



FINDING ANCESTORS OUTSIDE MAINLAND FRANCE



Genealogical research takes a great deal of time. It requires work, method and knowledge of the research methods and structures. Do not hesitate to approach a genealogy association to be guided in your initial steps.

- The personnel of the ANOM cannot undertake your genealogical research. You must carry it out yourself on-site or via the website. A request can only be sent by correspondence if there is a duly motivated administrative reason and it is accompanied by written justification from the Administration.
- The ANOM only keep Registers of Births, Marriages and Deaths that are more than 100 years' old, for Algeria (microfilms only) and the former French colonies (Black Africa, Madagascar, Indochina, Caribbean, etc.). The collections are often incomplete (see on-line inventories). They are being progressively digitised and put on-line on the ANOM website:

<http://anom.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/caomec2/>

- For certificates less than 100 years' old consult:

Ministère des affaires étrangères
Service central de l'état civil
44941 NANTES Cedex 9, France

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/les-francais-a-l-etranger/vos-droits-et-demarches/etat-civil/demarches-relatives-aux-actes-d/article/delivrance-d-un-acte-d-etat-civil>

- For certificates less than 100 years' old established in the present DOM-TOM: Consult the Registry of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the town halls where the certificates were established.
- Certificates more than 100 years' old concerning Morocco and Tunisia are kept by:

Ministère des Affaires étrangères – Direction des Archives
Département des archives historiques
3, rue Suzanne Masson
93126 La Courneuve Cedex, France

<http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/le-ministere/archives-et-patrimoine/colonne-droite-5491/salles-de-lecture/article/la-courneuve>

- Depending on the country and the era, certificates of births, marriages and deaths communicable to the ANOM are found in the form of registers, microfilms and digitised documents.
- Some certificates are unavailable because they are in poor condition or because they are in the process of being digitised.
- Preparing research is recommended by consulting the ANOM website:
www.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/anom/fr/

