

# Kentucky and Tennessee Research

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Kentucky repositories and websites:

**Filson Historical Society, Louisville.** Private historical society devoted to history of Kentucky, and especially Louisville. Membership organization.

<https://filsonhistorical.org/>

**Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Human Services.** Adoption Search Services for adoptees.

<https://manuals.sp.chfs.ky.gov/Resources/Related%20Resources%20Library/Kentuckys%20Adoption%20Search%20Services.pdf>

**Kentucky Cabinet of Health and Human Services.** Office of Vital Statistics. Order post-1910 birth and death certificates. Post June 1958 marriage and divorce certificates.

<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/vsb/Pages/default.aspx>

**Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.** Website with library catalog, finding aids. Collections include microfilmed county and state records for all counties.

<https://kdla.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

**Kentucky Digital Newspaper Program.** Free online newspapers, most pre-1923.

<https://kentuckynewspapers.org/kdnp/mcm.php>

**Kentucky Historical Society.** Family genealogies, oral histories, books and artifacts devoted to Kentucky history.

<https://history.ky.gov/>

**Kentucky Land Office.** Search indexes for land purchases from the state of Kentucky to individuals. View online or order copies of records.

<https://web.sos.ky.gov/land/>

**National Archives, Atlanta Branch.** Federal records pertaining to both Kentucky and Tennessee and other SE States.

<https://www.archives.gov/atlanta?>

**National Society of Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville Library.** Membership records, research materials on the Revolutionary War. George Rogers Clark Collection; Marquis de Lafayette Collection.

<https://www.sar.org/>

**University of Kentucky Newspapers on Microfilm.** View in person, or request on Interlibrary loan from your home library.

<https://ukmfilms.omeka.net/>

Tennessee repositories and websites:

**Chronicling America.** Pre-1923 digitized newspapers from throughout the US, including TN and KY.  
<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

**County Archives in Tennessee.** Links to County Archives websites & contact info., which have local county records and expertise.  
<https://tnsos.net/TSLA/archives/index.php>

**National Archives, Atlanta Branch.** Federal records pertaining to both Kentucky and Tennessee and other SE States.  
<<https://www.archives.gov/atlanta>>

**Newspapers on Microfilm at the Tennessee State Library and Archives.** View in person, order on Interlibrary loan to another Tennessee library; or order copies from a specific newspaper/date from TSLA.  
<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/newspapers-microfilm-tennessee-state-library-and-archives>

**Tennessee Department of Child Services.** Adoption Records.  
<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/program-areas/foster-care-and-adoption/adoption-records.html>

**Tennessee Newspaper Project (Digital).** Digitized newspapers for TN.  
<https://databases.lib.utk.edu/tnp/>

**Tennessee State Library and Archives.** Online catalog, finding aids. Collection includes State records from state agencies. Genealogical copies of state vital records. County records on microfilm.  
<https://sos.tn.gov/tsla>

**Tennessee Office of Vital Records.** Order copies of vital records or abstracts.  
<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/vital-records.html>

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## FamilySearch Resources:

### **Online records:**

FamilySearch Catalog: Search by State (in general), by county (in general), and by town/city for links to online materials (and some print only) at FamilySearch website about that location. Look under format (lower right of page) for a camera icon without a key symbol. This indicates resource is online and viewable. Those with a key may be viewable at your local Family History Center.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog>

**Research Wiki for Kentucky:** How-to advice and links to research in KY.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Kentucky,\\_United\\_States\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Kentucky,_United_States_Genealogy)

**Research Wiki for Tennessee:** How-to advice and links to research in TN.

[https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Tennessee,\\_United\\_States\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Tennessee,_United_States_Genealogy)

### **Lookup Service:**

<https://www.familysearch.org/family-history-library/family-history-library-records-look-up-service>

## Genealogy Center Guides to Research:

Kentucky State Research Snapshot:

<https://acpl-cms.wise.oclc.org/images/Documents/Gendocs/States/kentucky-sg.pdf>

Tennessee State Research Snapshot:

<https://acpl-cms.wise.oclc.org/images/Documents/Gendocs/States/tennessee-sg.pdf>