

**Analyzing Your Research**  
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**I. Vital Records**

- A. Do not depend on indexes; when possible, look at the original.**
- B. Cause of death, registration date, etc.**
- C. Prove the information.**

**II. Church Records**

- A. *FamilySearch***
  - 1. Genealogical Word Lists.**
  - 2. Research Wiki.**
- B. Don't forget the witnesses and sponsors.**

**III. U. S. Census Records**

- A. Look at the complete enumeration, not just the index.**
- B. Check EVERY census for which a person is alive.**
- C. Who were the neighbors.**
- D. Questions that were unique to each census.**
  - 1. 1850 and 1860 – Value of real estate owned**
  - 2. 1850, 1860 and 1880 – Was the person married within the year**
  - 3. 1860 and 1870 – Value of personal estate**
  - 4. 1870 – If born or married within the last year, what month**
  - 5. 1900 and 1910 – Number of years married**
  - 6. 1900 and 1910 – For married women, number of children born and number still living**
  - 7. 1930 and 1940 – Value of home or monthly rent**
  - 8. 1930 – Did the household have a radio**
  - 9. 1930 – Age at 1<sup>st</sup> marriage**
  - 10. 1940 – Where did the person live on 1 April 1935**
  - 11. 1940 – What is the highest school grade the person completed**

#### **IV. “Home Sources”**

- A. Handwriting helps.**
- B. Look for the relationships and locations.**

#### **V. Obituaries and News Articles**

- A. The Big Five online newspaper sites.**
  - 1. Chronicling America, free ([chroniclingamerica.loc.gov](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov))**
  - 2. Newspaper Archive, subscription, free at FamilySearch Centers ([newspaperarchive.com](http://newspaperarchive.com))**
  - 3. Newspapers, subscription ([newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com))**
  - 4. GenealogyBank, subscription ([genealogybank.com](http://genealogybank.com))**
  - 5. Heritage Hub, formerly America’s Obituaries and Death Notices, available at some local libraries**
- B. Finding other newspapers, journals, etc.**
  - 1. Chronicling America**
  - 2. FamilySearch Research Wiki**
  - 3. PERSI, free ([genealogycenter.info/persi](http://genealogycenter.info/persi))**
- C. Always prove relationships.**

#### **VI. Searching Online Resources**

- A. Check search tips for each website, including the use of wildcards.**
- B. Identify the information requested for the record; use that for your search parameters.**

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