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)

Marriage

Exact Date?

Yes

Before 1903

Look at NJSA Marriage Records Indexes for location or certificate number of record

Before 1904-1915

Look at microfilm, arranged in alphabetical order by groom’s last name within calendar year or at the Bride’s Index

No

Before 1903

Check State Archives Marriage Index May 1848-May 1878 (you may order records from here) or FamilySearch.org’s NJ Marriage Index, which includes State records May 1848-December 1900

Before 1904-1917

Check to see if marriage occurred by 1905 or 1915 census

1904-1917

Search NJ Marriage Indexes 1901-2016 on Archive.org or visit NJSA to use microfilmed indexes to December 1948.

Before 1901?

Yes

No

Contact or visit NJSA to search 1905-1917 marriage certificates

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

NJSA has searchable marriage records from January 1918 to December 1948 (with a Bride’s Index to 1948) 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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