

Divorce Records

Divorce Certificate (1968 to present)

What it is: One-page document stating two parties were divorced on a specific date

- Contact Washington State Department of Health for hours and availability.
- The index for divorces filed 1968 to 2017 is available on the Washington State Digital Archives
- Some indexes for records filed July 1979 to present are available online at <https://dw.courts.wa.gov/>

Divorce Decree (1853 to present)

What it is: Multi-page document explaining the terms of the divorce

- Contact King County Superior Court Clerk for hours and ordering information.
- King County Superior Court case ledgers, 1935-1979: The King County Superior Court Clerk originally kept large ledger books that served as indexes to case files. These books were microfilmed and are now available online. To search, you must browse through images (PDF files) of the original index books, which are organized semi-alphabetically. The case file number can be used to request records from the King County Superior Court Clerk.
 - For divorces between 1935 and 1967, you must search under the "General Plaintiff" index.
 - For divorces between 1968 and 1979, you must search under the "Domestic" index.
 - The ledgers will only provide the **filing date** of the case--**not** the final date of divorce.

Divorce Case Files (1853 to 1971)

- Contact Puget Sound Regional Archives for more information.
- Indexes for 1854 – 1889 may be available in Frontier Justice collection at Washington State Digital Archives
- A state-wide divorce index is also available for 1968 to 2004 at the State Library
 - Divorce records will appear as other types of Court cases:
 - For cases dated 1853 to 1967, search Civil Case Files
 - For cases dated 1968 to 1971, search Domestic Relations Files