

Research in the Southern States

Tennessee, Kentucky, N. & S. Carolina

1. Know your area

when was it formed

created from what areas

i. maps of area over time

ii. boundary changes

2. Common Resources

- church records

- vital records: birth, marriage, death

- census - lost

- town records

3. Courthouse Records

- burned records

- records not kept

- variety of records

- variety of locations

4. **** Alternative Records ****

A. Military records - war registrations

Pension applications, pensions

Cemeteries

Histories

All conflicts

B. Land records - land grants

Deed recordings - description of land and location

Taxes

Grantors / grantees (not just index)

C. Court Records - probate (inventories & wills)

Equity records

Adoption / guardianship

Apprenticeship

City/county/state contracts

Civil suits / criminal suits

D. Libraries - newspaper file

Obituaries

Histories / centennials

Vertical file

Local societies - genealogical and historical

Museums

5. CHECK ALL LEVELS

City / county / state / federal

6. *Resources for finding all of this!* Wiki - at familysearch.org

Family search library catalog

**REMEMBER - Somebody Somewhere
Knows Something!**