Sources of U.S. Federal Documents and Websites of Interest to Genealogists

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This guide is intended to give those interested in genealogical research some idea of the kinds of materials available through the U.S. Government Information Division of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, as well as through the Federal Depository Library System in general. Although our library primarily serves the State and Federal government, academic, and library communities, our collection contains many resources that might be helpful to the genealogical researcher.

Among the most valuable of these resources are military registers and roll calls, monographs on military history, and federal agency and department registers and lists. The information provided in these materials ranges from just a person’s name to rank, date and place of birth, date of rank, honors and awards, and assignments.

Other materials, such as telephone directories and annual reports, are of value to many fewer researchers, as they often give no more data than a name and telephone number, or mention of a very few persons in high-ranking positions.

We do not have individual military service records, medical records, or copious amounts of detailed information on all military or federal government employees. Most of our military documents refer to officers and not to enlisted men, and most items that do refer to enlisted men give little information. Further, most of our federal agency and department information is limited to names, telephone numbers, and office numbers of heads of departments or divisions during a given year.

Although we do not have a genealogical librarian and cannot perform detailed genealogical information searches, we will make any of these materials available either in our library or through interlibrary loan (with exceptions for extremely old or fragile items). We hope this guide can help you identify any items that might be useful.

The number that follows each entry for resources available in a tangible form is a Superintendent of Documents (Sudocs) classification number, assigned by the Federal Government to documents sent to depository libraries. These numbers are the easiest method for us to find a specific title, since our collection is arranged by the Sudocs system.
Federal Websites and Websites Holding Federal Publications Useful in Genealogical Research

There are many commercial genealogical resources on the Internet, some of which provide a wealth of information and numerous lists of resources, representing a wide range of usefulness. The sites listed here are limited to Federal Government sites and sites associated with or sponsored by a Federal agency or department. Similar to commercial sites, the usefulness of these sites varies.

**Air Force Historical Research Agency**  
[https://www.afhra.af.mil/](https://www.afhra.af.mil/)  
This site includes many different links to information related to the U.S. Air Force. It also contains many personal papers of commanders and a link to a database of people who have earned an Aerial Victory Credit during combat. [https://www.afhra.af.mil/Information/Aerial-Victory-Credits/](https://www.afhra.af.mil/Information/Aerial-Victory-Credits/)

**American Family Immigration History Center**  
[https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/](https://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/)  
Access to immigration records at Ellis Island.

**Bureau of Land Management General Land Office Records**  
Provides “live access to Federal land conveyance records for the Public Land States.” Also provides “image access to more than two million Federal land title records for Eastern Public Land States, issued between 1820 and 1908. Images of Serial patents (land titles issued between 1908 and the mid-1960’s) are currently being added to this web site. Due to organization of documents in the GLO collection, this site does not currently contain every Federal title record issued for the Public Land States.”

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Where to Write for Vital Records**  
[http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm)  
Gives the address to which written requests for birth or death certificates can be sent. Because these records are kept by the individual states, this page is organized by state.

**Indian Health Service—Genealogy**  
[http://www.ihs.gov/misc/links_gateway/sub_categories.cfm?Sub_Cat_ID=0807](http://www.ihs.gov/misc/links_gateway/sub_categories.cfm?Sub_Cat_ID=0807)  
Presents information specifically for persons researching American Indian ancestry.

**Index to the Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory (Dawes)**  
[https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes](https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes)  
This is the index to the names of individuals entitled to enrollment on the rolls of the various tribes comprising the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory (Oklahoma). The index entries are arranged by tribe and there under by enrollment category (Cherokee By Blood, Cherokee Minor, Cherokee Freedmen, etc.).
Index to the Applications Submitted for the Eastern Cherokee Roll of 1909 (Guion Miller Roll)
The index includes the names of all persons applying for compensation arising from the judgment of the United States Court of Claims on May 28, 1906, for the Eastern Cherokee tribe.

Library of Congress Learning Page: Genealogies, Local and Family Histories, City Directories
https://guides.loc.gov/american-women-general-collections/genealogies
A list of both government and commercial sites that might be helpful in genealogical research.

Library of Congress Local History and Genealogy Reading Room
http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/
“What to do to prepare for your genealogical research at the Library of Congress; overview of reading room policies, and searching tips for locating genealogical materials in the online catalog. Information on what genealogical materials are available in the Library’s collection of books and monographs; CD-ROMs; Internet-based subscription services available onsite; and the vertical file.”

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): Genealogy
https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy
“The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has many records that are useful for genealogical research, such as the Federal population censuses, 1790-1930; military service and pension records, ca. 1776-1900; immigration records, 1820-1957; and naturalization records. You may wish to begin your research in census records, which are available for 1790-1920. Begin with the 1930 census and work your way backwards. Census records are basic building blocks for your genealogical research; they will provide names of family members, ages, state or country of birth, occupation, and other useful information.”

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): Native American Records
https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans
This site consists of several other links to various Native American Records held by NARA.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): Revolutionary War
https://www.archives.gov/research/military/american-revolution
“The National Archives holds records relating to military service during the Revolutionary War, including both Continental troops and state troops that served as Continental troops. You may want to start by searching for a person's Military Service Records and Pension and Bounty Land records.”

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): War of 1812
http://www.archives.gov/research/military/war-of-1812.html
“This page is similar to the above page only is centered on the War of 1812.”

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): Civil War
http://www.archives.gov/research/civil-war/index.html
“Over 2.8 million men (and a few hundred women) served in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. This page briefly describes resources for researching the military service of individual Civil War soldiers.
http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/military/civil-war-resources.html
“Various documents about the Civil War are contained on this page.”
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): World War I
“The following link leads to many different sources about World War I”.

https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/wwi

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): World War II
“The following link leads to many different sources about World War II”.

https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2
National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): Korea and Vietnam State-Level Casualty Lists

http://www.archives.gov/research/korean-war/casualty-lists/index.html

“The Center for Electronic Records, National Archives and Records Administration, has custody of two data files in the Records of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Record Group 330). They contain records of U.S. military casualties from the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. The records in the Korean Conflict Casualty File (KCCF) are for persons who died as a result of hostilities in Korea, 1950-57, including those who died while missing or captured. The Center has prepared state casualty lists by creating extracts from the data files. The state lists include the following data for each casualty: name, rank or grade, branch of service, home of record, date of casualty, date of birth (Vietnam only), and category of casualty. The state lists are sorted in two ways: alphabetically by last name; or, alphabetically by "home of record." You can access these state-level casualty extracts through the Center for Electronic Records website. As of August 1999, the version of the Vietnam state lists available on-line are those generated from the November 1997 version of the CACCF. Dates of death in the CACCF as of November 1997 range from 1957-1995.”

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): Publications

https://www.archives.gov/publications/genealogy/free.html

“GENEALOGY GUIDES AND FINDING AIDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM NARA:”

- Black History: A Guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives
- The Union: A Guide to Federal Archives Relating to the Civil War
- Guide to Federal Records in the National Archives of the United States
- Guide to Genealogical Research in the National Archives
- Guide to Records in the National Archives Relating to American Indians
- Our Family, Our Town: Essays on Family and Local History Sources in the National Archives
- The Trans-Mississippi West, 1804-1912: A Guide to Federal Records for the Territorial Period

Railroad Retirement Board

https://www.archives.gov/atlanta/public/railroad-retirement-board-records

“The U.S. Railroad Retirement Board administers a Federal retirement benefit program covering the nation’s railroad workers. The records it maintains deal primarily with the administration and payment of these benefits. The Board will provide information from its records on deceased persons for the purpose of genealogical research. However, it will not release information on persons who are still living without the written consent of that person.”

Records of Post-Civil War Federal Agencies at the National Archives


“The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) is the official repository of the permanently valuable records of the U.S. Government. NARA’s vast holdings document the lives and experiences of persons who interacted with the Federal Government. The records created by post-Civil War Federal agencies are perhaps some of the most important records available for the study of black family life and genealogy...The records are an extremely rich source of documentation for the African American family historian seeking to ‘bridge the gap’ for the transitional period from slavery to freedom.”
The Records of the Virginia Company of London: The Court Book, From
Volumes III and IV, 1933, 1935.
https://lccn.loc.gov/06035006
This collection is a transcript of the original court records of the Virginia Company, 1619-1626. They
contain many of the names and locations of the original settlers of Virginia. The web link is to Thomas
Jefferson’s personal papers sold to the Library of Congress, which contain many other original papers of the
Virginia Colony.

Selective Service System Records
https://www.archives.gov/st-louis/Selective-Serice
“Congress passed the first military conscription act in 1863 during the Civil War, allowing
President Abraham Lincoln to draft men between the ages of 20 - 45. Our nation’s second
military draft law, the Selective Service Act, went into effect in 1917 and gave President
Woodrow Wilson the authority to conscript men for World War I.
In 1940, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act,
creating the country’s first peacetime draft and officially establishing the Selective Service
System. The draft continued from 1948, during both peacetime and war, to 1973, when
President Richard M. Nixon signed legislation officially ending the draft. The Selective
Service registration requirement was later suspended in April 1975. However, in 1980,
President James E. Carter resumed Selective Service registration in response to the Soviet
invasion of Afghanistan. The Selective Service System remains in place today.”

Social Security Online—Freedom of Information
https://www.ssa.gov/foia/
“The Freedom of Information Act allows members of the public to request records from various Federal
government agencies. This guide explains how to request information and records from the Social Security
Administration (SSA).”

Social Security Death Index
https://www.deathindexes.com/ssdi.html/
“A list of links to free and fee based sites to search the Social Security Death Index. ”

U.S. Census Bureau—Genealogy
https://www.census.gov/topics/population/genealogy.html
U.S. Census Bureau page concerning the use of census information by genealogists
“The first enumeration began on Monday, August 2, 1790, little more than a year after the inauguration of President Washington and shortly before the second session of the first Congress ended. The Congress assigned responsibility for the 1790 census to the marshals of the U.S. judicial districts under an act that, with minor modifications and extensions, governed census-taking through 1840. The law required that every household be visited and that completed census schedules be posted in “two of the most public places within [each jurisdiction], there to remain for the inspection of all concerned...” and that “the aggregate amount of each description of persons” for every district be transmitted to the President. The six inquiries in 1790 called for the name of the head of the family and the number of persons in each household of the following descriptions: Free White males of 16 years and upward (to assess the country’s industrial and military potential), free White males under 16 years, free White females, all other free persons (by sex and color), and slaves.” The collection contains the names of the Head of Families, by State, County and Town.

“A census of pensioners for revolutionary or military services; with their names, ages, and places of residence, as returned by the marshals of the several districts...”

“The USCIS Genealogy Program is a fee-for-service program that provides researchers with timely access to historical immigration and naturalization records of deceased immigrants.”

“Immigration records, more popularly known as "ship passenger arrival records," may provide evidence of a person's arrival in the United States, as well as foreign birthplace. The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has immigration records for various ports for the years 1800-1959.”

“As a general rule, the National Archives does not have naturalization records created in state or local courts. However, a few indexes and records have been donated to the National Archives from counties, states, and local courts. Researchers should contact the National Archives facility serving the state in which the petitioner resided to determine if records from lower courts are available.”

“Maps are one of the many sources you may need to complete a family tree. In genealogical research, maps can provide clues to where our ancestors may have lived and where to look for written records about them. Beginners should master basic genealogical research techniques before starting to use topographic maps.”
https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/fs09902

“This is a short guide explaining how to use USGS maps and other databases for searching locations from the past.”
Military Casualty Lists and Decorations, Awards, Honors

Some of the resources in this category, especially those dealing with decorations, awards, and honors, are quite informative and provide biographical information on honorees. At the other end of the spectrum, many casualty lists provide only an alphabetical list of names, with or without rank or term of service. Most of these resources contain long alphabetical lists of one form or another.


National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): World War II casualties Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard Personnel
https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/navy-casualties
Army and Army Air Force Casualties
https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/army-casualties

https://archive.org/details/americandecorati00unit/mode/2up
“A list of awards of the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished-Service Cross and the Distinguished-Service Medal awarded under authority of the Congress of the United States, 1862-1926.”

Biographical information for recipients of the Medal of Honor from 1861-1949. Some entries are accompanied by photographs. Includes index of these recipients.

https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=pur1.32754060295262&view=1up&seq=3
**Medal of Honor Recipients: 1979-2014.** (Updated January 12, 2006) CRS Report for Congress. Anne Leland Information Research Specialist
https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL30011.pdf

**Pilgrimage for the Mothers and Widows of Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines of the American Forces Now Interred in the Cemeteries of Europe.** (1930) 339p. U.S. Congress. War Department.
https://digital.library.villanova.edu/Item/vudl:458977?c=&m=&s=&cv=&xywh=-1353%2C-1%2C5102%2C3000
Provides name and address of mother or widow of deceased serviceman, relationship to deceased, name of deceased, rank, organization, and foreign cemetery where deceased is interred.

This utilitarian list is arranged alphabetically by county, with names listed alphabetically within each county.
https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/army-casualties/oklahoma.html
Military Registers, Annual Reports, and Historical Lists

Military registers usually list rank and organization. Annual reports are listed here because many times they include information concerning promotions, special assignments, and other details for some individuals in various organizations of military service.

Active Duty Promotion List. Department of Defense. Department of the Air Force. Office of the Directorate of Personnel Program Actions. Alphabetical list of captains, majors, and lieutenant colonels; Line of the Air Force, including judge advocates; chaplains; Dental, Nurse, and Medical Service Corps; Veterinary Corps; and Biomedical Sciences Corps.


Army Executive Biographies. (1985) 943p. Department of Defense. Department of the Army. Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011390386 “We hope that the book will prove useful in acquainting all members of the Army team with the accomplishments of its leaders, both military and civilian. This edition contains the biographies of the active Army general officer corps.” Full page for each individual, with photographs.

Army List and Directory War Department. Office of the Adjutant General. https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100490113 Name, rank, and date of rank. Included are officers in the National Guard, the Organized Reserves, Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, military attaches, general officers, General Staff Corps, Office of the Adjutant General, Office of the Inspector General, Judge Advocates General, Quartermaster Corps, Medical Department, Finance Department, Corps of Engineers, Ordnance Department, Signal Corps, Chemical Warfare Service, Bureau of Insular Affairs, Militia Bureau, chaplains, and the Military Academy.

[https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011418047?type%5B%5D=all&lookfor%5B%5D=Chiefs%20of%20the%20Army%20Reserve&ft=](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011418047?type%5B%5D=all&lookfor%5B%5D=Chiefs%20of%20the%20Army%20Reserve&ft=) “Biographical Sketches of the United States Army Reserve’s Senior Officers.” Listed by year of command with photographs.

[https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011426522](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011426522)  
Lists name, file number, date of present rank, grade in which currently serving, date of rank of grade in which currently serving, date of first command, and active naval service control date for officers on active duty in the Marine Corps on 1 January 1958.

Biographical sketches with portraits of the commanding generals and chiefs of staff. Appendices including chronological list of chief executive authorities, departmental secretaries, and senior officers of the United States Army. Includes index.

[https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011409291](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011409291)  
Biographical information, one full page per officer, which includes home address, place and date of birth, education, and government assignments.

**Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, From Its Organization, September 29, 1789, to March 2, 1903: Volume 1.** (1903) 1069p. War Department.  
[https://archive.org/details/historicalregist01heitrich/page/n8/mode/2up](https://archive.org/details/historicalregist01heitrich/page/n8/mode/2up)  
Contains: “list of general officers of the US Army and of the US Volunteers arranged according to grade and rank, with period of service; complete chronological roster of chiefs of bureaus or staff corps, field and staff officers of the line; ...officers of the Army who have been thanked by name or presented with medals or swords by Congress since the organization of the Army...alphabetical list of all commissioned officers of the Army, including officers of the volunteer staff and all brevet major or brigadier-generals of volunteers, giving their full names, and showing services as cadets and all services as officers or enlisted men...brevet appointments, medals of honor awarded, and for what service conferred; all officers who joined the Confederate Army in the Civil War and the highest rank attained...and date of death of about nine thousand officers who died after leaving the United States Service.”
Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, From Its Organization, September 29, 1789, to March 2, 1903: Volume 2. (1903) 626p. War Department.
https://archive.org/details/historicalregist02heitrich/page/n4/mode/2up
Contains: “alphabetical list of officers of the Regular Army killed, wounded, or taken prisoner in action; alphabetical list of officers of volunteer regiments during the war with Mexico 1846 to 1848; field officers of volunteers and militia in the service of the United States during the Civil War; captains of light batteries in the volunteer service during the Civil War; list of general officers of the US Army and the Confederate States Army killed or died of wounds during the Civil War; general officers of the Confederate Army; officers who left the US Army after November 1, 1860, and joined the Confederate Service; officers of volunteer regiments and contract surgeons in service during the war with Spain and Philippine insurrection, 1898 to 1903.”

Lineal List of Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Marine Corps Reserve.
Department of Defense. Department of the Navy. United States Marine Corps.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/010311700
“The names, grades and lineal precedence of commissioned and warrant officers of the Marine Corps Reserve, with running mates...” Includes alphabetical listing.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000497366
Lists Chiefs of the National Guard Bureau, State Adjutants General, US Property and Fiscal Officers, military personnel on duty in the National Guard Bureau, Army National Guard officers on tour, and Air National Guard officers on tour.

National Archives Veteran’s Service Records
https://www.archives.gov/veterans
An excellent source that explains how to search for veterans’ service records and the different types of records and sources.

Officers of the Army in or near the District of Columbia. War Department. Office of the Adjutant General.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/101823412
Listing of officers posted in the area arranged alphabetically by name.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000637861
“The Army National Guard Register is an alphabetical listing of all officers and warrant officers, active and inactive, of the National Guard of the United States.” Lists state, education, and date of birth for each name. Names are arranged in alphabetical order.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000457489 “Contains that portion of the Army Register of the Volunteer Force pertaining to: Washington, New Mexico, Nebraska, Colorado, and Dakota Territories; the Veteran Reserve Corps, U.S. Colored Troops, U.S. Veteran Volunteers (First Army Corps) and U.S. Volunteers.” Includes index of names.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100113492 Lists name, rank, date of commission, highest assignable brevet rank, battery, number on lineal list, service in the Army in volunteers with highest brevet rank beyond lineal commission, service in the Army in permanent establishment, state of birth, and state appointed from for the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps.


Register of the Commissioned and Warrant Officers and Cadets of the United States Coast Guard in the Order of Precedence. Department of the Treasury. U.S. Coast Guard.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100113113 Name, permanent grade, service number, date of rank in permanent grade, date of birth. Includes active commissioned officers, commissioned warrant officers, and warrant officers; retired commissioned officers, commissioned warrant officers, and warrant officers.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000520762 Lists name, rank, naval schools attended, date of precedence, year of birth, and pay entry base date for Naval Reserve commissioned and warrant officers, in alphabetical order.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000523460 Provides number in grade, sea service in rank, total sea service, prior service for pay purposes, date of rank, date of birth, state of birth, date of entry, and state of entry. Includes index to names.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000523460
Lists lineal number, service date, date of present rank, date of birth, special qualifications, and pay entry base date in lineal order. Also includes alphabetical index with file number, grade, lineal number, and page number in lineal list.

Register of officers and cadets of the United States Coast Guard in the order of precedence. Department of the Treasury. U.S. Coast Guard. 
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Search/Home?lookfor=%22Register%20of%20officers%20and%20cadets%20of%20the%20United%20States%20Coast%20Guard%22&title=type%3Aid%20inst%3A

Lists signal number, service number, rank, date of rank, status indicator, experience indicator, termination date, date of birth, year commissioned, special training.

Provides biographical information on the Secretaries of War and the Army, along with portraits. Appendices including “Secretaries of War Ad Interim,” “Acting Secretaries of the Army,” and chronological list of Secretaries of War and Secretaries of the Army. 
http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/books/Sw-SA/SWSA-Fm.htm


United States Ship Thresher (SSN 593): In Memoriam, April 10, 1963. (1964) 146p. Department of Defense. Department of the Navy. United States Atlantic Fleet. Submarine Force. “On April 9, 1963, the U.S.S. Thresher (SSN 593), under the command of Lt. Comdr. John W. Harvey, USN, with a total of 129 men, comprised of the crew, civilian technicians, and observers, put to sea to conduct sea trials. She was conducting her initial deep-dive test on the morning of April 10, 1963, some 220 miles off Boston, Mass., when she was lost with all hands....” Provides biographical information, rank, and photographs of each of the 129 crewmembers of the Thresher.

U.S. Army Center of Military History [https://history.army.mil/](https://history.army.mil/) The Center Of Military History (CMH), which reports to the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, is responsible for the appropriate use of history throughout the United States Army. Traditionally, this mission has meant recording the official history of the Army in both peace and war, while advising the Army Staff on historical matters. In terms of this tradition, the Center traces its lineage back to those historians under the Secretary of War who compiled the Official Records of the Rebellion, a monumental history of the Civil War begun in 1874, and to a similar work on World War I prepared by the Historical Section of the Army War College.

War Department Annual Reports. War Department. [https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000078465](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000078465) Lists roster of officers, United States Guards; Organization of the Council of National Defense, its advisory commission, and members of the boards, sections, committees and subcommittees under the Council and advisory commission.

Together We Served [https://coastguard.togetherweserved.com/uscg/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=VeteranTimeline](https://coastguard.togetherweserved.com/uscg/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=VeteranTimeline) Together We Served (TWS) is the online community connecting and honoring every American who has worn the uniform of the United States military. This is where you reconnect with old friends and share your service story as a lasting legacy for generations to come.
Registers, Directories, and Annual Reviews and Reports

Some of these resources are not very informative. Directories, especially telephone directories of Federal agencies, often provide only last name, first initial, office number, and telephone number. The chief use of these types of items would be to verify that a certain person worked in a certain office during a specific year. Other items in this section, such as some of the political registers, offer much more, including detailed biographical and historical information. If the listing does not provide a date of publication, the item is a recurring (though not always regular) publication that has been published in more than one year under the same Superintendent of Documents number.

**Annual Report of the Attorney-General of the United States.** Department of Justice.  
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000521490 and  

Lists superintendents, assistant inspectors, superintendents of construction, members of the Board on Life-Saving Appliances, recipients of Life-Saving Medals. Includes index of medal awardees.

http://www.nasa.gov/centers/johnson/about/resources/jscfacts/index.html  
“In total, 195 U.S. astronauts have been selected in the 13 groups from 1959 through 1990; there are 97 astronauts in the program; 78 astronauts have retired, resigned or been reassigned; and 20 are deceased.” Provides alphabetical list of astronauts with selection year, group number, number of missions flown, and status (current, former, or deceased). Separate lists of current, former, and deceased astronauts list rank and organization, title, date of birth, place of birth, hometown, education, and missions. see also  
http://www.jsc.nasa.gov/Bios/index.html

“The Biographic Register provides concise biographic information on personnel of Department of State and other Federal Government Agencies in the field of foreign affairs. Biographies are included for ambassadors, ministers, chiefs of missions, Foreign Service officers, Foreign Service information officers, Foreign Service reserve officers, Foreign Service staff officers, classes 1 through 4, and Civil Service employees of grade GS-12 and above. In addition to the Department of State, biographies are included for personnel of the Agency for International Development, the Peace Corps, the United States Information Agency, the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.” Provides date and place of birth, education, government work assignments, and name of spouse.
Biographic Register of the Department of State. Department of State. 
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100581377
“Beginning with this issue...the Register will include Department personnel of grade GS-12 (General Schedule) and above, all Foreign Service officers, all Foreign Service Reserve officers, and Foreign Service Staff officers of class nine and above.” Provides date and place of birth, education, assignments, and marital status.

“The publication of this volume provides the first revision...since 1971. The present edition includes biographies of each of the more than 11,000 individuals who have served in the Congress of the United States since 1789 and in the Continental Congress between 1774 and 1789. In addition to the biographies of Senators, Representatives, Delegates, Resident Commissioners and Vice Presidents, this volume contains rosters of the state congressional delegations and elected officers in the First through One Hundredth Congresses. The work serves as a comprehensive record of the men and women who have served in the Congress of the United States during its first 200 years.”

“The collected biographies of black Americans who served in the House and Senate provide an important perspective on the history of the Congress and the role of blacks in American politics. During our commemoration of the founding of the nation’s government and two-hundred years of the Constitution, these biographies offer eloquent testimony to the long struggle to extend the ideals of the founders to encompass all citizens of the United States.” Includes photographs and biographical information.


Department of Treasury Telephone Directory. Department of the Treasury. 
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000889360
Name, telephone number, and physical location of employees of the Department of the Treasury. Also includes titles for directors, coordinators, chiefs, deputy-chiefs, and heads of organizational units and divisions.

“This publication contains the names of the members of the diplomatic staffs of all missions and their spouses. Members of the diplomatic staff are the members of the staff of the mission having diplomatic rank. These persons, with the exception of those identified by asterisks, enjoy full immunity under provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.”
http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/dpl/
FlightPhysical.com
http://flightphysical.com/
Website recommended for finding Aviation Medical Examiners


“This directory, published annually, contains information in three categories: Index of DoC Staff Committee Participants; Index of Committee Sponsors; and Index of Standards Activities by Departmental Agency, using a broad definition of ‘standards activities’. Participant and organization names are listed alphabetically within each index. A list of acronyms/abbreviations and an organizational chart of the Department follow the indices.”


“The Directory of Federal Libraries and Information Centers is based on a survey of 1,234 federal libraries and information centers in the 50 states and the District of Columbia...Each library and information center has four entries: its name, its address, the name and telephone number of a contact person, and the type of library or information center.” [https://www.loc.gov/flicc/FLD/index_FLD.html](https://www.loc.gov/flicc/FLD/index_FLD.html)

**Directory of National and State Literacy Contacts.** National Institute for Literacy.

Divided into three sections: state contacts, contacts for freely associated states, insular areas, and territories, and national contacts. [https://lincs.ed.gov/professional-development/resource-collections/profile-986](https://lincs.ed.gov/professional-development/resource-collections/profile-986)


*Chief administrative officers at American institutions of higher learning, regardless of accreditation status.*


“This directory contains 8 lists: (1) State weights and measures directors (2) weights and measures staff under each jurisdiction... (3) NCWM associate (business) members listed by company, (4) Federal government members, (5) National Institute of Standards and Technology members, (6) foreign government members (7) retired members, and (8) all NCWM members (government, business, and retirees), listed alphabetically...The names, addresses, and telephone numbers have been verified with the directors of each State and by the member.”


Foreign Consular Offices in the United States. Department of State. Office of Protocol. http://www.state.gov/s/cpr/rls/fco/ “This publication contains a complete and official listing of the foreign consular offices in the United States, and recognized consular officers. Compiled by the U.S. Department of State, with the full cooperation of the foreign missions in Washington, it is offered as a convenience to organizations and persons who must deal with consular representatives of foreign governments.”

“The collected biographies of Hispanic Americans who served in Congress allow us to understand the evolving history of the legislative branch of American government and the contributions of Hispanic Members of Congress in the political process.”

Department of State. Bureau of Administration. Office of Multi-Media Services. “The Key Officers Guide lists key officers at Foreign Service posts with whom American Business representatives would most likely have contact. All embassies, missions, consulates general, and consulates are listed.” The link below is for the most recent issue.

KSC Telephone Directory. National Aeronautics and Space Administration. John F. Kennedy Space Center. https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/ls?field1=ocr;q1=KSC%20Telephone%20Directory;a=srchls;lmt=ft
Telephone numbers, organization, name, and phone number for employees of the various subdivisions and departments of the Kennedy Space Center. Also contains alphabetical listing of all employees of KSC, including office phone numbers, mail codes, organizational affiliations, physical locations, phone numbers. NAS 1.24/3:

Alphabetical directory with personal entries containing person’s name, organization symbol, mail stop code, building and room, and telephone number.

National Associations of the United States. https://directoryofassociations.com/
Website for locating professional and trade associations located in the United States

“This directory provides biobibliographical information on 1,884 persons in the United States whose experience and professional training qualify them as specialists in the Latin American field.”
“Biographies of 2695 Specialists in the Social Sciences and Humanities” in the United States. Includes index of subject specialties and index of area specialties.

“This completely new, third edition of the National Directory of Latin Americanists brings together in one volume biographic and bibliographic data for 4,915 individuals with specialized knowledge of Latin America. Produced in the Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress, the Directory serves as the basic reference tool for information on Latin Americanist scholars and specialists working in the United States today.”

Lists research programs and their principal investigators. Includes subject index, principal investigators, and project officers.

Brief professional history and contact information for each member of Congress. “The Congressional Directory is one of the oldest working handbooks in the United States Government. While there have been directories of one form or another since the First Congress of the United States convened in 1789, the Congressional Directory for the First Session of the 30th Congress (1847) is considered by scholars and historians to be the first official edition because it was the first to be ordered and paid for by the Congress.”

Purports to list all Civil, Military, and Naval Federal employees working for the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, independent government establishments, and territory and insular possessions. Lists name, organization, and position of “all persons in the service of the United States, except for temporary employees and employees of the Postal Service.”

Includes the names of all postmasters, assistant postmasters, clerks, and city and rural carriers.
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Typically lists president, academic dean(s), registrar, director of admissions, head librarian, director of financial aid, business officer, and other top administrative positions as is appropriate for the type of institution listed.

https://history.state.gov/departmenthistory/people/principals-chiefs
Name, place of residence, date of appointment, and termination of appointment for secretaries of state, deputy secretaries of state, under secretaries of state, counselors, ambassadors at large, assistant secretaries of state for geographic areas, assistant secretaries of state or equivalents with functional designations, assistant secretaries of state or equivalents in discontinued positions, career ambassadors, heads of foreign assistance agencies, chiefs of mission to specific countries, and chiefs of mission to international organizations.

Register of the Department of Interior, Containing a List of Persons Employed in the Department Appointed by the President of by the Secretary of the Interior, Corrected to January 23, 1893. (1893) 249p. Department of the Interior.
https://books.google.com/books?id=aCJAAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA42&lpg=PA42&dq=Register+of+the+Department+of+Interior+1893&source=bl&ots=O4e4S55qKXv&sig=ACfU3U2iiDckfhg1Nh3GYUgH4YtwAsbP_g&hl=en&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwi4raWKs4LpAhUES60KHfCTD0EQ6AEnC3weECAsQAQ#v=onepage&q=Register%20of%20the%20Department%20of%20Interior%201893&f=false
Register of Department employees by agency and division. Includes index.
Lists organization of the Department of State, officers and classified personnel, members of the Foreign Service, historical principal officers of the Department, historical diplomatic agents of the United States, and diplomatic and Foreign Service officers who have retired or died since 1906. Includes index.

Website with links to federal and state court resources

Current contact information for Department of State staff.


Primarily Historical Works

The usefulness of these resources varies widely. Some are historical works that mention only high-ranking officials, or that mention only a select few people, and list those names in the index. Others contain large lists of people who contributed to a certain military campaign or the history of an organization. Unfortunately, in many of these cases the names appear in lists with very little additional information. Some contain detailed biographies and even photographs of several to many people. Still others contain combinations of some or all of these elements.


A few photographs of naval administrators; “Chronology of (A) Selected War Events, (B) U.S. Defense and War Measures, and (C) Navy Department Measures, Organization, and Policies”; extensive index.


Five volumes from 1917-1990


Lists the former commanders of each unit.


“…this volume traces the development of the department from its rebirth as a small, scattered organization in the wake of the Civil War, through the trials of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection, up to the entrance of the United States into World War I.” Includes index.


Headquarters of U.S. Army Materiel Command and appendix of Army Materiel Command key supervisors and executives.


“This thorough and objective account of the operations of PT boats in the U.S. Navy in World War II was prepared in the year after V-J Day by an officer who served in them through most of the war in the far reaches of the Pacific.” Includes index.

"Beyond Horizons: A Half Century of Air Force Space Leadership is a study of the United States Air Force in space. Of all the military services, the Air Force has been preeminently involved for the past fifty years in initiating, developing, and applying the technology of space-based systems in support of the nation’s national security. Yet there has been no single-volume overview of the Air Force space story to serve as an introduction and guide for interested readers."


“This catalogue has been made up from the rough caption lists sent from France.” Lists subjects of photographs, including a few Armed Forces personnel in France.

Lists each shuttle mission, beginning with STS-1 April 12-14, 1981, Space Shuttle Columbia, through STS-106 September 8-20, 2000, Space Shuttle Atlantis, including the dates of the mission, the mission crew, and a brief synopsis of the mission objectives and accomplishments. See also https://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/shuttle/shuttlemissions/index.html

This book is translated and published under the auspices of the United States Air Force. It gives a short biographical rundown of the top Soviet Commanders during WWII. It has an Index in the back with the names in the book.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/002704812
“For the most part, the material reproduced consists of telegrams between the Adjutant General and the commanders of expeditions...telegraphic correspondence...between the Adjutant General and unit, and military department commanders in the United States...occasional memorandums, general orders, and longer reports...Coverage goes much beyond combat activities, to include the minutia of supply, personnel management, and medical care, as well as extensive material on military government, political relations with Cubans and Filipinos, and the difficulties of Army commanders in dealing with the American press.”

“There were more than fifteen thousand American imprints between 1790 and 1800, but only 779 copyright registrations could be found for that period...Few copyright deposit copies of books and maps for the period 1790 to 1800 survive. ” Lists author, title, and imprint of those items for which registration records or deposit copies could be found.

“This book traces the history of the U.S. Army Signal Corps from its beginnings on the eve of the American Civil War through its participation in the Persian Gulf Conflict during the early 1990s.” Includes index.


This detailed history of the 311th Support Command Corps lists members and commanders, past and present, including former Chiefs of Staff, Assistant Chiefs of Staff, and Commanders as well as all personnel assigned to 311th COSCOM, 304th Materiel Management Center, 335th Data Processing Center, and 420th Movements Control Center. This volume does not contain an index.

A history of the process of integrating the US Armed Forces, including some of the key players and obstacles. Includes index.

Includes index.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/003522176
“This book has several important purposes. One of which is to assist scientists and engineers who, many years later, may be pursuing related technical objectives, perhaps not knowing of the White Oak work in that area. A second is to recognize the importance of the Laboratory in providing products to the Navy and the Nation: products used in deterrence in the Cold War and in action in the hot engagements.” Includes index.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000028272
Contains: Continental Marine muster, pay, and prize rolls, and biographies of Continental Marine officers. Includes index.

https://www.usmcu.edu/Portals/218/Marines%20In%20The%20Mexican%20War.pdf?ver=2018-10-29-143813-560
This is a short history of Marine involvement in the Mexican War in 1847. It contains the names of soldiers killed in the Marine Battalion in Mexico, 1847, the officers Brevetted during the war and various items about the war.

The Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War, Vol. I. (1923) 1389p. War Department. U.S. Army Medical Department. V. 1-15 
Includes “In Memoriam” section listing date and circumstances of the deaths of officers of the Medical Department killed in action.

https://archive.org/details/MedicalDeptUSNavyInFranceWWI/mode/2up
Includes organizational rosters with rank, organization, and operations participation.

A compilation of official records from both sides of the Civil War. Includes various kinds of information, including orders and personal correspondence between officers. There is no general index to this set, so look for the names of individuals in the index of each volume. 
http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/moa/browse.monographs/ofre.html
Order of Battle of the United States Land Forces in the World War. V. 1-3
Department of Defense. Department of the Army. Center of Military History.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000440953
Lists command and staff of various corps of the U.S. land forces in the first World War.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/101663563
Lists officers on ships in the service of the U.S. Coast Guard beginning in the mid-1800s, including those that served during the Seminole War, the war with Mexico, the Civil War, the war with Spain, the First World War, and the Cuban Expedition.

Appendices include B-17s that arrived during the attack (and their crews), “Army, Army Air Forces, and Civilian Casualty List,” and “Hawaiian Air Force Military Casualty List.” Includes index.
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Also available online from the Illinois Institute of Technology at:
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/002543562

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/006132470
Command charts of advance bases, military government organization chart, military government and personnel assigned to the Pacific Islands Trust Territory.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/003204160

“The present publication, prepared by the Senate Historical Office, adds cases resolved between 1972 and 1990. It is designed to describe each of the 141 major cases in... extended narrative form..., with an indication of the historical context in which it occurred.”
For each submarine lost, severely injured and dead submariners are also listed. Includes index.

A history of the US Army Chaplain Corps which includes an index with personal names.

“This volume presents documents relating to the role of U.S. aviation in the Battle of St. Mihiel.” Includes index.

This set consists of over one hundred volumes of official records of both the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. This is one of the most valuable genealogical resources available through our library. While these volumes do not circulate, they can be studied and photocopied in our library. The General Index with Additions and Corrections (1901) to the Rebellion Records indexes the names of individual soldiers, but will only tell you what volume to go to. You will need to look in the index of each volume to find more information about the person.

“...focuses on the interaction of plans, decisions, and personalities at the highest levels of the Department of the Army that affected the Women’s Army Corps...the Secretaries of the Army, the Chiefs of Staff, the Directors of the Women’s Army Corps...” Includes lists of commanders and index.
Military Academies and Academic Units

These catalogs and Academy registers can be used to determine if a particular person was a cadet, or staff or faculty member, at one of the service academies during a specific academic year. Some of the academic registers list honors, achievements, and some biographical information.

**Annual Register of the United States Naval Academy.** Department of Defense. United States Naval Academy.  
Lists past superintendents of the academy, officers and civilian instructors attached to the Naval Academy, Midshipman Officers and Petty Officers, Midshipmen of the Fourth Class, deaths and resignations, and prizes and medals presented.

**United States Naval Academy Alumni Lookup.** United States Naval Academy Alumni Association.  
[https://www.usna.com/AlumniDirectory](https://www.usna.com/AlumniDirectory)  
*This site has a database of the names of most of the graduates of the USNA. The site is searchable by last name and Class year. Must be alumni to use this site*

**Catalog of the United States Air Force Academy.** Department of Defense. Department of the Air Force.  
[https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/102300306](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/102300306)  
Lists members of the Board of Visitors to the Air Force Academy, officers of the administration, and faculty members along with their fields of study and educational credentials. See also  
[https://archive.org/details/annualcataloguni1719colo/mode/2up](https://archive.org/details/annualcataloguni1719colo/mode/2up)

**Catalog of the United States Military Academy.** Department of Defense. United States Military Academy.  
Lists staff and faculty of the U.S. Military Academy, as well as the “Association of Graduates.”

Contains alphabetical bibliography of the writings of graduates of the U.S. Military Academy and list of graduates of the U.S. Military Academy, with year of graduation.

[https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011408811](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011408811)  
Administration and faculty, Industrial College of the Armed Forces faculty, National War College faculty, Armed Forces Staff College faculty.
**Official Register of the Officers and Cadets, United States Military Academy.**
Department of Defense. Department of the Army. United States Military Academy.  
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/005881801  Lists with rank officers posted at the Military Academy, including those in academic departments, and current cadets.

**United States Military Academy, West Point, New York: Catalog of Information.** War Department. United States Military Academy.  
http://digital-library.usma.edu/cdm/ref/collection/p16919coll14/id/2819  
Lists officers and staff, but not faculty, of the Military Academy.

**The U.S. Coast Guard Academy Bulletin of Information.** Department of Transportation. United States Coast Guard Academy.  
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/005882461  
Lists faculty and staff of the Academy.
Periodicals

Periodicals are a difficult group of materials to use in this type of research. The lack of indexing and irregularity of the formats of many government periodicals, not to mention the frequent name changes and reorganizations, makes it difficult to know where to look, as well as what can be found. These would be most useful to someone who has information that a person was mentioned in a particular publication in a particular volume and issue. These materials are not easy to browse.


*Each issue contains a section titled “Decorations and Citations.”*

http://www.navy.mil/allhands.asp

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*At the back of each issue, “Change of Duty Orders” are listed, as are personal accomplishments and activities of Navy personnel.*


*Lists recent transfers on the back page of each issue.*


*Contains table of contents and indexes in each issue.*

**The Mobility Forum: Air Mobility Command’s Magazine.** Department of Defense. Air Mobility Command. Director of Safety. [https://themobilityforum.net/](https://themobilityforum.net/)

*Contains a regular feature titled “Flying Hour Milestones” at the end of each issue.*


*This monthly publication contains information about the activities of the United States Marine Corps.*


*Contains a regular feature titled “From Here & There” at the back of each issue which lists seminars attended and personal segments providing such information as new home addresses for Navy personnel.*


**Miscellaneous**

Some of these materials, such as the Native American Collection CD and Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865 CD, are not Federal Depository items and are only available for use at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries or other libraries that may happen to possess them. Others, such as the genealogical publications of the Library of Congress and the National Archives, should be available for either in-library use or through interlibrary loan.

“This reference information paper describes three post-Civil War Federal agencies’ records housed at NARA; the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands; the Freedman’s Savings and Trust Company; and the Commissioners of Claims.”

“…the papers and records of the participants held by…Library of Congress…access to a specially prepared subject guide to survey effectively the Civil War manuscript holdings…in 10,000 separate collections.”

**Congressional Record.** Washington, D.C. U.S. G.P.O. *The Congressional Record* began publication in 1873. *Printed by the Government Printing Office, it is the fourth and final series of publications containing the debates of Congress. (It was preceded by the Annals of Congress, Register of Debates, [https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/007065909](https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/007065909) and Congressional Globe, [https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwcg.html](https://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwcg.html)) The Record is far more comprehensive than its predecessors in reporting Congressional debates. Appendixes appear in most volumes, the earlier ones limited mainly to speeches of members. Online at Thomas begins in 1989.*

Below is an example of information contained in the Congressional Record:

**Congressional Record--Senate, May 17, 1991, 11369. National Hero Remembrance Day.**  
*These pages contain the Name, Status, Rank, Branch of Service, State, Town, and Age of members of the Armed Forces Killed in Operation Desert Shield/Storm. They are listed by State in alphabetical order.*
“Old maps appeal to a variety of persons and interests…To the historian they are basic source materials for understanding and interpreting past events…there are available today excellent facsimile editions of many interesting and attractive historic maps. A number of such facsimiles, faithful reproductions of rare or unique items in their collections, have been published by libraries or historical societies. Unfortunately, many reproductions in this category are published in limited editions and are already out of print.”

“This guide has been prepared as an aid for the many researchers who come to the Library of Congress’s Local History and Genealogy Room to research family roots in England, Ireland, Scotland, or Wales.” Though designed to aid users of the Library of Congress’s British Isles collections, many of the materials listed in this guide could be useful tools outside the Library of Congress.

“These bibliographical references are not intended to be complete but are designed to guide the user to additional information that is readily available, for the most part, in printed or processed form in many libraries. The references are reasonably complete in their coverage of the periodic (usually annual) administrative reports that were published during the war and of the administrative histories of war agencies that were published before the summer of 1950. Copies of most of the items referred to are in the National Archives Library.”

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Final Rolls of the Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes in Indian Territory (Dawes Rolls). [originally published 1907] Native American Collection CD. (1998) 643 scanned PDF pages. GenRef, Inc. and the Oklahoma Historical Society. Department of the Interior. Commission and Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes. https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes The Dawes Final Rolls, approved on or before March 4, 1907, list the enrollment number, name(s), age, sex, degree of Indian blood, and census card number for each Indian accepted for enrollment by the Dawes Commission. These individuals were enrolled under several categories, including Citizens by Blood, Citizens by Marriage, New Born Citizens by Blood, Minor Citizens by Blood, Freedmen (former black slaves of Indians), New Born Freedmen and Minor Freedmen.”

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“The National Archives has custody of millions of records relating to persons who have had dealings with the Federal Government. The records most useful for genealogical research are briefly described in this leaflet. These records may contain full information about the person or give little information beyond a name. Searches in the records may be very time consuming as many records lack name indexes…Photocopies of most of the records can be supplied for a moderate fee per page.”

Genealogies Cataloged by the Library of Congress Since 1986, With a List of Established Forms of Family Names and a List of Genealogies Converted to Microform Since 1983. (1992) 1349p. Library of Congress. Cataloging Distribution Service. https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/002579619 “…lists 8,997 genealogies received and cataloged by the Library of Congress between January 1, 1986, and July 31, 1991. Revised cataloging for pre-1986 works is also included…provides a useful and unique compilation of family surnames taken from the Library’s database of authorized subject headings and cross references…provides more than 10,000 authorized forms of surnames as well as more than 22,000 cross references for variant spellings of surnames that have been encountered in the course of cataloging since 1974…a list of older genealogies that the Library of Congress has replaced with microfilm copies made through the Library’s preservation microfilming program.”


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“The records described in this guide are records of the Federal Government, created to satisfy legal requirements or to meet the administrative or other needs of the originating agencies. They were not originally made for genealogical purposes... To use these records effectively a genealogist must know what kinds of information they contain and also, in most cases, how that information is arranged... Most of the records here described, unless specific restrictions on their use are mentioned, may be freely used in the National Archives research rooms... Photocopies of most of the documents can be furnished for a moderate fee.”

“The purpose of this guide is to describe and to assist the investigator in locating the materials in the National Archives concerned with Latin America: defined here as the Western Hemisphere south of the United States.”

Guide to the National Archives of the United States. (1974) 884p. General Services Administration. National Archives and Records Service. The National Archives. https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/002561785 “...describes official records of the U.S. Government—now legally designated ‘the National Archives of the United States’... regardless of where they are located. It does not include, however, descriptions of Presidential and other personal papers and historical manuscripts in the custody of Presidential libraries.”


Immigrant Arrivals: A Guide to Published Sources. https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/immigrant/internet.html “In the study of immigration history, ship passenger lists have become increasingly important sources of data for historians, demographers, biographers, and genealogists. This is particularly true in the United States where forebears of all but native American Indians arrived by ship from colonial times until the advent and popularity of air travel. Between the years 1607 and 1920, it is estimated that over thirty million immigrants came to these shores; during the past two centuries, over half of them came through the port of New York.”
Index to Applications for Enrollment in the Five Civilized Tribes Under the Act of 1896. [https://www.archives.gov/research/native-americans/dawes/dawes-1896.html

“Prior to 1896, the tribal governments exercised exclusive jurisdiction over citizenship. However, under an act by Congress on June 10, 1896, the Dawes Commission was authorized to receive applications for citizenship and to add names to the existing tribal rolls. This index, supplied by the Ft. Worth office of the National Archives, is a database of thousands of individuals (Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Creek) who applied for enrollment under the act. Information includes surname, given name, middle initial (if available), tribe and case number...Case files include original applications and petitions, along with supporting affidavits, depositions, and memorials.”


“Commonly called Gideon’s History of Indian Territory, this massive work provides a comprehensive history of the Five Civilized Tribes from removal until...at least 1900. The book also includes aspects of the tribes’ culture, language, habits, education, and religion. Published in 1901, Gideon’s is replete with biographical information on Indian and non-Indian citizens, providing the researcher with rich genealogical data.”


“This book deals primarily with biographies of the leading men of the territory. The rich source provides genealogical data on many of the men, and in some cases shows a photograph of the individual as well.”


“This checklist records 1,449 United States county land ownership maps in the Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress. Included are manuscript and printed maps, as well as photocopies of originals in other repositories. The list is accompanied by an essay tracing the historical development of the county land ownership map and a general index to county names, cartographers, surveyors, and publishers.”


This twenty-six volume set presents letters of Congressional delegates from 1774-1789, with minor corrections aimed at “a middle ground between facsimile reproduction and thorough modernization.” Provides descriptive notes concerning authorship and provenance where appropriate or necessary. Includes index and list of Delegates to Congress.
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000147306
Lists research collections held by the US Army Military History Research Collection at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania. “Men who became general officers at some point in their careers predominate among Twentieth Century collections, whereas most manuscripts for the earlier period pertain to field and company officers and enlisted men. For all these years, services, and ranks, personal papers still make up the overwhelming number of holdings: family correspondence, diaries, and memoirs. Some retained copies of official papers are available…Each collection is alphabetically under its main entry, usually the principal’s name.”

“In 1918 the Library of Congress published ‘A check list of collections of personal papers in historical societies, university and public libraries, and other learned institutions in the United States.’ This compilation proved so useful to historical students that, at the instance of the American Historical Association, a new and enlarged edition has been prepared.” Collections divided by state, and within state by library or other holding institution.

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000710452
“Some 11,150 persons have served as Members of Congress from the time of the First Continental Congress (1774) to the Ninety-fifth Congress (1977-79). Of these, 894 Senators, Representatives, and Delegates to the Continental Congress are accounted for in the checklist that follows. They are from almost every part of the United States (with the exception of Alaska, Hawaii, and South Dakota) and date from every era of our independent political existence.”
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https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/004424404
“The guide-index…designed to help the user of Official Records to understand the organization of the printed material and to make the tremendous amount of printed documentation about military operations more accessible.”

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/005574552
“The National Archives and Records Service (NARS) is the official depository for records of military personnel separated from the U.S. Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. The records are housed in three locations: the National Archives Building, Washington, D.C.; the Washington National Records Center (WNRC), Suitland, Md.; and the National Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Mo.” see also, https://www.archives.gov/research/military
http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RSL2182.pdf “This report is a guide to locating individual service records and military unit histories from the American Revolution to the present.

https://www.gutenberg.org/files/36021/36021-h/36021-h.html “This bibliography is selective rather than exhaustive. Among the topics covered are the urban Negro, relations between the races, discriminatory practices in all areas, and efforts to obtain political and economic freedom, as well as the education and cultural history of the Negro, his religious life, the social conditions under which he lives, and his historical past. Included are works depicting the lives of outstanding Negroes—abolitionists, fugitive slaves, educators, civil rights leaders, scientists, journalists, religious leaders, artists, athletes, and literary figures.”

Notable Men of Indian Territory. [originally published 1905] Paul W. H. Dewitz. 
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/011724993 “This work was published in 1905 at Muskogee, Indian Territory. It contains a record of prominent men in a variety of vocations, principally business, politics, religious and fraternal. Some brief historical notes with statistical data are also included...The book is well-indexed and is categorized by vocation...”

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000804433 “This finding aid lists the names of the Presidential appointees presented to the Senate for confirmation during the period from the 1st Congress to the end of the 56th Congress...concerning whom the files of the Senate contain nomination papers. The papers consist mainly of letters of recommendation or remonstrance from private persons and from Members of Congress and, in some cases, include letters from executive departments.” Includes index of names.

https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=uiug.30112104124372&view=1up&seq=3 “This publication is meant for two audiences: historians who employ genealogy and heraldry as research sources, and Polish-American descendants of migratory forebears who seek their ancestral lines. The literature in this publication meets both purposes...This compilation is but an introduction to Slavic, and especially Polish, genealogical research without claim to being exhaustive. The reference works cited are intended to familiarize the user with the wealth of information that is available in Polish. Many entries will lead the investigator to further material through their bibliographies.”

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/009508531 “The records described in this preliminary inventory are those of the Office of the Director of the CCC that had been transferred to the custody of the National Archives and Records Service (NARS) as of December 1978 and allocated to Records of the Civilian Conservation Corps, Record Group (RG) 35.”

“Broadfoot Publishing Company transcribed reels of microfilm that index the compiled Union and Confederate service records to produce this important new reference set. Listed are the names of the entire Union and Confederate armies, including every soldier from every state at every rank, in a cumulative index. For each soldier, name, highest rank achieved, unit of service, and state are provided. Also provided is essential information for obtaining an actual military service record.”

Sources for Research in English Genealogy. Library of Congress.
https://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/england.html “This guide had been prepared primarily as an aid to finding information about English genealogy at the Library of Congress. The Library’s British collection is so vast that the number of volumes in it ranks second only to those relating to the United States… While prepared for use at the Library, this guide will also be useful for those searching for English genealogical information in other large libraries.”

Sources for Research in Scottish Genealogy.

“This guide has been prepared primarily as an aid for those who are researching Scottish genealogy and local history at the Library of Congress, but it will also be useful for those searching in other large libraries. It is not comprehensive and is intended to be supplemented by Judith P. Reid’s Sources for Research in English Genealogy and P. William Filby’s American & British Genealogy and Heraldry: A Selected List of Books.”

https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/101448822

“This list covers the records of Foreign Service posts (embassies, legations, consulates general, consulates, and commercial and consular agencies) that the National Archives has received at different times from the Department of State and from the posts themselves.”


“The records of the BIA and its predecessors comprise Record Group 75 in the National Archives of the United States. The maps and other cartographic records, dating from the early 1800’s to the mid-1960’s, were transferred to the National Archives… from 1938 to 1972… This list consists of revised descriptions of cartographic records of the BIA maintained as central map files by the Mails and Files Division and cartographic records of the Irrigation Division…, and descriptions of cartographic records of 10 other divisions or branches of the BIA and of a few Indian agencies and other field offices.”

“The records described in this list constitute four closely related series, three of which are records of the Division of Surveys (Division E) of the General Land Office. The fourth series is composed of published records issued by the offices of the Surveyors General and the General Land Office... The records in the four series date from about 1790 to 1946... The four series consist of (1) manuscript and annotated maps unofficially referred to as the ‘Old Map File,' (2) boundary survey maps and diagrams, (3) field notes and related records known as ‘Old Case ‘F’ File,’ and (4) published records.”


“This list does not refer to all of the documents relating to black workers that are among the records of the Department of Labor and its component bureaus. Items were selected for the list because of their importance for understanding the history of the relationship between the black wage earner and the Department of Labor. Some documents are unique; others are representative of a larger group of similar records. The items in the list are arranged alphabetically by major subject headings, thereunder by minor subject headings, and thereunder chronologically... The inclusive dates are from 1902 to 1969, but most items are dated between 1918 and 1940.”

Special List 44: List of Logbooks of U.S. Navy Ships, Stations, and Miscellaneous Units, 1801-1947. (1978) 562p. General Services Administration. National Archives and Records Service. The National Archives. Claudia Bradley, Michael Kurtz, Rebecca Livingston, Timothy Mulligan, Muriel Parseghian, Paul Vanderveer, James Yale. https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/000131986 “Described in this special list are approximately 73,000 logbooks of U.S. Navy ships, stations, and Miscellaneous units covering the period from 1801 to 1947. Each entry includes the name of a vessel or shore establishment, the date span covered by the logbooks for that vessel or station, and the number of logbooks. The list is divided into three parts: logbooks of vessels known primarily by nominal designations...; logbooks of vessels, mostly World War II special craft, known primarily by symbol and number designations; and logbooks of a small number of 20th-century shore stations and miscellaneous units, including naval stations inside and outside the continental United States, naval air stations, training schools, receiving stations, submarine bases, barracks, and lighthouse stations. The volumes are part of Records of the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Record Group 24.”
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“This spotlights eight women who succeeded in “coming to the front” during the war—Therese Bonney, Toni Frissell, Marvin Breckenridge Patterson, Clare Boothe Luce, Janet Flanner, Esther Bubley, Dorothea Lange, and May Craig. Their stories—drawn from private papers and photographs primarily in Library of Congress collections—open a window on a generation of women who changed American society forever by securing a place for themselves in the workplace, in the newsroom, and on the battlefield.”
The United States Congressional Serial Set. 
https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/006228203 “The U.S. Congressional Serial Set, commonly referred to as the Serial Set, contains the House and Senate Documents and the House and Senate Reports bound by session of Congress. It began publication with the 15th Congress, 1st Session (1817). Documents before 1817 may be found in the American State Papers. In general, it includes: committee reports related to bills and other matters, presidential communications to Congress, treaty materials, certain executive department publications, and certain non-governmental publications.” Various types of information useful to genealogists are included. Use the indexes below to access information about pensions, claims, petitions, military registers, immigration, mail contracts, and many other lists of names.

Below are some examples of information contained in the Serial Set:

Register of the Navy for the Year 1820. American State Papers. Vol. 23

Letter from the Secretary of State, with Transcript of the List of Passengers Who Arrived in the United States from the 1st October, 1819 to the 30th September, 1820. 16th Congress, 2nd Session. 1821. Senate Document 118. Serial Set 45


Historical Register and Dictionary of the United States Army, from Its Organization, September 29, 1789 to March 2, 1903. Francis B. Heitman. 57th Congress, 2nd Session. 1903. “Lists all officers, including those in the Confederate Army, War with Mexico, etc.; lists all who served, were killed, or were wounded.” Serial Set 4535 and 4536

Journal of the Congress of the Confederate States of America, 1861-1863. 58th Congress, 2nd Session. 1904. “An index by name is in the last volume. It indexes names in the whole seven volume set.” Serial Set 4610-4616 (Seven volumes)


List of Pensioners on the Roll, Revolutionary War. 23rd Congress, 1st Session. 1834. Senate Document 514. Serial Set 249, 250, 251. (Three volumes)

List of Pensioners on the Roll, January 1, 1883. 47th Congress, 2nd Session. 1883. Senate Executive Document 84. Serial Set 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082. (Five volumes)

Graves of About 3,000 Soldiers of the Revolution Located by the Various Chapters. (1915) p. 155 U.S. Congress. (compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution). “Alphabetical list that provides date of birth, date of death, location of interment, and occasionally other information.” Serial Set Volume 6924