

HOME ON THE RANGE – LAND RECORDS

**This class focuses on United States Records
Skills learned can be used for other countries in the world**

Handout, PowerPoint, and live links located here:

<https://www.preservingtime.org/land-records--united-states.html>

Land Records are used for many reasons to help us in our research.

- **They are generally easy to discover and use**
- **They give us a photo in time of our ancestors**
- **They pinpoint a location where our ancestors were**
- **They usually have other information attached to the files**
- **The records can be older and more informative than Censuses**

Land records are almost always government records

- **Military Bounty Land Warrants**
- **Land Grants and Land Patents**
- **Private Land Claims**
- **Mining Claims**
- **Property Deeds**
- **Probate and Estate Records**
- **Tax Records**
- **Plat Maps**
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Learning about Land Records - Webinars

- <https://www.ancestry.com/academy/courses/location-research>
- <https://sites.lib.byu.edu/familyhistory/classes-and-webinars/online-webinars/webinar-recording-index/>

Learning about Land Records – Documents

- <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/reference/> (Best information)
- https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page
- <https://wiki.rootsweb.com/wiki/index.php?search=land+records&title=Special%3ASearch&go=Go> (Ancestry.com Wiki)
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Land_patent (Starting Point)

Where are the Records?

- <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx>
- https://search.ancestry.com/search/cardcatalog.aspx#ccat=hc=25&dbSort=1&sbo=1&filter=0*36%7C0*144%7C1*2&
- <https://glorerecords.blm.gov/reference/default.aspx#id=05> **Additional Resources|01 Related Websites** (Related websites General and State Specific)

Land Records are a very interesting method of discovering our ancestors. As always, the best place to look is where your record is. Determine your ancestor's locale then research where the land records would be for that location.