

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

Resources for Jewish Genealogy in the Boston Area

American Jewish Historical Society, New England Archives

(Fifth floor at New England Historic Genealogical Society)

99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA

www.ajhsboston.org

617-226-1245 reference@ajhsboston.org

Tu–Thu 9:00–5:00; Fri 9:00–2:00; Mon by appt.

The Wyner Center of AJHS at NEHGS is the archival repository for the record of Jewish life in the Greater Boston area and New England communities. Of special interest are the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) Boston records, NE Jewish family histories and genealogies, and synagogues and Chevra Kadisha records.

Boston City Archives

201 Rivermoor Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132

www.cityofboston.gov/archivesandrecords

617-635-1195 archives@cityofboston.gov

Mon–Fri 9:30–4:30 (by appt. only)

Voter lists, tax poll records, and Office of the City Clerk records, including business and license records. Call for more information.

Boston Public Library, Central Library

Copley Square, 700 Boylston St., Boston, MA 02116

www.bpl.org/research/

617-536-5400 ask@bpl.org

Mon–Thu 9:00–9:00; Fri, Sat 9:00–5:00

Social Sciences Department (617-859-2261): Reference books, encyclopedias, dictionaries; atlases and gazetteers; genealogy and local history resources.

Microtext Department (617-859-2018): Historical newspaper collections, including the Boston *Jewish Advocate*; Boston city directories and telephone books; Boston residents lists (voter reg.); Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps for NE; Mass. County Probate records.

Norman B. Leventhal Map Center (617-859-2387): 200,000 maps and 5,000 atlases dating from the 15th c. to the present, including maps and atlases from the New England region and world urban centers.

Brandeis University Judaica Dept, Goldfarb Library

415 South St., Waltham, MA 02453

brandeis.libguides.com/nejs

781-736-4688 Rosenbloom@Brandeis.edu

Mon–Fri 9:00–5:00 (by appointment)

120,000 volume Judaica collection, open stacks; genealogical handbooks, collected genealogies; biographies, autobiographies, dictionaries; histories of Jewish communities; Yizkor books; world and American Jewish newspapers and periodicals (on microfilm).

Rae and Joseph Gann Library at Hebrew College

160 Herrick Rd., Newton Centre, MA 02459

www.hebrewcollege.edu/library

617-559-8600 library@hebrewcollege.edu

Mon–Thu 9:00–5:00; Fri 9:00–1:00

Biographical and geographical references; Jewish genealogies; Boston Jewish community surveys; Yizkor books and local histories; periodicals and newsletters of Jewish genealogical and historical societies. Boston *Jewish Advocate* and *Jerusalem Post* on microfilm.

Jewish Cemeteries & Funeral Homes in Massachusetts

jgsbg.org/pdfs/cemeteriesdb.pdf

An online database, published by the JGSGB, of all known cemeteries and funeral homes in Massachusetts.

Jewish Cemetery Association of Massachusetts (JCAM)

No research on premises.

www.jcam.org info@jcam.org

617-244-6509 ; 800-752-JCAM

Burial records of 106 Jewish cemeteries in Mass. (about half of all Jewish cemeteries); maps, directions to all cemeteries. Search for burials online at: www.jcam.org/Pages/Services/Search/search.php

Massachusetts Registry of Vital Records and Statistics

150 Mt. Vernon St., 1st Floor, Dorchester, MA 02125

617-740-2600 www.mass.gov/dph/rvrs

Mon & Thu 2:00–4:30; Tu & Fri 9:00–noon

Massachusetts Vital Records: 1921–present.

Certified copies \$18.00 each; \$9.00/hour research fee.

Massachusetts State Archives

220 Morrissey Blvd. Boston, MA 02125

www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcgen/genidx.htm

617-727-2816 archives@sec.state.ma.us

Mon–Fri 9:00–5:00

Vital records, 1841–1920; Boston arrival passenger lists; Mass. county probate records; Mass. annual town reports; WPA Historical Records Survey, 1930s, including church and synagogue records; Mass. state agency records, incl. medical examiners' reports, state hospitals, prisons, institutions.

Massachusetts Synagogues & Their Records, Past & Present

jgsbg.org/pdfs/MassSynagogues.pdf

An online database, published by the JGSGB, of all known cemeteries and funeral homes in Massachusetts.

National Archives—New England Region

380 Trapelo Road Waltham, MA 02452

www.archives.gov/boston/

866-406-2379 ; 781-663-0144 boston.archives@nara.gov

Mon–Wed, Fri, & 1st Sat 9:00–4:30; Thu 9:00–9:00

Passenger arrival lists and indexes for Boston, arrival lists for most E Coast ports, Galveston, and Canadian border; naturalization records for NE states, including all courts, copies and index thru 1906; Federal Courts, original records for later dates. Use Public Access Computers to search Ancestry, Heritage Quest, Fold3 for US Census, WWI draft records, some passenger arrival lists and naturalizations.

New England Historic Genealogical Society

101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116

www.americanancestors.org

617-536-5740 research@nehgs.org

Tu–Sat 9:00–5:00; Wed 9:00–9:00

Vital records for NE states, especially Mass., Vt., NH, Maine; city directories for most towns in Mass.; local histories, cemetery records; newspaper abstracts, college alumni directories, atlases; probate court and deed indexes.

State Library of Massachusetts

24 Beacon St., State House Rm. 341, Boston, MA 02133

www.mass.gov/anf/research-and-tech/oversight-agencies/lib/

617-727-2590 Mon–Fri 9:00–5:00

City and county atlases and maps; newspapers; local histories; decennial census; annual town reports.

Special Collections (Rm. 55, 617-727-2595): City and town directories; voting lists; personal and property tax valuations.