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 ...

- **Lexis/Accurint | Westlaw/CLEAR | TLO**

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 ... (See also Genealogy Sites under General Sources)

- **Social Security Death Records**: Ancestry.com $ - http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=3693 | Genealogy Bank **-** http://www.genealogybank.com/gbnk/ssdi/ | Lexis | Westlaw | SSDI research guide - http://www.deathindexes.com/ssdi.html | SSDI Databases Online - http://www.cyndislist.com/us/social-security/ssdi/.
- **State death records on Westlaw**: Death Records includes SSDI and state files for KY, MA, MI, MN, MT, NC.
- **State death records on Lexis**: Death Records includes SSDI and state files for CT, FL, GA, KY, ME, MA, MN, NC, TX.
- **Other State and local death/burial/cemetery records**: Death Indexes Online - http://www.deathindexes.com/ | Ancestry.com $ - http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/category.aspx?cat=125 | Find a Grave - http://www.findagrave.com/ | BillionGraves - http://billiongraves.com
- **Obituary records:** Westlaw Obituaries | Obituary Links Page - http://www.obitlinkspage.com/, ObitsArchive - http://www.obitsarchive.com/ | Legacy.com - http://www.legacy.com/ | Ancestry.com $ - http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/category.aspx?cat=125 | FamilySearch - https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2333694 | National Obituary Archive - http://www.nationalobituaryarchive.com/ | Obituaries 101 - http://www.big101.com/OBITUARIES101.htm | Obituary Daily Times - http://obits.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/obit.cgi.
- **Immigration/Naturalization records:** Ancestry.com $ - http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/category.aspx?cat=115 |National Archives - http://www.archives.gov/research/naturalization/index.html | U.S. CIS - http://www.uscis.gov/history-and-genealogy/research/individuals/researching-individuals | RootsWeb Guide to Naturalization Records - http://rwguide.rootsweb.ancestry.com/lesson16.htm.
- **Vital records services**: VitalChek - http://www.vitalchek.com/ | VitalRec - http://www.vitalrec.com (some $).

He/she was married or divorced ... (See also Genealogy Sites under General Sources)

- **Lexis** Marriage & Divorce Records Combined (selected states) | Courtlink Dockets Search.
- **Westlaw** Marriage & Divorce Records Combined (selected states) | Dockets | All Adverse Information.
- **Marriage records on the Web:** GenWed - http://www.genwed.com | Ancestry Library $ - http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/category.aspx?cat=124 | Western States -

http://abish.byui.edu/specialCollections/westernStates/search.cfm | RootsWeb - http://userdb.rootsweb.com/marriages/ | SearchEngineZ - http://searchenginez.com/marriage_records_usa.html | California - http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1144&cj=1&o_xid=0001126697&o_lid=0001126697 | Kentucky - http://ukcc.uky.edu/~vitalrec/ | Maine - http://www.maine.gov/sos/arc/research/vitalrec.html | Texas - http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/marriagedivorce/default.shtm, West Virginia - http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/.

- **Divorce records on the Web:** Ancestry Library $ - http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/category.aspx?cat=124 | RootsWeb - http://userdb.rootsweb.com/divorces/ | SearchEngineZ - http://searchenginez.com/divorce_records_usa.html | Kentucky - http://ukcc.uky.edu/%7Evitalrec/ | Texas - http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/vs/marriagedivorce/default.shtm.
- **Vital records services**: VitalChek - http://www.vitalchek.com/ | VitalRec - http://www.vitalrec.com (some $).

He/she lives or lived …

- **People finders:** Superpages - http://www.superpages.com/global/ | International White and Yellow Pages - http://www.wayp.com/ | Infobel - http://www.infobel.com/ | Ultimates - http://www.newultimates.com/ | Switchboard - http://www.switchboard.com/ | Canada 411 - http://www.canada411.com/ |MelissaDATA - http://www.melissadata.com/lookups/index.htm | Check Facebook Profiles.
- **Phone number analyzers:** NumberingPlans - http://numberingplans.com/ | FoneFinder - http://www.fonefinder.net/ | Intelius Cell Phone Directory - http://www.intelius.com/reverse-phone-lookup.html | Area Codes - http://www.allareacodes.com/.
- **Address Resources:** National Address Server - http://www.cedar.buffalo.edu/adserv/ | Mail Drops Database - http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/maildropsearch.phtml | USPS Zip Code Lookup - 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.

He/she is/was in the military …

- **Military Records online:** Ancestry Library $ **-** http://search.ancestrylibrary.com/search/category.aspx?cat=39 | Online Archives and Military Documents (NARA) - http://www.archives.gov/research/military/veterans/online.html | National Archives Databases - http://aad.archives.gov/aad/series-list.jsp?cat=GP23 | Online Military Indexes and Records - http://www.militaryindexes.com/ | Lexis Military Personnel Finder (updated through 05/01) | World War 2 U.S. Army Enlistment Archive - http://www.ww2enlistment.org/ | Fold3 – Historical Military Records – http://www.fold3.com $ | Cyndi's List - U.S. Military Resources - http://www.cyndislist.com/us/military/.
- **Personnel and record locators:** Military.com Buddy Finder (free registration required) - http://www.military.com/buddy-finder/?loc=L2 | Personnel Locator - http://hqdainet.army.mil/mpsa/per_locator.htm | Locating Service Members - http://kb.defense.gov/PublicQueries/publicQuestions/FaqsAnswer.jsp?Subject=Locating%20Service%20Members%20or%20Getting%20a%20Mailing%20Address&FaqID=113 | Military Personnel Records Center - http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html | Active Duty Status Record Request - https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/scra/single_record.xhtml | American Red Cross Emergency Communication Services - http://www.redcross.org/find-help/military-families/emergency-communication-services | Court Order Requirements - http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/court-order.html.

He/she owns or is licensed to drive …

- **Westlaw** Asset databases.
- **Lexis** SmartLinx Location Summary Reports and individual asset databases.
- **Vehicle resources:** DMV Offices - http://www.dmvnv.com/50_state_dmv_list.html | NICB 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 / industry use only - https://claimsearch.iso.com/.
- **Real property records:** NETR Real Property Records Online - http://publicrecords.netronline.com | Vision Government Solutions - http://www.vgsi.com/vision/applications/ParcelData/Home.aspx (parts of New England/VA) | Courthouse Direct Real Property Documents $ - http://www.courthousedirect.com/.
- **Real estate appraisal and land records:** Zillow - http://www.zillow.com | Trulia - http://www.trulia.com/ | | TerraFly Property & Neighborhood Information - http://terrafly.com/ | BLM Land Records - http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/prog/more/land_records.html.
- **Aircraft:** FAA Databases - http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/ | Aircraft Ownership Records - http://www.landings.com/_landings/pages/search/search_nnr-owners.html | Airline Reporting Corporation - http://www.arccorp.com.
- **BIN Searches** (some $): BIN Database - http://www.bindatabase.org | BIN-IIN - http://bin-iin.com/ | BINDB - http://www.bindb.com/
- **Bank Routing Numbers:** Federal Reserve E-Payments Routing Directory - https://www.frbservices.org/operations/epayments/epayments.html | GT Bank Routing Numbers - http://www.gregthatcher.com/financial/Default.aspx | RoutingNumbers.org - http://www.routingnumbers.org | RoutingBank.com http://routingbank.com | Other Bank Account Resources - http://www.blackbookonline.info/Bank-Public-Records.aspx
- Public Records Search 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, Healthcare Sanctions, & NPI.
- **Lexis** Professional Licenses | Health Care Providers | Health Care Provider Sanctions | Healthcare tab on Accurint (ask librarian), DEA Registrants, FCC Licenses, Tax Professionals, and Hunting & Fishing Licenses.
- **Doctors:** DocInfo - http://web.docinfo.org | DEA Office of Diversion Control - http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/crim_admin_actions/ | Researching Expert Witnesses - 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://legaldockets.com/attorney-lookup/ | Disciplined Attorneys Search - http://pibuzz.com/disciplined-attorneys | National Lawyer Regulatory Data Bank $ - http://www.americanbar.org/groups/professional_responsibility/services/databank.html.
- Foreign Registered Agents Search - http://www.fara.gov/.

His/her employment/corporate affiliations …

- **Westlaw** All Business & Employment Records.
- **Lexis** All Company Information | Duns Market Identifiers | SEC Filings | NetProspex | Executive Directories.

- ZoomInfo - http://www.zoominfo.com/ | LinkedIn - http://www.linkedin.com | BoardEx $ - http://www.BoardEx.com | WealthEngine $ - http://www.wealthengine.com | OpenCorporates - http://opencorporates.com.
- Federal Salaries Database - http://php.app.com/fed_employees14/search.php | Feds Data Center - http://www.fedsdatacenter.com/federal-pay-rates/ | State Employees Salary Data - http://state-employees.findthedata.com/.

Information about his/her companies or charities …

- Corporation Information 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 | Incorporation Information | Company Information | Experian Reports | SEC Filings | Bankruptcy Filings | UCC Filings | Judgments and Liens | Civil and Criminal Filings | Guidestar | OSHA Inspection Reports.
- **Westlaw** Corporate Records | All Business & Employment Records | EDGAR Filings & Disclosures | All Adverse Information | Bankruptcy Filings | UCC Filings | Lawsuits.
- **SEC Filings**: 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/ | Thomson's Guide to SEC Filings - http://research.thomsonib.com/help/sec_guide04-03-02.htm
- **Contracting and Procurement:** System of Award Management - http://www.sam.gov | Government Contracts Won (DOD only) - http://www.governmentcontractswon.com/ | USASpending.gov - http://www.usaspending.gov/ | Federal Procurement Data System (registration required) - https://www.fpds.gov/fpdsng_cms/ | Past Performance Information Retrieval System (registration required) - http://www.ppirs.gov | POGO Federal Contractor Misconduct Database - http://www.contractormisconduct.org/ | OMB Watch - http://fedspending.org/ | HHS OIG Excluded Individuals / Entities - http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/ | National Association of State Procurement Officials - http://www.naspo.org/ | CORI Contract Information Database - http://cori.missouri.edu/
- **International**: Customs Rulings Database - http://rulings.cbp.gov/ | Kompass International - http://www.kompass.com/ | OpenCorporates - https://opencorporates.com/ | 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/debar | UK Financial Sanctions - http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/financialsanctions.
- **Searches by Industry**: ThomasNet - http://www.thomasnet.com/ (for manufacturing companies) | Insurance Company Search - https://eapps.naic.org/cis/ | FCC Telecommunications Company Database - http://apps.fcc.gov/cgb/form499/499a.cfm | Patents & Trademarks - http://patents.uspto.gov/
- **Financial**: Commodity Futures - Background Affiliation Status Information - http://www.nfa.futures.org/basicnet/ | 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 | Pension and Benefit Data - http://www.freeerisa.com/ (free registration).
- **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/ | BBB Wise Giving Alliance - http://www.give.org/ | NASCO State Charity Agencies List - http://www.nasconet.org/category/info-charities/. For further information on 990 forms, see Grant Space Knowledge Base – http://www.grantspace.org.

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://courtexpress.westlaw.com | Pacer Case Locator - https://pcl.uscourts.gov/ $
- **Westlaw**: Federal & State Cases | All Adverse Information | Bankruptcy Filings | UCC Filings | Lawsuits | Criminal Records, Infractions, & Arrests | Liens & Judgments | Jury Verdicts & Settlements | Federal & State Civil Trial Court Documents | Federal & State Criminal Trial Court Documents.
- **Lexis**: Federal & State Cases | Bankruptcy Filings | Judgments and Liens | UCC Filings | Civil and Criminal Filings | Criminal Records | Jury Verdicts | Verdict & Settlement Analyzer | Federal Agency Decisions | State Agency Decisions | Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- 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 (search: inmate locator) - http://www.usa.gov/ | Inmate Locators on the Web - http://www.corrections.com/links/show/20 | Criminal Record Sources - http://www.criminalrecordsources.com/ | Vinelink - http://www.vinelink.com/.
- Article on Criminal Background checks - 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 …

- **Multipurpose sites:** Fagan Finder URLinfo - http://www.faganfinder.com/urlinfo/ | CentralOps.net - http://centralops.net/co/
- **Domain resources:** 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/ | WhoIs Company Web Site Lookup - http://www.networksolutions.com/en_US/whois/index.jhtml.
- **Forensic resources:** DNS Stuff - http://dnsstuff.com/ | Trace Route - http://www.traceroute.org.
- **Email resources:** Fingering Email Accounts - http://www.emailman.com/finger/ | My Email Address Is - http://my.email.address.is/ | Ultimates E-mail Directory - http://www.newultimates.com/email/ | VoilaNorbert Email Finder - https://www.voilanorbert.com/ | 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).
- Archived Web sites: 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://www.worldcat.org | Proquest Digital Dissertations $ - http://proquest.umi.com/login | NDLT Database - http://www.ndltd.org/resources/find-etds | Foreign Doctoral Dissertations Database - http://www.crl.edu/collections.

Information about him/her in the News …

- **Lexis** All News/All Languages | English Language News Archive | Non-English Language News Archives.

- **Westlaw** All News.
- Newsbank - http://infoweb.newsbank.com/ (U.S. and Foreign)
- Proquest Historical Newspapers $ - http://proquest.umi.com/login
- Google News - http://news.google.com/ and News Archive Content http://news.google.com/newspapers
- NewspaperArchive.com $ - http://www.newspaperarchive.com/
- Newspapers.com $ – http://www.newspapers.com
- Historical Newspapers Online - http://guides.library.upenn.edu/historicalnewspapersonline 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 | ListofNewspapers.com - http://www.listofnewspapers.com/ | U.S. Local News - http://www.lib.utexas.edu/news/us.html | ABYZ News Links - http://www.abyznewslinks.com/

His/her voter registration and campaign contributions …

- **Voter registration:** Westlaw Voter Registrations | Lexis Voter Registrations | State Voter Registration Verification Web Sites - http://www.fvap.gov/links.
- **Campaign finance resources:** FEC Databases - 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/ | Westlaw Political Donors | Campaign Finance Information Center - http://www.campaignfinance.org/states/index.html | IRS Political Organization Filing & Disclosure - http://www.irs.gov/Charities-&-Non-Profits/Political-Organizations/Political-Organization-Filing-and-Disclosure.
- **Lobbyists:** 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.

Information about him/her on the Web …

- **Web search:** Google - http://www.google.com/ | Google Books - http://books.google.com/ | Bing - http://www.bing.com/
- **Web profiles:** ZoomInfo - http://www.zoominfo.com | ZoomInfo on Lexis - https://www.lexis.com/research/xlink?source=345234 | PeekYou - http://www.peekyou.com | Pipl - http://www.pipl.com | LinkedIn - http://www.linkedin.com
- **Social media sites:** Facebook - http://www.facebook.com | Twitter - https://twitter.com/search-advanced | Pinterest - http://www.pinterest.com | Instagram - http://www.instagram.com | Google+ - http://plus.google.com | MySpace - http://www.myspace.com | Other Social Networking Sites - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites.
- **Social Media searching:** Lexis Social Media Locator **-** https://www.lexis.com/research/xlink?source=429066 **|** Topsy - http://topsy.com | Social Searcher -http://www.social-searcher.com/ | Social Mention - http://socialmention.com/ | **Storyful** Multisearch Chrome Browser Extension | site: search on Google (ex. site:facebook.com)
- **Discussion groups and blogs:** Google Groups - http://groups.google.com/ | Omgili Discussions Search - http://omgili.com | Zuula Blog Search - http://www.zuula.com/ | IceRocket - http://www.icerocket.com/ | Boardreader - http://www.boardreader.com.

- **Video:** Google Video - http://video.google.com/ | YouTube - http://www.youtube.com/ | Bing Video Search - http://www.bing.com/videos/ | 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 - https://www.einvestigator.com/private-eye-research-resources/
- **Genealogy sites**: AncestryLibrary.com | Archives.com | Archives.gov | Cyndi's List (Including links to all U.S. Census records online) | FamilySearch.org | FamilyTreeSearcher.com | Fold3 | Genealogy.com | GenealogyBank.com | Genealogy Search Engine | Heritage Quest Online | Mocavo.com (includes Census Search for 1790-1940) | 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 Search Directory - http://publicrecords.onlinesearches.com/
- Search Systems - http://www.searchsystems.net/
- Virtual Gumshoe - http://www.virtualgumshoe.com/

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