Utah: Connect with the Crossroads of the West
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4 DIVISIONS of Utah History: Religious Colony, Supply station, Critical link to the West.
1 Ecclesiastical 24 Jul 1847 - 12 Mar 1849 LDS Church was the civil government also.
2 Provisional Government of the State of Deseret 13 Mar 1849 - 8 Sep 1850
3 Territory of Utah 9 Sep 1850 - 3 Jan 1896
4 State of Utah Jan 1896 - Present Most civil vital records date to this time period.

I. Utah Geography & Jurisdictions - Search records for all that apply!
1849 Proposed State of Deseret - https://tinyurl.com/y96wm9ve
1850 Utah Territory Created - Included parts of future Nevada, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming
1850-1868 Utah Territorial Evolution - https://tinyurl.com/y75k94zs Animated map -Territorial Losses
1852-1918 Chart of County Formation in Utah & Chart of Extinct Counties of Utah - For both see: UT State Archives https://archives.utah.gov/research/guides/county-formation.htm
1856 Utah Territory Map https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Utah_Territory_1856_map.png
Contested Boundaries: Creating Utah State Lines https://history.utah.gov/connect/maps/

II. Getting Started: Locate Jurisdictions & Assess Record Availability
A. Basics:
   Step 1 - Locate a map of the time period involved. List the potential jurisdictions.
   Step 2 - Utah State Archives - Guides, Digital Records & Indexes https://archives.utah.gov/
B. Things to Keep in Mind:
   1. Territories were administered by the Federal government. They were led by Governors who were appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate.
   2. County Terminology: Created vs. Organized vs. Attached
   3. Research the history of your county.
      ▪ Check for any parent or neighbor counties that may be involved.
      ▪ Check also for counties that may have split off from the county
      ▪ Check for parent states or territories as well.
      ▪ If the land came from an extinct county, locate and check those records.
      ▪ For resources to help you figure out the boundaries involved. See: Atlas of Historical County Boundaries – Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois https://www.newberry.org/atlas-historical-county-boundaries
FS Wiki – Utah, United States Genealogy – scroll to Counties & Extinct Counties, use links
COSA Directory of State Archives - https://www.statearchivists.org/connect/resources-state/

C. Additional Resources:

III. Utah State Archives https://archives.utah.gov/

- Joint Research Center – http://historyresearch.utah.gov/
- Research Guides: Lists of available records by topic & How-to guides for researching them.
- Digital Archives – Search all of the digitized collections available.
- Indexes – Use indexes and order document copies.
- Inventories – Descriptions of records with info on scope, content, gaps, related records, etc.
- Regional Repositories https://archives.utah.gov/USHRAB/repositories-list.html

IV. Utah Division of State History https://heritage.utah.gov/history/library-collections-history

- Utah State Historical Society - Publications https://issuu.com/utah10/stacks
  - Download free books & periodicals including 30 volume Centennial County History Series
  - All publications every word searchable at https://tinyurl.com/yctdj7bw
- Library Catalog – Includes WPA & Historical Records Survey Materials for Utah
- Collections https://history.utah.gov/library-collections/
- Research Resources https://history.utah.gov/inquire-2/resources/ including:
  - Mountain West Digital Library https://mwdl.org/ Search portal for Mountain West, By Collection https://mwdl.org/collections/collections.php UT, NV, ID, OR, WY, HI
  - Utah State History YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/user/UTStateHistory

5. Places to Search for Utah Records:
Archives

- Utah Archives & Libraries – FS Wiki https://tinyurl.com/y7wwv8sh
  - Archival & Manuscript Repositories in Utah https://tinyurl.com/y9p5vm4r
  - Salt Lake County Archives https://slco.org/archives/
  - City & County Websites https://onlinelibrary.utah.gov/government/local.html
Search Entire Catalog – Search by names of counties, including extinct or renamed counties
- Search by Published Materials, Archival [unpublished] Materials or Magazine Index
- MS 2918: Deseret State Papers 1849-1850 https://eadview.lds.org=findingaid/000162075/

Outside Utah
- The Bancroft Library UC Berkeley http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/libraries/bancroft-library
- National Archives - Denver https://www.archives.gov/denver CO, MT, NM, ND, SD, UT, WY

Consortia
- Archives West http://archiveswest.orbiscascade.org/ WA, MT, OR, ID, UT, AK
- Rocky Mountain Online Archive https://rmoa.unm.edu/about.php CO, NM, WY
- Internet Archive – https://archive.org/
- WorldCat – https://www.worldcat.org/ Interlibrary Loan
- ArchiveGrid – https://beta.worldcat.org/archivegrid/ Manuscripts;

Libraries, Special Collections & Digital Archives
- Utah Public Libraries https://www.uen.org/institutions/libraries
  - U of U: Ethnic Group Collections; Home of Utah Digital Newspapers; See Collections tab
  - USU: Regional & Mormon History & much more
  - BYU HBL – Huge FHL, Utah Newspapers, 19th – 21st Century Mormon and Western
    Manuscript Collection, Mormon & Western Publications Collection, Map Collection
  - SUU Sherratt Library Special Collections, Digital Archives
- Utah’s Online Library https://onlinelibrary.utah.gov/
  Includes the Utah Government Digital Library UGDL https://digitallibrary.utah.gov/

Societies – Google to locate
- Utah Genealogical Association https://ugagenealogy.org/ No library or research facilities.
- Ethnic Groups – Greek [Hellenic], Icelandic, Jewish, Scottish, Welsh, etc.
- Pioneers
  - SUP Sons of the Utah Pioneers https://www.sup1847.com/ & Research Library
- Location or Topic—RR, Mining, Counties, Cities

Museums – Often have reading or research rooms, publications and record collections.
- Utah Museums https://utah.com/museums
6. Newspaper Resources

- Utah Digital Newspapers  [https://digitalnewspapers.org/]
- The Ancestor Hunt  [https://tinyurl.com/yah2c6cw] [incl. links for NP & BMD, Obits, Photos +]

7. Must See Websites

- Linkpendium Utah-- [http://www.linkpendium.com/ut-genealogy/] Statewide resources, County Resources – Note the topics: Libraries, Museums, Archives; Societies;

  - FS Wiki: U.S. → Utah → County & Extinct County Selection Chart
    - Utah Online Records – Huge list of options.
    - Beginning Research -- See Strategies & Record Finder
  - FS Catalog – Search State, County & Local Levels
  - FS Records – Locate indexed and browsable collections by location, topic. Utah = 41 Collections
    Example: Utah, State Archives Records, 1848-2001 – Browsable by county
      [https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2001084]
  - FS Books - Search by Utah, by county name, by town or city, extinct county, etc.

- Ancestry.com - At Search Page – Scroll down and click on Utah on the map or in list of states
  - Utah Data Collections – Search by topic, by county, or by ancestor names.
  - Utah Resources – Great information & links!
  - Card Catalog: Back at Search Page select Card Catalog and use filters; Title Utah= 80 hits

- BYU FHL:
  - Utah Newspapers at BYU  [http://files.lib.byu.edu/resource/newspapers/]
  - Annotated Utah Research Outline

- BYUUI Special Collections & Family History  [http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/famhist/index.cfm]
  See Western States Marriage Index and Utah Websites.

- Cyndi’s List Utah  [https://www.cyndislist.com/us/ut/]

- Utah GenWeb  [http://sites.rootsweb.com/~utgenweb/] Statewide info, pages for each county, databases and more.

- Online Utah Death Records & Indexes  [https://www.deathindexes.com/utah/index.html]

- RootsWeb Utah Family History Research  [https://tinyurl.com/y9oqrers]

- Utah History Encyclopedia  [https://www.uen.org/utah_history_encyclopedia/]