

How to Search the Database

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Collection Location

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| > United States | 181,114 |
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Search

First & Middle Name(s)

Last Name

Place your ancestor might have lived

Birth year

Add event details:

BIRTH

MARRIAGE

DEATH

LIVED IN

ANY EVENT

Add family member:

FATHER

MOTHER

SPOUSE

OTHER

Keywords:

SEARCH

Navigation

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| ☑ Death Records | |
| > Burial Permit (Calvary Cemetery) | 764 |
| > Burial Permit (SB County) | 1,503 |
| > Coroner's Inquest | 22,037 |
| > Death Return (SB City) | 163 |
| > Death Return (SB County) | 324 |
| > Mortuary Record (MCD) | 10,321 |
| > Mortuary Record (WRH) | 11,345 |
| > Obituary | 103,577 |

- Search the entire database or limit your search to the specific Categories and Locations (listed on the left side panel).
- Available search fields vary depending on the Category being searched (marriage dates are not available on Death Records, for example).
- To expand or collapse a list, click on the arrowhead [>] (to the left of Categories and/or Locations). Once a Category or Location has been expanded, click on the down arrowhead [v] to collapse it and then see the list of options.

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Search

The screenshot shows a search interface with a 'Last Name' field containing 's' and a 'Birth year' field containing 'Birth year'. A dropdown menu is open, showing search options: EXACT & SOUNDS LIKE (NYSIIS), Optional, Exact, Alternate spellings, Sounds like (nysiis), Sounds like (soundex), and Fuzzy. At the bottom of the dropdown are 'CANCEL' and 'APPLY' buttons. In the background, there are tabs for 'E', 'DEATH', 'LIVED IN', 'SPOUSE', and 'OTHER'.

- Search criteria is not case-sensitive.
- If all search fields are blank, every record in the database will be listed.
- An asterisk (*) can be used as a wildcard in search fields (as a substitute for one or more characters in a name). For example, “s*” in the *Surname* field returns all surnames that begin with the letter “s”.
- Typing in any field brings up available spelling options¹ used to search in this field. Remember to click the *Apply* button after making any changes to the options.
- Event dates can be searched by year, or by specifying a range restriction, like +/- 5 years.
- Only places that are chosen from an event’s location dropdown list will return search results.
- Change search parameters and get updated results by clicking the *Update* button. After making several attempts without success, click *Clear All* to restart.
- **Keywords**
 - Use this field to search for alternate spellings and names of your ancestor (aliases or nicknames, such as Whisky Pete).
 - This field may contain additional information about your ancestor (such as juror, witness, military, professional credentials, etc.).

¹ [Soundex and NYSIIS Explained](#)