

Family History Survival Guide & State Archives Contact Info

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Donations? Ask the Archive Staff

If you want to donate family history records (paper or digital), ask the archive staff in the state you wish to donate to see what they will accept them. State archives typically accept digital files or items of historical value.

State Genealogy Libraries & Societies

Almost every state has a genealogy library or genealogical society associated with the state archives where your family history files may end up. Also consider that historical artifacts may need to go to a museum.

Sharing With Family

The best advice is to share your username and passwords with a trusted family member. You may also want to add this information to your estate papers, will, or a document where your family would expect to find them. We don't live forever, please make sure your years of genealogical research are preserved for future generations.

Every U.S. State Archive Digital Collections Online

Here is a list of every **State Archive in the U.S.** and their **Digital Archives Online** (if they have one). One should always get familiar with the state archives in the state they are researching. Most have newspapers digitized, with more coming online every day.

State	Home Page	Digital Collections Online	Email	Phone
Alabama	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	reference.archives@archives.alabama.gov	(334) 242-4435
Alaska	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archives@alaska.gov	(907) 465-2270
Arizona	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Contact Form	
Arkansas	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	state.archives@arkansas.gov	(501) 682-6900



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California	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	ArchivesWeb@sos.ca.gov	(916) 653-7363
Colorado	State Archives	Digital Collections Online		(303) 866-2358
Connecticut	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	https://ctstatelibrary.org/contact-us/email-us/	(860) 757-6500
Delaware	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Contact Form	(302) 744-5000
Florida	State Archives	Catalogs, Not Digital Collection	archives@dos.myflorida.com	(850) 245-6700
Georgia	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Ask an Archivist	(678) 364-3710
Hawaii	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archives@hawaii.gov	(808) 586-0329
Idaho	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	public.archives@ishs.idaho.gov	(208) 334-2620
Illinois	State Archives	Database & Digital Collections	Contact Form	(217) 782-4682
Indiana	State Archives	Genealogy & Collections	Contact Form	(317) 591-5222
Iowa	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Contact Form	(515) 281-6200
Kentucky	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	kdla.archives@ky.gov	(502) 564-8300
Kansas	State Archives	Online Collections	KSHS.reference@ks.gov	(785) 272-8681
Louisiana	State Archives	Locate Historical Records	Contact Us Page	(225) 922-1208
Maine	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	maine.archives@maine.gov	(207) 287-5790
Maryland	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	msa.helpdesk@maryland.gov	(410) 260-6400
Massachusetts	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archives@sec.state.ma.us	(617) 727-2816
Michigan	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archives@michigan.gov	(517) 335-2576
Minnesota	State Archives	Research Records & Indexes	Contact Us Page	(651) 259-3260
Mississippi	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	refdesk@mdah.ms.gov	(601) 576-6876
Missouri	State Archives	Digital Heritage Collection	archref@sos.mo.gov	(573) 751-3280
Montana	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	mhslibrary@mt.gov	(406) 444-2681
Nebraska	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	hn.reference@nebraska.gov	(402) 471-3270

Nevada	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Request form	(775) 684-3310
New Hampshire	State Archives	Archival Holdings	archives@sos.nh.gov	(603) 271-2236
New Jersey	State Archives	Searchable Database	nj.archives@sos.state.nj.us	(609) 292-6260
New Mexico	State Archives	Searchable Database	archives@state.nm.us	(505) 476-7948
New York	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archref@nysed.gov	(518) 474-8955
North Carolina	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archives@ncdcr.gov	(919) 814-6840
North Dakota	State Archives	Genealogy Resources	history@nd.gov	(701) 328-2666
Ohio	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Contact Form	614-297-2510
Oklahoma	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	info@libraries.ok.gov	(405) 524-4416
Oregon	State Archives	Historical Records Index	reference.archives@sos.oregon.gov	(503) 373-0701
Pennsylvania	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	ra-statearchives@pa.gov	(717) 783-3281
Rhode Island	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	statearchives@sos.ri.gov	(401) 222-2353
South Carolina	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	ContactForms	(803) 896-6104
South Dakota	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	archref@state.sd.us	(605) 773-3804
Tennessee	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Contact form	(615) 741-2764
Texas	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	ref@tsl.texas.gov	(512) 463-5455
Utah	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	historyresearch@utah.gov	(801) 531-3847
Vermont	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	sos.archives@vermont.gov	(802) 828-2308
Virginia	State Archives/Lib of VA	Digital Collections Online	Contact Form	(804) 692-3500
Washington	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	research@sos.wa.gov	(360) 586-1492
West Virginia	State Archives	Finding Aides & Databases	WVArchives does not answer e-mail research requests.	(304) 558-0230
Wisconsin	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	asklibrary@wisconsinhistory.org	(608) 264-6460
Wyoming	State Archives	Digital Collections Online	Request a Document Forms	(307) 777-7826

