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## ***Frequently Consulted Resources***

- ❑ ***American Jewish Historical Society***  
2 Thornton Rd.  
Waltham, MA 02453-7711  
781-891-8110/212-294-6160 Phone  
781-899-9208 Fax  
Closed until Jan. 2000 for renovations  
[www.ajhs.org](http://www.ajhs.org)
- ❑ ***Boston Athenaeum***  
10½ Beacon St.  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-227-0270 Phone  
M 9-8:00, T-F 9-5:30, Sat. 9-4 Sept.-May  
[www.bostonathenaeum.org](http://www.bostonathenaeum.org)
- ❑ ***Boston City Archives***  
30 Millstone Rd.  
Hyde Park, MA 02135-2324  
617-364-8679 Phone  
M-F 9-5
- ❑ ***Burlington Public Library***  
22 Sears St.  
Burlington, MA 01803  
781-270-1690 Phone  
M-Th 10-9, F 10-6, Sat. 10-5, Sun. 1-5  
Closed on state and federal holidays  
Closed weekends from mid-June to mid-Sept.  
[www.burlington.org/library](http://www.burlington.org/library)
- ❑ ***Congregational Library and Archives***  
14 Beacon St.  
Boston, MA 02108  
617-523-0470 Phone/617-523-0491 Fax  
M-F 8:30-4:30. No retrievals after 4:00  
[www.14beacon.org/arch.htm](http://www.14beacon.org/arch.htm)
- ❑ ***Massachusetts Library Directory of Public, Academic and Special Libraries***  
Includes links to online catalogs  
[www.mlin.lib.ma.us](http://www.mlin.lib.ma.us)
- ❑ ***Massachusetts Historical Commission***  
617-727-8470 Phone/617-727-5128 Fax  
[www.state.ma.us/sec/mhc/mhcidx.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/mhc/mhcidx.htm)
- ❑ ***Massachusetts Historical Society***  
1154 Boylston St.  
Boston, MA 02215  
617-646-0500 Phone  
M-F 9-4:45, Sat. 9-1 (for return readers only)  
[www.masshist.org](http://www.masshist.org)
- ❑ ***Massachusetts Municipal Clerks Directory***  
[www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/elecclk/clkidx.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/elecclk/clkidx.htm)
- ❑ ***Massachusetts State Archives***  
220 Morrissey Blvd.  
Boston, MA 02125  
617-727-2816 Phone/617-288-4505 Fax  
M-F 9-5, Sat. 9-3  
Closed on all major holidays, Evacuation Day (3/17), Patriots Day (3rd Mon. in April), Bunker Hill Day (6/17), Sat. preceding a major holiday  
[www.state.ma.us/sec/arc](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/arc)
- ❑ ***Massachusetts State Library Reference Dept.***  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133  
617-727-2590 Phone  
[www.state.ma.us/lib](http://www.state.ma.us/lib)
- ❑ ***Middlesex County Registry of Deeds***  
208 Cambridge St. (diagonally across from Lechmere station)  
Mailing address PO Box 410068  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
617-494-4500 Phone  
M-F 8-4
- ❑ ***National Archives--Northeast Region***  
Frederick C. Murphy Federal Center  
380 Trapelo Rd.  
Waltham, MA 02452-6399  
781-647-8104 Phone/781-647-8088 Fax  
[www.nara.gov/regional/boston.html](http://www.nara.gov/regional/boston.html)

M-F 8-4:30

Open five Sat. per year for microfilm research

- ❑ ***New England Historic Genealogical Society***  
101 Newbury St.  
Boston, MA 02116  
617-536-5740 Phone  
617-536-7307 Fax  
T-Sat. 9-4:45, W-Th extended hours until 8:45 pm  
\$15 per day use fee for non-members; \$50 for individual membership  
Closed Sat. preceeding Mon. holiday  
Call for holiday closings  
[www.nehgs.org](http://www.nehgs.org)
- ❑ ***Registry of Vital Records and Statistics***  
Dept. of Public Health  
150 Mt. Vernon St., 1<sup>st</sup> floor  
Boston, MA 02125-3105  
Next to Bayside Expo Center. Directions at [www.baysideexpo.com/facts.htm](http://www.baysideexpo.com/facts.htm)  
617-740-2600 Phone  
617-740-2606 Phone for credit card orders  
M-F 8:45-4:45 for copies  
M-F 9-12 and 2-4:30 for research  
[www.state.ma.us/dph/vitrechs.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/vitrechs.htm)
- ❑ ***Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston Archives***  
2121 Commonwealth Ave.  
Brighton, MA 02135  
617-746-5796 Phone/617-783-5642 Fax  
M-F 10:15-4:30 by appointment only
- ❑ ***Society for the Preservation of NE Antiquities***  
Archives and Special Collections  
141 Cambridge St.  
Boston, MA 02114  
617-227-3956 Phone  
W-F 9:45-4:30 by appointment only  
Daily use fee of \$5  
[www.spnea.org](http://www.spnea.org)
- ❑ ***Woburn Public Library***  
45 Pleasant St.  
Woburn 01801  
781-933-0148 Phone
- ❑ ***Vital Records***
  - ♦ ***1905-present.*** Municipal clerks' offices or the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics (see above).<sup>1</sup>
  - ♦ ***1841-1905.*** Mass. State Archives (see above) holds the registration books of births, marriages and deaths for all Massachusetts cities and towns, 1841-1905. Municipal clerks submitted these registration pages to the state on an annual basis for the vital records generated by their office.

While there is some variation in this information, generally the books provide names, dates, residences, occupations, and parental information. Some death records also include the place of burial. The Archives also holds microfilm of added entries and corrections to vital records for the same period. Later records in this collection will be transferred to the State Archives at five year intervals. Access to the information contained in the vital records registration volumes is gained by consulting bound index books. The books are organized in five year intervals; within each index, the names are listed alphabetically.

- ♦ ***Pre-1841 genealogical research.*** The city and town clerks in Massachusetts remain the custodians of early vital records for their respective towns. Printed *Vital Records Prior to 1850*, organized by town, are available in many research libraries, including the Massachusetts State Library (see above). A limited number of these volumes are also held by the State Archives.

### ***Selected National and International Resources***

- ❑ ***Ancestry.com***  
[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)
- ❑ ***ArchivesUSA***  
[archives.chadwyck.com](http://archives.chadwyck.com)  
Chadwyck-Healey's product, *Archives USA* (archives.chadwyck.com) provides access to three information sources: *Directory of Archives and Manuscript Repositories in the US*, *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*, and *National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the US*. Web access to this resource is available through public libraries, if they are members of a regional system. This database access is provided through Mass. Board of Library Commissioner licensing.
- ❑ ***Directory of Domestic and International Archives***  
[www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html](http://www.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html)
- ❑ ***National Register of Historic Places***  
[www.cr.nps.gov/nr](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr)
- ❑ ***Nat'l Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections***  
Online access to Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN) AMC file  
[www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc](http://www.loc.gov/coll/nucmc)

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U.S. Copyright Office/Library of Congress  
101 Independence Ave. S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20559-6000  
202-707-9100/202-707-3000  
[www.loc.gov/copyright](http://www.loc.gov/copyright)
- ❑ ***Gassaway's Chart: When Works Fall Into the Public Domain***  
[www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm](http://www.unc.edu/~unclng/public-d.htm)

<sup>1</sup> Indices of the DPH registration volumes through 1905-1971 are available at the State Archives, but the State Archives does not have copies of the actual records.