



Finding An Ancestor's Date of Death Checklist

Lisa Lisson from Are You My Cousin?

The Usual Records

Death Certificate

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

The Obituary

- Family Records
- Local Newspapers
- Regional Newspapers
- Religious Periodicals
- Vertical Files at Local Library
- Online Genealogy Databases
 - FamilySearch
 - Ancestry
 - MyHeritage
 - FindMyPast
- Legacy.com

Family Bible

- The Family (Include Distant Family!)
- Collateral Researchers
- State Archives
- ArchiveGrid Search



Wills and Estate Records

- County Courthouse
- State Archives
- Online Databases
 - [FamilySearch](#)
 - [Ancestry](#)
 - [MyHeritage](#)
 - [FindMyPast](#)

The Often Overlooked Records

The Mortality Schedule

- 1850
- 1870
- 1880
- State Mortality Schedules, if applicable

Pension Records

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

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

Religious Records

- Methodist
- Baptist
- Presbyterian
- Catholic
- Quaker
- Moravians
- Jewish
- Other _____

City Directory

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- Deceased Citizen List

Cemetery and Funeral Home Records

- Online Databases
 - [FamilySearch](#)
 - [Ancestry](#)
 - [MyHeritage](#)
 - [FindMyPast](#)
- The Funeral Home Itself
- The Cemetery Office

Municipal Listings

- Death Indices

Personal Paper Collections

- University Libraries
- State Archives
- State Libraries
- PERSI (Housed at [FindMyPast](#))

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