

“Hans Peter Ostergaard” in the USA
Life Events Timeline & Potential Documentation Sources
(En tidslinie over mulige dokumentationskilder)
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Life Event¹	Document Sources			
	Immediate Family	Cultural / Social Network	Local (Town & County) Government	State & National Government
Birth	Bible entry	Newspaper article	Birth certificate	--
Name-giving	“ ”	<i>Baptismal record²</i>	“ ”	<i>Social Security number³</i>
School years	Scrapbook, photo album	Vaccination record	School records	[census]
<i>Coming of age⁴</i>	“ ”	Confirmation, <i>communion⁵</i> , <i>bar mitzvah⁶</i> , high school/college graduation; newspaper articles	Military registration (local militia), <i>voter registration⁷</i>	Military registration (selective service; <i>draft rolls⁸</i>)
Entrance into labor force	“ ”	--	Employment records, union membership, <i>journeyman's book⁹</i>	Tax rolls
Geographical move	Correspondence	Church books, newspaper articles	City directories, telephone books	[census]

¹ Life event: Begivenhed

² Baptismal record: Dåbsattest

³ Social Security number: Svarer nogenlunde til dansk CPR-nummer

⁴ Coming of age: Voksenlivet

⁵ Communion: (Første) altergang

⁶ Bar mitzvah: Jødisk "konfirmation"

⁷ Voter registration: Svarer til dansk optagelse på valglisten

⁸ Draft rolls: Lægdsruller

⁹ Journeyman's book: Skudsmålsgang

Military service	Correspondence	Newspaper articles	Registration of military discharge papers	Military records, military unit histories, veterans' records
Marriage	Bible entry, invitations, photo album, souvenirs	Marriage certificate, newspaper account of engagement & wedding	<i>Marriage application</i> ¹⁰ , marriage license, <i>bond</i> ¹¹ , or <i>minister's return</i> ¹²	[census]
Becomes property owner	Correspondence, photo album	City/county directory listings, <i>plat maps</i> ¹³	Land purchase records, tax lists	<i>Homestead</i> applications, military bounty lands
Adult activities	" "	Church, club, organization records; business records; county histories	--	--
Birth of children	Bible entries, photographs, "baby books"	Baptismal records	Birth registration	Social Security numbers
Death of spouse	Bible entry, correspondence	Church, <i>mortuary</i> ¹⁴ & cemetery records, newspaper obituary	Death certificate, cemetery plot purchase	--
Second Marriage	" "	Marriage certificate, newspaper accounts	Marriage license, etc. (see above)	[census]
Birth of children	Bible entries, photos, "baby books"	Baptismal records	Birth registrations	Social Security numbers
Death of parents	Bible entries	Church, mortuary & cemetery records; newspapers (possibly 2 localities)	<i>Probate records</i> ¹⁵ , <i>land partitions</i> ¹⁶ and sale records	Social Security numbers
Dispute with authorities	Correspondence	Newspaper accounts	Civil or criminal court records	Federal Government records (court, FBI, etc.)

¹⁰ Marriage application: Ægteskabserklæring eller prøvelsesattest

¹¹ Forloverattest

¹² Minister's return: Bekræftelse til myndighederne på, at vielsen er foretaget

¹³ Matrikelkort

¹⁴ Mortuary: Bedemandsfirma

¹⁵ Probate records: Skiftedokumenter efter dødsfald

¹⁶ Land partitions: Udstykninger

Move across Boundary (state or international)	Correspondence, photos, <i>diaries</i> ¹⁷	Newspaper accounts, membership transfers (club, lodge, church)	Land records (2 localities), <i>naturalization records</i> ¹⁸	Passport application, passenger lists, naturalization records
Children leave home	Correspondence	Newspaper articles, church records	Marriage licenses, etc.; land records	[census]
Round birthday or anniversary	Souvenirs, family reunion, photo albums	Newspaper articles	--	--
Retirement from active live (possibly another move)	Correspondence	Land records (<i>deeds to children</i> ? ¹⁹), newspaper articles	Voter registration; disappearance from tax records	Pension or Social Security begins
Death & burial	Bible entry; correspondence	Burial, mortuary and cemetery records; <i>obituaries</i> ²⁰ (2 localities)	Death certificate	Pension or social Security ceases
<i>Aftermath</i> ²¹	Correspondence	Monument company records; <i>tombstone inscriptions</i> ²² ; records of death of surviving spouse; local historical society & museum collections	Probate records, court records	[Widow's pension application]

¹⁷ Diaries: Dagbøger

¹⁸ Statsborgerskabsdokumenter

¹⁹ Deeds to children: Skøder, overdragelsedokumenter

²⁰ Obituaries: Nekrologer

²¹ Aftermath: Kilder der skabes efter et menneske er bortgangen

²² Tombstone inscriptions: Gravstensindskrifter