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Institutional History

On 6 April 1865, the New Jersey legislature passed an act "to secure statistics of orphanage resulting from deaths of soldiers and sailors of New Jersey during the present war" (NJ Laws of 1865, chapter 459). The act required that each municipal assessor file with the municipal clerk a list of boys and girls orphaned, or half-orphaned, by the death of a Civil War soldier or sailor as of the first of May each year. These returns were to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, who was required to copy the information into a book of orphanage statistics. For securing these statistics, the Secretary of State was to be paid twenty-five dollars by the State Treasurer, from which the municipal assessors and clerks would each receive five cents per orphan listed. While the law required municipalities to file a return with the state each year, only a few municipalities filed after 1865.

Content Note

Returns of orphanage record the following information: name, company and regiment, and date of death of father; name of mother; names and ages of orphaned children; and remarks as to the family's circumstances. This series includes both the original returns and the "Statistics of Orphanage" volume compiled by the Secretary of State from the 1865 returns. Additional orphanage returns have been found in birth and death sections of the vital statistics registers for the years 1865-1871, as follows:

<u>County</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Vol.</u>	<u>Page</u>
Atlantic	Galloway Twp.	1866	Deaths	A	688
Bergen	New Barbadoes Twp.	1866	Deaths	B	515
Burlington	Beverly Twp.	1866	Deaths	C	757
"	"	1867	Births	D2	611
"	Northampton Twp.	1865	Deaths	C	741
Camden	Camden City, Middle Ward	1865	Deaths	E	476
"	Camden City, North Ward	1865	Deaths	E	477
"	Washington Twp.	1866	Deaths	E	478
Cumberland	Maurice River Twp.	1866	Deaths	H	709

"	"	1867	Deaths	H	721
"	"	1868	Births	BV	231
"	"	1869	Deaths	AM	157
"	"	1870	Births	BY	228
Monmouth	Holmdel Twp.	1865	Births	Y	360
Ocean	Brick Twp.	1868	Deaths	AL	520
"	"	1869	Births	BX	235
"	"	1870	Births	BZ	233
"	"	1871	Births	CB	194R
Warren	Hardwick Twp.	1865	Deaths	AH	548

Unless otherwise noted, the original returns listed on the following pages are dated 1865 and consist of one sheet.

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Box 1

Atlantic County

1. Egg Harbor City, 1865 & 1866 [2 items]
2. Egg Harbor Twp.
3. Hamilton Twp.
4. Mullica Twp.
5. Weymouth Twp.

Bergen County

6. Franklin Twp.
7. Hackensack Twp.
8. Hohokus Twp.
9. New Barbadoes Twp.
10. Washington Twp.

Burlington County

11. Beverly Twp.
12. Burlington Twp.
13. Chesterfield Twp.
14. Cinnaminson Twp.
15. Little Egg Harbor Twp.
16. Lumberton Twp.
17. New Hanover Twp.
18. Northampton Twp.
19. Pemberton Twp.
20. Washington Twp.

Camden County

21. Camden City [4 items]
22. Centre Twp.
23. Gloucester Twp.
24. Newton Twp.
25. Waterford Twp.

Cape May County

26. Middle Twp.

Cumberland County

27. Bridgeton City (3rd Ward)
28. Deerfield Twp.
29. Downe Twp.
30. Fairfield Twp.
31. Hopewell Twp.
32. Maurice River Twp.

Essex County

33. Belleville Twp.
34. Bloomfield Twp.
35. Caldwell Twp.
36. Clinton Twp.
37. East Orange Twp.
38. Millburn Twp.
39. Newark City [10 items]
40. Orange Twp.
41. West Orange Twp.

Gloucester County

42. Clayton Twp.
43. Deptford Twp.
44. Greenwich Twp.
45. Mantua Twp.

Hudson County

46. Bayonne City
47. Greenville Twp.
48. Jersey City [2 items]
49. North Bergen Twp.
50. Union Twp.
51. West Hoboken Twp.

Hunterdon County

52. Alexandria Twp.
53. Bethlehem Twp.
54. Clinton Town
55. Clinton Twp.
56. Delaware Twp.
57. East Amwell Twp., 1865 & 1866 [2 items]
58. Kingwood Twp.
59. Lebanon Twp.
60. Raritan Twp.
61. Readington Twp.
62. Tewksbury Twp.
63. West Amwell Twp., 1865 & 1866 [2 items]

Mercer County

64. East Windsor Twp.
65. Hamilton Twp.
66. Hopewell Twp.
67. Trenton City [6 items]
68. Washington Twp.

Middlesex County

69. North Brunswick Twp.

Monmouth County

70. Atlantic Twp.
71. Freehold Twp.
72. Manalapan Twp.
73. Matawan Twp.
74. Ocean Twp.
75. Upper Freehold Twp.
76. Wall Twp.

Morris County

77. Hanover Twp.
78. Jefferson Twp.
79. Morris Twp.
80. Randolph Twp.
81. Rockaway Twp.
82. Washington Twp.

Ocean County

- 83. Brick Twp., 1865, 1866 & 1867 [3 items]
- 84. Dover Twp.

Passaic County

- 85. Paterson City, 1865 (& 1866 for North Ward) [4 items]
- 86. Wayne Twp.

Salem County

- 87. Lower Alloways Creek Twp.
- 88. Mannington Twp.
- 89. Pilesgrove Twp.
- 90. Pittsgrove Twp.
- 91. Salem Twp.
- 92. Upper Alloways Creek Twp., 1865, 1866 & 1867 [3 items]
- 93. Upper Penns Neck Twp.
- 94. Upper Pittsgrove Twp.

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Somerset County

- 95. Bernards Twp.
- 96. Branchburg Twp.
- 97. Bridgewater Twp.
- 98. Franklin Twp.
- 99. Hillsborough Twp.
- 100. Warren Twp.

Sussex County

- 101. Byram Twp.
- 102. Frankford Twp.
- 103. Green Twp.
- 104. Hampton Twp.
- 105. Lafayette Twp. (marked 1866)
- 106. Montague Twp.
- 107. Newton Twp.
- 108. Sandyston Twp.
- 109. Sparta Twp.
- 110. Stillwater Twp.
- 111. Walpack Twp., 1865 & 1866 [2 items]
- 112. Wantage Twp. [2 items]

Union County

- 113. Elizabeth City [6 items]
- 114. Plainfield Twp.
- 115. Rahway Twp.
- 116. Union Twp.

Warren County

- 117. Blairstown Twp.
- 118. Franklin Twp.
- 119. Frelinghuysen Twp.
- 120. Hackettstown Twp.
- 121. Harmony Twp.
- 122. Hope Twp.
- 123. Independence Twp.
- 124. Lopatcong Twp.
- 125. Knowlton Twp.
- 126. Phillipsburg Town
- 127. Washington Twp.

Bound Volume:

"Statistics of Orphanage, State of New Jersey," compiled from official returns by Whitfield S. Johnson, Secretary of State, 1865.

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