

## Especially Italian: Using NJ & PA Records to Improve Research Skills

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### New Jersey

#### Requesting Records

- NJ State Dept of Health- Vital Records Requests  
<https://www.nj.gov/health/vital/order-vital/genealogical-records/>
- NJ State Archives, Searchable Databases & Records Request Forms  
[https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS\\_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx](https://wwwnet-dos.state.nj.us/DOS_ArchivesDBPortal/index.aspx)
- CDC - National Center for Health Statistics- NJ Write for vital records  
[https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/new\\_jersey.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/w2w/new_jersey.htm)
  - Death records before 1911 are kept at the New Jersey State Archives.
  - The Office of Vital Statistics and Registry registers vital events and maintains the following vital records:  
Birth records starting at 1922. Marriage records starting at 1931. Death records starting at 1931.

#### Online Searches

- NJ State vital records indexes from Reclaim the Records FREE  
<https://www.reclaimtherecords.org/state/new-jersey/>  
[ Manually: enter [ReclaimTheRecords.org](https://www.reclaimtherecords.org) into the search bar]
- NJ State Library [://www.njstatelib.org](https://www.njstatelib.org)  
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#### YouTube Webinars by NJ State Library's Genealogy Librarian, Regina Fitzpatrick

- Introduction to NJ Genealogy - NJ State Library – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHflz5vd2Tk>  
[Manually: On YouTube, search for: "NJ state library introduction to NJ genealogy"]  
Ignore the first few hits as they are probably ads and have nothing to do with the Library.
- City Directories - NJ State Library – [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEO\\_84R3LRc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hEO_84R3LRc)  
[Manually: On YouTube, search for: "City directories: a great tool for genealogy"]

#### Where to begin your research

- NJ Online Genealogy Records  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New\\_Jersey\\_Online\\_Genealogy\\_Records](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/New_Jersey_Online_Genealogy_Records)  
[Manually: familysearch.org > search > Research Wiki > enter "NewJersey" > Scroll down to box, "New Jersey Online Genealogy Records"]

### Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania State Archives Electronic Library <https://digitalarchives.powerlibrary.org/psa/>

[Manually: in Google.com, enter Pennsylvania Electronic Library]

### FamilySearch.org WIKI - Pennsylvania Research

[Manually: familysearch.org > search > Research Wiki > enter "Pennsylvania" > Scroll down to box, "Pennsylvania Online Genealogy Records"]

- The Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Vital Records has birth and death records from 1906 to the present.
- The PA State Archives has birth certificates for 1906-1913 and death certificates for 1906-1968.
- The Register of Wills keeps records for marriages after December 31, 1885.

### Italian Genealogist's Toolkit

#### Interlibrary Loan

Interlibrary loan is a service where patrons of one library can borrow materials and receive photocopies of documents that are owned by another library. Libraries all over the country subscribe to this service as well as the NJ State Library and many university libraries.

- WorldCat – Search for Books - Use Interlibrary Loan <https://www.worldcat.org/>
- NJ State Library - Interlibrary Loans [https://www.njstatelib.org/research\\_library/services\\_for/libraries/interlibrary\\_loan/](https://www.njstatelib.org/research_library/services_for/libraries/interlibrary_loan/)
- Italian White Pages <https://www.paginebianche.it/> [Manually: PagineBianche.it]
- Surname Mapping - Italian [Manually: On google.com search for GensInfo Italia] <http://www.gens.info/italia/it/turismo-viaggi-e-tradizioni-italia#.Y6AfYHbMJDE>
- Surname Mapping - worldwide <http://forebears.io/> [Manually: forebears.io]

#### Genealogy Webinars – Education via any device

- BYU Video Library - All Things Genealogy - YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/c/BYUFamilyHistoryLibrary>

[Manually: search YouTube for "BYU Family History Library Webinar Series"]

- Improvements in FamilySearch Images Pt. 1 – John Pace (5 Oct 2022) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGu3IyZT vzU>
- Improvements in FamilySearch Images Pt. 2 – John Pace (5 Oct 2022) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b4S-8QZD-9o>
- Using the Internet Archive for Genealogy - James Tanner <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QBTJ7J2UtE>

#### Improve Search Results by Using Wildcards

- Ancestry.com Article: Searching with Wild Cards [https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Searching-with-Wild-Cards?language=en\\_US](https://support.ancestry.com/s/article/Searching-with-Wild-Cards?language=en_US)