



## Public Records Resources Online: How to Find Everything There Is to Know About "Mr./Ms. X"

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### Summary of public records on Mr./Ms. X ...

- **Smartlinx Reports** on **Lexis.com** or **Accurint.com**
- **CLEAR** (formerly Choicepoint/AutoTrackXP)
- **Westlaw** PUBRECS-XX (Where XX is the two-letter abbreviation) and PEOPLE-ALL.

### His/her social security number is ...

- **SSN Validator** <http://www.ssnvalidator.com/>.
- **Selective Service Online Verification** <https://www.sss.gov/RegVer/wfVerification.aspx>

### He/she was born or died ...

- **Social Security Death Records** at: **Genealogy Bank** <http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/ssdi/> (free registration), **Lexis**, and **Westlaw**. See also, **The SSDI research guide** <http://www.deathindexes.com/ssdi.html> and **SSDI Research Article** [http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2013/09/the-easy-and-more-accurate-method-of-searching-the-ssdi.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2013/09/the-easy-and-more-accurate-method-of-searching-the-ssdi.html).
- **Death Indexes Online** <http://www.deathindexes.com/>, **Find a Grave** <http://www.findagrave.com/>, and **BillionGraves** <http://billiongraves.com>.
- **Westlaw** Death Records (DEATH-ALL) and Obituaries (OBITPAGE). Also state files for KY, MA, MI, MN, MT, and NC. (DECEASED-XX).
- **Lexis Smartlinx** and Death Records (state files for CT, FL, GA, KY, ME, MA, MN, NC, TX).
- **VitalChek** <http://www.vitalchek.com/> and **VitalRec** <http://www.vitalrec.com/> (some content \$).
- **National Obituary Archive** <http://www.nationalobituaryarchive.com/>, **ObitsArchive** <http://www.obitsarchive.com>, **Legacy.com** <http://www.legacy.com>, **Obituaries 101** <http://www.big101.com/OBITUARIES101.htm> and **Obituary Daily Times** <http://obits.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/obit.cgi>. Also, see **News** section, on p. 4.

### He/she was married or divorced ...

- **Lexis** Marriage & Divorce Records for selected states. Also try **Courtlink Dockets Search**.
- **Westlaw** Marriage Records for CO, CT, FL, IN, KS, ME, MN, NV, OH, OK, TX, WI (MARRIAGE-XX)
- **Westlaw** Divorce Records for AZ, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, IL, KS, LA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MO, NY, NV, NC, OH, OK, OR, , PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA, WI. (DIVORCE-XX). Also try **DOCK-ALL** and **ADVERSE-ALL**.
- **Marriage Records** sites: **GenWed** <http://www.genwed.com>, **Western States** <http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm>, **RootsWeb** <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/marriages/>, **SearchEngineZ** [http://searchenginez.com/marriage\\_records\\_usa.html](http://searchenginez.com/marriage_records_usa.html), **CA** [http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1144&cj=1&o\\_xid=0001126697&o\\_lid=0001126697](http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1144&cj=1&o_xid=0001126697&o_lid=0001126697), **KY** <http://ukcc.uky.edu/%7Evitalrec/>, **ME** <http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/vitalrec.html>, **TX** <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/marriagedivorce/default.shtm>, **WV** <http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/>.
- **Divorce Records** sites: **RootsWeb** <http://userdb.rootsweb.com/divorces/>, **SearchEngineZ** [http://searchenginez.com/divorce\\_records\\_usa.html](http://searchenginez.com/divorce_records_usa.html), **KY** <http://ukcc.uky.edu/%7Evitalrec/>, **TX** <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/marriagedivorce/default.shtm>.

- **VitalChek** <http://www.vitalchek.com/> and **VitalRec** <http://www.vitalrec.com/> (some content \$).

### He/she lives or lived ...

- **Superpages** <http://www.superpages.com/global/>, **International White and Yellow Pages** <http://www.wayp.com>, **Infobel** <http://www.infobel.com/>, **Ultimates** <http://www.theultimates.com/>, **Switchboard** <http://www.switchboard.com/>, **Canada 411** <http://www.canada411.com/>, **MelissaDATA** <http://www.melissadata.com/lookups/index.htm>.
- **NumberingPlans** <http://numberingplans.com/>, **FoneFinder** <http://www.fonefinder.net/>, **Intelius Cell Phone Directory** <http://www.intelius.com/reverse-phone-lookup.html>, **Area Code Decoder** <http://decoder.americom.com/>.
- **Westlaw** Public Records tab - People Finder databases.
- **Lexis** People Finder and Military Personnel Finder (updated through 05/01).
- **National Address Server** <http://www.cedar.buffalo.edu/adserv/>, **Mail Drops Database** <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/mailedropsearch.phtml>, **USPS Zip Code Lookup** [http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/citytown\\_zip.jsp](http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/citytown_zip.jsp), **Geographic Names Information System** <http://geonames.usgs.gov/>, **Yahoo! Local** <http://local.yahoo.com>, **Google Maps** <http://maps.google.com> and **Ask.com Local** <http://www.ask.com/local>.

### He/she owns or is licensed to drive ...

- **Westlaw** Public Records tab - Asset databases.
- **Lexis** SmartLinx Location Summary Reports and individual asset databases.
- **DMV Offices** [http://www.dmvnv.com/50\\_state\\_dmv\\_list.html](http://www.dmvnv.com/50_state_dmv_list.html), **National Insurance Crime Bureau VINCheck** [https://www.nicb.org/theft\\_and\\_fraud\\_awareness/vincheck](https://www.nicb.org/theft_and_fraud_awareness/vincheck), **National Motor Vehicle Title Information System** <http://www.vehiclehistory.gov>.
- **ISO ClaimSearch** – Database of insurance claims. LE or industry use only. <https://claimsearch.iso.com/>.
- **NETR Real Property Records Online** <http://publicrecords.netronline.com>, **Vision Government Solutions** <http://www.vgsi.com/vision/applications/ParcelData/Home.aspx> for New England/VA, and **Appraisal Resource** <http://www.equityadvisorygroup.com/property-search> for parts of CT, FL, RI, MA.
- **Courthouse Direct Real Property Documents** <http://www.courthousedirect.com/> \$.
- **Zillow** <http://www.zillow.com>, **Trulia** <http://www.trulia.com/>, **TerraFly Property & Neighborhood Information** <http://terrafly.com/> and **Yahoo! - Real Estate Assessment** <http://realestate.yahoo.com/realestate/homevalues/>.
- **BLM Land Records** [http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/land\\_records.html](http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/land_records.html).
- **FAA Databases** [http://www.faa.gov/licenses\\_certificates/](http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/) and **Aircraft Ownership Records** [http://www.landings.com/landings/pages/search/search\\_nnr-owners.html](http://www.landings.com/landings/pages/search/search_nnr-owners.html).
- **BIN Searches** (some \$): **BIN Database** <http://bindatabase.org/>, **BIN-IIN** <http://bin-iin.com/>, **BINDB** <http://www.bindb.com/>.
- **Bank Routing Numbers: Federal Reserve Directory:** <http://www.fedwiredirectory.frb.org/search.cfm>, **GT Bank Routing Numbers** <http://www.gregthatcher.com/financial/Default.aspx>, **RoutingNumbers.org** <http://www.routingnumbers.org>, and **Other Bank Account Resources** <http://www.blackbookonline.info/bboindexsearch.aspx?q=Banks>.
- **Public Records Directory** <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>
- **Search Systems** - <http://www.searchsystems.net/> - has foreign public records sources

### He/she is a licensed ...

- **Professional License Verifier** <http://verifyprolicense.com/>.
- **Westlaw** Professional Licenses (LICENSE-ALL), Medical (MEDLICENSE-ALL), Attorneys (ATTYLICENSE-ALL), Accountants (ACCTLICENSE-ALL), DEA Records (DEA), FAA Records (FAA), Hunting and Fishing Licenses (HUNTFISH-ALL), Concealed Weapons Licenses (selected states - CCW-ALL).

- **Lexis Professional Licenses, Health Care Providers, Health Care Provider Sanctions, DEA Registrants, FCC Licenses, Tax Professionals and Hunting & Fishing Licenses.**
- **Doctors: DocInfo** (\$9.95) <https://s1.fsmb.org/docinfo/>, and **DEA Office of Diversion Control** [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/crim\\_admin\\_actions/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/crim_admin_actions/). Also see **Researching Expert Witnesses:** [http://www.justice.gov/usao/eousa/foia\\_reading\\_room/usab5801.pdf](http://www.justice.gov/usao/eousa/foia_reading_room/usab5801.pdf)
- **Attorneys: State Lawyer Licensing Databases** <http://www.llrx.com/features/lawyerlicenses.htm>, **Thomson Legal Record** <http://www.thomsonlegalrecord.com/info/>, **Attorney Information** links <http://www.legaldockets.com/attorneys/>, **Disciplined Attorneys Search** <http://pibuzz.com/disciplined-attorneys>, **National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank** [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional\\_responsibility/services/databank.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/services/databank.html) \$.
- **Foreign Registered Agents Search** <http://www.fara.gov/>

### His/her corporate affiliations ...

- **Westlaw Executive Affiliations (EA-ALL).**
- **Lexis Duns Market Identifiers, SEC Filings, NetProspex, and Executive Directories.**
- **ZoomInfo** <http://www.zoominfo.com/>, **LinkedIn** <http://www.linkedin.com/>, and **BoardEx** <http://www.BoardEx.com> \$.
- **Federal Salaries Database** [http://php.app.com/fed\\_employees12/search.php](http://php.app.com/fed_employees12/search.php)

### Information about his/her companies or charities ...

- **Corporation Records by State** <http://www.coordinatedlegal.com/SecretaryOfState.html>.
- **Dun & Bradstreet Business or Federal Information Reports** <http://www.mydnb.com/> \$.
- **Lexis Smartlinx Business Reports, Company Analyzer, Experian Reports, SEC Filings, Bankruptcy Filings, UCC Filings, Judgments and Liens, Civil and Criminal Filings, Guidestar, and OSHA Inspection Reports.**
- **Westlaw Corporate Filings (CORP-ALL), Fictitious Names (FBN-ALL), Corporate Litigation Prep (LITPREP-ALL), Name Availability (NA-ALL), Business Finders (BUSFIND-ALL), SEC Filings (EDGAR), Adverse Filings (ADVERSE-ALL), Bankruptcy Filings (BKR-ALL), UCC Filings (UCC-ALL), and Lawsuits (LS-ALL).**
- **SEC Edgar** <http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/companysearch.html>, **SEC Enforcement Documents Search** <http://www.sec.gov/litigation.shtml>, **SECInfo** <http://www.secinfo.com/>, and **CORI Contract Information Database** <http://cori.missouri.edu/>. See: **Thomson's Guide to SEC Filings** [http://research.thomsonib.com/help/sec\\_guide04-03-02.htm](http://research.thomsonib.com/help/sec_guide04-03-02.htm)
- **ThomasNet** <http://www.thomasnet.com/> (for manufacturing companies).
- **Customs Rulings Database** <http://rulings.cbp.gov/>.
- **Insurance Company Search** <https://eapps.naic.org/cis/>.
- **FCC Telecommunications Company Database** <http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/cib/form499/499a.cfm>.
- **Contracts: System of Award Management** <http://www.sam.gov>, **Government Contracts Won** (DOD only) <http://www.governmentcontractswon.com/>, **USASpending.gov** <http://www.usaspending.gov/>, **POGO Federal Contractor Misconduct Database** <http://www.contractormisconduct.org/>, **OMB Watch** <http://fedspending.org/>, and **HHS OIG Excluded Individuals / Entities** <http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>.
- **National Association of State Procurement Officials** <http://www.naspo.org/>
- **OFAC List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons** <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/>, **BIS Denied Persons** <http://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/lists-of-parties-of-concern/denied-persons-list>, **World Bank Listing of Ineligible Firms** <http://www.worldbank.org/debarr>, **UK Financial Sanctions** <http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/financialsanctions>.
- **Commodity Futures - Background Affiliation Status Information** <http://www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/> and **Case Status Reports** <http://www.cftc.gov/ConsumerProtection/CaseStatusReports/index.htm> (CFTC fraud investigations).
- **FINRA BrokerCheck** <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/index.htm>
- **FDIC Failed Banks List** <http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/banklist.html>
- **Stock Transfer Agent Database** <http://www.stocktransfer.com/>.
- **Pension and Benefit Data** <http://www.freeerisa.com/> (free registration required).
- **Patents & Trademarks** <http://patents.uspto.gov/>.

- **Non-Profits: Foundation Center 990 Finder** <http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder/>, **Guidestar Charity Search** <http://www.guidestar.org/>, **IRS Exempt Charities Check** <http://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>, **NCCS Organizations Search** <http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/PubApps/search.php>, **America's Charities** <http://www.charities.org/>, **Charity Navigator** <http://www.charitynavigator.org/>, and **BBB Wise Giving Alliance** <http://www.give.org/>. **NASCO State Charity Agencies List** <http://www.nasconet.org/category/info-charities/>.

### His/her court records and filings ...

- **Guide to Court Resources** <http://www.justice.gov/jmd/ls/state.htm>
- **Dockets: Lexis Courtlink** <http://www.lexisnexis.com/courtlink/online/>, **WestDockets** <http://courtnet.westlaw.com>, **Pacer Case Locator** <https://pcl.uscourts.gov/> \$.
- **Westlaw:** All Cases, Adverse Filings (ADVERSE-ALL), Bankruptcies (BKR-ALL), UCCs (UCC-ALL), Lawsuits (LS-ALL), Criminal Records (CRIM-ALL), Arrest Records (ARREST-ALL), Liens and Judgments (LJ-ALL), Jury Verdicts (JV-ALL), Federal & State Civil & Criminal Trial Filings, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC).
- **Lexis:** Federal/ State Cases, Bankruptcy Filings, Judgments/ Liens, UCC Filings, Civil/ Criminal Filings, Criminal Records, Jury Verdicts, Verdict & Settlement Analyzer, Federal/ State Agency Decisions, OFAC.
- **Justia.com** <http://www.justia.com/>
- Web criminal records sites: **BOP Inmate Locator** <http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/LocateInmate.jsp>, **National Sex Offender Registry** <http://www.nsopw.gov/>, **USA.gov Inmate Locator FAQ** <http://1.usa.gov/xigHYb>, **Inmate Locators on the Web** <http://www.corrections.com/links/show/20>, and **Vinelink** <http://www.vinelink.com/>.
- **Article on Criminal Background checks** [http://www.virtualchase.com/articles/criminal\\_checks\\_national.html](http://www.virtualchase.com/articles/criminal_checks_national.html)
- **States' Public Notice Websites** <http://watchnotice.wordpress.com/helpful-sources/>
- **Public Records Search Directory** <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>

### His/her Web site or E-mail address ...

- **Fagan Finder URLinfo** <http://www.faganfinder.com/urlinfo/> and **CentralOps.net** <http://centralops.net/co/>
- **ARIN WHOIS Database Search** <http://whois.arin.net/ui>, **DomainTools.com** <http://www.domaintools.com/>, **Checkdomain.com** <http://www.checkdomain.com/>, **IP Address Guide** <http://www.ipaddressguide.com/>, and **WhoIs Company Web Site Lookup** [http://www.networksolutions.com/en\\_US/whois/index.jhtml](http://www.networksolutions.com/en_US/whois/index.jhtml).
- **DNS Stuff** <http://dnsstuff.com/>, **Trace Route** <http://www.traceroute.org/>, **SpamID.net** <http://spamid.net/>.
- **Fingering Email Accounts** <http://www.emailman.com/finger/>
- **My Email Address Is** <http://my.email.address.is/> and **Ultimate E-mail Directory** <http://www.theultimates.com/email/>.
- Use **Google** <http://www.google.com> and search for: "email \* @companydomain.com" or "email \*\* companydomain.com" to find someone's e-mail address. (Try e-mail also).
- **WayBack Machine** <http://www.archive.org>.

### He/she went to college ...

- **Web U.S. Universities, by State** <http://www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state/>.
- **Classmates.com** (registration required) <http://www.classmates.com>.
- **DegreeVerify - National Student Clearinghouse** \$ <http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/>.
- **Dissertation/Theses searches: WorldCat** <http://firstsearch.oclc.org/fsip> \$, **Proquest Digital Dissertations** <http://proquest.umi.com/login> \$, **Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations** <http://www.ndltd.org/resources/find-etds>, and **Foreign Doctoral Dissertations Database** <http://www.crl.edu/collections>.

## Information about him/her in the News ...

- Lexis All News, All Languages and English Language News Archive Databases
- Westlaw AllNewsPlus Database
- Newsbank <http://infoweb.newsbank.com/> \$
- Proquest Historical Newspapers <http://proquest.umi.com/login> \$
- Google News Archive <http://news.google.com/> (Enter a search and then click on “Archives”)
- NewspaperArchive.com <http://www.newspaperarchive.com/> \$
- Historical Newspapers Online <http://gethelp.library.upenn.edu/guides/hist/onlinenewspapers.html> and LOC Historic American Newspapers <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>
- Newspaper Digitization Projects <http://www.crl.edu/collections/digital>
- Other Web Sites - NewsLink <http://www.newslink.org>, OnlineNewspapers.com <http://www.onlinenewspapers.com>, Topix <http://www.topix.net>, U.S. Local News <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/news/us.html>, ABYZ News Links <http://www.abyznewslinks.com/>, KIDON Media Link <http://www.kidon.com/media-link/index.php>

## His/her voter registration and campaign contributions ...

- Westlaw Voter Registrations (VOTERS-ALL) and Political Donors (POLITICAL-DONORS)
- Lexis Voter Registrations
- Campaign Finance Information Center <http://www.campaignfinance.org/states/index.html>.
- FEC Databases [http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/disclosure\\_data\\_search.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/disclosure_data_search.shtml)  
OpenSecrets <http://www.opensecrets.org/>, Influence Explorer <http://influenceexplorer.com/>,  
Follow the Money <http://www.followthemoney.org/>,  
Project Vote Smart <http://www.vote-smart.org/>, and  
PoliticalMoneyLine <http://www.tray.com/>.
- IRS Political Organization Filing & Disclosure <http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&Non-Profits/Political-Organizations/Political-Organization-Filing-and-Disclosure>.
- State Voter Registration Verification Web Sites <http://www.fvap.gov/links>
- Senate Lobbying Disclosure Act Database <http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=selectfields>,  
House Database <http://disclosures.house.gov/ld/ldsearch.aspx>, Lobbying Database <http://www.opensecrets.org/lobbyists/index.asp>, Lobbyist Directory <http://www.vancouver.wsu.edu/fac/kfountain/>.

## Information about him/her on the Web ...

- Google <http://www.google.com/>, Google Books <http://books.google.com>, Yahoo! <http://search.yahoo.com/>, Ask.com <http://www.ask.com>, and Bing <http://www.bing.com/>
- ZoomInfo <http://www.zoominfo.com>, PeekYou <http://www.peakyou.com>, Pipl <http://www.pipl.com>, LinkedIn <http://www.linkedin.com>
- Facebook <http://www.facebook.com>, Twitter <https://twitter.com/search-advanced>, Pinterest <http://www.pinterest.com>, Google+ <http://plus.google.com>, MySpace <http://www.myspace.com>, and other Social Networking Sites [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_social\\_networking\\_websites](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites). Also CLEAR Web Analytics and Accurint Virtual Identity Report.
- Google Groups <http://groups.google.com/>, Omgili Discussions Search <http://omgili.com>, Search IRC <http://searchirc.com/>, Zuula Blog Search <http://www.zuula.com/>, Technorati <http://technorati.com/blogs/>, IceRocket <http://www.icerocket.com/>, and Boardreader <http://www.boardreader.com>.
- Google Video <http://video.google.com/>, Yahoo! Video <http://video.search.yahoo.com/>, YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/>, Bing Video Search <http://www.bing.com/videos/>, and C-SPAN <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/videoLibrary/>.

## General Sources

Access to Archival Databases System <http://www.archives.gov/aad/>

Asset Search Blog <http://www.assetsearchblog.com/>

Black Book Online <http://www.blackbookonline.info/>

Craig D. Ball <http://www.craigball.com/hotlinks.html>

Digital Journalist's Legal Guide <http://www.rcfp.org/browse-media-law-resources/digital-journalists-legal-guide>

EInvestigator.com <http://www.einvestigator.com/links/index.html>

**Genealogy sites:** Ancestry.com, Archives.com, Archives.gov, Cyndi's List (Including links to all U.S. Census records online - <http://www.cyndislist.com/us/census/>), FamilySearch.org, FamilyTreeSearcher.com, Genealogy.com, GenealogyBank.com, Genealogy Search Engine [www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Tools/free\\_genealogy\\_search\\_engine.html](http://www.genealogyintime.com/GenealogyResources/Tools/free_genealogy_search_engine.html), Mocavo.com, MyHeritage.com, USGenWeb.org.

Global Locate <https://www.global-locate.com/v4.1/page.asp>

Journalists' Toolbox - Public Records <http://www.journaliststoolbox.org/>

Portico <http://indorgs.virginia.edu/portico/>

Public Record Research Library <http://www.brbpublications.com/freeresources/pubrecsites.aspx>

Public Records Directory <http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/>

Public Records USA <http://www.factfind.com/public.htm>

Reverse Lookup Directories

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Reference/Phone\\_Numbers\\_and\\_Addresses/Reverse\\_Lookup\\_Directories/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Reference/Phone_Numbers_and_Addresses/Reverse_Lookup_Directories/)

Search Systems <http://www.searchsystems.net/>

TLO.com <http://www.tlo.com/> \$

Virtual Gumshoe <http://www.virtualgumshoe.com/>

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