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## NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES NEW JERSEY VITAL RECORDS AND NEW JERSEY WILLS - <u>PRE 1901</u>

Division of Archives & Records Management 225 West State Street, P.O. Box 307 Trenton NJ 08625-0307 609-292-6260 www.state.nj.us/state/darm/index.html

The New Jersey State Archives is located on level 2 of the Department of State Building. Originals of certain wills and deeds and vital records for the State of New Jersey may be found there.

Public Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Always call ahead to confirm hours.

## NEW JERSEY VITAL RECORDS:

The Archives maintains all birth, marriage, and death records for the period May 1, 1848-December 31, 1900. A search of these records may be requested through the mail. The request must be accompanied by a paid-in-advance fee of \$10.00 for a search of up to five years. A typed transcript will be returned for any record found. These records are also accessible to the public on microfilm in the Archives Search Room.

The Archives has microfilm copies of the following vital statistics:

- death and marriage records for June 1, 1878-1940
- birth records for June 1, 1878-1923

These records are accessible to the public on microfilm in the Archives Search Room. Due to limited staff, and since the Archives do not own the originals of these records they cannot search these records in answer to mail or telephone requests.

<u>Post 1900</u> vital record requests are available at: New Jersey Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics 120 Stockton Street Vital Statistics Office Trenton, NJ 08625-0307

<u>Post 1900</u> written requests should be directed to: New Jersey Department of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics P.O. Box 307 Trenton NJ 08625-0307

Please ask at the History Center reference desk for a copy of *Vital Record Search Request* or the *Application for Certified Copy of Vital Record*. You may also access these forms through the Archives web site.

The State Archives holding include New Jersey wills and inventories prior to 1901. If you visit the Archives Search Room you may view microfilmed copies of the original wills and inventories. Photocopies from the microfilm may be requested through the mail. The standard fee is \$5.00 per packet for up to ten pages. When requesting information about New Jersey wills please provide the following:

- name
- date of death
- date of probate (if known)
- county of death/residence.

Please consult our Index to New Jersey Wills 1689-1890. The index is kept on the ready reference bookcase.

Abstracts of certain wills dated between 1670 and 1817 were published in the *New Jersey Archives* series. Names are arranged alphabetically in each volume of that part of the published *Archives*. Please consult a North Jersey History Center staff member for assistance.

New Jersey wills from 1901 to the present are filed with:

Clerk of the Superior Court Hughes Justice Complex P.O. Box 971 Trenton NJ 08625-0971

Please ask at the History Center reference desk for a copy of *Guidelines for Requesting Copies of Secretary of State Wills and Inventories Prior to 1900 and Deeds Prior to 1794.* These guidelines are also posted on their web site.