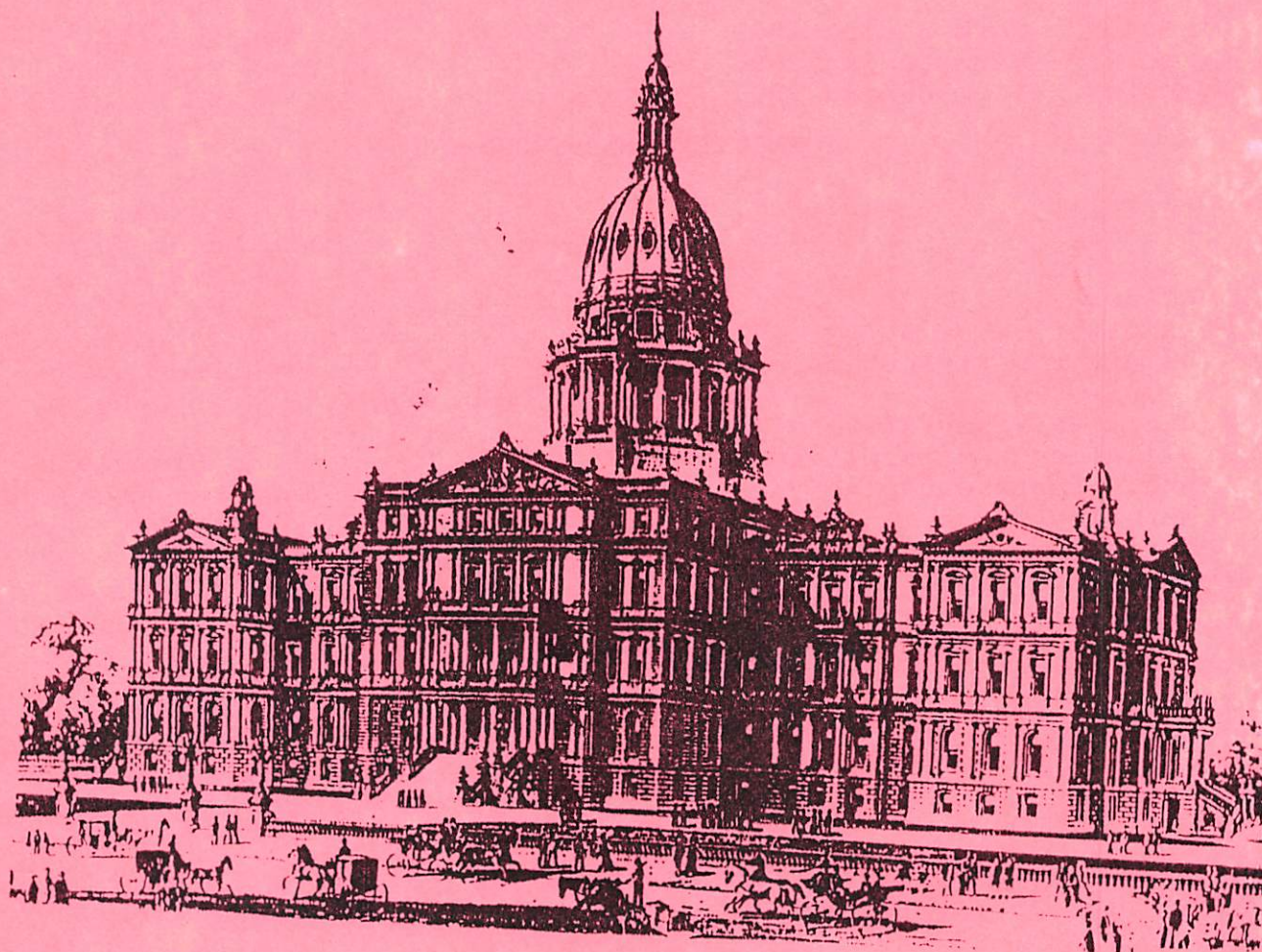


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# VITAL RECORDS - WHERE TO FIND THEM

by John W. Heisey  
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All genealogists rely on official vital records for much necessary information, but beginning researchers often don't know what to do. Where to find data, what periods of time are covered, or why information may not be available are some of the uncertain-

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## Your Ancestors ...and how to find them

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ties to be faced. Do you know what to do and where to look for that information? Perhaps the following survey will help.

In all cases, the first thing to do is contact the appropriate county courthouse. Determine what records the recorder has about births, deaths and marriages, and for what periods of time. Also find out what copies of these records will cost. By the way, don't ask for your copy to be notarized unless it's absolutely necessary. A simple copy will usually suffice.

Furthermore, be honest as to why you seek such documents. In some states only the individual or his/her heirs, legal representatives or such relations may be issued a vital record. Freely admit that you desire the document for genealogical purposes.

Another basic point to keep in mind is the spelling of names. If you don't have success with one form of a name, try another if you're sure the family lived in a specific state and county at a certain time. Remember that you may have to pay for each separate search, too. Also be aware that in some states you won't be permitted to personally search the records. Instead, an office clerk will do the looking, so provide sufficient data to identify names in the records.

As states instituted state-wide registration of vital records, the data was to be sent in by individual county recorders. At times they complied with the laws only under duress, so you may find that data that should be at state level is either missing completely or else is still in the county office. The solution is to check at both state and county level. The results will be worth the extra time and effort.

With that we're ready to tour the various states and see briefly what ought to be available. For more complete information, check the little pamphlet *Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces*, issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Hyattsville, MD, 1982, or later edition.

a. **ALABAMA:** Beginning in 1805, marriage records were issued by the clerk of the Orphans Court in each county. After 1850, though, this function was done by the probate court clerk. It wasn't until 1881 that births and death were required to be reported to the county health officer. However, not too many of these records exist today. Finally, on 1 Jan. 1908, statewide registration of vital records was required. All of these may now be obtained from the Division of Vital Statistics, Alabama Department of Public Health, State Office Building, Montgomery, AL 36130.

b. **ALASKA:** Recording of vital records began in 1913, although before that date county courts may have kept such data. For records from the state, write the Department of Health and Social Services, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Box H-02G, Juneau, AK 99811-0675.

c. **ARIZONA:** You'll find marriage records in superior court clerk's office in the county where the ceremony took place. It wasn't until 1909 that statewide recording of births and deaths began. Before that date, look for such Vital Records, Arkansas Department of Health, 4815 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.

e. **CALIFORNIA:** Vital records keeping was up to individual counties from 1848 to 1 July 1905 when the state required registration of births and deaths. All those records since then supposedly are in state custody and none are open to the public. However, data from them can be gotten from the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, Department of Health Services 410 N. Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. Earlier records can be requested from appropriate county recorders.

f. **COLORADO:** Although a law of 1875 required registration of births and deaths counties didn't always comply, so a statewide program was begun in 1900 for deaths and in 1910 for births. Statewide marriage registration covers 1900 to 1939, but not from 1940 to 1975. You can get copies of vital records from the Vital Records Section, Department of Health, 4210 East 11th Avenue, Denver, CO 80220. By the way, their birth records begin in 1928 while death records start in 1906.

g. **CONNECTICUT:** Town clerks in the various towns began keeping vital records from 1636 and to 1897. However, you may not find all records back that far. For instance, births and deaths are on record from 1650, and marriages from 1640. Since 1 July 1897 the state has kept all such records and you can get copies from the State Department of Health, Vital Records Unit, 150 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06146.

h. **DELAWARE:** Death records have been kept since 1855 but they are incomplete until statewide registration went into effect in 1913. Counties have kept vital records since the early 1830s and there are documents from 1861-1863 and 1881-1919 for births; from 1861-1863 and 1881-1929 for deaths; and from 1847-1929 for marriages. The Bureau of Vital Statistics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Social Services, State Health Building, Box 677, Dover, DE 19901-0637, holds many vital records but none for the period 1864-1880.

i. **FLORIDA:** While vital records were a responsibility of the counties in earlier times, they are now incomplete. Some birth data exists for the years 1865-1916 and death records from 1877. Finally, in January 1917, a law ordered vital record registration statewide, but marriages weren't recorded at state level until 6 June 1927. Copies of these records can be gotten from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services, Box 210, Jacksonville, FL 32231. By the way, access to birth records is restricted.

j. **GEORGIA:** Counties kept vital records until the state began registering births and deaths statewide in 1919, but it wasn't until 1923 when deaths finally got registered regularly. Marriages weren't registered statewide until 9 June 1952! You can get copies of all these documents from the Department of Human Resources, Vital Records Unit, Room 217-H, Health Building, 47 Trinity Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30334. Large cities kept their own vital records, such as Atlanta (births since 1887; deaths since 1896), Macon (births since 1891, deaths since 1882), and Savannah (births since 1890, deaths since 1893). Remember that many early records were lost during the Civil War (1861-1865).

k. **HAWAII:** Although it's our newest state, Hawaii has been registering vital records for a long time. Marriage records are on file in the State Archives from 1826 to 1929. Birth and death records have been kept since 1853, although they are incomplete before 1906.

Now you can get copies of vital records from the Hawaii State Archives, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813. Another source of such records is the State Health Department, Research and Statistics Section, 1250 Punchbowl Street, Honolulu HI 96813 which holds birth, marriage, and death records from 1863 to the present. Delayed birth certificates from 1901 to 1963 can be obtained from the Lieutenant Governor's Office, Honolulu.

**l. IDAHO:** Marriage records have been kept in this state ever since 1864 while birth and death records were not required at county level until 1907. In 1911 the state took over registering all vital records and copies are available from the *Vital Statistics Unit*, Department of Health and Welfare, 450 West State Street, Boise, ID 83720-9990.

**m. ILLINOIS:** Although an 1877 law mandated each county's recording of vital data, they are incomplete in the county clerk's offices from 1877 to 1919. Statewide vital records registration began in 1919, and some counties have records going back to the formation of the county. This is especially true of marriage records. Now vital records can be gotten from the Department of Health, Division of Vital Records, 535 West Jefferson Street, Box 450, Springfield, IL 62761.

**n. INDIANA:** The first law mandating registering of marriage licenses issued by county clerks was made in 1788. Registration for other vital records by counties began with the formation of counties but was not always done. Prior to statehood, though, vital records were maintained by the counties of Clark (1801), Dearborn (1803), Franklin (1811), Harrison (1808), Knox (1790), Perry (1814), Posey (1814), Switzerland (1814), Warrick (1813), Washington (1814), and Wayne (1811). Finally the state began registering deaths in 1900, births in 1907, the marriages in 1958. By the way, until 1940, marriage license had to be issued in the county where the bride lived.

**o. IOWA:** Some marriages were recorded in county offices before the state's vital record law mandated their being kept in 1880 (1 July). However, until 1921 it appears that only about half of those records were sent to the state. Copies of vital records are now available from the Vital Records Section, Department of Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, IA 50319. Counties also have their records.

**p. KANSAS:** Before July 1911 vital records were the responsibility of individual counties but now they are maintained at state level. Check for records at the Department of Health and Environment, 900 South Jackson Street, Topeka, KS 66612, or the Bureau of Registration and Health Statistics, 67 South Topeka Avenue, Topeka, KS 66620.

**q. KENTUCKY:** Recording of births and deaths began in counties in 1855 while marriage records were usually registered from the date of the county. Registration was in effect from 1852 to 1862, 1874 to 1879, and 1892 to 1910. Finally, in 1911 the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Human Resources, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, KY 40601, began such registration, while the originals remain in county courthouses. There has been statewide registration of marriages only since 1958. You'll find appropriate birth records on hand from 1898 to 1911 in Covington and Louisville; 1890 to 1911 in Newport, and 1906 to 1911 in Lexington.

**r. LOUISIANA:** Many parishes (counties) have vital records on file but it wasn't until 1914 that they were maintained statewide. They are available from the Division of Vital Records, Office of Health Services and Environmental Quality, Box 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160. In order to get a copy of any vital record in Louisiana, you'll have to prove that you are a direct descendant of the individual or have proper identification/authorization.

**s. MAINE:** Even as far back as the 1600s, a few towns in that part of Massachusetts which is now Maine were keeping vital records. During the 18th century more towns did the same, but when the state passed a vital records law in 1864 ordering that files be kept at state level, many towns did not comply with the ordinance. Not until the 1892 law went into effect were copies of birth, death and marriage records registered with the state. Copies of these documents are now available from the Office of Vital Statistics, State House, Station #11, Augusta, ME 04330.

**t. MARYLAND:** The earliest law concerning keeping vital records was in 1640, but very few of those records can be found now. Counties kept records, apparently, until a law of August 1898 ordered state level registration of births and deaths, but it wasn't until 1951 that the state began keeping marriage records. However, Baltimore City began keeping birth records in January 1875. Now copies of vital records are available from the Division of Vital Records, State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Box 13146, Baltimore MD

u. **MASSACHUSETTS:** Although some vital records have been kept since Pilgrim days in the 17th century, not all towns did so. In 1841 the state ordered copies of records sent to the State Registrar of Vital Records and it was done. Effective 1 January 1896, these records have been kept in the Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, 1 Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108. Access to birth and marriage records in this state may be restricted.

v. **MICHIGAN:** As early as 1805 registering of marriages in counties was required, first in district courts and then in the county clerk's office. In 1867 statewide vital records registration was instituted and data filed in the State Department of Health. Such information since 1867 is available today from the Office of Vital and Health Statistics, 3500 North Logan Street, Lansing, MI 48914. However, birth records are available only to a particular individual, his/her heir, guardian or legal representative.

w. **MINNESOTA:** While counties were keeping vital records before 1870, it wasn't until then that vital records were kept by the state. In 1907 those records were collected and kept at state level. Actually birth records have been kept there since 1900 and death records since 1908. For copies of these documents, contact the Department of Health, Section of Vital Statistics, 717 Delaware Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55440.

x. **MISSISSIPPI:** Individual counties kept vital records for many years before 1870 but it wasn't until November 1912 that birth and death records were kept at state level. Copies of these records are available from the Vital Records Office, State Board of Health, Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39205. Marriage records are held by the District Court clerk in the appropriate county. As information states "statistical records" of marriages are held at state level since January 1926 to July 1938 and after January 1942, it might be better to rely on getting that data from the county clerk.

y. **MISSOURI:** Counties kept vital records but it was strictly the individual up to discretion to the non-compulsory law of 1863. This left the recording of births up to the county recorders. An 1883 law ordered registering of births and deaths at county level, but this was repealed a decade later. No marriage licenses were required until 26 June 1881 and then the county recorder kept them. St. Louis kept birth records from 1850 to 1910 and death records from 1870 to 1910. Copies of vital records are now available from the Division of Health, Bureau of Vital Records, Department of Health and Welfare, Jefferson City, MO 65101. Early birth and death records of St. Louis are held in the Vital Records Office, Box 14702, St. Louis, MO 63178.

z. **MONTANA:** From 1895 laws required that birth records be kept by county clerks. These and death records were registered

there until 1907 when the state started keeping such documents. District courts in counties kept marriage records until state registration went into effect in July 1943. Copies of all vital papers can be obtained from the Bureau of Records and Statistics, Department of Health and Environmental Science, Helena, MT 59601. If you don't know an exact date, a search will be made covering a 10-year period. Finally, if the record is for genealogical purposes, a birth record will only be issued if you can prove that the individual has died.

aa. **NEBRASKA:** Counties weren't required to keep birth or death data, and it wasn't until 1904 that the state began such registration. Marriages, however, were recorded at county level since January 1909. Copies of vital records are available from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State Department of Health, 301 Centennial Mall South, Box 95007, Lincoln, NE 68509.

bb. **NEVADA:** Since 1887 some county recorders kept birth, death and marriage records. In July 1911, the state began recording births and deaths, but it wasn't until 1968 that marriages were recorded at the state level. You can get copies of vital records from the Division of Health - Vital Statistics, Carson City, NV 89710. Burial permits in the state are as good as death records and are on hand for Carson City (1893-1896), for Gold Hill (1879-1887) and for Virginia City (1879-1887).

cc. **NEW HAMPSHIRE:** From 1640 on, town clerks kept copies of vital records but it wasn't until 1866 that such recording became mandatory, and it wasn't until the 1880s that all towns complied with the law. Statewide recording of vital documents

began in 1901, and it is not possible to get copies of birth records from the state before 1901. No death or marriage records are released by the state prior to 1938. Write for vital records data from the Bureau of Vital Records, Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

dd. **NEW JERSEY:** Not all counties kept records of vital events until the state registered them in May 1848. Now you can get copies of those documents for May 1848 to May 1878 from the Archives and History Bureau, State Library Division, State Department of Education, Trenton, NJ 08625. For vital data since July 1878, contact the State Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics, CN 360, Trenton, NJ 08625.

ee. **NEW MEXICO:** County clerks kept vital records and many still have marriage records on file. Delayed birth certificates are available from May 1880. In 1920, the state started registering vital data and it is now available from the Health Services Division, Vital Records Bureau, Box 968, Santa Fe, NM 87503.

ff. **NEW YORK:** Vital records have been kept sporadically ever since 1665, and some school districts maintained such records from 1847 to 1852. Now that work is done by town or county clerks. Marriage bonds were the vogue from 1736 to 1783, and from 1847 marriage records were kept by some counties. In 1880, copies of all vital documents were sent to state offices (marriages from January 1880 to December 1907 and after.) Large cities also kept such records, as Albany (1870), Buffalo (1878), New York (1848), Rochester (1878), Syracuse (1873) Utica (1873) and Yonkers (1875). Registrars held these records for cities. For all vital records except New York City, contact the bureau of Vital Records, State Department of Health, State Plaze, Albany, NY 12237. For New York City births (since 1898) and deaths

(since 1920), contact the Bureau of Vital Records, Department of Health of New York City, 125 Worth St., New York, NY 10013. By the way, only birth records more than 75 years old and deaths more than 50 years ago are available to genealogists.

gg. **NORTH CAROLINA:** Marriages were ordered registered ever since 1699, but very few such papers have survived. Better results came from a 1741 marriage recording law. Vital records since 1868 have been kept by county registers of deeds and state registration of vital record copies has been done since October 1913 for births, January 1962 for marriages, and January 1930 for deaths. Copies of vital records since 1962 are available from the Department of Human Resources, Division of Health Services. Vital

hh. **NORTH DAKOTA:** County officers maintained birth and death records before the law of 1893. This was repealed in 1895 and no more vital records were recorded until 1899. Statewide vital registration began in 1907 for births and deaths, in July 1925 for marriages. Copies of vital documents can be gotten from the Division of Vital Records, State Department of Health, Office of Statistical Services, Bismark, SD 58505.

ii. **OHIO:** Birth registration was first ordered in 1856 but not done. A similar law of 1867 was also ignored, but the 1908 law on birth and death recording was obeyed and county clerks kept the records. Statewide registration of births and deaths had been done since 1908, and marriages since September 1949. Copies of these documents are available from the Division of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, G-20 Ohio Department Building, 65 South Front St., Columbus, OH 43215.

jj. **OKLAHOMA:** Some marriages were recorded in territorial days and county court clerks kept these and other vital records. Statewide registration of births and deaths began in October 1908, but marriages were not included. Requests for birth and death records as recorded in state offices must show the purpose of the request and relationship to the individual. Get copies from the Vital Records Section, Department of Health, Box 53551, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.



kk. OREGON: A law of 1862 required registering of marriages and copies were to be sent to the State Board of Health from county officials. While some counties kept birth and death records earlier, it wasn't until 1903 that such records were required. Marriage record keeping by counties began in 1906. The city of Portland started registering births in 1864 and deaths in 1863. Requests for copies of vital records must show your relationship to the individual, and only immediate family members or legal representatives can get copies of birth records. For any state vital records contact the State Health Department, Vital Statistics Section, Box 116, Portland, OR 97207.

ll. PENNSYLVANIA: As early as 1682 vital record keeping was ordered but none have survived. In 1850 a law ordered vital record keeping at county level but not all county clerks complied, while others did so haphazardly so the work stopped in 1852. In 1885 county clerks began registering marriages and still do so. From 1893 to 1905, each county register of wills was to keep records of all births and deaths. In 1906 the state took over this function and now you can get copies of birth and death records from the Division of Vital Statistics, Department of Health,

mm. RHODE ISLAND: Since 1647 Marriages were supposedly recorded by town clerks. However, it wasn't always done. These clerks were responsible for recording vital records alone until 1853 when copies were ordered sent to the state registrar. Today copies of all these records are available from the Division of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, 75 Davis Street, Providence, RI 02908.

nn. SOUTH CAROLINA: Although some vital records were kept earlier, no birth or death registrations were required until January 1915, but marriages were recorded from July 1911. Copies of the records are available from the Office of Vital Records and Public Health Statistics, Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201. Charleston has birth records from 1877 and deaths from 1821, Florence City has births and deaths recorded from 1895 to 1914, and Newberry City has records of births and deaths from the late 19th century.

oo. SOUTH DAKOTA: County treasurers kept marriage records from the beginning of each county and some records were filed by county registers of deeds. In 1905 vital records became a state responsibility and are available from the State Department of Health, Health Statistics Program, Pierre, SD 57501.

pp. TENNESSEE: Although marriages ~~were registered as early as 1778~~, no law required that they be recorded until 1815. Birth and death records have been kept by counties since 1881. Now those records are available from July 1908 to June 1912 and from January 1914 to the present (births only from 1914 to 1925). Get copies from the Division of Vital Records, Department of Public Health, Nashville, TN 37219. Large cities have kept their own records: Chattanooga (deaths from 1872, births from 1882); Knoxville (births from 1881, deaths from 1887); Memphis (births from 1874, deaths from 1848); and Nashville (births from 1881, deaths from 1874). Tennessee has marriage records only since July 1945.

qq. TEXAS: While marriages were recorded in counties from their founding, births and deaths weren't noted until 1903. Now copies of all vital records (marriages on hand only since January 1966) can be gotten from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756.

rr. UTAH: County clerks kept vital records from 1894 until 1904. Now such records (birth and death) are available in state offices from 1905, but marriage records only from 1978. Salt Lake City and Ogden have kept their own birth and death records from 1890 to 1904. Copies of all vital documents can be gotten from the Bureau of Health Statistics, Department of Health, Box 2500, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

ss. VERMONT: Since colonial days, town clerks have kept vital records but some are incomplete. In 1857, keeping these records became mandatory and copies were sent to state offices. For records before 1954, you'll have to contact the Public Records Division, 6 Baldwin Place, Montpelier, VT 05602. Post-1954 records are in the Department of Health, Vital Records, Burlington, VT 05401, but are not open to the public.

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tt. VIRGINIA: Counties have kept marriage records since 1660, but few have survived. In 1780 copies were sent to higher authorities and in 1853, a state law ordered counties to issue licenses, sending copies to the state. That law also ordered copies of birth and death records to be sent to the state from the counties. No birth or death records, however, were noted from 1895 to 1912 when statewide vital record registration began. Copies of such documents are available from the Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Box 1000, Richmond, VA 23208-1000.

uu. WASHINGTON: Before 1891 there was no law for keeping vital records although marriages were recorded in counties since 1853. Vital records were kept in county offices until July 1907 when the state began keeping copies. However, the state didn't start keeping marriage records until January 1968. Copies of all vital records now are available from the Vital Records Department, Box 9709, Olympia, WA 98504-9709. The cities of Seattle, Spokane and Tacoma keep their own vital records at their individual Health Departments.

vv. WEST VIRGINIA: County court-houses began keeping vital records in 1853 and statewide registration went into effect in January 1917 for births and deaths, and in 1921 for marriages. Contact the appropriate county or the Department of Vital Statistics, Department of Health, Charleston, WV 25305 for copies of such documents.

ww. WISCONSIN: County registers of deeds have kept marriage records since the 1820s and births and deaths were also recorded but not as completely. Furthermore, a separate record of births was maintained before 1852 when a state law ordered vital record keeping. Copies of marriage records have been sent to state offices since April 1836. That 1852 vital record law was sometimes ignored until another law (1876) got compliance from counties. Early birth record copies were to be sent to the Secretary of State. Now copies of vital records are available from the Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Health, Madison WI 53701.

xx. WYOMING: County clerks kept birth and death records until July 1909 when copies were sent to the state. Counties also kept marriage records from 1869 until May 1941. Early marriage records before 1970 can be gotten from the State Archives, Cheyenne, WY 82002. Copies of all vital documents are available from the Vital Records Services, Division of Health and Medical Services, Cheyenne, WY 82002.

It's well to keep in mind that addresses may change, so write first for information before just dropping into an appropriate office. Remember, too, that state historical societies and state archives often have either original vital records or copies of them, and that often those early vital papers have been published in compilations of state records.

One special source for background data on each state's history, its vital records and addresses of archives and specialized libraries is Alice Eichholz' edited work *Ancestry's Redbook: American State, County and Town Sources* (Salt Lake City: Ancestry Publishing Company, 1989).

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From a Letter to Dorothy Annear from Ellen Haigh dated 19 July 1999

"Harry was my father-in-law and a Detroit Cop at the time. He served during the time of the notorious gangs in Detroit and my husband heard all those stories told in "Whiskey River" by Loren D Estleman. Harry was seriously hurt in 1933/1934 during a bank holdup causing his early retirement. He was only 33 years old.

Adelaide was Harry's wife's sister. Adelaide married but never had any children. She was a very outspoken German. She was the one who taught me the art of making those beautiful doilies "Knitted Viennese Lace". I now have all fifty six of her original designs and had them copyrighted shortly after her death with her permission in writing of course."

Letter from Adelaide Schwartz 15 July 1971

### MY DAY IN THE MENTAL WARD (not the Pokey)

I got a laugh out of Harry's version of what happened to me. In the first place I never rode in a 'paddy wagon' in my life nor have I ever seen the inside of 'you know where' Either he had someone else in mind or he thought it made a better story the way he told it.

Those were depression days and we never tried to get a job thru the adds because by the time one got there a great number of people was ahead of us. So we would simply go out and look for signs in windows.

I had about \$. 40 in change, my entire fortune. I got up early, took a bath and set out. Just a few doors from where I lived, I met a man I had worked with and he said, 'You're just the person I want to see!' I had loaned him \$2.00 some months before when he was out of work. He was a Greek and all Greeks are gamblers. He had made a winning and was looking up all the people to whom he owed money. Greeks are also very generous and he insisted on giving me \$5.00 which was a young fortune. I went back to the resident hotel where I lived, paid the landlord a week's rent which was \$3.00, believe it or not. (a very nice room at that). Then I took the \$.40 and wrote a note to the girl who lived in the same place and who was also out of work and broke. I wrote, 'Get yourself something to eat. I won't need it now'. I put the money on the paper and slid it under her door as she was still sleeping. Then I went out and ate a big breakfast. That cost about \$.30. I had left \$1.00 in my room for emergencies.

Then I decided to make the rounds for a job. I was in the neighborhood of Detroit Receiving hospital crossing the street when a cab came at a pretty good clip. I ran for the curb, caught my toe and went head-first into a lamp post and knocked myself out momentarily. The cab-driver insisted on taking me to Receiving Hospital where they assumed I had passed out from hunger. That was nothing unusual in those days. They made me sit in a wheel-chair and brought me milk and custard. I was full "up to here" on ham and eggs and pancakes. I said, "I don't want your damn custard. All I want is to get out of here and look for a job!"

They insisted on putting me to bed in a ward and there was a woman there (a patient) who kept bugging me about it being no disgrace to be hungry and I must eat the nice custard and drink the nice milk.

Finally I lost my temper and said, "If you don't keep your big mouth shut and leave me alone I'm going to pucker you up bodily and pitch you out the window". She went screaming for the nurse who came and said, "Unless you settle down and eat your custard and milk we will have to take you to the mental ward". I said "Good! Maybe I'll find some sane people there. The rest of this place is certainly nuts!" And they did.

In the meantime the girl friend found the note and had breakfast. I was supposed to meet her at 11 a.m. And when it got to be 3 p.m. and I had not showed up she decided maybe I had decided to jump in the river. You see, she read the note again and it began to sound sinister to her.



She decided to call the hospitals and of course, called Receiving first and they told her I was in the mental ward. Then she called police headquarters and got hold of Harry and he came and got me out telling them I was his wife's sister. He laughed himself sick about it but I was mad for days. The only part of the story that he told you accurately was the "split night gown" Much as I love Harry, he does embellish a little sometimes. Don't tell him I said so.

*Harry told me that he left Adelaide in the ward overnight. Only at the insistence of his wife, Erna did he finally go and get Adelaide. Needless to say, his version of this affair was hilarious.*

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#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

- 10403 William PALMER, aged 21, of Birch Run, and May HISCKOM, aged 19, of Buena Vista
- 10405 Fred BEHRENS, aged 27, and Fredericka VIERKE, aged 24, both of Zilwaukee
- 10406 Peter Loer NICKELS, aged 26, and May SCRANTON, age 18, both of Saginaw
- 10407 William SPENCER Jr, aged 19, and Libbie May WILSON, aged 17, both of Saginaw
- 10408 Charles E FULLER, aged 43, of Bloomington, Ill, and Nellie J DAWLEY aged 34, of Saginaw
- 10409 William H SPRAGUE, aged 42, of Albee, and Florence B PARKS, aged 16, of Vernon
- 10410 Robert NICOL, aged 35, and Flora Edhel FENDERSON, aged 22, both of Saginaw
- 10411 Joseph MOREYSEWICZ, aged 23, and Helen JOSEWAK, aged 19, both of Buena Vista

TOWN TALK

Drink Prall's Bay Port Ginger Ale

Read C S Bliss & Co's adv on page 1 and profit by it

One of the best - The Grand Rapids Fire Insurance Co, incorporated 1882

Teeth filled without pain. All those who dread the pain of filling teeth will do well to call on Dentist ALDEN of the east side or Dr MEYER of the west side. Phone 651.

Mrs May S KNAGGS of Bay City will address a meeting of the Epworth ME church this evening, giving the methods and results of Happy Home clubs

There are only 30 days left to secure free homes at Port Angeles the old soldier colony. Those wishing to go call on A H SOPER for tickets and other information. Special train leaves next week

There will be a meeting in the Epworth ME church, south end, this evening in the interests of the Happy Home club. Speakers familiar with this phase of temperance work will be present

Mr Joseph STRINGHAM will play a violin solo at St Paul's church Sunday night

The Ladies' Aid society of the First MP church gave a most enjoyable social in the basement of the church last evening

The call for a convention for a revision of the constitution received 507 votes in its favor and 593 against it in Saginaw county

The till of Marskey Bros meat market corner of Seventh and Cherry streets, was tapped last evening and \$29.47 taken from it. There is no clue to the thieves.

There are nine children down with scarlet fever at the home of William SMITH in Bridgeport and one child, Minnie, whose death was mentioned in yesterday's NEWS was buried this morning

John MASON, the well-known salt borer of this city, has struck solid rock salt on the Canadian pacific Railway company's property at Windsor at a depth of 1,127 feet. It is expected the vein will be over 100 feet thick

There was a small blaze in an unoccupied house at 205 Thompson street, adjoining the SOPER block, owned by A E JACKSON, last evening, which inflicted a damage of about \$75. The fire was of incendiary origin

The Saginaw Lumber & Salt company has purchased 40,000,000 feet of selected logs of Merrill, Ring & Fordney to be cut on their Georgian Bay tract. The company has manufactured 35,000,000 feet of lumber this season and shipped 96,000,000 feet by rail

A new time card will be in effect on the Michigan Central tomorrow. The only change effecting Saginaw is on the evening train from Detroit to Mackinaw. Hereafter it will leave Detroit at 6:30 pm instead of 8:25 pm, passing here at 10:06 instead of 12:04 am

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#### TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

The Birthday Editor congratulates all these young folks whose birthdays are today, and offers them sincere wishes for many, many more happy birthdays.

MARVIN BARTLET, 2909 North Michigan avenue  
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RICHARD DICE 323 Stone street  
DONNA M ELFTMAN R D No 3, Pigeon  
ROBERT JAMES KING 701 Brewster street  
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Boys and girls between 5 and 13 are invited to send their names to The Saginaw Daily News by filling out and mailing the coupon below. (A small coupon asking for name, address and date of birth followed the column)

## **DISGRACEFUL AFFAIR**

### **Carcass of Horse Left Lying on Jefferson Avenue Nearly 24 Hours**

Dr H WILLIAMS' chestnut horse died Thursday morning about 11 o'clock. He was very much attached to the animal, which was 18 years old, and which he had raised from a colt. The animal was always well cared for, and its sudden death was a surprise to the doctor, the animal falling dead on South Jefferson avenue at the corner of Hayden. Dr WILLIAMS at once notified the police department, and the department, in turn, notified the city scavenger, which is the regular procedure in such cases. Notwithstanding, the animal was allowed to lay on this prominent thoroughfare all day and night Thursday, and was the first object to greet the eyesight of pedestrians in that neighborhood Friday morning. It proved a terror to other horses being driven along the street, and also nearly caused an automobile accident, the car striking the head of the animal.

It appears that the delay in removing the carcass was due to the police being unable to locate the scavenger, John PIERCE, whose home is at 1609 Cooper avenue. In the meantime the telephone wires have kept the office staff at Central police station on the jump to answer the indignant remonstrances of citizens. Friday morning Capt J P WALSH had an officer sent to PIERCE's home in another final effort to locate him, and failing that it was intended to remove the horse and charge the expense bill up to the city scavenger.

This later official, by the way, lives at a considerable distance from the city centers, and his remuneration is \$16 per month.

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## **FOLLOWED HER HUSBAND THROUGH THE CIVIL WAR**

**Mrs Catherine KENNEDY, Who Died  
Friday, Served as Nurse With  
Union Forces**

Mrs Catherine KENNEDY, formerly of Saginaw, passed away in Detroit last Friday afternoon and her remains arrived in this city Sunday. They were removed to Benjamin's undertaking establishment and from there were taken yesterday to the home of a niece, Mrs Marshal VALLETTE, 518 Owen street. Mrs KENNEDY has enjoyed a long and varied life. She was one of the few women who followed their husbands throughout the Civil War, being present at many engagements and acting as nurse to hundreds of soldiers. Her husband, the later Michael KENNEDY, was wounded at Gettysburg and lay on the field for some time before he was discovered by his wife, who was looking for him. He was a lieutenant of the cavalry in a New York regiment. Mrs KENNEDY never actively took part in any fights but she had been near enough to the firing line to have her dress shot full of bullet holes. She was born in Ireland 92 years ago and came to Canada while a child, settling with her parents in Leeds county, Upper Canada. She moved later to New York, where she was married to Mr KENNEDY. When her husband enlisted in the army, she decided to travel with him during the war and did so. After the conflict she, with her husband, came to Saginaw where they lived for a short time, removing to Dayton, Ohio, where Mr KENNEDY died 32 years ago. After his death Mrs KENNEDY came to Saginaw where she lived until ten years ago. She went to Detroit in 1900 and has boarded there since. Although 92 years of age she was hale and hearty up to a short time before her death and retained her faculties.

There survive three sisters, Miss Margaret McGUIRE and Miss Helen of Bay City; and Elizabeth of Saginaw; one brother, Peter McGUIRE of Canada and her niece, Mrs Marshal VALLETTE.

The funeral will take place from the home of the latter, 518 Owen street, at 8:30 o'clock this morning and at 9 from St Mary's church with interment in Calvary cemetery.



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## HE WAS A PIONEER

Death of Daniel Ellis of Bridgeport Aged 83

Came to Saginaw When Michigan Was A Territory  
Resided in His Bridgeport Homestead for 49 Years

Daniel ELLIS, one of Bridgeport's best known and most esteemed citizens, passed away at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, of heart failure caused by old age. Deceased had been in somewhat feeble health for two years past and as usual laid down to take a nap. On going to call him it was found that he had indeed fallen asleep.

Mr ELLIS was born in Vermont Nov 22 1812 and was therefore a few days over 83 years of age. He came to Saginaw in 1836, when Michigan was still a territory, and made his home for a few years on the east side of the river, this city being then but a small opening in the woods, round about a fort, where a number of soldiers were stationed. He assisted in cutting the first trail through the woods, which afterwards became a part of what is now Washington avenue. He also aided in the construction of the first saw mill here, and could tell many an interesting story of early days experiences.

After a residence of about five years in the city he purchased a farm in Bridgeport township. This farm he afterwards sold and purchased another on which he built a house, where he has resided continuously for 42 years. All his life he was a most exemplary Christian, and in the early days this house was the temporary sojourning place of clergymen, passing through on their way to Saginaw. All were made welcome and hospitably entertained. He was much esteemed in the community and served the township as treasurer and held other offices of trust.

He leaves a family of six sons and four daughters, George W ELLIS of Kochville; Rev C D Ellis, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, this city; Eugene, residing on the home farm; Mrs John HERPEL, Owatona MN; Mrs Emma GOWER, Andover, South Dakota; Edwin ELLIS of Aurora ILL; Frederick ELLIS, a soldier in the United States Army stationed at Fort Snelling MN; Edith, residing at home.

The funeral will take place at 1:30 on Thursday from the Congregational church, Bridgeport. Rev Mofit, pastor of the First M P church, this city, of which deceased was a member, will officiate.

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