

Social Security Databases in Ancestry LE

The Social Security Death Index (SSDI) is a death index compiled by the Social Security Administration.

- The SSDI includes deceased persons with Social Security numbers whose deaths were reported to the Social Security Administration.
- It provides at least the month and year of death of individual listed. It will also list the date of birth.
- The date coverage is 1935-2014, but most of the people in the SSDI died after 1962.

How to Search:

1. Go to the **Search** icon and select **Card Catalog**.



2. Search for “social security” in the **Title** box and then click **Search**.



3. Select the **Social Security Death Index**.

4. Enter the name you wish to search. You can also add years and/or locations to narrow the search. Click **Search**.

Tip: The SSDI gives the date of birth too, so it is not just a source for deaths. Also, if you don't know a woman's married name, you may be able to locate her by using the date of birth and first name. Or, if a child was adopted after s/he lived with the birth family for a while, you could see a list of individuals with a particular birth date.

5. Click on “View Record” next to your ancestor’s name.

View Record	Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Last Residence (City,County,State)
View Record	Frank Sinatra	12 Dec 1915	15 May 1998	90212 Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA
View Record	Frank Sinatra	4 Mar 1918	27 Aug 2000	19148 Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

6. You may request a copy of an ancestor’s original “Application for a Social Security Number” from the SSA for a fee. It may supply you with specific birth information, parent’s names, and other data. If the person would have been less than 100 years old when they receive your copy request, the parents’ names will be redacted.

Frank Sinatra

in the U.S., Social Security Death Index, 193

 <p style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">Request copy of original application</p>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr><td style="width: 30%;">Name:</td><td>Frank Sinatra</td></tr> <tr><td>SSN:</td><td>138-16-0442</td></tr> <tr><td>Last Residence:</td><td>90212 Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA</td></tr> <tr><td>BORN:</td><td>12 Dec 1915</td></tr> <tr><td>Died:</td><td>15 May 1998</td></tr> <tr><td>State (Year) SSN issued:</td><td>New Jersey (Before 1951)</td></tr> </table>	Name:	Frank Sinatra	SSN:	138-16-0442	Last Residence:	90212 Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, California, USA	BORN:	12 Dec 1915	Died:	15 May 1998	State (Year) SSN issued:	New Jersey (Before 1951)
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7. The Social Security numbers of those who died within the last 10 years will not be displayed.

8. Not finding your ancestor?* Try searching with a broader or different location, or try these suggestions:

- Change dates around (e.g. instead of searching for 5 Oct 1954, search for 10 May 1954).
- Change years around (e.g. 1984 becomes 1948).
- Use all other possible spellings of the name (and perhaps some that aren't so likely).
- Switch last name and first name around.
- Try searching for a middle name as a first name.
- Try searching for just the first name OR just the last name.

***Not everyone will be in the SSDI:**

Prior to the 1960s, farmers, housewives, government employees, non-employed individuals, and those with a separate retirement plan might not have had a Social Security number. It was not until 1988 that all children had to have Social Security numbers.

9. Perform steps 1-3, but select the **Social Security Claims Index** instead.

Title
social security

Keyword(s)
[Empty]

SEARCH or Clear All

Results 1-2 of 2

Title

- U.S., Social Security Death Index, 1935-2014
- U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007

10. Enter search terms as seen to the right and then click the Search button.

SEARCH Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s) Last Name

frances sinatra

Exact... Exact...

Birth Day Month Year Location

1917

Death Year Location

1999

Exact +/-... Exact

11. Select Frances Mary Sinatra born 6 Dec 1917.

Results 1-20 of 40

View Record	Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Death Date
View Record	Frances Mary Sinatra	6 Dec 1917	N Y C, New York	22 Jan 1999

Frances Mary Sinatra
[Frances Mary Iannuzzi]

Name: [Frances Avolio]
[Frances Avolia]
[Frances Iannuzzi]

SSN: 067015521

Gender: Female

Race: White

Birth Date: 6 Dec 1917

Birth Place: N Y C, New York
[New York N Y, New York]

Death Date: 22 Jan 1999

Father: [Salvatore Sinatra](#)

Mother: [Gaetana Salemi](#)

Type of Claim: Original SSN.

Notes: Nov 1936: Name listed as FRANCES MARY SINATRA; 14 Sep 1978: Name listed as FRANCES MARY IANNUZZI; : Name listed as FRANCES MAR AVOLIO; : Name listed as FRANCES AVOLIA; 30 Jan 1999: Name listed as FRANCES IANNUZZI

12. As you can see, you not only find out her parents' names, but also her place of birth, and her name changes with their dates.