

Helpful links for
New York City vital record indexes



Please also see the NYG&B guide to vital record here:

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-york-birth-marriage-death-vital-records>

New York City's Historical Vital Records website

<https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/search>

A screenshot of the 'Historical Vital Records' search page on the NYC.gov website. The browser address bar shows the URL 'https://a860-historicalvitalrecords.nyc.gov/search'. The page header includes the NYC logo, the title 'Historical Vital Records', and the subtitle 'The New York City Municipal Archives'. A navigation bar contains links for 'Browse All', 'Search beta' (highlighted in blue), 'Digital Vital Records', 'About', and 'FAQ'. The 'Search' section is titled 'By Certificate Number' and includes a descriptive paragraph: 'The fastest way to locate a vital record is by using the certificate number. Note that certificate numbering restarts at 0000001 annually for each borough and you must limit by borough and year to retrieve a unique record.' Below this is a search form with four fields: 'Certificate Type:*' (a dropdown menu showing 'Birth Certificate'), 'Certificate Number:*' (a text box with '#####'), 'Borough:' (a dropdown menu showing 'Kings (Brooklyn)'), and 'Year:' (a text box with '####'). A purple 'Search' button is positioned below the form.

Finding Certificate Numbers

Indexes of the birth, death, and marriage records contain certificate numbers, and can be searched on:

We recommend you use the certificate number search. Therefore, external index searches may be needed; please see the pages below.

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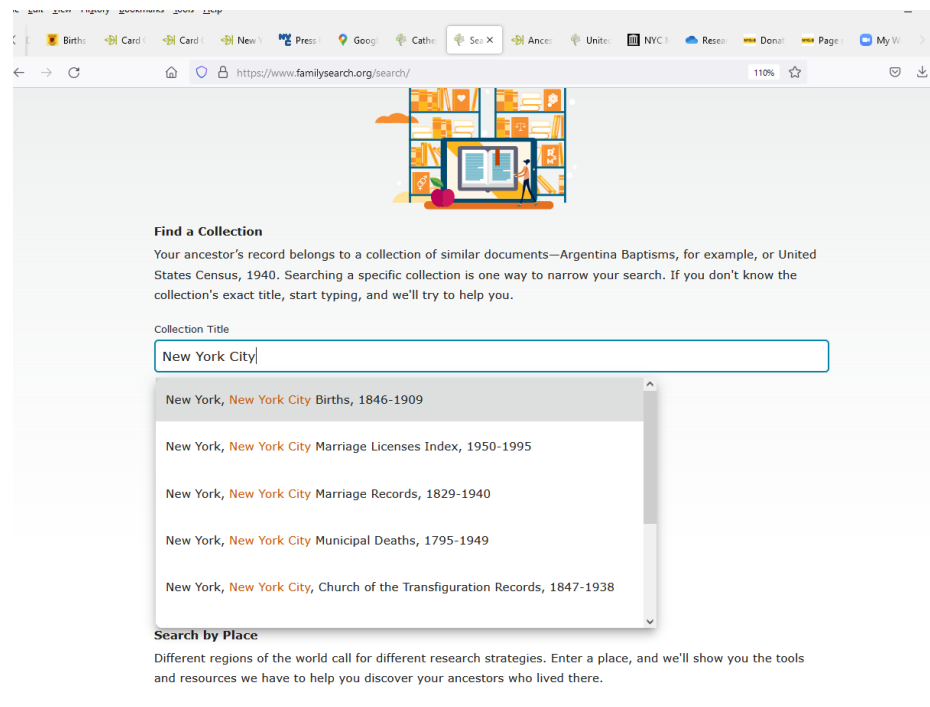


For information about special, delayed, and imperfect certifications, see this collection guide. https://a860-collectionguides.nyc.gov/repositories/2/archival_objects/900767

FamilySearch

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

Use Find a Collection and search for New York City



https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/New_York_City

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list/?page=1&countryId=22>

Birth indexes

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2240282>

Death indexes

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2240477>

Marriage certificate indexes (Health Department)

<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2143225>

Marriage Licenses

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1618491>

Free from Reclaim the Records

www.nycmarriageindex.com — indexes to marriage licenses

www.archive.org — search “NYC marriage index” — indexes to marriage licenses

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Ancestry

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/catalog>

Search the card catalog for New York, New York and birth, marriage, or death, and then sort by Record Count

Marriage is the most complicated record set:

Card Catalog

Searchable listing of all record collections

Title

New York, New York

Keyword(s)

marriage

Search

Filters [Clear All](#)

- > Birth, Marriage & Death 47
- > Court, Land, Wills & Financial 2
- > Directories & Member Lists 6
- > Immigration & Emigration 4
- > Military 1
- > Newspapers & Periodicals 61
- > Stories, Memories & Histories 15

Filter By Location

- > Europe 1
- > North America 124
- > USA 124

Filter by Dates

1600s 1700s 1800s 1900s

Results 1-25 of 124

Sort By Record Count

Title	Category	Records
New York, U.S., Newspapers.com™ Stories and Events Index, 1800's-current	Newspapers & Periodicals	1,260,074,233
New York, New York, U.S., Marriage License Indexes, 1907-2018	Birth, Marriage & Death	15,552,441
New York, U.S., State and Federal Naturalization Records, 1794-1943	Immigration & Emigration	9,174,219
New York State, Marriage Index, 1881-1967	Birth, Marriage & Death	8,054,305
New York, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1847-1849, 1907-1936	Birth, Marriage & Death	5,412,044
New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Marriage Index, 1866-1937	Birth, Marriage & Death	5,065,035
Bronx County, New York, U.S., Divorce and Civil Case Records, 1914-1995	Birth, Marriage & Death	1,674,584
New York, New York, U.S., Vital Records, Births 1847-1897, Marriages 1847-1903, Deaths 1798-1900	Birth, Marriage & Death	1,647,252
New York, New York, Index to Marriage Licenses, 1908-1910, 1938-1940	Birth, Marriage & Death	964,666

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German Genealogy Group

<https://www.germangenealogygroup.com>

Use the “NYC Search Database.” The page contains search instructions. Updates to the GGG site are ongoing.

“12/31/2024: Added 13,031 records to the Births database (Manhattan 1867) that were missing from the original index.”

Certificate Type

☒ All ☐ Birth ☐ Death ☐ Marriage

Name

Last Name: First Name or Initial:

☒ is exactly ☐ sounds like ☐ wild card

County/Borough

☒ All ☐ Kings (Brooklyn) ☐ Bronx ☐ Manhattan ☐ Queens ☐ Richmond (Staten Island)

Year

Greater than or Start Year: Less than or End Year:

Link to submit new information is on the search page,

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXIGE3dDG5Cj12GhVlqZXJgSdBDKj_3iegieAjZAccVdYrAg/viewform

If you find an error, you may submit a correction; but it **MUST MATCH** what is on the **death certificate**. **No other changes will be accepted!**

If you have NYC Historic Vital Record information for a person that you are certain is not in our index you may submit it [here](#).

Deaths - Records Search Results: 4 records found for query.

Click Column Headings to Sort on a column (click column heading again to toggle Ascending or Descending sort order)

Last Name	Given Name	Age	Date	Year	CertNbr	Town/County
Miller	Thomas J	25 y	Mar 4	1884	484605	Manhattan

This database was used by the NYC Municipal Archives as the original index, last updated in 2022.

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MyHeritage

<https://www.myheritage.com/research/catalog?s=343567081&q=New%20York%20City>

Use the collection catalog, searching New York City. See the NYC flag. Blue, white, and orange.

Collection		Last updated	Number of records
	New York City Marriages, 1866-1949 Marriage & Divorce IMAGES	Apr 9 2024	20,912,651
	Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers, 1791-1963 Newspapers IMAGES	May 31 2021	14,728,702
	New York City Marriage License Index 1908-1972 Marriage & Divorce	Mar 8 2018	9,516,669
	New York City Marriages, 1950-2017 Marriage & Divorce	Oct 17 2018	9,514,164
	New York City Deaths, 1866-1948 Death, Burial, Cemetery & Obituaries IMAGES	Apr 9 2024	8,893,688
	New York City Births, 1866-1909 Birth Records IMAGES	Apr 9 2024	7,560,069