

Finding and Accessing New York State Birth Certificates

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NYG&B Website:

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/free-new-york-genealogy-resources>

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The NYG&B Online Collections include images of the New York State Death Index.

From Reclaim the Records:

<https://archive.org/details/nybirthindex> for New York State

The images in these collections are not searchable, but they are easy to browse by year, though the image quality of some years makes it difficult to read certain images.

From Ancestry.com:

New York State, Birth Index, 1881–1942 <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61667>

Once you have found the birth certificate number, you're ready to request a copy. Our current recommendation is to go to the local municipality, e.g. the town or village. Use gazetteers and maps to find the town or village. Four counties hold vital records at the county level, Chemung, Monroe, Onondaga, and Tompkins.

If you have a long outstanding request in with the state use <https://apps.health.ny.gov/pubpal/builder/vital-records-status>

Another option is to use VitalChek <https://www.vitalchek.com/birth-certificates/new-york/ny-state-vital-records>

Selected Bibliography and Further Reading

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