

Helpful Hints for Vital Records

Following each name listed in the index is a vital records code which is key to finding the actual record. Below is an explanation of that code.

1. The first three letters (in bold caps) following the name indicate the town or village where the event was recorded. They are as follows:

BAR town of Barrington

BEN town of Benton

DUN village of Dundee

ITA town of Italy

JER town of Jerusalem

MSX town of Middlesex

MIL town of Milo

POT town of Potter

PYV village of Penn Yan

RVL village of Rushville

STA town of Starkey

TOR town of Torrey

2. The letter following the town or village is capitalized and refers to the type of record listed. Record types are as follows:

- B = birth
- D = death
- M = marriage

3. The number following that first letter refers to the actual record number.

4. The last letter indicates the role that person played:

m = mother

f = father

i = infant

d = decedent

b = bride

g = groom

gm & gf = groom's parents

bm & bf = bride's parents

For example:

Neal, Elizabeth: PYV D146m

This occurred in the village of Penn Yan, it was a death, the death record number is 146 and the relationship of Elizabeth to the deceased is that of mother.