The state library has a large collection of published genealogical resources. We have publications ranging from “how to” guides to more specialized resources such as:

- Genealogical & Family History of the State of New Hampshire by Ezra Stearns
- City directories for some NH towns from the 1800s through the present
- Telephone directories from the 1950s to the present
- DAR Lineage Book
- New England Historic & Genealogical Register 1847 to date
- American Genealogical & Biographical Index
- Vital records for Massachusetts towns to 1850
- Various magazines including Historical New Hampshire
- Histories of New Hampshire towns and counties
- And many, many more!

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VITAL RECORDS
The Division of Vital Records Administration is the official repository of New Hampshire records of births, deaths, marriages and divorce. Contact them at 271-4650 for access.

The state library has a microfilm collection of early town records from the beginnings of each town up to about 1835. The inclusion of vital records varies since the majority of records relate to town government.

CENSUS RECORDS
The state library has microfilm copies of the 1790 through 1930 federal censuses for New Hampshire. The census is conducted every 10 years by the U.S. Census Bureau. Due to privacy laws, the most recent census that can be searched for family names is the 1930 census. We also have access to the census records via an in-house subscription to Ancestry. There is no census of 1890, due to a long ago fire at the National Archives.

DEEDS AND PROBATE
These records cannot be searched at the state library with the exception of early probate records from 1623 to 1771 (included in the New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers, vol. 31-39). Deeds or probate records need to be researched at the appropriate county office or perhaps at the NH Division of Archives & Records Management (some early years).

MILITARY RECORDS
Records of the French & Indian Wars have been published in the NH Adjutant General’s Report (1866, vol. 2 and 1868, pt. 2) and also in the New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers (vols. 5, 6, 14, 16)

Revolutionary War records have also been published in the New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers (vols. 14-17, 30). Pension records are held at the National Archives but the New Hampshire Historical Society has 71 volumes of typed transcripts of these pension records for New Hampshire men.

Records of the War of 1812 are meager. Those available have been published in Chandler E. Potter’s The Military History of the State of New Hampshire, 1623-1861.

Civil War records have been published by the New Hampshire Adjutant General in the Revised Register of the Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866. The original records are at the New Hampshire Division of Archives and Records Management.

Cemetery records
The state library has a small collection of cemetery inscriptions compiled by various groups. The New Hampshire Historical Society has a more extensive collection.

CHURCH RECORDS
Again, the New Hampshire Historical Society has a larger collection than the state library. Most records are probably held by the individual church or their state organization.

Town Records
The state library has a unique microfilmed collection of early town records, covering the 1700’s through the early or mid 1800’s. In addition, we have an index to these records by personal names.

We also have a varied collection of other town records covering scattered dates, the results of individual projects. These records are not generally indexed.

The state library maintains an extensive collection of annual town reports from all New Hampshire towns. The reports generally date back to the late 1800’s (some earlier) and continue to the present day. Most towns published an annual list of births, marriages and deaths, in addition to other town statistics and reports.

Newspapers
The state library has an extensive collection of New Hampshire newspapers on microfilm. A few date back to the 1700’s, and several to the 1800’s. The collection is kept up to date with subscriptions to New Hampshire newspapers currently being published. Researchers have access to 4 microfilm viewers.

New Hampshire Room
The genealogy/ New Hampshire history room is a large and historic room that originally housed the New Hampshire Supreme Court (until 1970). Most genealogy resources are kept there for easy access. Researchers have use of our 4 microfilm readers and can make copies at 10 cents a page. A photocopier is also available. You can sign up to use our dedicated genealogy computer to access Ancestry or other genealogy resources. A part-time genealogist is usually available to assist 3 mornings a week.