

THE FIRST FRONTIERSMEN: THE SCOTS-IRISH

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Who Are The Scots-Irish?

Historical Highlights

The Plantation of Ulster, 1609-c1641

Location

Black's Surnames of Scotland

Immigration to the British North American Colonies

Why?

1717-c1740

William Penn's Woods

Emigration on the Frontier

The Great Wagon Road

The Wilderness Road / Cumberland Gap

Finding the Records

Colonial Period

Pennsylvania State Archives (phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/default.aspx)

Virginia Memory, The Library of Virginia (viriniamemory.com/collections/)

North Carolina Digital Archives (digital.ncdcr.gov)

Across the Mountains

Kentucky State Digital Archives (kdla.access.preservica.com)

Kentucky Genealogical Society (kygs.org)

Tennessee State Library and Archives (sos.tn.gov/tsla/researchers-genealogists)

Search Genealogy Index

Acts of Tennessee

Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications: Soldiers & Widows

Other Online Resources

FamilySearch (familysearch.org)

Research Wiki

Digitized Books

Fold3 (fold3.com) (available at all FamilySearch Centers)

Ancestry (ancestry.com) (available at many public libraries and all FamilySearch Centers)

David Dobson's books

U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865

U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970

Individual state databases

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Record Types	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bible Records• Cemeteries• Census• Church Records• Court Records• Directories• Emigration & Immigration• Genealogies• Land & Property• Military Records	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Naturalization & Citizenship• Newspapers• Obituaries• Occupations• Online Records• Periodicals• Probate Records• Public Records• Taxation• Vital Records
Tennessee Background	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biography• Gazetteers• History	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Law and Legislation• Maps• Migration

Tennessee is a state in the southeastern portion of the United States. It is divided into 95 counties and its capital is Nashville. Tennessee was admitted to the union as the 16th state on 1 June 1796. It was created from the Province of North Carolina and Southwest Territory.

Getting Started with Tennessee Research

- [Step-by-Step Tennessee Research, 1880-Present](#)
- [How to Find Birth Records](#)
- [How to Find Marriage Records](#)
- [How to Find Death Records](#)
- [Research Strategies](#)
- [Tennessee Research Outline](#) – original Family History Library research outline; contains many out of date links

Tennessee Research Tools

- [Tennessee Record Finder](#)
- [Boundary Changes for Tennessee Counties](#)
- [Tennessee Archives and Libraries](#)
- [TNGenWeb](#)
- [Geographical Names Information System](#) – U. S. gazetteer of places, cemeteries and post offices in Tennessee.

Tennessee Migration Routes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumberland River• Tennessee River• Avery's Trace or Nashville Road• Chickasaw Trail or Natchez Trace	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Great Valley Road• Lower Warpath or West Tennessee Trail• Old Cherokee Path• Wilderness Road

<div>Tennessee Statewide Online Genealogy Records</div> <div>This table shows links to statewide collections. To find links to collections on the county level, use the county Wiki pages. Some subscription websites listed below can be searched for free at a family history center or FamilySearch affiliate library.↗</div>	
<div>For United States nationwide collections, go to the United States Online Genealogy Records page.</div>	
<div>Vital Records</div> <div>Births</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1828-1939: Tennessee Births and Christenings↗ at FamilySearch; index only 1869-1909: Tennessee Delayed Birth Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) 1908-1912: Tennessee Birth Records (ER Series)↗ at FamilySearch; index & images <div>Marriages</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17thc-20thc: US Marriages↗ at Findmypast; index only (\$) 1780-2002: Tennessee State Marriage Index↗ at FamilySearch; index only; Also at Ancestry↗ (\$) 1784-1825: Tennessee Compiled Marriages↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) 1790-1950: Tennessee County Marriages↗ at FamilySearch; index & images 1796-1950: Tennessee Marriages↗ at FamilySearch; index only 1810-1965: Tennessee Church Marriages↗ at FamilySearch; index & images 1838-1888: Tennessee Civil Marriages↗ at FamilySearch; images only 1851-1900: Tennessee Compiled Marriages↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) Tennessee Records: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds↗ at Ancestry; images only (\$) Tennessee Marriage and Bible Records↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) <div>Deaths</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1874-1955: Tennessee Deaths and Burials↗ at FamilySearch; index only; Also at Ancestry↗ (\$) 1908-1933: Tennessee Deaths↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) 1908-1965: Tennessee Death Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) 1914-1966: Tennessee Death↗ at FamilySearch; index & images <div>Divorce</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1800-1965: Tennessee Divorce and Other Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) <div>African American</div>	<div>Indigenous Peoples of Tennessee</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Native American Online Genealogy Records <div>Land Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1753-1931: North Carolina and Tennessee Early Land Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) 1778-1927: Tennessee Early Land Registers↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) <div>Maps</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlas of Historical County Boundaries↗ at The Newberry Library Maps of Tennessee↗ at MapOfUS <div>Military</div> <div>Nationwide Databases</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>General Records</div> <div>Indian Wars, dates vary</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>Revolutionary War, 1774-1783</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>War of 1812, 1812-1815</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>Mexican War, 1846-1848</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>Florida War, 1855-1858</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records
<div>African American</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US African American Online Genealogy Records <div>Archives and Libraries</div> <div>Bible Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennessee Records: Bible Records and Marriage Bonds↗ at Ancestry; images only (\$) Tennessee Marriage and Bible Records↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) <div>Biography</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A history of Tennessee and Tennesseans↗ at Ancestry; index and images (\$) County and Town Histories↗, includes biographies <div>Cemetery Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BillionGraves Index↗ at FamilySearch; index & images Cemetery Search↗ at BillionGraves Cemetery Search↗ at FindAGrave <div>Census</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Census Online Genealogy Records 1810-1891: Tennessee Compiled Census and Census Substitutes Index↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) 1891: Tennessee Enumeration of Male Voters↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) <div>Church Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1816-1995: Tennessee Church Records↗ at FamilySearch; index & images <div>Compiled Genealogies</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennessee History and Genealogy↗ at Findmypast; index only (\$) <div>Court and Criminal Records</div> <div>Directories</div> <div>History</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1796-1946: Tennessee old and new↗ at Ancestry; images only (\$) County and Town Histories↗, includes biographies <div>Immigration Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Immigration Online Genealogy Records 1500s-1900s: All US and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$); Also at MyHeritage↗; index only (\$); includes those with Destination of Tennessee 1895-1956: US Border Crossings from Canada↗ at MyHeritage; index & images (\$); includes those with Destination of Tennessee <div>Cultural Immigration Groups</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1920-1939: Germany, Bremen Emigration Lists↗ at MyHeritage; index only (\$); includes those with Destination of Tennessee Germans Immigrating to the US↗ at MyHeritage; index only (\$); includes those with Destination of Tennessee Italians Immigrating to the US↗ at MyHeritage; index only (\$); includes those with Destination of Tennessee Russians Immigrating to the US↗ at MyHeritage; index only (\$); includes those with Destination of Tennessee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>Civil War, 1861-1865</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records 1861-1865: Tennessee Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers↗ at FamilySearch; index & images 1861-1865: Tennessee Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers↗ at FamilySearch; index & images 1891-1965: Tennessee Confederate Pension Applications, Soldiers and Widows↗ at FamilySearch; index & images; Also at MyHeritage↗ (\$) Tennessee Civil War Confederate Pension Applications Index↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) <div>Spanish-American War, 1898</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>World War I, 1917-1918</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records Tennessee WWI Veterans↗ at MyHeritage; index only (\$) <div>World War II, 1941-1945</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records <div>Korean War, 1950-1953</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records U.S. Military Fatal Casualties of the Korean War for Tennessee↗ <div>Vietnam War, 1964-1972</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Military Online Genealogy Records U.S. Military Fatal Casualties of the Vietnam War for Tennessee↗ <div>Naturalization</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See US Naturalization Online Genealogy Records 1888-1992: Tennessee Naturalization Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) <div>Newspapers</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1793-1970: Tennessee Newspapers↗ at GenealogyBank Tennessee Digitized Newspapers↗ at Chronicling America Tennessee Newspapers & Periodicals↗ at Ancestry; index only (\$) <div>Obituaries</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1980-2014: US GenealogyBank Obituaries↗ at FamilySearch; index & images Tennessee Obituaries↗ at ObituariesHelp.org Tennessee Obituaries↗ at Obituary Link Page <div>Occupations</div> <div>Periodicals</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)↗ at Allen County Public Library; index <div>Probate Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1779-2008: Tennessee Wills and Probate Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$) 1795-1927: Tennessee Probate Court Books↗ at FamilySearch; images only 1795-1955: Tennessee Probate Court Files↗ at FamilySearch; images only <div>Tax Records</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1783-1895: Tennessee Early Tax List Records↗ at Ancestry; index & images (\$)