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- Cemetery records: sometimes municipal, sometimes private associations: the Town Clerk can tell you where records are. VHS and the State Library have published cemetery transcriptions.
- Real estate transactions; birth, death and marriage records: Town Clerks' Offices.
- Vermont-wide birth, death, marriage and divorce records; index to probate records: VT State Archives & Records Administration (VSARA), Middlesex. Tel. 828-3286 or email vitals@sec.state.vt.us Open to the public. For instructions to request records and directions to the reference room: <http://vermont-archives.org/>
- Probate records: County Courthouses and VSARA.
- Census records: on microfilm, and online through AncestryLibrary and HeritageQuest at the State Library; public libraries (with HeritageQuestOnline); VHS.
- VT newspapers on microfilm: at the State Library; other states' newspapers through interlibrary loan.
- Town and county histories: at the State Library, VHS, and through ILL.
- Military rosters: at the State Library and VHS.
- Military records: National Archives. See NARA.com; State Archives.
- City directories: at the State Library and VHS.
- Church archives.
- Professional organization histories: at the State Library and VHS.
- Published State Papers: petitions to the legislature, charters, etc.: at the State Library
- Manuscript State Papers: Vermont State Archives & Records Administration.
- New England-wide town and county histories and military rosters and some vital records: at VHS, UVM.
- Immigration and naturalization records; entries from Canada to the U.S.: National Archive. See NARA.com; regional Archives sites, such as Pittsfield, MA; online through Ancestry.com at the State Library.

- Immigrant and ships' passenger lists: Ellis Island or Castle Garden (pre-dates Ellis Island as the immigration gateway in New York City) websites. See www.ellisland.org and www.castlegarden.org
- Family History Centers [Bennington, Berlin, Essex, Newport, Rutland and S. Royalton]: see www.familysearch.org
- The Source, and Redbook are very good sources of addresses for other states' genealogy research resources. They have addresses for sources of national, state and county level information: at the State Library.
- How-to-do-Genealogy books: State Library, VHS.
- On-line websites for various repositories will also give information on location, hours, contact information and focus of the collection. Stress that researchers should CALL AHEAD to verify hours and policies before making a trip to do research.

