

# The D in B-M-D

## Researching Death Records in New York State

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### Death Certificates

- Uncertified copies of death certificates for genealogical research can be obtained fifty (50) years after the date of the death.
  - These can be obtained from the local municipality where the death occurred or from the [New York State Department of Health \(NYSDOH\)](#).
  - NYSDOH is taking over two years to complete genealogical requests. Ordering from the local municipality is highly recommended for a shorter turnaround time.
- NEW! New York City Records & Information Services
  - [NYC Historical Vital Records Project](#)

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### FamilySearch.org Collections

Research Wiki:

- [United States Death Records](#)
- [How to Find New York Death Records](#)
- [How to Find New York City Death Records](#)

Record Collections:

- [New York, State Death Index, 1880-1956](#)
- [New York State Health Department, Genealogical Research Death Index, 1957-1963](#)
- [New York Deaths and Burials, 1795-1952](#)
- [New York Probate Records, 1629-1971](#)
- [New York, Cemetery Abstracts, 1800-1965](#)
- [New York, Church and Civil Deaths, 1824-1962](#)

Catalog:

- Conduct a place search within their catalog to see what records might exist that have not yet been indexed and added to the record collection.

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## Ancestry.com Collections

### Catalog:

- [New York, Death Index, 1852-1956](#)
  - Be sure to read the “About this Collection” to understand that only certain areas in New York State have records that go back to 1852 and that not all deaths were recorded.
- [New York State, U.S., Death Index, 1957-1970](#)
- [New York, New York, U.S., Index to Death Certificates, 1862-1948](#)
- [New York, New York, U.S., Extracted Death Index, 1862-1948](#)
- [New York, Wills and Probate Records, 1659-1999](#)
- [10,000 Vital Records of Eastern New York, 1777-1834](#)
- [10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1813-1850](#)
- [10,000 Vital Records of Western New York, 1809-1850](#)
- [U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014](#)
- [U.S., Obituary Collection, 1930-Current](#)
- [U.S., Cemetery and Funeral Home Collection, 1847-Current](#)
- [U.S., newspapers.com Obituary Index, 1800s-current](#)

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## Miscellaneous

### Funeral Cards:

- [Genealogy Today](#)
- [Ancestors at Rest](#)
- [Cyndi's List: Funeral Cards & Booklets](#)

### Date Calculators & Calendars:

- [Steve Morse Perpetual Calendar](#)
- [Search for Ancestors Tombstone Birthday Calculator](#)

### New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B):

- [New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer](#)
- Webinars: [YouTube](#) and within their Member's Only Resources