

IMPORTANT RECORD TYPES FOR NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION RESEARCH

This region covers the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts,
New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Must Know Very Well	Good Working Knowledge	Some Familiarity
<p>Cemetery Records</p> <p>Census Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal • State • Special (i.e. Mortality, Agriculture, etc.) <p>Church Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptism or Christening • Marriage • Death or Burial • Membership • Meeting Records <p>Land and Property Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County • State <p>Manuscript Collections</p> <p>Military Records</p> <p>Naturalization Records</p> <p>Probate Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intestate (Administrator, Bonds, Inventories, Settlement, etc.) • Testate (Executor Bonds, Wills, Codicils, Settlement, etc.) <p>Town Records</p> <p>Vital Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birth • Marriage • Death • Divorce 	<p>Biographies</p> <p>City Directories</p> <p>Emigration, Immigration, and Migration</p> <p>Histories</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County • Local (Town or City) • Family • State <p>Maps, Gazetteers and Historical Geography</p> <p>Obituaries</p> <p>Tax Records</p> <p>Periodical</p>	<p>Adoption Records</p> <p>Bible Records</p> <p>Business/Commerce Records</p> <p>Court Records</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Civil • Criminal • Guardianship <p>Ethnic and Minority Records</p> <p>Funeral Home Records</p> <p>Newspaper</p> <p>Voting Records</p>

STRATEGIES & RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION RESEARCH

- Know where to find and how to use the records needed to solve the client's research problem.

To learn about resources for the NEW ENGLAND STATES region see the following:

- [Cyndi's List](#) see categories for each of the states in the NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION
 - [Facebook](#) genealogy pages for the region, use search field to locate specific titles
 - *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article "[United States Genealogy](#)" and its links to each state in the NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION
 - Your favorite search engine
- Use original records, when possible, created at the time of the event. These might be found at various jurisdictional levels (such as town, county, state/province, federal/national). Many of which are available online. See *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki, [United States Online Genealogy Records](#) for suggestions. Use the map links to find records for each state in the NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION.
 - Know the date vital statistics were first recorded for each state in the region and the laws that affected their recording. For example: "Vital records were first kept in Vermont from the earliest permanent settlement, about 1760. All original records are maintained by the town or city and can be viewed at the town or city clerk's office. The present vital registration law was enacted in 1857. This statute required that all vital events be recorded in the town where they occurred. A centralized registration system was established in 1919."¹
 - Understand your family in historical context, including wars and jurisdictional boundary changes. To learn about these important elements, see *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article [United States History](#) and the state links for each state in the NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION.
 - Consider downloading the printed *FamilySearch* Library Research Outlines for each state in the NEW ENGLAND STATES REGION. Even though these Research Guides were taken out of print in 2009, some researchers still use the outlines as they contain valuable information about

¹ *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article, Vermont Vital Records, https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/Vermont_Vital_Records.

genealogy and records that are applicable to today's research. See *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article [Research Outlines](#) to download them.

- Be familiar with key repositories used for NEW ENGLAND STATES Region genealogical research. See *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki article [United States Archives and Libraries](#) for suggested repositories. Be sure to check the state links at the bottom of the article.
- Prominent reference works for the GREAT PLAINS STATES REGION are discussed in *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki articles and can be accessed by searching “[name of state] for Further Reading.”

ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

- Search all applicable census records to find complete families.
- If indirect evidence is used, assemble it correctly to support your conclusions. If needed use the *FamilySearch* Family History Research Wiki [United States Record Selection Table](#) for further research suggestions to locate other records and evidence that might aid your research and help form conclusions.
- Evaluate each record. Resolve any conflicting information. Correlate findings.
- Source each event in each person's life. Capture the information about each source to facilitate proper citation when writing the report.
- Keep a research log of all records searched, including any searches for which nothing was found.
- Verify generational links.
- Understand applicable economics, religion, ethnicity, prejudices, and laws. For example: Know availability of records for major religious denominations in each state.
- Substitute records might be used when there is a lack of records or record loss. An event might be recorded in multiple ways. For example, a marriage might be recorded civilly, by the church, or in a newspaper. Each should be checked.

This is an overview of some resources, record types, and strategies that may be covered on the ICAPGen regional exams. Although not a complete list, it is offered as a guide to build upon in your preparation for testing and to maintain your professional-level skills.