

Locating Marriages/Divorces

You can search for Marriages/Divorces using the following criteria:

- Last Name
- First Name
- Middle Name
- County
- State
- Filing Number

NOTE: Please click on the coverage area icon to see if we cover the State or County in which you wish to search.

For marriage filings, results vary but may return the following information: Filing Type, Filing Number, Filing Origin, Bride Name, Bride Age, Bride Residence, Groom Name, Groom Age, Groom Residence, and Marriage Date.

For divorce filings, results vary but may return the following information: Filing Type, Filing Number, Filing Origin, Party 1 Name, Party 1 Age, Party 1 Residence, Party 2 Name, Party 2 Age, Party 2 Residence, Divorce Date, and Marriage Date.

Quick Start

First, try to find a marriage/divorce using one or more of the following search techniques:

1. **Search by Name.** You can also use a partial first name.
2. **Search by Name and State.** This returns records for the listed name within the specified State.
3. **Search by Name, State and County.** This returns records for the listed name within the specified State and the county in which the marriage/divorce has been filed.
4. **Search by Filing Number.**

5. **Search by Filing Number, County, and State.** This returns records for the listed filing number within the specified county and State.

Helpful Search Tips

SEARCH BY LAST NAME

On the **Marriages/Divorces** Link within the **Courts** menu, type the Subject's Last Name in the **Last Name** field, then CLICK on the Search button. If more records are returned than are practical to review, refine your search as described below.

REFINE A NAME SEARCH

Adding criteria, such as first name, middle name, or middle initial refines a search. Keep in mind that some records may not contain a middle name or initial, so providing one could eliminate records you may want included. If more records are returned than practical to review, refine your search as described below.

SEARCH BY FILING NUMBER

On the **Marriages/Divorces** Link within the **Courts** menu, type the Filing Number in the **Filing Number** field, and then CLICK on the Search button. If more records are returned than practical to review, refine your search as described below.

NARROW LIST OF RESULTS

If a list of results is displayed but more records were returned than are practical to review, try narrowing the list of results by adding search criteria. We recommend adding the following criteria, if known, in this order:

1. **First Name or First Initial** -If you are not sure of the entire first name, type an initial or the first few letters in the **First Name** field.
2. **Middle Name or Initial** -If your results return multiple listings with the same first and last name, add the

Subject's middle name or initial. Remember that some records do not contain middle names or initials and will be excluded.

3. **State** -If your results return multiple listings with the same first and last name from multiple states, add the state in which you believe the Marriage/Divorce was filed.
4. **County** -If your results return multiple listings with the same first and last name within a single state, add the County.

EXPAND LIST OF RESULTS

If too few or no results are returned, loosen the criteria by removing the most precise or uncertain criteria (e.g., middle name or initial).

FIND A RECORD IN THE DISPLAYED LIST

Identify the number of unique individuals by examining the information listed. Examine the records to determine if the displayed information fits what is known about the Subject.