

The Mississippi Study Group is compiling an index of individuals who died in Mississippi between the years 1912 and 1943. The "Mississippi Death Index" will contain first and last names of the deceased, race, county, year of death, death certificate number, and parents' initials (when available). The project began in September 2009 and the completion date depends upon the availability and time of volunteers.

The death index information is important because one's ability to obtain a death certificate is greatly enhanced when you have the name and death certificate number of the deceased. As most genealogists know, death certificates contain a wealth of information about the deceased as well as other vital information such as parents' names.

Currently, information on individuals who died in Mississippi is recorded on microfilm. Volunteers view the microfilm on readers at libraries and LDS Family History Centers. (Printed copies of the microfilm may also be available). The volunteers record the information onto an excel worksheet.

When the project is complete, death information will be easily accessible in written format on the AAGHSC website. Individuals will be able to sort and research information by name, county, date or death certificate number. The process and turnaround time for obtaining a death certificate should be greatly improved.

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