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Using the Utah History Research Center's Archives and History Database

What is the Utah History Research Center's Archives and History Database?

Most records held by the Utah State Archives are not indexed. Some creating agencies may have indexed record series, but frequently these are found as an index at the beginning or end of an individual volume, or as a separate record series. Such indexes are then available in paper or on microfilm. A few series are indexed electronically. These indexes may only index part of a series—particularly if there is already an index available in paper or microfilm to the remainder of the series. Occasional electronic indexes index an entire series.

Full or partial electronic indexes to portions of the holdings which are available for searching online. The indexes are arranged alphabetically by the name of the creating agency for the series and contain such things as birth registers, death registers, prisoner pardon applications, incorporation case files, certificates of citizenship records, mining records, Indian War service affidavits, divorce case files, divorce registers, Declarations of Intent records, naturalization records, territorial criminal case files, coroners' inquest files, probate case files, etc.

The Utah Death Certificates from 1904 - 1953 are in the process of being digitized. Many death certificate images are currently available from links found in this index.

Accessing the Utah History Research Center's Archives & History Index

- Go to <http://historyresearch.utah.gov/indexes/index.html>
- Fill in the search box that is located under the How to Search section. To search for a personal name, use the syntax of "surname, givenname middlename" (without the quotes).
- A list will appear; select the desired name from the list.
- Another list will appear showing all instances where that name was found.
- Click on any link that you wish to view. You will generally be given a reference to the original record so that you can send for a copy of that record or go view it on microfilm at the Family History Library.
- In the case of death certificates, the image will generally be available online. Click to enlarge the image. Use normal methods to copy the image or save it.