

Getting Copies of Genealogical Records
Birth, Death, and Marriage

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Genealogical Records (family history research) are:

- Birth, death and marriage records for people who are deceased

AND where

- the birth occurred more than 80 years ago
- the marriage occurred more than 50 years ago
- the death occurred more than 40 years ago

Your request cannot be processed as a genealogical request if the person named on the record is still living or the event was more recent than listed above.

The Bureau of Vital Statistics and Registration holds records from 1901 to present. For records from May 1848 to 1900 visit the [New Jersey Department of State, Division of Archives and Records Management](#) web page or call (609) 292-6260.

The following **must** be sent with your application:

- all required copies of ID for proof of identity
- the correct fees
- copies of documents proving your relationship to the person named on the record, **if you are ordering a certified copy**

Your application will be returned if you do not send in all required documentation.



Step 1: Identify the genealogical record

You must identify the record by providing the following required information, if you provide the optional information it may assist us in locating the record.

Required Information:

- Full name on the record
- City or county where the event occurred
- Year the event occurred

Optional Information:

- Exact Date of Event
- Mother's maiden Name

- Father's Name
- Social security Number (deaths only)



Step 2: Provide Acceptable Identification

You must provide acceptable ID in order to get a copy of any vital record. Copies of vital records **must** be mailed to the address listed on your identification. The following are acceptable forms of ID:

- A current, valid photo driver's license or photo non-driver's license
OR
- A current, valid driver's license without photo and one alternate form of ID
OR
- Two alternate forms of ID, one of which must have current address.

Alternate forms of ID are:

- Vehicle registration
- Vehicle insurance card
- Voter registration
- US/Foreign Passport
- Immigrant Visa
- Permanent Resident Card (Green card)
- Federal/State ID
- County ID
- School ID
- Bank Statement (within previous 90 days)
- Utility bill (within the previous 90 days)
- W-2 or tax return for current/previous tax year

Please **do not send in original ID documents. Only copies are required.**