

***Vital Records at the New Jersey State Archives:***

New Jersey State Vital Records:

**New Jersey State Vital Records begin in May 1848. The New Jersey State Archives has all New Jersey State Vital Records for May 1848 – Dec. 1915. The New Jersey State Archives issues State Seal certified copies of these vital records.**

Through an agreement with the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, the State Archives maintains State Vital Records that are over 100 years old. Every January 1, an additional year of Vital Records are transferred from the State Bureau of Vital Statistics to the New Jersey State Archives. For example on January 1, 2016 the State Bureau of Vital Statistics transferred State Vital Records for 1915 to the New Jersey State Archives.

**See our website: <http://www.archives.nj.gov>:**

Order Forms

Online databases for:

New Jersey State Marriage Records, May 1848 – May 1878

New Jersey State Death Records, June 1878 to June 1894 [This database is an ongoing project. Eventually it will cover up to December 1900. We are currently inputting records for July 1894 to June 1895.

**New Jersey State Vital Records – on microfilm at the New Jersey State Archives, and are open to public access.**

Birth Records: May 1848 – 1923

Delayed Births, May 1848 – 1900

Birth Corrections, May 1848 – 1923

Marriage Records: May 1848 – 1944

Death Records: May 1848 – 1955

Still Births, June 1878 – Dec. 1900

Note:

Delayed Births, 1901 -1915 only in original (in the process of microfilming)

Still Births, 1901 -1915 only in original (not open to public until microfilmed)

## **Processing of Vital Records at the New Jersey State Archives:**

### **Earliest New Jersey State Vital Records – May 1848 to May 1878.**

These are not individual certificates, but very large oversized bound volumes.

As an ongoing project, these volumes are receiving extensive conservation treatment. The State Archives has been working with CCAHA [Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Phila. – Disbound, cleaned, mended, re-housed in acid-free folders and boxes. Then microfilmed by our in-house staff.

### **Vital Records – June 1878 to 1915 – Individual certificate format**

Vital Records come to us usually as disbound volumes, and tightly packed in cubic foot boxes.

We re-house vital records into acid free boxes, and acid free folders.

For torn vital records can be placed in a Mylar sleeve (Mylar is an inert plastic which does not interact with the paper document. Mylar sleeves com with one folded edge or as an “L” sleeve with two joined edges.)

Vital Records that have not been microfilmed our microfilm by our in-house staff.

**Other holdings: See our online catalog <http://nj.gov/state/archives/search.html>**

**(See: Searchable catalog and Browsable catalog)**

Some township have transferred their early (pre 1900) vital records to the New Jersey State Archives.

Some County Clerk’s Offices have transferred their County Clerk’s Marriage Records, 1795 – 1848 to the New Jersey State Archives.

Some County Clerk’s Offices have transferred their Naturalization Records to the New Jersey State Archives (holdings vary from county to county)

**Online Databases: See our website:**

**<https://wwwnet1.state.nj.us/DOS/Admin/ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx>**

Colonial Marriage Bonds, 1666-1799

Marriage Records, May 1848 – May 1878

Death Records, June 1878 – June 1894

Early Land Records, 1650 – 1801

Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844

Legal Name Changes, 1847 – 1947

Revolutionary War Damage Claims, 1776-1782

Civil War Service Records, 1861-1865

Civil War Payment Vouchers, 1861-1865

World War I – Deaths

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Birth Records, May 1848 – 1915

Marriage Records, May 1848 – 1915

Death Records, may 1848 – 1915

County Clerk's Marriage Records (selected counties)

Probate Records (Wills & Inventories) 1660-1952

County Naturalization Records (selected counties)

**Online Imaged Collections: See our website:**

<http://nj.gov/state/archives/searchimgcollections.html>

Documentary Treasurers (NJ Constitutions, NJ's copy of the US Constitution, documents relating to amendments of the US constitution)

Civil War Carte de Visites

Dept. of Agriculture (over 2,000 images)

Dept. of Transportation (324 images)

Lindbergh Kidnapping images

Governors Oaths of Office

Hunterdon County Slave Births & Manumissions

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**The New Jersey State Archives is the official repository for permanent New Jersey Colonial and State Governmental Records.**

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