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New Jersey State Archives
~ Guide to Reproduction and Research Services, Policies and Fees ~
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General Considerations

Given the statutory mission of the State Archives to preserve New Jersey's public documents, the following general considerations apply to our reproduction services and policies:

- a) The State Archives maintains accessioned public records that have been legally transferred into the ownership of the Archives. It is the statutory obligation of the Archives to provide access and reproduction of such materials under the public records law and the Open Public Records Act of 2001.
- b) The State Archives also maintains – as reference material – printed books, microfilm of county records, federal censuses, vital records, etc., and other materials including database and electronic resources. Reproduction and printing from these media is discretionary on the part of the Archives management and not subject to public records law. While photocopying from printed books and microfilm is available on premises, we do not offer color photocopying or photographic reproduction of published sources, illustrations from books, or copyrighted material.
- c) The Archives professional staff have been authorized by the Director to make a determination as to the fragility of manuscript and graphic material and, when appropriate, to deny direct photocopying requests. It is generally the Archives' policy to allow photocopying whenever possible in cases where an alternate media such as microfilm of the original does not exist. However, manuscript and graphic material (including photographs) suffers damage from repeated light exposure and requests for multiple photocopies of such material may be denied for this reason.
- d) In order to protect original materials the Archives prohibits the use of outside scanning and photography equipment other than a non-lighted/non-flash hand-held camera. Special arrangements must be made in advance of a visit for non-flash photography and non-lighted video. Special service charges may apply in cases where extensive staff time is required (see below). The State Archives' photographic equipment is for use by Archives staff only.

- e) Reproduced images used in publications and websites or otherwise widely distributed should credit New Jersey State Archives, Department of State.
- f) All payments (except for professional photographers' charges as explained below) should be payable to New Jersey General Treasury.

All services subject to the availability of staffing and equipment. Outside vendors may be required at the discretion of NJDARM, in which case the requestor shall pay the outside vendor directly in addition to applicable hourly or other fees of NJDARM.

Fees are authorized pursuant to P.L. 2003, c. 117, sec. 40; rules pending.

If you have further questions, please email nj.archives@sos.nj.gov or call 609-292-6260.

Photocopying – General

In person copies from reference books for patrons, up to 11"x17"	\$0.10 per page
In person copies from microfilm, up to 11"x17"	\$0.50 per page
Copies of manuscript materials, up to 11"x17"	\$1.00 per page

Certification

Certification of record with raised State Seal	\$25.00 per item in addition to any applicable photocopy and/or search fee
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Search Fees – Vital Records

Note: fee includes copy if record found; NJDARM to determine data elements required in order to perform search. Additional copies of vital records for certification are available for \$5.00 a copy.

<u>Marriage Bonds and Licenses, 1666-1799</u>	\$5.00 per record
County Marriage Records, 1795-1878, when original is owned by NJSA	\$5.00 per record per 5 years searched
<u>Birth, Marriage and Death records (originals held by NJSA and dating back to May 1848)</u>	\$10.00; \$15.00 for 2-year search; \$5.00 for each additional copy made for certification
<u>Wills and Estate Inventories, 1670-1952</u>	\$10.00 per packet, up to 10 pages; \$1.00 for each additional page

Search Fees – Other Collections

Note: fee includes copy if record found; NJDARM to determine data elements required in order to perform search.

Secretary of State, Oaths of Office for State Officials, 1785 to most current holdings	\$5.00 per official for a 2 year search (*see footnote*)
Early Land Records, ca. 1650-1900s	\$5.00
Military service records: Civil War Service Records, 1861-1865	\$15.00
Military service records: World War I “Unofficial Service Record”	\$5.00
Inventories of Revolutionary War Damages, 1776-1782	\$5.00
County-Level Naturalizations, 1790s-1948 , when original is owned by NJSA	\$10.00 for 5-year search
New Jersey Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844	\$15.00 per packet, up to 10 pages; \$1.00 copy fee for each additional page
Chancery Court Case Files up to 1948	\$5.00 for 5-year search (\$1.00 copy fee for each page will be charged separately)
Name Change Judgments, 1847-1947	\$10.00
New Jersey Home for Disabled Soldiers Case Files, 1866-1920s	\$10.00 per file, up to 10 pages; \$1.00 for each additional page
Military Appropriation Vouchers (Civil War), 1861-1865	\$5.00 per item

*As per P.L. 2015, chap. 59, copies of oaths of office taken after May 11, 2015 are confidential except for the full name, title, and oath date.

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CD/DVD	\$5.00
Laserjet print up to 8.5" by 14"	\$5.00
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Inkjet print, 11" by 17"	\$15.00
Matte print, 16" by 20"	\$25.00
Matte print, 20" by 24"	\$35.00
Matte print, 30" by 40"	\$85.00
Matte print, 40" by 60"	\$170.00
Matte print, other sizes	\$10 per square foot
Staff time for use of, transport to and oversight of outside vendors	\$25 per hour, including travel time

Microfilming and Microfilm Reproduction

Master negative	Please inquire - vendor pricing
Print negatives	Please inquire - vendor pricing
Service copies	Please inquire - vendor pricing