



# Michigan Vital Records Research

Public Act 194 of 1867 required that Michigan cities and townships take an annual assessment of births and deaths, and also instituted a statewide registration for Michigan marriages. Prior to April 5, 1867, any vital records collected were maintained by the individual counties. In 1897, Michigan began a statewide registration for divorces.

## Records at the Library of Michigan

from the Michigan Department of Community Health:

### Births

Index (mfm F 565 .I5 1960) ..... 1867-1915

### Marriages

Index (mfm. F 565 .I54 1960) ..... 1867-1921

Index (mfm F 565 .I54 1950) ..... 1950-1969

Returns (mfm F 565 .I54 1867a) ..... 1867-1925

### Divorces

Index (mfm F 565 .D58) ..... 1897-1969

Summary (mfm F 565 .D57 1897) ..... 1897-1922

### Deaths

Index (mfm F 565 .I53 1960) ..... 1867-1914

Index (available on *Ancestry Library Edition*) ..... 1971-1996

Returns (mfm F 565 .I53 1868) ..... 1867-1897

Certificates (mfm F 565 .I53 1960z) ..... 1897-1920

## To obtain other Michigan records

Contact the Michigan Department of Community Health, Division of Vital Records and Health Statistics, Vital Records Requests, 201 Townsend St., P.O. Box 30721, Lansing MI 48909, or call (517) 335-8666. Forms to order records from the Department of Community Health are available at [www.michigan.gov/mdch](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch).

## To obtain records from other states or other countries

The following books at the Genealogy Desk may be of assistance:

- *International Vital Records Handbook* by Thomas Jay Kemp (CS 42.7 .K46)
- *County Courthouse Book* by Elizabeth Petty Bentley (KF 8700 .A19 B46)