

# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

THE TRIAL COURT  
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## LOCATION OF FILES / AVAILABILITY

CASE TYPE	YEAR	LOCATION	AVAILABILITY
Probate & Domestic	1686 - 1880	Available On-Line Only*	Available On-Line Only*
Probate	1881 - 1970	State Archive Facility	Available in 2-3 Weeks
Probate	1971 -1983	Taunton Courthouse	Available Same Day
Probate	1984 - 1997	Bristol County Off-site Storage	Available Next Day
Domestic	1881 - 1920	Please visit Superior Court	Please visit Superior Court
Domestic (Divorce)	1921 - 1991	State Archive Facility	Available in 2-3 Weeks
Domestic (Paternity)	1986 - 1997	Bristol County Off-site Storage	Available Next Day
Domestic (Divorce)	1992 - 1997	Bristol County Off-site Storage	Available Next Day
<b>Probate &amp; Domestic</b>	2000 - Present	Taunton Courthouse	Available Same Day

\*Files from 1686 – 1880 are only available online by visiting : [www.AmericanAncestors.org](http://www.AmericanAncestors.org)

**PLEASE NOTE: 1998 AND 1999 PROBATE AND DOMESTIC CASES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MOVED FROM TAUNTON TO FALL RIVER. DEPENDING ON WHICH FILE IS NEEDED, IT WILL TAKE NO MORE THAN ONE DAY TO HAVE THE FILE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING/COPYING**