

FENTRESS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

FIRST FAMILIES OF FENTRESS COUNTY CERTIFICATE

**SPECIFIC SOURCES OF PROOF:** Photocopies of all materials accompanying the application will be required. No original copies of documents are to be sent. When the information is known, you are encouraged to use extra sheets of paper and include the names of all children in all generations in direct ascent, noting dates of birth and death and whom they married. Start with your family and work back.

**PRIMARY SOURCES:** Primary sources are defined as contemporary or government records made at the time of the event by parties involved. These records are deemed acceptable sources in proving relationship from one generation back to the previous generation.

1. BIRTH RECORDS

Tennessee started keeping state wide records about 1914. These are available from:

Office of Vital Records  
Tennessee Department of Health  
Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN 37247-0350

2. DEATH RECORDS

Tennessee started keeping state wide records about 1914. For records before 1941, order from:

Tennessee State Library & Archives  
Public Service Section  
403 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37243-0312

After 1942<sup>47</sup>, order from:

Office of Vital Records  
Tennessee Department of Health  
Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN 37247-0350

3. MARRIAGE RECORDS

Tennessee marriage records are available from the County Court Clerk in the county where the marriage was performed. Marriages after 1 July 1945 are also available from:

Office of Vital Records  
Tennessee Department of Health  
Cordell Hull Building  
Nashville, TN 37247-0350

4. CENSUS RECORDS

Tennessee Federal Census Records are available 1830-1920, excluding 1890. 1820 census available for middle and west Tennessee. Many libraries have local census records in printed form. Some state wide census available in printed form. Contact library for availability.

Out of state persons can contact:  
Tennessee State Library & Archives  
Public Services Station  
403 Seventh Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 38243-0312  
or rent microfilm from:  
Census Microfilm Rental Program  
P. O. Box 30  
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0030