

## Appendix vi

### **Where to Locate Patents - States Information**

(Current as of September 2012)

**Alabama:** Public Domain State. BLME state. Private Land Claims. Organized from lands Georgia ceded to the Continental Congress. First land opening 1806, last 1927. Patents online BLME site. BLME TB, BLME CI. See NA7, NA49, LDS, LDS Wiki. The original state line between Alabama and Florida did not close against the Tallahassee Meridian survey (which covered all of Florida,) but rather against the earlier St. Stephens Meridian survey in south Alabama. The state line was later resurveyed, creating a situation where some Tallahassee meridian lands fell across the border into Alabama. Check for patents in both states. See LDS “*Records of the St. Stephens land office (1806-61), consisting of record of preemption rights confirmed by the old Board of Commissioners, 1805-33.*” See LDS for Alabama land records on CD. Private Land Claims: What is, now Alabama was governed by several different governments see LDS Wiki for historical timeline and where records are located for each. Search for “Land Records” at U of AL site. **<http://acumen.lib.ua.edu>**

See 359 images of *Soldier Land Grants* at:

**[http://acumen.lib.ua.edu/c/u0003\\_0001306](http://acumen.lib.ua.edu/c/u0003_0001306)**

SA: **[www.archives.alabama.gov/aho.html](http://www.archives.alabama.gov/aho.html)** I couldn't find any land records online, but check out the links page **[www.archives.alabama.gov/teacher/netres.html](http://www.archives.alabama.gov/teacher/netres.html)**

**Alaska:** Public Domain State: BLMW state. First land opening 1885, last 1956. Patents after 1908 online BLME website. For patents prior to June 1908 contact BLMW office:

**[www.blm.gov/ak/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en.html)**. NA has original tract books. BLME TB microfilm. See NA7, NA49, LDS Wiki. (LDS only has

maps listed in Land & Property). BLMW's online land records begin in 1965. See this other land record site with surveys, etc.

**<http://dnr.alaska.gov/Landrecords/index.html#>**

**SA: [www.archives.state.ak.us](http://www.archives.state.ak.us)** (no land records online that I could find).

**Arizona:** Public Domain State. BLMW state. Private Land Claims. First land opening 1870. Patents after 1908 online BLME website. For patents prior to June 1908, contact BLMW office **[www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en.html)** BLME TB on microfilm. NA has original tract books. See NA7, NA49, LDS, LDS Wiki. Arizona Territory created 24 Feb 1863 from New Mexico Territory. AZ Territory included all of AZ and part of Nevada. Records from 1822-1863 found in New Mexico. Records from 1863-1871 found in Mohave County, AZ. Private Land Claims: First grants were in New Mexico given by Spain and Mexico. When the U.S. acquired the area in 1848, these claims were recognized. The claims were processed by the US Surveyor General from 1855-1890 and by the US Court of Private Land Claims from 1891-1903. For claims 1681-1846 use *Vigil's index* found at LDS. Also, see article from *Family Tree* magazine for a list of land records available.

**<http://familytreemagazine.com/article/Arizona-records-details-resources>** SA: **[www.lib.az.us/archives](http://www.lib.az.us/archives)** (Site has no land records online that I could find.)

**Arkansas:** Public Domain State. BLME state. Private Land Claims. Originally part of Missouri Territory. First land opening 1821, last 1933. Patents online BLME site. BLME TB. BLME CI. See NA7, NA49, LDS, LDS wiki. For land information also see:

**[www.ark-ives.com/documenting/land\\_records.aspx](http://www.ark-ives.com/documenting/land_records.aspx)**

Arkansas had one of three War of 1812 military land reserves. Check BLME website for warrants. See National Archives *War of 1812 Military Bounty Warrants, 1815-1858*. Contains warrants and index. (NARA Microfilm series M848, 14 rolls). Internet Archives has the same microfilm online at:

**<http://archive.org/details/warof1812militarozunit>**

Also, see Arkansas' Commissioner of State Lands' site for indexes for these: **[www.cosl.org/history/military.aspx](http://www.cosl.org/history/military.aspx)**  
ancestry.com (\$\$) has warrants indexed by name. Info at:

**[http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=116](http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1165)**

**5** Fold3 (\$\$) (**[www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)**) is putting the War of 1812 Pension files online. Private Land Claims: First grants were by Spain and Mexico, most located in Arkansas and Desha Counties. See McMullin for index of private claims to 1837. LDS has tract book of Spanish claims. LDS also has CD for *Arkansas Land Records: 1700s-1908*. Commissioner of State Lands has online scanned copies of Spanish Land Grants and other land documents found at Arkansas' Commission of State Lands' site **[www.cosl.org/history/hishome.aspx](http://www.cosl.org/history/hishome.aspx)**

SA: **<http://www.ark-ives.com>** and **<http://www.ark-ives.com/sara>**

**California**: Public Domain State. BLMW state. Private Land Claims. First land opening 1853. California claimed by Spain before 1822, then Mexico from 1822-1848, and then the U.S. from 1848 on. Patents after 1908 online BLME website. For patents prior to 1908, contact BLMW office:

**[www.blm.gov/ca/st/en.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en.html)** BLMW has no land records listed on site except for Title Search (be sure to read instructions). BLME TB microfilm. NA has original tract books. See NA49, LDS, LDS Wiki. There are no known General Land Office records for the 1849 Gold Rush Claims. For Gold Rush land problems see *1848-1865: Gold Rush, Statehood, and the Western Movement* at

**[www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/calculture/s/eras/era4.html](http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/calculture/s/eras/era4.html)** Private Land Claims: Best bet is the LDS. Also see Index to *US Surveyor General California maps* (these maps include names) at

**[www.sos.ca.gov/archives/collections/ussg/](http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/collections/ussg/)** Also see *Grants of Land in California made by Spanish or Mexican Authorities*. An excellent history by the State's Land Commission, includes names at:

**[www.slc.ca.gov/reports/grants\\_of\\_land/part\\_1.pdf](http://www.slc.ca.gov/reports/grants_of_land/part_1.pdf)**