

Genealogy Records and Resources

What types of records are available from the New York State Department of Health for genealogy research?

Vital records registration started in New York State in 1881. Generally, the New York State Department of Health provides uncertified copies of the following types of records for genealogy research purposes:

- Birth certificates – if on file for at least 75 years and the person whose name is on the birth certificate is known to be deceased.
- Death certificates – if on file for at least 50 years.

Are the time periods ever waived?

The time periods are waived for direct-line descendants. A direct line descendant is a person who is in the direct line of descent from the decedent such as a child, grandchild, great-grandchild. The direct line applicant must provide the following:

- Proof of their relationship to the person whose record they are requesting.
- Proof of the death of the person whose birth certificate they are requesting.

Are there exceptions to the types of records generally available from the New York State Department of Health?

Records are available as listed below:

<u>TOWN:</u>	<u>START DATE:</u>	
Brighton	1881	
Brockport	1904	
Charlotte	1889	
Chili	1884	
Churchville	1934	
Clarkson	Births: 9/1882	Deaths: 3/1883
E Rochester	Births: 3/1907	Deaths: 3/19/1907
Fairport	Births: 7/18/1887	Deaths: 7/26/1887
Gates	1892 (some records from 1848 – 1850)	
Greece	1882 (some records from 1848 -1849) Deaths: 1884 (some records from 1848)	
Hamlin	1885	
Henrietta	Births: 5/23/1882	Deaths: 5/28/1882
Hilton	Births: 9/24/1890	Deaths: 5/6/1890
Honeoye Falls	1919	
Irondequoit	1847 (excluding 1852 – 1887)	
Mendon	1882	
Ogden	1882	
Parma	Births: 1882	Deaths: 1888
Penfield	Births: 4/8/1878	Deaths: 3/25/1882
Perinton	1881 (some records from 1848 – 1850)	
Pittsford	1882	
Riga	1882	
Rochester (city)	Births: 1875	Deaths: 1873
Rush	1892	
Scottsville	1915	
Spencerport	1914	
Sweden	1882	
Webster (village)	Births: 9/24/1906	Deaths: 2/11/1907
Webster (town)	Births: 11/6/1877	Deaths: 12/23/1883
Wheatland	1882	

For access to records not listed above:

For Birth/Death records from 1881:

NYS DOH Vital Records
Genealogy Unit
800 N. Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12220

For Birth/Death records prior to 1881:

City, Town or Village offices
County Historian

Rochester Records Index Available At:

Central Library*
115 South Avenue
Rochester, New York

*Includes data for entire state outside of NYC
Records starting from 1880

An alphabetical index book lists, by year, the microfiche index card and will contain such information as name, date, county and certificate number of the records you are seeking is available online at:

www.archives.nysed.gov/holding/fact/vital/htm

Online Genealogy Resources:

www.genealogytoday.com

www.familytree.com

www.myfamily.com

www.rootsweb.com

www.familysearch.org

www.cyndislist.com

What is the fee for a Genealogy copy?

The standard fee for a genealogy copy is \$22.00 – This includes a copy of the certificate, a three year search of the index, the retrieval and re-filing of the microfilm/microfiche and either a copy of the record or a no record report. When more than a three year search is requested the fee schedule is as follows:

<u>Period Searched</u>	<u>Fee</u>
1 to 3 years	\$22.00
4 to 10 years	\$42.00
11 to 20 years	\$62.00
21 to 30 years	\$82.00
31 to 40 years	\$102.00
41 to 50 years	\$122.00
51 to 60 years	\$142.00
61 to 70 years	\$162.00
71 to 80 years	\$182.00
81 to 90 years	\$202.00

The fee applies separately to each records requested. For example, the fee for a request consisting of one birth record (1-3 year search for \$22.00), plus one death records (21-30 year search for \$82.00) is a total of \$104.00.

How long will it take?

Processing a genealogy request may take four (4) to six (6) weeks to complete.

How do I place an order?

Mail your completed application to:

Office of Vital Records
Genealogy Unit
111 Westfall Road, Room 147
Rochester, NY 14620

The application is available to download using the link below. You can type the information directly into the form or print off a copy to complete manually. Make sure you sign the application and include a check or money order for the appropriate amount with your application.

If you prefer we can send a hard copy of the forms to you. You may call (585) 753-5138 to make a request for the application.

