

Genealogical Research in Tennessee

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Colonial -- prior to 1 June 1796

Census Substitutes

1770-1790 Census of the Cumberland Settlements. Ancestry.com \$
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/censuscumberlandsettlements/> Created by Richard Fulcher from many sources

Ohio, 1790, Volume II. Accelerated Indexing Systems, Inc. 1984, Ronald Jackson a 13 page list that includes places like Washington Co., and Davidson Co., TN

Revolutionary War

Revolutionary War Service Records FOLD3 \$ <https://www.fold3.com/title/470/revolutionary-war-service-records>

Revolutionary War Pensions FOLD3 \$ <https://www.fold3.com/title/467/revolutionary-war-pensions>

DAR <https://www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy>

North America, Family Histories contains several volumes of the DAR Lineage Books. Ancestry.com \$
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/contentpegfamilyhistories/>

U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970. Ancestry.com \$
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/sarmemberapps/>

Patriot Paths – TSLA

<https://tnmap.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=32a9be43e2b44e00a67edfc5ac2b7227>

Land Records

North Carolina and Tennessee, Revolutionary War Land Warrants, 1783-1843 Ancestry.com (free via TEL) <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/revolutionarywarrants/>

North Carolina and Tennessee, Early Land Records, 1753-1931. Ancestry.com (free via TEL)
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tnnclandrecordc/>

Tennessee, Early Land Registers, 1778-1927. Ancestry.com (free via TEL)
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/landrecordstnnc/>

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Earliest Tennessee Land Records and Earliest Tennessee Land History. Griffey, Irene M., Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000. (GRH&GC - TN / Land / Gri)

Tennessee Land Grants, Byron and Samuel Sistler. Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1997. (GRH&GC – TN / Land / Sis)

Tax Lists

Tennessee, Early Tax List Records, 1783-1895. Ancestry.com (free via TEL)

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tnearlytaxlist/>

Index to Early Tennessee Tax Lists. Sistler, Byron and Barbara. Nashville: Byron Sistler & Associates, 1994. Includes 1787-1827. (GRH&GC – TN/Tax/Sis)

Early East Tennessee Taxpayers. Creekmore, Pollyanna. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1980. Includes 1778-1832. (GRH&GC – TN/Eastern/Cre)

Draper Manuscripts

Calendar of The Tennessee and King's Mountain Papers of the Draper Collection of Manuscripts.

Madison, WI: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1929. Haithi Trust

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.39015012186501;view=1up;seq=9>

Guide to the Draper Manuscripts. Harper, Josephine L., Madison, WI: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1983. (GRH&GC – Reference / Draper / Har)

Vital Records

35,000 Tennessee Marriage Records and Bonds: 1783 – 1870. Lucas, Rev. Silar Emmett, Jr. and Mrs. Ella Lee Sheffield, editors. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1981. A 3 volume set. (GRH&GC – TN / Register / Luc)

Tennessee Tidbits, 1778-1914, Vol 1-4. Fischer, Marjorie Hood. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1986 (GRH&GC - TN/ Register /Fis)

Marriages from Early Tennessee Newspapers 1794-1851, Lucas, Rev. Silar Emmett, Jr., editor. Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1978 (GRH&GC – TN / Register / Sis)

Territorial -- prior to 15 June 1836

Census Substitutes

The Reconstructed 1810 Census of Tennessee: 33,000 Long-lost Records From Tax Lists, Court Minutes, Church Records, Wills, Deeds and Other Sources, Sherrill, Charles A. Mt. Juliet, TN: Self published, 2001 (GRH&GC – TN / Census / She)

War of 1812

War of 1812 Service Record Index. FOLD3 \$ <https://www.fold3.com/title/875/war-of-1812-service-record-index>

War of 1812 Pension Files. FOLD3 Free <https://www.fold3.com/title/761/war-of-1812-pension-files>

Tax Lists

1836 Tennessee Civil Districts and Tax Lists, Douthat, James L. Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1993. By county. Includes copy of 1835 act, map of civil districts, and available tax lists 1836-1839.

Other

The Tennessean <https://tntel.info/resource/tennessean-1812-2002>. ProQuest. Free when accessed through TEL.

Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770-1823: Indian, Spanish and other Land Passports for Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Potter, Dorothy Williams. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1982. (GRH&GC - USA/Southeas/Pot)

Antebellum -- prior to 6 May 1861

U.S. City Directories, 1822-1995. Ancestry.com \$ <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/usdirectories/>

Nashville City Directories – TSLA (free) <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/nashville-city-directories>

Memphis City Directories - Shelby County Register of Deeds (free) <https://register.shelby.tn.us/index.php>

TSLA Index of city directories on microfilm (will make copies \$) <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/city-directories-tennessee-state-library-and-archives>

Civil War -- 1861-1865 or applied for TN Confederate War Pension

U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865. Ancestry – index free, image \$,
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/confederatesoldiersindexscrs/>

U.S., Union Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865. Ancestry – index free, image \$,
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/unionsoldiersscrs/>

Civil War Pensions Index. FOLD3 \$ https://www.fold3.com/browse/249/hh_q9kMjO Note: FOLD3 also has Compiled Service Records for Civil War veterans.

Confederate Pension Applications – County Index TSLA
<https://sharetn.gov.tnsosfiles.com/tsla/history/military/pension2.htm>

Confederate Pension Applications – Name Index TSLA
<https://sharetn.gov.tnsosfiles.com/tsla/history/military/pension.htm>

Tennessee, Confederate Pension Applications, Soldiers and Widows, 1891-1965, FamilySearch. Images
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1874474>

Tennessee Civil War Veterans Questionnaires. TSLA - \$ for copies.
<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/ordering-tennessee-civil-war-veterans-questionnaires> \$

Southern Claims Commission Index <https://accessgenealogy.com/tennessee/tennessee-southern-claims-commission-index.htm>

Southern Claims Commission Images FOLD3 \$ <https://www.fold3.com/category/27/southern-claims-commission>

Civil War Confederate Applications for Pardons, Family Search.
https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States,_Civil_War_Confederate_Applications_for_Pardons_-_FamilySearch_Historical_Records

U.S., Pardons Under Amnesty Proclamations, 1865-1869, Ancestry \$.
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/pardonsamnestyproc/>

Nineteenth Century -- prior to 31 Dec 1900

The Freedman's Bureau <https://www.freedmensbureau.com>

A History of the Yellow Fever, J. M. Keating, The Howard Association of Memphis. Memphis TN: Wright and Company, Printers and Binders, 1879. Lists everyone that died in the 1878 Yellow Fever epidemic. (Benjamin L Hooks Central Library, Memphis Room, 614.541 K222)

Tennessee, Enumeration of Male Voters, 1891. Ancestry.com (free via TEL)
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1891enumerationmalevoters/>

History of Tennessee From the Earliest Time to the Present, (1887) including its Early Explorations and Pre-historic Races, also its Aboriginal and Pioneer Annals. Nashville: The Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1887. (GRH&GC – TN / History / Goo)

Index to Biographical Sketches in Goodspeed. TSLA <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/index-biographical-sketches-history-tennessee-goodspeed>.

Twentieth Century

Tennessee, Delayed Birth Records, 1869-1909. Ancestry – Free via TEL.
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tndelaybirthrecs/>

Tennessee, Death Records, 1908-1958. Ancestry – Free via TEL.
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tndeathrecords/>

Tennessee, City Birth Records, 1881-1915. Ancestry – Free via TEL.
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tnbirthcitsrecs/>

Tennessee, City Death Records, 1872-1923. Ancestry – Free via TEL.
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/tndeathcityrecords/>

Tennessee World War I Veterans – TSLA – index, compiled service records
<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tennessee-world-war-i-veterans-introduction>

Complete Record of Grave Removals from TVA Reservoirs. Signal Mountain TN: Mountain Press, 1989
(GRH&GC – TN / Cem / MP)

General Tennessee Resources

Tennessee State Library and Archives <https://sos.tn.gov/tsla>

Genealogy Index Search <https://tslaindexes.tn.gov/>

County Fact Sheets <https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/genealogical-fact-sheets-about-tennessee-counties>

Archives Directory <https://tnsos.net/TSLA/archives/index.php>

Tennessee Electronic Library <https://tntel.info>

Tennessee Blue Book <https://sos.tn.gov/content/tennessee-blue-book>

Tennessee County History Series, published by the Memphis State University Press in the 1980's

Tennessee Encyclopedia of History and Culture (<https://tennesseeencyclopedia.net/>)

Tennessee History for Kids (<http://www.tnhistoryforkids.org/>).

Tennessee Magazine <https://www.tnmagazine.org>

TNGenWeb Project <https://www.tngenweb.org/>

FamilySearch Research Wiki https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page

The Ancestor Hunt - Tennessee Newspaper links
<https://www.theancestorhunt.com/blog/tennessee-online-historical-newspapers-summary#.Xa4JJuZKjs2>

Sanborn Maps – Tennessee <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/?fa=location:tennessee>

Carson-Newman Stephens-Burnett Memorial Library
<https://cn.libguides.com/c.php?g=718292&p=5114592>

Some City Specific Links

Hamilton County Clerk's Office Marriage Record Lookup

https://secure2.hamiltontn.gov/CClerk/Marriage_License/PublicScreens/LicenseSearch.aspx

Knox County Public Library Local & Family History <https://www.knoxlib.org/local-family-history/historical-resources>

Shelby County Register of Deeds <https://register.shelby.tn.us/index.php>

Memphis Public Library- Memphis & Shelby County Room

<http://www.memphislibrary.org/research/memphis-and-shelby-county-room/>

Index to Early Memphis Newspapers <https://umdrive.memphis.edu/mckibben/www/index.html>

University of Memphis Historical Newspapers Research Guide

https://libguides.memphis.edu/historical_newspapers

Nashville City Cemetery <http://www.thenashvillecitycemetery.org/obits-index.html>

Davidson County Cemeteries <http://www.davidsoncocemeterysurvey.com>

Metro Archives <http://www.nashvillearchives.org/>

Germantown Regional History & Genealogy Center / Tennessee Genealogical Society

TNGS Website <https://tngs.org>. See also *Ansearchin' News* and TNGS Blog <http://www.tngsblog.org>

GRH&GC Databases

- Ancestry
- Fold3
- Newspapers.com
- HistoryGeo
- Georgia Pioneers
- American Ancestors
- JStor

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