

Other places to look and records to investigate.

Use this checklist as a guide to sources of information you might find in outside your home.
Check each source you find.

Newspaper

- go to your local newspaper, find out if past issues are archived
- in particular, read the society pages; the gossip sections, who was ticketed, jailed, etc.
- go through the archived obituaries
- valuable clues are sometimes found in the least expected places

Historical society

- if there is one, go visit them. ask questions. ask to look through their records/archives

Cemetarys

- read or catalog the names/dates on headstones
- contact the cemetary office and ask if they have records with more information

Churches

- look for sacramental registers such as:
baptisms, blessings, marriages, burials, church minutes, first communions, bar-mitzvahs
whatever will likely apply to the research

Federal census records:

- population schedules (1790-1920)
- slave schedules (1850-1860)
- agricultural schedules (1850-1880)
- special schedule of dependent, delinquent and defective classes (1880)
- mortality schedules (1850-1880)
- industrial and manufactures schedules (1850-1880)
- special schedules of the Eleventh Census which enumerated Union veterans and their widows (1890)

Other items to consider

- passenger ship lists
- city directories
- the Polk Directory
- social security records
- hospital/medical records
- school/education records
- business files & special organization files/records/minutes
- employment records
- citizenship records