

11 Things You Can Find by Researching Alumni Records

Maybe it's just me, but I have never heard anyone write or talk about using Alumni Records in their genealogy research. I use them personally, and have discovered mountains of information in these gems.

I contend that alumni records are part directories, part newspapers and magazines, part biographies, part obituaries, part yearbooks, part vital records, etc. You get the idea. If you are seeking genealogy clues, these "records" are full of them. All of the information is derivative, but it can provide leads for you to search for original documents. And if you are documenting a person's family story, well, there's a ton of that kind of information too.

So what am I including in Alumni Records?

- Alumni directories
- Alumni registers
- Alumni newsletters, bulletins, newspapers, and magazines
- Commencement programs
- Alumni Association records

And what information is available in them?

- Graduation dates and degree(s) received
- Current photos and/or those of their family
- Current address lists
- Where are they now and what are they doing?
- Obituaries and "In Memoriam"
- Marriages
- Children born to the alumnus
- Deaths in their family
- Life achievements and awards
- Interesting stories about the alumnus and their family
- Class reunion memorabilia

The message here is to research these genealogical gold mines. You'll be glad you did!

Check out The Alumni Record Collection links at The Ancestor Hunt, which are presented by state by clicking on [Alumni Records](#)