

Finding Women Ancestors in New Jersey

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Today we will...

- Review strategies for:
 - Researching after May 1848 (when the state began to collect civil vital records—more personal information about individuals)
 - Researching before May 1848 (less common for women to appear in records outside of marriage collections, often fewer details, more book research)
 - Find a woman you are researching based on information in someone else's record

1 PLACE OF DEATH
County Passaic State of New Jersey—Bureau of Vital Statistics.
Township _____ CERTIFICATE AND RECORD OF DEATH.
or _____ Registered No. _____
Village _____ (If death occurred in
or _____ (No. Barnum Memorial Hospital St. _____ Ward _____ a hospital or institution
City Paterson give its NAME instead
of street and number.)

2 FULL NAME OF DECEASED Rose Isaacson

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS			MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3 SEX <u>Female</u>	4 COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5 SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (Write the word) <u>married</u>	16 DATE OF DEATH <u>Dec</u> <u>14</u> , 191 <u>8</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Dec 5</u> , 191 <u>8</u> , to <u>Dec 14</u> , 191 <u>8</u> , that I last saw her alive on <u>Dec 14</u> , 191 <u>8</u> , and that death occurred, on the date above stated, at <u>39</u> m. The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows: <u>Pneumonia</u>
6 DATE OF BIRTH <u>Not known</u> , 18 <u>80</u> (Month) (Day) (Year)	7 AGE <u>38</u> yrs. <u>not known</u> mos. <u>ds.</u> If LESS than 1 day, hrs. or min. ?	18 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For hospitals, institutions, transients, or recent residents) At place of death yrs. mos. ds. State yrs. mos. ds. Where was disease contracted, if not at place of death? Former or usual residence <u>22 Erie St</u>	19 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <u>Duck Farm Am</u>	
8 OCCUPATION (a) Trade, Profession, or particular kind of work <u>Housework</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) <u>own home</u>	9 BIRTHPLACE (State or country) <u>Russia</u>	20 UNDERTAKER <u>Ascan D Luce</u>	DATE OF BURIAL <u>Dec 15</u> , 191 <u>8</u> ADDRESS <u>278 Lawrence St</u>	
10 NAME OF FATHER <u>Baer Paikin</u>	11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State or country) <u>Russia</u>	15 <u>Dec 15</u> , 191 <u>8</u> REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS <u>Paterson, N. J.</u>		
12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER <u>not known</u>	13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State or country) <u>Russia</u>	14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE (Informant) <u>Rose Isaacson</u> (Address) <u>22 Erie St</u>		

OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

Always Start With Vital Records

- NJ Vital Records May 1848-May 1878 are digitized on Ancestry
- Order state [Birth Records 100 years old and older \(back to May 1848\)](#) and State [Marriage](#) and [Death](#) Records May 1848-December 1940 from NJ State Archives.
- Searchable indexes on the Archives' website (order records remotely):
 - [Marriages May 1848-December 1900](#)
 - [Deaths June 1878-December 1900](#)
- Additional indexes available on FamilySearch.org, Archive.org, and Ancestry. Still order records from NJSA.
- Several years of [Archive.org marriage indexes](#) have a Bride's Index, so you can search by her name.

New Jersey, U.S., Marriage Index, 1901-2016 for Louise Merten

Bride Index > 1946 > L-Z

Merlis Merliss Merlo	Merol Merola	Merolla Merop Merouchek Merowski Merriah Merrick	Merriol Merrigan Merrill	Merring Merrison Merritt	Merritt-Cr Merry	Merschtina Mersereau Mershon Mersitz Merski Mertel Merten	Mertineit Mertling Mertson Mertz Mertz
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

Full name of Husband: Russell Joseph Dunachie
(Kindly Print or Type)

Maiden name of Wife: Louise Winifred Merten
(Kindly Print or Type)

Place of Marriage: Dumont, Bergen, N.J.
(City, borough or township and county)

Date of Marriage: September 15th, 1946, at A.M. 5 P.M.
(State hour observance is performed)

Residence: 31-31 54th Street, Needaide L.I. N.Y.
Date of Birth: Jan 22nd, 1903
Age: 43
Color: White
Occupation: Chief Inspector Buildings
Birthplace: Brooklyn, N.Y.
Father's Name: John Francis Dunachie
Mother's name: Lettie nee Davin

Residence: 70 Washington Ave, Dumont, N.J.
Date of Birth: March 25th 1915
Age: 31
Color: White
Names of Former Husbands, if any: None
Birthplace: Jersey City, N.J.
Father's Name: Charles T. Merten
Mother's name: Amelia nee Weber

Signature of Witness: [Signature]
Residence: 1034 133rd St, NYC

Signature of Witness: [Signature]
Residence: 70 Washington Ave, Dumont, N.J.

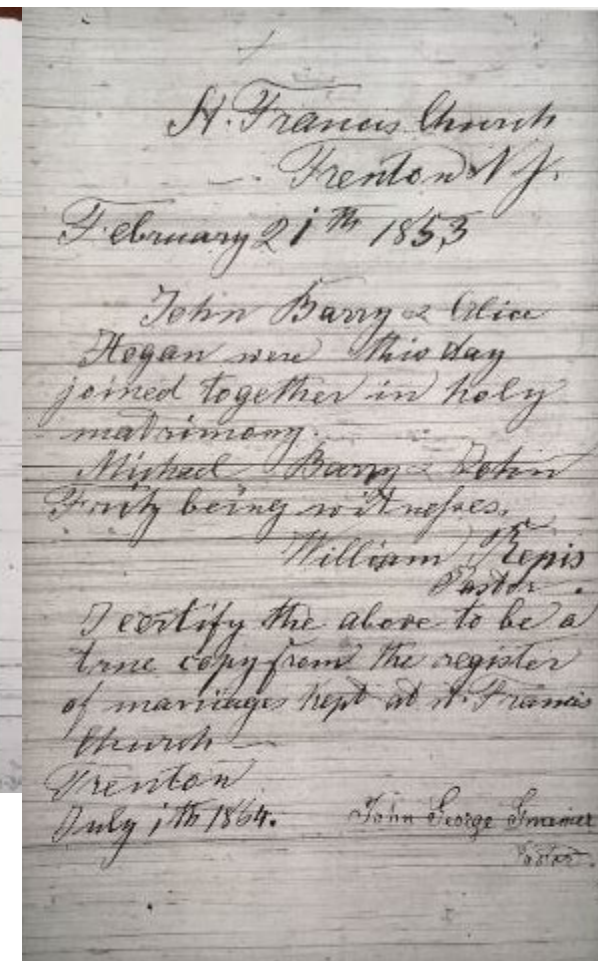
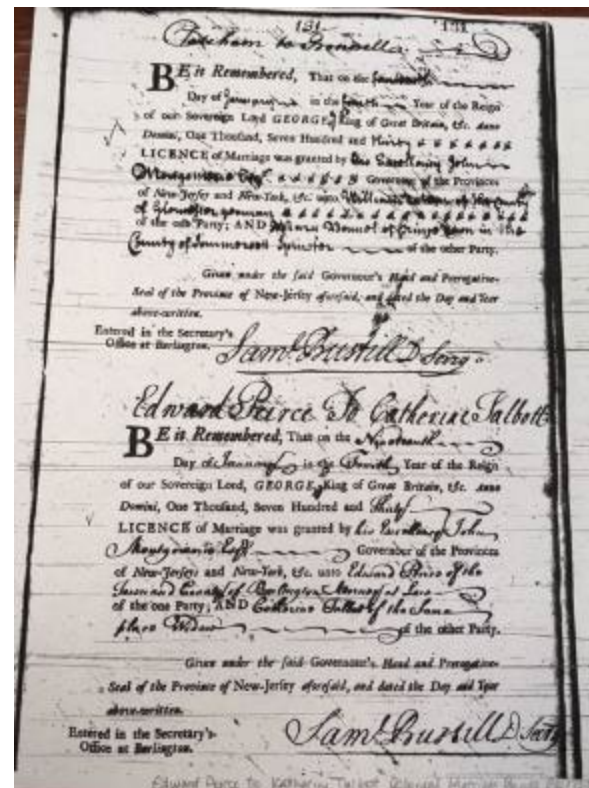
Signature of Minister of Religion: [Signature]
Residence: 70 Washington Ave, Dumont, N.J.

Filed: SFP 1946

Leonore Eleanor Louise Mildred Inge Friedel Evelina Grace Helen Estherine	Corso Kormanian Dunachie Rice Treiber VanderWall Connell Gornley Spittlehouse	Victor Arthur Russell J Anthony Frederick B Christian William A Jr Peter O William Harry B
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Marriage Collections pre May 1848

- Colonial Marriage Bonds-parties were enjoined in a bond swearing no impediments to the pending marriage existed. Good for researching wealthy families
 - Ca. 1670's-1800
 - Not actual marriage records, but if a couple had one they almost certainly married.
 - If either party under 21, at least father (sometimes mother) listed. Helpful when no comprehensive collection of births
 - Limited marriage records (pre 1700) included
 - [Records at State Archives](#)
- County Marriages
 - County founding date-early 1900's
 - Only list party names, date, and officiant (if you flip back to first page of officiant's entries, may give a place of marriage)
 - [Digitized on FamilySearch.org](#)
- To build your research from these use: County Deeds, Early Land Records, court records (including NJ Supreme Court Case Files), family histories, published church records



Naturalization Records (County founding to mid 20th Century)

- Women gained right to vote in U.S. in [1920](#)
- Look woman up directly after 1922 when the [Cable Act](#) or Women's Citizenship Act passed.
- Before 1922:
 - Look up husband or father-spouse or children are covered by his application.
- A woman citizen who married a man not a citizen might lose citizenship. See [Expatriation Act of 1907](#).
- Women who lost citizenship because of marriage between 1907 and 1922 could take an oath of allegiance to reclaim their citizenship. (Repatriation oaths from U.S. District Court at Newark are available on FamilySearch.org under [Essex County images](#).)
- Check the Federal Population Census starting in 1900 for citizen status and immigration dates
 - AL=alien (i.e., not a citizen)
 - PA=fil'd papers (aka Declaration of Intention, still not a citizen)
 - NA=Naturalized (citizen)
- There are two parts to a Naturalization:
 - (Part 1) Declaration of Intention formally establishes an individual's desire to become a U.S. Citizen
 - (Part 2) Petition for Naturalization is filed when a person meets the residency requirements to become a U.S. Citizen. **Full application (Declaration included) will be under the Petition.**
- Order NJ Naturalizations either from:
 - [New Jersey State Archives](#) (see their website for holdings)
 - County Clerk
- Before 1907, applications have very little biographical detail

TRIPLICATE
 (To be given to
 declarant)

No. 3350

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DECLARATION OF INTENTION

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

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

I, CATHERINE VULKA
 now residing at 245 Fifth Avenue, Hoboken, New Jersey
 occupation Housewife, aged 31 years, do declare on oath that my personal description is:
 Sex Female, color White, complexion Fair, color of eyes Blue
 color of hair Chestnut, height 5 feet 4 inches; weight 108 pounds; visible distinctive marks
None
 race Magyar; nationality Rumanian

I was born in Moraviz, Rumania on May 31, 1907
 I am un married. The name of my late husband was Michael
 we were married on June 10, 1927 at Hoboken, N.J. late or he was
 born at Secorin, Rumania on Dec. 15, 1896 entered the United States
 at New York, N.Y. on Dec. 25, 1915 for permanent residence therein, and now
 resides at with me I have two children, and the name, date and place of birth,
 and place of residence of each of said children are as follows: K. Viola, born Dec. 5, 1923 and
George born April 3, 1927. Both born in Hoboken, N.J. and reside with
us.

I have not heretofore made a declaration of intention: Number , On
 at (Place of entry)
 my last foreign residence was Moraviz, Rumania
 I emigrated to the United States of America on June 10, 1927 (Country)
 my lawful entry for permanent residence in the United States was at New York, N.Y.
 under the name of Dorcas, Katharin on Aug. 28, 1914
 on the vessel SS Iovania (Vessel)

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 (Oaths) 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.

Catherine Vulka
 Subscribed and sworn to before me in the form of oath shown above in the
 office of the Clerk of said Court, at Mount Holly, N.J.
 this 1st day of May, anno Domini, 1933. Certification
N6-153323 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.

Lawrence G. Munguel
 Clerk of the Common Pleas Court.
 By Madeline D. Durling

FORM 2300 - 1-A
 U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

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Catherine Vulka

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Market Street National Bank Building
Philadelphia, Penna.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO FINAL HEARING UNDER SECTION 326(b)
OF THE NATIONALITY ACT OF 1940 (8 U.S.C. 726(b)).

Judge,
Common Pleas Court,
Mount Holly, N. J.

In re: Katalin Valku.
NATURALIZATION
Petition No. 2872

Dear Sir:

The above petitioner for naturalization in your court is a native, alien, subject, or denizen of a country with which the United States is at war. Section 326(b) of the Nationality Act of 1940 provides as follows:

"An alien embraced within this section shall not have such alien's petition for naturalization called for a hearing, ~~or heard~~, except after ninety days notice given by the clerk of the court to the Commissioner to be represented at the hearing and the Commissioner's objection to such final hearing shall cause the petition to be continued from time to time for so long as the Commissioner may require."

Pursuant to the provisions of said act, objection is hereby interposed to a final hearing in the above entitled cause. It is respectfully moved that the said petition be continued until such time as objection is withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization

By: *Albert Del Guercio*
Albert Del Guercio,
District Director.

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Dated this day of
NOV 16 , 1942.

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	U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE No. 3 153823
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CERTIFICATE OF ARRIVAL

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the immigration records show that the alien named below arrived at the port, on the date, and in the manner shown, and was lawfully admitted to the United States of America for permanent residence.


Name:	Boeye, Katalin
Port of entry: New York, N. Y.	
Date:	August 22, 1914
Manner of arrival:	85 Ivernia


I FURTHER CERTIFY that this certificate of arrival issued under authority of, and in conformity with, the provisions of the Act of June 9, 1906, as amended, solely for the use of the alien herein named and only for naturalization purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Arrival is issued

March 28, 1929

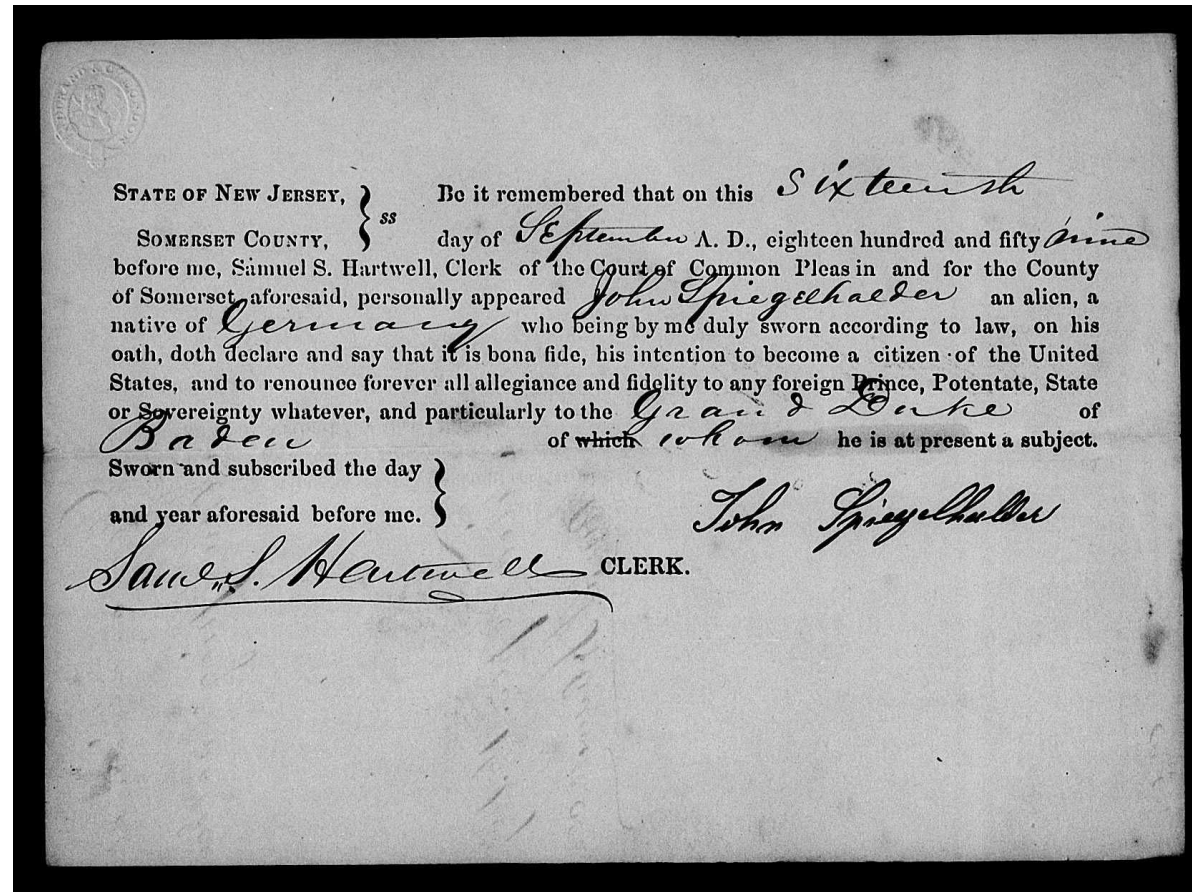
(Date)


 J. Edgar Hoover
 Director of Immigration and Naturalization.


 John Edgar Hoover
 Director of Immigration and Naturalization.

Catherine Vulku, Burlington County Naturalization #2872

Catherine's paperwork included with her naturalization: Petition for Naturalization (R, top and bottom), Declaration of Intention (large document, L), Certificate of Arrival (bottom C), and a Notice of Objection dated 1942 (top C). On the back of her petition (bottom right page) is an oath of allegiance, dated April 28, 1943.



1859 Declaration of Intention for John Spiegelhalder, Somerset County NJ **Declarations of Intention 1840-1860**

Research from this document: Census/City Directory research, Vital Records, Estate Papers, Deeds, Military Records. 1860 and 1870 Census gives us wife and children's name, and tells us that eldest daughter was born in Baden, while the other children were born in the U.S. If we were interested in researching Francisca (Frances) Spiegelhalter, wife of John, we could check any of the above collection types in Philadelphia.

Form 2294
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE

409 Rep. 940
ORIGINAL
(To be retained as the court record)

APPLICATION TO TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1936, AS AMENDED, AND FORM OF SUCH OATH

This form is for use under the Act of June 25, 1936, as amended by the Act of July 2, 1940 (Public No. 704-76th Congress), by a woman residing within or under the jurisdiction of the United States, who was a native-born citizen of the United States and who has, or is believed to have, lost United States citizenship solely by reason of marriage prior to September 22, 1922, to an alien, and whose marital status with such alien has terminated, or who has resided continuously in the United States since the date of such marriage. A woman, residing elsewhere, who is otherwise qualified should take up her case with an embassy, legation, or a consular officer of the United States. The oath of allegiance prescribed herein may be administered by any naturalization court in the United States to which this application is made. This form, which constitutes the court record of the transaction, should be executed in triplicate. The original should be retained as the record of the court. The duplicate, duly certified by the clerk of court, should be forwarded to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C., through the proper District Director or Divisional Director of Immigration and Naturalization on the first day of the succeeding month. The clerk of court shall furnish to the applicant, upon her demand, at a cost not exceeding \$1, a certified copy of the proceedings, under the seal of the court, including a copy of the oath administered. The triplicate copy of this form, which should be duly certified by the clerk, may be furnished to the applicant who makes such demand. If no such demand be made, the triplicate, un-certified, shall be forwarded with the duplicate as provided above.

In the U. S. District Court at Newark, NJ

Before WILLIAM F. SMITH, J., presiding.

I, Laura Homer Thomson, was born at Willow Grove, Penna. (Montgomery
(Give full name) (City or town, and State) Co)

on July 3, 1885, and was married on January 8, 1910 to
(Month, day, and year) (Month, day, and year)

George McKnight Thomson, then an alien, a citizen or subject of Great Britain
I lost, or believe that I lost, United States citizenship solely by reason of such marriage. My marital status with such alien has not been terminated, or ~~was terminated~~ by _____
(State by what means marital status with alien terminated)

I have resided continuously in the United States since the day of my birth (July 3, 1885)

The following available documents which support the foregoing facts are herewith exhibited by me:
Certificate of marriage of George McKnight Thomson and Laura Homer Vansant
at Camden, NJ Jan 8, 1910; Affidavit of older sister as to birth of applicant;
Affidavit of husband George McKnight Thomson as to U. S. continuous residence

I hereby apply to take the oath of allegiance as prescribed in section 4 of the Act of June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 596; U. S. C., t. 8, sec. 106), to become repatriated and obtain the rights of a citizen of the United States.

I now reside at 715 Mt. Prospect Avenue,
Newark, NJ Laura Homer Thomson
(Signature of applicant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of March, 1941
[SEAL] Benjamin F. Havens, Clerk.
By M. J. Blasi Deputy.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the above application be granted; that the applicant named therein be repatriated as a citizen of the United States, upon taking the oath of allegiance to the United States; and that the clerk of this court enter these proceedings of record.

Dated APR 14 1941 I, William F. Smith
OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I hereby declare on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty, of whom (which) I have or may have heretofore been a subject (or citizen); that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; SO HELP ME GOD. In acknowledgment whereof I have hereunto affixed my signature.

Laura Homer Thomson
(Signature of applicant)

The foregoing oath was administered to the applicant in open court this APR 14 1941 day of _____ 19____

[SEAL] Benjamin F. Havens, Clerk.
By M. J. Blasi Deputy.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-10859

April 14, 1941 Repatriation Oath of Allegiance for Laura Homer Thomson at U.S. District Court of Newark, N.J.

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Repatriation Oaths of Allegiance, Newark, New Jersey | NY-724 | RG 21 | NAID 2505534: Newark Township. Citizenship Records 1941, Oaths 401-500, Mar 10, 1941-Apr 14, 1941

Census and City Directories: Confirm Residence

- Census Population Schedules
- 1850 and later, full household will be listed. Can find NJ households (with head listed) back until 1830. Women might be represented on census with a mark under an age group, if she is not head of house.
- Did your female relative live after 1850? Focus on these censuses first. They will have more information (depending on year):
 - Age and month and year of birth
 - Country of origin and immigration status
 - How many children living and number birthed
 - Occupation and home address
 - Number of years married
- NJ also has State Censuses 1855-1915 with demographic information (see above)
- If you have followed a family for decades on the census and a woman suddenly disappears, check her adult children's entries.
- Find these records (federal and state) on Ancestry or FamilySearch.org
- Ancestors in NJ 1772-1822 check [Tax Ratables](#) (lists head of house only, no specific street address).
- City Directories-annual publications with alphabetical listing of head of households and their occupations and home & work addresses
- Head of house may have living spouse listed in parentheses
- Recently widowed people may have dead spouse listed in parentheses.
- Employed boys/men in household with female head of house may have their own listings in the directories. (This may be a second way to confirm that a woman has been widowed.)
- If a household recently moved away, City Directory might include this information and say where the person moved to.
- Criss Cross directories allow researchers to see business and residential addresses by block. Will give researchers a sense of household's surrounding area
- If a recently widowed woman disappears from the censuses, check City Directories to see if she has a listing. (She may not, if she is not head of house or employed.)
- Some City Directories are digitized online (Ancestry or local repositories). State Library has a collection of over 1000 for NJ in book or microfilm format.

Census and City Directories

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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES. B

State New Jersey } SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION. { Supervisor's District No. 148 Sheet No. 17
 County Mercer } { Enumeration District No. 68

Township or other division of county Third Precinct Name of Institution, _____
 Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division, Frederick City 4 Ward of city, Block 1
 Enumerated by me on the 11 day of June, 1900, Edward J. Connolly, Enumerator. 3576

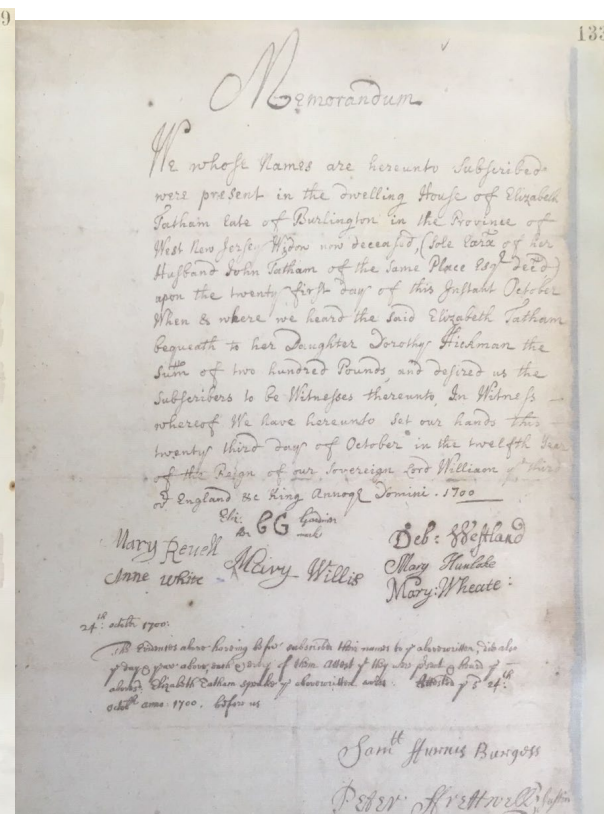
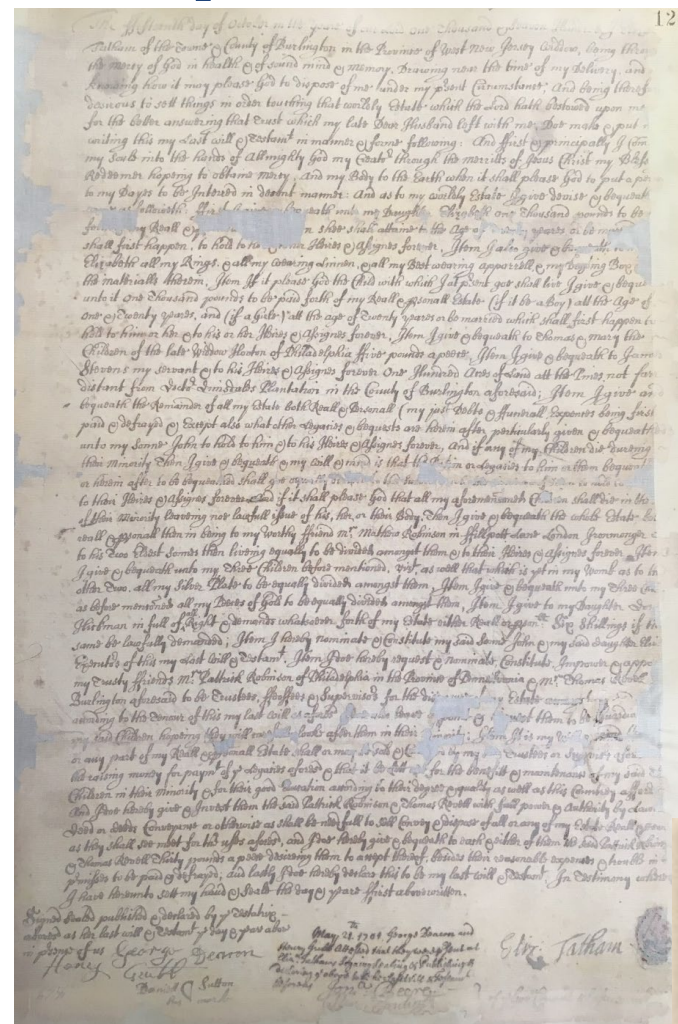
LOCATION.			NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family. <small>Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any. Increase every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.</small>	RELATION. <small>Relationship of each person to the head of the family.</small>	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.							NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP. <small>Year of immigration to the United States. Naturalization.</small>	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION of each person TEN YEARS OF AGE AND OVER.	EDUCATION.				OWNERSHIP OF HOME.			
House Number.	Block Number.	Sex.			Age.	Month.	Year.	Color.	Height.	Weight.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Years of school attended.			Years of school attended.	Years of school attended.	Years of school attended.	Years of school attended.	Years of school attended.	Years of school attended.		
506	316	Male	Bessie	Head	W. F.	Feb	1874	48	5	Russian	Russian	Russian												
		Female	David	Wife	W. M.	Aug	1874	25	5	Russian	Russian	Russian		Decorator										
		Male	Louis	Son	W. M.	Nov	1891	8	5	Russian	Russian	Russian		Paper Hanger										

ed feeling" you need **CAPITAL BREW**
 CAPITAL CITY BREWING CO. John W. Harter, Sec'y & Treas.
TRENTON DIRECTORY.

Staples James J, potter, bds 147 Houghton av
 Stapleton James, clerk, h 128 Spring
 Stapleton James, potter, bds 12 Camden
 Stapleton James J, clerk, bds 128 Spring
 Stapleton John J, moulder, h 127 Houghton av
 Stapleton Michael J, potter, bds 12 Camden
 Stapleton Thomas, laborer, h 12 Camden
 Stappung Edward, laborer State Hospital, res do
STAR BOTTLING CO (Charles K Rehrig, pres't), Lalor and Lambertson
 Star Porcelain Co, The (Thomas H Mackenzie, pres't), electric porcelain specialties, Seward av
 Star Printing Co (A C Stowell), 33 W State
 Starin Frank E, saloon, Grant av cor Seward av, h do
 Starin Walter W, plumber, bds 516 S Warren
 Stark Bessie, res 547 Lambertson
 Stark Charles W, draughtsman, bds 68 N Clinton av
 Stark David J, laborer, h 547 Lambertson
 Stark Frederick, fireman, h 516 Second
 Stark Frederick C, laborer, bds 546 Second

Estate Papers (including Wills)

- Kinship information (especially in a will)
- [Index to Wills up to 1900 digitized](#)
- Calendar of NJ Wills provides abstracts up to 1817
- Later 20th Century estate papers may be indexed on County Surrogate's website
- In addition to searching for woman's name in the index or abstracts check for her parents. A bequest might confirm her marital status and give husband's name.
- Check for a husband as well, as his wife may serve as his executor. Even if there is no will, the executor or administrator will be listed on other documents.
- Check for siblings or grandparents, as again, if there is a will, a woman might be granted a bequest as well.
- State Archives has [Estate Papers colonial era-1952](#)



1700 Oct. 15. Tatham, Elizabeth, of Burlington, widow: will of (much broken). Daughter Elizabeth, son John, and expected child; Thomas and Mary, children of the late widow Hooton of Philadelphia, servant James Stevens. If children die under age, the estate is to go to friend Matthew Robinson of Fillpott Lane, London, iron monger. Daughter Dor. Hickman receives only 6s., if lawfully demanded. Son John and daughter Elizabeth executors, Patrick Robinson of Philadelphia and Thomas Revell of Burlington Trustees, Feoffees and Supervisors. Witnesses—George Deacon, Henry Grubb, Daniel Sutton. Proved May 21, 1701.

1700 Oct. 23. Nuncupative codicill, giving to daughter Dorothy Hickman £200, attested by Deb: Westland, Mary Hunloke, Mary Wheat, Mary Revell, Mary Willis and Ann White.

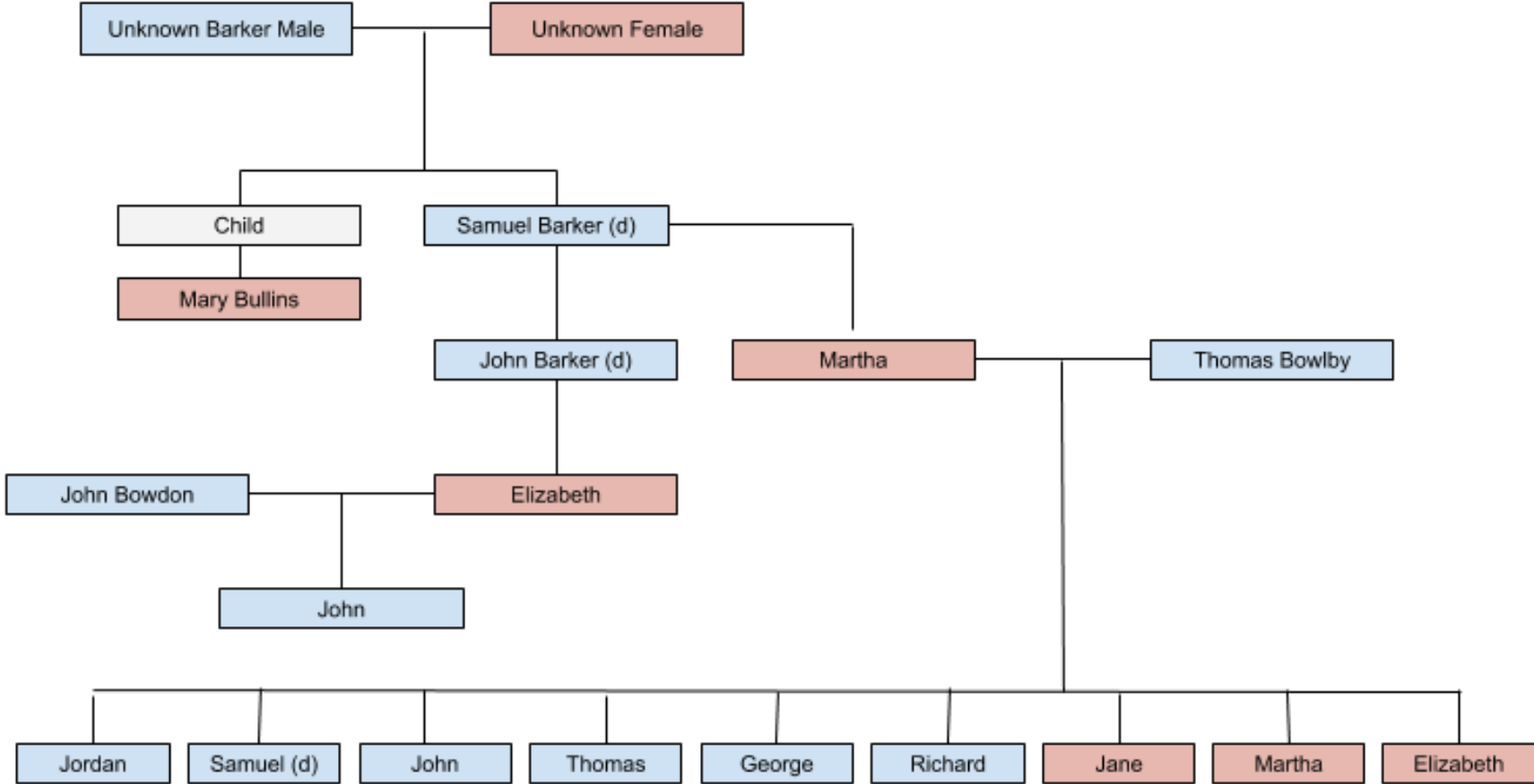
Lib. 4, p. 332

How Colonial Deeds can show Kinship (apply same logic to court cases)

- Top paragraph of a 1726 deed from Mary Bullins et al. to Robert Thompson, Richard Oddy, Christopher Snowden, and Gervais Meakin, Book D (WJ) p.428
- Just from this brief paragraph we learn:
 - That the family of Samuel Barker (deceased) is selling land inherited from his estate
 - How family members are related to Samuel Barker and each other
 - Where everyone lives and what they do for a living
 - Eldest children in some of the family groups
- If we read further in the document, we get an abstract of Samuel Barker's will, which left a great deal of land to his grandson Samuel Bowlby (now deceased) and made his niece Mary Bullins the executor and beneficiary of his estate.
- A woman might appear outright in a deed index. If she does not, and you know kin information, check indexes for male relatives
- Order [Early Land Records](#) (deeds) from State Archives
- Later deeds may be digitized on FamilySearch.org

This Indenture Quadruplicate made the thirteenth day of April in the twelfth Year of the
Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God of Great Britain King of Ireland
King Defender of the Faith &c Anno of Dom 1726 Between Mary Bullins of Dalbrough
in the County of Derby Spinster Executrix of the last will & Testament of Samuel Barker late
of the same place Gent. of the first part John Bowdon of Beightonfields in the Parish of
Dalbrough aforesaid Gent. and Elizabeth his wife which said Elizabeth was Grand Daughter
of the said Samuel Barker by his son John Barker also dec^d and John Bowdon Eldest
Son and heir apparent of them the said John & Elizabeth of the second part Thomas
Bowlby of Llanfildr Woodhouse in the County of Nottingham Dealer and Merchant
his Wife, which said Martha was Daughter of the said Samuel Barker's Son
Bowlby eldest son and heir apparent of them the s^d Thomas and Martha Bowlby
and their at Law also of Samuel Bowlby his late Brother dec^d John Bowlby Thomas
Bowlby Jun^r George Bowlby and Richard Bowlby (younger sons of the said Thomas
and Martha Bowlby) and Elizabeth Bowlby Martha Bowlby and Jane Bowlby
(Daughters of the said Thomas and Martha Bowlby of the third part and Robert
Tomlinson of Attercliffe in the parish of Sheffield and County of York Yeoman
Richard Oddy of Brotherton in the said County of York Tailor & Chandler Christopher
Snowden of Llanfildr Woodhouse in the said County of Nottingham Yeoman
and Gervais Meakin of the same place Yeoman of the fourth part Whereas y^e
said Samuel Barker in and by his last will & Testament in writing bearing date
on or about the ninth day of January in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of our
said Sovereign Lord King George Anno of Dom 1724 did give
Devise and bequeath unto his Grandson the above named Samuel Bowlby by
name of his Grandson Samuel Bowlby one halfe of all his Lands in &c
(which he had then in the whole three quarters of a Property for and to use)

Barker Family Tree



Takeaways

- Start with the vital records (birth, marriage, death)
- Use other collections to gather information when the trail goes cold
- If you don't see a woman in an index, check to see if her husband or male relatives are listed.
- Women are most likely to appear in marriage records, and after 1850 in the Census.
- If you can't find an entry for a woman in a City Directory, Naturalization, or Vital Record, check her:
 - After 1850 in the Census (Federal or State, residence)
 - Before 1850, Wills, Deeds, Court Cases (kin information, residence)
- If she disappears from the Census, don't necessarily assume she's dead. Check city directories (might have her own entry as a widow) and her adult kids' census entries
- Deeds and Court Cases can be surprising gold mines of information. She might not be named in the index, but the contents could pertain to her or her family!

Thank You! Any Questions?

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