



# GEN-FIND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, INC.

## Extraction of Canadian Civil Vital Records

Canada's various Registrars of Vital Statistics, who have been granted authorization to record and deposit the official birth, marriage and death records for their respective regions, in the various provinces and territories of Canada vary from region to region with their rules for extraction of these records. These records for the period of restriction are only accessible by the Registrars' and, thus, for these periods we cannot search the registers ourselves.

Identified below is a chart of what civil vital records they hold and for what period. All these records can be certified or notarized for court purposes as requested. We will search and extract these records that are archived here within Canada while those for other countries will be charged out on a time and expense fee basis. Please consult this website for further details on the compensatory arrangement.

**Province/Territory:**     **ALBERTA**

**Type of Document**<sup>1</sup>     **Years of Coverage**<sup>2</sup>     **Restrictions**<sup>3</sup>     **Time to Receive**<sup>4</sup>     **Cost (exc. Service Charges)**<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Documents ordered on your behalf, where possible and where appropriate authorization from the eligible parties or next-of-kin have been obtained (please contact our office for those eligibility requirements which we must submit to the respective government office), will be provided to you as either a photocopy ('long form' version) or certified photocopy of the actual registration depending upon your order. It is important to remember that certified photocopies are very restricted and are usually only provided where evidence is given that they are needed for court purposes. In some cases, where you are denied access to the photocopy of the original record by the Registrar, you will be provided with the 'short-form' version which includes, generally, only the name of the party(s), date and place of the event.

<sup>2</sup>Many of the years of coverage are approximations as the early records were not consistently kept, nor survived, for many of these regions. Therefore, if a search is conducted and the record is still not found, those fees are still absorbed by the Registrar's and us.

<sup>3</sup>It is extremely important to remember that there is much Privacy restriction to access of identifying information held in Canada. Normally, these restrictions are as noted, however there are exceptions, particularly for executors and estate trustees dealing with probate of a client's estate. Please contact us directly for more specifics on those restrictions, and exceptions, if your needs are within the noted document restriction period range.

<sup>4</sup>The period allocated for receipt of the documents is to our office and are only estimates. The government departments' responsible are at present not committing sufficient time periods for the search and extraction of such documents and, thus, there may be significant delays. In most

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<b>Uncertified Copy:</b>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1853-present	120 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$31.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1890-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$31.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1890-present	50 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$31.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1884-present	none	approx. 4 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1930-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 6-8 weeks	\$150 each+copy costs
<b>Certified Copy:</b>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1853-present	120 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$31.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1890-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$31.50 each

circumstances, unless on old records, the registers are not accessible to the public and thus all researchers are dependent upon the time constraints offered by the repositories holding those record collections.

<sup>5</sup>A service charge is added depending on the number of documents you order, any rush service, the taxes and the choice method of return delivery. Please be aware that there will be additional charges for any relevant government taxes (such as HST for Canadian residents), rush fees by the government agencies, and your chosen method of delivery to you at our cost - standard mail delivery or priority express post. Specific date and place of event must be known or the search may be more expensive, depending upon the number of years to be searched in the registers.

<sup>6</sup>Extraction of birth records, generally, are only available in the restrictive period to (1) the subject of the birth, or (2) their parents named on the record, or (3) their guardian with appropriate papers, or (4) a representative with written authorization of one of the other three parties noted herein. Should the subject be deceased the immediate next-of-kin, with proof of relationship, will be allowed access to this record. As agent for a client, we will require a signed & dated Letter of Authorization from one of these respective parties giving us permission to request the search and extraction of the original record on their behalf, along with any other documents of proof. It is important to remember that certified photocopies are very restricted and are usually only provided where evidence is given that they are needed for court purposes. In some cases, where you are denied access to the photocopy of the original record by the Registrar, you will provided with the 'short-form' version which includes, generally, only the name of the party(s), date and place of the event.

<sup>7</sup>Extraction of marriage records, generally, are only available in the restrictive period to (1) either party of the search, but both parties named, or (2) the children or the parents if both parties are deceased, or (3) a representative with written authorization of one of the two parties of the marriage. Should the subjects and the children be deceased the closest immediate next-of-kin, with proof of relationship, will be allowed access to this record. As agent for a client, we will require a signed & dated Letter of Authorization from one of these respective parties giving us permission to request the search and extraction of the original record on their behalf, along with any other documents of proof. It is important to remember that certified photocopies are very restricted and are usually only provided where evidence is given that they are needed for court purposes. In some cases, where you are denied access to the photocopy of the original record by the Registrar, you will provided with the 'short-form' version which includes, generally, only the name of the party(s), date and place of the event.

<sup>8</sup>Extraction of short-form death records, generally, are available to anyone with a valid reason, however normally only next-of-kin may obtain a certified photocopy (long form) of a death registration, along with any other documents of proof. It is important to remember that certified photocopies are very restricted and are usually only provided where evidence is given that they are needed for court purposes. In some cases, where you are denied access to the photocopy of the original record by the Registrar, you will provided with the 'short-form' version which includes, generally, only the name of the party(s), date and place of the event.

<sup>9</sup>It must be pointed out that some provinces and territories have a centralized system of registry and archival of probate and will records while others use a district approach. Depending on the region the search period may vary and may take longer if the district that the probate is registered in has to be determined.

<sup>10</sup>The information generally includes the adoption order, biological background information on the adoptee, and their original birth surname information. Other information may also be provided at the discretion of the Children and Youth Services. It is important that we will act as your agent in the obtaining of these records, though the agencies all have significant restrictions on who and how much information is released. Please contact us directly for more information on the information we will need to obtain from you in order to proceed with this search request.

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• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1890-present	50 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$31.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1867-present	to couple only	approx. 3-5 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1884-present	none	approx. 4 weeks	\$120+copy costs

### Province/Territory:

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Type of Document

#### Years of Coverage

#### Restrictions

#### Time to Receive

#### Cost (exc. Service Charges)

##### Uncertified Copy:

• Baptism	approx. 1836-1888	none	approx. 3 days	\$16.00 each
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1872-present	107 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$34.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1859-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$34.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1872-present	22 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$34.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1884-present	none	approx. 4 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1930-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 3 months	\$150 each+copy costs

##### Certified Copy:

• Baptism	approx. 1836-1888	none	approx. 2 weeks	\$36.00 each
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1872-present	107 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1859-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1872-present	22 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1877-present	to couple only	approx. 3-5 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1884-present	none	approx. 4 weeks	\$120+copy costs

### Province/Territory:

### MANITOBA

#### Type of Document

#### Years of Coverage

#### Restrictions

#### Time to Receive

#### Cost (exc. Service Charges)

##### Uncertified Copy:

• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1872-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$30.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1872-present	80 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$30.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1872-present	70 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$30.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1871-present	none	approx. 4 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10,12</sup>	approx. 1928-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 1 year	\$150 each+copy costs

##### Certified Copy:

• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1872-present	107 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1872-present	80 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1872-present	70 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1917-present	to couple only	approx. 3-5 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1871-present	none	approx. 4 weeks	\$120+copy costs

### Province/Territory:

### NEW BRUNSWICK

#### Type of Document

#### Years of Coverage

#### Restrictions

#### Time to Receive

#### Cost (exc. Service Charges)

##### Uncertified Copy:

• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1888-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$30.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1888-present	55 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$30.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1888-present	55 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$30.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1785-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs

<sup>11</sup>For a Divorce Certificate you will need to provide us with a copy of your Divorce Judgment or provide us with the full names of both spouses, year of divorce, court file number, and court registry location. If you do not have a copy of your Divorce Judgment, we can obtain this from the Courts for you. If your divorce was granted prior to 1986, you will receive a Certified Copy of a Decree Absolute. If you do not know all the details of your divorce, we will need to conduct a Canada wide search of the Central Registry of Divorce Proceedings which will involve an additional cost (\$50).

<sup>12</sup>Adoptions granted in Manitoba before 15<sup>th</sup> March 1999 prohibit the release of any identifying information without the consent of both parties. Adoptions granted in Manitoba after March 15, 1999 have a greater degree of openness. This allows eligible family members to obtain identifying information once all parties are 18 unless a disclosure veto has been filed with the Registry.

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• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1890-present	to joint consenting adoptee & parents	Variable	\$150 each+copy cost
<i>Certified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1888-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1888-present	55 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1888-present	55 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1796-present	to couple only	approx. 6-8 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1785-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$120+copy costs

**Province/Territory: NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

Type of Document	Years of Coverage	Restrictions	Time to Receive	Cost (exc. Service Charges)
<i>Uncertified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1840-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$25.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1891-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$25.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1891-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$25.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1790s-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1949-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 8 weeks	\$150 each+copy costs
<i>Certified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1840-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1891-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1891-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$62.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1949-present	to couple only	approx. 6-8 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1790s-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$120+copy costs

**Province/Territory: NORTHWEST TERRITORIES / NUNAVUT**

Type of Document	Years of Coverage	Restrictions	Time to Receive	Cost (exc. Service Charges)
<i>Uncertified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1925-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$25.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1925-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$25.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1925-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$25.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1790s-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1961-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 8 weeks	\$150 each+copy costs
<i>Certified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1925-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$35.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1925-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$35.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1925-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$35.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1949-present	to couple only	approx. 6-8 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1940s-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$120+copy costs

**Province/Territory: NOVA SCOTIA**

Type of Document	Years of Coverage	Restrictions	Time to Receive	Cost (exc. Service Charges)
<i>Uncertified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1867-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$43.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1763-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$43.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1864-1877 1908-present	50 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$43.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1749-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1930s-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 8 weeks	\$150 each+copy costs
<i>Certified Copy:</i>				
• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1867-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$53.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1763-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$53.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1864-1877 1908-present	50 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$53.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1759-present	to couple only	approx. 6-8 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1749-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$120+copy costs

**Province/Territory:**

**ONTARIO**

**Type of Document**

**Years of Coverage**

**Restrictions**

**Time to Receive**

**Cost (exc. Service Charges)**

*Uncertified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Probate/Will Grant<sup>9</sup>
- Adoption<sup>10</sup>

approx. 1869-present  
approx. 1801-present  
approx. 1869-present  
approx. 1793-present  
approx. 1921-present

95 years  
80 years  
70 years  
none  
to adult adoptee

approx. 1-6 months  
approx. 1-6 months  
approx. 1-6 months  
approx. 6 weeks  
approx. 8 weeks

\$45.50 each  
\$35.50 each  
\$35.50 each  
\$70+copy costs  
\$150 each+copy costs

*Certified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Divorce Decree<sup>11</sup>
- Probate/Will Grant<sup>9</sup>

approx. 1869-present  
approx. 1801-present  
approx. 1869-present  
approx. 1931-present  
approx. 1793-present

All years  
All years  
All years  
to couple only  
none

approx. 1-6 months  
approx. 1-6 months  
approx. 1-6 months  
approx. 6-8 weeks  
approx. 6 weeks

\$45.50 each  
\$35.50 each  
\$35.50 each  
\$200 each  
\$120+copy costs

**Province/Territory:**

**PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**Type of Document**

**Years of Coverage**

**Restrictions**

**Time to Receive**

**Cost (exc. Service Charges)**

*Uncertified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Baptismal
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Probate/Will Grant<sup>9</sup>
- Adoption<sup>10</sup>

approx. 1840-present  
approx. 1886-1919  
approx. 1886-present  
approx. 1906-present  
approx. 1807-present  
approx. 1930-present

All years  
All years  
All years  
none  
none  
to adult adoptee

approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 2 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 6 weeks  
approx. 8 weeks

\$45.50 each  
\$25.50 each  
\$45.50 each  
\$45.50 each  
\$70+copy costs  
\$150 each+copy costs

*Certified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Baptismal
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Divorce Decree<sup>11</sup>
- Probate/Will Grant<sup>9</sup>

approx. 1840-present  
approx. 1886-1919  
approx. 1886-present  
approx. 1906-present  
approx. 1946-present  
approx. 1807-present

All years  
All years  
All years  
All years  
to couple only  
none

approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 2 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 6-8 weeks  
approx. 6 weeks

\$45.50 each  
\$25.50 each  
\$45.50 each  
\$45.50 each  
\$200 each  
\$120+copy costs

**Province/Territory:**

**QUEBEC**

**Type of Document**

**Years of Coverage**

**Restrictions**

**Time to Receive**

**Cost (exc. Service Charges)**

*Uncertified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Notary/Will Grant
- Adoption<sup>10</sup>

approx. 1621-present  
approx. 1621-present  
approx. 1621-present  
approx. 1793-present  
approx. 1847-present

17 years  
17 years  
17 years  
none  
to adult adoptee

approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 6 weeks  
approx. 8 weeks

\$85.50 each  
\$85.50 each  
\$85.50 each  
\$250 each + copy cost  
\$200 each + copy cost

*Certified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Divorce Decree<sup>11</sup>

approx. 1621-present  
approx. 1621-present  
approx. 1621-present  
approx. 1844-present

All years  
All years  
All years  
to couple only

approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 8 weeks

\$85.50 each  
\$85.50 each  
\$85.50 each  
\$200 each

**Province/Territory:**

**SASKATCHEWAN**

**Type of Document**

**Years of Coverage**

**Restrictions**

**Time to Receive**

**Cost (exc. Service Charges)**

*Uncertified Copy:*

- Birth<sup>6</sup>
- Marriage<sup>7</sup>
- Death<sup>8</sup>
- Probate/Will Grant<sup>9</sup>
- Adoption<sup>10</sup>

approx. 1878-present  
approx. 1878-present  
approx. 1878-present  
approx. 1873-present  
approx. 1930s-present

100 years  
75 years  
70 years  
none  
to adult adoptee

approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 3 weeks  
approx. 6 weeks  
approx. 8 weeks

\$60.50 each  
\$60.50 each  
\$60.50 each  
\$70+copy costs  
\$150 each + copy cost

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**Certified Copy:**

• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1878-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$60.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1878-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$60.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1878-present	70 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$60.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1920-present	to couple only	approx. 8 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1873-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs

**Province/Territory:**

**YUKON**

**Type of Document**

**Years of Coverage**

**Restrictions**

**Time to Receive**

**Cost (exc. Service Charges)**

*Uncertified Copy:*

• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1896-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$20.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1896-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$20.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1896-present	All years	approx. 3 weeks	\$20.50 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1940s-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs
• Adoption <sup>10</sup>	approx. 1940s-present	to adult adoptee	approx. 8 weeks	\$150 each +copy cost

*Certified Copy:*

• Birth <sup>6</sup>	approx. 1896-present	100 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$60.50 each
• Marriage <sup>7</sup>	approx. 1896-present	75 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$60.50 each
• Death <sup>8</sup>	approx. 1896-present	70 years	approx. 3 weeks	\$60.50 each
• Divorce Decree <sup>11</sup>	approx. 1950-present	to couple only	approx. 8 weeks	\$200 each
• Probate/Will Grant <sup>9</sup>	approx. 1940s-present	none	approx. 6 weeks	\$70+copy costs

**Province/Territory:**

**FEDERAL**

**Type of Document**

**Years of Coverage**

**Restrictions**

**Time to Receive**

**Cost (exc. Service Charges)**

*Uncertified Copy:*

• Métis Scrip <sup>13</sup>	approx. 1870-1906	none	approx. 3 days	\$90+copy costs
• Aboriginal Research <sup>14</sup>	late-1800's-present	none	indeterminate	Time & Expense

<sup>13</sup>Métis are persons of mixed blood - European/Aboriginal blood (Indian ancestry) – who are distinct from Indian, Dené, and Inuit, though someone who has genealogical ties to Aboriginal ancestry. A complex series of legislation, beginning with the Manitoba Act of 1870, provided for the settlement of claims arising from Aboriginal rights to land in western Canada. The Manitoba claims cover the period from 1870 to 1885. Those for the Northwest Territories, which included present-day Saskatchewan and Alberta, cover the period from 1885 to 1906. The federal government created a number of records in its day-to-day administration of the scrip that it issued to Métis residents of Manitoba and the former North-West Territories (as much of western Canada was known prior to the creation of modern-day Alberta, Saskatchewan, and the Northwest Territories in 1905). The records generally consist of the following: affidavits and applications, land and money scrip notes, scrip certificates, receipts, and a number of textual files consisting of letters and memoranda outlining government policies, rulings, and procedures. Often you will find claimants dates and places of birth, names of parents, names of spouses and names of children.

<sup>14</sup>Department of Indian Affairs of Canada hold records dating mainly from the late 1800s. The records are usually arranged by band, agency and district. Ancestral work can be conducted on these publicly available records with extension work done with the Federal government on later periods as required.