

## Identifying Individuals Who Were Patients at Greystone:

The average length of time that a deceased patient's medical records are kept is 5-10 years. When the former Greystone Hospital was shut in 2008, only patient records going back to 1998 were retained.

If you want to find out if your loved one might have been a Greystone patient he/she might be listed in the 10 year federal census. Greystone patients were listed under the hospital's Superintendent (CEO) or the Medical Director's name.

The Superintendents' (and/or Medical Directors') names for these census years were:

1940	Marcus A. Curry, Robert Lowery
1930	Marcus A. Curry, Arthur J. Van Winkle
1920	Britto Duroc Evans, Marcus A. Curry, J. Victor Donnett
1910	Britton Duroc Evans, Harrison P. Lindaberry
1900	Britton Duroc Evans, Guido C. Hinchman, Moses K. Everett
1890	H. Crittenden Harris, George D. Meeher
1880	H.A. Buttolph, Eugene Vanderpool

### Restriction on Obtaining Census Information:

Only census information, prior to 1941 is available. The U.S. government will not release personally identifiable information about an individual to any other individual or agency until 72 years after it was collected for the decennial census. This "72-Year Rule" (92 Stat. 915; [Public Law 95-416](#); October 5, 1978) restricts access to decennial census records to all but the individual named on the record or their legal heir. Note: Records for the 1890 census were destroyed in a fire.

Census information and death records can be found directly online or through the NJ State Archives. For a reasonable fee, the Archives can conduct a search for you. Visit <https://nj.gov/state/archives/search.html> or call the Reference Dept. at #609-984-1050.

### **Some Important Information for Your Search:**

Please note that Greystone Hospital's official name and town address (due to rezoning) changed throughout the years.

Before 1924, the hospital was known as:  
New Jersey State Lunatic Asylum at Morristown AND  
New Jersey State Asylum for the Insane"

After 1924, the hospital was official known as:  
Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, Morris Plains, NJ

The hospital has also been referred to as:  
Greystone New Jersey State Hospital, Morris Plains and Morris Plains State Hospital

Throughout the years, the hospital has informally been referred to as:  
Greystone Park or simply, "Greystone"

In your online search, try entering keywords,

- "Greystone"
- "New Jersey" AND ("lunatic" or "insane" or "asylum" or "state hospital)
- "New Jersey" AND ( "Morris Plains" or "Morristown" or "Hanover")