



# TENNESSEE GENEALOGY

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The records of the United States census for Tennessee from 1790-1930 are available online at the public access computers. Federal census microfilm holdings for 1840-1880, and published statewide indexes for 1840-1860 are available. CDROM index for 1870 and an 1880 Soundex index also available. Ask at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor reference desk.

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## CITY DIRECTORIES

The Newberry holds 13 city directories pertaining to the state of Tennessee. A full listing is available here: <http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/citydirholdings.pdf>

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- **River counties quarterly.** Call # folio F 882 .007  
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- **Southern roots & shoots.** Call # folio F321 .S68.
- **Tennessee Ancestors.** Call # folio F435 .T33.  
The Newberry has sporadic issues from 1992 to 2004.
- **Tennessee researcher.** Call # folio E 67 .865  
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