

# DOCUMENTING RECENT GENERATIONS<sup>\*</sup>

## SUGGESTED SOURCES

### BIRTH

Complete Birth Certificate  
Delayed Birth Certificate  
Doctor/Midwife Record  
Church Record  
HMO Record  
Census – Federal, State

Birth Record  
Newspaper Announcement  
School Record  
Baptismal Certificate  
Social Security Application  
Job Application – Federal, Local

### MARRIAGE

Complete Marriage Record  
Marriage Bond/Bann  
Divorce

Church Marriage Certificate  
Newspaper Announcement  
Tombstone/Cemetery Record

### DEATH

Complete Death Record  
Cemetery/Tombstone Record  
Commercial Cemetery Record  
Funeral Home Record  
Insurance Policy  
Social Security Death Record

Church Record/Notice  
Obituary  
Mourning/Funeral Card  
Professional Organizations  
Fraternal Organization Records

### CLASSIC SOURCES

Census – State, Federal  
Land Records  
Military and Pension Records  
Tax Records  
Genealogies (use with caution)

Probate Records  
Bible and Family Records  
Church Registers and Records  
Encounters with the Law  
County Histories (use with caution)

### CONTEMPORARY SOURCES

Employment Record – Private Industry  
Church Personnel  
Mortgage or Loan Applications  
Institutional (Military homes, prisons)

Telegrams  
Passports and Visa Applications  
Letters from Town Clerks and  
Town Historians