

Billings Public Library
Genealogy Class – Birth, Marriage and Death records
2017

Search for supporting information on the various sites such as Ancestry.com, Heritage quest and Family Search. The census records can give you estimates of when someone was born and help to pinpoint the place of birth if you check one census and then the previous one.

Births - Ancestry.com

Search > Census – find out year of birth and place of birth – especially in 1900

Search > Birth, Marriage & Death

Marriages – Ancestry.com

Search > Birth, Marriage & Death

On right side of page - Narrow by category – Marriage and Divorce

Deaths – Ancestry.com

Search > Birth, Marriage & Death

On right side of page - Narrow by category - Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries

Notice that some images of the records are available on Ancestry and some are not.

FamilySearch.com often has the images associated with the vital statistics events. Save images that you find. You will also find other information such as marriage witnesses, officiant, etc.

Get copies of birth, death and marriage certificates through VitalChek -<https://www.vitalchek.com/vital-records>

Need:

- Last name
- City and State of Birth
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Date of Marriage

Most state governments have archives offices or vital records offices.

<https://www.vitalchek.com/vital-records>

If the certificate is not there, it could be that the date is beyond the scope of the archived data of that state.

At VitalChek, you can also search for US Citizens born abroad

Searching for vital records from the U.K.

Ancestry.com

Search > Birth Marriage and Death records

Look at bottom right of page to see [England & Wales Birth, Marriage, and Death Indexes](#)

U.K. Birth, Marriage, Death

<https://www.ukbmd.org.uk/>

Select a County from the drop-down

Click "COUNTY"

Example: Lancashire:

<http://www.lancashirebmd.org.uk/index.php>

UK General Records Office

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/>

Click on the "Know your ancestors better" on the right side of the page

https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/most_customers_want_to_know.asp#FamilyHistory

Research Various Locations on Cyndi's List - <https://www.cyndislist.com/births/>

Norway: <http://digitalarkivet.uib.no/sab/howto.html>

Montana State Death Index: Locate a death date and then find the obituary on microfilm – A link is on our website or go to: http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mtmsgs/death_records.htm

Library Website: www.billingslibrary.org/genealogy