Researching New Jersey State Vital Records May 1848-December 1917*  
(*date changes at the end of each calendar year when all records in a calendar year are 100 years old)

**Birth**

- **Exact Date?**
  - **Yes**
    - **Before 1903**
      - Look at published NJSA Birth Indexes for location or certificate number of record
    - **1904-1917**
      - Look at microfilm, arranged in alphabetical order by last name within calendar year
  - **No**
    - **Before 1903**
      - Find child’s age from 1905 or 1915 census
    - **1904-1917**
      - Search 1901-1903 index to NJ State Birth Certificates on Ancestry (same indexes available on microfilm at NJSA).

If ordering from the New Jersey State Archives (NJSA) remotely, make sure to include the exact date of birth on your order form. Further questions? Contact the State Archives at 609-292-6260

NJSA has searchable birth records from January 1918 to December 1923 for in person use only. If these records are needed for any official purposes, you must contact the Department of Health Office of Vital Statistics and Registry to order at 609-292-4087.

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