

# Top Free and Online Publications for New Hampshire Genealogy

## ***New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers (40 volumes)***

<https://sos.nh.gov/archives-vital-records-records-management/archives/publications-collections/new-hampshire-state-papers/>

Available in several places, but the NH Secretary of State's website has the added benefit of also having a consolidated name index created by Frank C. Mevers.

## ***Batchellor's Laws of New Hampshire (10 volumes)***

<https://archive.org/search?query=Batchellor+Laws+of+New+Hampshire>

Also includes Batchellor's *The government and laws of New Hampshire before the establishment of the province. 1623-1679.*

Good for private acts, which deal with things like nationalization, name changes, and divorce, before these became matters for courts. Also good for understanding what laws regarding things like adoption or probate at a given point in time.

## ***Historical Records Survey, Guide to Church Vital Statistics Records in New Hampshire***

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/510780-guide-to-church-vital-statistics-records-in-new-hampshire>

A product of the New Deal era WPA program, this 1942 publication was the product of a survey of statewide survey of all church records which contain vital records substitutes, such as baptism records.

## ***Potter's The Military History of the State of New Hampshire***

<https://archive.org/details/militaryhistoryo00lcpott>

Along with a comprehensive discussion of the organization of New Hampshire's militias, their deployments, and engagements, Potter also includes transcriptions of muster rolls. So, there is coverage here not just of the officers but of the enlisted men as well.

## ***Ayling's Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire in the War of Rebellion (two vols.)***

Vol. 1: <https://archive.org/details/cu31924096263128/page/n7/mode/2up>

Vol. 2: <https://archive.org/details/cu31924096263136/page/602/mode/2up>

The most complete inventory of New Hampshire soldiers and sailors in the Civil War, along with brief regimental histories.

***Historical Records Survey, Guide to Depositories of Manuscript Collections in the United States:  
New Hampshire***

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/534506-guide-to-depositories-of-manuscript-collections-in-the-united-states-new-hampshire>

Mainly focused on public and college libraries, and historical societies.

***Copeley's Family Names in New Hampshire Town Histories***

<https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/records/item/101244-family-names-in-new-hampshire-town-histories>

The 1946 edition can be accessed for free on FamilySearch, a more modern, expanded edition is available from the New Hampshire Historical Society.

***Foster's Daily Democrat***

Site with digitized and searchable images of the newspaper, 1873-1927: <https://dover.advantage-preservation.com/>

The DPL's obituary index: <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/city-operations/library/research-learn/dover-obits/>

Digitized and searchable issues of Dover's daily newspaper. The library also has an online index of obituaries.

***Town Annual Reports***

[https://scholars.unh.edu/nh\\_town\\_reports/](https://scholars.unh.edu/nh_town_reports/)

UNH maintains an extensive collection of digitized town annual reports, arranged by town, some going back to the Civil War.

***Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps***

<https://www.library.dartmouth.edu/digital/digital-collections/sanborn-fire-insurance-maps-new-hampshire-towns-1880s-1940s>

The Library of Congress has a set as well, but I prefer the interface of the Dartmouth website. But do consult this LoC page for the key to the color coding in the maps:

<https://www.loc.gov/rr/geogmap/sanborn/san12.html>