

ADOPTED OR MISSING PERSONS

Where there has been an adoption or where there is a need to search for a missing person, several types of records and agencies may help you. The first nine items are primarily for adoption situations.

ADOPTION AGENCY RECORDS

Such agencies are often listed in the yellow pages of telephone directories, or in city directories prepared by Polk and other companies.

STATE ORPHAN'S HOMES

The state Social Services Department will have names and addresses of homes, and information on available records.

CHURCH ORPHAN'S HOMES

Churches in the particular region should know of homes, addresses, and available records.

COURT ADOPTION RECORDS

These are kept by the Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court in charge of divorce records should know who has adoption records. (See next item)

COURT DIVORCE RECORDS

The Clerk of Court has custody of divorce records. See pamphlet "Where to Write for Divorce Records" from U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Where to Write pamphlets currently cost 35¢ each.

STATE, COUNTY, OR TOWN RECORDS

See pamphlet "Where to Write for Birth and Death Records". *The Handy Book for Genealogists* gives data on records kept at the county level and gives the county seats and zip codes.

FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES AGENCIES

These will be listed in the yellow pages of telephone directories. The state Social Services Department, and Welfare Department could also have addresses.

HOSPITAL RECORDS

Records are generally retained by hospitals. Public libraries in the area could send you the address.

PHYSICIAN RECORDS

Records are often kept by the physicians, or clinics where they work. The birth record may give the doctor's name. City directories give addresses.

STATE OR COUNTY MARRIAGE RECORDS

See pamphlet "Where to Write for Marriage Records". *The Handy Book for Genealogists* lists both state and county offices, county seats, and zip codes.

TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES

Public or university libraries sometimes have past copies of these.

CITY DIRECTORIES

The R.L. Polk & Co. and other companies publish thousands of annual directories. Write to the local public library, university library, or to the state historical society for search of present or back volumes.

FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS

The 1900 Census is now available at branches of the National Archives and at some university libraries. The Genealogical Department also has this census. For censuses of 1910 and after, write to Bureau of the Census, Pittsburg, Kansas 66762. Request form BC-600. The 1900 and 1920 censuses are indexed.

STATE CENSUS RECORDS

These were often taken at 10-year intervals between federal censuses. Write to the state archives or state historical society for information.

CHURCH OR SYNAGOGUE RECORDS

Records of birth, christenings, marriage, membership, move to other church, etc. are kept by many congregations. Some records are in denominational archives. There are directories of churches for many denominations.

EMPLOYERS' RECORDS

Some companies retain records of employees. If company is known, the local library could look up union addresses in city directories. Unions may also have records from apprenticeships also.

MILITARY RECORDS

Obtain form 180 "Request Pertaining to Military Records" from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

DRIVERS LICENSE DIVISION

Drivers license records for present and past years may be kept. The Division offices are often at the state capitol.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION RECORDS

Offices are at 6401 Security Ave., Baltimore, MD 21235. Records are only open to the individual receiving payments or a payee receiving payment for one who is no longer capable of managing their finances.

SALVATION ARMY, MISSING PERSONS DEPARTMENT

A search service is available. Other sources should be tried first. The Salvation Army needs basic information before it can go ahead. Contact local Salvation Army staff.

--ADDITIONAL SOURCES--

American Association for State and Local History, *Directory, Historical Societies and Agencies in the United States and Canada* (Nashville, annual). Lists state, county, and town historical societies, etc.

American Library Directory (New York: R.R. Bowker Co., every two years).

Board for Certification of Genealogists, 1307 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036. Will send list of professional researchers living in many parts of the country. Include S.A.S.E.

The Genealogical Department, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. A list of researchers is available who primarily live in the Salt Lake City area. Include S.A.S.E.

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