

Helpful Internet Websites

www.nara.gov – *National Archives website – census records from 1790 – 1920; military records; Revolutionary War to WWI; military pension records; Passport applications back to 1795; ship passenger lists; naturalization; more*

www.usgenweb.org – *Links to state and county information.*

www.ancestry.com – *Includes Social Security Death Index – find death records by date of death or SSN; databases; more*

www.familysearch.org – *Family History Library, Church of the Latter Day Saints/Mormons, Salt Lake City.*

www.cyndislist.com – *Links to 42,000 genealogy sites – everything from ship's passenger lists to prison rolls.*

www.rootsweb.com – *Internet's oldest genealogy site – lets you see who is looking for the same surnames you are.*

www.adoptions.com – *Good place to start genealogy research if you were adopted.*

www.lcweb.loc.gov/rr/genealogy - *Local History and Genealogy Reading Room, Library of Congress.*

www.genealogynews.com – *Online newsletter*

Genealogy is the number one hobby in America today. As a result, municipal clerk offices receive numerous requests each week for information. Requests are received in person, in the mail, over the phone and now by email messages. Municipalities have different policies regarding conducting genealogy research – some charge by the hour, some charge per search. This pamphlet is developed with the intent to provide information to citizens conducting genealogy research on ancestors from the Topsham, Maine area. Specific questions regarding office policy for genealogy research in Topsham should be directed to the Town Clerk's Office at (207) 725-5821.

Helpful Hints:

- 1) Prior to 1892, towns were not required to file records of birth, marriage and death. Some towns have records before 1892, but these are not a complete recording of events and can not be certified.
- 2) Unsure where the event took place? Begin by contacting the state; they maintain copies of records from every town in Maine.
- 3) Be sure to check family Bibles, city directories, obituaries, old maps, old photographs, town history books and old newspapers for information.
- 4) State Archives keeps a list of professional genealogists who will provide research for a fee.

Informational Guide To Conducting Genealogy Research in the Town of Topsham Maine

**Town Clerk's Office
100 Main Street
Topsham, Maine 04086
(207) 725-5821**

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Genealogy Research:

Local:

Town of Topsham Municipal Records

Birth, marriage and death records for Topsham residents and/or if the event took place in Topsham. Records before 1892 are not a complete listing. The fee is \$5.00 per each five year period searched. If record is found, \$5.00 fee includes a photocopy labeled "NOT FOR LEGAL PURPOSES" or \$15.00 for a certified copy. Make check payable to "Town of Topsham". Include all known information with the written request – name, dates, and location. Fees must be paid in advance. Office of the Town Clerk, 100 Main Street, Topsham, ME 04086. (207) 725-1719.

Topsham Public Library

Material on Town's history, textile, pulp and paper industry history, Franco-Canadian history, and cemetery records. Old newspapers. Topsham Public Library, 25 Foreside Road, Topsham, ME 04086. (207) 725-1727.

Father Leo E. Begin Chapter/American-Canadian Genealogical Society

Excellent resource of local family information and Canadian-related searches. 135 Lisbon St., Lewiston, ME 04240

Area Churches – No central source for information. Must contact individual churches

for information. There are numerous churches in the Topsham/Brunswick area.

Cemetery Listings – No central source for information. Must contact individual cemetery directors for information.

Sagadahoc County Register of Probate
Adoptions, legal change of names, wills.
752 High Street, Bath, ME 04530
(207) 443-8218

Sagadahoc County Register of Deeds
Land records, property deeds, titles to property.
752 High Street, Bath, ME 04530
(207) 443-8214

State:

Maine State Archives

Birth, marriage and death records for each town in the state from 1892-1922.
84 State House Station, Cultural Building,
Augusta, ME 04333-0084
Search Room (207) 287-5788
State Records Center (207) 287-5792
www.state.me.us/agencies.htm.

Office of Vital Statistics

Birth, marriage and death records for each town in the state from 1923 – present. Also, maintain divorce records from state courts. Will accept credit cards. 211 State St., Augusta, ME 04333-0011. (207) 287-6490
www.state.me.us/dhs

Regional and National:

Patten Free Library Genealogy Room:

Regarded as the best genealogy history room in Maine. 33 Summer St., Bath, ME 04530

Maine State Historical Society:

Center for Maine History, Library Research Center, 485 Congress St., Portland, ME 04101
www.mainehistory.org

Maine Maritime Museum:

If ancestors had a shipping or maritime background. Washington St., Bath, ME 04530

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution:

Exclusive cemetery indexes, data from graves of Revolutionary War soldiers, more: (202) 879-3229.

New England Historic Genealogy Society – Boston:

Nation's oldest society. (617) 536-5740

Military records. Old Census records. Ship's Passenger Lists, etc.

See website listing for National Archives.
www.nara.gov.

Mormon Church Records:

See website: www.familysearch.org