

## Finding Death Certificates Online

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There are a multitude of death certificate collections online, but locating them can be a challenge. FamilySearch.org and Ancestry.com have a large number of state death indexes, and a growing collection of death certificate collections. To not only locate digital death record collections, but to understand the laws of each state regarding them, consult the FamilySearch.org Wiki.

Some county, city, town, and village death records have also been digitized. To locate these more localized collections, consult the FamilySearch catalog.

Ancestry.com: List of Death Certificate images by state:

[https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog/?keyword=death%20certificates&category=125\\_34](https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog/?keyword=death%20certificates&category=125_34)

DeathIndexes.com: Undoubtedly the most comprehensive list of death indexes and digitized certificates is that of DeathIndexes.com. You will not only find links to FamilySearch and Ancestry, but also county links to obituaries, cemetery records, mortuary records, and burial permits. [www.deathindexes.com](http://www.deathindexes.com)

The Ancestor Hunt: Another very comprehensive collection of links to “free” state birth, marriage, and death records. Included here is a smaller collection from Canada. This is also the best website that provides links to “free” digital newspaper collections, photos, yearbooks, directories and more (check the dropdown list headed “More.” <https://www.theancestorhunt.com/bmd-links.html>

### State Hosted Death Certificate Images

Arizona 1800-1971: <https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/vital-records/genealogy/index.php>

Georgia 1919-1927 - *Georgia Virtual Vault*

<https://vault.georgiaarchives.org/digital/collection/gadeaths/search/advanced>

Michigan 1897-1952 – *Michiganology*: [https://michiganology.org/uncategorized/collection\\_cdcc93e0-2671-4013-8ca6-5d97e9e8e734](https://michiganology.org/uncategorized/collection_cdcc93e0-2671-4013-8ca6-5d97e9e8e734)

Missouri 1910-1969: <https://s1.sos.mo.gov/records/archives/archivesmvc/deathcertificates>

Utah 1905-1967: <https://archives.utah.gov/digital/81448.htm>

Washington State: Washington State Archives: <https://www.deathindexes.com/washington/index.html>

West Virginia 1853-1970, Dates vary by county: [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)

### Compile a Family Health History

Do certain health problems run in your family tree? Death certificates are a great way to begin compiling a health pedigree. Include records of parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and all of their siblings. There are many Family Medical History forms online. A simple Google search should allow you to find one that will serve your needs. This one posted by Sutter Health can be filled out online then either downloaded to your computer or simply printed. <https://www.sutterhealth.org/pdf/incentive-content/medical-family-tree.pdf>