

Hot dogs, apple pie and vital records:

An introduction to genealogy for
Americans

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What will be covered?

- ❖ Genealogy basics for anyone
- ❖ US records & who creates & keeps them
- ❖ Good general resources
- ❖ Archives/Libraries/Historical Societies
- ❖ US Censuses
- ❖ US Birth/Marriage/Death Records

Why do people do genealogy?

1. Curiosity...
2. To pass on an understanding of ancestors.
3. To preserve family, local, cultural, ethnic traditions and stories for the next generations.
4. Family medical history.
5. To join a surname, lineage or heritage society.
6. To solve family mysteries.

Basic Genealogy

At the very least you will want to find and record, for as many people as possible in your family tree, this data:

1. date and place of birth
2. names of parents
3. date and place of marriage
4. date and place of death
5. names and birthdates of children

Start with what you know

Begin by writing down everything you know about your family:

- Names
- Dates of birth, marriage, death
- Places of residence
- Stories of emigration and travel
- Occupations
- Family myths and mysteries
- Anything else that occurs to you

Even if all you have are rough dates and more questions than answers, it's a place to begin.

Use FGS & Pedigree Trees

This is a good time to use a blank Family Group Sheet and a Pedigree Tree...use a pencil!

These are handy 'thinking tools' and they are useful when you approach other members of the family for more information.

Be sure to note if you are unsure of any fact – this will help guide your discussions with family members and to choose which 'fact' to begin searching for.

Interviewing Family Members

- Talk to your relatives – do this sooner rather than later! If no one in an older generation is left, try any older siblings or cousins.
- Use FGSs, pedigree trees, family photos, etc. to kick start your conversation(s).
- Have questions ready but don't feel like you need to stick to them if the conversation is flowing.
- Ask 'open-ended' questions – 'What do you remember about our grandfather?', etc.
- Take notes or better yet, record the interviews if that's comfortable.
- Go back for more...people often remember the good stuff after you are gone! Visit them again.

Searching for Records

Generally, you'll want to try and find as a beginning point, BMD & census records for your ancestors and anyone else on your tree that is of interest.

It's best to **start as close to the present as possible and work your way back in time.**

This way you can usually verify facts (and that you are finding the 'right' people) with your memories and records or by checking with other family members.

Finding Information

- Most family history data sources are created as a result of people dealing with government or the church.
- Consider who created the record and why.
- Think about life events (BMD), buying land, going to school, etc.
- Use CyndisList and FamilySearch Wiki to learn more and to find a source.

Search the Internet

I typically type a person's name and profession into Google just to see if anything pops up. However, DO NOT take any of this information as 100% accurate, even if it comes from published sources.

Be especially wary of online family trees as many of them are un-sourced and often cobbled together and contain inaccurate material.

Federal Government Records

Records to be found at this level:

- ❖ Military
- ❖ Federal census
- ❖ Federal land transfer to individuals
- ❖ Naturalization (post-1868) but with lots of exceptions
- ❖ Immigration—customs & immigration passenger lists
- ❖ Federal court cases
- ❖ Social Security death index
- ❖ Passport applications

State Government Records

Records to be found at this level:

- ❖ Military (State militias - largely Civil War and pre-Civil War)
- ❖ State censuses
- ❖ Naturalization
- ❖ State court cases (including divorce)
- ❖ **BMD records** (but check county & city as well)
- ❖ Probate (do check county & city as well)

County Government

America's 50 states are divided into more than 3,000 counties.

Their duties can include:

- ❖ **Vital statistics (BMD)**
- ❖ Probate courts (wills are dealt with largely at County level)
- ❖ Welfare
- ❖ Administration of education
- ❖ Police and court services

Good General Resources

- ❖ National Genealogical Society - www.ngsgenealogy.org/
Courses, publications, conferences/events.
- ❖ USGenWeb - <http://usgenweb.org/>
How-to, online resources and help.
Information at State and County level
- ❖ Cyndislist – www.cyndislist.com
Fabulous lists of genealogy specific websites.



The USGENWEB Project

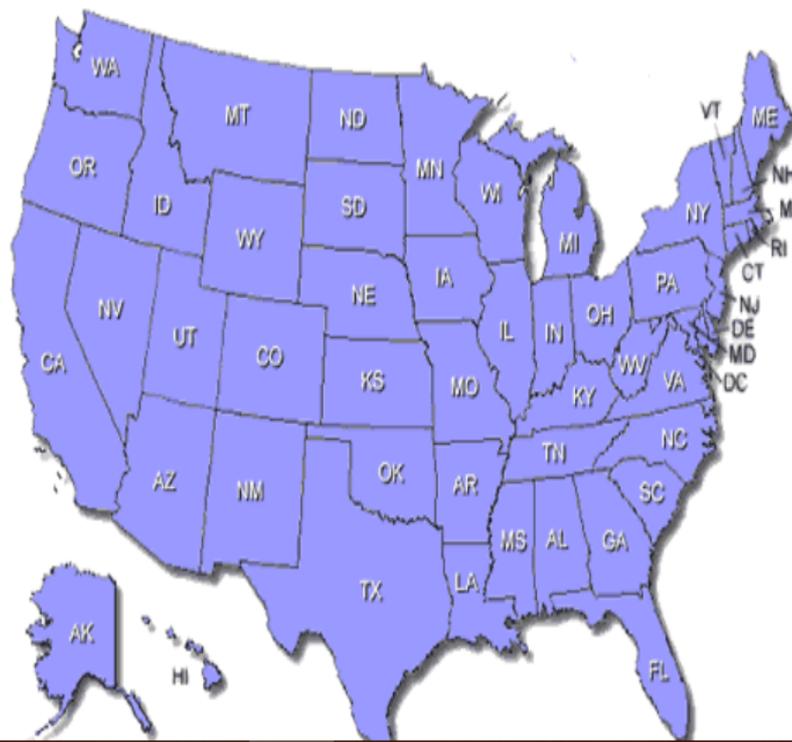
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Alabama

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Keeping Free Genealogy on the Internet



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Cyndislist.
com

Major USA Databases

- ❖ AmericanAncestors.com - BMD, tax lists, town records, probate [New England focus]
- ❖ Ancestry – Federal census, passenger lists, passport, naturalization, BMD.
- ❖ FamilySearch.org – Federal and State census, BMD, passenger lists and much more.
- ❖ Fold3.com – military records, passports, Federal census.
- ❖ FindMyPast.com – Federal census, Catholic records, BMD, PERSI and much more.

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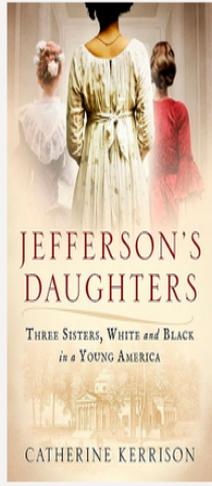
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Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America

Join author Dr. Catherine Kerrison as she explores the life paths of Thomas Jefferson's three daughters and reflects upon the personal and political legacy of one of our most fascinating Founding Fathers.



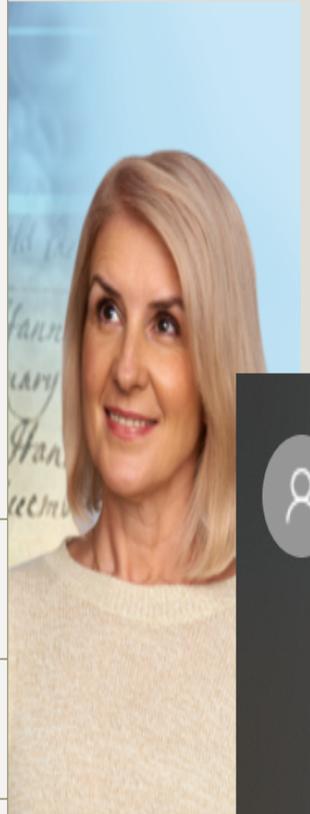
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Search for a deceased ancestor in historical records to uncover vital information from their life.

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names Last Names

Search with a life event:

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Search with a relationship:

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Click an area of the world to start researching in a specific location.



Find a Collection

Researching within a specific collection? Find it here.



FamilySearch Wiki

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Current Indexing Projects

Volunteers are needed to help make records from United States Of America searchable. We currently have 24 indexing projects for United States Of America you can help with today.

US (Quick Batch), Kansas—World War I Draft Registration Cards, 1917–1918 [Part A]

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Language: English



US, Texas, El Paso—Applications for Nonresident Alien Border Crossing Identification Cards, 1945–1952

Indexed Historical Records

Search collections of records for documents about your ancestors. You can filter which collections you would like to search within.

Deceased Ancestor's Name

First Names

Last Names

Search with a life event

Birth | [Marriage](#) | [Residence](#) | [Death](#) | [Any](#)

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Early Physicians, 20th C. Biography Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly / Shelby County Historical Quarterly / Quarterly (Shelby County Historical Society); Shelby County Historical Society Quarterly Newsletter — — 2001

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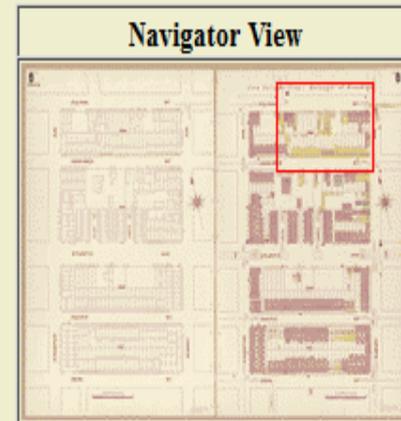
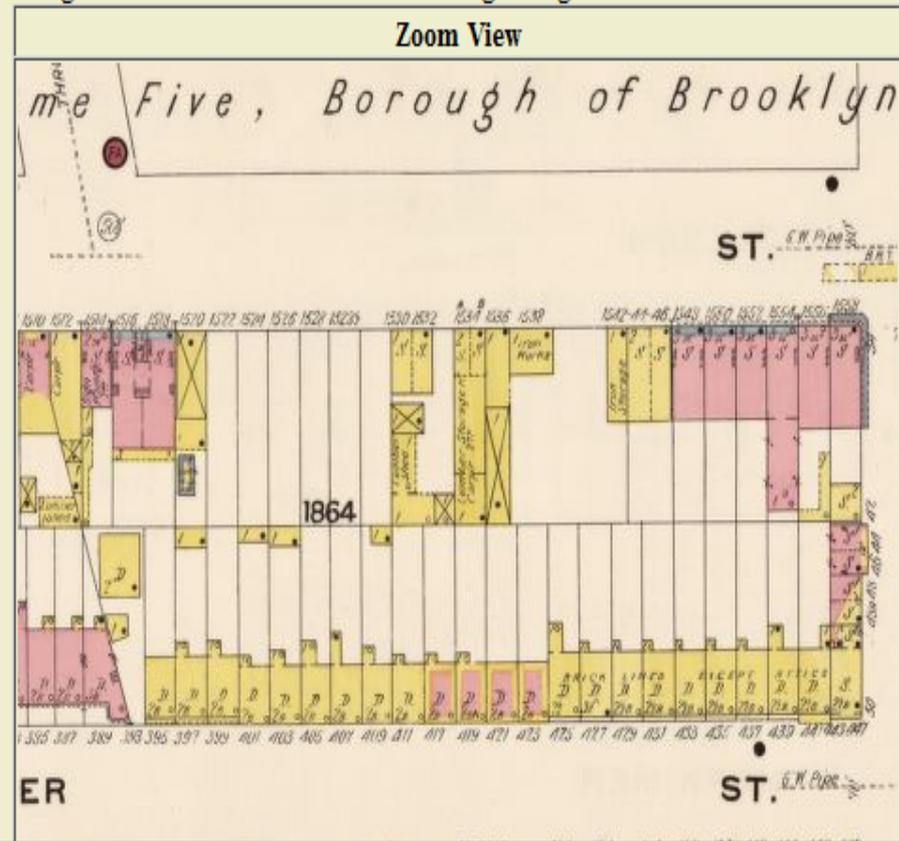
Federal Research Sources

Library of Congress – www.loc.gov

The largest library in the world...many online databases. Their American Memory section - is especially rich in maps, immigrant diaries and much more.

National Archives (NARA) - www.archives.gov/
Online databases, how-to information for genealogists, place to request military service records, land records, 1940 census and much more...

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Internet access

LOC: Sanford Fire Map for Brooklyn, NYC from 1908...shows type of construction of buildings!

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Can I start my family history research by typing a name in the search box?

Our search box will not help you find information on a specific person. However, we have many

State Research Resources

All States will have State Libraries, State Historical Collections and/or State Archives.

Many have digitized resources available.

Get beyond just using data bases such as Ancestry or FamilySearch as they don't include everything!

❖ Digital State Archives – great links here...

www.digitalstatearchives.com/

State Archives

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri

Digital State Archives

History at your fingertips



A quiet revolution is taking place.

State governments have been sifting through their historical archives, digitizing records, and putting mountains of content on their websites. The result is a goldmine of information, newly available online. This is great news for historians, professional genealogists, family history researchers, students, journalists, or anyone wanting to know more about the communities in which they live and work.

State archives are digitizing documents, photographs, videos, oral histories, music, deeds, artifacts, court records, slave emancipation records, newspapers, reports, military records, and so much more. These really are amazing resources.

It's a *quiet revolution* because hardly anyone knows about it. States have neither the skills nor the resources to fully market the information they are putting online. Many of the archives are not terribly user-friendly, so even users who stumble across the sites may not realize the treasures that await, if they just dig a bit.

This is my attempt at making things a bit better. This site will post regularly on content you can find in *Digital State Archives*, focusing on the hidden gems they contain. Check back regularly, as the site will update often.

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Oregon Historical Society



Censuses

The best way to place a person in a certain place at a certain time...

Federal Census – taken from 1790-present.

- ❖ Used to apportion number of Representatives and Federal taxes to the States.
- ❖ Mandated by the US Constitution.
- ❖ Taken every 10 years.
- ❖ Accessible from **1790-1940**. (72 year privacy limit)

Federal Census Issues

- ❖ Enumerators simply wrote down information given to them by head of household. No proof of data required.
- ❖ In most years, all persons temporarily absent on a journey or visit were to be counted with the rest of the family in their usual abode.
- ❖ 1790-1840 – name of head of household only with numbers of others in household.
- ❖ 1890 census records were largely destroyed by fire.

SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in the City of Rockford in the County of Winnebago State of Illinois enumerated by me, on the 1st day of July 1860. James Ryde Ass't Marshal
Post Office Rockford

1	2	3	Descendants			7	Value of Estate Owned		10	11	12	13	14
			4	5	6		8	9					
The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family													
Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age													
Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country													
Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict													
		Mary Al Michals	60	F					Pennsylvania				
		Marril "	71	F					Virginia				
		Malida "	65	F					do				
		Creas "	34	M		Tobacco			do				
		William "	21	M		PC Clerk			do				
		Jedia "	18	F					Pennsylvania				
		George Trass	71	M		Miller			England				

1860 Federal Census

36	1343	1364	Joseph Blount	41	M		Physician	2000	1200	MA State			
37			Mary P "	29	F					MA Hampshire			
38			Paul "	2	M					Illinois			
39			Harri G "	3/2	M					do			
40			Uddi Works	11	F					do		1	

39			Edward Lervien	21	M					do			
31	1341	1362	Monaie G Cole	103	F			200	200	Connecticut			
32	1342	1363	David H King	47	M		Carpenter	15000	1000	Connecticut			
33			Rebecca "	46	F					do			
34			Bill "	20	F					Illinois	1		
35			Charles "	4	M					do	1		
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No. white males, _____ No. colored males, _____ No. foreign born, _____ No. blind, _____
No. white female, _____ No. colored female, _____ No. deaf and dumb, _____ No. insane, _____
2600 1600

Census form from Ancestry.co.uk

STATE Michigan COUNTY Washtenaw TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Washtenaw

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS 210
 FOURTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1920—POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 2 SHEET NO. 1
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 165

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE Washtenaw City WARD OF CITY 3

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 2 DAY OF January 1920. Walter Van Wazer ENUMERATOR

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2831

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								PERSONS.		FATHER.		MOTHER.			Whether alien, or naturalized citizen, or citizen of foreign birth, give the place of birth.	Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, or profession, occupation, labor, etc.	Industry, business, or establishment in which he works, or profession, occupation, labor, etc.		Employer, or name of institution or person.
								Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.	Place of birth.	Mother tongue.						
921	Haynes Dennis J.	Head	M	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Wife		F	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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	Wife		F	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

1920 Federal Census

926	6	Walking wood	Head	M	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Wife		F	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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		Roomer		F	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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		Wife		F	W	17	19	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Nelson D. Van Wazer

State & Special Censuses

State censuses were often taken in years between the federal censuses. Collected data such as:

- ❖ agriculture and taxation assessment
- ❖ tallies of school-age children and potential school populations

There were also special Federal censuses:

- ❖ 1890 special census of Civil War Union veterans and widows of veterans
- ❖ Slave censuses of 1850 & 1860
- ❖ Mortality schedules listing persons who died in a given year.

Where to find Census Records

- ❖ FamilySearch - www.familysearch.org
Federal censuses (1850-1940), State censuses (many States & dates).
- ❖ U.S. GenWeb Census Project –
www.us-census.org/search.html
Transcribed Federal censuses (1850-1920).
- ❖ Fold3.com – 1860 & 1930 Federal censuses are complete, 1900-1920 are being worked on.

Where to find records

- ❖ Ancestry (worldwide version)

Federal censuses from 1790-1940 plus a 'substitute' collection for 1890. Slave censuses, mortality schedules, and a few State censuses.

- ❖ Cyndislist – has a great list of censuses available at different websites.

Birth, Marriage, Death

The term in the US is 'Vital Statistics/Records'.

- ❖ States track this information but events are registered and certificates are usually granted at the **County** level.
- ❖ States began keeping these records at differing times; many from the late 1800s but not all until **1919**.
- ❖ Look for the office of 'State Bureau or Division of Vital Records'.

BMD Records

- ❖ There was no national standard for what these records contain until 1900.
- ❖ Birth and marriage records are often **much** less informative than UK records. Try to get a **long** birth certificate if available.
- ❖ Death certificates are second-hand sources of birth information so must be treated with caution. But they are often quite informative!

Birth Certificates

‘Short’ birth certificates have very little information – name, sex, parents’ names, date and place of birth.

Many states will only issue short birth certificates.

‘Long’ birth certificates have more information on the parents – occupations, length of marriage, residence address and more.

ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

State File No. 289
Registered No. 2350

1. PLACE OF BIRTH

County Maricopa State ARIZONA
Township _____ Village _____
City Phoenix No. St. Joseph's Hospital Ward _____
(If birth occurred in a hospital or institution give its NAME (instead of street and number)

2. Full name of child Mary J. Anderson (If child is not yet named, write approximate month of birth)

3. Sex Female 4. Place of birth _____ 5. Date of birth July 12 1936
(Month, day, year) 6. Promotions _____ 7. Is mother married? yes 8. Place at birth _____

9. Full name of father Theodore Walter Burns Anderson 10. Residence (usual place of abode) 505 W. Gilman
(If non-resident, give place and date) 11. Residence (usual place of abode) Same
(If non-resident, give place and date)

12. Color of hair W. 13. Age at last birthday 43 (Years) 14. Color of eyes W. 15. Age at last birthday 41 (Years)

16. Birthplace (city or place) Portland 17. Birthplace (city or place) Ill.
(State or country) (State or country)

18. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as printer, carpenter, bookkeeper, etc. Newspaperman 19. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as printer, carpenter, bookkeeper, etc. Office work
20. Industry or business in which work was done, as iron works, lawyer's office, silk mill, etc. Iron works 21. Industry or business in which work was done, as iron works, lawyer's office, silk mill, etc. Industrial Commission

22. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work _____ 23. Date (month and year) last engaged in this work April 1936
24. Name of employer of this mother (As time of this birth and including this child) (a) Born alive and now living _____ (b) Born alive but now dead _____ (c) Deceased _____

25. Name of employer of this mother (As time of this birth and including this child) (a) Born alive and now living _____ (b) Born alive but now dead _____ (c) Deceased _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE

I solemnly certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was Born alive on the date there stated
(Born alive or otherwise)
When there was an attending physician or midwife, that the father, bookkeeper, etc., should make this return.
Signed: H. P. Ray M. D.
Address: Phoenix Middle
Filed: July 27 1936 M. J. Anderson Registrar

'Standard' Birth certificate
Arizona State, 1936

Marriage Records

Marriage records often contain the license, certificate and the license of record on one sheet.

Federal censuses from 1900 & 1910 asked 'years in present marriage' and 1870 & 1880 asked, if married within the census year, what month the marriage took place.

RECORD OF MARRIAGES

STATE OF ARIZONA,

COUNTY OF PIMA,

Marriage License

These presents are to authorize and license any regularly licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, Judge of a Court of Record, or Justice of the Peace within the County of Pima, to join in marriage Thos. W. B. Anderson, age 28 years, and Anna E. Blount, age 27 years, and to certify the same according to law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 21st day of February A. D. 1922

(SEAL)

O. G. Taylor
Clerk of the Superior Court.

By L. T. Pearson
Deputy Clerk.

Marriage Certificate

STATE OF ARIZONA,

COUNTY OF PIMA,

I do hereby certify that

Thos. W. B. Anderson and Anna E. Blount
WERE JOINED IN MARRIAGE

by me at Tucson in the County of Pima, on the 22nd day of February 1922

Anna E. Blount
WITNESSES: Marie Blount
Alma Blount
BRIDE.

Thos. W. B. Anderson
George A. Andrews
Minister, Judge of a Court of Record, Justice of the Peace.
GROOM.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed and recorded at the request of George A. Andrews February A. D., 1922 at 1:50 P.M., in Book 8 of Marriages, Page 351

Witness my hand and official seal the day and year aforesaid.

(SEAL)

O. G. Taylor
Clerk of the Superior Court.

By H. A. Neill
Deputy Clerk.

Marriage
Record - 1922
Tucson,
Pima County,
Arizona

ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES

Illinois Statewide Marriage Index

Search Criteria: **blount**

Groom	Bride	Date	Volume	Page	Lic No.	County
BLOUNT, ALEXANDER A	MCNAIR, MARTHA	1869-09-19	00C	0536		DE KALB
BLOUNT, AMBROSE B	BAILEY, ANNIE L	1887-10-18			00002766	MC DONOUGH
BLOUNT, BENJAMIN	SNODGRASS, NANCY	1832-08-27				SANGAMON
BLOUNT, CHARLES M	REDMAN, BELLE	1883-06-27	00B	0191	00005642	CHRISTIAN
BLOUNT, DAVID	LANGLEY, SARAH	1844-02-20	00A	0014	00000095	CHRISTIAN
BLOUNT, FRANK	JONES, THERESA	1883-09-27			00009909	WILL
BLOUNT, FRANK C	MILLHONE, JESSIE FREEMONT	1879-10-24			00000522	MC DONOUGH
BLOUNT, FRANK J	BLOUNT, IDA L	1875-09-09			00000485	MC DONOUGH
BLOUNT, FRANK L	IRMITER, SOPHIA	1900-04-10			306948	COOK
BLOUNT, FRED P	SANDERS, N E	1885-09-09			2213 1/2	MC DONOUGH
BLOUNT, FREDERICK	DEAM, KATTIE E	1874-03-25	087		00015417	COOK
BLOUNT, GEORGE	KARR, ALZA A	1874-08-18	00H	0001		MC LEAN
BLOUNT, GEORGE	ROWLAND, ANN	1858-03-11	00A	0041	01858029	HENRY
BLOUNT, HENRY	CAMPBELL, HANNA R	1835-04-09	001	0135		SANGAMON
BLOUNT, HENRY	ROBERSON, MATILDA	1845-10-02	B	110		MC LEAN
BLOUNT, JAMES	BROWN, MARY M(ISSOURI)	1868-05-10				UNION
BLOUNT, JAMES	JENKINS, ELLEN E WISE (MRS)	1887-08-28	2	1	2718	UNION
BLOUNT, JAMES	NUCKLES, JANE	1846-03-26				SANGAMON
BLOUNT, JAMES H	STEWART, CADDIE	1876-12-20	00B	0110	00004091	CHRISTIAN
BLOUNT, JAY	ALBERTS, MINNIE J	1893-09-20	00G	0029	00010604	KNOX
BLOUNT, JOHN	CROWNNER, SUAAN ELIZABETH	1880-12-07	00B	0154	00004937	CHRISTIAN
BLOUNT, JOHN	POSIE, SALLIE BELLE	1892-11-17			00015000	WILL
BLOUNT, JOHN N	DRENNAN, VADA	1896-07-08	00C	0152	00008940	CHRISTIAN
BLOUNT, JOHN S	MULLHOF, GERTRUDE C	1892-07-12			00186267	COOK
BLOUNT, JOSEPH	GREEN, MARY P	1856-12-30	B		2792	LA SALLE
BLOUNT, JOSEPH W	RANDOLPH, REBECCA S	1847-04-18	00A	0076	00000655	MC DONOUGH
BLOUNT, LATSEN T	BUTTS, SARAH JANE	1860-09-22	00B		00000437	KANKAKEE
BLOUNT, R LEMUEL	SCOBEY, ADELAIDE L	1898-07-07			279031	COOK
BLOUNT, RICHARD E	LYNDS, OLIVE B	1882-11-29			00002456	ADAMS

Death Records

- ❖ Death certificates often have much information on the cause of death, time of residence and parentage.
- ❖ The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is a list of deceased persons holding a SS number whose death was reported to the SS Administration. Very useful but limited.
- ❖ Monumental inscriptions – the FindAGrave and BillionGraves webpages are great sources.

If any item cannot be obtained insert the word "unknown." Make every effort possible to secure this information. Incorrect certificates will be returned for correction.

PLACE OF DEATH

County of Maricopa
 District of No. 2
 Town of Tempe
 or
 City of _____

ARIZONA TERRITORIAL
 BOARD OF HEALTH
 BUREAU OF VITAL
 STATISTICS
 Received at PHOENIX
 FEB 11 1910

Arizona Territorial Board of Health

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS 101
 ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

Ter. Index No. 102
 County Registered No. 17

(If death occurs away from USUAL RESIDENCE, give facts called for under "Special information.")
 FULL NAME Minnie J. Blount

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE
 At Place of Death yrs 1 mos. _____
 In Arizona yrs 5 mos. _____

SEX Female
 COLOR OR RACE White ~~Black~~ ~~Chinese~~ ~~Indian~~ ~~Mexican~~

DATE OF BIRTH February 12th 1865
 (month) (day) (year)

AGE 45 years 11 months _____ days

SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED Married

BIRTHPLACE Eggleston Illinois
 (State or foreign country)

OCCUPATION Housewife

NAME OF FATHER Nelson Alberto

BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER Sweden
 (State or foreign country)

MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Mr. Larson

BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER Sweden
 (State or foreign country)

THE ABOVE STATED PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Informant) J. A. K. Telerside
 (Address) Phoenix

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

DATE OF DEATH January 12 1910
 (month) (day) (year)

I hereby certify, That I attended deceased from
Dec. 13 1909 to Jan 12 1910
 that I last saw her alive on Jan 11th 1910
 and that death occurred on the date stated above at ab. 11.4M
 The DISEASE or INJURY causing DEATH was as follows;
Cardiac Insufficiency

Where contracted Arizona Duration 7 mos
 Contributing cause (if any) Acute mania

Where contracted Arizona Duration 7 mos
 (Signed) J. A. K. Telerside M.D.
1/12/10 Address Phoenix

SPECIAL INFORMATION only for Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents.

Former or Usual residence Tempe Ariz How long at 31 Days
 Place of Death

Place of burial or removal Tempe Date of burial or removal Jan 13 1910

Under taker Price Pickle Address _____

Filed 1-13 1910 P. A. Alexander
 Local Register.
 Filed Jan 20 1910 H. A. Kuylen

Arizona Territory
 Death Certificate
 1910

Social Security Death Index

Name: Paul Blount

SSN: 546-34-3507

Last Residence:

92037 La Jolla, San Diego, California, United States of America

Born: 8 Oct 1895

Died: Nov 1980

State (Year) SSN issued: California (Before 1951)

Ancestry.com. *Social Security Death Index* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2008.

Discover your ancestors

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World's largest gravesite collection.

Over 170 million memorials created by the community since 1995.

<input type="text" value="First Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Middle Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Last Name (required)"/>
<input type="text" value="Year Born"/> <input type="button" value="Exact ▼"/>	<input type="text" value="Year Died"/> <input type="button" value="Exact ▼"/>	<input type="text" value="Cemetery Location"/>
<input type="button" value="SEARCH"/> <input type="button" value="More search options ▼"/>		<input type="button" value="Browse"/>

Photo of Payne Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery by Shawn Riley

On this day



Joseph Petrosino



 Tutorials

How to find BMD Records

It helps to know the state and probably the county where your ancestor lived to track down their BMD records.

Check census records first to find out where someone was born, they are also a good indirect source of birth and marriage dates.

Order copies of certificates directly from the State or County – don't go through a 'middleman'

www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w.htm



Where to Write for Vital Records

The links below are provided for those users who want direct access to individual state and territory information. To use this valuable tool, you must first determine the state or area where the birth, death, marriage, or divorce occurred, then click on that state or area. Please follow the provided [Application Guidelines](#) to ensure an accurate response to your request.

The federal government does not distribute certificates, files, or indexes with identifying information for vital records. Applications for passports can be obtained through the [U.S. State Department](#) .

A

- [Alabama](#)
- [Alaska](#)
- [American Samoa](#)
- [Arizona](#)
- [Arkansas](#)

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[Idaho](#)

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- [Nebraska](#)
- [Nevada](#)
- [New Hampshire](#)
- [New Jersey](#)
- [New Mexico](#)

S

- [South Carolina](#)
- [South Dakota](#)

T

BMD Sources

FamilySearch.org - 311 individual databases with BMD records.

Ancestry is adding BMD data to their service and currently has thousands of locations across the USA represented.

FindMyPast has increasing numbers of BMD from across the US as well.

Some states are digitizing their BMD information as well. Arizona is an example – check Cyndislist for pointers to State level resources.

County Clerks & Courthouses

You may just need to contact the County Clerk for a copy of your desired B, M or D certificate. Especially true for records pre-1920 and marriage certificates.

You will have to pay a fee for the service, which will vary by county. You can usually do this by post but you can go in person as well...a great holiday idea!

Genetic Genealogy - DNA Testing

- ❖ Genetic testing can help determine relationships and ancestral origins.
- ❖ Tests genetic material from living people to determine close matches.
- ❖ A variety of tests are available.
- ❖ Best used in conjunction with document based research.
- ❖ Be aware that you might discover unexpected relatives! Consider testing quite carefully...it can have consequences for your entire family.

AncestryDNA Results for TahitiaMcCabe

Sort by: Relationship | Date

< 1 of 469 >

Filters

HINTS

NEW

STARRED

MOTHER

GENETIC COMMUNITIES

SEARCH MATCHES

PARENT/CHILD



M.A. (managed by TahitiaLynn)

Possible range: Parent, Child - immediate family member ?

Confidence: Extremely High

Relationship: M.A. is your Mother

Last logged in Apr 23, 2017

No family tree

VIEW MATCH

2ND COUSIN



[redacted]

Possible range: 1st - 2nd cousins ?

Confidence: Extremely High

Last logged in Aug 20, 2017

34 people

VIEW MATCH



[redacted]

Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins ?

Confidence: Extremely High

Last logged in Sep 25, 2017

10,280 people

VIEW MATCH



[redacted]

Possible range: 2nd - 3rd cousins ?

Confidence: Extremely High

Last logged in Jun 11, 2017

30 people

VIEW MATCH

Tests match results to others who have tested.

Reasonable reliability to 4th cousin level.

Ethnic Makeup Percentage

African	0%
South Central Africa	0%
East Central Africa	0%
West Africa	0%
New World	0%
North and Central America	0%
South America	0%
Central/South Asian	0%
Central Asia	0%
Oceania	0%
South Central Asia	0%
East Asian	0%
Northeast Asia	0%
Siberia	0%
Southeast Asia	0%

Middle Eastern	0%
Asia Minor	0%
East Middle East	0%
North Africa	0%
West Middle East	0%
European	100%
British Isles	21%
East Europe	18%
Finland	0%
Scandinavia	21%
Southeast Europe	0%
Iberia	7%
West and Central Europe	33%
Jewish Diaspora	0%
Ashkenazi	0%
Sephardic	0%

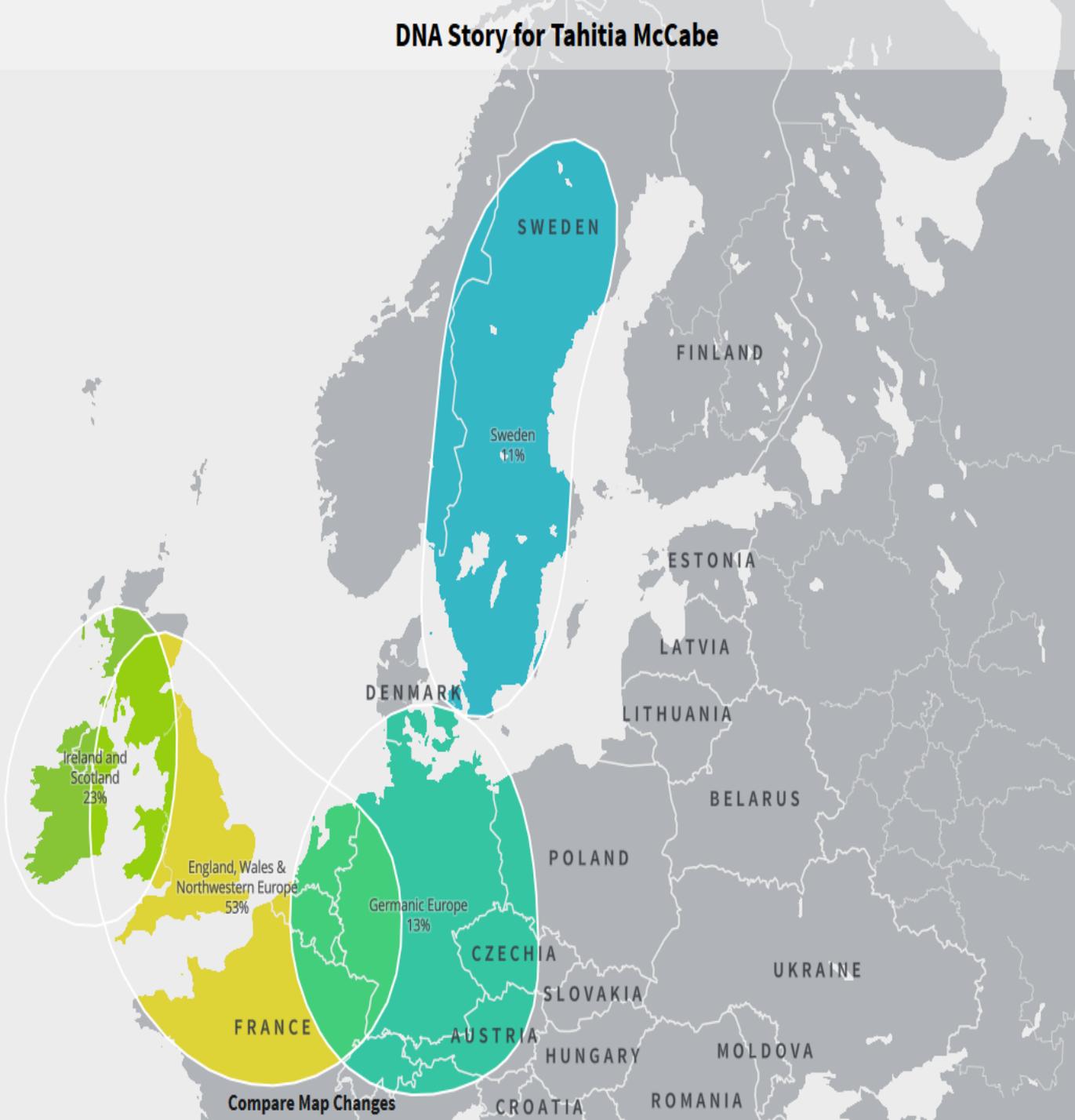
Tahitia McCabe's
autosomal bio-
geographical test
results from the
company FTDNA

DNA Story for Tahitia McCabe



My old
Ancestry bio-
geographical
results

DNA Story for Tahitia McCabe



Updated Estimate ^

- England, Wales & Northwestern Europe** 53%
Decreased by 23%
- Ireland and Scotland** 23%
Increased by 19%
- Germanic Europe** 13%
↑ Refined from: Europe West 1%
- Sweden** 11%
↑ Refined from: Scandinavia 8%

Migrations

- Lower Midwest & Virginia Settlers**
- Northeastern States Settlers**
 - New England & Eastern Great Lakes Settlers

No Longer in Estimate ?

- Iberian Peninsula 3%
- Europe South 2%
- Finland/Northwest Russia 2%
- Europe East 2%
- Native American <1%
- Africa North <1%

Looking for George and Alma



Tracking George & Alma down

HUNT	George	Dunkey Hotel	/	Blue 30
	Alma	East London	/	Wife 31

22 October 1930 – departure passenger list S.S. *Majestic*. Southampton to NYC.

HUNT ✓	George Richardon	30	m	m	clerk	yes	English	yes	Et. Brit	English	England	London
HUNT ✓	Alma	31	f	m	housewife	yes	English	yes	U.S. A.	English	U.S.A.	Byron, Ill.

28 October 1930 – USA arrivals passenger list S.S. *Majestic*.
Transit list to Shanghai, China

Name of Ship "ORSOVA"

Date of Departure 22nd November 1919.

Steamship Line ORIENT

Where Bound AUSTRALIA

NAMES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF BRITISH PASSENGERS EMBARKED AT THE PORT OF LONDON.

(1) Contract Ticket Number.	(2) NAMES OF PASSENGERS.	(3) CLASS. (W or U for 1st, 2nd or 3rd.)	(4) Port at which Passengers have contracted to land.	(5) Profession, Occupation, or Calling of Passengers. In the case of First Class Passengers this column need not be filled up.	(6) AGES OF PASSENGERS. Except for First Class Passengers (state the sex last remaining).						(7) Country of Last Permanent Residence.†						(8) Country of Intended Future Permanent Residence.†
					Adults of 12 years and upwards.		Children between 1 and 12.		England.	Wales.	Scotland.	Ireland.	British Possessions.	Foreign Countries.			
					Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.									
203	Mitchell	Mr J.A.	3rd	Sydney	Sheep Farming	22					1	NY			New Zealand		
204	Miller	Mrs R.A.	"	do	Housewife	29					1	NY			do		
205	do	Mr R.	"	do	Cashier	29					1	"			do		
206	Midgley	Mrs A.J.M.	"	Adelaide	V.A.D.	53					1	Ant			Australia		
	do	Miss A.	"	do		15					1				do		
207	Gill	Miss E.	"	Sydney	Cashier	34					1				do		
208	Pisot	Mr F.	"	do	Varnish Maker	23					1				do		
209	Dustin	Mr S.	"	do	Caterer	45							1		New Zealand		
	do	Mrs K.	"	do	Housewife	40							1		do		
210	do	Miss K.J.	"	do		15							1		do		
	do	Miss C.	"	do		12							1		do		
211	Barrett	Mr E.P.	"	do	Stereoman	57							1		do		
212	Detson	Mr E.	"	do	Plumber	32					1	NY			do		
	do	Mrs K.	"	do	Housewife	32							1		do		
213	Craig	Mrs M.	"	do	do	31							1		do		
214	Wood	Mr F.A.	"	Brisbane	Dairy Manager	33					1	Ant			Australia		
215	Lyons	Mr J.	"	do	Farming	33					1				do		
216	Burley	Mr W.	"	Melbourne	Farm Hand	30					1				do		
217	Mumford	Mrs A.J.	"	Sydney		46					1				do		
218	Jones	Mr E.	"	Melbourne	Heekman	50					1				do		
219	Ord	Mrs L.	"	Sydney	Secretary	35					1	NY			New Zealand		
220	Mecham	Mr E.	"	Melbourne	Printer	32					1	Ant			Tasmania		
221	222e	Mrs A.J.	"	do	Dom. duties	39					1				do		
	do	Miss E.M.	"	do		12					1				do		
223	Williams	Mr J.W.	"	Sydney	Club Steward Sydney	31					1				Australia		
224	Hooper	Mr G.	"	do	Corn Merchant	62					1				do		
225	MacDonald	Mr R.	"	do	Farmer	24					1	NY			New Zealand		
226	Parker	Mr W.	"	do	Mechanic	25					1				do		
227	O'Gorman	Mr J.	"	Brisbane	Farmer	28							1	Ant	Australia		
228	Hunt	Mr G.R.	"	Melbourne	Clerk	19					1	Ant			do		

REMEMBER TO
REVISIT DATABASES

George emigrated to
Australia at 19!
1919 voyage London to
Melbourne

This opened up the
possibility of finding
Australian records...

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

Attestation Paper of Persons Enlisted for Service Abroad.

No. 83398
2005 Name (Surname) HUNT
 in full (Christian Name) George Richardson
 Unit A.N. & M.F.F.
 Joined on 16/11/20.

Questions to be put to the Person Enlisting before Attestation.

You are hereby warned that if after enlistment it is found that you have given a wilfully false answer to any question set forth in this Attestation Paper, you will be liable to be tried for the offence.

1. What is your Name? ... HUNT
2. In or near what Town were you born? London
 In the State or Country of England
3. Are you a natural-born British Subject or a Naturalized British Subject? (N.B.—If the latter, papers to be shown) ... Yes.
4. What is your Age? (Date of birth to be stated) ... 20 1/2 years 21/5/1900
5. What is your Trade or Calling? ... Clerk
6. Are you, or have you been, an Apprentice? If so, where, to whom, and for what period? ... No
7. Are you married, single, or widower? ... Single
8. Who is your next of kin? (Address and relationship to be stated) ... James Wilson Hunt (Father)
"Dulwich" Raphael St.
Caulfield Victoria.
9. What is your permanent address in Australia? ... Above.
10. Do you now belong to, or have you ever served in, His Majesty's Army, the Marines, the Militia, the Militia Reserve, the Territorial Force, Royal Navy, or Colonial Forces? If so, state which, and if not now serving, state cause of discharge ... Royal Air Force 1 year.
11. Have you stated the whole, if any, of your previous service? ... Yes.
12. Have you ever been rejected as unfit for His Majesty's Service? If so, on what grounds? ... No

PAY BOOK NO. 519500

File No. 35844. held by O /c Base Records

SEARCH ARCHIVE DATABASES

National Archives of Australia's name search found:

George's attestation paper – 1920

Father's name: James Wilson Hunt

Record shows George serving in Royal Air Force for 1 year...

Official No. 177597

CHRISTIAN NAMES
(in full)

George Richardson

SURNAME

Hunt

1 BIRTH Date 21.5.1900

Place Town London
Parish Sturtham
Conn

2 RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION *Ch of E*

3 CURRENT ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES:-

(a) State whether in Army, Navy or R.A.F. *R.A.F.*

(b) Period:-

	Date Current Engagement commenced	Age at that Date	Duration of Period of Engagement
Boy Service	<i>2.5.1917</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>2.5.1917 - 12.10.18</i>
Man Service	<i>30.5.18</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>30.5.18 - 20.5.20</i>

(c) Date of actual entry into R.F.C. / R.N.A.S. / R.A.F. *30.5.18*

(d) Period engagement extended for

(e) Period re-engaged for

4 PRIOR ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES:-

Unit	Period		Rank on Discharge
	From	To	

5 CIVILIAN OCCUPATION

(a) Description *clerk*

(b) Name and Address of last Employer

(c) Period employed there, from to

6 MARRIAGE

(a) Date Town

(b) Whether verified from Marriage Certificate

(c) Whether with permission

PERSON TO BE INFORMED OF CASUALTIES

Name *Elizabeth H. Hunt*

Address *46 Barcombe Avenue, Fresham Hill S.W.*

Relationship *Mother to Fresham Sussex*

DESCRIPTION ON ENGAGEMENT IN H.M. FORCES

Height *5* feet *6* inches. Chest *34 1/2* inches.

MOVEMENTS * Att. = Attached

Departure Authority	Unit from which	Unit to which	Date of Effect	Arrival Authority Confirming
		<i>6.8.18</i>		
	<i>6.8.18</i>	<i>R.D.</i>	<i>2.6.18</i>	
	<i>2.6.18</i>	<i>2.5.19</i>	<i>20.5.18</i>	<i>20.5.18</i>
			<i>20.5.18</i>	<i>20.5.18</i>

PROMOTIONS 177597

Authority	Description	Date of Effect
	<i>Enlisted Pte</i>	<i>30.5.18</i>
	<i>Sergeant T. J.</i>	<i>7-11-18</i>

MEDICAL BOARDS

Authority	EXAMINATION	
	Result	Date
<i>13.14.20 H.</i>		

FOLLOW ALL CLUES

British Royal Air Force,
airmen's service records
George's record – 1918
Mother's name: Elizabeth
H. Hunt

I now have mother and
father's names!

This will allow me to order
a birth certificate and
trace his family back in
time.

Record of Issue of License to Marry

District of _____ County of _____

License Issued by _____ Date of License Jan 17, 1925

Full Name of Male James Richardson Hunt Age 20 Bachelor Widower Divorced (2nd, 3rd, Marriage)

Nationality English Residence Olealewa

Birthplace of Male London, England Length of Residence in the Territory of Hawaii 6 mos.

Full Name of Father James Frederick W. Hunt Maiden Name of Mother Elizabeth Stephens

Race English Race English

Birthplace of Father { State or Country London } Birthplace of Mother { State or Country England }

Full Name of Female Anna Louise Dowd Age 23 Maid Widow Divorced (2nd, 3rd, Marriage)

Nationality Irish Residence Makawala, Kauai

Birthplace of Female Wexford, Ireland Length of Residence in the Territory of Hawaii 6 mos.

Full Name of Father James Dowd Maiden Name of Mother Ann Catherine O'Leary

Race Irish Race Irish

Birthplace of Father { State or Country Ireland } Birthplace of Mother { State or Country Ireland }

Full Names of Witnesses George Lee

Place of Marriage _____

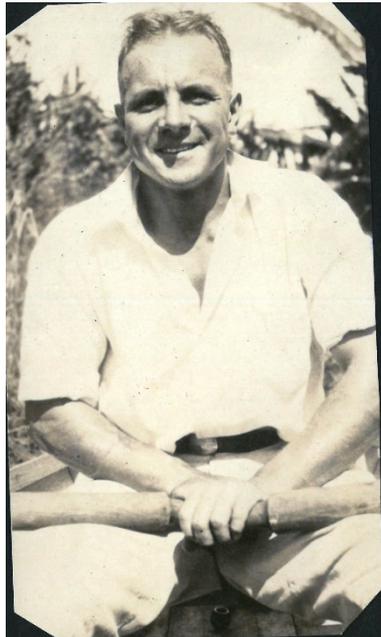
Ceremony to be Performed by Walter Wood

(Signed) _____
Agent to Grant Marriage Licenses.

District of _____ County of _____



Alma off to Hawaii
in 1924
Did she meet
George there
or elsewhere?



George worked as
a clerk at a
sugar
plantation in
Hawaii.



They moved to
Shanghai
Alma taught &
George was a
government
clerk



Alma and George at Hanapepe Falls, Hawaii
'at the end of an eight mile hike...'

Happy Hunting!

I hope you enjoy your research.

Remember to keep checking online resources as new data sets are added seemingly every week.

Don't forget to use physical archives and libraries as well. Not everything is online! Why not visit when you are on holiday?