

# Finding An Ancestor's Marriage Record Checklist

## Marriage Records

### Marriage Certificate/Ministers Returns

- Online Databases
  - [FamilySearch](#)
  - [Ancestry](#)
  - [MyHeritage](#)
  - [FindMyPast](#)
- County Register of Deeds (County Level Government)
- State Archives

### The Marriage Announcement


- Family Records
- Local Newspapers
- Regional Newspapers
- Religious Periodicals
- Vertical Files at Local Library
- Online Genealogy Databases
  - [FamilySearch](#)
  - [Ancestry](#)
  - [MyHeritage](#)
  - [FindMyPast](#)

### Family Bible

- The Family (Including Distant Family!)
- Collateral Researchers
- State Archives
- [ArchiveGrid](#) Search
- [WorldCat](#)

### Pension Records

([Fold3](#) is an excellent resource.)

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- Revolutionary War
  - War of 1812
  - Civil War
  - Mexican War
  - Indian Wars
  - Spanish American War

### Religious Records

- Methodist
- Baptist
- Presbyterian
- Catholic
- Quaker
- Moravians
- Jewish
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended Resource:** [How to Find Your Family History in U.S. Church Records: A Genealogist's Guide: With Specific Resources for Major Christian Denominations before 1900](#) by Sunny Jane Morton, Harold A. Henderson

### Special Collections

- [ArchiveGrid](#) search
- State Archives
- State Libraries
- PERSI (Housed at [FindMyPast](#) and ACPL)
- [WorldCat](#) search

### Divorce Records

- County Court
- State Archives
- Legal section of newspaper
- Newspaper articles (if especially contentious)

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