

# **Quick Start Guide for City and Town Clerks: Administrative Amendments**

Vitals Information Partnership (VIP)

## **Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS)**

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# EDRS Administrative Amendments for City and Town Clerks

## Summary of Steps

You may want to print the summary of steps for quick reference. Note that this summary includes steps for typical scenarios and your own process may vary somewhat depending on internal workflow.

1	Gather necessary evidence. (Refer to the RVRS Evidence Guide for Death Amendments, currently under modification as of August, 2014).
2	Begin the administrative amendment process by clicking through the menu path <b>Deaths→Modify→Admin Amendment</b> .
3	Search for the record to be amended by entering sufficient criteria. You must select " <b>Town of occurrence</b> ."
4	Select record from the Results list and review <b>Record Details</b> to be certain that the record is correct. Click <b>Continue</b> .
5	Enter a <b>Basis</b> and <b>Reason</b> that describes the amendment type and fields to be corrected. Click <b>Finish</b> .
6	On the <b>Evidence</b> screen, enter the evidence that you will be using to document the amendment. The last evidence entry should be information about the deponent: Select "Other" evidence, and enter, at minimum, in the comment box " <b>Deponent: Deponent name, Relationship</b> " (e.g., Deponent: Mary Smith, Spouse). You may enter as much information as you feel necessary. Click <b>Finish</b> .
7	Click on the <b>tab</b> that contains the field(s) that need to be amended, and make the correction within the field(s). Then, <b>Finish</b> , and <b>Save (as Pending)</b> on the <b>VIPS Warning page</b> to validate the information on the record.
8	Click <b>Continue</b> on the <b>Modify Record-Confirm</b> screen. The <b>VIPS Warning page</b> will list <b>Must be released for registration</b> and <b>Verification Form info</b> as missing. That is OK.
9	Print the <b>Verification form</b> for the deponent to verify the information that will be amended. Also print a <b>Fax cover sheet</b> to attach evidence to the electronic record. Use the <b>Death→Print</b> menu path to access these documents. Fax any evidence into the VIP system to the EDRS fax number: <b>1-617-887-8739</b> .
10	Retrieve the partially amended record by clicking through the menu path <b>Deaths→Modify→Continue Mod</b> . Search and select as before (steps 3 and 4).
11	Review basis, reason, and evidence, and make changes as necessary. Click through these screens as before (steps 5 and 6).
12	Click on the <b>Records Actions</b> tab. Enter the <b>Verification form signature date</b> (or checkbox if no verification form). Then, click the <b>Release</b> button. <b>Finish</b> . Click <b>Continue</b> on the <b>Modify Record-Confirm</b> screen (and Ignore, if you receive the duplicate warning screen).
13	Select the record to register from the <b>Death: Register Amendments</b> queue or use the menu path <b>Death→Register</b> to search for the record you wish to register.
14	Review <b>Records Details</b> information tabs and check that your evidence was attached correctly. Click <b>Continue</b> .

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**15** If you are ready to **Register the record**, go to **Tab 11: Registration Info** by clicking on the tab label or selecting the **Next** button. Select **Ready to register? = Yes**. Select the current **Clerk's Name**, enter **Amendment Date**. Volume, Page and Deposition number are optional. (Resident communities must also check **Check to acknowledge notification of this amendment**).

**16** If you registered the record, on the **Successful Transaction Page**, make sure **Print Archival Copy** is selected. Click on the **Print** button, then on the **Generate Document** button to print the PDF from Adobe Acrobat.

## Accessing and Using EDRS

The Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) is a module of the larger Vitals Information Partnership (VIP) system hosted in the Commonwealth's secure Virtual Gateway environment.

**Access** EDRS on the Web. EDRS can be accessed anywhere you have a computer and Internet access. The system works best with the Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) browser or with Firefox. If you are a Mac user, it is recommended that you download the Firefox browser on your computer.

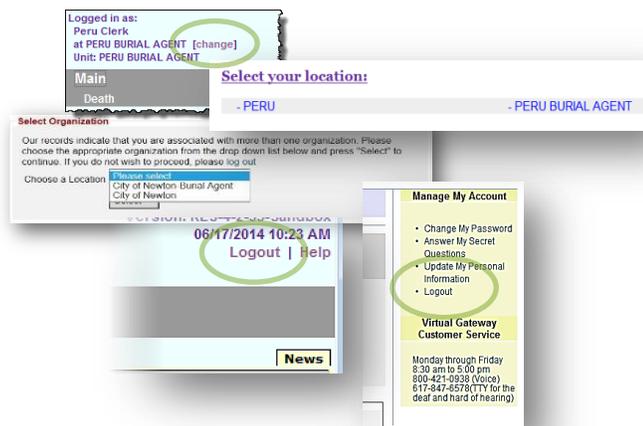
**Log in** at <http://mass.gov/vg>. You must have a valid Commonwealth Virtual Gateway account, as well as a VIP account to log in to EDRS. If you have a VG account for another application, you will then have a choice of applications when you log in. If you are a City or Town Clerk that is also a burial agent, then you will get a choice of role.

Additionally, City and Town Clerks that are burial agents may "Change" role within VIP (at the top left corner). Logout at the right-hand corner.

## Tips & Tricks

**Save!** – EDRS will time out after 15 minutes. While your portion of the death record should take less than five minutes to enter, if you expect to be interrupted or if you are just learning the system, click "Finish," then "Save as Pending" frequently. You may then click "Return to Record" without risk of losing any information. EDRS does not save information automatically.

**No abbreviations** -- The system will prompt you if you use recognized abbreviations; you should spell out full medical terminology into each field. For example, on Tab 7\*\*Certifier Cause of Death, spell out "COPD" as "Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease."



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**Tab & Mouse** -- Use the Tab key on your computer keyboard to advance through each field in EDRS. You may also use your mouse to navigate Tabs or to temporarily skip sections. Do not use Backspace or Enter, except within fields as necessary.

**Alerts** – Take advantage of system validation messages and warnings. Use the spell check icon on the Certifier Cause of Death Tab. EDRS helps users get information in accurately and completely from the start.

**Color Coding** – White fields on each screen in EDRS will accept information; the yellow fields are disabled based on selections made in the system. A blue field indicates which field you are on now.

**Shortcuts** – EDRS accepts military time. Alt-T enters today’s date. Colons are not necessary in Time fields and slashes are not necessary in date fields. Enter the first few letters of a selection on a drop-down to narrow the list quickly. “Next” will move you from Tab to Tab, but you can click on the Tab labels as well.

## Support

By email: [vip@state.ma.us](mailto:vip@state.ma.us)

By phone:

For technical problems using VIP or for enrollment help, call 617-740-2675.

For forms, data entry, or policy and procedure help, call 617-740-2674.

For forgotten usernames and passwords, call Virtual Gateway at 1-800-421-0938.

## Navigation

How you navigate the EDRS will depend largely on your office workflow. Records that you access, create or amend may also be accessed and viewed by authorized burial agents, medical certifiers, hospital support and data entry staff, as well as representatives from designated funeral homes. When you log in as a city or town clerk, EDRS features two general methods of navigation: work queues and a menu bar.

**Work queues** display records that are waiting for completion. For city and town clerks, death records in a queue may be listed alongside those for births (depending on the number of records awaiting attention). Death Queues are prefaced by “Death” and Birth Queues are prefaced by “Birth.” All records in your Death Queues are awaiting some action by you, such as registering or accepting a record.

Logged in as:  
Ashfield Clerk  
at ASHFIELD [change]  
Unit: ASHFIELD

Main  
Birth | Death

Death: Register (4) | Birth: Legal Incomplete (1) | Birth: Waiting Evidence (1) | Birth: Accept Records (1)

Description	Event Date	Details	Action
HARPER LAWRENCE	07/03/2014	Details	Process
COTTONTAIL PETER	07/02/2014	Details	Process
WONKA WILLY	07/01/2014	Details	Process
HOLMES FRANKLIN	07/03/2014	Details	Process

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*The gray menu bar* allows access to all authorized EDRS functions for the user type that is logged in. The most common options will be Search, Register, Modify and Print.

The Print menu option allows you to print EDRS forms including the Archival and Certified Copies of the registered death certificate. The most common paths will be:

- **Death → Search** (to locate and view (read-only) an existing death record)
- **Death → Search → Register** (to register the record)
- **Death → Search → Modify** (to adjust or amend a record)
- **Death → Search → Print** (to print Archival and Certified Copies of the death certificate as well as the Fax Coversheet for evidence)

## General EDRS Amendments Guidelines

- **Amend Administrative** is to be used for amending personal items about the decedent, usually those found on tabs 1-5.
- **Amend Medical** is only to be used when medical information needs to be corrected (tabs 6-9). Do not use Amend Medical for administrative amendments, unless you also have a personal item to correct. Amend Medical will require attestation (by fax or electronically) by the certifier.
- **Adjustments** are to be used to correct local registered numbers only, and can only be used prior to registration by RVRS. After RVRS registers a record or an amendment, adjustments must be made by RVRS staff.
- Use the EDRS only to amend records that were registered in EDRS. Unlike the VIP births module, the VIP death module does not have functionality to enter older deaths. For older deaths, use a paper process, although you may use the new fillable-PDF death certificate form rather than an Affidavit and Correction form.
- The EDRS does not have an electronic review process, as in the VIP births module. If you need assistance beyond this guide, email [vip@state.ma.us](mailto:vip@state.ma.us) or contact the RVRS help line (617-740-2674).
- Fax all evidence to the VIP EDRS fax number to attach a PDF image to the electronic record. Note that the death fax number is different than the birth fax number. When complete, you will still mail the original evidence to RVRS as usual.

## Gather Evidence

Before starting an amendment in EDRS, you should make sure that you have the necessary evidence. Although it is possible to abandon an unfinished amendment (call RVRS if you need help with this), it is better to wait until you have all the evidence before beginning the electronic amendment. If you need help determining what evidence is appropriate, please refer to the RVRS Evidence Guide for Death Amendments, or contact RVRS.

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## Retrieve the Record to be Amended

If you are searching for a record to amend, register, or to print a form, the search screen will always look similar. Enter at least a few fields to narrow down the search. This will help EDRS find the record easily and improve system performance for all users.

The menu path to retrieve an Administrative Amendment is: **Death**→**Modify**→**Amend Administrative**.

**Death Record Search Criteria**

**Clerk Search Type**  
 Town of occurrence  Town of residence

**Record Identifiers**  
State file number: [text box]  
Medical record number: [text box]  
ME case year: [text box]  
ME case number: [text box]  
City/town registered number: [text box]  
Bar code number: [text box]

**Decedent's Name**  
First: HAROLD  
Middle: [text box]  
Last: ROUNDTABLE  
 Search as AKA  
 Soundex on last name

**Decedent's Sex**  
Sex: MALE

**Date of Death**  
Date of death (mm/dd/yyyy): 08/22/2014  
From: [text box]  
To: [text box]

**Date of Birth**  
Date of birth: [text box]

**Occurrence of Death**  
Country of death: UNITED STATES  
State: MASSACHUSETTS  
Town: [text box]

**Funeral Agent**  
Town: [text box]

**Residence**  
Country: [text box]  
State/province: [text box]  
Cities/towns: [text box]  
City/town: [text box]

**Special Criteria**  
 Search all versions  No

**Callouts:**  
- Enter at least a few fields to narrow the search. This will improve system performance.  
- Soundex will help find last names that sound alike but are spelled differently. If you are not sure if the decedent's last name is Smith or Smythe, check the **Soundex** checkbox.  
- Note that version number increases with each adjustment and amendment. An original record is version 0; therefore, we can tell that this example record has been already amended once.  
- Click on Details to bring up the Records Details screen, where you can verify that the record that you about to retrieve is the correct one.

**Records List ( 1 Records found )**

Last Name	First Name	Date of Death	County of Death	Date of Birth	Sex	Funeral Home	PI Status	Reg Status	Version	Details	
ROUNDTABLE	HAROLD	08/22/2014	BERKSHIRE	08/22/1944	M	CHAPMAN, COLE & GLEASON FUNERAL ...	Complete	Certified	Registered...	1	Details

Select the record from the **Records List**, by clicking on the **Details** hyperlink. Review the information on the **Records Details** tabs to make sure you have the correct record, then click **Continue** at the bottom of the screen.

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## Basis, Reason, Evidence

Enter a **Basis** and **Reason** for the amendment. For most administrative amendments, the basis will be a correction of information, a data entry (clerical) error, or a court order. However, you may also choose "Other," if you would like to describe it differently. The reason provides more detail about what is being amended. If the correction is by court order, enter docket# and court in this field.

Then, click **Finish**.

The **Evidence** screen allows entry of several pieces of evidence.

**Note** that only the first six entries will print on the death certificate, so you may want to lump all evidence exceeding six into the sixth field.

**Deponent** – EDRS does not have a field for deponent information. Therefore, you will enter the deponent information into the last evidence entry. At minimum, enter the name of the deponent and their relationship to the decedent into the **Document info** field. You may enter more, as appropriate.

The evidence fields will print on the reverse of the death certificate.

Click **Finish** when done.

## Editing fields

Make corrections to those fields for which you have evidence. Amend Administrative will display only those tabs that may be edited. Medical information tabs are not displayed when making an administrative amendment.

Delete the incorrect information already in the field, and then enter the correct information. Most fields have "mouse-over" hover text help for basic information about each field.

Main -- Death -- Modify -- Amend Administrative

**Basis/Reason for Modification**

**Basis**  
Basis: DATA ENTRY ERROR

**Reason**  
Reason: DECEDENT'S PLACE OF BIRTH CITY WAS MISSPELLED.

Finish Cancel

**Evidence**

**1 Supporting Docs**

**Evidence (1)**  
Type of evidence: CERTIFIED COPY OF BIRTH RECORD  
Document info: CERTIFIED COPY OF GERMAN BIRTH CERTIFICATE.  
Date original document was made (MMDDYYYY): 06/04/2010

**Evidence (2)**  
Type of evidence: OTHER  
Document info: DEPONENT: MARGOT MILLS, DAUGHTER. 123 ELM ST., RUSSELL, MA 01721.  
Date original document was made (MMDDYYYY): 08/23/2014

**1 Decedent Info** | **1A Alias/AKA** | **2 Decedent Legal Info** | **2A Veteran Status**  
**5A Pronouncement Info** | **12 Record Actions**

**Birthplace**  
Country: GERMANY  
State/province: Select  
Cities/towns: Select  
City/town: HAMBURG

**Marital** \* Required to print certificate. Enter the name of the city where the decedent was born. If not known, enter Unknown.

**Decedent's Residence**  
Address: 9

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## Validate the Record and Print Verification and Fax Cover Sheet Forms

Before you finish modifying the record, EDRS must validate the fields entered. You will also want to print a verification form in most cases, so that the deponent can review the information you entered and sign that they have done so.

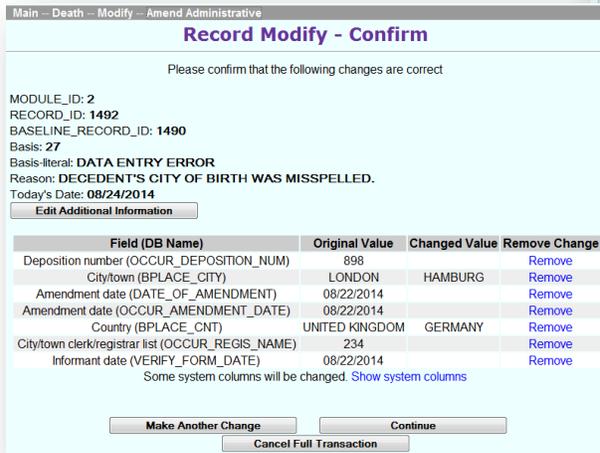
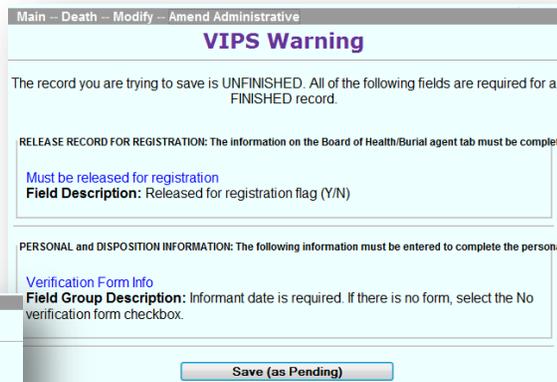
When you have made the amendments to the field(s), click **Finish**. EDRS will verify the changes that were made, and occasionally send a duplicate check warning.



## Duplicate record check

Occasionally, you will see a message from EDRS to verify that the record you are working on is not a duplicate. It happens most frequently when a record has been amended and/or adjusted more than once. Simply **Ignore and Continue Entry**, then click **Finish** again.

You should expect to find two missing fields at this point: **Must be released for registration** and **Verification Form info**. Then **Save (as Pending)** to complete the EDRS validation.



EDRS will then confirm the fields that were modified on the **Record Modify-Confirm screen**. In most cases, you will **Continue**; but, you do have the opportunity to make other changes or cancel the amendment at this point.

At this point, you will see the Successful Transaction page, which indicates that the record was successfully saved.

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At this point in the process, it is advisable to print a verification form such that the deponent can review and verify the information that you changed on a record. You will also want to print a Fax Cover Sheet to attach electronic images of additional evidence.

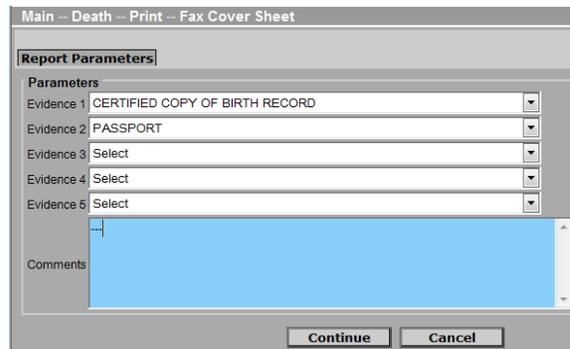


## Verification Form

Print an informant verification form through the menu path: **Death→Print→Verification Form**. This form is useful for Clerk review and especially for review by the deponent, as it contains all information that will be printed on the amended death certificate. By asking the informant for a signature, they are more likely to read it carefully, thereby avoiding further amendments. This form is bar-coded and specific to this version of the record. Note that for amendments, the Verification Form can be printed only when a record is in a Pending Amendment or released for registration state. Once registered, it is no longer possible to print a verification form.

## Fax Cover Sheet

All evidence that is not generated from VIP with a record-specific bar code will need a cover sheet. The VIP cover sheet generates a unique bar code for each version of a record. Access the Fax Cover Sheet through the menu path: **Death→Print→Fax Cover Sheet**. Select evidence from the pick list fields and add any additional comments. The comments field is required, so if there are no comments to be added, enter three dashes. Then, **Continue**.



After printing from the generated PDF, place non-bar-coded documents behind the cover sheet and fax into the VIP system. All documents sent with a fax cover sheet will be imaged into one PDF file; individual pieces of evidence do not need to be faxed separately, but it is advisable to break them up if there are more than 10 pages.

## Faxing Evidence

Fax documents to **1-617-887-8739**, which is an automated imaging system that attaches a PDF to the electronic record. (This “fax” never arrives at an office fax machine, and the image can only be viewed by authorized EDRS users). It generally takes 5-15 minutes for the attachment to appear.

- Forms with bar codes do not need cover sheets.
- A fax cover sheet must be printed for any non-bar-coded documents, such as copies of social security cards or birth certificates for evidence.
- It is recommended that you fax all evidence into the system prior to registration, so that you will be able to verify that the documents were attached correctly.

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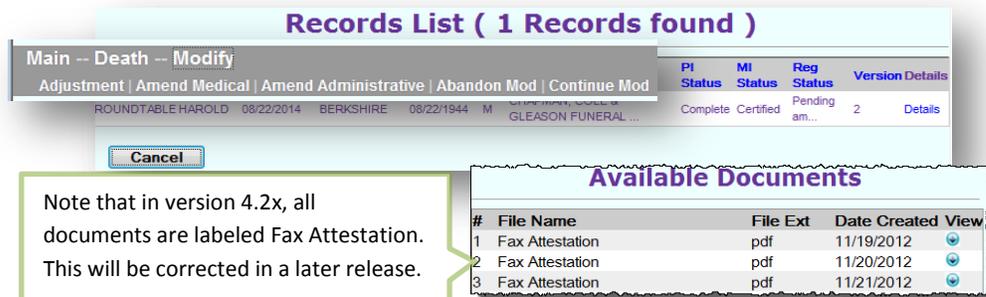
## Continue Mod, Release for Registration

When you have entered the necessary field correction(s), saved the record to allow for EDRS validation, and printed/faxed the necessary forms and evidence; you will be ready to complete the amendment and release it for registration.

### Continue Mod

To retrieve the amendment in progress, navigate through the menu options Death→Modify→Continue Mod. Search for and select the record as before. You will notice on the Records List that your record is “Pending Amendment” and has a higher version number. Click on **Details**.

On the **Records Details** tabs, check that your evidence was attached correctly in the Available Documents section. Then, click **Continue**.



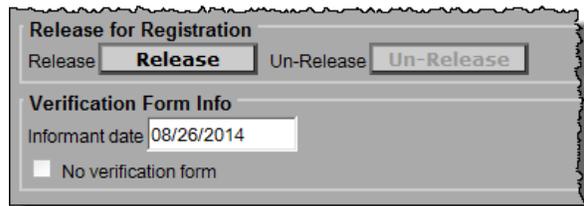
Review the **Basis** and **Reason** for any necessary changes; then, click **Finish**.

Review the **Evidence** listed and make any necessary changes; then click **Finish**.

### Verification date signed, Release for Registration

To complete the amendment in progress, click on Tab 12 (**Records Actions**). If there was an **Informant Verification** form signed by the deponent, enter that date at the bottom left-hand corner of the screen (Informant date). If, for some reason, such as an amendment by court-order, there is no verification form, then click on the **No verification form** checkbox.

Use the **[Tab]** key to move off of the Informant date field, and the **Release** button will now be enabled. If you are sure that you are ready to release this record for registration, click on the **Release** button. Then click **Finish**.



You will again encounter the **Record Modify-Confirm** screen and occasionally the duplicate record check as described on page 9. Click through these screens, as before, to arrive at the **Successful Transaction** page.

The amended record should now appear in the **Death: Register-Amendment** queue.

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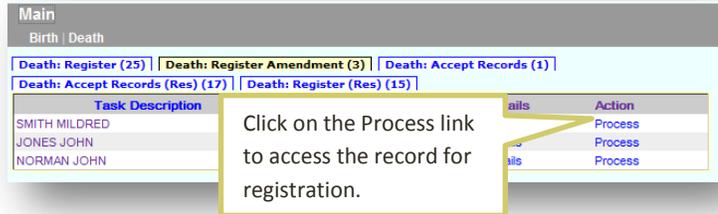
Register

## Register Amendment

The completed and released amendment should appear in your **Death: Register Amendment** queue.

## Review the Record

After clicking on the Process link, the **Record Details** will be displayed. By default, you will be on **Tab 1**, but you may review any tab. Check that the evidence is attached in the **Available Documents** and if not, fax the evidence into the VIP system as described on page 10.

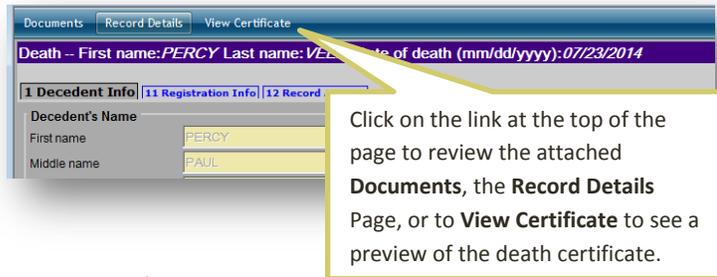


The attached documents will be in PDF format for you to view. Click on the button on the right to view the PDF.

Press the **Continue** button at the bottom of the Records Details page to continue to the Registration tabs.

## Registration Tabs

The registration tabs are limited to tabs 1 (Decedent Info), 11 (Registration Info) and 12 (Record Actions). The blue bar at the top of the screen also allows you to review the attached documents, Records Details tabs, and to preview the amended death certificate.



Proceed to tab 11, if you are ready to register the record; or to tab 12 add a comment. Amendments may not be returned to a funeral home.

If you notice a mistake at this point, you will still need to register the record. A new amendment must be initiated to make further corrections.

## Registration Info tab

Select **“Yes”** in **Ready to register record**. Selecting **“Yes”** will enable the **City/Town of Occurrence** section and fields to become active. Select the **current City or Town Clerk**. Leave **Registration number** and **Date of record** with original information. **[Tab]** through the fields, and at minimum enter the **Amendment date**. **Volume, Page** and **Deposition number** are optional.

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Archival Copy, Resident Copy

**1 Decedent Info** | **11 Registration Info** | 12 Record Action

**General Registration Information**

Ready to register this record? Yes

State file number 000099

07/07/2014

Amendment date 07/07/2014

Access status OPEN

**City/Town of Occurrence Registration Info**

City/town clerk/registrar list S. CHRISTINE RICHARDSON

City/town of occurrence PERU

OOC state or country

Registration number 1234

Date of record 07/07/2014

Volume

Page

Deposition number 2014-1234-2

Amendment date 08/01/2014

Check to acknowledge notification of this amendment

Selecting "Yes" will enable registration fields.

Select the current Clerk. Then [Tab] to move to the next fields.

Leave the original Registration number and Date of Record. [Tab] through and enter the Amendment date. Volume, Page and Deposition number are optional.

Once you have entered in all the information, click the **Finish** button. This will result in a **Successful Transaction** page, where you will have the option to print an archival copy of your record as you have processed it through registration.

When you return to your work queues, you will notice that the record is no longer listed in your Register Amendment queue. The record is now available to the Clerk of Residence (if applicable) and the Registry.

## Print an Archival Copy

Once you pressed **Finish**, you will have the option to print an Archival Copy of the record that you have registered.

When printing from the **Successful Transaction** page, EDRS will display a **Generate Document** button. Clicking on **Generate Document** will load a PDF document that you will print from the Adobe Acrobat print function.

Most users will find the print function within Adobe Acrobat on a navigation bar at the top of the page or by hovering the cursor near the bottom of the page.

## Residence Copy Registration

Amendments that have been registered by the Clerk of Occurrence will appear in the Register queue for the Clerk of Residence (if the decedent died in a city or town that was not his/her residence).

The process for registering the record as the Clerk of Residence is almost the same, except that the fields that will be open for editing are **City/Town of Residence Registration Info**.

**Successful Transaction**  
Your transaction has been saved successfully.

**Record Details**

Decedent's first name PETER  
Decedent's last name COTTONTAIL  
000100  
7/02/2014  
Certified Complete

Print Archival Copy

**Generate Document**

**Print Confirmation**  
Your actions have triggered the following documents to be printed. Please select all documents you wish to print.

Print Fax Cover Sheet:  
 Skip this print option:

Print Archival Copy:  
 Skip this print option:

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DECEDENT INFORMATION - NAME/TITLE  
HENRY C CARTER, MD

DECEDENT INFORMATION - ADDRESS  
Date of Record AUGUST 22, 2014  
Date of Amendment AUGUST 26, 2014

If multiple amendments were done before residence registration, you may find more than one in a queue.

These amendments are residence community copies.

Task Description	Date Created	Details	Action
WILDE BARNABY	07/01/2014	Details	Process
WILDE BARNABY	07/01/2014	Details	Process
ROUNDTABLE HAROLD	08/22/2014	Details	Process

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**Record Details**

1 Decedent Info	1A Alias/AKA	2 Decedent Legal Info
4 Informant	5 Funeral Home/Disposition Info	5A Pronouncement
7 **Certifier Cause of Death**	8 **Manner/Detail/Injury	
10 Board of Health/Burial Agent	11 Registration Info	

**General Registration Information**

Date of record: 07/15/2014  
 Clerk/registrar of record: ANN DUNNE  
 Registration number of record: 1234  
 Version number: 3  
 Amendment date: 07/22/2014  
 Access status: OPEN  
 Update pending flag: N  
 Numeric date of registration: 20140715

**City/Town of Occurrence Registration Info**

City/town clerk/registrar list: 713  
 Clerk/registrar: ANN DUNNE  
 Registration number: 1234  
 Date of record: 07/15/2014  
 Volume:  
 Page:  
 Deposition number: 09809  
 Amendment date: 07/22/2014  
 Date archival copy printed:  
 Occurrence archived flag: Y

**Record Changes**

**Modification #1**  
 Details: DECEDENT'S PLACE OF BIRTH MISPELLED.  
 Date: 07/15/2014  
 User: ashfieldclerk

Field Name: Release to RVRS flag  
 Original Value: Y  
 Changed Value: N

Field Name: Registered flag  
 Original Value: 1  
 Changed Value: 0

It is worthwhile to note that occasionally amendments may be done in rapid succession or there may be an amendment and then an adjustment for registration information before you register the record. If this is the case, you may find more than one of the same record in the queue. Check the **Records Details** tab 11, **Registration Info**, to see the Version number and Amendment date to determine the order in which you will register.

The **Records Details** also contains a new tab for amended records that shows the history of changes, which is useful to determine the purpose of the amendment or adjustment.

On the **Registration Info** tab, select that the record is **Ready for registration**. If your local registration info is missing because an amendment or adjustment was made prior to residence community registration of the original record, enter that as well. **Volume, Page and Deposition** number are optional. It is possible that there are no fields to enter for a residence registration, but you will always mark the checkbox **Check to acknowledge notification of this amendment**. **Finish**, and print an Archival Copy as described earlier.

## Print Certified Copies

To print, use the menu path **Death → Print → Certified Copies**. Specify search criteria to find the record. Select the record by clicking on the **Details** link. On the **Record Details Page** scroll to the bottom of the page and click **Continue**.

Click on the **Signature** box to print the attestation and signature at the bottom of the Certified Copy. If you do not want this printed, leave the checkbox blank. EDRS will load a PDF document that you will print from the Adobe Acrobat print function (as described in the Archival Copy section).

Deposition number: [input field]

Check to acknowledge notification of this amendment

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
 Registry of Vital Records and Statistics  
 Form File # 2013 008349  
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Death Record Search Criteria

Clerk Search Type  
 Town of occurrence  Town of residence

Record Identifiers  
 State file number: [input]  
 Medical record number: [input]  
 ME case year: [input]  
 ME case number: [input]  
 City/town registered number: [input]  
 Bar code number: [input]

Decedent's Name  
 First: PETER  
 Middle: [input]  
 Last: COTTONTAIL  
 Search as AKA  
 Soundex on last name

Date of Death  
 Date of death (mm/dd/yyyy): [input]  
 From: [input]  
 To: [input]

Date of Birth  
 Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy): [input]

Occurrence of Death  
 Country of death: UNITED STATES  
 State: MASSACHUSETTS  
 City/town: [input]

Decedent's Sex: [input]

Search

**Records List ( 1 Records found )**

Last Name	First Name	Date of Death	County of Death	Death Date of Birth	Sex	Status	MI	Status	Version	Status	
COTTONTAIL	PETER	07/02/2014	FRANKLIN	07/01/1955	M	CHAIRMAN, COLE & GLEASON FUNERAL	Complete	Certified	Registered	0	Details

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Report Parameters

Parameters  
 Signature

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DATE ISSUED: DECEMBER 27, 2013

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Clerk of the Town of Wareham, that as such I have custody of the records of birth, marriage, and death required by law to be kept in my office, and I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy from said records, as held in the Commonwealth's central vital records information repository.

*Mareham Clerk*  
 Clerk  
 Town of Wareham