

# New Jersey Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy

## *Class 3: 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Research*

December 13, 2023

THE BRUE FAMILY LEARNING CENTER



American Ancestors<sup>®</sup>  
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

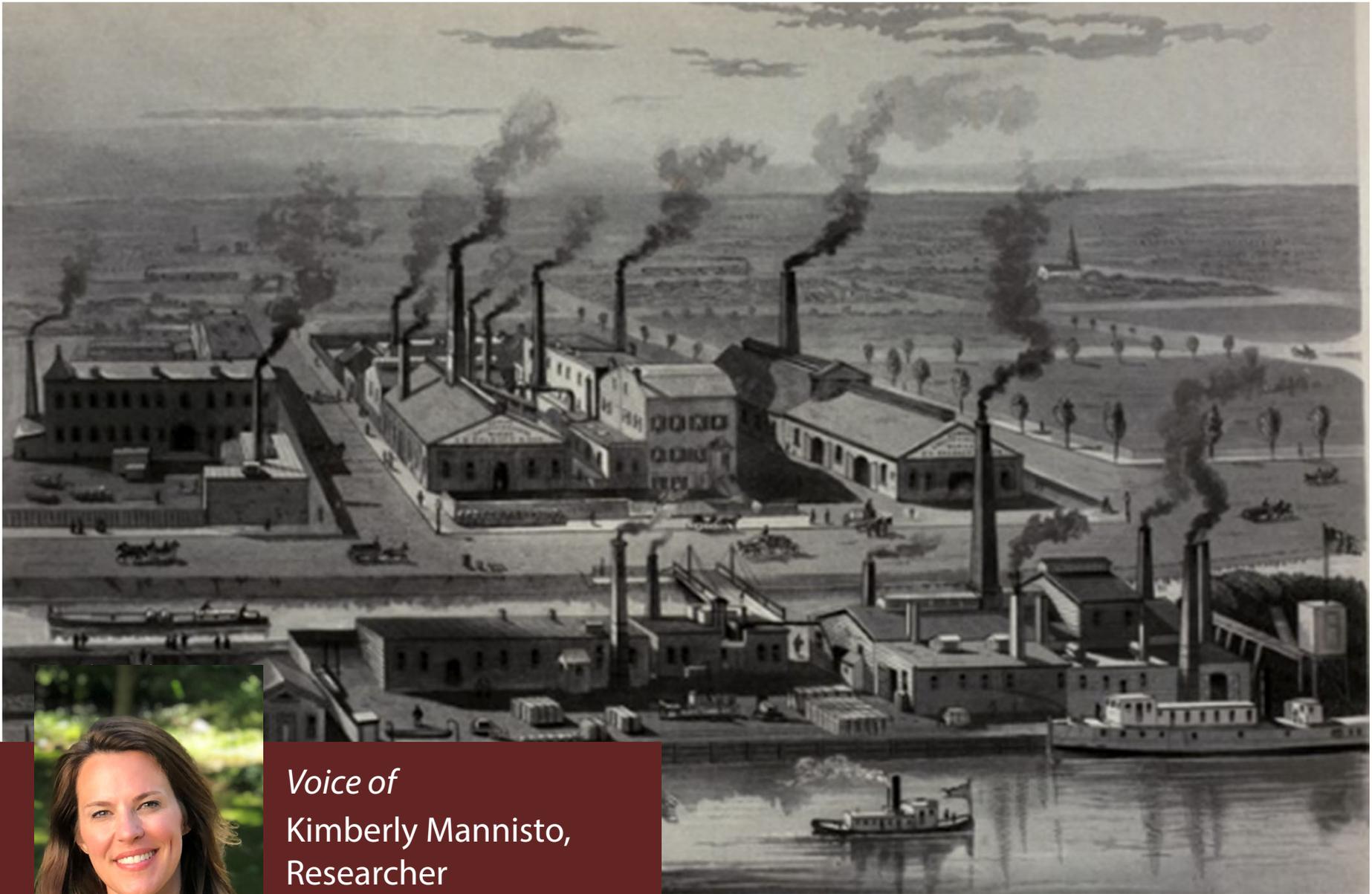
# Meet today's presenter



Kimberly Mannisto  
Researcher

# OVERVIEW

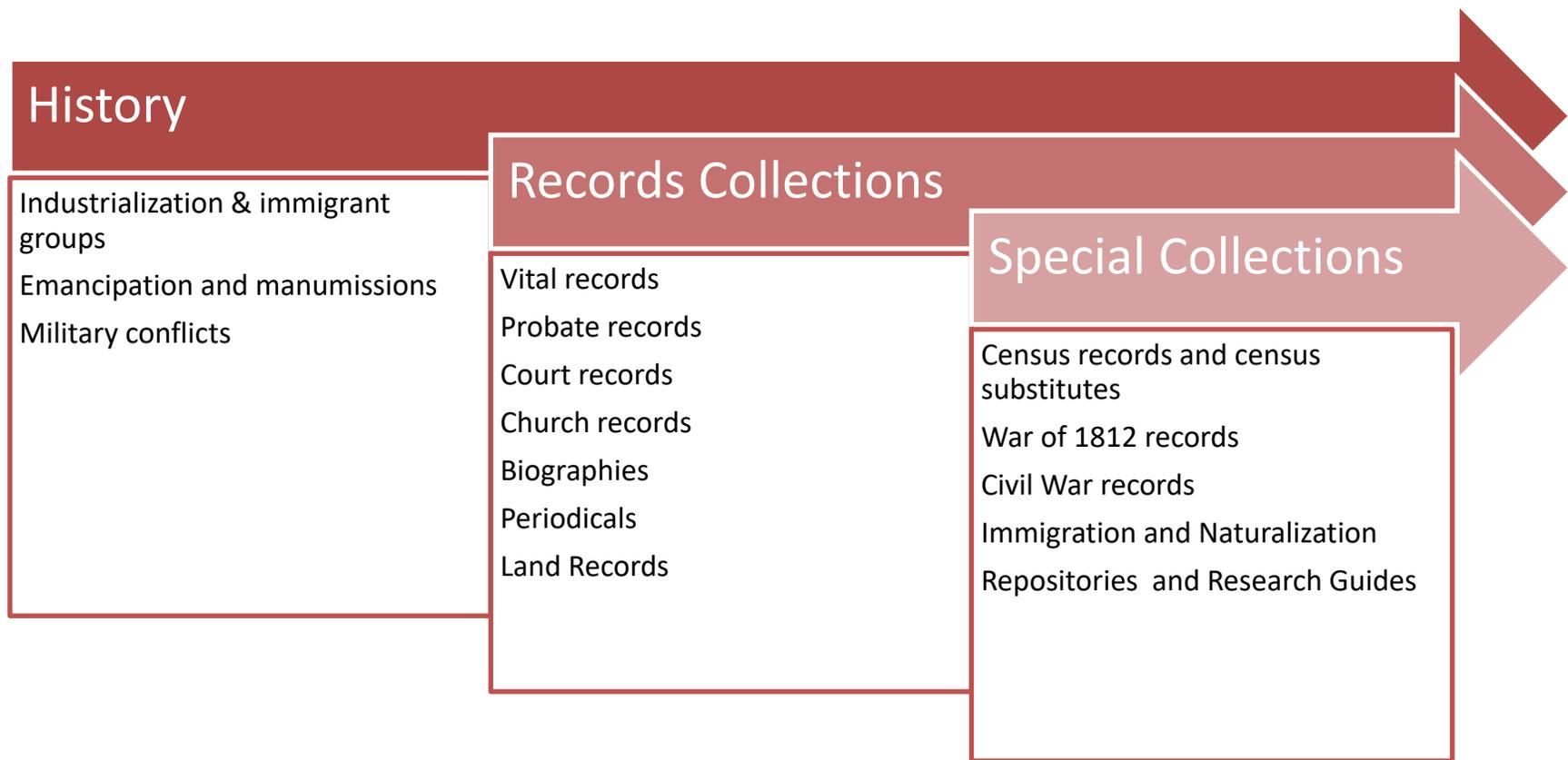
- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - History
  - Record collections
  - Repositories
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



*Voice of*  
Kimberly Mannisto,  
Researcher

Balbach Smelting and Refining Company, ca 1870, courtesy of the Newark Public Library.

# Overview



# The History and People of 19<sup>th</sup> Century New Jersey



Courtesy of Michelle Novak/ MND



"New Jersey Maps and County Seats," Geology.com.

# Understand Boundary Changes

- Interactive map <https://www.mapofus.org/iframe/nj-maps.htm>

play stop view <prev next> 1838

Merced from Somerset, Middlesex, Hunterdon, Burlington.

**NEW JERSEY COUNTY FORMATION YEARS**

1683	1685	1686	1688	1692	1693	1694	1700	1702	1710	1714	1739	1741	1748	1753
1773	1824	1837	1838	1839	1840	1844	1845	1847	1850	1852	1857	1860	1867	1868
1869	1871	1878	1891	1892	1897	1902	1926	1928						

**NEW JERSEY COUNTY CENSUS YEARS**

1790-1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880-1890	1900	1910-1930
-----------	------	------	------	------	------	-----------	------	-----------

**New Jersey Map Abbreviations**

unorg. = unorganized g. = gained w. = with fr. = from atmt. = attachment exch = exchanged	nca. = non county area ch. = changed At - Atlantic Be - Bergen Bu - Burlington	Cam - Camden CM - Cape May Cu - Cumberland Es - Essex Gl - Gloucester Hud - Hudson	Hun - Hunterdon Me - Mercer Mi - Middlesex Mon - Monmouth Mor - Morris Oc - Ocean	Pa - Passaic Sa - Salem So - Somerset Su - Sussex Un - Union Wa - Warren
--	--	---	--	---



# Industrial Revolution

- First “planned” industrial town in the U.S. was centered in Paterson, New Jersey in Passaic County:
  - Promoted by Alexander Hamilton- the United States first Secretary of Treasury
  - Built to harness the power of water to run the industrial center
  - In 1809, Thomas Jefferson placed an embargo on British manufactured goods

# “Silk City”

- Paterson produced cotton and other textiles like wool as well as paper, locomotives, and guns
- By the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Paterson was known as “Silk City”

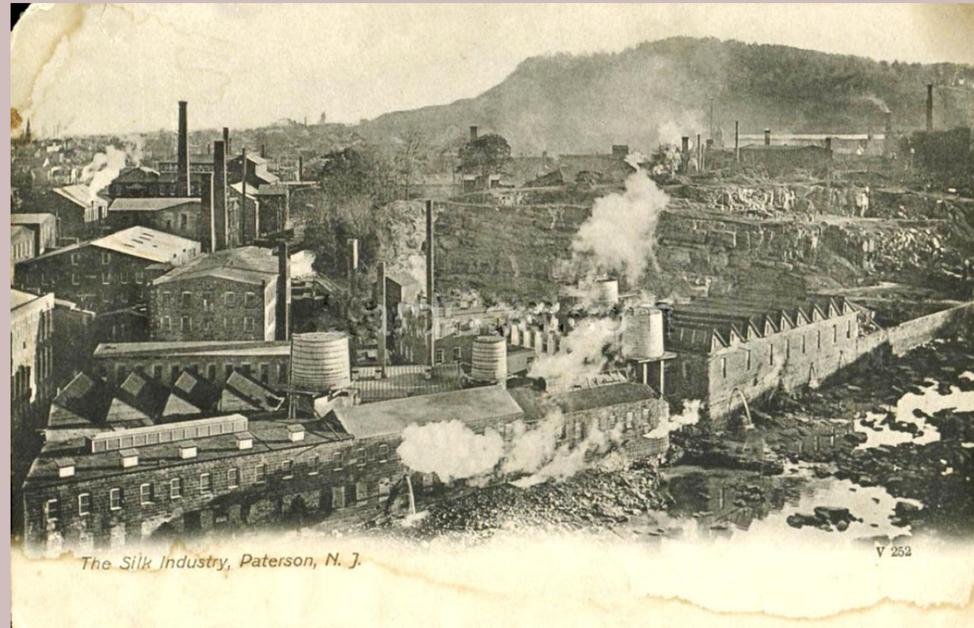
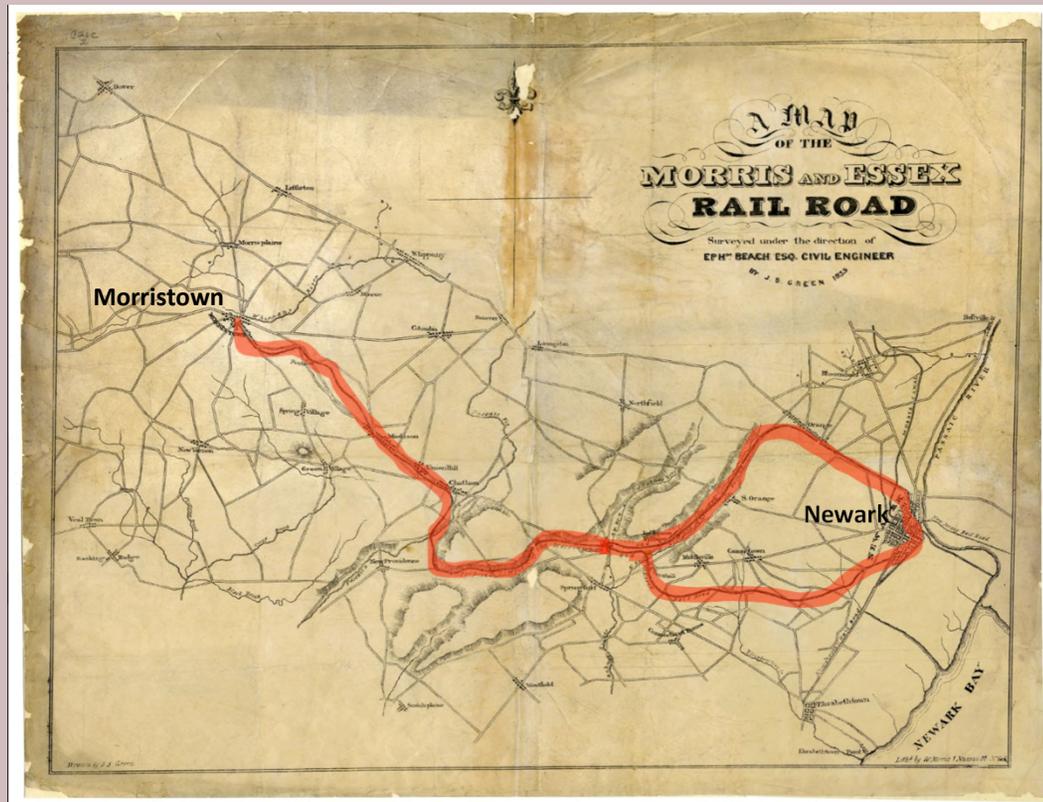


Image courtesy of Flickr.com

- By 1850, there were half a million people living in New Jersey
- New Jersey prospered during the early 1800s and manufacturing centers were also erected in Camden, Elizabeth, Jersey City, Trenton, and Newark:
  - Immigration helped increase the state's population to half a million by 1850
- The state was comprised of rural farmers in the south and industrial manufacturers in the north

# Canals and Railroads

- In 1820, the Morris Canal was built in Newark
  - Increase in Irish immigrants
- In the 1830s, the Morris and Essex Railroad was built



J. S. Green, "A Map of the Morris and Essex Railroad," 1835, image courtesy of The Morristown & Morris Township Library.

# Irish and German Immigrants

- 1840s and 50s saw an increase in Irish due to the “Great Hunger” and German immigrants because of the failed Revolution of 1848



The “Great Hunger” Ireland Image courtesy of



Fights between revolutionaries and the royal military, Breite Strasse Street Berlin, Image courtesy of Wikipedia.org

- Italians also made up a large immigrant population that arrived in New Jersey after Italian Unification in 1861
- About 1870, after the Civil War, New Jersey started to see an increase in the Black population due to the migration of southern Black workers
- Industrialization, declining conditions in Europe, and a post Civil war environment made New Jersey one of the most diverse states in the nation

# Emancipation

- New Jersey was the last northern state to pass a law regarding the emancipation of enslaved persons:
  - It was passed on 15 February 1804, but called for the “gradual emancipation of slaves”
- Understanding slave codes and laws prior to emancipation may help put into context what enslaved persons had to endure:
  - consult Rutgers University for more information on slave codes and laws- <http://fas-history.rutgers.edu/clemens/NJLaw/slaverypage.html>

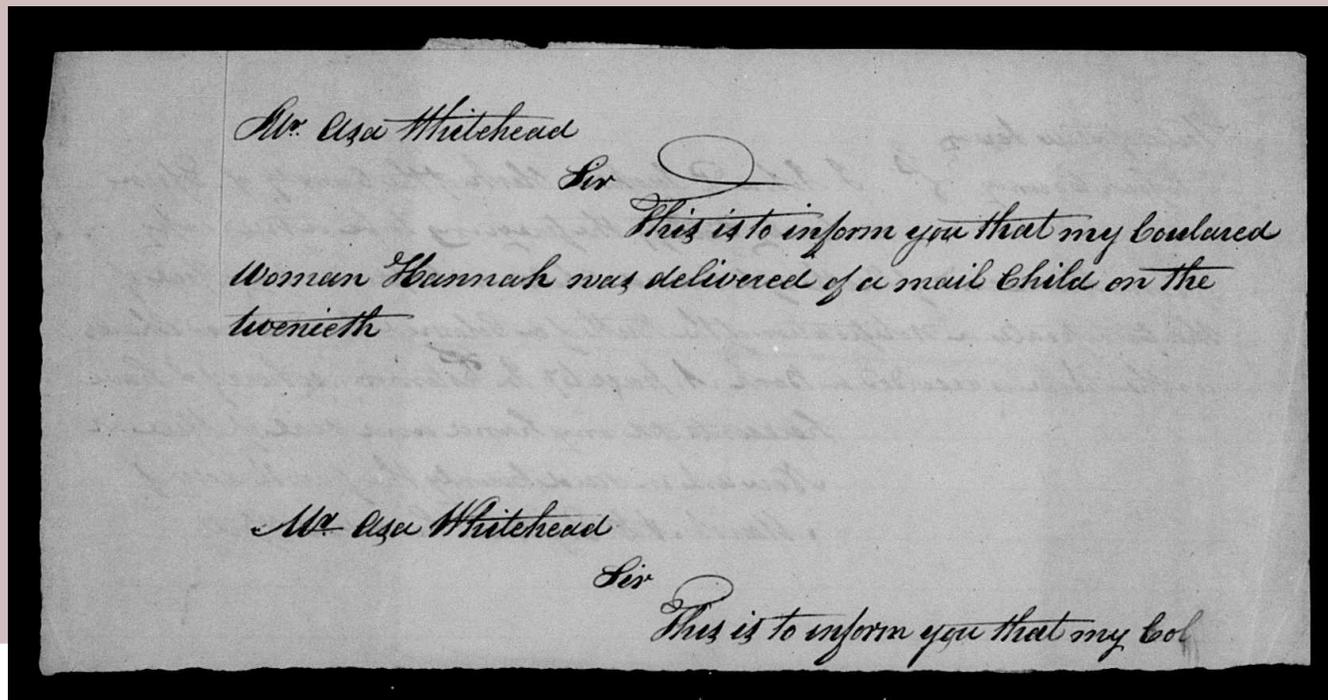
# Manumission Records

- For manumission records see:
  - “United States Indenture and Manumission Records, 1780-1939” on Family Search
- A Writ of Habeas Corpus had to be filed to grant emancipation
  - Search the database *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844-*  
[https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS\\_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx](https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx)
- County specific manumission records:
  - See African American Resources for New Jersey on Family Search which include manumission records for Bergen, Essex, Gloucester, Middlesex, Monmouth, Salem, and Sussex counties-  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/African\\_American\\_Resources\\_for\\_New\\_Jersey](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/African_American_Resources_for_New_Jersey)



# County Manumission Records

- In 1804, law required the registration of children born to enslaved mothers because children born after 4 July 1804 were declared “Free,” but they were bound as servants to the slave owners of their mothers for a period of 25 years for males and 21 years for females.



# Conflicts

# War of 1812

## (19 June 1812 – 17 February 1815)

- New Jersey bore witness to several violent attacks against U.S. ships off her own coast
- New Jersey legislature approved a resolution agreeing to:
  - “a resort to arm against Great Britain...because of the lawless aggressions committed by the British nations on the persons and property of our citizens”
- New Jersey was divided when it came to supporting President Madison’s declaration of war against Great Britain
- “New Jersey & the War of 1812” by Harvey Strum-  
[https://gardenstatelegacy.com/files/New Jersey and The War of 1812 Strum GSL41.pdf](https://gardenstatelegacy.com/files/New_Jersey_and_The_War_of_1812_Strum_GSL41.pdf)
  - Detailed political account of New Jersey leading up to the war

# Civil War

## (12 April 1861 – 9 April 1865)

- Over 88,000 New Jerseyans fought for the Union and around 6,000 lost their lives
- New Jerseyans served in over 50 different regiments
  - A large portion joined and served in the the Army of the Potomac once commanded by General George McClellan
- New Jersey and the Civil War:
  - *Remember You are a Jerseyman: A Military History of New Jersey's Troops in the Civil War* by Joseph G. Bilby and William C. Globe- search for a copy on Worldcat

# QUESTIONS?

# Record Collections

# New Jersey Record Collections

- Primary records for New Jersey have not been shared with free or paid sites like Family Search or Ancestry:
  - Most records need to be ordered from the New Jersey State Archives for a fee
- Many indexes, abstracts, and transcriptions are available to help locate records
- Through out the 19<sup>th</sup> century record keeping became more consistent

# Vital Records (Pre-1848)

# New Jersey Vital Records

- No authoritative source in charge of vital records in the state before 1 May 1848
- Other records can provide clues when vital records are not available:
  - Primary record sets like land, court, and probate records as well as church records
  - Also search cemeteries, military records, newspapers, town histories, biographies, and genealogies

# Birth Records Pre-1848

- Available indexes include:
  - “1660-1931 New Jersey, Births ad Christenings” on Ancestry
  - “New Jersey, Church Records, 1675-1970” on Family Search
    - Both collections contained abstracted information from the state of New Jersey
- “New Jersey Vital Records, Historical Society of Pennsylvania” also has New Jersey vital records- access via Findmypast

# Death Records Pre-1848

- May need to use record substitutes like cemetery, church, probate records, as well as deeds and military pension records
- Other resources include:
  - “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708-1985” on Ancestry
  - “New Jersey Vital Records, Historical Society of Pennsylvania” on Findmypast
  - “New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988” on Family Search or “New Jersey, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1798-1971” on Ancestry

- “New Jersey, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1798-1971” on Ancestry
  - Details extracted from several sources including church and family records

### Stephen P Smith

in the New Jersey, U.S., Deaths and Burials Index, 1798-1971



[Add or update information](#)  
[Report a problem](#)

Detail	Source
Name	Stephen P Smith
Birth Date	abt 1850
Death Date	14 Sep 1883
Death Age	33 years
Gender	Male
FHL Film Number	<a href="#">1001895</a>

[Save](#)

FamilySearch Catalog

Search the catalog of genealogical materials (including books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications) made available by FamilySearch online and in libraries and centers worldwide.

[Learn more about the catalog and how to access materials.](#)

**Search by:**  
Place | Surnames | Titles | Author | Subjects | Keywords

Place

**Search for:**  
Call Number | Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)

Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)  
1001895

**Availability**  
 Any  
 Online  
 FamilySearch center

[Search](#) [Reset](#)

**Other Catalogs to Consider:**  
**OCLC WorldCat**  
WorldCat is the world's largest network of library content and services. WorldCat libraries are dedicated to providing access to resources on the web, where people start their search for information.

**ArchiveGrid**  
ArchiveGrid is a collection of more than two million archival material descriptions, including MARC records from WorldCat and finding aids harvested from the web.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, **Catalog**, Books, and Wiki. Below the tabs, there are links for 'BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS', 'PRINT', and 'Catalog Print List (0)'. The main title is 'Index to death records', with a red arrow pointing to it from the left. Below the title, there is a metadata section with fields: Authors (Gloucester County Historical Society (Woodbury, New Jersey) (Main Author)), Format (Manuscript/Manuscript on Film), Language (English), Publication (Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988), and Physical (on 30 microfilm reels ; 16 mm.). There is an 'Add to Print List' button. Below the metadata is a 'Notes' section with text: 'Microfilm of originals at the Gloucester County Historical Society, Woodbury. Some cards are misfiled. Index covers newspapers, cemetery transcriptions and other genealogical works. There are not many entries before 1800. View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations'. Below the notes is a 'Subjects' section with 'Locality Subjects' and links for 'United States, New Jersey, Gloucester - Vital records - Indexes' and 'United States, New Jersey, Gloucester - Cemeteries - Indexes'. At the bottom is a 'Film/Digital Notes' table with columns: Note, Location, Collection/Shelf, Film, Image Group Number (DGS), and Format. A red arrow points to the table from the right. The table contains four rows of data.

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
1670-1939 Aaron, Eliza C - Bevers, Willie	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1543555	7578945	🔍 📄
1670-1939 Bevers, Willie - Chevrier, Charles N	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1543556	7578946	🔍 📄
1670-1939 Chevrier, Charles N - Dix, Anna May	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1543557	7578947	🔍 📄
1670-1939 Dix, Anna May - Gardner, William K	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1543558	7578948	🔍 📄

- “New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988” on Family Search

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch record for Stephen P. Smith. The record is titled "Stephen P. Smith" and is part of the "Vital • New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988" collection. The record includes a "Document Information" section with the following details:

Document Information	
Digital Folder Number	007578955
Microfilm Number	1543565
Image Number	00576
Originating System	EASY
Indexing Batch	101157-6

A red arrow points to the "Document Information" section. Other details include: Name: Stephen P. Smith, Sex: Male, Age: 33, Birth Year (Estimated): 1850, Event Type: Death, Event Date: 19 Sep 1883, Event Place: Gloucester, New Jersey, United States. The record is also linked to the "New Jersey Deaths and Burials, 1720-1988" collection.

# Marriage Records

- First step is to locate a marriage record in indexes like:
  - “New Jersey, Marriages, 1670-1980” on Family Search
  - “New Jersey, U.S. Complied Marriage Records, 1684-1886” on Ancestry
  - “New Jersey Marriage Records, 1670-1965” on Ancestry

**Mary Johnson**  
Marriage • New Jersey, Marriages, 1670-1980

SAVE EDIT SHARE

**Check Image Availability**

Name **Henry or Henry Mason**  
Sex **Male**  
Marital Status **Married**  
Spouse's Name **Mary Johnson**  
Spouse's Sex **Female**  
Event Type **Marriage**  
Event Date **6 August 1836**  
Event Place **Bergen, New Jersey, United States**  
Event Place (Original) **New Jersey, United States**

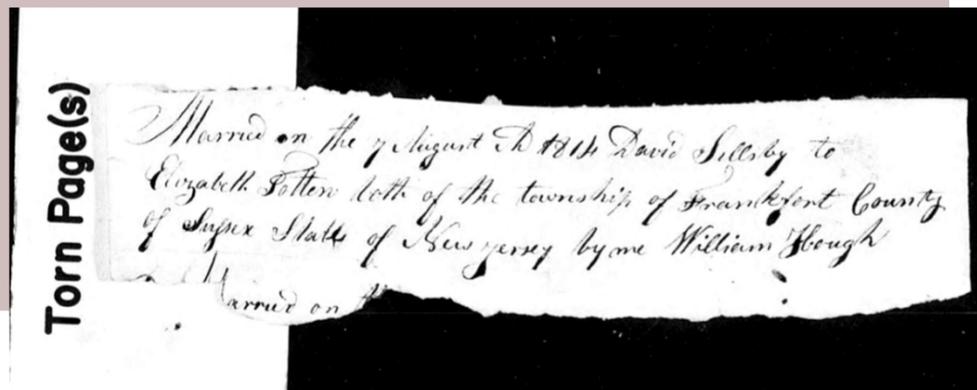
**Document Information**

**Collection Information**  
New Jersey, Marriages, 1670-1980

**Cite This Record**  
"New Jersey, Marriages, 1670-1980", , FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:Q29L-QCKF : Fri Oct 06 14:35:00 UTC 2023), Entry for Henry or Henry Mason and Mary Johnson, 06 Aug 1836.  
Copy Citation

**Mary Johnson's Spouses and Children** CLOSE ALL

Henry or Henry Mason	Husband	M
Name	<b>Henry or Henry Mason</b>	
Sex	<b>Male</b>	
Marital Status	<b>Married</b>	
Spouse's Name	<b>Mary Johnson</b>	
Spouse's Sex	<b>Female</b>	
Event Type	<b>Marriage</b>	
Event Date	<b>6 August 1836</b>	
Event Place	<b>Bergen, New Jersey, United States</b>	
Event Place (Original)	<b>New Jersey, United States</b>	



# New Jersey State Archives

Governor Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver  
NJ Home | Services A to Z | Departments/Agencies | FAQs

Search  All of NJ

DEPARTMENT OF STATE HOME | BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEV | ARTS/HISTORY/CULTURAL PROGRAMS | DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

**NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES**

PLANNING YOUR VISIT  
SEARCH THE COLLECTIONS  
REPRO SERVICES  
COLLECTION MANAGEMENT  
DOCUMENTARY TREASURES  
SPECIAL PROJECTS AND COMMEMORATIONS  
STATE HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY BOARD

**CONTACT THE NJ STATE ARCHIVES**

**Mailing Address:**  
NJ State Archives  
P.O. Box 307  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0307

**Office Address:**  
225 West State Street - 2nd Floor  
Trenton, NJ

**Contact Information**  
Email: [Feedback@sos.nj.gov](mailto:Feedback@sos.nj.gov)

**TRANSLATOR**

Select Language

Powered by [Google Translate](#)  
[Translator Disclaimer](#)

**Archives Open by Appointment**

The New Jersey State Archives is open for research by appointment. To book an appointment please visit our [online appointment page](#). For more information on hours, directions, and scheduling process, please go to [Planning Your Visit](#).

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.

**FEATURED CONTENT**

**Searchable Databases and Records Request Forms**

We now accept credit cards! Our databases index over 1.5 million documents and photographs in our collection. [read more](#)

# NJSA Searchable Databases

GOVERNOR Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
NJ Home | Services A to Z | Departments/Agencies | FAQs

SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND RECORDS REQUEST FORMS

DOS Home > New Jersey State Archives > Search the Collections Searchable Databases Index

VIEW CART

**Birth, Marriage & Death Records**  
**Land, Probate & Court Records**  
**Military & Wartime Records**  
**Photograph Collections**

**New Features for NJ State Archives Databases!**

- We now accept **credit card payments** from most databases and records request forms.
- Payment with check or money order is also available from shopping cart.
- You may combine up to 10 records from different databases and records request forms in a single order.

The searchable databases listed below provide access to over 2,350,000 database entries, indexing over 1,500,000 documents and photographs housed at the New Jersey State Archives. Database development is currently focused on 1848-1878 death records, early land records, and the records of the Supreme Court. Archives staff add and edit database entries daily. Please be sure to re-check this site often for new content.

New **record request forms** have been added for birth, marriage and death records; probate and county naturalization records; Revolutionary War and World War I records. Use these forms to request the Archives staff to search for records not currently indexed in searchable databases, based on the information you provide.

For more information on our other holdings, please consult our [Searchable Catalog](#).

Please do not use the browser "Back" button while navigating the database pages and records request forms.

**BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH RECORDS**

Searchable Databases	Records Request Forms
<b>Colonial Marriage Bonds, ca. 1666-1799</b> 11,533 marriage bonds	<b>Birth Record Search: May 1, 1848 - December 31, 1922</b>
<b>Marriage Records, May 1848 - December 1900</b> Approximately 492,000 marriage records	<b>Marriage Record Search: May 1, 1848 - December 31, 1940</b>
<b>Death Records, May 1848 - May 1878</b> Over 301,128 death records (Data entry ongoing)	<b>Death Record Search: May 1, 1848 - December 31, 1940</b>
<b>Death Records, June 1878 - December 1900</b> 628,584 death records (Data entry is complete)	<b>County Clerks' Marriage Record Search</b> Limited counties and date ranges

# Ordering Records

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Governor Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver  
NJ Home | Services A to Z | Departments/Agencies | FAQs  
Search All of NJ

**NJSA** SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND RECORDS REQUEST FORMS  
STATE ARCHIVES

DOS Home > New Jersey State Archives > Search the Collections > Searchable Databases Index

### County Clerks' Marriage Record Search Request

Please do not use the browser "Back" button while navigating the database pages and record request forms. Instead click on the "Back to Main Page" button below to return to the list of searchable databases and online records request forms.

- We now accept credit card payments. Or print the request form and pay by check or money order.
- You may combine up to 10 records from different databases and record request forms in a single order.

The State Archives maintains County Clerks' marriage records for the following counties and time periods only:

Burlington, 1795-1878	Essex, 1795-1872	Sussex, 1817-1878
Cumberland, 1795-1878	Somerset, 1795-1878	Union, 1857-1878

These records typically include the names of the groom, the bride, and the officiant, the date, and sometimes the location of the wedding. The names of parents are rarely recorded.

- For a \$5.00 fee we will search for a marriage record within a **single county for a single 5-year span**.
- Fees are non-refundable** regardless of whether the record requested is found.

**Complete all Required fields \***  
Please provide as much information as possible

[Back to Main Page](#)

Full Name of Groom *	Full Maiden Name of Bride *
Select County *	Date Range (up to 5 years) Year 1 * Year 2
Additional Information (Maximum 255 characters)	

[Reset Search Criteria](#) [Add to Cart](#)

# Tip

Always check to see what vital record collections are available at the county and/or town Level!

# Vital Records Post 1 May 1848

- New Jersey was the 2<sup>nd</sup> state in the U.S. to start a continuous collection of vital records and this started on May 1, 1848
- New Jersey State Archive databases:

#### **BIRTH, MARRIAGE, AND DEATH RECORDS**

---

##### **Searchable Databases**

**Colonial Marriage Bonds, ca. 1666-1799**  
*11,533 marriage bonds*

**Marriage Records, May 1848 - December 1900**  
*Approximately 492,000 marriage records*

**Death Records, May 1848 - May 1878**  
*Over 301,128 death records*  
*(Data entry ongoing)*

**Death Records, June 1878 - December 1900**  
*628,584 death records*  
*(Data entry is complete)*

##### **Records Request Forms**

**Birth Record Search: May 1, 1848 - December 31, 1922**

**Marriage Record Search: May 1, 1848 - December 31, 1940**

**Death Record Search: May 1, 1848 - December 31, 1940**

**County Clerks' Marriage Record Search**  
*Limited counties and date ranges*



# Sample Death Record

THESE RECORDS MUST NOT BE REPLICATED OR DAMAGED, BUT RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE PERFECT, AS THEY ARE TO BE BOUND.

Return of Deaths in the Township of *Little Ferry* County of *Essex* State of New Jersey, from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of *June* 1873 to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of *June* 1874

No.	Date of Death.	Name of Decedent.	Sex of Dec'd.	Married or Single.	Age.	Occupation.	Place of Death.	Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Cause of Death.	Time of Making Record.
265	Aug 15	Harold City	Male		15y 2m 7d		Newark	Newark	John & Sarah	Epidemic	
266		George Waldman			5y 5m 11d				John & Mary	Heart Die	
267		Robert Rinners			14				Wm & Augustin	Infl of Lung	
268		John Spivack			3m 11d			West	John & Rosa	Child Suffer	
269		James Pagan			7d				James & Mary	Cholera	
270		Augustine Jurek			5y				Henry & Rosalie	Diphtheria	
271		John B. Hutcheson		Married	8y 3m					Child Suffer	
272		Walter W. Cobb			7y 2					Cholera	
273	16	William S. Stewart			14d				Benedict & Constance	Cholera	
274		Richard Higgins			9m 10				James & Emily	Cholera	
275		William Penegar			4y			N. J.	John & Rosa	Cholera	
276		Peter Friedlander		Single	57y			Germany		Stroke	
277		Robert Weston			50y		C.	England		Stroke	
278		Alfred W. Sullivan		Married	70y			N. J.		Infl of Brain	
279		James P. P. P.						England		Cholera	
280		Allyla						Newark	John & Mary	Cholera	
281		James W. P. P.			7m 21d				James & Jane	Cholera	
282		Catherine Nealy			14				Henry & Anne	Child Suffer	
283		Thomas Smith		Married	21y			West		Cholera	
284		Maria W. Cooper			4y 4m 11d				Andrew & Maria	Diphtheria	
285		Oliver W. P. P.			1y 5m		C.			Diphtheria	
286		Mary P. P.			3y 9				William & Mary	Cholera	
287		John P. P.		Married	6y 3m			Germany		Child Suffer	
288		W. Hill		Single	19y			West		Small Pox	

# Cause of Death

- Glossary of Medical Terms used in the 19<sup>th</sup> century-  
<http://www.thornber.net/medicine/html/medgloss.html>
- Old medical terms-  
<https://fentonhistsoc.tripod.com/id121.html>

# Sample Marriage Records

STATE OF NEW JERSEY. S 51  
**MARRIAGE RETURN.**

**SEE PENALTY FOR NON-REPORT.**  
Use ink, and write plainly, especially names.

1. FULL NAME OF HUSBAND... Baruch Sitt  
 Place of Residence... Wantage Township Sussex Co. N.J.

2. Age... 26 years 5 months. Number of his Marriage... 1

3. Occupation... Salesman Country of Birth... U. S.

4. Name of Father... Edw. call Sitt Country of Birth... U. S.

5. Maiden name of Mother... Abbie T. Sitt Country of Birth... U. S.

---

1. FULL MAIDEN NAME OF WIFE  
Mary Catherine Datz Country of Birth... U. S.

2. Place of Residence... Frankford Sussex Co. N.J.

3. Age, nearest birthday... 29

4. Last name, if a Widow... Mary C. Datz Number of Bride's Marriage... 2

5. Name of Father... John Datz Country of Birth... U. S.

6. Maiden name of Mother... Pharrrah Towne Country of Birth... U. S.

1. Date (in full) July 7, 1884 Place Colerick N.J.

2. In presence of Amos P. Vandenberg

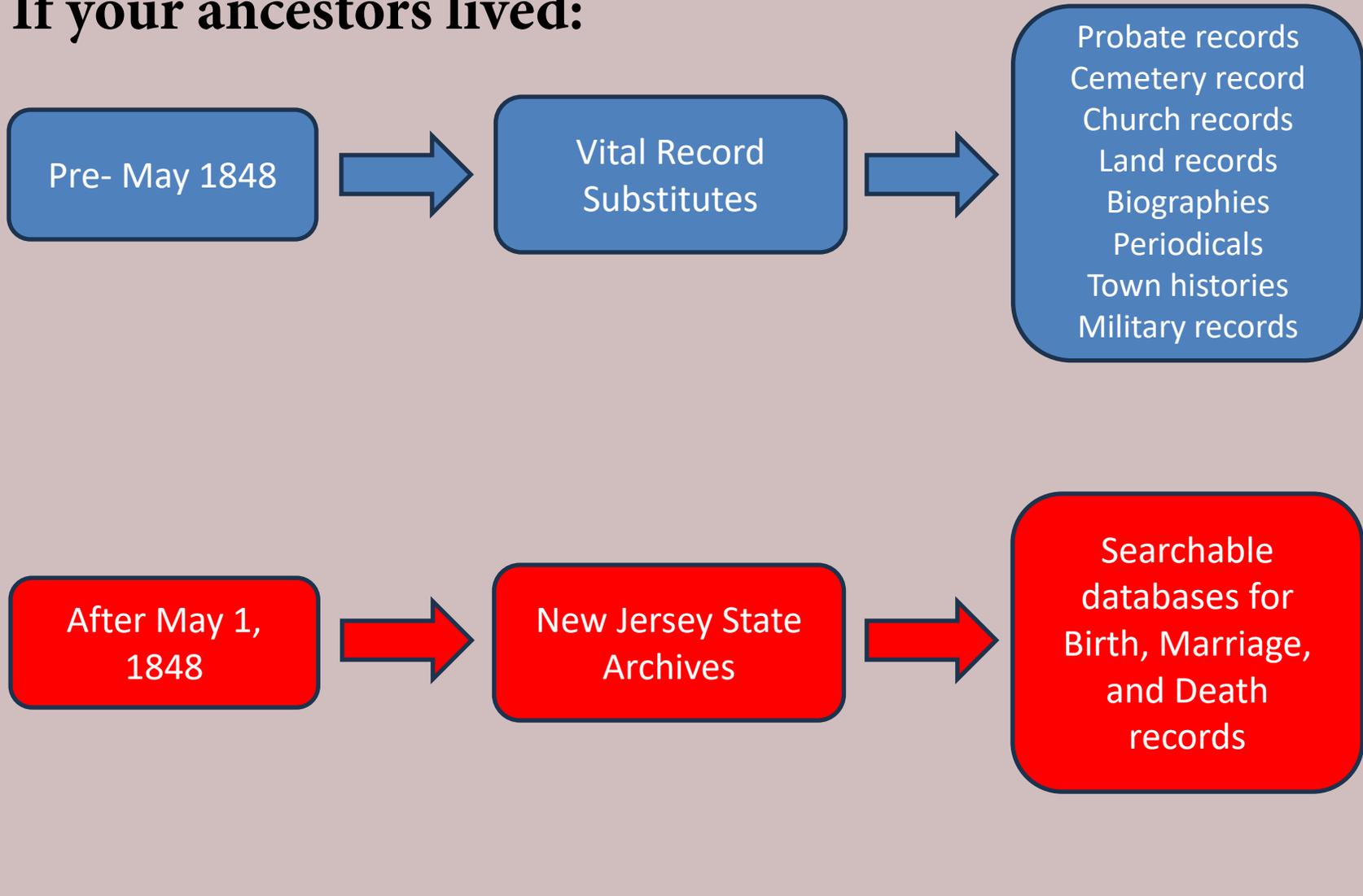
3. Signature of Minister, (what Church Pastor of) or person officiating... Levi Vandenberg Pastor of Church

Department of State  
**NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES**  
 225 West State Street, P.O. Box 307  
 Trenton, NJ 08625-0307  
 Telephone: (609) 984-1050 Website: www.archives.nj.gov

The following was copied, retaining any Errors, Misspellings, and Omissions, from  
**RETURNS OF MARRIAGES, MAY 1848 – MAY 1878**

Volume AH	Page No. 271	Town/Township Hackettstown	County Warren
Marriage Date July 7, 1865	Male 22	Female 22	By Whom Married George C. Bush
Parties' Ages <input type="checkbox"/> Not Given		Male Marital Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widow	Female Marital Status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Not Given
Residence (By Whom Married) Hackettstown	Official Station Mintser of the Gospel	Marriage Place Parsonage	
Parties' Names John Smith & Amelia Smith		Parties' Residence Hope [male] Danville [female]	
Parents' Names (Male) Peter & Charity		Parents' Names (Female) Samuel & Jane	
Occupation Farmer		Time Record Made Farmer	
Other Information on the Record / Explanatory Notes Poor microfilm copy.			
I hereby certify that the forgoing is an accurate transcript of an original record on file at the NEW JERSEY STATE ARCHIVES.		Chief of Archives (Signature) <u>Joseph R. Klein</u>	Date January 24, 2023

## If your ancestors lived:

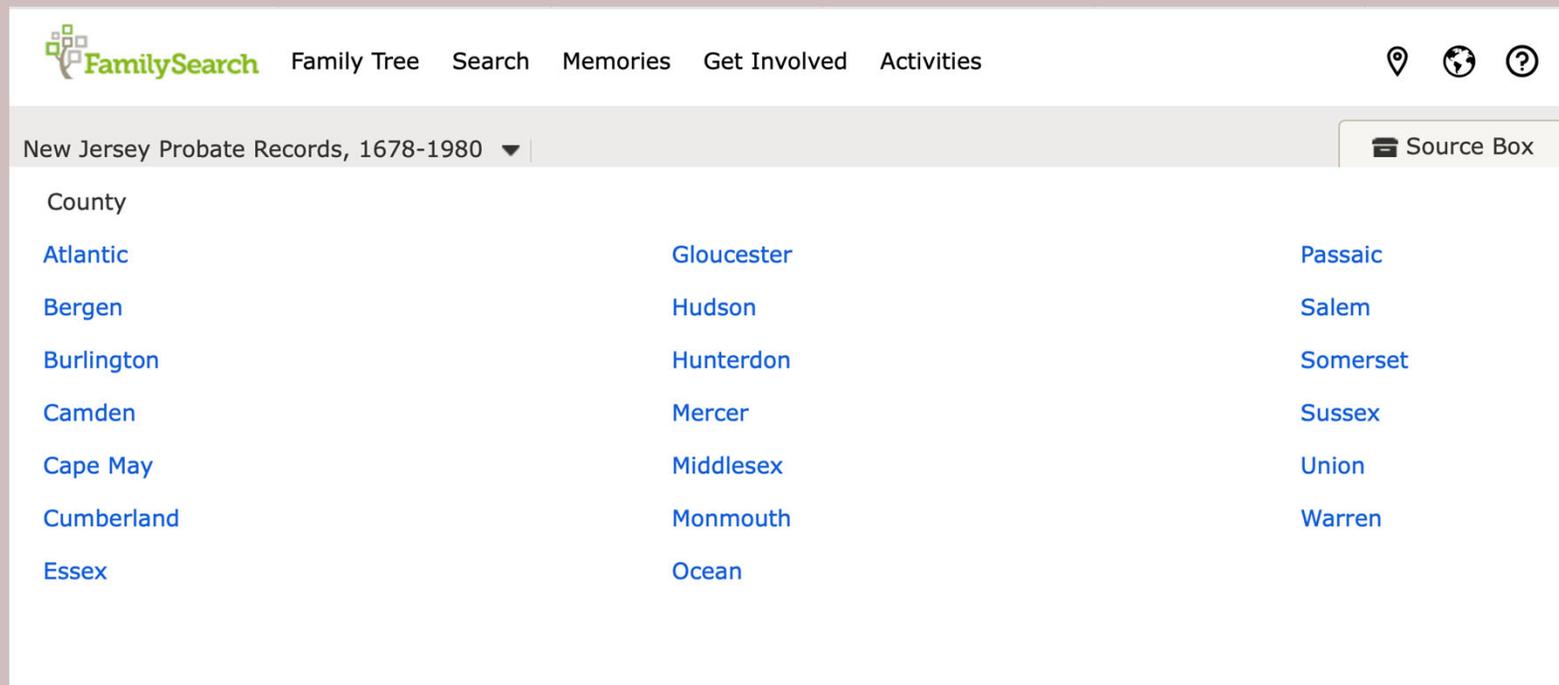


# Probate Records

# Probate and Estate Records

- After 1784, the Secretary of State handled probate matters and surrogates were appointed to handle cases
  - During this time, probate records were supposed to be sent to Trenton
  - Estate papers include wills, inventories, administrations, and guardianship papers
- Starting in 1804, the county surrogate offices started recorded copies of probate records
- Estate matters such as partitions of estates, petitions filed against the estate, and guardianship matters were shared by the Orphans' Court and the county surrogate:
  - Search for records in county surrogate records

- Family Search has copied many probate records from county surrogate offices:
  - “New Jersey, Probate Records, 1678-1980”



FamilySearch Family Tree Search Memories Get Involved Activities

Kim Matul

New Jersey Probate Records, 1678-1980 Ocean

Source Box Attach to Family Tree

Volume Title and Year

<a href="#">Administration and guardian records 1850-1919 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1872-1883 vol 3-4</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 175-287</a>
<a href="#">Administration bonds 1861-1911 vol 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1879-1883 vol 4</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 288-384</a>
<a href="#">Administration records 1850-1917 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1883-1893 vol 5-6</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 385-483</a>
<a href="#">Applications for letters of administration 1878-1917 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1893-1901 vol 7-8</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 484-583</a>
<a href="#">Applications for letters of administration 1917-1927 vol 3</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1901-1904 vol 9</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 584-674</a>
<a href="#">Applications for probate of wills 1885-1915 vol 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1905-1916 vol 10-13</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 675-760</a>
<a href="#">Applications for probate of wills 1915-1925 vol 3</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1916-1922 vol 13-16</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 761-841</a>
<a href="#">Bonds 1875-1897 vol 3</a>	<a href="#">Minutes 1922-1923 vol 16</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 842-933</a>
<a href="#">Bonds 1875-1915 vol 3</a>	<a href="#">Receipts and discharges 1852-1904 vol 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 934-1025</a>
<a href="#">Bonds 1897-1924 vol 3-5</a>	<a href="#">Receipts and discharges 1904-1918 vol 3-5</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 1026-1129</a>
<a href="#">Divisions of land 1850-1914 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Receipts and discharges 1918-1925 vol 5-6</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 1130-1181</a>
<a href="#">Divisions of land 1852-1909 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Sales 1851-1915 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1885-1897 vol 3-4</a>
<a href="#">Guardian inventories 1856-1919 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Sales 1852-1915 vol 2</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1897-1904 vol 5-6</a>
<a href="#">Guardian records 1851-1919 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Surrogate's docket index 1850-1955 A-K</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1904-1907 vol 7</a>
<a href="#">Inventories 1850-1861 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Surrogate's docket index 1850-1955 A-Z</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1907-1913 vol 9-11</a>
<a href="#">Inventories 1861-1884 vol 2-3</a>	<a href="#">Surrogate's docket index 1850-1955 L-Z</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1913-1917 vol 11-14</a>
<a href="#">Inventories 1884-1912 vol 4-6</a>	<a href="#">Surrogate's dockets 1850-1955 vol 1</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1917-1921 vol 14-17</a>
<a href="#">Inventories 1912-1926 vol 6-8</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1885 vol 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1920-1922 vol 17-18</a>
<a href="#">Minutes 1851-1872 vol 1-2</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 1-56</a>	<a href="#">Wills and inventories 1850-1942 vol 1</a>
<a href="#">Minutes 1864-1879 vol 2-3</a>	<a href="#">Wills 1850-1900 no 57-174</a>	

## Other Resources

- “New Jersey, U.S., Abstract of Wills, 1670-1817” on Ancestry (New Jersey Calendar of Wills) - <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2793/>
  - Abstracted records before 1817
- “New Jersey, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1739-1991” on Ancestry:
  - Includes original copies filed at the county level
- *A Review and Index of Succession Law in the State of New Jersey, Including Statues and Decisions from 1775 to 1905* by Joseph Fitz Randolph - <https://archive.org/details/reviewindexofsuc00rand/page/6/mode/2up>

- The New Jersey State Archives has copies of probate records up to 1901 and most county probate records from the 19<sup>th</sup> century
  - Search the database *Probate Record Search Request: ca 1660-1952*

State of New Jersey  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Governor Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver  
NJ Home | Services A to Z | Departments/Agencies | FAQ

**NISA** SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND RECORDS REQUEST FORMS  
Search [All of NJ] [Go]

DOS Home > New Jersey State Archives > Search the Collections > Searchable Databases Index

**Probate Record Search Request: ca. 1660-1952**

Please do not use the browser "Back" button while navigating the database pages and record request forms. Instead click on the "Back to Main Page" button below to return to the list of searchable databases and online records request forms.

- We now accept credit card payments. Or print the request form and pay by check or money order.
- You may combine up to 10 records from different databases and record request forms in a single order.

The State Archives maintains the Secretary of State Wills and Inventories from the late 1660s through 1900 and the Superior Court Wills from 1901 through 1952.

For a \$10.00 fee, we will search for a probate record within a **single 5-year span**. This fee includes copies up to 10 pages. **Additional pages will be billed at \$1.00 per page.**

**Fees are non-refundable** regardless of whether the record requested is found.

**Complete all Required fields \***  
Please provide as much information as possible

[Back to Main Page](#)

Name *	County *	Date Range (up to 5 years) Year 1 *    Year 2
File Number (if known)	City, Town, or Township of Death, Burial or Probate	Date of Death, Burial or Probate
Additional Information (Maximum 255 characters)		

[Reset Search Criteria]    [Add to Cart]

# Tip

Don't forget to check  
what probate records  
are available at the  
county level

# Court Records

# New Jersey Supreme Court

- *Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844:*
  - Searchable *database* on the New Jersey State Archives
  - May contain vital information as well as personal details about your ancestor like their occupation or where they lived

[Back to Main Page](#)

Last Name: Jones	First Name:	Role in Case:
Case Type:		County:
Gender:	Ethnicity:	Corporate Entities:
Year Span: to		Case No.:

[Reset Search Criteria](#)

CASES						
Select	Case#	Name	Case Title	Case Type	County	Da
<a href="#">Select</a>	21915	Jones, John (Juror)	Safety Layton v. John Crowell	Appeal on Debt (on rent for a farm in Woodbridge, part of the estate of Christopher Marsh)	Middlesex	18
<a href="#">Select</a>	7636	Jones, John (Evidence (Witness Called))	Safety Layton (Husband of Hetty Layton, late Hetty Marsh, daughter of Christopher Marsh, deceased) v. John Crowell and Mary Crowell (late Mary Marsh, daughter of Christopher Marsh, deceased)	Appeal on Debt (for rent on a farm in Woodbridge, part of the estate of Christopher Marsh) and Debt on Costs for Appeal	Middlesex	18
<a href="#">Select</a>	23128	Jones, John (Evidence (Witness Called))	Safety Layton v. Elihu Marsh (Executor), et al	Appeal on Debt (on rent for a farm in Woodbridge, part of the estate of Christopher Marsh) and Debt on Costs for Appeal	Middlesex	18

Page 1 of 1    Total Records: 3

# Courthouse Records

- Don't overlook courthouse records which can include:
  - Tavern Licenses
  - Shopkeepers' Licenses
  - Peddlers' Licenses
  - Slave Births
  - Manumission records
  - Justice of the Peace Dockets
    - Look the county level by checking with the county clerk and/or at the New Jersey State Archives

# Tip

Always look to see if there are records for your ancestor in county surrogate records!

# Church Records

# Church Records for Vital Information

- “New Jersey Church Records” on Family Search
- “Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1708-1985” on Ancestry:
  - Abstracted, transcribed, and some original records
- Specific denominational records for the 19<sup>th</sup> century are available on Family Search-  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Jersey\\_Church\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Jersey_Church_Records)
  - These include Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Dutch Reformed, Episcopal, Lutheran, Quaker and Catholic records

- Family Search “research wiki” for New Jersey Church Records-  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New Jersey Church Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Jersey_Church_Records)

#### Catholic [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- **1700-1970** New Jersey, church records, 1675-1970<sup>(\*)</sup> at FamilySearch Catalog - images
- **1700-1970** New Jersey, U.S., Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey, Church Records, 1700-1970<sup>Ⓞ</sup> at Ancestry - index & images (\$)
- **American Catholic Historical Society of Philadelphia Records. Volumes 1-4, 8.**<sup>Ⓞ</sup> Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: American Catholic Historical Society, 1886-1889, 1893. Marriages of some New Jersey Catholics from 1758 to 1800.

#### Dutch Reformed [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- **1639-1989** U.S., Dutch Reformed Church Records in Selected States, 1639-1989<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index and images, incomplete.(\$)
- **1701-1995** U.S., Selected States Dutch Reformed Church Membership Records, 1701-1995<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index and images, incomplete.(\$)
- **1856-1970** U.S., Dutch Christian Reformed Church Vital Records, 1856-1970<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index and images, incomplete.(\$)
- **1856-1970** U.S., Dutch Christian Reformed Church Membership Records, 1856-1970<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index and images, incomplete.(\$)

#### Episcopal [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- New Jersey, Episcopal Diocese of Newark Church Records, 1809-1816, 1825-1970<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index & images (\$).

#### German Reformed [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- New Jersey German Reformed Church Records, 1763-1802<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index

#### Lutheran [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- Lutheran Church in New York and New Jersey, 1722-1760 : Lutheran records in the ministerial archives of the Staatsarchiv, Hamburg, Germany<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, e-book.
- **1781-1969** - U.S., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Church Records, 1781-1969<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index and images, incomplete.(\$)
- Some early records of the Lutheran Church, New York, Holland Society of New York, 1903, p. 1-118<sup>Ⓞ</sup>

#### Methodist [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- New Jersey, Calvary United Methodist Church Records, 1821-2003<sup>Ⓞ</sup> at FamilySearch; images only; also at Ancestry<sup>Ⓞ</sup>; images only (\$)
- New Jersey, United Methodist Church Records, 1800-1970<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index & images (\$)

#### Presbyterian [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- **1701-1970** U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index and images, incomplete.(\$)
- Records of meetings, 1874-1952, Presbytery of Monmouth (New Jersey)<sup>Ⓞ</sup>

#### Quaker (Society of Friends) [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, index & images (\$).
- Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy. Vol. II: (New Jersey and Pennsylvania Monthly Meetings)<sup>Ⓞ</sup>
- Collection, New Jersey Friends monthly meeting records<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, images

#### Other Collections [\[ edit | edit source \]](#)

- Dunham-Wilcox-Trott-Kirk<sup>Ⓞ</sup> indexes church, cemetery, probate and other early New England, New York and New Jersey records with links to abstracts of the records.
- The early Germans of New Jersey : their history, churches, and genealogies<sup>Ⓞ</sup>, e-book

- Search for church records in periodicals and genealogical journals
- Search by county using the "catalog" function on Family Search:

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog interface. On the left, there are search filters for 'Refine your search' (Place: United States, New Jersey), 'Search by' (Surnames, Titles, Author, Subjects, Keywords), 'Search for' (Call Number, Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)), and 'Availability' (Any, Online, FamilySearch center). The main search results are for 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington'. A list of results is shown, including 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Archives and libraries (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Bible records (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Bibliography (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Biography (8)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Buildings, dwellings, etc. (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Business records and commerce (2)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Cemeteries (13)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Census - 1671 (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Census - 1693 (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Census - 1850 (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Census - 1905 (1)', 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Church directories (1)', and 'United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Church records (4)'. A red arrow points to the 'Church records (4)' entry. Below this entry, there are four records listed: 'Church records, 1693-1871', 'Early church records of Burlington County, New Jersey', 'Monthly meeting records, 1678-1942', and 'Monthly meeting records, 1804-1915'. Each record has an 'Add' button next to it.

# Periodicals and Biographies

# New Jersey Periodicals

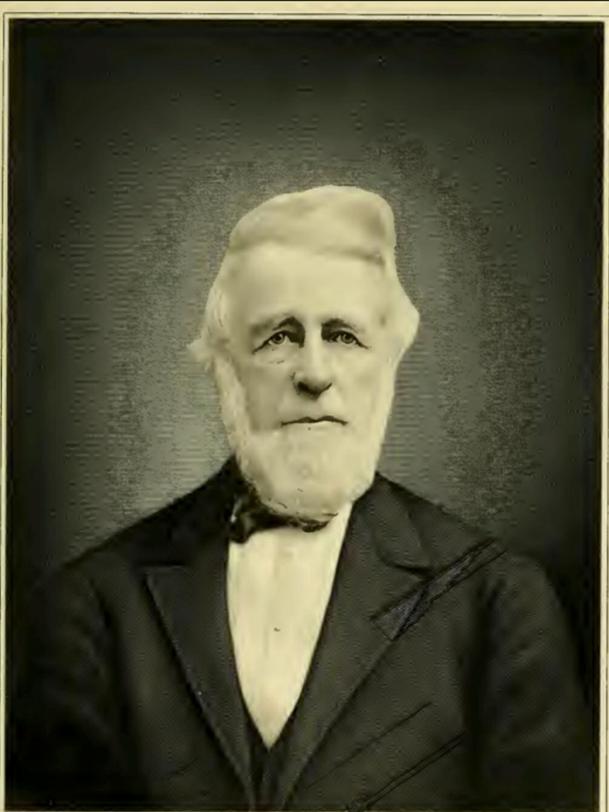
- *The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey:*
  - Cemetery transcriptions, vital information, church records, tax lists, family histories, and bible records
  - *The Genealogical Magazine on New Jersey index, the first thirty five years* on Family Search
- *New Jersey History:*
  - First 10 volumes from 1845 to 1866 were known by the title *Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society*
  - Abstracts and colonial records
  - Some volumes on [Hathitrust.org](http://Hathitrust.org) and [Archives.org](http://Archives.org)

# New York and Pennsylvania

- *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record:*
  - Also known as *The Record*
- *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine:*
  - Previously known as *Publications of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania*
  - Database available on American Ancestors-  
<https://www.americanancestors.org/search/databasesearch/412/pennsylvania-genealogical-magazine>
- *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography:*
  - Available on FamilySearch-  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/97148?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

- By Donald A. Sinclair:
  - *A New Jersey Biographical Index: Covering Some 100,000 Biographies and Associated Portraits in 237 New Jersey Cyclopedias, Histories, Yearbooks, Periodicals, and Other Collective Biographical Source Published to about 1980*
  - *New Jersey Family Index: A Guide to the Genealogical Sketches in New Jersey Collective Sources*
- *Memorial Cyclopedia of New Jersey* by Mary Depue Ogden:
  - 4 Volumes

CYCLOPEDIA OF NEW JERSEY



James M. Quinby

**QUINBY, James M.,**  
**Manufacturer, Progressive Citizen.**

James Moses Quinby, son of Jotham and Lillias (Smith) Quinby, was born in Orange, New Jersey, October 5, 1804, died in Newark, July 20, 1874. The Quinby family are believed to have come into England with the Danes, the first of record

Argent, two bars sable in chief though proper. Crest: A C armed.

The American line of descent Thomas Quinby, who landed in Massachusetts, 1643-46; his son, ship carpenter, of record in Westchester county, New York, the founders of Stratford, his son John, a proprietor of Westchester county, New York, pointed a magistrate by Governor, 1662; his son, Josiah; (2), born in 1692; his son settled in Orange, New Jersey, a large land owner and farmer, now Llewellyn Park; his son Jotham, who resided in Orange, on Scotland street, South Orange, down the old house and using the basement walls of a new house.

James Moses Quinby, after his years of apprenticeship at the maker's trade with John C. entered the employ of G. & A. noted early Newark carriage maker and became foreman of the plant and so called a workman and so called a worker was he. In 1834 the carriage business, when, to save himself by purchased the plant and carriage business on his own account, like as partners George M. Spence, keeper, and Isaac Young, his establishing the young firm of Quinby & Company, now the vehicle the same name, J. M. Quinby, although twentieth century largely changed the character of the business. The Quinby carriage business, then business v throughout the south, and a factory and repository of Montgomery, Alabama. For Mr. Quinby manufactured Newark, his shops and yard

Tip

Look to see what  
biographies are available at  
the county and town level!

# Land Records

# Land Records

- Land records can include deeds, warrants, surveys, and mortgages and in the 19th century they are still known as Secretary of States deeds
- Like probate records, you can find land records in Secretary of State records and at the county level in the county clerk's office
  - The clerk's offices house the original land records

- The New Jersey State Library has a guide titled “NJ County Offices Resources” with links to searchable indexes and databases at different county offices-  
<https://libguides.njstatelib.org/genealogynjsl/county>
  - These include links to County Clerk land and property records

Searchable Indexes and Website Links			
Some county offices have searchable online databases for property, wills, naturalizations, or businesses. If the county does not offer a searchable index, links are provided to the main website.			
County	Clerk Searchable Index	Surrogate Searchable Index	Notes
Atlantic	Searchable online index	No	Index is Full Text Public Records (including deeds/mortgages) 1972-2000
Bergen	Searchable online index	No	Index to County Land Records
Burlington	PRESS (public records) Tax Records	Estate Index	Tax Records search is state wide
Camden	Online Property Records	Index	
Cape May	Index Historic Records via Cape May County Clerk's Archive (includes Surrogate's Records)	No	Use Internet Explorer when searching index on Clerk's site
Cumberland	Cumberland Public Records Search	No	Also has election results online 2011-present
Essex	No	No	
Gloucester	Gloucester County Land Records (select "Gloucester County Records Online" to search)	No	<b>Historical Clerk's records available at Gloucester County Historical Society</b>
Hudson	<a href="#">Hudson Co. Register's Office</a> , a division of the County Clerk has land records	Estate Index Search	

← BACK TO SEARCH RESULTS PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

**Deeds, 1785-1901; deed index, 1785-1948** Add to Print List

Authors: [Burlington County \(New Jersey\). County Clerk \(Main Author\)](#)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed for the Genealogical Society of Utah by Reproduction Systems, 1970

Physical: 211 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

---

Notes  
Microfilm of original records in the Burlington County courthouse, Mt. Holly, New Jersey.  
[View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations](#)

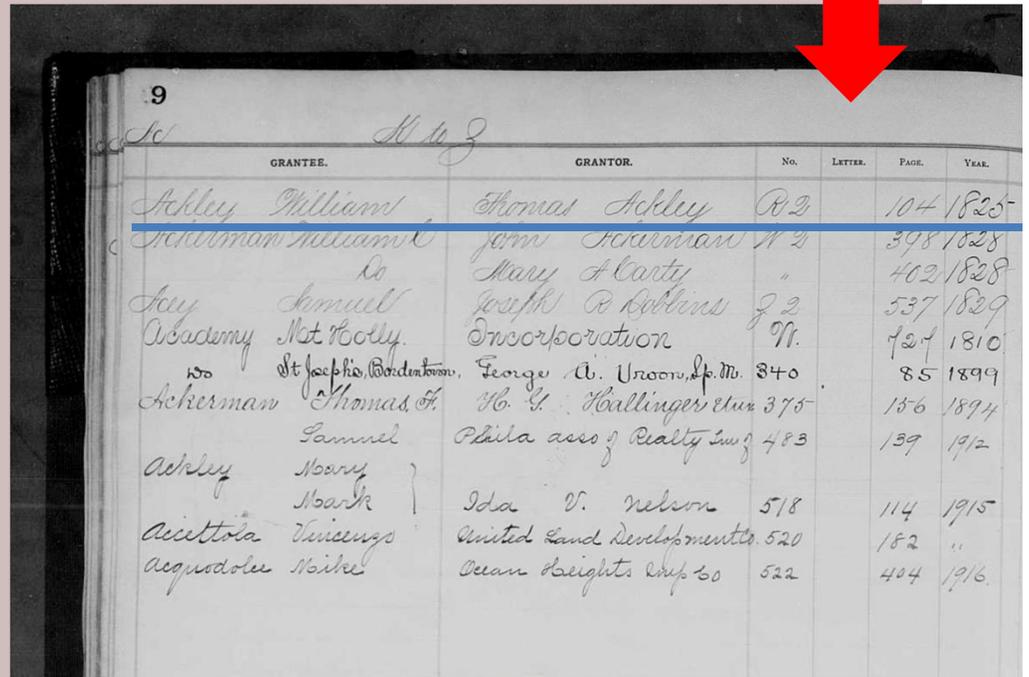
---

Subjects  
**Locality Subjects**  
[United States, New Jersey, Burlington - Land and property](#)

---

Film/Digital Notes < Page 1 of 3 >

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Grantee index, A-B 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842375	8351824	Ⓜ
Grantee index, C-D 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842376	8139751	Ⓜ
Grantee index, E-G 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842377	8139752	Ⓜ
Grantee index, H 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842378	8217379	Ⓜ
Grantee index, I-L 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842379	8139753	Ⓜ
Grantee index, M 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842380	8351823	Ⓜ
Grantee index, N-Q 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842381	8271792	Ⓜ
Grantee index, R-Se 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842382	8351822	Ⓜ
Grantee index, Sh-Sy 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842383	8217380	Ⓜ
Grantee index, T-Wh 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842384	8351821	Ⓜ
Grantee index, Wi-Z 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842385	8351820	Ⓜ
Grantee index corporations, A-Q 1785-1921	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	842386	8351819	Ⓜ



# • Early Land Records, ca. 1650-1900 on the New Jersey State Archives:

**SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND RECORDS REQUEST FORMS**

DOS Home > New Jersey State Archives > Search the Collections > Searchable Databases Index

### Early Land Records, 1650-1900s

This database was produced, in large part, by the [New Jersey Early Land Records Project](#), a collaborative effort of the New Jersey State Archives and the [Genealogical Society of New Jersey \(GSNJ\)](#). The work was enabled by state, federal, corporate, and private funds. This includes a grant from the [National Historical Publications and Records Commission \(NHPRC\)](#), multiple grants from the [Society of Colonial Wars in the State of New Jersey](#), generous support from New Jersey's land-title and land-surveying sectors (including the [New Jersey Land Title Association](#)), and private donations. For more information on project partners, please visit the project website.

**How to use the database**  
 Please do not use the browser "Back" button while navigating the database pages and record request forms. Instead click on the "Back to Main Page" button below to return to the list of searchable databases and online records request forms.

- We now accept credit card payments. Or print the request form and pay by check or money order.
- You may combine up to 10 records from different databases and record request forms in a single order.

This database currently indexes over 74,857 land records held by the New Jersey State Archives, containing over 374,851 name entries. It references many of New Jersey's earliest extant deeds and surveys found in over 120 record books. This includes newly indexed East Jersey Survey Books L (1675-1688) and O (1670-1716), and Liber II (1670-1727; referred to as "Carteret's Conveyances"). Both proprietary filings and transactions recorded by the Provincial Secretaries of the colony and the Secretary of State are indexed here. The Archives staff continues to revise and add records to this database.

As part of the grant-funded New Jersey Early Land Records Project, Archives staff are also adding PDFs of selected deeds and surveys. Dates range from 1650 through 1996, but the vast majority of records date between 1675 and 1900.

**Please keep in mind** that most deeds executed after 1785 were recorded at the county level, not with the State. County land records are not included in this database.

Note that there are a small numbers of non-land records included, such as bills of sale for slaves (e.g., George, Negro, Book H-West Jersey, folio 159) and lists of new arrivals to the colony (e.g., Governor Gawen Lawrie, Book A, folio 154).

Results are limited to 500 records per search.

For more information on the records of the proprietors of East and West Jersey, please consult our catalog and guide:  
[Non-Governmental Records - East and West Jersey Proprietors](#)

[Using the Records of the East and West Jersey Proprietors](#) [pdf]

The database can be searched by any combination of first name, last name, role (grantor, grantee, named), ethnicity, gender, or by an additional surname (a second surname found within the same record). Searches can also be filtered by location (including counties, towns, rivers, landmarks, roads, out-of-state locations, etc.), New Jersey counties, year spans, or by a specific book or record source.

Entering the initial letter or string of letters into the name fields will return all records beginning with that string. To search a string within a name use the wildcard character \* followed by the string. For example, the surname "Smith" may be searched to include the variant "Smith" by entering "Sm\*th" in last name field. This type of wildcard search is also available in the "location" and "additional surname" fields. To sort the search results click on the header of each column.

To order a copy, click "Select" next to the record. Selected records are added to the shopping cart at the bottom of the page. When "Select" is not present, click "View PDF" for the imaged record. Click the "Back to Main Page" button to continue searching or request additional records. Click "Check Out" or "View Cart" and follow the payment instructions to order copies. **Please read the instructions on the shopping cart page and order form carefully.**

Back to Main Page

Last Name Ashton	First Name John	Role [Dropdown]
Filter by Additional Surname	Ethnicity [Dropdown]	Gender [Dropdown]
Location	County [Dropdown]	
Year Span: 1800 to 1850	Book [Dropdown]	

[Reset Search Criteria](#) [Search](#)

Select	Name	Descriptions and Location	Date	Refere
<a href="#">Select</a>	Ashton, [Unrecorded] (Owner of adjoining house) (Named)	TO: Thomas Debow (at the request of Abraham Hankins); Abraham Hankins (On a right of location) FROM: SURVEY AND MAP. 50.85 acres. By Little Cedar Swamp; Freehold Township; Monmouth County. One of two tracts; surveyed together for 100.85 acres; containing 50.85 acres. (See also: S16, 333). OTHERS NAMED: Matthias Anderson (Present at survey); [Unrecorded] Ashton (Owner of adjoining house); Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); Samuel Burke (Chain Bearer); Thomas Debow (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); [Unrecorded] Forman (Former owner of adjoining mill) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Freehold Township; Little Cedar Swamp; Swamps and Swampland; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins; Mills; Mill Lots	28 Nov 1813	EJ Loose S16-333 (68498)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Ashton, John (Owner of adjoining land) (Named)	TO: James Parker FROM: SURVEY. 13.04 acres. North side of Long Swamp; Freehold Township; Monmouth County. (See also: W10, 29). OTHERS NAMED: John Ashton (Owner of adjoining land); James Parker (Surveyor General) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Freehold Township; Long Swamp	28 Feb 1817	S18 (EJ Folio 147 (PEASJC
<a href="#">Select</a>	Ashton, John (Chain Bearer) (Named)	TO: John Debow (at the request of Sarah Johnson); Sarah Johnson FROM: James Bruere (Administrator of Elisha Lawrence, deceased); Robert Montgomery (Administrator of Elisha Lawrence, deceased) SURVEY AND MAP. 50.42 acres. On the South branch of the Meteteconk River; On the road from Freehold to Toms River Bridge; Freehold Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S13, 186). OTHERS NAMED: John Ashton (Chain Bearer); Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); John Forman (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); John Frances (Present at survey); Nathan Frances (Chain Bearer); James Johnson (Present at survey; Owner of adjoining land); William Johnson (Present at survey; Owner of adjoining land); Elisha Lawrence (Deceased; Administrators of; Former owner of land) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Freehold Township; Metedeconk River; Road from Freehold to Toms River; Bridges; Roads, Streets, Highways, Paths; Toms River Bridge	16 Jun 1801	EJ Loose S16-238 (PEASJC
<a href="#">Select</a>	Ashton, John (Chain Bearer) (Owner of adjoining land) (Named)	TO: John Debow (at the request of John Francis); John Francis FROM: James Bruere (Administrator of Elisha Lawrence, deceased); Robert Montgomery (Administrator of Elisha Lawrence, deceased) SURVEY AND MAP. 38.74 acres. East of Round Swamp; Adjoining John Francis's dwelling house; Upper Freehold Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S13, 190). OTHERS NAMED: John Ashton (Chain Bearer) (Owner of adjoining land); Andrew Bell (Deputy Surveyor General); John Forman (Deputy Surveyor) (Signatory); Nathan Francis (Chain Bearer); Elisha Lawrence (Deceased; Administrators of; Former owner of land); David Rynolds (Present at survey; Owner of adjoining land); John Rynolds (Owner of adjoining land) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Upper Freehold Township; Round Swamp; Swamps and Swampland; Houses, Buildings, Structures, Cabins	9 Jun 1801	EJ Loose S13-190 (PEASJC
<a href="#">Select</a>	Ashton, John (Chain Bearer) (Named)	TO: Richard Debow (on a right of location); Thomas Debow (Deputy Surveyor) (at the request of Richard Debow) FROM: SURVEY AND MAP. 208.78 acres. At the head of Spring Gut or Betty's Branch; Upper Freehold Township; Monmouth County. Two of two tracts; surveyed together for 304.55 acres; containing 208.78 acres. (See also: S16, 238). OTHERS NAMED: John Ashton (Chain Bearer); Andrew Bell (Surveyor General); Ephraim Lemmings (Chain Bearer); Thomas Lemmings (Witness); James Vilgns (Witness) LOCATIONS: East Jersey; Monmouth; Upper Freehold Township; Betty's Branch; Spring Gutt	30 Jul 1813	EJ Loose S13-186 (68320)
<a href="#">Select</a>	Ashton, John (Owner of adjoining 50 7/100 acres (B5, 192)) (Named)	TO: John Davidson (On a right of location); James Parker (at the request of John Davidson) FROM: SURVEY AND MAP. 13.04 acres. North of Long Swamp; Freehold Township; Monmouth County. (See also: S18, 147).	10 May 1816	EJ Loose S18-147 (PEASJC

# QUESTIONS?

# Census Records

# New Jersey Census Records

- The 1800, 1810 and 1820 U.S. Federal Census for New Jersey did not survive (except for Cumberland County in 1800) and the 1890 U.S. Federal census was lost in the National Archives fire in 1921
  - Link to existing and lost New Jersey census records: [https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Jersey\\_Censuses\\_Existing\\_and\\_Lost](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Jersey_Censuses_Existing_and_Lost)
- Use census substitutes like non-population census records as well as land, probate, and tax records
- Also consult the New Jersey State Census records conducted from 1855 to 1915

# New Jersey State Census

- State Censuses were conducted at the county level and then returns were sent to Trenton
- See the county-by-county guide at the Genealogical Society of New Jersey to navigate these state census records-

<https://www.gsnj.org/new-jersey-state-censuses/>

# Non-population Schedules

- Non-population schedules for New Jersey include:
  - Mortality schedules
  - Agricultural schedules
  - Slave schedules
  - Manufacturing schedules

Year	Type of Census	Links
1890	Veterans	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1880	Defective	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1880	Mortality	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1870	Mortality	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1860	Mortality	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1850	Slave Owner	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1850	Mortality	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 
1840	Pensioners	at <a href="#">Ancestry</a> 

Familysearch.org, New Jersey Census.

# Mortality Schedule

- “U.S., Federal Census Mortality Schedule, 1850-1885” on Ancestry

**SCHEDULE 3.—Persons who Died during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, in the Township of *Highland* in the County of *Monmouth* State of *New Jersey*, enumerated by me, *William Davis* 301**

NAME OF EVERY PERSON WHO DIED during the Year ending 1st June, 1850, whose usual Place of Abode at the Time of his Death was in this Family.	DESCRIPTION.					PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	The Month in which the Person died.	PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, OR TRADE.	DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.	Number of DAYS ILL.
	Age	Sex	White, Black, or Colored.	Free or Slave.	Males or Females.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
<i>William D. Hunt</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>N. Jersey</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Farmer</i>		<i>6</i>
<i>Henry Drake</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>City</i>		<i>4 days</i>
<i>David W. Hunt</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>"</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Consumption</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Richard Golden</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>W</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Relief</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Andrew Titus</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Apoplexy</i>	<i>7 days</i>
<i>Lavinia Titus</i>	<i>7 1/2</i>	<i>F</i>				<i>"</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Dysentery</i>	<i>14 days</i>
<i>James W. Burroughs</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Consumption</i>	<i>3 days</i>
<i>Elizabeth Smith</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Labourer</i>	<i>Cholera</i>	<i>7 days</i>
<i>Samuel Beattie</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>B</i>		<i>M</i>	<i>N. Jersey</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Consumption</i>	<i>20 days</i>
<i>Delucia Hunt</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>John P. Martin</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>Connecticut</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>Merchant</i>	<i>Dysentery</i>	<i>11 days</i>
<i>Henry Brown</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>N. Jersey</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>James Hughes</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>M</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>Mariner</i>	<i>Smallpox</i>	<i>14</i>
<i>Oliver A. Britton</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>F</i>			<i>M</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>August</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Phlegmatism</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Samuel Finney</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>M</i>				<i>"</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Septicemia</i>	<i>14</i>



# 1850 Slave Schedule

- Questions asked in the 1850 Slave Schedule include:
  - Whether the slave is a fugitive
  - Number of slaves manumitted
  - Number of house slaves
- Enslaved persons were not usually named. Only age, sex, and color was usually recorded

SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in *Bethel Township* in the County of *Monmouth* State of *New Jersey*, enumerated by me, on the *second* day of *August*, 1850. *Geo. D. Barlow* Ass't Marshal.

NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS.	Number of Slaves.	DESCRIPTION.			Fugitives from the Service.	Number manumitted.	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS.	Number of Slaves.	DESCRIPTION.			Fugitives from the Service.	Number manumitted.	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.
		Male.	Female.	Color.						Male.	Female.	Color.			
<i>Mr. S. Davis</i>	1	21	F	W											
<i>Mrs. C. C. C. C.</i>	1	70	F	W											
<i>John J. C. C. C.</i>	1	55	M	W											
<i>Wm. C. C. C.</i>	1	15	M	W											
<i>David C. C. C.</i>	1	52	M	W											
<i>Thomas C. C. C.</i>	1	49	M	W											
<i>Mr. W. C. C.</i>	1	46	M	W											
<i>Edward C. C.</i>	1	45	M	W											
<i>Christian F. C.</i>	1	53	M	W											

# Tax Records and Ratables

- Taxes can be poll taxes or taxes levied on real or personal property
- Resources include:
  - *New Jersey Tax Lists, 1772-1822* by Ronald Vern Jackson
    - 4 volumes, but they exclude some counties
  - “New Jersey Periodicals Register of New Jersey County tax ratables, abstracts and exempt lists, 1773 to about 1889” and the “County tax ratable 1778-1832”
  - “United States Internal Revenue Assessment Lists, 1862-1874” on Family Search

# War of 1812

# War of 1812 Record Collections

- Records include:
  - “War of 1812 Service Records” on Ancestry which provides name, company, rank, and discharge information
  - “War of 1812 Pension Application Files Index, 1812-1815” on Fold3 or “U.S., War of 1812 Pension Application File Index, 1812-1815” on Ancestry
  - “War of 1812 Pension Files” on Fold3
- *Records of Officers and Men of New Jersey in Wars, 1791-1815* which is a searchable collection on Ancestry or available on Archive.org -  
<https://archive.org/details/recordsofoffice00newj/page/n111/mode/2up?view=theater>

# Civil War

# Indexes on Fold3

- Service and pension records for New Jersey have not been digitized. Consult the following indexes on Fold3:
  - “U.S. Civil War Service Index – Union – New Jersey, 1861-1865”
  - “U.S., Civil War Pensions Index, 1861-1900”
- Various indexes for Colored Troops are on Fold3, but try first using the Family Search collection “United States Civil War Service Records of Union Colored Troops, 1863-1865”
  - New Jersey State Archives also has a series titled “United States Colored Troops - Service Files, ca 1862-1870s” -  
<https://www.nj.gov/state/archives/sdea4015.html>
- “New Jersey Civil War burial records, 1800s-1900s” on Family Search
  - information compiled often includes name, regiment, birth, and death

# Published Resources

- Also consult published resourced including:
  - *Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War, 1861-1865* compiled by William S. Stryker
    - Digital version on Family Search  
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/246877?availability=Family%20History%20Library>
- *Alphabetical Roll of New Jersey Volunteers in the Civil War*-view at a family Search library

- Searchable databases at the New Jersey State Archives:

- *Civil War Service Records, 1861-1865-*

[https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS\\_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx](https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx)

- *Civil War Payment Vouchers, 1861-1865-*

[https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS\\_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx](https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Governor Phil Murphy and Lt. Governor Sheila Oliver  
NJ Home | Services A to Z | Departments/Agencies | FAQs  
Search [All of NJ] [ ]

**NISA** SEARCHABLE DATABASES AND RECORDS REQUEST FORMS

DOS Home > New Jersey State Archives > Search the Collections > Searchable Databases Index

**Civil War Service Records, 1861-1865**

Please do not use the browser "Back" button while navigating the database pages and record request forms. Instead click on the "Back to Main Page" button below to return to the list of searchable databases and online records request forms.

- We now accept credit card payments. Or print the request form and pay by check or money order.
- You may combine up to 10 records from different databases and record request forms in a single order.

This database indexes 82,467 names of New Jersey men who served during the United States Civil War. Entries link to an electronic version of Adjutant General William S. Stryker's two-volume *Record of Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War, 1861-1865*, which was originally published by the State of New Jersey in 1876. The electronic version is hosted on the website of the [New Jersey State Library](#). The New Jersey State Archives gratefully acknowledges the State Library for presenting this valuable resource to the public, and for permitting the Archives to link our database to their web pages.

The volumes also include an account of how *Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Civil War* was compiled, including: [Joint Resolution No. 9 \(April 6, 1871\)](#), which initiated the process of gathering the Civil War records; and Stryker's [Report of the Adjutant General \(July 4, 1876\)](#), which details the evolution and completion of the project.

For information about ongoing efforts to preserve and maintain the Civil War collections at the New Jersey State Archives, see [Civil War Grant Project](#). See also, the [Civil War Treasury Vouchers](#) database for additional documentation of soldiers' and survivors' pay, wartime procurements, and subsistence pay to families.

For additional holdings in other Civil War Collections at the Archives see: [Civil War Collections](#) catalog page.

This database may be searched by any combination of first name, last name, regiment, service, and/or company. Within the results you can click "page" to see the soldier's name in Stryker's book; click "description of regiment," when it is available, to see the regimental description in Stryker's book; or click select, when records are marked "Available at the Archives," to order service records. Entries marked "Not Available" are included for reference only (for New Jersey men who served in federal or other state's units). The Archives provides no reference services for these records.

Research and copy services are provided from regimental records only. These include: New Jersey militia; New Jersey infantry and cavalry regiments; New Jersey artillery batteries; and a limited number of United States Colored Troops regimental records.

Results are limited to 500 records per search.

Entering the initial letter or string of letters into the name fields will return all records beginning with that letter or string. To search a string within a name, use the wildcard character \* followed by the string. For example, the surname "Smith" may be searched to include the variant "Smyth" by entering "Sm\*th" in last name field. To sort the search results click on the header of each column.

To order a search of regimental records, click "Select" next to the record. Selected records are added to the shopping cart at the bottom of the page. Click the "Back to Main Page" button to return to the list of searchable databases and records request forms. Click "Check Out" or "View Cart" and follow the payment instructions to order copies. **Please read the instructions on the shopping cart page and order form carefully.**

Back to Main Page VIEW CART

Last Name:  First Name:   
 Company:  Regiment or Service:

Select	Name	Regiment or Service	Company	Page	Regiment Description	Records Availability
	Smith, Aaron	Arlington, VA (National Cemetery)	[N/A]	1745	First page of Burial Records	Not Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Aaron (African American)	22nd Reg. US Colored Troops	[N/A]	1515	Description of United States Colored Troops	Limited Records Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Aaron	7th Reg. Infantry, NJ Volunteers	C	320	Description of 7th Reg. Infantry	Records Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Aaron R.	25th Reg. Infantry, NJ Volunteers	B	823	Description of 25th Reg. Infantry	Records Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Aaron D.	27th Reg. Infantry, NJ Volunteers	F	870	Description of 27th Reg. Infantry	Records Available at NJ Archives
	Smith, Aaron W.	2nd Reg., US Army	[N/A]	1592	First page of US Army	Not Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Aaron W.	7th Reg. Infantry, NJ Volunteers	E	333	Description of 7th Reg. Infantry	Records Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Abijah	22nd Reg. Infantry, NJ Volunteers	K	777	Description of 22nd Reg. Infantry	Records Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Abner H. (Corporal)	4th Reg. Militia - NJ Brigade (20th Reg. Infantry)	B	54	Description of 4th Militia Reg.	Records Available at NJ Archives
Select	Smith, Abram (African American)	22nd Reg., US Colored Troops	[N/A]	1512	Description of United States Colored Troops	Limited Records Available at NJ Archives

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... >>

Page 1 of 50 Total Records: 500

# Immigration and Naturalization

# Passenger Lists

- New Jersey immigrants could have arrived through several different ports including New York, Delaware, and Philadelphia
- Passenger lists between 1820 and 1891 started to ask for more information including name, age, occupation and county of origin. See:
  - “Ship Passenger New York and New Jersey, 1600-1825” on Family Search
  - “All U.S. and Canada, Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1500-1900” on Ancestry
- After 1891, passenger lists asked for more details like a final destination, last residence, and if they were joining a relative

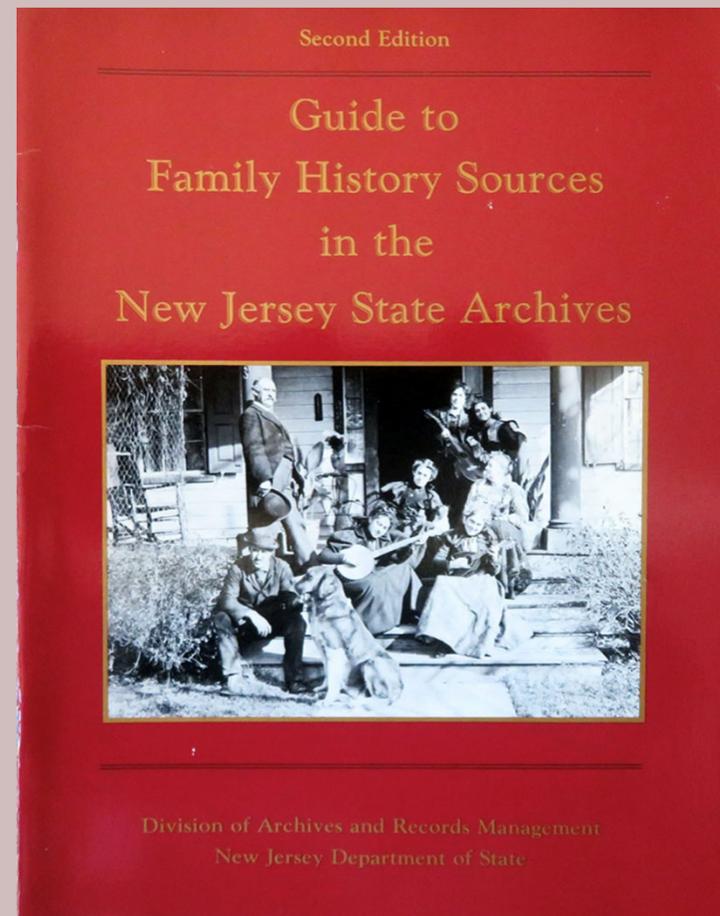
- Passports were available starting in 1795 and include a date of birth and where they were born:
  - See “U.S. Passport Applications for New Jersey, 1795-1925” on Ancestry
- Naturalization records could be in New Jersey Supreme Court records:
  - New Jersey Supreme Court records in “Naturalization Records, 1749-1873; Card Index 1761-1860” on Family Search
  - “Naturalization Records, 1832-1847, 1852, 1846-1859, 1861-1862” on Family Search

# Repositories and Research Guides

# New Jersey State Archives

# New Jersey State Archives

- *Guide to Family History Sources in the New Jersey State Archives, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition* By Bette Marie Barker, Karl Niederer, Daniel Jones, and Joseph Klett



# New Jersey State Library

# Family Histories

connecting people with information through libraries

SEARCH  GO

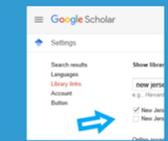
**NJ STATE LIBRARY**  
An affiliate of Thomas Edison State University

f i+ t y

NEWS | EVENTS | SERVICES | GRANTS | CE TRAINING | BLOGS | CONTACT

RESEARCH LIBRARY ▾ THE TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER ▾ SERVICES FOR LIBRARIES ▾ ABOUT THE STATE LIBRARY ▾

  
Invitation For NJ Libraries: NJSL Regulation Working Groups and Listening Sessions  
[Read more...](#)

**RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT**  
  
Enhance Google Scholar with State Library Links

REQUEST A BOOK OR ARTICLE

GET A LIBRARY CARD

ASK A LIBRARIAN

FIND A LOCAL LIBRARY

To receive NJSL news and updates directly to your inbox, [CLICK HERE](#) to subscribe to our monthly newsletter!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

OCT 13	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	WEBINAR – Property Rights and Wrongs – African-Americans at the Courthouse
OCT 17	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	WEBINAR – A Genealogical Odyssey In the Digital Age: In Search of a Ghost and a Missing Vowel
OCT 27	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	WEBINAR – Lineage Society Panel Discussion
OCT 31	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Genealogy Research Stories: Revolutionary Soldiers Oliver Cromwell and Benjamin Flinn

[View Calendar](#)

**CATALOG SEARCHES & TOOLS**

Start Your Research | **NJSL Catalog** | Research Tools | NJ Info | TBBC Catalog

Subject Keyword

"Ashton family"

Need more search options? Try our [Advanced Search](#)

[eBooks & Audiobooks](#) | [My Library Card Account](#)

connecting people with information through libraries



[NEWS](#) | [EVENTS](#) | [SERVICES](#) | [CE TRAINING](#) | [BLOGS](#) | [CONTACT](#)

[RESEARCH LIBRARY](#) ▾

[TALKING BOOK & BRAILLE CENTER](#) ▾

[SERVICES FOR LIBRARIES](#) ▾

[ABOUT THE STATE LIBRARY](#) ▾

[DSpace Home](#) > [New Jersey State Publications Digital Library](#)

[Digital Jerseyana Collection](#) | [New Jersey State Publications Digital Library](#)

# New Jersey State Publications Digital Library

Browse by

- [By Issue Date](#)
- [Authors](#)
- [Titles](#)
- [Subjects](#)

Search within this community and its collections:  [GO](#)

*The State of New Jersey has made the content of these pages available to the public and anyone may view, copy or distribute State information found here without obligation to the State, unless otherwise stated on particular material or information to which a restriction on free use may apply. However, the State makes no warranty that materials contained herein are free of Copyright or Trademark claims or other restrictions or limitations on free use or display. Making a copy of such material may be subject to the copyright of trademark laws. See [State of New Jersey Conditions of Use Notice](#).*

Sub-communities within this community

- [Agriculture](#)
- [Banking and Insurance](#)
- [Children and Families](#)
- [Community Affairs](#)

Search DSpace

 [GO](#)  
 Search DSpace  
 This Community

Advanced Search

Browse

All of DSpace

[Communities & Collections](#)

[By Issue Date](#)

[Authors](#)

[Titles](#)

[Subjects](#)

This Community

[By Issue Date](#)

[Authors](#)

[Titles](#)

[Subjects](#)

dspace.njstatelib.org

# New Jersey Resource Guides

- *Handy New Jersey Genealogy handbook: All You Need to Find Genealogy Resources for New Jersey* by Gary L .Morris
- *New Jersey: Digging for Ancestors in the Garden State* by Dr. Stryker-Rodda
- *State Research Guide: New Jersey* by James M. Beidler available from *Family Tree Magazine*

# Manuscript Collections

- *New Jersey historical manuscripts: a guide to collections in the state* by Mary R. Murrin:
  - Contains an alphabetical list of all repositories in New Jersey
  - Provides a detailed list of what is in each collection

144a

BURLINGTON COUNTY  
PRISON MUSEUM  
(Burlington)

128 High St.  
Mount Holly 08060  
(609) 261-5057/5068

Repository holdings include records of the New Jersey Supreme Court and the Burlington County court, prison and sheriff. These records contain a variety of information on criminal cases and the background of prisoners. Most of the collection has not yet been organized or catalogued. P.

**GOVERNMENT RECORDS:** New Jersey court records, Burlington County court, prison and sheriffs' records, 1839-1960 with gaps.

**State.** New Jersey Supreme Court, dockets, 1920s-50s with gaps.

**County.** Burlington County court, criminal dockets, 1880s-1930s with gaps, eligible jurors, 1887-1900 with gaps, guardians' accounts and inventories, 1839-44, summonses and subpoenas, 1820s-1950s with gaps; sheriffs' ledgers, 1880s-1947 scattered, conditions of sales, miscellaneous correspondence, 1902-60 with gaps, detective's journal, 1898-1917; prison registers, 1884-1940s with gaps, daybook, 1940s, visitors' logbook, 1930s-40s with gaps.

SUSSEX COUNTY  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
(Sussex)

82 Main St.  
Newton 07860  
(201) 383-6010

Repository holdings include the multivolume diaries of G. W. Roy, a local historian and pharmacist, and various records of churches and cemeteries in Morris, Sussex and Warren counties. In addition the society holds some business, club records and government records as well as a number of local histories. P.

**BUSINESS RECORDS:** Records, 1774-1862 scattered, chiefly 19th c., of a Sussex County blacksmith, a general store, a grocery, a hardware store and a surveyor. Materials include account books and a notebook. Examples: Henry Bunnell, Sussex County blacksmith, 1807-10; unidentified general store, n.l., 1817-35, 1858-61; unidentified grocery store, n.l., 1851-62.

# Bible Collections

- Major bible collections:
  - New Jersey Historical Society
  - Gloucester County Historical Society
  - Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington D.C.
  - Genealogical Society of New Jersey (GSNJ) 
- Series edited by Anna Miller Watring includes:
  - *New Jersey Bible Records: Vol 1, Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May and Gloucester Counties*
  - *New Jersey Bible Records Vol 2, Salem and Cumberland Counties*

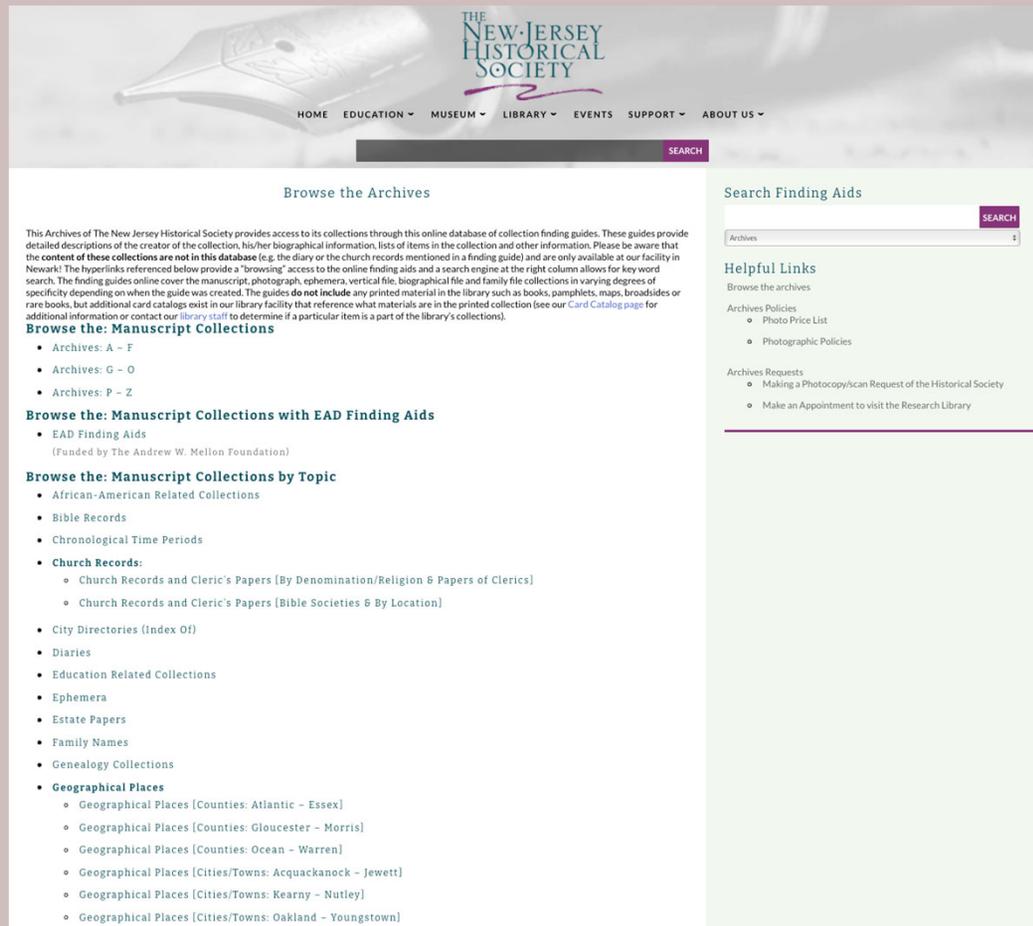
## GSNJ Bible and Family Records Collection Index | [www.gsnj.org](http://www.gsnj.org)

For more than 75 years GSNJ has been processing, collecting, and indexing family Bible records; other family notations submitted by researchers. (Note that where other family names appear in the record the cross-referer in brackets. Note that not all entries have been cross referenced.) The collection continues to grow and contains records; primarily pre-1850; and arranged in accession order. If you would like to contribute a copy of a family record please see [www.gsnj.org/bible-records-index](http://www.gsnj.org/bible-records-index)

Record No.	Surname	Record Details
2200	Aaron	[Aaron; Baily; Collins; Loyd; Remington; Wood]
3068	Aaron	[Aaron; Collins; Loyd]
3070	Aaron	[Aaron; Abbott; Baily; Collins; Hall; Hurd; Ivins; Remington Whitehead; Wood; Woolston]
3636	Aaron	[Aaron; Cook; Halsey; Havens; Robinson; Roehrs; Schniede]
4277	Aaron	Aaron B. Rossell and wife; Elizabeth; children born 1853–1854; Havens; Hearens; Rossell]
444	Aaronfson	[Aaronfson; Burr; Burrough; Coles; Davis; Gardiner; Grey; I Stiles; Thom; Tomlinson]

# Historical Societies

# The New Jersey Historical Society



The screenshot shows the website for The New Jersey Historical Society. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for HOME, EDUCATION, MUSEUM, LIBRARY, EVENTS, SUPPORT, and ABOUT US. A search bar is located below the navigation menu. The main content area is titled "Browse the Archives" and contains a paragraph of introductory text. Below this text are several sections with bullet points, including "Browse the: Manuscript Collections", "Browse the: Manuscript Collections with EAD Finding Aids", and "Browse the: Manuscript Collections by Topic". The "Browse the: Manuscript Collections by Topic" section lists various categories such as African-American Related Collections, Bible Records, Chronological Time Periods, Church Records, City Directories, Diaries, Education Related Collections, Ephemera, Estate Papers, Family Names, Genealogy Collections, and Geographical Places. On the right side of the page, there is a "Search Finding Aids" section with a search bar and a "SEARCH" button. Below this is a "Helpful Links" section with links to "Browse the archives", "Archives Policies", "Archives Requests", and "Make an Appointment to visit the Research Library".

THE NEW JERSEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HOME EDUCATION MUSEUM LIBRARY EVENTS SUPPORT ABOUT US

SEARCH

## Browse the Archives

This Archives of The New Jersey Historical Society provides access to its collections through this online database of collection finding guides. These guides provide detailed descriptions of the creator of the collection, his/her biographical information, lists of items in the collection and other information. Please be aware that the content of these collections are not in this database (e.g. the diary or the church records mentioned in a finding guide) and are only available at our facility in Newark! The hyperlinks referenced below provide a "browsing" access to the online finding aids and a search engine at the right column allows for key word search. The finding guides online cover the manuscript, photograph, ephemera, vertical file, biographical file and family file collections in varying degrees of specificity depending on when the guide was created. The guides do not include any printed material in the library such as books, pamphlets, maps, broadsides or rare books, but additional card catalogs exist in our library facility that reference what materials are in the printed collection (see our [Card Catalog page](#) for additional information or contact our [library staff](#) to determine if a particular item is a part of the library's collections).

**Browse the: Manuscript Collections**

- Archives: A - F
- Archives: G - O
- Archives: P - Z

**Browse the: Manuscript Collections with EAD Finding Aids**

- EAD Finding Aids  
(Funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation)

**Browse the: Manuscript Collections by Topic**

- African-American Related Collections
- Bible Records
- Chronological Time Periods
- Church Records:
  - Church Records and Cleric's Papers [By Denomination/Religion & Papers of Clerics]
  - Church Records and Cleric's Papers [Bible Societies & By Location]
- City Directories (Index Of)
- Diaries
- Education Related Collections
- Ephemera
- Estate Papers
- Family Names
- Genealogy Collections
- Geographical Places
  - Geographical Places [Counties: Atlantic - Essex]
  - Geographical Places [Counties: Gloucester - Morris]
  - Geographical Places [Counties: Ocean - Warren]
  - Geographical Places [Cities/Towns: Acquackanock - Jewett]
  - Geographical Places [Cities/Towns: Kearny - Nutley]
  - Geographical Places [Cities/Towns: Oakland - Youngstown]

## Search Finding Aids

Archives

SEARCH

## Helpful Links

Browse the archives

Archives Policies

- Photo Price List
- Photographic Policies

Archives Requests

- Making a Photocopy/scan Request of the Historical Society
- Make an Appointment to visit the Research Library

# Family Search



Family Tree

Search

Memories

Indexing

Activities



SIGN IN

CREATE ACCOUNT

Find your family  
Discover your

Bring to life your family's history  
exploring the lives of those  
before you.

Get Started

- Records
- Images
- Family Tree
- Genealogies
- Catalog
- Books
- Research Wiki



Start discovering your

Family Search Wiki

FamilySearch Research Wiki

A Genealogy Resource Guide  
96,802 articles

Find the birth, death, marriage, census records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by selecting the region and country below.

Search by place or topic  Find Search Tips

North America

Europe

Asia

Africa

Jump-start your research  
Guided Research will help you find the best databases for select locations.  
Guided Research

List of all Localities

# Wiki Search Page



Page [Talk](#) Read [View source](#) [View history](#) Search by place or topic

## Burlington County, New Jersey Genealogy

[United States](#) → [New Jersey](#) → [Burlington County](#)  
 Guide to **Burlington County, New Jersey ancestry, genealogy and family history**, birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

**Contents** [\[hide\]](#)

- 1 County Information
  - 1.1 Description
  - 1.2 County Courthouse
  - 1.3 Burlington County, New Jersey Record Dates
  - 1.4 Record Loss
  - 1.5 Boundary Changes
  - 1.6 Populated Places
  - 1.7 History Timeline
- 2 Resources
  - 2.1 Bible Records
  - 2.2 Biographies
  - 2.3 Business, Commerce, and Occupations
  - 2.4 Cemeteries
  - 2.5 Census Records
  - 2.6 Church Records
  - 2.7 Court Records
  - 2.8 Directories
  - 2.9 Emigration and Immigration
  - 2.10 Ethnic, Political, and Religious Groups
  - 2.11 Funeral Homes
  - 2.12 Genealogies
  - 2.13 Guardianship
  - 2.14 Land and Property Records
  - 2.15 Local Histories
  - 2.16 Maps and Gazetteers
  - 2.17 Migration
  - 2.18 Military Records
  - 2.19 Naturalization and Citizenship
  - 2.20 Newspapers
  - 2.21 Obituaries
  - 2.22 Other Records
  - 2.23 Periodicals
  - 2.24 Probate Records
  - 2.25 School Records
  - 2.26 Social Security Records
  - 2.27 Tax Records
  - 2.28 Vital Records
    - 2.28.1 Birth
    - 2.28.2 Marriage
    - 2.28.3 Death
    - 2.28.4 Divorce
- 3 Research Facilities
  - 3.1 Archives
  - 3.2 FamilySearch Centers
  - 3.3 Libraries
  - 3.4 Museums
- 4 Societies
- 5 Websites
- 6 Research Guides
- 7 References

**County Information** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

**Description** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)  
 Burlington County is located in the central region of the state. It was created on May 17, 1694. Mount Holly is the county seat. The county was named for Bridlington, England.<sup>[1]</sup>

**County Courthouse** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)  
 Burlington County Court House  
 49 Rancocas Road  
 Mount Holly, NJ 8060  
 Phone: 609-288-9500  
[Burlington County Website](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>

County Clerk has land and military records.  
 County Surrogate has probate records.  
 County library has naturalization records.<sup>[2]</sup>

**Burlington County, New Jersey Record Dates** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

Known Beginning Dates for Major County Records <sup>[3]</sup>						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1901	1795	1901	1730	1766	1688	1830
*Statewide registration for births and deaths started 1 May 1848. General compliance by 1920.						

**Record Loss** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)  
 There is no known history of courthouse disasters in this county.

**Boundary Changes** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)

- **Parent County(s):** First county created in what is now New Jersey, from the Colonial lands, 1681.<sup>[4]</sup>
- **County Seat:** Mount Holly<sup>[5]</sup>
- [Interactive Map of New Jersey County Formation History](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup> (1790-1897) - animated maps illustrating New Jersey county boundary changes
- [Burlington County, New Jersey Historical Boundary Changes](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup> - list of all boundary changes by county provided by Newberry Library

**Populated Places** [\[edit\]](#) [\[edit source\]](#)  
 For a complete list of populated places, including small neighborhoods and suburbs, visit [HomeTown Locators](#). The following are the most historically and genealogically relevant populated places in this county:<sup>[6]</sup>

**Cities**

- [Beverly](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Bordertown](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Burlington](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>

**Boroughs**

- [Fieldsboro](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Palmyra](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Riverton](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Medford Lakes](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Pemberton](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Wrightstown](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>

**Townships**

- [Bass River Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Hainesport Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Pemberton Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Bordertown Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Lumberton Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Riverside Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Burlington Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Mansfield Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Shamong Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Chesterfield Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Maple Shade Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Southampton Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Cinnaminson Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Medford](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Springfield Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Delanco Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Moorestown](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Tabernacle Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Delran Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Mount Holly](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Washington Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Eastampton Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Mount Laurel](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Westampton](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Edgewater Park Township](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>
- [Hammonton](#)<sup>ⓘ</sup>

New Jersey Online  
Genealogy Records

County Facts	
<b>County seat:</b>	Mount Holly
<b>Organized:</b>	17 May, 1694
<b>Parent County(s):</b>	Colonial lands
Neighboring Counties	
Atlantic • Bucks (PA) • Camden • Mercer • Monmouth • Ocean • Philadelphia (PA) See County Maps	
Courthouse	
	
Location Map	
	
Adoption	
<div style="border: 1px solid #007bff; padding: 5px; background-color: #e9f5ff;"> <p style="margin: 0;"><b>Adopt-a-wiki page</b></p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: small;">This page adopted by: <b>NJGenWeb</b><sup>ⓘ</sup> and its coordinators who welcome you to contribute.</p> <p style="margin: 0; font-size: x-small;"><a href="#">Adopt a page today</a></p> </div>	



Family Tree

Search

Memories

Indexing

Activities



SIGN IN

CREATE ACCOUNT

Find your family  
Discover your

Bring to life your family's history by exploring the lives of those who came before you.

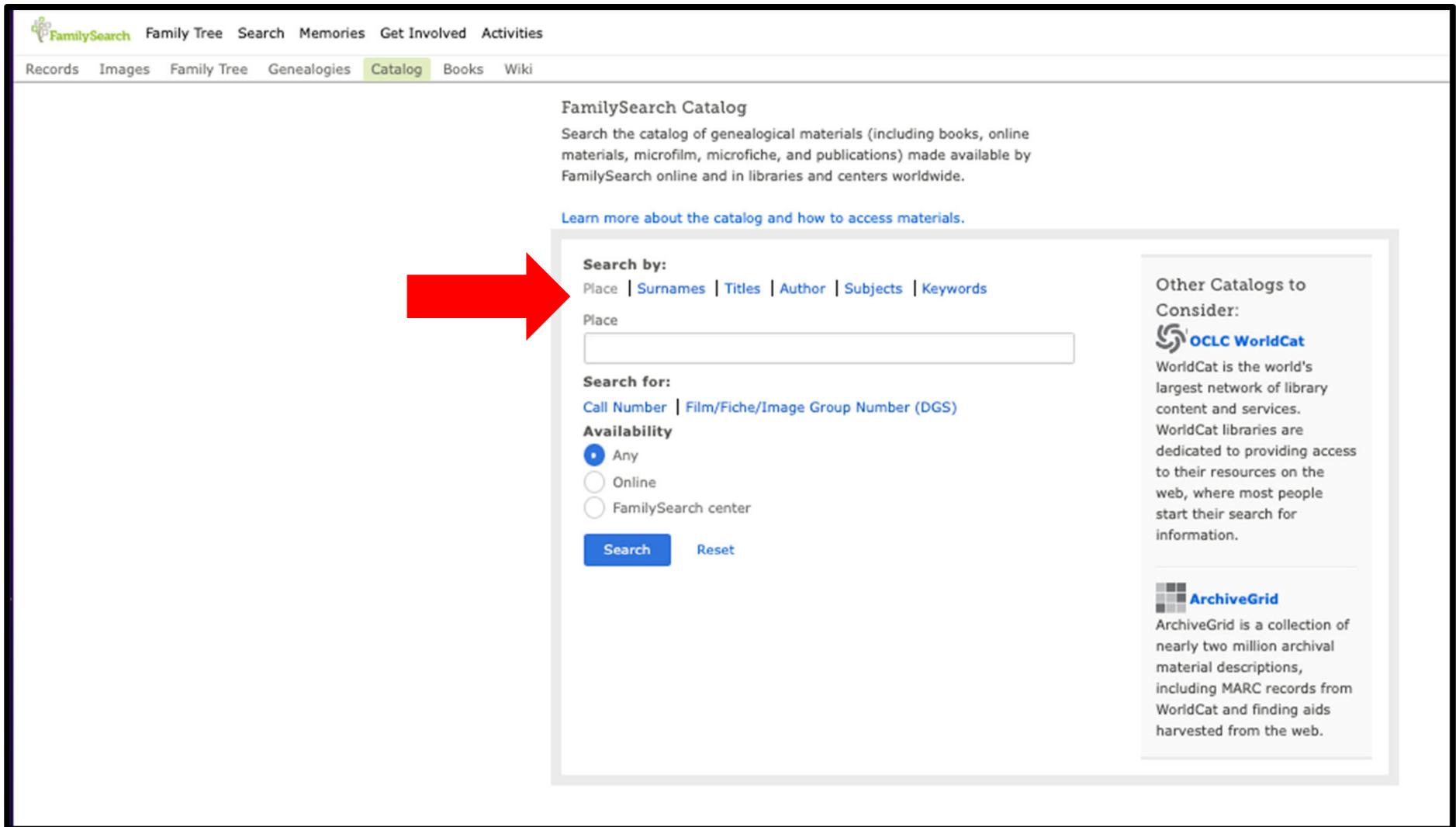
Get Started

- Records
- Images
- Family Tree
- Genealogies
- Catalog
- Books
- Research Wiki



Start discovering your

Family Search Catalog



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog search page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with links for Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog (highlighted), Books, and Wiki. The main heading is "FamilySearch Catalog" with a descriptive paragraph. A red arrow points to the "Search by:" section, which includes options for Place, Surnames, Titles, Author, Subjects, and Keywords. Below this is a search input field. The "Search for:" section includes options for Call Number and Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS). The "Availability" section has radio buttons for Any (selected), Online, and FamilySearch center. There are "Search" and "Reset" buttons. To the right, there is a section titled "Other Catalogs to Consider:" featuring OCLC WorldCat and ArchiveGrid with brief descriptions of each.

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/>

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch Catalog interface. At the top, there are navigation links: FamilySearch, Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, Activities, Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, Wiki. The main content area is divided into a search filter sidebar and search results.

**Refine your search**

**Search by:**  
Place: United States, New Jr

**Search for:**  
Call Number  
Film/Fiche/Image Group Number (DGS)

**Availability:**  
 Any  
 Online  
 FamilySearch center

**Update** **Res**

**Search Results for FamilySearch Catalog**  
 PRINT Catalog Print List (0)

**Notes**  
 1675, part of East Jersey; 1710, boundary changed; 1822, water boundary established; 1844, part from Middlesex County; 1850, Ocean County created from Monmouth and boundary clarified in 1851; 1866, water boundary further clarified; 1906, coastal boundary established; 1928, part of Howell twp. to Ocean County; 1939, part of Middlesex gained.  
 Part of [United States, New Jersey](#)

**Places within United States, New Jersey, Monmouth**

- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Bible records ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Bibliography ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Biography ( 8 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Biography - Indexes ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Cemeteries ( 17 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Cemeteries - Indexes ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Census ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Census - 1748, 1755 ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Church directories ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Church history ( 8 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Church history - Biography ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Church records ( 5 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Correctional institutions ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Court records ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Description and travel - Guidebooks ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Directories ( 5 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Genealogy ( 15 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Genealogy - Indexes ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Genealogy - Periodicals ( 2 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Guardianship ( 2 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - History ( 32 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - History - Indexes ( 4 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Land and property ( 12 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Land and property - Maps ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Law and legislation - History ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Maps ( 5 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Military history - Revolution, 1775-1783 ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Military history - Spanish-American War, 1898 ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Military records ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Military records - Revolution, 1775-1783 ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Naturalization and citizenship ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Newspapers ( 2 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Obituaries ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Orphans and orphanages ( 2 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Periodicals ( 2 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Probate records ( 21 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Probate records - Indexes ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Schools ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Slavery and bondage ( 1 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Societies ( 3 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Taxation ( 2 )
- United States, New Jersey, Monmouth - Vital records ( 11 )

# How to locate Indexes and Abstracts

- Internet Archives- <https://archive.org>
- HathiTrust- <https://www.hathitrust.org>
- WorldCat- <https://www.worldcat.org>

# QUESTIONS?

**Hire Research Services**

*research@nehgs.org*

**Chat with a Genealogist**

*AmericanAncestors.org/chat*

 **American Ancestors**  
by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

A National Center for Family  
History, Heritage & Culture

 Bookstore  About Us  Create a Tree **LOG IN** →

Search | Events | Membership | Give | 10 Million Names | Publications | Expert Help | Tools | Signature Projects | Centers & Initiatives

# New Jersey Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy, 2023

**Thank you for registering for the online course, *New Jersey Research: Four Centuries of History and Genealogy!***

Throughout its history—from Dutch colony to English Province to statehood—New Jersey has been characterized by its ethnic and religious diversity. Immigrants settled within its borders attracted by fertile land, industry, and religious tolerance. Today it is the most densely settled state in the United States. Despite its long history, however, New Jersey is known for several gaps in the records: several courthouses and churches were destroyed by the British during the American Revolution and inconsistent recordkeeping was pervasive in the 19th century. This online course will help fill those gaps, providing a century-by-century look at the records, resources, repositories, and research strategies essential to exploring your New Jersey roots. We will also look at the historical context, settlement patterns, and migrations within the state.

*This course includes four 90-minute classes and exclusive access to handouts and recordings of each presentation. These recordings and all course*

[AmericanAncestors.org/new-jersey-research-four-centuries-history-and-genealogy-2023](https://AmericanAncestors.org/new-jersey-research-four-centuries-history-and-genealogy-2023)



# THANK YOU!

[AmericanAncestors.org/Education](https://AmericanAncestors.org/Education)



NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

---

AmericanAncestors.org

Copyright © 2023