

Unusual Places to Find Births and Naturalizations

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Alternative Military Records

- *Army Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914* (Fold3 & Ancestry)
- Prisoner of War Records (Ancestry & FamilySearch)
 - *War of 1812 papers of the Department of State, 1789-1815*
<https://bit.ly/34k3Qfw>
- Confederate Oaths of Allegiance (Various by State)
- Veterans & Widows Questionnaires
 - *Alabama, U.S., Questionnaires of Widows of Confederate Soldiers, 1927* (Ancestry)
 - *Connecticut, U.S., Military Questionnaires, 1919-1920* (Ancestry)
 - *Connecticut, Military Census Questionnaires of Nurses, 1917-1918* (FamilySearch)
 - *Arkansas Confederate Veterans Questionnaires*
<https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/confederate-veterans-questionnaires/>
 - *Minnesota WWI Questionnaires*
<http://sites.mnhs.org/library/world-war-i-service-questionnaires>
 - *New York, U.S., State Veterans' Questionnaires, 1861-1991* (Ancestry)
 - *Pennsylvania, World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948* (Ancestry)

- *Virginia World War I Questionnaires*
<https://fromthepage.com/lva/wwi-va-questionnaires>
- *Utah, U.S., Military Records, 1861-1970* (Ancestry)
- *U.S., World War I Jewish Servicemen Questionnaires, 1918-1921* (Ancestry)
- *Indian Wars Widows Project Records, circa 1865-1965*
(National Park Service)
<https://www.nps.gov/jeff/learn/historyculture/indian-wars-widows.htm>
- Revolutionary Land Bounty Applications – Frakturs (National Archives)
 - Illustrated Family Records (Fraktur) Found in Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application File at the National Archives
<https://catalog.archives.gov/search?q=Fraktur&f.materialsType=photographsandgraphics>
 - *Fackenthal Library Collection of Frakturs and Bibles* on FamilySearch
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/100228>
 - Fraktur Collections on FamilySearch <https://bit.ly/3gxwyOL>
 - Free Library of Philadelphia
<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/digital/feature/fraktur/>
 - Mennonite Heritage Center (Frakturs and Family Bibles)
<https://bit.ly/2JD5924>
 - Philadelphia Museum of Art <https://bit.ly/2VQHYDR>
 - Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library
<https://bit.ly/3gypT76>
 - Penn State Pennsylvania German Broadsides and Fraktur
<https://libraries.psu.edu/about/collections/pennsylvania-german-broadsides-and-fraktur>
 - Ebay (Ebay.com) & Etsy (Etsy.com)

- Old German Script Tutorial
[https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-german-documents-pages/the-german-documents\(english\)](https://script.byu.edu/Pages/the-german-documents-pages/the-german-documents(english))

Government Applications

- Britain, Registers of Licences to Pass Beyond the Seas (1573-1677) (FindMyPast)
- Alien Registrations
 - *Landing Reports of Aliens, 1798 to 1828* (National Archives & FamilySearch *Browseable Only) <https://bit.ly/33SNqdN>
 - *U.S. Marshals Returns of Enemy Aliens 1812-15* (Ancestry)
 - *Alien Enemy Registrations , 1917 – 1920* (National Archives) Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina
 - *Allen County Public Library - Genealogical Records of German Families of Allen County, Indiana*
https://www.genealogycenter.info/search_germanfamilies.php
 - *San Francisco Public Library - Alien Enemy Registration Affidavits, 1918* <https://bit.ly/33TKnSH>
 - *Minnesota Digital Library - Alien Enemy Affidavits of Stillwater, Minnesota* <https://bit.ly/2JPUUat>
 - *Alien Registration Forms 1940-1946* (National Archives) <https://bit.ly/39S00Th> Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Louisiana, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia, & Utah
 - *Alien and Japanese American Registration Forms, 1942 – 1946* (National Archives) <https://bit.ly/3IYX70u>
- Alien Applications for Permission to Depart the US 1919 - 1920 (National Archives) <https://bit.ly/37UJvOW>

1. Individual's name, date and place of birth
2. names of father and mother; father and mother's birthplaces; father's and mother's residences;
3. Naturalization status
4. country of allegiance
5. Military service (US or Other) and draft status
6. Place of permanent residence
7. When and where individual entered the United States & name of vessel
8. Occupation & employment since January 1, 1914
9. Destination, reason for trip, date of expected return
10. if returning, name of vessel & expected date of departure
11. Name of spouse; spouse's address; wife's maiden name; spouse's birthplace; nationality of spouse's parents at the time of spouse's birth;
12. Names, sex, ages, and birthplace of alien's children
13. Ability to read, write, and speak foreign languages
14. Have they communicated with persons in Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, or Turkey since June 1914
15. Names and addresses of two references
16. Arrest record, names of relatives with military service
17. Physical description

- Identity Certificates (FamilySearch)
 - *Canada, Manitoba, Winnipeg, Certificates of Identity Issued to U.S. Citizens Pre-Examined at Winnipeg, Manitoba Who Entered the United States at Noyes, Minnesota and Pembina, North Dakota, 1929-1954* <https://bit.ly/2LnC1wb>
 - *Chinese Immigration Certificate of Identity, California, 1908-1943* (National Archives via Family Search) <https://bit.ly/37LAac5>
 - *Chinese immigration Certificate of Identity, Hawaii, 1908-1909* (National Archives via Family Search) <https://bit.ly/3qGeN4v>
- Department of State - Passport Bureau
 - *Correspondence pertaining to North and South American nationals in German-occupied Europe, 1941-1947* (FamilySearch) <https://bit.ly/3gzZDsL>
 - *Application for Issuance of Swiss Identity Certificate*
 - *Application for Extension of American Passport*
- Voters Registration (Various by State)
 - FamilySearch <https://bit.ly/2W9YWwQ>
 - Ancestry <https://bit.ly/3449v94>
 - Internet Archive <https://bit.ly/3gE87iB>
 - ***Additional registration records can be found in county, state, or regional archives***

Consulate Records

Genealogical information which includes cancelled passports, passport applications, nationality certificates, extradition files, certificates of origin, correspondence regarding military service registration and much more.

- List of International Consulate Records on FamilySearch = <https://bit.ly/3mjh6ql>
- Russian Consulate Records from the USA <https://bit.ly/37jb99a>
 - Russia Consulate (Chicago, Illinois)
 - Russia Consulate (Honolulu, Hawaii)
 - Russia Consulate (New York, New York)
 - Russia Consulate (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania)
 - Russia Consulate (San Francisco, California)
 - Russia Consulate (Portland, Oregon)
 - Russia Consulate (Seattle, Washington)

Employment Records – Ship and Sail

- New England Seamen’s Protection Certificate Index (Mystic Seaport Museum/Ancestry)
<https://research.mysticseaport.org/databases/protection/>
 - Recommended Read - *Black Jacks : African American Seamen in the Age of Sail* by W. Jeffrey Bolster
- Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Seamen's Proofs of Citizenship, 1791-1861 (FamilySearch)
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2290427>
- Proofs of Citizenship Used to Apply for Seamen's Protection Certificates for the Port of New Orleans, Louisiana, 1800, 1802, 1804-1807, 1809-1812, 1814-1816, 1818-1819, 1821, 1850-1851, 1855, 1857 (FamilySearch/National Archives)
<https://bit.ly/37IjtAA>

- Maine, Bath, Seamen's Proofs of Citizenship, 1833-1868 (FamilySearch) <https://bit.ly/3mmKkFk>
- Employment Service Records
- Connecticut, Seamen's Records, 1805-1918 (FamilySearch) <https://bit.ly/3a8oblm>
- Maine & Massachusetts, Case Files of Deceased and Deserted Seamen, 1873-1965 (FamilySearch) <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2303027>
- Oregon, Seamen's Records, 1905-1992 (FamilySearch) <https://bit.ly/2KasEzv>
- Seamen's Identification Cards, 1917 – 1922 (National Archives) <https://bit.ly/34gBbYG>

Employment Records – Railroad Records

- Railroad Retirement Board Records (National Archives at Atlanta) <https://www.archives.gov/atlanta/public/railroad-retirement-board-records>
- U.S., Railroad Retirement Pension Index, 1934-1987 (Ancestry)
- California, U.S., Railroad Employment Records, 1862-1950 (Ancestry)
- Pullman Company Employee Records (Newberry Library, Chicago) <https://www.newberry.org/pullman-employee-records>
- Pullman Car Works Employee Service Records (South Suburban Genealogical and Historical Society) <https://ssghs.org/>
- Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Employee Records (B&O Railroad Museum) <http://www.borail.org/B-and-O-Employee-records.aspx>

Investigation Records – Coroner Files

Coroner Files can be located at county, state, and regional levels. Some counties and states have digitized or have index finding aids to help you with your search.

- Coroner Inquest Records on FamilySearch <https://bit.ly/3adsbHv>
- Wyoming State Inspector of Mines Accident Reports (1924-1948, 1950-1951), Coroner Inquests (1925-1951) (Library of Congress) <https://bit.ly/2Wf8RBu>
- Minnesota Coroner's Inquest Registers (Minnesota Historical Society) <https://www.mnhs.org/>
- Oregon State Archives Coroner and Inquest Records, 1858-1960 (Oregon State Archives) <https://bit.ly/34gCzdN>
- Wisconsin County Coroner's Inquest Records (Wisconsin Historical Society Archives) <https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Article/CS15310>

Incarceration Records – Births and Deaths

- *Massachusetts Reformatory for Women Register of Births, 1877-1937* (Massachusetts State Archives) <https://bit.ly/3af114g>
- *Massachusetts Reformatory Register of Children, 1878-1962* (Massachusetts State Archives) Until 1958 it was possible for children of inmates [either born while mother was an inmate or admitted with mother] to stay at the reformatory with their mothers <https://bit.ly/3nrbX1o>
- *Philadelphia County Prison Births, 1858-1879* (FamilySearch) <https://bit.ly/3gNhEnM>

- *Philadelphia County Prison Deaths, 1819-1830 (includes Prisoners for trial, 1836); 1843-1889 (Reed Street Prison); 1858-1860, 1869-1872, 1895-1914 (FamilySearch)* <https://bit.ly/2LuauCj>

Incarceration Records – Inmate Case Files

- *Maine State Prisoners, 1824-1915* by Lewis Bunker Rohrbach
- *U.S., F.B.I. Deceased Criminal Identification Files, 1971-1994* (Ancestry)
- *Leavenworth Inmate Case Files, 7/3/1895 - 11/5/1957* (National Archives at Kansas City) <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/571125>
- *Philadelphia Jail and Penitentiary House Death Register, 1819-1914* <https://bit.ly/3mIFEPO>
- *California State Prison, Folsom Register and Descriptive List of Convicts, No. 1-5347, 1880-1903, 1938* <https://bit.ly/3qXaHFd>
- *Charleston [Massachusetts] State Prison Records, 1805-1930* (FamilySearch) <https://bit.ly/3nquxqs>

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