

Hometown Resources

Don't overlook the potential value of contacting historical societies, museums, and libraries in the hometowns of previous generations. Their collections may contain such items as memoirs and oral histories, photos, school annuals, business directories and phone books, and ephemera and clipping files, which are not referenced online. These institutions may have their own in-house indexes and finding aids, but it often helps to find a knowledgeable staff person.