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# Discover Unique Family Connections to Southerners Living in New York

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**Consider the evidence in hand**

**Ready to be a creative thinker**

**Understand context (history, neighbors)**

**Document each step**

**Examine a variety of records**



In the late 1890s, a group of Tennesseans living in New York gathered themselves together to form a small societal organization. All were graduates of the state university and wished to maintain their friendships in a large, diverse place. Thus, a luncheon group was formed called the N.Y.U.T. Club (New York – University of Tennessee Club). This expanded to a group of societies focused on every Southern state and many non-Southern states and International communities. One of their famous visitors was Alvin C. York, hero of World War I.

We often fail to recognize the value of records created about the relatives of family members who lived away from the rest of the family. Records about the individuals who moved and those family members back at home may hold hidden treasure for the persistent researcher. Thousands of wonderful stories and records are preserved about these families, and may contain the answers for which we are searching.

Fraternal organizations like these are associations of people bound together for social, religious, philosophical or philanthropic purposes. Along with the ideals of creating a family on a community level come a variety of group functions and purposes. Many fraternal societies began to provide services to their members. Early goals for other organizations were to provide social opportunities; to provide networking and educational opportunities; or to assist their common efforts.

## ***Clues an individual was a member of a social/ fraternal organization***

Biographies - References to membership, leadership or participation

Clothing and jewelry - Ribbons for special events, pins, ornamental symbols

Family traditions – Generational participation in business, fraternal or social organizations

Obituaries – Mention of participation with dates

Personal papers - Yearbooks, certificates, photographs of activities, newspapers clippings

## ***Locating the records.***

Contact Organization if still active

Check with State Archives/Library

Manuscripts and Special Collections

Consider Museums

## ***Online Resources***

The Tennessee Society In New York Collection, 1905-1949 | Tennessee Secretary of State – Finding Aid Available

<https://sos.tn.gov/products/tsla/tennessee-society-new-york-collection-1905-1949>

*Yearbook of the New York Southern Society (1901-1930)*

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/008696759>

*Yearbook of the New York Southern Society for the years 1901 and 1902* - Google Books

<https://books.google.com/books?id=SLETAAAYAAJ>

Directories – Doing Historical Company Research – Library of Congress

<https://guides.loc.gov/historical-company-research/directories>

New York City Directories, NYPL Digital Collection (1786-1934)

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/collections/new-york-city-directories#/>

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*University of Tennessee Record*

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Historical Society of New York Courts

<https://history.nycourts.gov/>

John Gaultney Obituary - GA | Atlanta Journal-Constitution

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/atlanta/obituary.aspx?n=john-o-gaultney&pid=1406221>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.legacy.com/amp/obituaries/atlanta/1406221>

William Hepburn Russell - Wikipedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Hepburn\\_Russell\\_\(baseball\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Hepburn_Russell_(baseball))

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