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Finding Records on Microfilm

Many times a new genealogist is unaware of one of the best and most economical ways to find in-

formation. I have often been asked, "How did you find that?" I tend to forget the benefits of microfilm for a beginner.



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Other than traveling to a court-

house, library, or archive in your area or looking at Internet databases, there is no better resource than microfilm. These can be accessed from many State Historical Societies and State Libraries. There are also companies that sell microfilm to genealogists.

Your public library has a procedure called Inter Library Loan (ILL). When you discover a microfilm (or a book) is available for ILL you can fill out a form at the library and hopefully be able to have it sent to you for reading at the library. You should have the correct title and call/roll number

so the library can order it for you. Sometimes there is a cost to return the microfilm to the owner, but it is very minimal.

Another good resource for accessing microfilm is the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. To find an available microfilm here go to https://www.familysearch.org/ then select "Catalog." You will find several ways to search for a microfilm. The possible subjects to search by are: Place, Last Name, Subject, Title, Author, Keyword, and Film Number. You can place an online order to have the microfilm delivered to a local Family History Center for viewing. Microfilm is a great way to find many genealogy records!

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