

000 1500  
001 008  
002 061  
003  
004 Health and Social Services  
005 Vital Statistics  
006 City of Wilmington  
140 Death Registers, City of Wilmington  
200 1847  
210 1954  
220 1847-1879, 1881-1954  
240 13.10 cubic feet  
241 36 volumes  
261 Registers of deaths and burials within the City of Wilmington.  
270 The earliest volumes (1847-1879) show date of death, name, nationality, sex, race, age, and residence of deceased, type and duration of disease, and remarks. Also included were monthly summaries which showed month, totals by types of diseases or causes of death, number of adults and children, breakdown of deaths by age ranges and totals. Added later were breakdowns by sex, race, and nationalities and number from almshouse. Entries for deaths outside the city and buried within the city were listed separately for each month. The passage of a vital statistics law in 1881 required the registration of births, deaths and marriages in each county. New registers were issued to each county and the city of Wilmington., The new death register shows date of registration, name, race, sex, age, marital status of deceased, date and cause of death, name of attending physician, occupation, birthplace, name of mother and father of deceased, ward number, address, and place of burial. Monthly summary recordings were no longer entered. Beginning on April 1, 1919, the format changed from register listings to individual certificate forms. Page headings show district number, county, month ending and name of local registrar. Certificates show registration number, county, hundred or city of death, hospital, city ward number of hospital, name, sex, race, marital status, date of birth, age, occupation, birthplace, name and birthplace of father and mother of deceased, date of death, date span attended by physician, date last seen alive, time and cause of death, name and address of attending physician, date of physician's certification of information, length of residence at place of death and in state, place of death, place and date of burial, cremation or removal, and name and address of undertaker and informant. The certification form was modified in 1932, 1943 and 1950. The modifications mainly address the type of information recorded. Some of the information added included name of spouse, military service, social security number, and note if autopsy was performed. For the period August 1879 through June 1881 no recordings have been located.  
290 "Registration of Deaths" with date spans on volumes through 1908.  
"Deaths" with date spans on volumes after 1918.  
310

329	<p>WORK STATUS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> needs sorting</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> needs unfolding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> needs foldering/reboxing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other: _____</p> <p>CONDITION:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> totally disorganized</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> order not apparent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> origin questionable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other: _____</p>	<p>ARCHIVIST:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> review for identification/ further determination</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> processing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> determine origin/purpose</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Film on MRG</u></p> <p>FILM:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for security, on MRG</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> destroy original</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>condition poor</u></p>
-----	---	---

330 Arranged chronologically by date of entry.

331 Volumes 1859-1870 and June 1871-July 1879 are indexed within  
alphabetically by name of deceased. July 1881-January 1916 are indexed  
in separate volumes. Entries are arranged alphabetically by name of  
deceased. Register entries for February 1916 through March 1919 and  
1919-1954 are not indexed.

332 Handwritten to 1870; form printed with writing; form printed with  
typing.

350 45 rolls, 35 mm.

360 Fair; poor; acid damage; rust damage; storage damage; dirt damage; other  
- loose pages and binders.

380 10 DL, chap. CCXXIII, "Act providing for a registry of deaths and  
burials within the city of Wilmington." February 25, 1847.

390 Database for 1847-1913.

420

430 Earliest volume is not indexed. Unable to determine how to access death  
certificates (1919-1954). Certificates are arranged in numerical order  
by registration or file number. Separate number sequence for each year.  
These numbers do not correlate with numbers on actual vital statistics  
certificates.

990 05/12/1994

995 06/10/1994; 06/10/1994; 12/18/1994; April 24, 1996; May 8, 1997;  
November 14, 2007; April 28, 2010;  
bhh