Each volume is individually indexed.

Locating town records. Some town records can be found at the Vermont Public Records Division. They also have inventories of Vermont town records.

Town historians are an important source for town records. Each Vermont town has a town historian who usually has many books and manuscripts that have never been published. These records contain information not found elsewhere. The town historians are those who probably know more about the townspeople and their records than anyone else. Since the historian changes from time to time, the current one can be found by contacting the town librarian and asking for the name of the town historian.

Specific information and records for each town can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] by using a Locality Search under:

VERMONT - TOWN RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - TOWN RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - TOWN RECORDS

For a book that gives a detailed description of 18 kinds of town records, shows some examples, and tells how they help family history researchers, see:

Lainhart, Ann S. *Digging for Genealogical Treasure in New England Town Records*.

Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1996. (FHL book 974 N2L; computer number 793647.) Includes indexes to persons and places.

VITAL RECORDS

Birth, Marriage, and Death Records

Birth records usually show the name and sex of the child, and the names of parents, with the mother's maiden name. The birth records may also show the birth places and ages of the parents, mother's maiden name, occupation of the father, and number of children born to the mother. A year by year search may reveal other children born to the couple. Birth records of adopted children may give the birth parents but have frequently been amended to show only the adoptive parents.

Marriage records usually mention the names of the bride and groom, the date and place of the marriage, and the home town of both the bride and groom. They also may show the names of the parents of each of them.

Death records usually give information about the deceased, such as name, age, birth date, state or country of birth. They also may include the names of parents, the date and place of death, as well as the cause of death. The informant may be a close relative and the names of the physician and mortician may be provided.

Vital records were first kept in Vermont from the earliest permanent settlement, about 1760. All original records are maintained by the town or city and can be viewed at the town or city clerk's office. The present vital registration law was enacted in 1857. This statute required that all vital events be recorded in the town where they occurred. A centralized registration system was established in 1919.

The central registration of birth, marriage, death, and divorce records have been divided into the responsibilities of two state agencies. For vital records from 1760 to 10 years ago, contact:

Vermont Public Records Division General Services Center Public Records Division, Drawer 33 Montpelier, VT 05633-7601 Telephone: 802-828-3286 Internet: www.vitalrec.com/vt.html

For Vital Records for the 10 most recent years, contact:

Department of Health and Vital Statistics 108 Cherry St., P.O. Box 70 Burlington, VT 05402 Telephone: 802-863-7275

Indexes

Some vital records of Vermont are indexed. Many of the births recorded in town records are listed in the *International Genealogical Index*® (*IGI*) at Family History Centers™, at the Family History Library™, and on the Internet at www.familysearch.org/Search/searchigi.asp . For more information about this index, see the *International Genealogical Index (on Compact Disc) Resource Guide* (31025). For other Vermont vital records indexes, see:

Vermont. Secretary of State. *General Index to Vital Records of Vermont, Early to 1870.* Salt

Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1951.

(On 287 FHL films beginning with 027455;

computer number 72239.) This index includes births, deaths, marriages, and most gravestones. They are arranged alphabetically within the year. Some cards are filmed out of sequence.

Vermont. Secretary of State. *General Index to Vital Records of Vermont, 1871–1908.* Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1967, 1994–95. (On 122 FHL films beginning with 540051; computer number 81785.) This index includes births, deaths, and marriages. They are arranged alphabetically by surname. Some cards are filmed out of sequence. Re-filmed cards are on the end of some rolls.

Vermont. Secretary of State. State Records of Births, Marriages, and Deaths, 1909–1942. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1994–97. (On 278 FHL films beginning with 1953261; computer number 748532.) They are arranged alphabetically by surname.

Vermont. Secretary of State. State Records of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1942–1954. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1994–96. (On 133 FHL films beginning with 1953789; computer number 748715.) They are arranged alphabetically by surname.

Divorce Records

From 1861 to 1968 divorce records can be found at the Vital Records Office in Montpelier. Divorce proceedings since 1968 can be obtained from the Division of Vital Statistics in Burlington. The addresses for these two agencies can be found at the beginning of this section.

Since vital records were kept from the founding of a town, search the town records also for the original information. See the "Town Records" section of this outline for details. Vital records

can be found in the Family History Library Catalog[™] Locality Search under:

VERMONT - VITAL RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY] - VITAL RECORDS VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - VITAL RECORDS

FOR FURTHER READING

For more detailed information about research and records in Vermont, see:

Bartley, Scott A., and Alice Eichholz. "Vermont." In *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, & Town Sources.* Rev. ed. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992. (FHL book 973 D27rb 1992; computer number 594021.) This source includes a brief introduction to sources and research strategies in Vermont and discusses vital, census, court, land, probate, and town records and where to find them.

Genealogical Research in New England. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1984. (FHL book 974 D27gr; computer number 254124.) This explains the origins of records of genealogical value in each of the New England states and discusses migration in Vermont.

"Genealogical Research in Vermont." In OnLine: Vermont Historical Society [database on-line]. Montpelier, Vt.: VHS, 24 August 1999 [cited 25 August 1999]. Available at www.state.vt.us/vhs/generes.htm; INTERNET This site includes addresses of libraries, archives, and societies; telephone numbers; Internet links; and collection descriptions.

Lindberg, Marcia W. Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research. Boston, Mass.: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1993. (FHL book 974 Dg 1993; computer number 741018; 1981 ed. fiche 6051401; computer number 58643.) This research guide contains a map of each state showing the counties and towns and the dates they were established. It also lists the names and addresses of repositories, courthouses, probate district offices, libraries, and historical or genealogical societies. It includes an index and bibliography. A newer edition is available.

Sperry, Kip. *New England Genealogical Research: A Guide to Sources*, Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1988. (FHL book 974 D27s; computer number 498578.) This book indicates the records available for each state and contains extensive bibliographies of sources.

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Vermont 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.

The following important events in the history of Vermont affected political boundaries, record keeping, and family movements:

1724	The first permanent English settlement was made at Fort Dummer, near the site of present-day Brattleboro. Permanent settlement began in most of Vermont after 1760, when the English drove the French from the area.
1749–1764 1764–1776	New Hampshire granted land for 129 towns in Vermont. New York claimed jurisdiction and tried to establish county governments in the area. Albany, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Charlotte counties of New York included what is now Vermont. When New York land grants conflicted with the earlier grants, New Hampshire pioneers formed the Green Mountain Boys to drive first the "Yorkers" and then the British from the area.
1777–1791	Vermont was an independent republic until it joined the Union in 1791.
1800–1816	Many people went to new lands in upstate New York to escape the War of 1812, cold seasons, floods, and epidemics. In one epidemic more than 6,000 persons died.
1820–1860	The Champlain Canal opened in 1823, connecting Vermont to New York City. The Erie Canal opened in 1825, carrying Vermont settlers to Ohio and other western areas. Irish laborers came to work on Vermont railroads, the first of which opened in 1848.
1861–1865	More than 34,000 Vermonters served in the Union Army during the Civil War.
After 1850	Agriculture declined, and farmers left for the cities or better farms in the Midwest.
Late 1800s	French Canadians and Europeans settled mostly in cities to work in factories. Burlington grew rapidly because of lumber. The granite industry boomed in Barre. The textile industry declined, and many mills were moved to the South.
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 Catalog under Vermont 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 in the window to the left. 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 Vermont] available through Family History Centers or the Family History Library, click on Family History Library Catalog in the window to the left. 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:

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.)

For a statewide bibliography of local histories, see:

Vermont, a Bibliography of Its History. Bibliographies of New England History, v.4. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1981. (FHL book 974.3 H23v.) This book includes state, county, and local histories and an index of authors, editors, compilers, subjects, and places.

For a statewide collection of brief local histories, see:

Brown, Elizabeth Crockett. *Historical Sketches of Vermont Communities*. N.p., 1991. (FHL book 974.3 H2be.) This source contains historical information about each town. There are brief sketches arranged by counties and towns.

Information on additional resources about the history of Vermont and local histories of its towns and counties can be found in the Family History Library Catalog by using a Place Search under:

VERMONT- HISTORY VERMONT, [COUNTY]- HISTORY VERMONT, [COUNTY], [TOWN]- HISTORY

State Histories

The Family History Library has many histories of Vermont including:

Carpenter, W. H. *The History of Vermont from Its Earliest Settlement to the Present Time*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Lippincott, Grambo, 1853. (FHL film 1065107.) This history discusses Indian wars, settlements, the problems with Canada, and frustrations caused by Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and New York meddling.

Crockett, Walter H. *Vermont, the Green Mountain State*. 5vols. New York: Century History, 1921. (FHL book 974.3 H2c; film 1000619.) This is an all-encompassing history including the Indians, French and English settlements, the New Hampshire grants, and the resistance to New York. It includes indexes.

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.



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Vermont 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.

1580–1900s The Ancestral File

International Genealogical Index

Family History Library Catalog - Surname Search

1600-1903 Carleton, Hiram, ed. Genealogical and Family History of the State of Vermont: A Record of the Achievements of Her People in the Making of a Commonwealth and the Founding of a Nation. (FHL book 974.3 D3cg, vols. 1–2; films 1000622 items 1-2; 496892 item 2; 496893; fiche 6046680.) Contains many genealogies and biographies of settlers who helped establish Vermont. 1600-1900 Filby, P. William, ed. Passenger and Immigration Lists Index: A Guide to Published Arrival Records of About 500,000 Passengers Who Came to the United States and Canada in the Seventeenth, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth Centuries. (FHL book 973 W32p, & supplements; film 1597960 beginning with item 4.) This is an excellent source for finding information about immigrants. 1600-1940 Greenlaw, William Prescott. The Greenlaw Index of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. (FHL book Q 974 D22g, vols. 1-2.) A published card index for books printed after 1900 to about 1940 where there are three generations of information. About 34,500 names. 1600-1908 Index to American Genealogies: And to Genealogical Material Contained in All Works as Towns Histories, County Histories, Local Histories, Historical Society Publications, Biographies, Historical Periodicals, and Kindred Works [known as Munsell's Index]. (FHL book 973 D22m 1984; film 599811 items 2-3; fiche 6051301.) The 1908 supplement is part of the book, and is on film 599811, item 1600-1890 Hemenway, Abby M. Vermont Historical Gazetteer: A Magazine Embracing a History of Each Town, Civil, Ecclesiastical, Biographical, Military. (FHL book 974.3 H2v, vols. 1-6; film beginning with 873674.) See vol. 6 for an every-name index to vols. 1-5. These volumes have extensive biographical and historical information. About 372,000 names. Rider, Fremont, ed. American Genealogical-Biographical Index to American 1600-1940 Genealogical, Biographical and Local History Materials. (FHL book 973 D22am ser. 2, vols. 1–186+; films beginning with 1698167, 31 reels.) The new series now has surnames A to W and is continuing. The old series has surnames A to Z. For the Family History Library call numbers see Patricia Clark, Key Title Index to the American Genealogical-Biographical Index: Register of Family History Library Call Numbers (FHL book 973 D22am index; film 1698167 item 4.) 1600-present Branches and Twigs: Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Vermont (FHL book 974.3 B2br, vols. 1972 to present.) A periodical. See the alphabetical "Apple Orchard" which lists members' ancestors and has excellent yearly indexes. A new periodical has taken the place of Branches and Twigs - it is Vermont Genealogy and does not have an "Apple Orchard" section. 1600-1992 Bartley, Scott. Vermont Families in 1791. (FHL book 974.3 D2v.) Volumes are being published containing genealogical information about families which lived in Vermont in 1791, with several generations of descendants. Gives submitter's name. 1600-1900 Nichols, Joann H. Some Vermont Ancestors: The Bicentennial Project of the Genealogical Society of Vermont. (FHL book 974.3 D2g; film 982224 item 2.) Genealogical information on sixty-five Vermont families. 1600-1700 Torrey, Clarence Almon, New England Marriages Prior to 1700, (FHL book 974) V2t; film 1320548 item 14.) By using the films listed in the film entry below you can often find references to books and publications with information on families down to the 1930s. For a list of Torrey's sources, see Alisia Williams, Torrey Bibliography . . . (FHL book 974 V23w.).

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volume and page number.

1700-1811 Vermont. Secretary of State. State Papers of Vermont. (FHL book 974.3 B4s.) For contents see below: each volume is indexed. These contain thousands of names of early Vermont settlers: •Vol. 2 1763–1803: Charters by the state of Vermont. •Vol. 3 1784–1791: Journals and proceedings. Resolutions with names. •Vol. 4 1778–1801: Reports of committees with names and notes. •Vol. 5 1778–1811: Resolutions for grants of land with names and notes. •Vol. 6 1764–1790: Sequestrations, confiscations and Sale of Estates. Property accounts with names and notes. (FHL film 1321236 item 4.) •Vol. 7 1688–1786: NY Land Patents. Covers land now included in Vermont with description of land and names. Does not include military patents. Indexed by towns and surnames. •Vol. 8–11 1778–1799: General petitions. These are petitions made in the various towns with names of petitioners. 1740-1920 Census indexes, 1790–1860, 1880, 1900, and 1920. In the window to the left, click on Family History Library Catalog. Then select CENSUS or CENSUS - INDEXES from the topics that are listed. Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. Rosters of Soldiers in the War of 1812-1740-1860 1814. (FHL book 974.3 M2vr; film 1421722 item 6.) May give town of residence, first name of wife, pension number, service information, and rosters. About 12,400 names. 1740-1900 White, Virgil D. *Index to War of 1812 Pension Files*. (FHL book 973 M22i vols. 1-2.) Lists soldiers and often has the name of the soldier's spouse. Clark, Byron N. ed. A List of Pensioners in Vermont of the War of 1812: With 1740-1860 an Appendix Containing Names of Volunteers for the Defense of Plattsburgh From Vermont Towns, a Description of the Battles From Contemporaneous Sources, The Official Statement of Losses, and Names of United States Officers and Soldiers at Burlington, Vermont, as Shown on Army Pay and Muster Rolls Recently Brought to Light. (FHL film 908760 item 2.) List includes the volunteers in the Battle of Plattsburgh. Also has abstracts from payrolls. 1750-1876 Vermont Marriages. (FHL book 974.3 V2v; film 481078 item 5) Chronological by town. Vermont (State) Directories 1849, 1855–1860. (FHL fiche 6044608–615) No. 1760-1860 directories were made during 1850–1854. Historical Records Survey (Vermont). *Index to Burlington Free Press in the* 1770-1865 Billings Library, University of Vermont. (FHL book 974.317 B32h vols.1–6; film 1320819 items 1-5 has vols.1-4, 6; vol.5 is on film 844896 item 3.) Lists births, marriages and deaths 1848–1865. About 4,000 names. Kent, Dorman Bridgman Eaton. One Thousand Men [of Vermont]. (FHL film) 1770-1914 928089 item 5.) Prominent Vermonters who achieved success chiefly outside of the state. 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 Vermont. (FHL films beginning with 882472.) Index records of volunteer Union soldiers from Vermont. Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. Revised Roster of Vermont Volunteers 1800-1865 and Lists of Vermonters Who Served in the Army and Navy of the United States During the War of the Rebellion, 1861–1866. (FHL book 974.3 M2va;

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films 1000623 item 1 or 1036000 item 8.) Has lists of Civil War soldiers. The index is at the beginning of each film. Gives residence, date enlisted and mustered-in, date died in service, and date mustered-out. About 37,000

names.

1800–1934	United States. Veterans Administration. <i>General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934.</i> (On 544 FHL films beginning with 540757.) This consists of cards which index the pension files for Civil War and War with Spain veterans. Original files may be ordered from the National Archives.
1800–1933	United States. Veterans Administration. <i>Veterans Administration Pension Payment Cards</i> , 1907–1933. (On 2,539 FHL films beginning with 1634036.) Indexes names of U.S. persons and wives who received pensions from the Civil War or the War with Spain. There are cards for payments made from 1907–1933.
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1800–1924	United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Soundex Index to Canadian Border Entries through the St. Albans, Vermont, District, 1895–1924. (FHL films 1472801–3201.) There are several ports listed and the records are alphabetical for each port.
1800–1924	United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Soundex Index to Canadian Border Entries Through the St. Albans, Vermont District, 1924–1952. (FHL films 1570714–811.) Lists Canadians and persons of other nationalities who entered the United States at sites along the Canadian border.
1800–1924	United States. Immigration and Naturalization Service. Alphabetical Index to Canadian Border Entries through Small Ports in Vermont, 1895–1924. (FHL films 1430987–92.) Lists Canadians and persons of other nationalities who entered the United States at sites along the Canadian border. Using the index you can look up the original lists.
1850–1899	Vermont in the Spanish-American War. (FHL book 974.3 M2vav; film 1320525 item 9.) Military records of over 1,000 Vermonters in the Spanish-American War. Lists residence, town of birth, date enlisted, age when enlisted, and sometimes organization and date mustered out.
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1873–1918	United States. Selective Service System. Vermont, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918. (On 14 FHL films beginning with 1984059.) Men ages 18 to 45 are listed alphabetically by county or draft board.
1900–1945	Vermont. Adjutant General's Office. Roster of Vermonters in Uniformed Service of the United States During the Second World War, 1941–1945. (FHL book 974.3 M2var vols.1–2.) Lists of Vermonters in all uniformed services, with full birth date, town of birth, residence, date enlisted, date separated, etc.

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

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MapsComputer 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.

Vermont County Maps

Summary: Vermont County Formation Maps

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<u>Summary</u>: 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. <u>Evaluation of Vermont Maps</u>: pp.216-223. Shows modem boundaries and changes.

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<u>Evaluation</u>: Excellent to find other maps in specific areas. Lists forts and many other hard to find maps,

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<u>Summary</u>: Individual county chronologies, maps and areas from Vermont. Table of colonial, state and federal censuses in Vermont.

<u>Evaluation</u>: Excellent for general information. Shows small towns in each county, as well as county creations and effective dates with the actual source.

Northern Cartographic, *Vermont Road Atlas and Guide*, Northern Cartographic, Vermont, 1995.

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<u>Summary:</u> table of contents includes, historic sites. Maps show every lake, river, creek etc.

<u>Evaluation</u>: Excellent to see waterway maps, to see how ancestors might have traveled, railroad etc.

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<u>Summary:</u> Early American campaigns and gives suggestions for further reading. <u>Evaluation:</u> Excellent to see where battles were held, their routes there. Battle lines and forts involved with dates of specific battles, with the generals in charge and chronology of what happened in each listed battle.

Map Collection - **Map** Cases **G3820** - G3824. Individual maps that illustrate things from military movement to censuses.

Web Sites/Computer Programs

www.topozone.com

Summary: Gives options, of place name searches, coordinate searches, UTM searches.

Evaluation: Excellent for finding what new town your old town (etc) may be in.

www.MapQuest.com

<u>Summary:</u> Must know address, city, state and zip code, more recent maps. <u>Evaluation:</u> Good, to find an existing relative if you have their address.

Animap

Mic/Gen Family Search room - on computer and C.D. version available

Summary: Each state is different, with maps. Shows boundary changes with now

boundaries.

Evaluation: Excellent to find older maps quick.

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An Accurate Map of the State and Province of New Hampshire in New England...

Washington D.C., (1784)

Maps Collection: G 37401784.U5

<u>Summary:</u> Not in color. Not indexed. Contains Vermont which was part of New York at the time. Gives land plots, rivers, and mountains.

Evaluation: Good condition. Three copies available.

Vermont, Montpelier (1787)

Maps Collection: G 3750 1787.D6

<u>Summary:</u> Hand colored. Separated by county. Not indexed. Gives counties and town plots.

Evaluation: Good condition.

Vermont, Kingstown, Indiana (1846)

Maps Collection: G 3740 1846 .M5

<u>Summary:</u> In color, separated by county. Not indexed. Gives population schedules for counties and county towns. Also gives counties, towns, canals, and railroads.

Evaluation: Good condition.

County and Township Map of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, (1881)

Maps Collection: G 3740 1881 .M5

Summary: In color, separated by county. Not indexed. Gives county and towns.

Evaluation: Good condition.

Map of Vermont, Greenbush, Vermont (1850)

Maps Collection: GG 37501850 .W4

Summary: In color, separated by county. Not indexed. Gives county and towns.

Evaluation: Good condition. Small map.

Rand McNally and Company Map of Vermont, Chicago, 1888.

Maps Collection: G 3750 1888 .R3

<u>Summary:</u> In color, separated by county. Indexed by counties, creeks, Islands, lakes, mountains, rivers & towns. Also gives history of State institutions, industries and cities. Evaluation: Good condition.

Rand McNally and Company map of Vermont, Chicago, 1911.

Maps Collection: G 3750 1911 .R3

<u>Summary:</u> In color, separated by county. Indexed by counties, creeks and brooks, Islands, lakes and ponds, mountains, peaks, rivers, towns, and Vermont Railroad electric lines. Also gives population of principal cities.

Evaluation: Good condition.



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Vermont Federal Population Schedule, 1790-1920

Guide

Introduction

Federal censuses are taken every 10 years. Vermont residents are included in censuses from 1790 (taken in 1791) through 1920.

- The 1790 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 each 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:

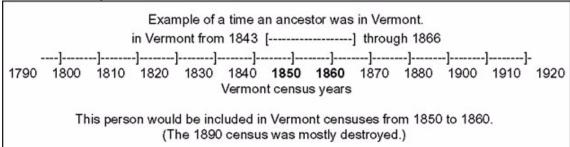
- Names of family members.
- Ages of family members, which you can use to calculate birth or marriage years.
- The county and state where your ancestors lived.
- People living with (or gone from) the family.
- Relatives that may have lived nearby.

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 Vermont with the census years. This will determine which censuses you will search.



Step 2. Determine a census to start with.

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

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

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

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:

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1790 1800 1810 1820 1830 1840 1850
1860 1870 1880 1890 1900 1910 1920
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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 to 1920.)
- Where were they living—town or township, county, and state?
- Where were their parents born? (Birthplaces are shown in censuses for 1880 to 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 Vermont to a different county or town.
- Movement of the family out of Vermont if the family no longer appears in the census for Vermont.

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.

The age and estimated birth date of an individual may vary greatly from census to census. Often ages are listed more accurately for young children than for 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. 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.

The 1890 census of Vermont was destroyed by fire. However, portions of a special schedule taken in 1890, of Union Civil War veterans and their widows, have survived. The surviving 1890 veterans' schedules cover Washington D.C., half of Kentucky, and all of Louisiana through Wyoming (states are in alphabetical order from K through W). These schedules contain approximately 700,000 names.

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Types of Census Schedules

The following census schedules are available for Vermont 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.
- 1890 veterans' schedules list Union veterans from the Civil War or their widows who were living in 1890.
- 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 1810 (Bennington, Franklin, Orange, Rutland, and Windham Counties), 1820, 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses.

How 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 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 Censuses Were Taken

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

1790 to 1820: First Monday in August 1830 to 1900: June 1 (June 2 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.

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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 heirs or administrators."

You may request information for only 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, State, and Local Censuses

Colonial, state, and local governments also took censuses. Nonfederal censuses generally contain information similar to and sometimes more than federal censuses of the same period. No colonial censuses were taken in Vermont. However, there are census substitutes, such as the book, *Vermont 1771 Census*, which has names taken from several different sources.

Vermont became a state in 1791. There are no state censuses for Vermont. See the "Census" section of the *Vermont Research Outline* for more information.

State and local censuses may be available on the Internet, at Family History Centers, at 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:

- Vermont 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 that have 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.
- The Archives and Libraries section of the Vermont Research Outline lists Internet addresses
 for several Vermont archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may
 have microfilms and indexes of Vermont censuses, 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 existing U.S. Federal Censuses from 1790 to 1920. No fee is charged for using census microfilms in person.

For a list of indexes and other census records, click on **Family History Library Catalog** in the window to the left. 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 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 and Historical Societies

The Archives and Libraries section of the *Vermont Research Outline* lists Internet and mailing addresses for several Vermont archives, libraries, and historical societies. These organizations may have microfilms and indexes of Vermont censuses, 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.

For more information, see Hiring a Professional Genealogist.

U.S. State Censuses

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1600-1799

Early Vermont, 1600-1799.

FHC Table 7

1771

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