

**General Information and Application for  
Genealogical Services**

**VITAL RECORDS COPIES CANNOT BE PROVIDED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

1. FEE - \$22.00 includes search and uncertified copy or notification of no record. NOTE: Notification of no record means we were unable to locate the record, however the fee is still required for the search. Make check payable to TOWN OF PALMYRA and send to Registrar, Town of Palmyra, 1180 Canandaigua Rd., Palmyra, NY 14522.
2. Palmyra's records begin with 1882. Original records of births and marriages for the entire state begin with 1881, deaths begin with 1880, EXCEPT for records filed in Albany, Buffalo and Yonkers prior to 1914. Applications for these cities should be made directly to the local office.
3. The New York State Department of Health does not have New York City records except for births occurring in Queens and Richmond counties for the years 1881-through 1897.
4. Please read the Administrative Rule Summary on the next page which specifies years available for genealogical research.

To ensure a complete search, provide as much information as possible. Please complete for type of record requested, birth, death OR marriage.

**BIRTH**

Name at Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARRIAGE**

Name of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Marriage: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Marriage and/or License: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEATH**

Name at Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

For what purpose is this information required? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the person whose record is requested? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity are you acting? \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Send record to: (Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If requesting birth and marriage records, please sign the following statement:

To the best of my knowledge, the person named in the application is deceased:

\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

## Health Commissioner's Administrative Rules & Regulations (Summary)

1. **GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH:** Uncertified copies or abstracts from records of birth, death, and marriage may be provided for genealogical research purposes subject to the restrictions specified in this summary. All requests must be submitted in writing and include payment of the applicable statutory fee. **The applicant shall be required to pay the specified fee for the time spent for the search and uncertified copy of notification of no record.**
2. **WHO IS AUTHORIZED TO DO THE SEARCHING?** Record searches shall be conducted only by the following persons in the files maintained by their respective agencies:
  - a. Authorized employees of the State Department of Health;
  - b. A local registrar, deputy registrar, or an authorized employee of the registrar;
  - c. A town or city clerk, deputy clerk, or an authorized employee of the town or city clerk.
3. **WHAT RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE?**
  - a. No information shall be released from a record of birth which has been placed in a confidential file pursuant to Public Health Law Section 4138.
  - b. No information shall be released from a record of birth unless the record has been on file for at least 75 years and the person to whom the record relates is known to the applicant to be deceased.
  - c. No information shall be released from a record of death unless the record has been on file for at least 50 years.
  - d. No information shall be released from a record of marriage unless the record has been on file for at least 50 years and the parties to the marriage are known to the applicant to be deceased.
  - e. The time periods specified in (3b), (3c), and (3d) are waived if the applicant is a descendant or has been designated to act on behalf of a descendant of the person whose record is being requested. A descendant is a person in the direct line of descent. The applicant shall provide documentation of descendency prior to the release of information in those instances where a waiver of the waiting period is requested. A party acting on behalf of a descendant shall further provide documentation that the descendant authorized the party to make such application.
  - f. All uncertified copies, abstracts, or information issued for genealogical research purposes shall be clearly marked with the statement "For Genealogical Purposes Only."

**NOTE: This form is for use at the Town of Palmyra, only, and is not to be submitted to New York State Department of Health. The New York State Department of Health has additional fees and search criteria. Please send checks made out to the Town of Palmyra and mail to Registrar, Town of Palmyra, 1180 Canandaigua Road, Palmyra, NY 14522.**