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Where to Find Passenger Lists to Trace Your Immigrant Ancestors

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Introduction: Mary Harrell-Sesniak is a genealogist, author and editor with a strong technology background. In this guest blog post, Mary explains how ships' passenger lists can help you trace your ancestors' journeys to and arrivals in America — and she provides dozens of links to passenger list websites.

Tracing the ship journeys of your immigrant ancestors is an undertaking all family historians should do. A helpful resource for this kind of research is ships' passenger lists, which can report your ancestors' full names, what countries they came from, and when they arrived in America. Since there is no comprehensive online genealogy resource featuring all the passenger lists, researching them is a time-consuming task. To complicate matters, some old passenger records have been lost or destroyed. Don't despair, however—there is hope for research success: many passenger lists have been transcribed or digitized, and are available for online searching.

What's more, passenger lists were routinely published in the newspapers of the time; any comprehensive collection such as GenealogyBank's Historical Newspaper Archives will contain thousands of passenger lists.

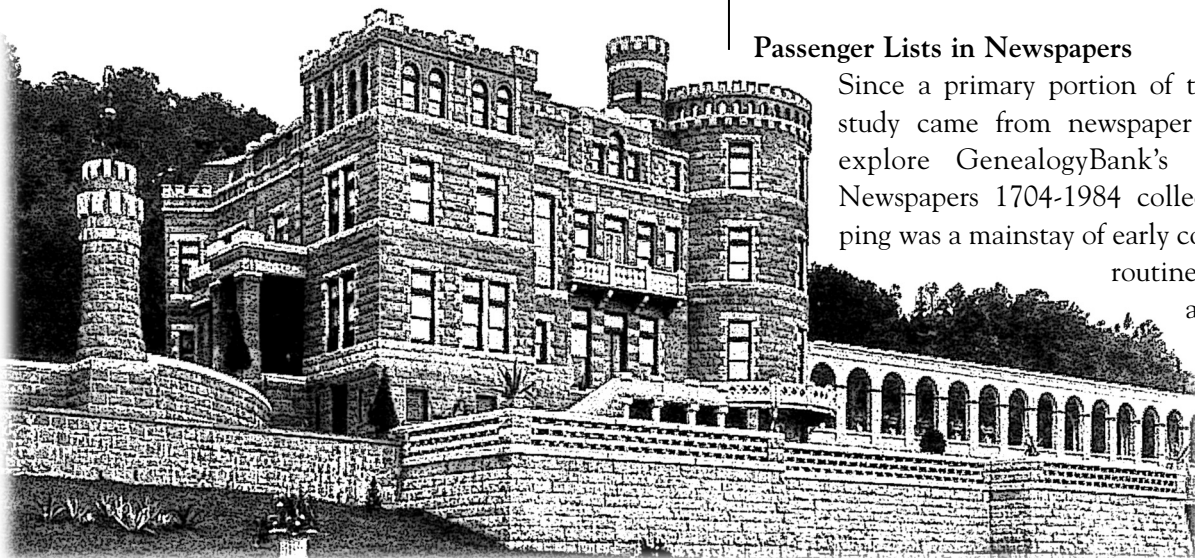
Filby's Records

One of the most comprehensive studies for pre-1820 arrivals in America is Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, which was compiled by William P. Filby and Mary Keyser Meyer (Detroit, Michigan: Gale Research, 1981). Known as "Filby's" to researchers, this body of work consists of 15 volumes and contains over 4.5 million names. It's available at select libraries and in several subscription services.

As the FamilySearch Wiki reports, Filby's includes "published lists of immigrants' names taken from newspapers, naturalization oaths, indenture lists, headright grants, and other records."

Passenger Lists in Newspapers

Since a primary portion of the records in Filby's study came from newspaper reports, be sure to explore GenealogyBank's Passenger Lists in Newspapers 1704-1984 collection. Because shipping was a mainstay of early commerce, newspapers routinely advertised sailings and reported the arrivals of passengers and goods from foreign and domestic ports.



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The Passaic County Historical Society Genealogy Club holds meetings 10:00 a.m. at Lambert Castle on the second Saturday of the month from September through May (unless otherwise specified).

Meeting dates are as follows:

2014	2015
September 13	January 10
October 11	February 14
November 8	March 14
December 13	April 11
	May 9
	June 13

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Fridays: 1-4 pm
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month: 1-4 pm

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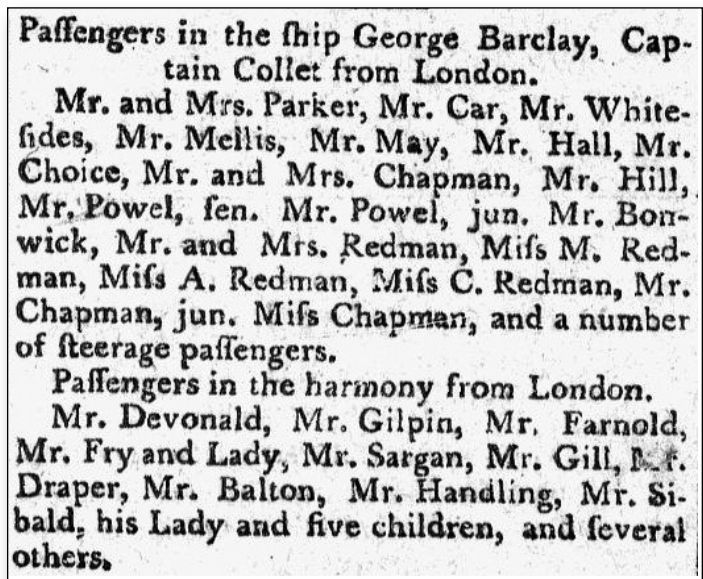
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Passenger Lists *cont. from page 1*

The information you'll uncover in passenger lists varies. Some accounts include little more than the ship or shipmaster's name for both incoming and outgoing vessels. Other records reveal a count of passengers and the names of most of the passengers. In some cases, the passengers traveling in steerage were not reported.

If you're lucky, passenger list records will report full names, or refer to travelers by title, as seen in this passenger list published in a 1793 Massachusetts newspaper.



Passengers on the deck of the steamship Comus.
 Credit: Library of Congress.

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Passenger Lists *cont. from page 2***Domestic Passenger Lists**

Many websites feature, or refer to, passenger lists. Some have searchable databases, lists or links to other websites. Here are some helpful passenger list websites:

- **American Ancestor's Passenger Ship Lists for the Eighteenth Century** by Martin E. Hollick has a comprehensive list of resources for further research. <http://www.americanancestors.org/passenger-ship-lists-for-the-eighteenth-century/>
- **Angel Island at San Francisco** was the primary immigrant port for Chinese Americans. <http://www.angel-island.com/history.html>
- **Castle Garden at the Castle Clinton National Monument.** Located in Battery Park in Manhattan, New York, Castle Garden was the main point of entry for some eight million immigrants from 1855 to about 1892, until Ellis Island was constructed. <http://www.castlegarden.org/>
- **The Ellis Island Immigrant Station** was constructed in the Port of New York between 1890 and 1892. Its completion changed the immigration process from a state responsibility to the federal government. <http://www.ellisland.org/>
- **FamilySearch Historical Record Collections** include over 30 archives pertaining to California, Florida, Hawaii, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New England, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Washington. The collection continues to expand; one of the newest databases is Washington, Seattle, Passenger and Crew Lists of Airplanes, 1947-1954. <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2299373>. To search other passenger lists, enter "passenger" at <https://familysearch.org/search/>.
- **Immigrant Ancestors Project** is a searchable database maintained by Brigham Young University as part of the Center for Family History and Genealogy. <http://immigrants.byu.edu/search/simple>
- **Immigration Records** (National Archives and Records Administration). <http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/>
- **Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild** has a wide variety of transcribed domestic and foreign passenger lists. <http://www.immigrantships.net/>
- **Irish-Catholic Immigration to America** from the Library of Congress. <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/irish2.html>
- **Ships & Passenger Lists**, maintained by Cyndi's Lists, has links to other sites. <http://www.cyndislist.com/ships>
- **Massachusetts Passenger Manifests (1848-1891)** <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcrch/passengermanifestsearchcontents.html>
- **Mayflower Passenger List** from Caleb Johnson's Mayflowerhistory.com. <http://mayflowerhistory.com/mayflower-passenger-list/>
- **National Archives Records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1891-1957**, Record group 85, describes microfilms pertaining to U.S. passenger lists. Locations include ports from all parts of the United States. <http://www.archives.gov/research/immigration/immigration-records-1891-1957.html>
- **National Archives (NARA) Passenger List Search.** https://archive.org/search.php?query=passenger%20lists%20AND%20collection%3Aadditional_collections
- **New York Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at New York, 1820-1897** is a downloadable resource. <https://archive.org/details/passengerlistsof0488unit>
- **Oregon: Passenger and Crew Lists of Vessels Arriving at Astoria, Portland, and other Oregon Ports, Apr. 1888 – Oct. 1956, and Passenger Lists of Airplanes Arriving at Portland, Oreland, Nov. 1947 – Oct. 1952** <http://www.archives.gov/research/microfilm/m1777.pdf>
- **Pilgrim Ship Lists Early 1600s** contains over 7,100 families and 250 ships from Anne Stevens (at multiple sites). <http://www.packrat-pro.com/ships/shiplist.htm> and <http://faculty.ycp.edu/~tgibson/genealogy/Mayflower-FollowingShipsList.html>
- **State Archives:** In addition to the preceding, search state archives for lists. A good starting point is this list from the National Archives. <http://www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/state-archives.html>

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Foreign Passenger Lists

Manifests were created at the port of embarkation, so you may wish to research foreign records. The following is a brief list of online resources for tracing your immigrant ancestry in passenger lists.

- **Australia: Queensland Assisted Immigration 1848-1912** from the Queensland State Archives provides direct access to digital copies of ship registers.
<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/Researchers/Indexes/Immigration/Pages/Immigration1848.aspx>
- **Canada Passenger Lists, 1865-1935.**
<http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/022/022-908.003-e.html>
- **German Bremen Passenger Lists (the original).**
<http://www.passengerlists.de/>
- **Irish Ship Passenger Lists** from Rootsireland.ie.
<https://www.rootsireland.ie/index.php?id=70>

The Normannia, of the Hamburg-American Line, will start for Hamburg by way of Southampton to-day, with 410 cabin passengers. Among others on board are:

Miss I. C. Allen,	Miss J. Hirschowitz,
Mrs. I. Arnold,	A. Holzhey,
Miss Arnold,	F. H. Jobbins,
Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Augustin,	Mrs. W. F. Jobbins,
Miss H. C. Anderson,	Miss Jobbins,
A. Anderson,	Miss E. M. Jobbins,
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Boos,	H. Jacoby,
Ludwig Boos,	D. J. Lord,
C. H. Boynton,	Miss Katharine Lombard,
Col. J. Clifton Brown,	Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Lewis,
E. Clifton Brown,	A. Lomb,
Dr. H. P. Bowditch,	Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lovejoy,
Miss Dr. F. E. von Bre-	F. B. Marsh,
men,	J. A. Murray,
W. P. Butler,	Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Miller,
Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Brandt,	Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Morse,
Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Benner-	Mrs. Robert McClure,
scheidt,	Bruce McClure,
Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Carpen-	Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Mason,
ter,	Mr. and Mrs. I. Newman,
P. A. Chase,	Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Niemeyer,
Mr. & Mrs. H. W. Curtiss,	Mr. and Mrs. H. Neuberger,
Judge Asa French,	George S. Parker,
Miss E. L. French,	Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Parker,
Miss S. M. French,	Dr. & Mrs. F. M. Robinson,
Miss J. H. Farewell,	Dr. W. K. Rogers,
Dr. & Mrs. D. Hughes,	Dr. G. W. Stewart,
Mrs. C. K. von Horn,	Mrs. F. Hopkinson Smith,
Mrs. A. M. Hall,	Miss Marlon H. Smith,
R. E. Hastings,	F. Hopkinson Smith,
Miss M. Hutchinson,	Mrs. James Tillinghast,
Miss J. Hutchinson,	Miss C. L. Tillinghast,
Miss H. Helstrom,	Dr. Joseph Thomas,
S. Hirschfeld,	Mrs. A. M. Thatcher,
Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Heinsohn,	Mark J. Worthley,
E. Heinsohn,	Gardiner Wetherbee,
A. Heinsohn,	Mrs. John P. Windolph,
Mrs. S. Hirschfeld,	Arthur Windolph,
Mrs. W. Hansen,	August Zahn,
Mrs. M. Hartenstein,	W. J. Barnes.
Miss M. de Hick,	

Here is another example of a passenger list, this one published in an 1895 New York newspaper.

- **Irish Times Passenger-list Websites by Year (1600 to 1799).**
<https://www.irishtimes.com/ancestor/fuses/passengerurls/index.cfm?fuseaction=ShowListing&year=1600&year1=1799>
- **New Zealand Searching Passenger Lists.**
<http://archives.govt.nz/resources/research-resources/searching-passenger-lists>
- **Norway Heritage's the Scandinavian American Line.**
http://www.norwayheritage.com/p_shiplist.asp?co=scaal
- **Poland Ships and Passenger Lists of Polish WW2 DPs** arriving from Africa and Europe [to the U.K.].
<http://www.polishresettlementcampsintheuk.co.uk/passengerlist/shipsindex.htm>
- **Scottish Emigration Database.**
<http://www.abdn.ac.uk/emigration/>
- **U.K. Maritime Archives Books, Boxes and Boats** has links to a variety of UK passenger lists.
<http://www.maritimearchives.co.uk/passenger-lists.html>
- **U.K. National Archives.**
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-person/passengers.htm>

If you have other passenger list links to share, please tell us in the comments section of:

<http://blog.genealogybank.com/where-to-find-passenger-lists-to-trace-your-immigrant-ancestors.html>

Enter your ancestor's name below and we'll search passenger lists to help you learn more.

Last Name

First Name

Include Keywords

Exclude Keywords

Date Range to

Date

Added Since the beginning

[Passenger List Search Tips](#)

Begin Search

Search Passenger Lists By State

Check your selection to search passenger lists by state, city, or newspaper title.

<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/> Montana
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas	<input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire
<input type="checkbox"/> California	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> New York
<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina
<input type="checkbox"/> Dist. of Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon
<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania
<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island
<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina
<input type="checkbox"/> Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota
<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee
<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas
<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah
<input type="checkbox"/> Maine	<input type="checkbox"/> Vermont
<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington
<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin
<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi	<input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming
<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri	

GenealogyBank's search form for passenger lists

The Great Pandemic In New Jersey 1918-1919



A panoramic view of the city of Newark, New Jersey in 1912. Newark was the first city in New Jersey to report cases of influenza. Credit: Library of Congress.

The first person to fall victim to influenza in New Jersey was a soldier at Fort Dix who had just returned from Europe. From Fort Dix, the disease spread rapidly throughout the state.

The state health officer announced on the 27th of September that the disease “was unusually prevalent” throughout the state. By the 30th of September, the state was reporting that 2,000 cases had been reported in the preceding three days. On October 10th, state officials formally banned all public gatherings. By October 15th, state officials had reported 88,256 cases of influenza, although the number was undoubtedly higher. By the 22nd, state authorities estimated that there were at least 149,540 cases in the state, with 4,398 deaths being officially reported. On October 22nd, the pandemic peaked in the state; that day there were 7,449 new cases and 366 deaths. The situation slowly improved after the third week of October.

A local insurance agent recalled that “the deaths were so sudden that it was almost unbelievable. You would be talking to someone one day and hear about his death the next day.” A physician said that it was a common experience to speak with someone who appeared to be healthy one day and then come across them a few days later on the autopsy table.

In Newark, the first cases were reported on September 25th. Under the guidance of the city's mayor, Newark's medical community met to discuss methods of dealing with the disease. The meeting led to a massive educational campaign, with pamphlets on prevention and treatment sent to every household in the city.

Although launched with great fanfare, the campaign failed to contain the pandemic. Influenza rapidly spread throughout Newark. Dead bodies accumulated without being buried.

City employees were recruited to dig graves and a hundred firemen volunteered to help bury the dead. Rather than individual graves, teams of horses dug trenches to bury the dead. Because public funerals were banned to prevent the spread of the disease, no one complained.

City officials purchased a vacant furniture warehouse which they converted into an emergency hospital with four hundred beds. But with many of the city's nurses and physicians serving overseas, health care providers were in short supply across the state. One physician found himself treating over 3,000 patients within a month. Looking back on the experience, he said, “there was no need to make appointments. You waked out of your office in the morning and people grabbed you as you walked down the street. You just kept going from one patient to another until late in the evening.”

An experimental vaccine was tested on Newark's residents. It proved ineffective, and people turned to whiskey and opiates for cures. One physician recommended that his patients eat red onions and drink coffee. He bragged that this treatment was quite effective as he had a low mortality rate among his patients. Guide's Pepto-Manghan and Pope's Cold Compound were also advertised as cures. Despite the boasts of physicians and drug manufacturers,

none of these treatments were effective.

While influenza rates declined after November, the disease remained prevalent throughout the state during the late fall, winter, and spring. By the summer, influenza had begun to disappear from the state.

Source:

[HTTP://WWW.FLU.GOV/PANDEMIC/HISTORY/1918/YOUR_STATE/NORTHEAST/NEWJERSEY/](http://www.flu.gov/pandemic/history/1918/your_state/northeast/newjersey/)



Shoppers, tourists and beach-goers stroll the boardwalk in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Following the outbreak, amusement parks, theaters, and other public gathering places were closed indefinitely.

Credit: Library of Congress.

West Milford Township Deaths • 1907-1923

From the files of the Passaic County Historical Society, *continued from Fall 2013 issue.*

- Mathias Hill, Jan. 2, 1916, 82 yrs. 4mo., West Milford
 Drucilla Moe, Jan. 12, 1916, 57 yrs. 2 mo., Moe Mt.
 Mary A. Bailey, Jan 27, 1916, age 74 yrs. Macopin.
 Lewis W. Fliedner, Jan. 15, 1916, 41 yrs. 11 mo., West Milford.
 Marian A. Van Horn, Mar. 6, 1916, 8 yrs. 2 mo., Newfoundland.
 Laura E. Rude, Mar. 18, 1916, 13 yrs. 1 mo., Newfoundland.
 Carrie M. Vreeland, Mar. 28, 1916, age 86y 5m 28d, Newfoundland.
 William Martin Baxter, Mar. 29, 1916, 79 yrs. 4 mo., West Milford.
 William J. Schulster, Apr. 29, 1916, 69 yrs. 10 mo., Newfoundland.
 John H. Conklin, May 3, 1916, 66 yrs. 4 mo., Newfoundland.
 John F. Weaver, May 11, 1916, 76 yrs. 5 mo., Echo Lake.
 Tillie Courter, May 22, 1916, 19 yrs. 8 mo., Greenwood Lake.
 John Broderick, June 26, 1916, 75y 8m 16d, Moe Mt.
 Cecelia Merion, Jul. 13, 1916, 74 yrs., Echo Lake.
 Elizabeth Terhune, Jul. 16, 1916, 70 yrs. 5 mo., West Milford.
 Sarah Augusta Winters, Jul. 23, 1916, age 64y 9m 17d, Newfoundland.
 George Bentel, Jul. 28, 1916, 18 yrs. 1 mo., Idylease Inn.
 Matilda Walker, Aug. 28, 1916, 42 yrs., Newfoundland.
 Margaret Wrege, Sep. 3, 1916, 66 yrs., Newfoundland.
 Anna B. Brown, Sep. 9, 1916, 80 yrs. 3 mo., Greenwood Lake.
 William Gray, Sep. 21, 1916, 63 yrs. 2 mo., Newfoundland.
 Mary E. Vaughan, Sep. 30, 1916, 59 yrs., Idylease Inn.
 Joseph J. White, Oct. 4, 1916, 76 yrs., West Milford.
 Whitfield C. Cooper, Nov. 7, 1916, 68 yrs, Oak Ridge.
 Ross Adams, Nov. 13, 1916, 55 yrs. 9 mo., Idylease Inn.
 John Smith, Nov. 23, 1916, 27 yrs. 4 mo., Greenwood Lake.
 Leonard S. Blakley, Dec. 8, 1916, 11 yrs. 1 mo., Intake Place.
 Leo E. Tintle, Dec. 10, 1916, 20 yrs. 1 mo., Echo Lake.
 Emma E. Hall, Dec. 12, 1916, 73 yrs. 11 mo., West Milford.
 John R. Hall, Dec 15, 1916, 80 yrs. 10 mo., West Milford.
 Katherine Kimble, Dec 18, 1916, 45 yrs. 6 mo., Newfoundland.
 Daniel Hopkins, Jan. 9, 1917, 74 yrs. 9 mo., West Milford.
 Cass L. Winters, Jan. 11, 1917, 65 yrs., Butler.
 Bertha Cole, Jan. 12, 1917, 22 yrs. 3 mo., Newfoundland.
 Eliza J. Joline, Jan. 18, 1917, 81 yrs. 4 mo., Newfoundland.
 James L. Morse, Jan. 21, 1917, 72 yrs., 8 mo., West Milford.
 Matilda Terhune, Jan. 22, 1917, 28 yrs. 10 mo., West Milford.
 Nancy Howell, Feb. 11, 1917, 78 yrs. 8 mo., Newfoundland.
 William H. Struble, Mar. 17, 1917, Echo Lake.
 John J. Struble, Mar. 22, 1917, 58 yrs. 1 mo., Echo Lake.
 Frank A. Fichter, Apr. 4, 1917, 59 yrs. 1 mo., Newfoundland.
 Walter L. Bossard, Apr. 5, 1917, 21 days, West Milford.
 Fannie Ferris, Apr. 17, 1917, 49 yrs. 8 mo., Newfoundland.
 Frances L. Rudolph, Apr. 18, 1917, 49 yrs. 9 mo., Newfoundland.
 Wellington P. Jennings, Apr. 24, 1917, 58 yrs 10 mo., Newfdl.
 Nicholas A, Merion, May 7, 1917, 61 yrs. 2 mo., Echo Lake.
 Alfred Kimble, May 13, 1917, 64 yrs. 2 mo., Newfoundland.
 Calebb Lee Strait, May 28, 1917, 35 yrs. 5 mo., Charlotteberg.
 Samuel Marion, June 4, 1917, infant, Echo Lake.
 John Green (Soldier) June 10, 1917, 20 yrs., Greenwood Lake.
 Elenor F. Terhune, June 16, 1917, 91 yrs. 11 mo. 19 d., W. Milford
 Alice L. Norris, June 23, 1917, 72 yrs. 4 mo., Boonton, Idyl. Inn
 Lewis Davenport, June 24, 1917, 77 yrs. 7 mo. W. Mil-Warwick, NY
 Edith Allington, July 1, 1917, 55 yrs. 2 mo., Idyl Inn, Newfoundland
 Mary Agnes Blake, July 3, 1917, 37 yrs. 3 mo., Macopin - NY
 Sarah M. Sandford, July 10, 1917, 71 yrs. 7 mo., West Milford
 James E. Terhune, July 19, 1917, 72 yrs. 3 mo., West Milford
 Augusta Post, July 21, 1917, 66 yrs. 2 mo., Newfoundland
 Levi Merion, July 21, 1917, 31 yrs, about Greenwood Lk, Drown
 Ethel C. Struble, July 30, 1817, 2 yrs. 9 mo., Echo Lake
 Martin Henion, Aug. 2, 1917, 80 yrs. 10 mo., Echo Lake
 William Paterson, Aug. 20, 1917, 78 yrs. 4 mo., Hewitt
 William P. Bowman, Aug. 22, 1917, 75 yrs. 1 mo., Greenwd. Lk.
 Delia Margerson, Aug. 29, 1917, 76 yrs. 11 mo., Echo Lake
 Tobias Soffina Lee, Sep. 7, 1917, 7 yrs. 10 mo., Green Pond
 Charles A. Rhinesmith, Sep. 8, 1917, 62 yrs. 2 mo., W. Milford
 Albert J. Sisco, Sep. 13, 1917, 86 yrs. 2 mo. 11 d., Macopin
 William S. Post, Sep. 14, 1917, 67 yrs. 11 mo., Newfoundland
 Paul G. Kimble, Sep. 28, 1917, 6 yrs. 3 mo., Newfoundland
 Harold Rhoades, Sep. 30, 1917, 8 mo. 28 d., Butler
 Lelia M. Moody, Oct. 14, 1917, 1 yr. 4 mo., Newfoundland
 Margaret Speaker, Nov. 1, 1917, 67 yrs. 10 mo., Echo Lake
 Railene E. Vreeland, Nov. 26, 1917, 3 mo. 14 d., Macopin
 David J. Paul, Dec. 17, 1917, 2 mo. 13 d., West Milford
 Eliza J. Vreeland, Dec. 20, 1917, 80 yrs. 1 mo., Macopin
 Sarah Fredericks, Dec. 20, 1917, 60 yrs.
 Robert Martin, Dec. 22, 1917, 76 yrs. 5 mo., Hewitt
 Peter Odell, Dec. 25, 1917, 55 yrs. 8 mo., Macopin

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West Milford Township Deaths, 1907-1923 *cont. from page 6*

August Werner, Dec. 26, 1917, 55 yrs. Echo Lake
 Sarah Jane Struble, Dec. 31, 1917, 54 yrs., Echo Lake
 Cornelius Allison, Jan. 8, 1918, 84 yrs. 9 mo. 12 d., Newfoundland
 Emma J. Moody, Jan. 17, 1918, 67 yrs. 10 mo., West Milford
 George Van Dien, Jan. 29, 1918, 68 yrs. 9 mo.
 Mrs. William (Tillie) Winterbottom, Jan. 26, 1918, 49 yrs. 4 mo.
 Lydia E. Fredericks, Feb. 1, 1918, 60 yrs. 8 mo., Echo Lake
 Dorothy I. Wells, Mar. 6, 1918, 2 mo., Smith Mills
 Sarah L. N. McLaurey, Feb. 12, 1918, 56 yrs. 3 mo., W. Milford
 Roger W. Merrian, Mar. 10, 1918, 1 day, Bloomingdale
 Edward J. Francisco, Mar. 11, 1918, 67 yrs. 3 mo., West Milford
 John Milton Vreeland, Mar. 21, 1918, 72 yrs. 5 mo., Macopin
 Wiliam Schulster, Mar. 22, 1918, 50 yrs., Newfoundland
 Donald J. Odell, Mar. 23, 1918, 17 days, Macopin
 Charles G. Odell, Mar. 27, 1918, 21 days, Macopin
 Twins of Peter Odell, deceased.
 Stephen Odell, Apr. 12, 1918, 65 yrs. 10 mo., Macopin
 John D. Banta, Apr. 13, 1918, abt. 85 yrs. West Milford
 Deward R. Smith, May 14, 1918, 31 yrs. 6 mo., Macopin
 Fred Allen, June 14, 1918, 56 yrs., Greenwood Lake
 John P. Winterbottom, June 16, 1918, 64 yrs., 9 mo., Milton
 Lydia Paulison, July 10, 1918, 75 yrs. 3 mo., Stockholm
 Anna H. Woods, Aug. 21, 1918, 56 yrs. 11 mo., Long Wood
 Lillian H. Quackenbush, Oct. 3, 1918, 25 yrs. 5 mo., Smith Mills
 Margaret M. Kehoe, Oct. 13, 1918, 54 yrs. Newfoundland Hotel
 James Morgan, Oct. 14, 1918, 42 yrs, Hewitt
 James Sillsbury Oct. 14, 1918, 52 yrs. 4 mo., Hewitt
 Josephine O. Turner, Oct. 16, 1918, 26 yrs. 6 mo., Newfoundland
 William A. Struble, Oct. 16, 1918, 22 yrs, 9 mo.
 Maurice Vanderhoff, Oct. 27, 1918 6 yrs. 8 mo., Newfoundland
 Minnie Finigan, Oct 29, 1918, 1 yr., Sterling Forest
 Walter F. Rhinesmith, Oct. 31, 1918, 7 mo., West Milford
 Charlotte E. Day, Nov. 1, 1918, 8 yrs. 6 mo., Newfoundland
 Elizabeth Talmage, Oct. 24, 1918, 17 yrs. 11 mo.
 Charles M. Rhinesmith, Nov. 12, 1918, 28 yrs. 8 mo., Echo Lake
 Yoo Gertrude Arnold, Nov. 13, 1918, 5 mos., Hewitt
 Lewis Kimble, Nov. 26, 1918, 78 yrs. 7 mo., Newfoundland
 Marie Wade, Dec. 6, 1918, 85 yrs., Oak Ridge
 Eva Ford, Dec. 16, 1918, 29 yrs. 5 mo., Greenwood Lake
 Julia Cole (Jacob Cole wife), Dec. 30, 1918, 81 yrs. 11 mo. Stkho.
 Mary A. Fitcher, Jan. 1, 1919, 86 yrs. 4 mo., Oak Ridge/Milton
 Sadie Utter, Jan. 1, 1919, 22 yrs. 5 mo., Moe Mt.
 Charlotte M. Moody, Jan. 4, 1919, 32 yrs. 5 mo., Newfoundland
 David R. Daly, Feb. 3, 1919, 65 yrs. 7 mo., West Milford
 Henry Heinmer, Mar. 3, 1919, 22 yrs. 4 mo., Hewitt
 Mary Searles, Feb. 6, 1919, 5 yrs. 3 mo., Newfoundland
 James H. Vreeland, Feb. 18, 1919, 82 yrs. 7 mo., Macopin
 Harry Munson, Feb. 19, 1919, 35 yrs. 6 mo., West Milford
 Charles Jacquil, Mar. 28, 1919, 29 yrs. 4 mo., Hewitt
 James Gray, Mar. 29, 1919, 48 yrs. 5 mo., Oak Ridge
 Edwin G. Kimble, June 8, 1919, 31 yrs. 5 mo., Newfoundland
 Rachel J. Morgan, June 9, 1919, 69 yrs. 9 mo. 13 d., Hewitt
 Lizzie H. Woodworth, June 25, 1919, 62 yrs.
 Raymond Casey, Aug. 7, 1919, 1 day, West Milford
 Sarah L. Terhune (wife of Walter S.) Jul. 11, 1919, 74 yrs.
 7 mo. 20 d., West Milford
 Carrie Adler, Aug. 31, 1919, 15 yrs., West Milford
 Lydia E. Forgerson, Aug. 28, 1919, 39 yrs. 8 mo., Newfoundland
 Gene Louisa Mulford, Oct. 2, 1919, 4 mo. 21 d., Newfoundland
 Mary Bigelo, Oct. 4, 1919, 56 yrs., at Oakland, bur. Newfoundland
 Henry Malcom Wade, Oct. 11, 1919, 1 mo. 10 d., Newfoundland
 Harold Gerard White, Oct. 21, 1919, 5 mo. 16 d., Newfoundland
 Charles J. Ketcham, Nov. 12, 1919, 65 yrs. 7 mo. 13 d., Newfound.
 Harry T. Coursen, Dec. 5, 1919, 42 yrs. 22 d., Newfoundland
 Susan Davenport, Dec. 8, 1919, 77 yrs. 7 mo. 12d., Oak Ridge
 Phebe Emma Vanderhoff, Dec. 17, 1920, 45 yrs. 9 mo., Newfound.
 Gerold F. Benjamin, Jan. 5, 1920, 3 yrs., Echo Lake
 Mary A. Wever, Jan. 13, 1920, 76 yrs., Echo Lake
 Eloise N. Scripture, Feb. 13, 1920, 25 yrs. 10 mo. 13 d., Newfound.
 John J. Struble, Feb. 17, 1920, 63 yrs., Echo Lake (Cem.)
 Jacob Ryerson, Apr. 23, 1920, 75 yrs, Macopin
 Cecilia Cashmore, May 20, 1920, 80 yrs., West Milford
 Gertrude M. Collins, Jul. 3, 1920, 58 yrs., Oak Ridge - Morris
 Rudolph Brant, June 26, 1920, 28 yrs. 10 mo., Paterson
 Martha J. Willard, Aug. 26, 1920, 1 mo., West Milford
 Phebe J. Terhune, Sep. 26, 1920, 87 yrs. 1 mo. 7d.
 Evelyn L. . Willard, Sep. 28, 1920, 1 mo. 20 d., West Milford
 Frederick Morse, Oct. 18, 1920, 47 yr. 8 mo., West Milford
 Willard Whitmore, Oct. 24, 1920, 4 mo., West Milford
 Elizabeth S. Day, Oct. 27, 1920, 55 yrs. 2 mo., Stockholm
 George Mathews, Nov. 28, 1920, 73 yrs. 8 mo., Echo Lake
 Albert Davenport, Dec. 13, 1920, 61 yrs. 10 mo., Oak Ridge
 Patrick Cadden, Dec. 21, 1920, 63 yrs. 8 mo., Macopin/Echo Lake
 Frances LaRoe, Dec 25, 1920, 76 yrs. Wantage Twp., Sussex

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West Milford Township Deaths, 1907-1923 *cont. from page 8*

Alexander Chamberlain, Dec. 31, 1920, 81 yrs. 10 d., Milton
 Sarah A. Utter, Jan. 3, 1921, 72 yrs. 6 mo., Moe Mt.
 William Chamberlain, Jan. 9, 1921, 78 yrs. 3 mo., Milton
 Helen V. Vreeland, Jan. 26, 1921, 4 mo., Macopin
 Janett Schulster, Jan. 28, 1921, 74 yrs. 12 d., Newfoundland
 Ida Fredericks, Jan. 31, 1921, 66 yrs. 6 mo., Oak Ridge
 Alice Davenport, Feb. 9, 1921, 54 yrs., Hamburg (bur. Oak Ridge)
 John Paulison, Feb. 10, 1921, 82 yrs. 18 d., Holland Mt.
 Jane Bernard, Feb. 15, 1921, 70 yrs. 8 mo. 11 d., Macopin
 Charles McCormick, Feb. 27, 1921, 74 yrs. 11 mo. 1 d., Milton
 Abraham Pulis, Apr. 4, 1921, 82 yrs. 10 d., Oak Ridge
 Solmon T. Webb, Apr. 14, 1921, 77 yrs. 5 mo. 17 d., Newfoundland
 Levina M. Hall, Apr. 22, 1921, 4 mo. 16 d., West Milford
 John F. Mathews, (son), b. & d. Apr. 25, 1921
 George Rice Jr., May 16, 1921, 6 mo. 9 d., Newfoundland
 William E. Witte, Jul. 30, 1921, 11 yrs. Echo Lake (Drowning)
 Ira W. Drew, Jul. 28, 1921, 78 yrs. 7 mo. 8 d., Macopin
 Owen J. Little, Aug. 5, 1921, 81 yrs. 10 mo. 23 d., Echo Lake
 Clarence Van Horn, Aug. 12, 1921, 15 yrs. 7 mo., Newfoundland
 Martha A. Henion, Jul. 18, 1921, 57 yrs. 4 mo. 14 d., Echo Lake
 John Freeman, Aug. 15, 1921, 18 yrs., Green Pond (Drowning)
 Henry W. Panseback, Aug. 25, 1921, 29 yrs. 3 mo., Hacksac-GrPond
 Lydia Brown, Aug. 26, 1921, 47 yrs., East Paterson - Green Pond.
 Mary Jane Freeman, Aug. 31, 1921, 75 yrs., Newfoundland
 Louisa H. Barski, Sep. 19, 1921, 60 yrs. 10 mo. 17 d., West Milford
 George P. Manetas Jr., Sep. 12, 1921, 5 days, West Milford
 Hanna Lenore Kimble, Oct. 4, 1921, 71 yrs. 9 mo. 29 d., Newfoundland
 Anna Freeman, Oct. 9, 1921, 14 yrs., Newfoundland
 Richard Brower, Oct. 27, 1921, 70 yrs. 7 mo., Macopin
 James Mullen, Oct. 13, 1921, 71 yrs. 6 mo., Macopin
 John P. Mathews, Oct. 13, 1921, 46 yrs. 4 mo., Echo Lake
 Adelia Pidgon, Nov. 14, 1921, 47 yrs. 4 mo. 21 d., Newfoundl.
 Sidney Kimble, Nov. 20, 1921, 65 yrs. 11 mo. 25 d., Newfoundl.
 Bertha E. Kimble, Nov. 23, 1921, 37 yrs. 2 mo., Newfoundland
 George S. Briggs, Dec. 16, 1921, 76 yrs. 6 mo. 18 d. Charlottbrg.
 Clara A. Morse, Dec. 26, 1921, 6 yrs. 7 mo., Smith Mills
 Philander P. Cooley, Dec. 29, 1921, 75 yrs., West Milford
 Thomas Marion, Jan. 6, 1922, 3 mos., Smith Mills
 Carrie Holtclair Kirkpatrick, Jan. 12, 1922, 64 yrs. 11 mo. 10 d.
 Idylease Inn, Newfoundland
 David G. Lawrence, Jan. 14, 1922, 86 yrs. 7 mo. 8 d. W. Milford
 Richard Baxter, Jan. 26, 1922, 70 yrs. 3 d, Echo Lake
 Ermma Treewecke, Feb. 9, 1922, 65 yrs. 11 mo. 15 d., Charlottb.
 Freda Gray, Mar. 8, 1922, 29 yrs. 7 mo., New City, NY
 Francas Finnigan, Mar. 8, 1922, 5 mo., Greenwood Lake
 Charles G. Cole, Mar. 11, 1922, 65 yrs. 1 mo., Newfoundland
 Jonathan Bigelow, Mar. 15, 1922, 82 yrs. 2 mo., Newfoundland
 Mary L. Montross, Mar. 21, 1922, 71 yrs. 6 mo. Moe Mt.
 Stephen B. Odell, Mar. 21, 1922, 1 yr. 1 mo., Macopin
 John J. McKeever, Apr. 6, 1922, 82 yrs., Echo Lake Rd.
 Theodore Weaver, Mar. 18, 1922, 82 yrs. Oak Ridge
 Ernest Sisco, (son) Apr. 29, 1922, West Milford
 Stella M. Miller, May 11, 1922, 9 mo., Newfoundland
 James B. Crawford, May 22, 1922, 43 yrs. Paterson-Green Lk.
 Nicholas Fioravanti, June 7, 1922, 82 yrs, Echo Lake/Macopin
 Wilkamina F. Meyer, June 25, 1922, 72 yrs., Echo Lake
 Willard Revalee, June 29, 1922, 29 yrs. 8 mo. Greenwood Lk.
 Antoinette VanBossaem, Aug. 15, 1922, 55 yrs. 2 mo. 26 d., Macopin
 Mary Whittenour, Aug. 18, 1922, 53 yrs. 3 mo., Smith Mills
 Ray Sowerbutt, Aug. 22, 1922, 40 yrs. 11 mo. 23 d., Newfoundl.
 Martha LaRoe, Sep. 15, 1922, 81 yrs. 8 mo. 15d., W. Milford
 Hanna Mossia Mead, Sep. 16, 1922, 85 yrs., West Milford
 Clementina D, Green, Oct. 16, 1922, 80 yrs. 1 mo., Newfoundl.
 Bertha S. Taylor, Nov. 5, 1922, 26 yrs. 10 mo., Macopin
 Roger Vreeland, Nov. 1, 1922, 3 days., Macopin
 Mary Sisco, Dec. 2, 1922, 86 yrs. 20 d., West Milford
 Elinora Kimble, Nov. 11, 1922, 20 mo. 19 d. Green Pond
 Earl L. Miller, Dec. 31, 1922, 1 yr. 3 mo., Moe Mt.
 Martha Whritenour, Jan. 3, 1923, 63 yrs. 4 mo., Echo Lake
 John G. Worthington, Jan 7, 1923, 76 yrs., Hewitt
 Lucy Weaver, Feb. 3, 1923, 74 yrs., Franklin, NJ
 Maria Rhinesmith, Mar. 4, 1923, 90 yrs. 3 mo., Macopin
 Cecilia Whritenour, Mar. 12, 1923, 1 yr. 1 mo. 21 d., Smith Mills
 Joseph Henion, Mar. 21, 1923, 90 yrs. 10 d., Smith Mills
 James Norman, Mar. 27, 1923, 72 yrs. 5 mo. 5 d., Milton
 Nellie Devonville, Apr. 6, 1923, 32 yrs. 11 mo., Charlotteburg
 Henry S. Drayton, Apr. 7, 1923, Apr. 7, 1923, 83 yrs. 6 mo. 21 d.,
 Idylease Inn, Newfoundland
 Gladys Smith, May 5, 1923, 2 mo. 25 d., Echo Lake
 Catherine Smith, May 6, 1923, 72 yrs. 6 mo. 6 d., Newfoundland
 Clara K. Fox, June 7, 1923, 17 yrs. 10 mo. 9 d., Echo Lake
 Walter Winters, June 27, 1923, 59 yrs. Pompton Lks.

Top 10 Deadliest U.S. Natural Disasters

The Worst Storms & Environmental Disasters in U.S. History

By Kimberly Powell

Environmental and natural disasters have claimed the lives of thousands of people in the United States, wiped out entire cities and towns, and destroyed precious historical and genealogical documents. If your family lived in Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, New England, California, Georgia, South Carolina, Missouri, Illinois or Indiana, then your family history may have been changed forever by one of these ten deadliest U.S. disasters.

1. Galveston, TX Hurricane - September 18, 1900

Estimated death toll: about 8000

The deadliest natural disaster in U.S. history was the hurricane that ripped into the rich, port city of Galveston, Texas, on September 18, 1900. The category 4 storm devastated the island city, killing 1 in 6 residents and destroying most of the buildings in its path. The building which housed the port's immigration records was one of many destroyed in the storm, and few Galveston ships manifests survive for the years 1871-1894.

2. San Francisco Earthquake - 1906

Estimated death toll: 3400+

In the dark morning hours of April 18, 1906, the sleeping city of San Francisco was rocked by a massive earthquake. Walls caved in, streets buckled, and gas and water lines broke, allowing residents little time to take cover. The earthquake itself lasted less than a minute, but fires broke out across the city almost immediately, fueled by broken gas lines and a lack of water to put them out. Four days later, the earthquake and subsequent fire left more than half of San Francisco's population homeless, and had killed somewhere between 700 and 3000 people.

3. Great Okeechobee Hurricane, Florida - September 16-17, 1928

Estimated death toll: 2500+

Coastal residents living along Palm Beach, Florida, were basically prepared for this category 4 hurricane, but it was along the south shores of Lake Okeechobee in the Florida Everglades that most of the 2000+ victims perished. Many were migrant workers working in such an isolated location, that they had no warning of the impending disaster.

4. Johnstown, PA Flood - May 31, 1889

Estimated death toll: 2209+

A neglected southwestern Pennsylvania dam and days of rain combined to create one of America's greatest tragedies. The South Fork Dam, built to hold back Lake Conemaugh for the prestigious South Fork Fishing & Hunting Club, collapsed on May 31, 1889. More than 20 million tons of water, in a wave reaching more than 70 feet high, swept 14 miles down the Little Conemaugh River Valley, destroying everything in its path, including most of the industrial city of Johnstown.

5. Chenier Caminada Hurricane - October 1, 1893

Estimated death toll: 2000+

The unofficial name of this Louisiana hurricane (also spelled Chenier Caminada or Cheniere Caminada) comes from the island-type peninsula, located 54 miles from New Orleans, that lost 779 people to the storm. The devastating hurricane predates modern forecasting tools, but is thought to have had winds approaching 100 miles per hour. It was actually one of two deadly hurricanes that hit the U.S. during the 1893 hurricane season (see below).

6. "Sea Islands" Hurricane - August 27-28, 1893

Estimated death toll: 1000 - 2000

It is estimated that the "Great Storm of 1893" that struck the southern South Carolina and northern Georgia coast was at least a Category 4 storm, but there is no way of knowing, since measures of hurricane intensity weren't measured for storms before 1900. The storm killed an estimated 1,000 - 2,000 people, mostly from storm surge affecting the low-lying barrier "Sea Islands" off the Carolina coast.

7. Hurricane Katrina - August 29, 2005

Estimated death toll: 1836+

The most destructive hurricane ever to strike the United States, Hurricane Katrina was the 11th named storm in the busy 2005 hurricane season. The devastation in New Orleans and the surrounding Gulf Coast area cost over 1,800 lives, billions of dollars in damage, and catastrophic loss to the region's rich cultural heritage.

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Top 10 Natural Disasters *cont. from page 9***8. Great New England Hurricane - 1938****Estimated death toll: 720**

The hurricane dubbed by some as the “Long Island Express” made landfall over Long Island and Connecticut as a category 3 storm on September 21, 1938. The powerful hurricane decimated almost 9,000 buildings and homes, caused over 700 deaths, and reshaped the landscape of the south Long Island shore. The storm caused over \$306 million in damage in 1938 dollars, which would equal about \$3.5 billion in today's dollars.

9. Georgia - South Carolina Hurricane - 1881**Estimated death toll: 700**

Hundreds of people were lost in this August 27th hurricane that struck the east U.S. coast at the juncture of Georgia

and South Carolina, causing severe damage to Savannah and Charleston. The storm then moved inland, dissipating on the 29th over northwestern Mississippi, resulting in about 700 deaths.

10. Tri-State Tornado in Missouri, Illinois and Indiana - 1925**Estimated death toll: 695**

Widely considered the most powerful and devastating tornado in American history, the Great Tri-State Tornado ripped through Missouri, Illinois and Indiana on March 18, 1925. It's uninterrupted 219-mile trek killed 695 people, injured more than 2000, destroyed about 15,000 homes, and damaged more than 164 square miles.

New Jersey's New Adoption Laws

As of 2017, adoptees born in New Jersey, one of their direct descendants, a sibling or spouse, the adoptive parent, legal guardian or other legal representative of the adopted person, or a state or federal agency will be able to access an adoptee's original birth certificate. Also available will be the adoptees' family medical history. Although the law was signed by Governor Christie in May 2014, it does not take effect until 2017. The reason for the delay is to assure that privacy agreements are honored and to allow ample time for birth parents to opt out of contact.

Under the present New Jersey law, the only way to obtain an adopted person's birth certificate is through a court order. Many states' adoption laws creating so-called modern sealed records, date back to 1920-40, and were patterned after the Minnesota Act of 1917. At the time there was a wide-spread social stigma about illegitimacy and being an unwed mother. Sealed records guaranteed



New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie signs a bill Tuesday, May 27, 2014, in Trenton, N.J., that will allow access to birth records for people adopted in the state.

(AP Photo/Mel Evans)

privacy for unwed pregnant girls and women. In New Jersey, the records were sealed in 1940.

In several states the secrecy of adoption has been broken down. Some states that allow adult adoptees access to their original birth certificates are Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon and Tennessee. Alaska and Kansas never enacted laws restricting access. Today, a new trend is “open adoptions” where contact between birth

families and adoptive families are normal occurrences.

Whether medical, genetic, or personal, the need to know one's family history can be especially compelling. Family historians who themselves are adopted, or encounter an adopted or orphaned ancestor have often been stymied in their research. Easier access to New Jersey's adoption records under the new law might help some genealogists who were up against the proverbial “brick wall.”

Decree of Napoleon (1811) on Family-names in the Netherlands

In the Netherlands in 1811 the Napoleonic decree made it law that the head of each family should register at their local municipality a chosen surname. This led to a large increase in newly adopted 'fixed' surnames. Particularly in the north and east of the Netherlands where many families had until this time not used permanent surnames. Rather from generation to generation they would adopt the male parents first name as a surname for the next generation and as a result each successive generation would have a different last name (surname). Many families, beginning with nobility, adopted surnames at a much earlier date, even as early as the sixteenth century. There were four main categories from which surnames were derived:

1. Geographic
2. Aliases and Nicknames
3. Occupational and trade surnames
4. Patronymic and matronymic surnames (derived from the individuals father's or mother's name).

Decree of Napoleon

In the Palace of St. Cloud, August the 18th 1811 Napoleon, Emperor of the French, King of Italy, Protector of the Rhine-alliance, Negotiator of the Swiss Alliance.

On the report of our Supreme-Judge Minister of Justice; Respecting our Decree of July 20th 1808; Consulting our Statescouncil;

We made the following decree:

Art 1. Our subjects in the departments of the former Holland, Mouths of the Rhine, Mouths of the Scheldt, the county of Breda, which did not have a regular family or first name, must during the year of the announcement of our current decree adopt one and register this name at the register of the civil town, where they are living.

Art 2. Names of cities will not be allowed as family names. First names are accepted like the which are allowed by law of the II germinal in the II th year.

Art 3. The mayors which register the inhabitants of their towns, will check and give notice to the government that the previous articles were respected. They are also bound to inform the government about civilians who have changed their name without conducting according to the rules of the above mentioned law of II Germinal IIth year.

Art 4. The subjects the departments of the former Holland, mouths of the Rhine, mouths of the Scheldt, the county of Breda, which already carry for a longer time well known names and first names which were originated in those towns are excluded from the rules of the current decree.

Art 5. The subjects, of the previous article, which want to keep their name and first names, are bound to register themselves in the town where they live or in the town where they are planning to settle: this all within the time as mentioned in article 1.

Art 6. The family name, which the father, or, by indeposition of him, the grandfather on the fathers side, will accept, or which name will be granted, will be given to all children, which will be bound, to carry the same family name in the certificates; therefore the father, or, by indisposition the grandfather, the children and grandchildren will mention in his registration as well as the place of living; and for our subjects who's father, or by his indeposition, their grandfather is still alive, have only to state that he is alive and give his place of living.

Art 7. Those, which by the current decree not act according to the given formalities and time, and those, which, in some public paper or private agreement, arbitrary and not act following the rules of the II germinal IIth year, have changed their names, will be punished in accordance with the applicable laws.

Art 8. Our supreme judge-minister of justice and our minister of internal affairs are, for their respective duties in charge with the execution of the current Decree, which will be placed in the bulletin of laws.

(signed.) *NAPOLEON*

Representing the Emperor, the Minister Secretary of State,

Supplementary comment:

The "Burgerlijke Stand" (Registration Service/Civil Registration) was an idea of the French, introduced 1792 in France, 1796 in Belgium, Dutch Limburg and Zeeuws-Vlaanderen. (Maastricht, capital of Limburg already had Civil Registration introduced in 1794), 1811 in the Netherlands

Though officially introduced in 1796, it lasted till 1803 that Civil Registration in Belgium was accomplished completely. So Napoleon's Decree on family names of 1811 for the Netherlands didn't immediately lead to the adoption of fixed family names by all Dutch inhabitants. Especially in the northern provinces Groningen and Friesland many families just persisted in using patronymics the old way. Generally, the genealogist can assume that fixed family names for all Dutch and Belgians were a fact from the year 1825. So it's not impossible that while tracing your ancestors in the Netherlands you will still find some with varying names or patronymics between 1811 and 1825!