



Introduction to New Jersey Genealogy

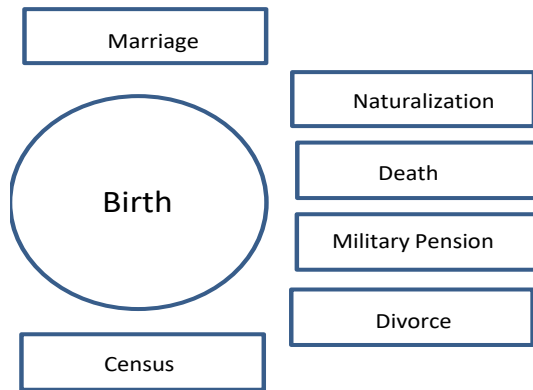
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Genealogy Basics

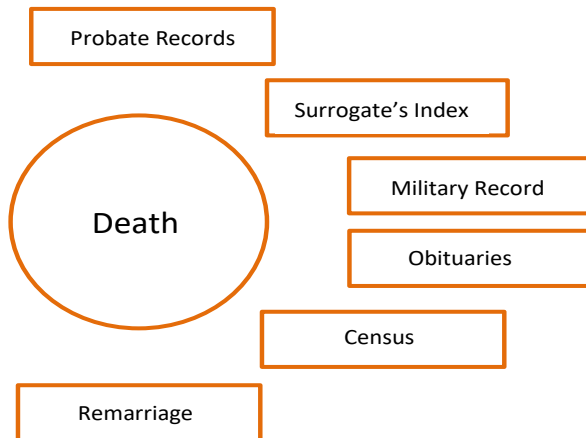
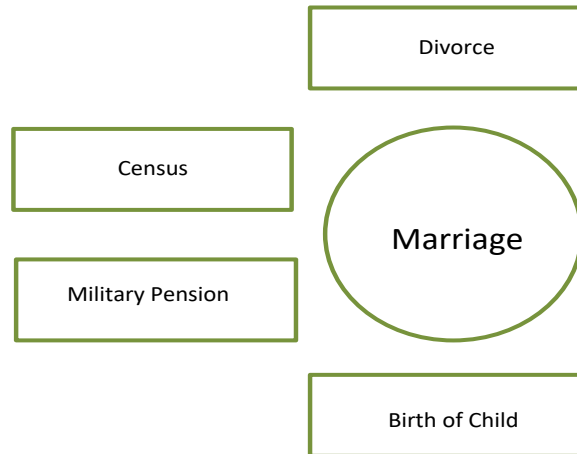
- Genealogy is the study of a continuous line of descent from a single individual (in this case, you)
- Goal of Genealogy: to collect birth, marriage, and death records (vital records), starting with yourself and working your way back.
- Sometimes the process of locating these records is a straight-forward as looking at an index
- Other times, you need to narrow down date ranges, locations, bizarre spellings, etc.
- There are two document types that will help you locate vital Records: primary documents and secondary resources

Primary Documents

- Official or private records created within a person's general lifetime
- These include Vital Records, Estate Documents (wills), Land Records, Naturalizations, Correspondence
- These should be your top priority, because the informant is likely the person themselves or someone who knew them (and thus we assume the information provided is accurate)
- You can find many of these items in records repositories such as State, County, or Municipal Archives and historical societies
- New Jersey State Library (NJSL) has a limited primary document collection including City Directories and Federal and State Census records.
- New Jersey State Archives (NJSA) has most official primary documents for the State of New Jersey

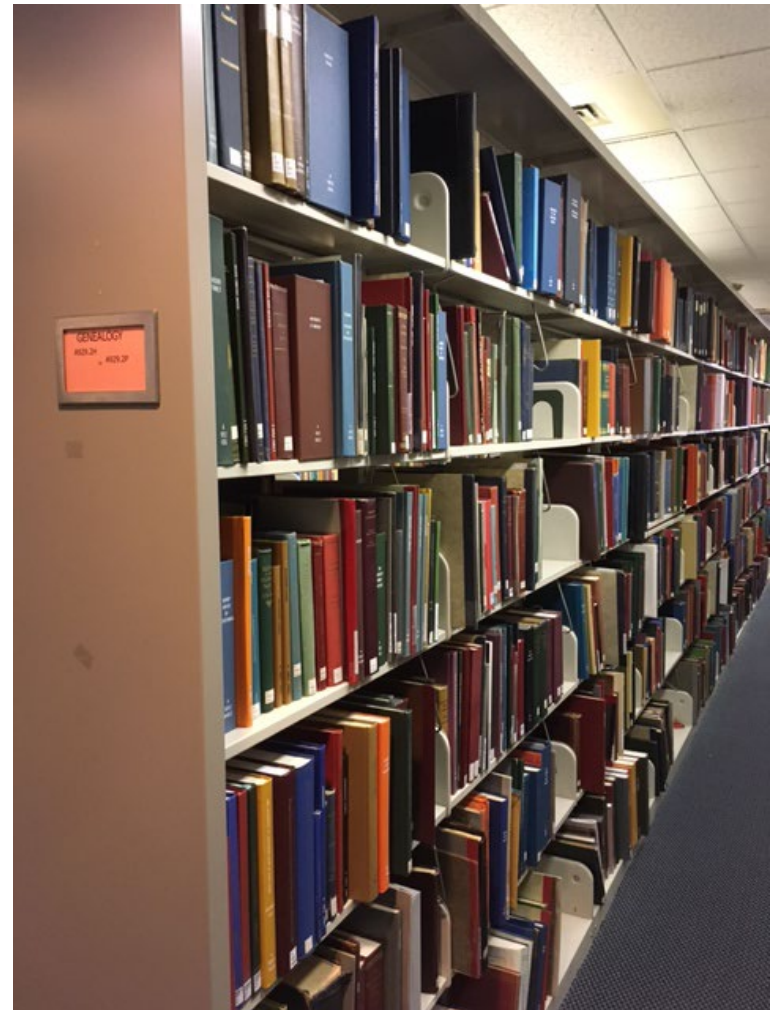


Visual Map of Other Primary Records You Can Use to Find Birth, Marriage, or Death Records



Secondary Resources

- Published items produced a long time after a person's death
- The source usually did not know the deceased and may or may not have relied on primary documents for research
- Examples: primary document indexes, family histories, and town histories
- Records repositories, libraries, and historical societies may have these
- Many published items are also digitized and available via: Ancestry, HeritageQuest, Google Books, and Archive.org
- Be skeptical about the content of Family/Town histories produced in the late 19th or early 20th century, as they don't always cite their sources
- In NJ this type of resource may be especially useful for those with ancestors who lived before May 1848.



Useful Primary Document Collections at the State Archives

- NJ State Vital Records and County Naturalizations
- Naturalizations span from the late 18th century to the 20th.
- Vital records include most New Jersey residents for a period of 170 years.

TRIPPLICATE (To be given to declarant) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA No. 3000

DECLARATION OF INTENTION
(Invalid for all purposes seven years after the date hereof)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY In the COMMON PLEAS Court
MUNICIPALITY OF MOUNT HOLLY, N.J.

I, CATHERINE VULKU
now residing at 544 Park Avenue, Montclair, New Jersey
occupation HOUSEWIFE age 30 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
build Slender color White complexion Fair color of eyes Blue
color of hair Chestnut height 5 feet 4 inches; weight 100 pounds; visible distinctive marks
None
race Magyar nationality Rumanian
I was born in Rumania on May 31, 1907
I am married. The name of my husband is Nicholas
we were married on June 12, 1921 at Montclair, N.J. or he was born at Stopolia, Rumania on Dec. 15, 1898 entered the United States at New York, N.Y. on Dec. 23, 1913 for permanent residence therein, and now resides at 544 Park Avenue I have two children, and the name, date and place of birth, and places of residence of each of said children are as follows: Viola, born Dec. 8, 1923 and George born April 3, 1927. Both born in Montclair, N.J. and reside with me.

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number _____ on _____ at _____
my last foreign residence was Rumania
I emigrated to the United States of America from Stopolia, Italy
my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y. on Aug. 22, 1914
under the name of Dogya, Katharin

I will, before being admitted to citizenship, renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, and particularly, by name, to the prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which I may be at the time of admission a citizen or subject; I am not an anarchist; I am not a polygamist nor a believer in the practice of polygamy; and it is my intention in good faith to become a citizen of the United States of America and to reside permanently therein; and I certify that the photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of me.

I swear (X) that the statements I have made and the intentions I have expressed in this declaration of intention subscribed by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief: So help me God.

Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath above in the office of the Clerk of said Court, at Mount Holly, N.J. this 1st day of May, anno Domini, 1928. Certification made from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization showing the lawful entry of the declarant for permanent residence on the date stated above, has been received by me. The photograph affixed to the duplicate and triplicate hereof is a likeness of the declarant.

(SEAL) Catherine Vulku
Clerk of the Common Pleas Court.
By Madeline M. O'Connell Notary Public.
Form 1000-4-A
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

No. 234617

Use Ink, and write plainly

1. Full name of deceased: James Stark
(If an infant not named, so state, give date of birth)

2. Age: 8 years 0 months 0 days 0 hours

3. Color: W Occupation: Editor

4. Single, married, widow or widower: Married (Cross out all but the right one.)

5. Birthplace: St. Louis, Mo.
(State or country)

6. Last place of residence: St. Louis, Mo.
(If a city, give name; if not, give county and locality)

7. How long resident in this State: 11 years

8. Place of death: St. Louis, Mo.
(If in a city, give name and street and number; if in township, give name and county; if in an institution, so state)

9. Father's name: Stark

10. Country of birth: Russia

11. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased during the last illness, and that he died on the 8 day of June, 1889, and that the cause of death was Bronchitis

Length of sickness: 2 weeks (See over and add)

Residence: St. Louis, Mo. Medical Attendant: Dr. J. J. J.

Name of Undertaker: Chas. Beck

Residence of Undertaker: 56 W. 1st St.

Place of Burial: St. Louis



State Vital Records

- Vital Records are probably the most authoritative source for personal information on your ancestors.
- Very likely the person themselves or a close family member was the informant on the document.
- All NJ Birth Records 100 years old and older (back to May 1848) are available to order remotely from the NJSA.
- Marriages and Deaths May 1848-December 1930 are also available to order remotely.
- Any Birth records less than 100 years old or Marriages and Deaths January 1931-present must be ordered from the NJ Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics and Registry.
- There are searchable indexes on the Archives' website for [Marriages May 1848-May 1878](#), [Deaths May 1848-May 1878](#), and [Deaths June 1878-December 1900](#). You can check these indexes and order the records straight from there.
- Family Search has searchable indexes for NJ State [Births May 1848-December 1900](#) and [Marriages May 1848-December 1900](#).
- Ancestry has digitized NJ State Birth, Marriage, and Death indexes 1901-1903. Reclaim the Records has digitized NJ State Marriage Indexes 1901-2016 on Archive.org and Deaths 1901-2017 (with some gaps), on both Archive.org till 2000, and then in a searchable interface from 2001-2017 on www.newjerseydeathindex.com

Vital Records May 1848-December 1900

- Earliest vital records May 1848-May 1878 are ledger records (person's official record is a line on a page with several other entries), rather than individual certificate records.
- The records were organized on a May-May fiscal year, rather than a calendar year.
- The Archives has a [marriage index May 1848-May 1878](#) and a [death index May 1848-May 1878](#) available.
- FamilySearch.org has a [searchable birth index](#) which includes state records May 1848-December 1900.
- Vital Records June 1878-December 1900 are certificate records on a July-June fiscal year.
- There are two death indexes available on the Archives' website: [May 1848-May 1878](#) and [June 1878-December 1900](#).
- Family Search has a [searchable marriage index](#) covering May 1848-December 1900.

Use Ink, and write plainly, especially names.

1. Full name of deceased..... **877**
(If an infant not named, so state, and give sex.)
Samuel Stark

2. Age..... **48** years..... months..... days..... hours.

3. Color..... **W**..... Occupation..... **Farmer**

4. Single, married, widow or widower..... {Cross out all but the right one.}

5. Birthplace..... **Prussia**
(State or country.)

6. Last place of residence.....
(If a city, give name; if not, give county and township.)
S.E. Cor. Lumberton & Federal

7. How long resident in this State..... **11 years**

8. Place of death.....
(If in a city, give name, and street and number, if in township, give name and county; if in an institution, so state.)
Prussia

9. Father's name..... **Stark**
Country of birth..... **Prussia**

10. Mother's name.....
Country of birth.....

11. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased during the last illness, and that **he** died on the..... **8**..... day of..... **June**..... 188**8**, and that the cause of death was..... **Branchial Cystitis**


Length of sickness..... **2 weeks**..... {See over and add particulars.}

Residence..... **Prussia**
Medical Attendant.....

Name of Undertaker..... **Chas. Bach**

Residence of Undertaker..... **56 Market St.**

Place of Burial..... **Mt. Sinai**



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The State Archives is New Jersey's official research center for public records of enduring historical value. Considering that many vital records, land documents, probate records and military service papers were filed centrally by the Colony and State of New Jersey, the State Archives is a treasure trove for genealogists and historians.

The State Archives is also the official repository for microfilm of county clerks' and surrogates' records produced by the LDS Church and of film of local newspapers produced by the New Jersey Newspaper Project. Current holdings amount to over 37,000 cubic feet of paper records and over 32,000 reels of microfilm. Our records date from the founding of New Jersey as a British colony in 1664 up to the present.


Located at [225 West State Street](#) in downtown Trenton, the State Archives provides assistance to thousands of researchers annually. The collections are open to the general public free of charge, although there are fees for photocopies and reprographic services. Certain collections can be searched through this site and/or by mail.

Effective July 1, 2012, oversight of the records management, records storage, imaging and micrographic functions of the Division of Archives and Records Management was transferred to the [Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services](#) in the Department of the Treasury.

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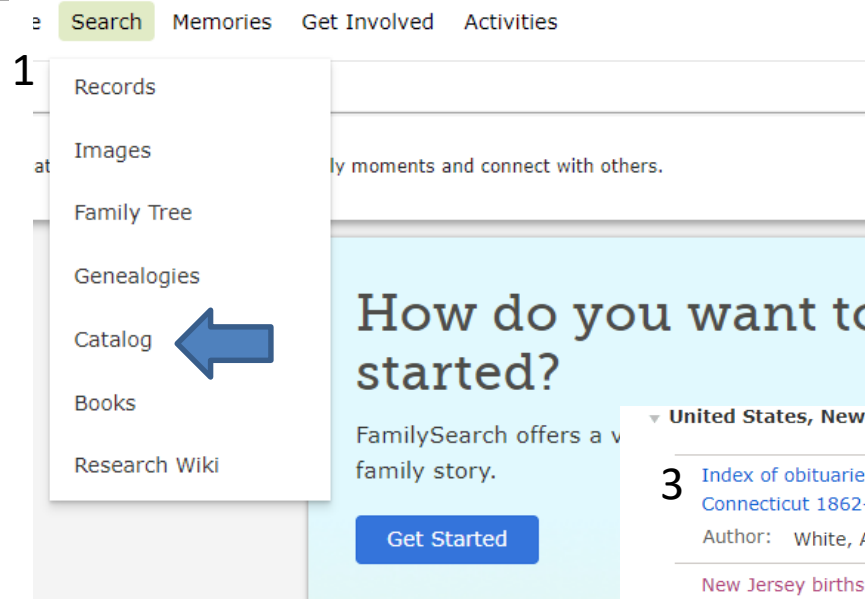


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How to find New Jersey Vital Records Databases on Family Search

From the main page, click search and select catalog. In the Place Name type in New Jersey and select United State New Jersey. A long list of records will appear. Scroll down to Vital Records Indexes.

2 FamilySearch Catalog

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new jersey

▼ United States, New Jersey - Vital records - Indexes (14)

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Family Search Index Caveat

- When you're searching for State Vital Records in Family Search's online NJ [Birth](#), [Marriage](#), or Death indexes, for events that occurred from January-June, the correct year of the event is going to be one year later than what's listed.
- This is because the State Records were treated as though they were indexed on a calendar year. (Remember, records May 1848-December 1900 are organized on a fiscal year!)
- There is a way to verify the correct year of the event by using the GS Film Number (GSU number), which is described further on.
- Moral of Story: [Marriage Record May 1848-May 1878](#) or Death Record [May 1848-December 1900](#), **visit the searchable databases on the State Archives' website first**, because the year will be correctly listed, you'll get a citation for the record of interest, and you can order a copy of the record straight from that index.

John S. Applegate on Archives' Death Index June 1878-June 1897

Select	Name	Age	Sex	Race	Location	Date	Citation
Select	Applegate, John E.	8y	M		Burlington County : Springfield	19 Jan 1879	1878-79. 10 - A54
Select	Applegate, John Stuart	4m	M		Union County : Westfield	Jul 1878	1878-79. 90 - A18
Select	Applegate, John M.	U	U		Burlington County : Pemberton	17 Oct 1880	1880-81. 10 - A10
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Select	Applegate, John G.	1y 8m	M		Ocean County : Dover	25 Oct 1881	1881-82. 79 - A4
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Select	Applegate, John E.	45y	M		Middlesex County : East Brunswick	4 Aug 1883	1883-84. 65 - A2
Select	Applegate, John S.	43y 5m	M		Monmouth County : Middletown	11 Apr 1885	1884-85. 70 - A21

John S. Applegate on FamilySearch.org

First Names
john s.

Last Names
applegate

Gender
Male

Marital Status
Any

SEARCH WITH A LIFE EVENT:
Birth
Death Place
monmouth county
Death Year (Range)
1880 1885

SEARCH WITH A RELATIONSHIP:
Spouse
Parents

Number of results to show: 20 50 75

Preview	Name	Events
▼	John S. Applegate New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988	birth: 1841 Us death: 11 April 1884 Middletown, Monmouth, Nj

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John S. Applegate
New Jersey Deaths and Burials

Name	John S. Applegate
Gender	Male
Death Date	11 Apr 1884
Death Place	Middletown, Monmouth, Nj
Age	43
Birth Date	1841
Birthplace	Us
Marital Status	Married
Father's Birthplace	Us
Mother's Birthplace	Us

No image available

NEW JERSEY DEATHS AND BURIALS, 1720-1988

Indexing Project (Batch) Number	B06592-1
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John S. Applegate died 11 April 1885 (not 1884) based on the dates given on the Index



Vital Records after 1900

- Records after December 1900 are organized by Calendar year (YAY!!!)
- Records after 1903 (except for Deaths 1949-1962, which have an index by certificate number) are organized alphabetically by last name (marriages by groom's) within the calendar year.
- The Archives currently owns birth records 1904-1921 (each January when all birth records in a calendar year turn 100, the Archives assumes ownership)
- The Archives currently owns NJ marriage and death records 1904-1930
- Reclaim the Records has posted [New Jersey Marriage indexes](#) 1901-2016 on Archive.org and Death indexes 1901-2017 on www.newjerseydeathindex.com.
- Ancestry and Family Search have the searchable versions of the Reclaim the Records Indexes.

County Naturalizations 1790-20th Century

- There are two parts to a Naturalization: a **Declaration of Intention** and a **Petition for Naturalization**.
- The Declaration of Intention is the first part of the Naturalization process. It formally establishes an individual's desire to become a U.S. Citizen
- The Petition for Naturalization is filed when a person meets the residency requirements to become a U.S. Citizen. Once the Petition is approved, the individual becomes a citizen.
- Pro tip: search the Petitions first, because they will have the full application, including the Declaration.
- Naturalization Records prior to 1906 give very little personal information about the applicant, not even a town of birth
- After 1906, both Declarations and Petitions include a lot of personal information about the applicant (and dependents) and may even include a photograph
- If your adult woman ancestor naturalized after 1920 (when women earned right to vote), she will have her own application.

Naturalizations After 1920 (for your women ancestors)

- In 1920 women citizens in the United States gained the right to vote
- Prior to 1920 when women immigrated to the United States, they rarely naturalized by themselves
- Because they did not have the right to vote, women and children were naturalized under a father or husband's application
- Once given the right to vote, women had to naturalize on their own, separate from their spouse.
- How do you know when your woman ancestor naturalized? After 1900, check her on the Federal Census, which has citizenship status codes (NA=Naturalized, PA= Declaration filed, AL=alien)
- If your woman ancestor is listed as being Naturalized prior to 1920, she probably didn't apply on her own
- If her husband or father Naturalized after 1906, she may be listed as a dependent in his application

Where do I find these records?

- Most Naturalization Records are owned and maintained by the County Clerk's offices.
- The State Archives has microfilm copies of many Naturalization Records available for in-person use and does hold original records for some counties.
- FamilySearch.org may have County Naturalization records under the [Digitized Images search](#). These are browsable, not searchable by name. To find Naturalizations, you'll need to search by place as follows: **[county name] county, new jersey** (aka Morris County, New Jersey). When search results appear, restrict "Life Event" to "Legal" and then look for any categories relating to citizenship or naturalization and further restrict.

▼ **Current Place**
 Morris, New Jersey, United States (County) 20

▼ **Places Within** ⓘ
[Stanley, Morris, New Jersey, United States](#) 1
[Weldon, Morris, New Jersey, United States](#) 9

Date
 Year, year range, or any date form

Life Event
 Legal (401) ▼

☐ **25 Primary Record Types**

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- ☐ Building Records 8
- ☐ Court Dockets 17
- ☒ Court Records 82
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- ☐ Settlement Records 33

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30 Results

PLACE	DATE	RECORD TYPE	IMAGE COUNT	TITLE	VOLUME
Morris, New Jersey, United States	1834–1904	Citizenship Petitions, Citizenship Records, Court Dockets, Declarations of Intention, Naturalization Applications	35 images		
Morris, New Jersey, United States	1834–1904	Citizenship Petitions, Citizenship Records, Court Dockets, Declarations of Intention, Naturalization Applications	40 images		
Morris, New Jersey, United States	1834–1904	Citizenship Petitions, Citizenship Records, Court Dockets, Declarations of Intention, Naturalization Applications	240 images		
Morris, New Jersey, United States	1834–1904	Citizenship Petitions, Citizenship Records, Court Dockets, Declarations of Intention, Naturalization Applications	333 images		
Morris, New Jersey, United States	1834–1904	Citizenship Petitions,	42 images		

Family Search “Search Images” Search Results for Morris County, NJ

FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

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Browsable
 Declaration of
 Intention book,
 1904-1906
 Morris County,
 NJ



State Library Useful Print Resources

We have an extensive family history section, which makes up about a third of our book collection, plus secondary resources for several other states and countries. In addition, we have newspapers and City Directories available on microfilm. You may search the library catalog online for newspapers and books at www.njstatelib.org, or through the [Genealogy Research Guide](#).

- Family Histories are in alphabetical order by last name in the stacks. Researchers may also do a subject keyword search “[surname] family” in the catalog and see all of the resources where a particular family name is included. (i.e., you may find the Abbott surname in a White, Strong, or Brown family history book)
- Regionally, we have an extensive collections for New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. These are mostly primary document indexes or record transcriptions
- We also have general United States military resources for pre-WWII conflicts, heraldry guides, European and American ethnic resources, religious group resources, and some international secondary resources
- Our book collection enables researchers to follow their ancestors’ lives outside of New Jersey, especially in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries



The New Jersey State Library, an affiliate of Thomas Edison State University, is led by State Librarian Mary L. Chute and provides services for NJ libraries, the state legislature and government employees, Thomas Edison State University staff and students, and registered borrowers.

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SEP 07	Pinelands: New Jersey's Suburban Wilderness-Author talk-September 7 September 7 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Trenton NJ
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Useful Research Guides

- The [Genealogy Research Guide](#) has all of the information I've provided here, plus more.
- Includes information about library's holdings, NJSA's holdings, and County holdings and searchable online indexes, plus handouts and information sheets and recorded webinars
- The [Newspaper Research Guide](#) has our complete newspaper holdings for both modern and historic newspapers, with breakdowns by county
- The [Digital New Jersey Newspapers Research Guide](#) has listings of NJ Newspapers available online, either on subscription sites or free repositories.

Major Takeaways

- Always start with yourself and find vital records (birth, marriage, and death) for each prior generation in order (You, Parents, Grandparents, etc.)
- Remember, the State Archives has digitized searchable indexes for Marriages May 1848-May 1878, Deaths May 1848-May 1878, and Deaths June 1878-December 1900. If you have a marriage or death within these timeframes, use these indexes over the May 1848-December 1900 Family Search indexes, because the year will be accurate (and you can order the record straight from the index!).
- Ancestry has NJ Vital Records Indexes, Federal Population Census Records (1790-1940), the SSDI (for deaths after 1934), and the 1855-1915 NJ State Censuses
- HeritageQuest has Rev War Pensions and digitized family and town histories (NJ residents can access this via [JerseyClicks](#) with their public library card.)
- Family Search has an index which includes NJ Vital Records May 1848-December 1900, plus the NJ State Censuses, and much more!
- If you need help or instruction from staff members, please ask. Both the Library and Archives staff are extremely nice and knowledgeable. We are here to help you 😊

Thank You!

- Questions? Contact me at 609-278-2640 x162 or by e-mail rfitzpatrick@njstatelib.org
- I welcome your feedback for both this presentation and the Genealogy Research Guide
- Please feel free to drop a line by e-mail to chat about your family history! I look forward to helping you research your ancestors!