

Guides and tips

Genealogists' guide to directories: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/directory/city-directories-genealogy/>

Three ways to use city directories: <https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/directory/city-directories-underrated-records/>

What you might be missing in city directories: <https://www.amyjohnsoncrow.com/might-missing-city-directories/>

Tips for using city directories: <https://www.legacytree.com/blog/city-directories>

How to use city directories in your genealogy research: <https://lialisson.com/how-to-use-city-directories-in-your-genealogy-research/>

City directories Wiki: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/City_Directories

City business and other directories research guides: <https://guides.loc.gov/address-directories/city-business>

Six things to find in city directories: https://www.ancestrycdn.com/legacy/offer/learning-center/2012/city_directories_short.pdf

Abbreviations commonly used in directories (be sure to check abbreviation lists in individual directories: <http://www.genealogyintime.com/dictionaries/city-directory-abbreviations.html>

General

Six free places to look for city directories:

<https://www.familytreemagazine.com/records/directory/free-city-directory-sources/>

Library of Congress: 1997 inventory of criss-cross directories: <https://guides.loc.gov/address-directories>

City Directories Online

Free compilation of published sources on MyHeritage contains a variety of types of books in addition to city directories: <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-90100/compilation-of-published-sources>

City and county directories, search by location: <https://archive.org/> and also <https://books.google.com/?hl=en>

Online historical city directories: <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/>

Directories, city, county, address: <https://www.cyndislist.com/directories/>

Directories, by state, Don's List <http://www.donslist.net/PGHLookups/Dir1Win.shtml>

Linkpendium, search by location, then directories: <http://www.linkpendium.com/>

US printed, microfilmed, and online directories, and their repositories: <https://www.uscitydirectories.com/>

Online resources, why use, and tips: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Directories

Links by states to city and business directories, as well as telephone directories, and alumni, farm, lodge, rural, and social directories: <https://theancestorhunt.com/directories.html>

US City directories: <http://www.uscitydirectories.com/>

Canada directories: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Canada_Directories

HathiTrust Digital Library is another place to look for digitized city directories: <https://www.hathitrust.org/>

Online historical directories <https://sites.google.com/site/onlinedirectorysite/Home/>

The Newberry Library city directories <https://newberry.org/city-directories>

Library of Congress city directories online

<https://www.loc.gov/search/?in=&q=city+directory&new=true>

Library of Congress city directories on microfilm <https://www.loc.gov/rr/microform/uscity/>

Use google to search for individual statewide sites for city directories

Special Notes

See also HeritageQuest, a library subscription service which can be accessed free online by library patrons using their library card number

Information about where city directories are located, organized by state, county, and city. Both online and archive sources are included: <https://ldsgenealogy.com/city-directories/>

Check university and local libraries in the research area. Many have digitized collections of city directories: If local public library doesn't have directory and you can't find it digitized online, look it up in WorldCat to see what other libraries have it: <https://www.worldcat.org/>

Subscription Websites \$

Ancestry.com: city & area directories: https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/dir_city/

Fold3.com: city directories: <https://go.fold3.com/citydirectories>

Myheritage.com: city directories: <https://www.myheritage.com/research/collection-10705/us-city-directories>

Findmypast – Directories and Social History <https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records-in-directories-and-social-history>