

# Locating Documents for Your Lineage Society Application

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## Sources for Lineage Society Addresses:

- *Hereditary Society Blue Book* (Beverly Hills, CA: Hereditary Society Blue Book, annually)
- Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *Directory of Family Associations* (Baltimore: GPC, 1996)
- Mary Keysor Meyer, *Meyer's Directory of Genealogical Societies in the U.S.A. and Canada* (Pasadena, MD: self-pub., annually)
- Cyndi's List: Societies and Groups - Lineage  
<<http://www.cyndislist.com/soc-lineage.htm>>
- About.com: Lineage and Heritage Societies  
<<http://genealogy.about.com/cs/lineagesocieties>>
- Patrick's Arbitrary List of Lineage Societies  
<<http://members.tripod.com/~PockyB/resources/linsoc.html>>

## *Three General Categories:*

### **The Modern Generation:**

- **Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates Available for All Events**

*Some ways to cut costs with documents you may already have:*

*Baptism Certificates  
Wedding Invitations  
Wedding Newspaper Clippings  
Gravestone Photographs  
Funeral Cards  
Obituaries  
Social Security Death Index*

### **The Victorian Generation:**

- **Often death records existed in time to record deaths**
- **No vital records at the time of births, marriages**

*Your task is to supplement what you do have with supporting documents such as census, deeds, and probate.*

### **The Colonial Generation:**

- **Published vital records**
- **Published church records**
- **Probate records**
  - **Wills**
  - **Disbursements**
  - **Lists of Heirs**
- **Deeds**
- **Very Good Genealogies**

*Lineage Worksheet*  
*Generation \_\_\_\_\_*

Husband \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: .....  
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Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: .....  
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Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: .....  
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Wife \_\_\_\_\_

Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: .....  
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Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Source: .....  
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✓ **Carrying line** — source for proof of parentage:

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## Resources for Vital Records and for County Courthouse Addresses

### Books:

Alice Eichholz, ed., *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, & Town Sources* (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992).

George B. Everton, ed., *The Handy Book for Genealogists: United States of America, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition* (Logan, Utah: Everton Publishers, 2002).

Thomas Jay Kemp, *International Vital Records Handbook* (Baltimore: GPC, 2000).

Marcia D. Melnyk, *Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research* (Dexter, Michigan: Thompson-Shore, Inc., 1999).

Michael Sankey, ed., *The Sourcebook to Public Record Information 3rd Edition: The Comprehensive Guide to County, State & Federal Public Records Sources* (Tempe, AZ: BRB Publications, 1998).

### Web Sites:

Addresses for Departments of Vital Records & Secretaries of State  
<<http://catalog.com/fwfc/vitalrec.html>>

Cyndi's List, U.S. - Vital Records  
<<http://www.cyndislist.com/usvital.htm>>

State Records Information  
<<http://www.staterecordsinformation.com/>>

United States Vital Records: Where to Find Vital Records in the U.S. States & Territories  
<<http://genealogy.about.com/library/blvitalus.htm>>

Vital Records Information: United States  
<<http://www.vitalrec.com/>>

### Online Records:

United States Genealogy Sleuth  
<<http://www.progenealogists.com/genealogysleuthb.htm>>

Online Searchable Death Indexes for the USA  
<<http://home.att.net/~wee-monster/deathrecords.html>>

Social Security Death Index  
<<http://www.ancestry.com/search/rectype/vital/ssdi/main.htm>>  
<[http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/fto\\_ssdisearch.html?Welcome=1017676747](http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/fto_ssdisearch.html?Welcome=1017676747)>  
<<http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/ssdi.cgi>>