



**Department of Administrative Services
Office of Archives and Records Management
Finding Guide to Public Genealogical Resources**

A. WHAT IS GENEALOGY?

Genealogy, the study of family origins and history. ... The word **genealogy** comes from two Greek words—one meaning “race” or “family” and the other “theory” or “science.” Thus is derived “to trace ancestry,” the science of studying **family history**.

from <https://www.britannica.com/topic/genealogy>

B. WHICH ASG ARCHIVES HAVE PUBLIC GENEALOGY INFORMATION?

IDENTITY ARCHIVES

1. Birth, Marriage, Death Records more than 90 yrs. old are public:
 - a. c1840s-1930 Registers of Foreign Consuls and ASG Officials.
2. Birth, Marriage, Death Records that are already published are public:
 - a. c1900-1956 ASG Faatonu Newspaper notices.
 - b. c1952-1980s Samoan Newspapers and ASG News Bulletin notices.

SCHOOL ARCHIVES

3. Student Records from published National Archives microfilms are public:
 - a. LMS, LDS and Catholic student lists can be found on 1912, 1916, 1920 1922, 1926, 1930, 1940 and 1945 public censuses.

RESIDENCE ARCHIVES

4. Village Census Records from published National Archives microfilms are public:
 - a. Village family and resident records can be found on public census records from 1912, 1916, 1920, 1930, 1940 and 1945.

IMMIGRATION ARCHIVES

5. Immigration - travel passport records more than 90 yrs. old or published are public:
 - a. Letter of Identity or Passport travel records c1918 – 1960.
 - b. Passenger Lists for regional, national or international ships or planes from c1900-1960
 - c. Alien Files and Naturalization records from c1900-1945 are also public.

MILITARY ARCHIVES

- a. Fita Fita 1900-1951 and Veteran records more than 62 yrs. old or published are public.

C. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER TYPES OF PUBLIC ARCHIVES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR RESEARCH.

THE AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT ARCHIVES IS LOCATED IN TAFUNA NEXT TO MCDONALDS. RESEARCH FEE IS \$5.00 PER REQUEST. CALL 699-6848 OR VISIT ONLINE

<https://www.dasoarmasg.net/> ASG IS ALSO ONLINE AT THE LDS CHURCH FAMILYSEARCH <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/location/5931727?region=American%20Samoa>

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