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had its inception with Dr. D. P. Holton of New York City; and, in response to letters of invitation from him, seven gentlemen assembled at his residence, No. 124 W. 54th Street, New York, on the evening of February 27th, 1869. After a free interchange of views on the subject, and an interesting statement of the plan, progress and condition of the "New England Historic-Generational Society" by the Rev. E. F. Slater, of Boston, Corresponding Secretary of that Society, who was present, it was determined that an effort should be made to establish in the city of New York, a similar association, for the State of New York. On the 16th of March, a certificate of incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, N. Y., and, at successive meetings of the original seven and their friends, a code of By-Laws was prepared, and, on the 17th of April, formally adopted. The Board of Trustees held its first regular meeting on the 24th of April, and elected the officers of the society; and regular meetings of the Society, the

Trustees and Executive Committee were held weekly, at the residence of Dr. W. Frederic Holcombe, until the 7th of July, when the first quarterly meeting was assembled at "Mott Memorial Hall," No. 64 Madison Avenue, New York, where the Society has secured handsome accommodations for its library, collections and meetings, for the ensuing year.

THE SEAL OF THE SOCIETY.



was adopted by the Board of Trustees, on the 8th of May, 1869. It bears upon its face a shield divided into two parts, upon one of which is depicted the arms of the State of New York; and upon the other, three open books—this idea being borrowed from the arms of the University of Oxford, England. Below, and at the sides of the shield, a ribbon bears the legend motto of the Society, "Et patriam, et posteritatem," i. e. freely translated, "Not only in honor of our ancestors, but for the sake of our posterity." Above this shield, the word and figures "Inc 1869," preserves the date of the Society's incorporation; and around the edge of the shield, in old English letters of the 14th century, runs the title of "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society." This seal was designed by S. Edward Siles, the Recording Secretary of the Society.

Dear Friends,

What an exciting year 2019 has been for the NYG&B. We traveled across the United States, toured the Netherlands, continued development on our new online records platform, and pressed forward with the final preparations for new publications. It has been a remarkable year, taking time to celebrate our history while looking forward to our future.

A few short weeks ago, our final 150th Anniversary Event featured a fascinating dialogue on the future of genealogy and family history between journalist, Michelle Caruso-Cabrera; genetic genealogist, Blaine Bettinger; and FamilySearch International CEO, Steve Rockwood. While we will share a brief recap of the evening as part of NYG&B Week in January 2020, themes of partnerships, preserving records, and the role of genealogical scholarship filled the evening.

In addition to events, the NYG&B continues to expand its published resources. Our newest title, *Tracing Immigrations through the Port of New York: Early National Period to 1924* will arrive in January 2020. Authored by NYG&B Trustee Anne Sibert Buitert the publication is the culmination of more than six years of research and analysis on the subject. Each chapter offers important perspectives and resources for genealogists, historians, biographies, and other researchers exploring immigrants who passed through New York.

In addition to publications, we have focused on new digital developments. This issue of the *New York Researcher* features a look at the new online records platform (page 91), which is currently undergoing a final phase of testing before its release. With the platform's launch, we will begin providing access to unique New York collections and improved methods for exploring *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* and other datasets. This new resource would not be possible without the support and generosity of the NYG&B community. Because of the generosity of many, millions of New York's stories will soon be more easily accessible to researchers.

While so many resources are available online, this year has been a reminder of the large number of collections waiting to be uncovered in archives and libraries. Looking ahead, 2020 will offer research trips to Salt Lake City, Albany, and the return of our popular Empire State Exploration tour in New York City. In addition, we will explore the rich history of Northern Ireland and Belfast during our heritage tour there in late April/early May 2020.

The NYG&B relies upon the generosity of members of our community—and the leadership and insight from those who work to promote our mission. I am also pleased to welcome Sharon W. Vaino, JD, to the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Vaino was formerly President General of the Colonial Dames of America and brings a wealth of non-profit experience to the board.

On a final note, thank you for your support of the NYG&B and our mission. The work we do not only helps others discover new ancestors, it builds a strong foundation for future genealogists. **Your membership and support enables us to ensure the preservation of New York's stories.**

With gratitude,



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The NYG&B publishes the *New York Researcher* and *The NYG&B Record*; both are quarterlies. Subscriptions to each are among the many benefits of Membership. The NYG&B warmly welcomes new members; information on Membership and benefits may be found on our website, newyorkfamilyhistory.org.

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Illustration of Cazenovia Seminary, an inset on a cadastral survey wall map showing buildings, lot lines, and landowners' names. Surveyed by civil engineer Henry Hart, and published by Miller & Co., 1852. (Library of Congress, <https://lccn.loc.gov/2008620836>.)

A Gold Mine of Early Land Records: The Holland Land Company in Central New York

By Mack D. "Skip" Duett

It is well-known that the Holland Land Company holdings encompassed nearly all of the land in Western New York, but the company's initial foray into the land business was in Central New York. Researching the archives of the company can fill a significant gap in early Madison and Oneida county deeds. Accessing these records has never been easier.

Background

After the American Revolution, the Holland Land Company (HLC) was created from a partnership between six private investment banking houses in the Netherlands. Creation of the HLC was an iterative process that began in 1789 and culminated in 1793. Unlike most land speculators in the United States in the post-Revolutionary War period, they had the cash to buy the land outright and play a long game on the return on their investment. In 1789 the Dutch banking houses hired Theophile Cazenove as their Agent-General to go to America and locate suitable lands in which they could invest.¹ Cazenove quickly zeroed in on land in northwestern Pennsylvania and Central and Western New York. He chose John Lincklaen and Gerrit Boon to scout the land.

In 1792 Cazenove was authorized by his employers to make some modest purchases of land in Central New York. Based on the reconnaissance of Lincklaen and Boon, Cazenove purchased in fairly quick succession, several parcels of land situated just east of the New Military Tract: the Road Township, Township #1 of the Chenango Twenty Towns, and two parcels to the south of Road in the gore between the New Military Tract and Chenango Twenty Towns subsequently divided into Tromps, DeRuyter and Brackels Townships. In total this comprised approximately 64,000 acres and was acquired at a cost of about six shillings per acre from prior speculators who needed cash to pay off their loans on the land.² These lands are collectively referred to in the company archives



Figure 1. Carte du Servis Tract, 1795. (Image courtesy of the State University of New York at Fredonia Archives & Special Collections; Municipal Archives of Amsterdam; Nederlandse Document Reproductie B.V., via *New York Heritage Digital Collections*, <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/XFM001/id/16/rec/158>.)

as Cazenovia. He also acquired the Servis and Adgate Patents north of Fort Stanwix (Rome) comprising another 75,000 acres.³ (See figures 1 and 2.)

In company papers the latter two purchases are sometimes referred to as Oldenbarneveld and Kortenaer, respectively. The core area of the future City of Utica and some non-contiguous lots in the Steuben Patent were also purchased.

Today, we know these lands as the western part of Madison County including the Towns of Nelson, Cazenovia, and DeRuyter and the Town of Lincklaen in northwestern Chenango County; the Servis Patent as the area around the Town of Trenton in Oneida County; and the Adgate Patent as northern Oneida County around the Town of Boonville; part of the City of Utica and some portions of the Town of Steuben.⁴

Cazenove assigned John Lincklaen to oversee operations of the Madison County holdings and Gerrit Boon the Oneida County holdings as Resident-

Agents. A. G. Mappa later replaced Boon. These men adopted similar approaches to encourage land sales and settlement in their areas, including funding the construction of mills and offering bounties in land and cash for certain skilled workers, such as millers, carpenters, blacksmiths, and storekeepers. Settlers paid from \$4 to \$8 per acre with typical lots being 40 to 100 acres. The land was sold to settlers on credit, generally paying a fairly modest \$30 to \$50 down and having five or ten years to pay off the principal with interest of 7% per annum. These "Articles

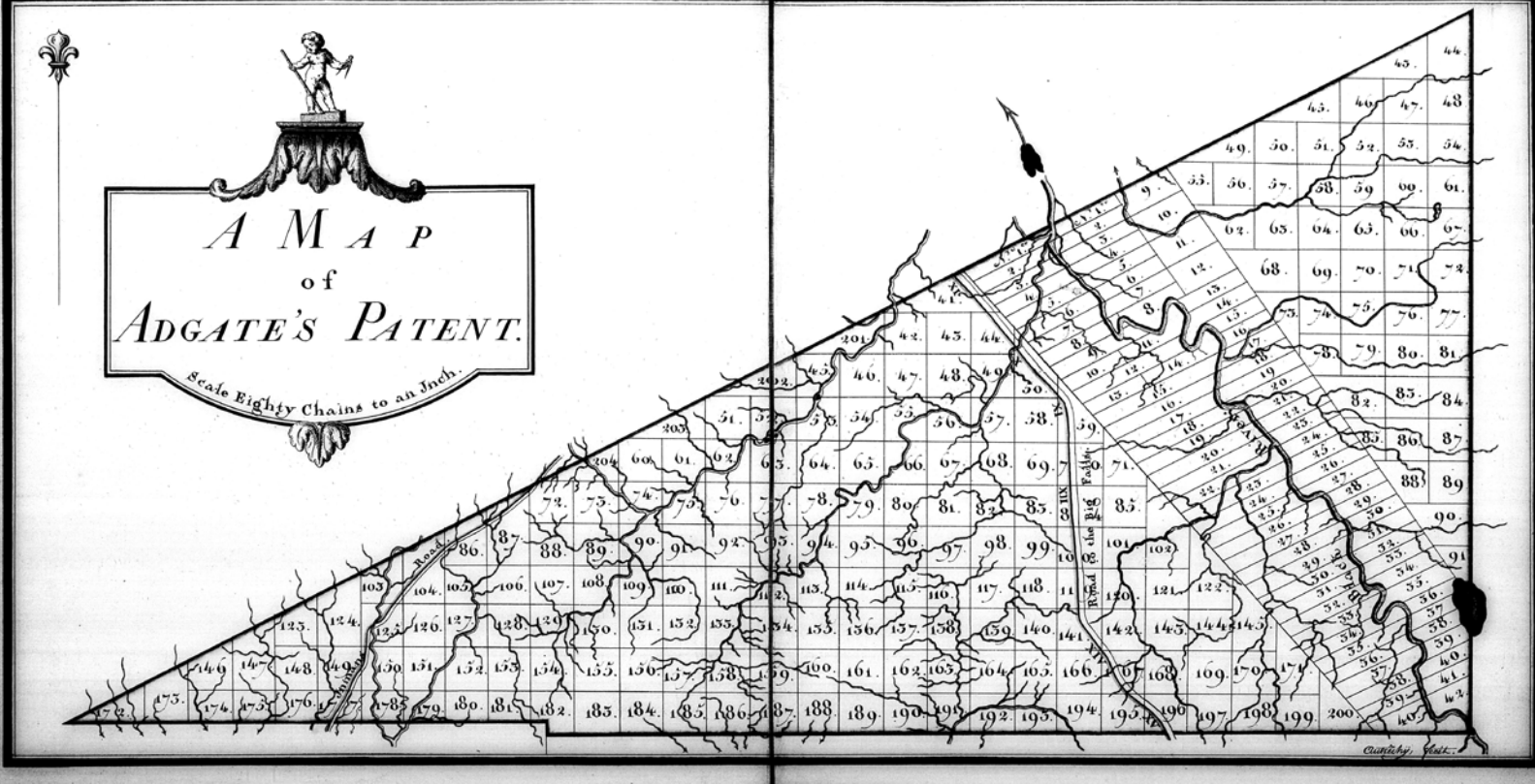


Figure 2. Map of the Adgate Patent. (AHLIC, Document Group 54, Map of Adgate Patent HLC H8000090, FHL film no. 1414881, item 3, image 147. State University of New York at Fredonia Archives & Special Collections; Municipal Archives of Amsterdam; Nederlandse Document Reproductie B.V.)

of Agreement” were not a mortgage in that the title to the land generally was not issued to the purchaser until the principal and interest were paid in full. Purchasing the land, referred to as “articling,” also obligated the buyer to settle on the land and clear and cultivate a portion of their purchase within a short period of time.

Initially, these lands were unsettled, and conditions were difficult. Success was not assured. The land had to be cleared of timber and undergrowth, soil conditions were not always optimal for crops, harvests had to be transported long distances to be sold, and supplies were limited and expensive. Settlers were often cash poor. For these

Records

Fortunately, the Archives of the Holland Land Company (AHLIC) may provide the records we need to locate our Central New York HLC ancestors in place and time. The company archives—including the records for the HLC Central New York holdings—were meticulously micro-filmed in the Netherlands through the auspices of the State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia in Chautauqua County.

The Archives of the Holland Land Company comprise 932 Inventory Items (also referred to as Document Groups, each with a specific number) that have been captured on 202 microfilm reels. The full set is digitized and available online at *FamilySearch*.⁵ A select subset of reels may be viewed online through New York Heritage.⁶ For hands-on use, the films are available at the New York State Library

reasons, during the early years, the Resident-Agents were generally lenient on demanding annual payment. Consequently, it was not unusual for a settler to take out articles of agreement, make only the minimum down payment, and only occasionally pay a portion of his interest. If at the end of his contract the terms were not fulfilled, he would renegotiate terms. This pattern could be repeated multiple times. Many settlers eventually abandoned the land, five to twenty years later, never having actually acquired title to the land. Thus, while we know our ancestors were in this part of New York, we find no land records naming them in the county deed books.

in Albany and the David A. Reed Library, Archives & Special Collections, State University of New York at Fredonia. The first reel of film is an index to the remaining reels; however, unlike the western land purchases, there is no name index to the purchasers of HLC land in Central New York. Once in the appropriate land purchase records (Cazenovia, Adgate, or Servis), one must browse each page for records of interest. Most original entries span two pages of the ledger, but later purchases are sometimes consolidated to one page. While they generally organized by tract name and then lot number order, there are occasionally pages of repurchase entries at the back of the section on that purchase. The term repurchase, in context of the accounts of the HLC, refers to lots a purchaser has articulated but on which he subsequently defaulted. Repurchasing

1793		Account of the Labourers		Paid	
	Their Names	Their Qualities to the	Their Wages	Quantity of Days	
March 4	Abel French	Overseer 22 July	400 ^s	144	38 19 4
1	Prufus Thrall	Housekeeper 4 March	70 ^s	365	70 - -
April 1	William Newton	Teamster 1 April	40 ^s	365	40 - -
1	John Clary	Housekeeper 15 April	8 ^s	15	4 12 -
3	James M ^r Donald	Teamster 3 July	10 ^s	92	12 - -
3	Samuel Cary	Labourer 9 ^o	10 ^s	92	12 - -
5	William Foyed	Blacksmith 5 Dec	12 ^s	240	30 0 -
6	Randal Fidd	Teamster 6 Dec	9 ^s	240	20 16 -
6	Scobid Hill	Labourer 6 June	8 ^s	60	6 0 -
13	Perrot Goodrich	" 13 Jan	8 ^s	270	20 16 -
15	Daniel Colman	Housekeeper 15 April	70 ^s	365	70 - -

Figure 5. Example list to payments for services provided by settlers to the community. (AHL, Document Group 48, Payments to Laborers, FHL film no. 1414880, Item 6, image 361.)

Statement of the Settlers on Tromp Township September 1800														
Number of Acres	Contents of the Lot	Owner's Name of the Lot	Male	Woman	Youth 12 to 17	Children under 12	Ages	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Total
194	38	Dennis Bacon	1	1	6					1/2		6 1/2		8
2	150	Amos Gage	1										4	8
3	160	36	Lucius & Peter Michals Miller	2	1	2				8	1		9	18
4	150	J. Thompson & Valt Hanson	2	3	4			1	3	5			10 1/2	35 1/2
14	150	10 ^m Hancock & Hall Turner	3	3	6			2	2	4			6	27
15	150	Joseph Gage	1	1	6			2	2	4			4	38 1/2
16	160	13	J. Isaac & Abbel Mufinger	5	4	2			3	6	5		11	63
17	150	El Gage	2	1	4			2	3	5			5	8
19	100	35	Cosiah Mufinger	1	1	3			2	1			3	33
20	150	J. Mufinger & Samuel Ashley	3	4	5			1	2	3			10	35
21	150	John Hancock & Wm Turner	1	1	1				1				2	5
22	150	S. J. Bruce											11	11
23	150	Lucius Miller	1	1	5				1				1 1/2	7
24	150	Amos & Sam Smith	2	2	1			1	4	4			6	24
35	150	Amos Mufinger	1	1	2	1			2	2			4	20
36	100	16	Dejah & Benjamin & Justice Gage	2	2	1	1		1	3			6	37
37	107	4	Dennis Benjamin & Amos Tadock	2	1	3	3		2	4			6	17

Figure 6. Example Inhabitants of Tromp in 1800 (partial). (AHL, Document Group 15, Inhabitants of Tromp, 1800, FHL film no. 1414877, Item 5, image 182.)

Statement of the Town of Cazenovia September 1800														
No.	Date	Acres	Contents of the Lot	Male	Woman	Youth 12 to 17	Children under 12	Ages	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1	3	10	John Erickson	2	3	1	4							
9		36	Joseph Thompson	2	1		1							2
15, 16, 24	1	34	Samuel S. Bruce	1					2	1	1			
18, 19, 20	1	13	Amos Roberts	2	2	4	1	1	2					3
29, 30, 33	2	35	Lucius & Peter Michals Miller	1	1		4		2	1	1			2
			William Whipple	1	1		1							
34, 35	1	32	Garrett & Phillip	2	1		3		1					2
41, 42, 43	1	11	Hooker & Ballard	2	1		3		1					2
46		36	Eliza Thompson	2	1		2		1					3
47, 48, 49	1	33	Amos Roberts	3	2		3		2					2
50, 51, 52	2	18	Establishment	2	2	2	4	1	1					
53, 54, 55		36	Sam ^r & J. Turner	2	1	5	1	2	1					2
			David Schuyler	1	1		3							2
58		12	Establishment (10 ^m & 1/2)	1	1	1								1
			Amos Tadock	2										
			Samuel & Ashard	2	1		3		2	2				6
			David Schuyler	1	1		3							2
			Establishment (10 ^m & 1/2)	1	1	1								1
			Amos Tadock	2										
			Samuel & Ashard	2	1		3		2	2				6
			David Schuyler	1	1		3							2
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			Amos Tadock	2										
			Samuel & Ashard	2	1		3							

scattered throughout this correspondence, usually in the expenditure records, men and women are named for providing services and materials to the settlement. Their occupations may be mentioned here. As there is no index, an image by image search might yield genealogical gold. (See figure 5.)

For the Cazenovia settlements, there are similar reports and correspondence from John Lincklaen back to the home

office. This also includes a Statement of the Settlers, by township (Tromp, Road, No.1, De Ruyter, and Brakel) for 1800—1803, plus 1806. The list format includes the same items mentioned above for the Adgate and Servis Patents (see figure 6). The Village of Cazenovia is also included—occupations are listed in place of crops (shoemaker, carpenter, miller, storekeeper, cooper, etc.). (See figure 7.)

Cross-reference Table

Table 1 provides a cross-reference table of **Inventory No.** vs. **Reel No.** vs. **FHL Film No.** for selected items in the Archives of the Holland Land Company that are of particular value for genealogical research relating to Central New York. Researchers are encouraged to carefully review the complete inventory (table entry 1) for additional items that might be of interest.

Table 1. Cross-reference table of **Inventory No.** vs. **Reel No.** vs. **FHL Film No.** for key genealogical items in the archives of the Holland Land Company relating to Central New York

Inventory No.	Reel No.	FHL Film No.	Description
n/a	1	1421412 Item 1	Inventory of the Archives of the Holland Land Company by Wilhelmina C. Pieterse.
15	3	1414877 Item 5	List of the lots in Cazenovia with a statement of the size, composition of the population and livestock and the use of cultivable land. 1800–1803 and 1806.
48	6	1414880, Item 6	Accounts of Gerrit Boon. 1793–1794.
49	6	1414880, Item 7	Accounts of Gerrit Boon. 1795–1796.
52	6 & 7	1414880 Item 9 & 1414881 Item 1	Correspondence received from A. G. Mappa at Oldenbarneveld. 1798–1828. [Provides insight on living conditions, few settlers named.]
54	7	1414881, Item 3	Maps of Oldenbarneveld & Kortenaer on which the division in lots is shown, drawn. 1793, 1794 and undated.
56	7	1414881, Item 5	Lists of the lots in Oldenbarneveld & Kortenaer with a statement of the size, composition of the population, livestock and use of the cultivable land. 1800–1806
457	103	1414977 Item 3	Correspondence received from the agent at Cazenovia. 1802–1820.
458	103	1414977 Item 4	Correspondence received from the agent at Cazenovia. 1822–1841.
460	103 & 104	1414977 Item 6 & 1414978 Item 1	Annual account of the agent at Cazenovia. 1801–1816.
463	105	1414979 Item 1	Deeds of conveyance, letters and accounts from the agents at Oldenbarneveld & Kortenaer. [Part C — Accounts]
514 *	113	1414987 Item 3	Register of buyers, purchase price, surface area and date of the deed of conveyance of lands in the provinces of Otsego and Chenango (New York). 1828–1836.
575 *	126	1415000 Item 1	Register of buyers, purchase price and surface area of lots issued in Cazenovia. 1793–1817: De Ruyter and Brakel.
576 *	126 & 127	1415000 Item 2	Register of buyers, purchase price and surface area of lots issued in Cazenovia. 1793–1817: Township no. 1 and Tromp.
577 *	127	1415001 Item 1	Register of buyers, purchase price and surface area of lots issued in Cazenovia. 1793–1817: Road Township, Reservation and land Repurchased.
578 *	127	1415001 Item 2	Register of buyers, purchase price and surface area of lots issued in Cazenovia. 1793–1817: Land Repurchased continued.
579 *	127 & 128	1415001 Item 3 & 1415002 Item 1	Register of buyers, purchase price and surface area of lots issued in Oldenbarneveld & Kortenaer. Adgate patent.
580 *	128	1415002 Item 2	Register of buyers, purchase price and surface area of lots issued in Oldenbarneveld & Kortenaer. Servis patent.
581 *	128	1415002 Item 3	Maps of Cazenovia. 1800 and 1808.
583 *	128	1415002 Item 5	Specified tables of receipts and expenditures of Oldenbarneveld & Kortenaer. 1800–1801.

657 *	145	1415019 Item 3	Register dealing with the general financial administration of Cazenovia, divided into heads, relating to the purchase of lands, outstanding debts, statement of lots sold to settlers and expenses relating to settlement. 1793–1799.
658 *	145	1415019 Item 4	Ledger of Cazenovia. 1799–1813.
659 *	145 & 146	1415019 Item 5 & 1415020 Item 1	Ledger of Cazenovia. 1814–1841.
660 *	146	1415020 Item 2	Ledger of lands sold to A. G. Mappa c.s. 1800–1813.
661 *	146	1415020 Item 3	Ledger of lands sold to A. G. Mappa c.s. 1814–1836.

* Indicates a Document Group included in the New York Heritage digital collections.

Summary

Through their initial purchases and sale of land in Central New York, the Holland Land Company developed the framework for their land sales in Western New York. Because of the proprietorship nature of the land sales, deeds may not be found in county clerk's offices for those who initially took up Holland Land Company land. We instead can use the Archives of the Holland Land Company

to locate our ancestors in these portions of Central New York. Fortunately, these records were meticulously organized and filmed as part of the SUNY Fredonia Holland Land Company Project and made easily available to all by *New York Heritage—Digital Collections* and by *FamilySearch*. These records are a genealogical gold mine of information and a joy to research.

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New York Heritage—Digital Collections, <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/search/searchterm/Holland%20Land%20Company/field/all/mode/all/conn/and/cosuppress>

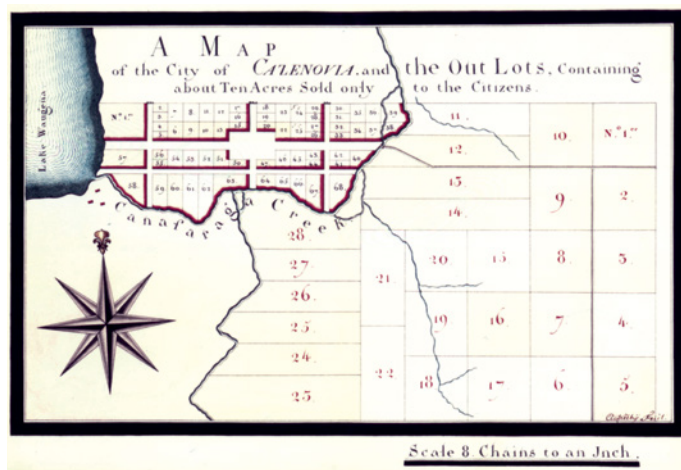


Figure 8. Map of Cazenovia and the Out Lots. (Image courtesy of the State University of New York at Fredonia Archives & Special Collections; Municipal Archives of Amsterdam; Nederlandse Document Reproductie B.V., via *New York Heritage Digital Collections*, <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/XFM001/id/29/rec/9>.)



Figure 9. View of Cazenovia, 1793. (Image courtesy of the State University of New York at Fredonia Archives & Special Collections; Municipal Archives of Amsterdam; Nederlandse Document Reproductie B.V., via *New York Heritage Digital Collections*, <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/XFM001/id/32/rec/11>.)

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- 1 Paul D. Evans, *The Holland Land Company* (Fairfield, New Jersey: Augustus M. Kelley, Publishers, 1979), 4.
- 2 Ibid, 17.
- 3 Ibid, 18.
- 4 Correlation of the Servis, Adgate, and Cazenovia tracts to present county and town boundaries can be shown via examination of HLC maps and historical maps of New York State. See figure 1 (Servis), figure 2 (Adgate), and Archives of the Holland Land Company, Document Group 479, Map of Lincklaen's Settlement (Cazenovia) HLC Map No. H8000072, FHL film no. 1414983, item 2, image 105; as compared to David H. Burr, *An Atlas of the State of New York* (New York: D. H. Burr, 1829), 29 (Oneida), 30 (Madison), 33 (Chenango).
- 5 In the *FamilySearch* Catalog, the Author and Subject are both Holland Land Company.
- 6 Includes 136 of the 932 Inventory Items/Document Groups. The site also includes some high-resolution maps for some of the areas discussed in this article.

A Glimpse at the NYG&B's New Online Records Platform

In late 2018 the NYG&B announced the creation of a new platform to provide online access to New York records. Now in the final phases of testing, the platform provides access to collections featuring millions of New York records. It will soon host the entire 150-year archive of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, every issue of the *New York Researcher* (and predecessor *NYG&B Newsletter*), available New York vital records indexes, transcribed and original religious records, and cemetery abstracts from counties across the state of New York.

Accessible Collections

The goal of the online platform is provide new access to records on a continuous basis. Therefore, in order to make materials accessible as early as possible, collections come in four formats: **indexed**, **text**, **text and image**, and **image browse**.

Indexed collections are searchable by name and other fields and (where possible) are linked to a specific image. Indexed collections include New York County's Ward 17 from the 1855 state census, Veterans Buried in New York and the archive of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

Collections classified as **text** or **text and image** include materials that have been indexed through automated processes. These often include published books, record abstracts, and other printed resources. Over time, collections

in this category will be more fully indexed by name and other fields. Remember, a keyword search often reveals additional results in these materials not found through other methods.

Image Browse collections have not been indexed; however, images from these important materials are available. These items include recently released indexes (often handwritten), manuscript materials, and other similar items. Future NYG&B indexing projects will strive to index materials from these collections over time.

Browsing, Searching, and Viewing Collections

Collections that have been indexed or are discoverable through text-based searches can be accessed from **Search All Records** **A**. These materials can be searched by first name, last name, and/or keyword (which can include a location, occupation, year, or other search term). Searches apply phonetic matchings tools to generate name variations (though selecting "use exact spelling" will disable these features). Initial searches can also be narrowed by category, if desired.

Collection Title	Collection Category	Location	Collection Type	More Info
Albany County Cemetery Records	Cemetery	Albany County	Image Browse	View description
Albany County Religious Records	Religious Records	Albany County	Text	View description
Allegany County Cemetery Records	Cemetery	Allegany County	Image Browse	View description
Cattaraugus County Cemetery Records	Cemetery	Cattaraugus County	Image Browse	View description
Cayuga County Religious Records	Religious Records	Cayuga County	Image Browse	View description
Hamilton County Religious Records	Religious Records	Columbia County	Text	View description

Navigating Search Results

Once you have conducted a search, results will appear in two sections. The first section, **Indexed Results** **B**, includes indexed results and presents the **name**, **collection**, and **additional details** for each entry (as well as the option to view the full record or image). Clicking on any of the entries opens additional details relating to a specific entry and might include additional names, dates, and other useful information.

The second section, **full-text results** **C**, includes materials that were indexed through automated tools (such as OCR or other machine-readable technologies). Results include the search results, collection name and relevant subtitles, location, category, and the ability to view the image.

The left side of the search results screen includes the ability to modify your initial search or refining your current results by category, collection, or county. Multiple filters can be selected and applied by clicking "Filter" to further narrow down your search results.

Last Name	First Name	Collection	Additional Details	Image
Bowne	John	NYG&B Record	Event Type: Birth Event Year: 1664 Article Title: Pedigree of Jones Volume: 4 Issue: 1 Page: 40	View
Bowne	John	NYG&B Record	Article Title: Pedigree of Jones	View
Bowne	John	NYG&B Record	Article Title: Records of the Society of Friends of the City of ...	View
Bowne	John	NYG&B Record	Article Title: Records of the Society of Friends of the City of ...	View
Bowne	John	NYG&B Record	Article Title: Records of the Society of Friends of the City of ...	View
Bowne	John	NYG&B Record	Article Title: Unrecorded Westchester County Wills Volume: 67 Issue: 1 Page: 75	View

Match	Collection	Subtitle	Location	Category	Image
... about the year 1645. John Bowne; probably father and son, 24 THE BOWNE...	The Record	Full Text: Search	New York State	Periodicals	View
my father, John	The Record	Issue: January 1873; Volume 4, Issue 1	New York State	Periodicals	View

Collections Catalog

Filter by Category

- Biographies
- Cemetery
- Census
- Colonial
- Compiled Genealogies
- Court

+81 MORE

Filter by Location

- Albany County
- Allegany County
- Brock County
- Broome County
- Cattaraugus County
- Cayuga County

+77 MORE

Filter by Type

- Image Browse
- Indexed

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Albany County Cemetery Records
 Location: Albany County | Category: Cemetery | Type: Image Browse
 This collection contains transcribed gravestone inscriptions from cemeteries in Albany County, New York. [Read More](#)

Albany County Religious Records
 Location: Albany County | Category: Religious Records | Type: Text
 This collection contains transcribed genealogy records from churches in Albany County, New York. [Read More](#)

Allegany County Cemetery Records
 Location: Allegany County | Category: Cemetery | Type: Image Browse
 This collection contains transcribed gravestone inscriptions from cemeteries located in Allegany County, New York. [Read More](#)

Cattaraugus County Cemetery Records
 Location: Cattaraugus County | Category: Cemetery | Type: Image Browse
 This collection contains transcribed gravestone inscriptions from cemeteries located in Cattaraugus County, New York. [Read More](#)

Cayuga County Religious Records

D

Collection Category: Cemetery | Collection Type: Image Browse | Location: Albany County

This collection contains transcribed gravestone inscriptions from cemeteries in Albany County, New York. Researchers can browse digital images from this collection, but the records cannot currently be searched. Read below for a complete list of all cemeteries included in this collection. Click the waypoint links to view images from that cemetery.

Cemetery at South Bethlehem, Albany County, NY
 This volume contains gravestone transcriptions from a cemetery located in the town of Bethlehem. They were created by NYG&B member Charlotte Taylor Luckhurst in 1929, and contributed to the society in 1956.
 Names are arranged alphabetically by surname. [Click here to view these records.](#)

Inscriptions from Burying Grounds in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, NY
 This volume contains gravestone transcriptions from several small cemeteries in Colonie. Images can be browsed, but cannot currently be searched. Click the waypoint links below to view transcriptions from each cemetery.

- Bunkle Burying Ground
- Fonda Burial Plot
- Weaver Burial Plot
- Lansing Burial Plot

Names are organized by cemetery. Useful notes are provided for each cemetery, which include historical context, descriptions of the location, and the general state of the cemetery when the transcriptions were done.
 Contributing creators include Mary W. Roff Miller, William Burth Cook Jr., and Hugh P. Graham.

Gravestone Inscriptions from the Beaver Dam Cemetery in the Town of Berne, NY
 This volume contains gravestone transcriptions found in the Beaver Dam Cemetery in Berne, NY. Images can be browsed, but cannot currently be searched.

More Options

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Search by Category

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Search Another Collection

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E

This collection contains digitized genealogy records from churches in Columbia County, New York. Some volumes are searchable, others can only be browsed by image. Read below for a complete list of all churches included in this collection. Click the waypoint links to view images from that church.

Search this Collection

First Name Last Name

Research by Location

Search

Canaan, Congregational Church and Society of New Canaan
 This volume contains transcribed records of the Congregational Church and Society of New Canaan at Canaan Four Corners in the town of Canaan, New York.
 This volume is text searchable – searches entered will entry this volume. The images can also be browsed by clicking the links below, which will take you to the beginning of the section you are interested in reading.
 Included are:

- Introduction
 - Pastors of the Church
- Family records of births, 1740 – 1805
- Baptisms, 1807 – 1858
- Birth records of Thomas Humphris' children, 1783 – 1793
- Members and members received, 1800 – 1884
- Marriages, 1848 – 1856
- Abstracts from the minutes of the church meetings
 - Pastors and Deacons, 1802 – 1874
 - Infant and Adult Baptism, 1858 – 1876
 - Members Received, 1806 – 1876
 - Members Dismissed, 1804 – 1874

Search Another Collection

VIEW ALL COLLECTIONS

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Browse Collections

A complete list of collections (including those accessible by image browse) can be accessed through **Browse Collections D**. This alphabetical list can be filtered by **category**, **location**, or **collection type**. The catalog enables you to access an individual collection page, which include descriptions of the materials included, including details about their compiler(s) where available. When a collection is noted to be available by **Image Browse**, direct links to specific sections of the collection are available. For example, the Albany County Cemetery Record's collection page **E** waypoints to specific burying grounds—separated by town—as well as brief descriptions of the materials included.

Collection pages for **Text** and **Text and Image** collections **F** also allow visitors to navigate to a specific section of material. For example, the collection page for Columbia County Religious Records includes waypoints to sections of a church's records, such as membership lists, baptisms, or marriages in addition to the ability to search the entire collection by first name, last name, and/or keyword.

Image Viewer

The **Image Viewer G** allows you to search for text within a specific page (where available), view the previous and next page, jump to a specific page, zoom in/out of the image, view full screen, print, and save the image. In some cases, the full file for a specific collection can be accessed by selecting **View Full File**, from above the image.

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Cattaraugus County Cemetery Records

Assorted Cemeteries in Cattaraugus County

Collection: Cattaraugus County Cemetery Records
 Collection Type: Image Browse
 Collection Category: Cemetery
 Location: Cattaraugus County
 Creator: Unknown
 Date Created: 1932

VIEW FULL FILE

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COUNTY LINE CEMETERY on line between Cattaraugus and Allegany County, N.Y. about 1 1/2 miles from Freedom-Caterville road. Cemetery in very bad condition - grown up trees and no fence.

JONES Robert, d. July 10, 1865, aged 76.

JONES Thomas, s. of H. & Elizabeth, d. Apr. 19, 1809, aged 9 mos. Elizabeth, dau. of Rowland & Elizabeth, d. Feb. 18, 1805, aged 2 yrs. 9 mos.

ROBERTS Hannah, dau. of Thomas & Elvira, d. Aug. 11, 1803, aged 13.

JONES Joseph, s. of Rowland and Elizabeth, d. Sept. 27, 1846, aged 27.5m.

-- Jane, d. Oct. 22, 1846, aged 62-16-4.

-- Margaret, d. Nov. 9, 1800, aged 17.7m.

SLOOM Richard, d. Apr. 23, 1875, aged 5-4-16.

JENNIE, d. Apr. 20, 1875, aged 9m. 16d.

JONES Lene M., dau. of David & Martha, d. Apr. 21, 1841, 21-4-12. Martha, w. of David, d. February 2, 1808, aged 617.0m.

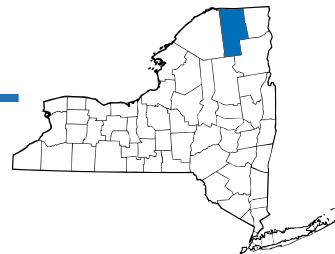
DAVIS John, s. of T. & Mary, d. Jan. 15, 1805, aged 8.

ROBERTS John, 1794-1869. Eleanor, 1793-1850. Elizabeth, May 9, 1800, aged 2m. 9d.

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To Learn More

You will soon have the chance to explore the new platform as it becomes available to additional members of the NYG&B community. In the meantime, contact webmaster@nygbs.org with additional questions or queries or if you are interested in testing the new platform.



Featured New York County

Franklin County (formed 1808)

Franklin County is in northern New York State, bordering the Canadian provinces of Quebec and Ontario, aka "The North Country." The land of Franklin County was once part of the Old Military Tract in 1786, which set aside land for veterans of the Revolutionary War, or Macomb's Purchase in 1791, which was part of Alexander Macomb's purchase of land from New York State. The St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, also called Akwesasne, is located in Franklin County on the border of Canada.

History

Industry in the region was originally dominated by potash production. Potash was an economical way to use the extra timber created from clearing land for settlement. Later logging, the production of hops, ore mining, pasturage, and agriculture grew in the county.

Between 1840 and 1860 the Underground Railroad was active in Franklin County, helping escaped formerly enslaved persons travel onwards towards Canada or the Adirondack Forests, both of which were considered safer. The Village of Malone was the primary area of movement for the Underground Railroad. Many families in the area were abolitionists, and the Franklin Anti-Slavery Society held annual meetings.



The Adirondack Park now comprises a large section of Franklin County. Protecting the area of the Adirondack Mountains, the Park is the largest National Historic Landmark of the United States. The mountain air of the Adirondacks was once thought to cure tuberculosis. Between 1873 and 1945 Cure Cottages were

built in Saranac Lake to accommodate travelers from around the world who wished to take advantage of this rest-cure. This remedy of Cure Cottages came to an end in 1944 with the invention of effective drugs to cure tuberculosis. The remaining cottages are recognized today by the National Register of Historical Places.

Selected Resources

Franklin County Clerk and Records Management

355 West Main Street, Suite 248
PO Box 70, Malone, NY 12953 | (518) 481-1681
countyfranklin.digitaltowpath.org:10078/content/Departments/View/37

Land records 1808–present; court records 1918–present; and original copies of the New York state censuses for Franklin County 1855, 1875, 1905, 1915, and 1925 are held at the county clerk's office. A selection of recent documents (various dates 1965–present, searchiqs.com/forms/nyfraindex.pdf) may be viewed via searchiqs.com/NYFRA/login.aspx. A subscription is necessary for Franklin County.

Franklin County Surrogate's Court

355 West Main Street, Malone, NY 12953 | (518) 481-1736
Probate records from the late 1800s to the present.

Franklin County Historical and Museum Society and Schryer Center

51 Milwaukee Street, PO Box 388, Malone, NY 12953
(518) 483-2750 | franklinhistory.org
Family histories and genealogies, Adirondack history, cemetery information, census materials, directories and phone books, early assessment rolls, maps, newspapers pre-1900, obituaries, scrapbooks, school yearbooks, and vital records. Special collections include the Clarence Kilburn Papers and 16th Regiment Civil War Papers. Annual journal, *Franklin Historical Review*.

The Schryer Center has an online collection listing at franklinhistory.org/schryer-center or franklinhistory.org/upload/15841/documents/6765CB453BC6A9CC.docx and offers a genealogy service.

Adirondack Genealogical-Historical Society

100 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983
freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~adkghs/
Region includes Clinton, Essex, and St. Lawrence counties. Offers research services, at the Saranac Lake Free Library: The William Chapman White Memorial Room: Adirondack Research Center, for a fee.

FRANKLIN COUNTY ON-LINE DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

Document	Date	Availability
DEEDS	October 1 st 1965 – Present	INDEX DATA & IMAGES
MORTGAGES	October 1 st 1965 – January 5 th , 2001 January 6 th , 2001 – Present	INDEX ONLY INDEX DATA & IMAGES
ASSTS OF MORTGAGES	January 4 th , 1989 – March 7 th , 1989 March 8 th , 1989 – Present	INDEX ONLY INDEX DATA & IMAGES
DIS OF MORTGAGES	Oct 1 st , 1965 – April 29 th , 1996 April 30 th , 1996 – Present	INDEX ONLY INDEX DATA & IMAGES
LIS PENDENS	April 7 th , 2000 – April 29 th , 2002 April 30 th , 2002 – Present	INDEX ONLY INDEX DATA & IMAGES
APA PERMITS	November 13 th , 1973 – Present	INDEX DATA & IMAGES
MAPS	May 15 th , 2000 – Present	INDEX DATA & IMAGES

Saranac Lake Free Library: The William Chapman White Memorial Room: Adirondack Research Center

109 Main Street, Saranac Lake, NY 12983
(518) 891-0807 | sflf.org

Village of Saranac Lake shared with Essex County. Books, manuscripts, periodicals, newspapers, and pamphlets; federal and state census microfilm for Essex, Franklin, Clinton, and St. Lawrence counties 1850–1925; church records; obituary index; maps, gazetteers, and atlases 1869, 1876; photographs and postcards; cemetery inscriptions published by the Adirondack Genealogical and Historical Society; county, town, and municipal histories; genealogies and biographies; high school yearbooks and school attendance records; and early tuberculosis patient history from the Trudeau Sanatorium.

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Franklin County, New York

Formed: March 11, 1808

Parent County: Clinton

Daughter Counties: None

County Seat ★: Village of Malone

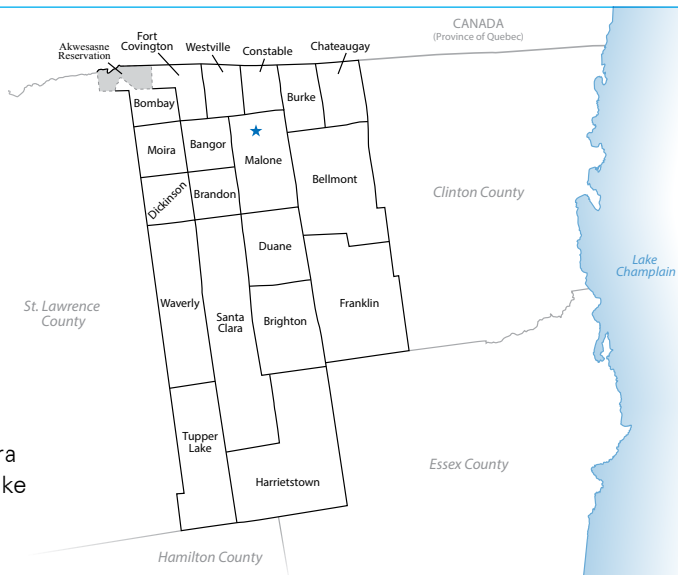
Major Land Transactions:

Old Military Tract 1786; Macomb Purchase 1792

Indian Territories: Mohawk Nation: Akwesasne Reservation (1796–present), also called St. Regis Mohawk Reservation

Incorporated Towns (* Historic Town Names):

Altamont*	Brighton	Ezrville*	Moira
Bangor	Burke	Fort Covington	Santa Clara
Bellmont	Chateaugay	Franklin	Tupper Lake
(also Belmont)	Constable	Harrietstown	Waverly
Bombay	Dickinson	Harrison	Westville
Brandon	Duane	Malone	



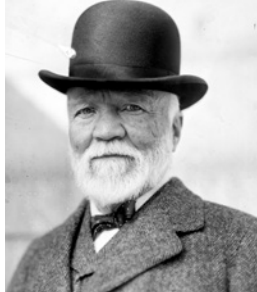
Did You Know...Past Members of the NYG&B

In more than 150 years, thousands of individuals have been members of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. Many joined to pursue their own family history and support the preservation of New York's records.

Andrew Carnegie
(1835–1919)

**Annual member 1893,
Life Member 1914**

He was a Scottish-American industrialist, business magnate, and philanthropist. He made his fortune in steel, and formed the Carnegie Steel Company in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1892. He built Carnegie Hall in New York City; founded Carnegie Mellon University, the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, and several funding organizations; and he funded around 3,000 libraries around the United States.



Carnegie on return from Europe, 1918. Library of Congress, Bain News Service, iccn.loc.gov/2014694493.

Cornelius Vanderbilt II
(1843–1899)

Annual member 1880

He was the grandson of the business magnate and philanthropist Cornelius Vanderbilt, “The Commodore.” He was a wealthy businessman and philanthropist, and he built The Breakers mansion in Newport, Rhode Island. He was a vice-president of the Society and member from 1880 until his death. (See “In Other Lines,” page 100.)



Cornelius Vanderbilt II, 1890, by John Singer Sargent (1856–1925). Newport Mansions, The Breakers.

Julia Ward Howe
(1819–1910)

Honorary Member, 1893

She was a poet, author, abolitionist, and women's suffrage activist who wrote the lyrics to the song “The Battle Hymn of the Republic.” In 1893 she attended a meeting of the NYG&B and gave an address on Lucy Stone, the prominent abolitionist and suffragist, who had passed away a month beforehand. At the same meeting, Howe was made an Honorary Member of the Society.



Julia Ward Howe, c1908. Library of Congress, iccn.loc.gov/97500098.

John Pierpont Morgan, Jr.
(1867–1943)

**Annual member 1913;
elected Life Member 1921
and Fellow in 1929;
Patron of the Society**

He was Chairman of the Board of J.P. Morgan & Company. During World War I, the company lent money to the British and French governments and served as their purchasing agent for war materials in America.



John Pierpont Morgan, Jr., c1919. Library of Congress, iccn.loc.gov/92512488.

Florence Foster Jenkins
(1868–1944)

Life Member 1916

Jenkins was a socialite and an amateur singer who is known for her notoriously inferior singing ability. She performed at a sold-out concert at Carnegie Hall in 1944. Her mother, Mary Jane Hoagland Foster (wife of Charles Dorrance Foster), a landscape artist, was also a Life Member of the Society.



Mrs. Florence Foster Jenkins, c1900. Library of Congress, Bain News Service, iccn.loc.gov/2014714080.

Helen Deming (Sherman) Pratt (Mrs. George Dupont Pratt) (1869–1923)

Annual member 1915

Mrs. Pratt was a suffragist and was a member of the Women's Trade Union League and later The League of Women Voters. Her sister-in-law, Florence Gibb Pratt (Mrs. Herbert Lee Pratt), also was a suffragist, and both were important in women getting the right to vote in New York State in 1917.



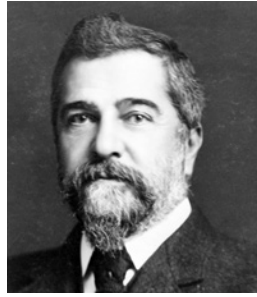
Helen Deming (Sherman) Pratt wearing a white suffrage dress. Courtesy of Long Island Suffrage.

Louis Comfort Tiffany
(1848–1933)

Life Member 1916

Tiffany's father, Charles Lewis Tiffany, was the founder of Tiffany & Co., the renowned jewelry and silver firm. Louis began as a painter, then designed private interiors and decorative arts pieces. He established several New York City-based companies that produced materials including stained glass windows and lamps, glass mosaics, blown glass, ceramics, enamels, and metalwork.

Library of Congress, locn.loc.gov/96502630.



Louisa Lee Schuyler
(1837–1926)

Life Member 1925

She was a great-great-granddaughter of General Philip Schuyler and a great-granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton. Louisa volunteered as a teacher in a school of the Children's Aid Society, and during the Civil War, she was involved with the Woman's Central Association of Relief (WCAR) of New York City, which later became a branch of the United States Sanitary Commission.

Louisa Lee Schuyler (1837–1926), 1879, by Léon-Joseph-Florentin Bonnat (1833–1922). Image provided by the Library of Congress (loc.gov/item/2017679822/). Original painting at the New-York Historical Society Luce Center.



Solomon R. Guggenheim
(1861–1949)

Life Member 1918

Guggenheim was a businessman, art collector, and philanthropist. He established the Solomon R. Guggenheim Foundation and founded the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City (as the "Museum of Non-Objective Painting" in 1939, renamed in 1952, and its present building opened in 1959).

S.R. Guggenheim with daughter Barbara Josephine Guggenheim Obre (1904–1985), c1917. Library of Congress, <https://locn.loc.gov/2014711412>.



Colonel John Jacob Astor IV
(1864–1912)

Annual member 1905

Astor was a businessman, real estate builder, investor, and multi-millionaire. In January 1912 he and his wife were sailing around Egypt, accompanied by Denver socialite Margaret Brown (known to many as "The Unsinkable Molly Brown"). In April Mrs. Brown received word that her grandchild was seriously ill, and she booked passage on the first available liner leaving for New York, the *RMS Titanic*. He and his valet perished when the ship sank on April 15, 1912 during its maiden voyage to New York City.

John Jacob Astor IV (1864–1912), 1896, by Léon Joseph Florentin Bonnat (1833–1922). Paintings at the New York Public Library.



In Memoriam: Robert G. Goelet

We were saddened to learn of the death of Robert G. Goelet, a longtime member, leader, and supporter of the NYG&B. Born in 1923, Mr. Goelet and his family were the owners and caretakers of Gardiners Island, an area including more than 3,300 acres and 27 miles of coastline. He became a life member of the NYG&B in May 1991 and served as a member of the Board of Trustees, as Vice Chairman, as a member of the Executive Committee, and as Assistant Secretary before being named a Trustee Emeritus in May 2017.

He attended Harvard University where he graduated with a degree in history in 1945. In addition to the NYG&B, Mr. Goelet had several other interests, and was widely recognized as a conservationist and philanthropist. He was heavily involved in the National

Audubon Society, the Carnegie Institution for Science, and served as board president of the French Institute/Alliance Française, and president of the American Museum of Natural History and the New-York Historical Society, in addition to chairman of the New York Zoological Society (now the Wildlife Conservation Society). He is survived by his wife and two children.

In a resolution passed unanimously by the NYG&B Board of Trustees in 2017 it was noted that Mr. Goelet "had been a constant and stalwart proponent of diversity and philanthropic generosity towards genealogical, biographical, and historical organizations throughout his lifetime," and that "his leadership, participation, and experienced judgment has guided the organization through the twentieth and into the twenty-first century."

New Access and Databases

New York Adoptee Access

Governor Cuomo signed legislation (S3419/A5494) that allows adoptees to receive a certified copy of their birth certificate. The law is effective January 15, 2020. More information will follow. governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-signs-legislation-allowing-adoptees-receive-certified-birth-certificate-age-18

New York, Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Church Records, 1800–1970

Newly digitized ledgers from the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester have been added to Ancestry.com. In addition to name searches, the collection is browseable by town/city. ancestry.com/search/collections/61652/

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Family Tree, Search, Memories, Indexing. Below that, a sub-navigation bar includes Records, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, Wiki. A blue notification box at the top left states: "Name editing is now available on some of our historical records. We are working diligently to make more records editable. You can access this feature if there is a blue 'Edit' link next to a name. To learn more about editing names click here." The main content area displays a record for James Shepherd, born 1866, who immigrated in 1909. The record includes fields for Name, Event Type, Event Date, Event Place, Residence Place, Gender, Age, Marital Status, Nationality, Birth Year, Departure Port, Ship Name, Additional Name, Departure Contact Name, Relationship, Arrival Contact Name, Arrival Contact Name Relationship, Page Number, and Affiliate Line Number. Several "Edit" links are visible next to the Name, Additional Name, and Arrival Contact Name fields, and these are circled in yellow. To the right of the record is a thumbnail image of the original document with a "View the original document" link below it. At the bottom right, there is a "Document Information" section and a "Similar Historical Records" section.

FamilySearch Adds Name Editing Functionality

Have you noticed a change on FamilySearch recently—the ability to add or edit to names in some collections (see sample image, above).

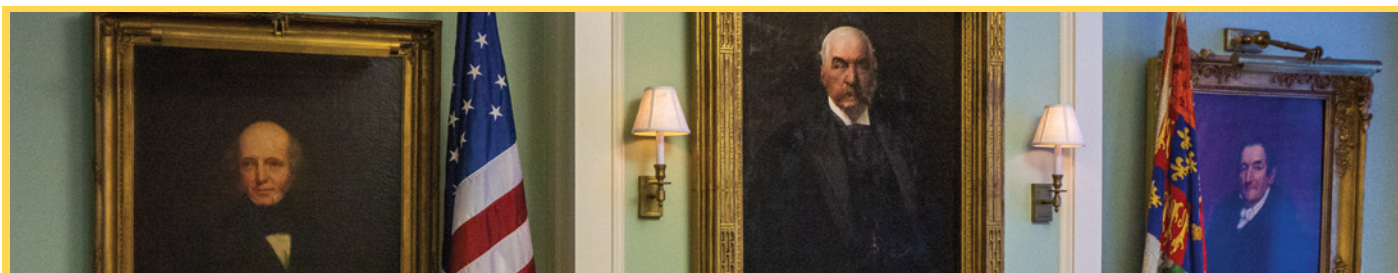
NYC Geographical Birth Index

Another important New York City data set was obtained and published on *Internet Archive* by Reclaim the Records—the Geographical Birth Index for New York City. archive.org/details/nycgeobirthindex

New York, State Employment Cards and Peddlers' Licenses, 1840–1966

Containing more than 700K names, majority of the records in this combined dataset are for state employees. Four volumes of peddlers from 1940 to 1896 are arranged in chronological order and are name searchable.

ancestry.com/search/collections/newyorkemploymentcards/



The 1869 Circle: A Legacy of Giving



Since its founding in 1869 the NYG&B has been fortunate to be the beneficiary of many bequests made by friends and supporters who wanted their support to endure.

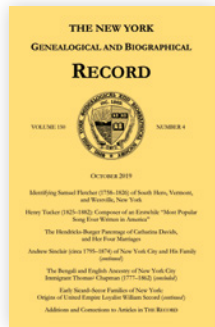
For example, a \$20,000 bequest from Elizabeth Underhill Coles made it possible for the Society to purchase its first permanent home in 1896, which was named Genealogical Hall. The famed banker and philanthropist John Pierpont Morgan, Sr. was an NYG&B Life Member for 27 years when he made a \$10,000 challenge grant, which stimulated more than \$55,000 in additional gifts.

The 1869 Circle recognizes those friends who have expressed their commitment to the NYG&B's future through an intended bequest or other planned gift.

Individuals who commit to leaving such a lasting legacy will receive recognition from the Board of Trustees, in publications and in other ways. Please call Jen Davis at **212-755-8532 x208** if you would like to learn more.

Highlights from our blog (nygbs.org/blog)

The NYG&B blog keeps our community informed of events, articles, and timely news. Visit nygbs.org/blog to read the full articles.



The October Issue of *The Record* Has Arrived

What an Issue!

Autumn had produced a fine crop of articles in the October issue of *The Record*. Per Laura Murphy DeGrazia, CG, FGBS, "Brick walls are challenging, but they are not indestructible." And for her work in this issue, NYG&B member Denise Cross won the **American Society of Genealogists' Scholar's**

Award. NYG&B members can read the issue online.

Read "The Editor's View" by Laura Murphy DeGrazia, CG, FGBS, Editor and about the following new articles in the October issue (vol. 150 (2019): 243).

"Identifying Samuel Fletcher (1758-1826) of South Hero, Vermont, and Westville, New York" by Denise Engelhardt Cross

Elusive origins often contribute to genealogical road blocks. In her introduction author Denise Cross reveals, "No record identifies his [Samuel Fletcher's] specific place of origin, and none names him as the father of any child, but associations among his neighbors, siblings, children, grandchildren, and grandnephews connect the New York man to his previous residence in South Hero, Vermont." Careful tracing and analysis of suspected family members and, importantly, associates allowed the author to smash this former brick wall. Following jurisdictional changes, people's migrations, and records available led to a conclusion.

Cross is also the author of two New York Researcher articles, [one in 2018](#) and [one in 2015](#).

"Henry Tucker (1825-1882): Composer of an Erstwhile 'Most Popular Song Ever Written In America'." by Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, FASG

Listening to "Weeping, Sad and Lonely" is a wonderful way to understand why Tom Jones wrote this article on the origins of Henry Tucker, a New Yorker for a good part of his life as shown by Jones. Searches on YouTube and [other sites](#) provide many opportunities to listen, and after reading this article you will have a better understanding of Tucker's life and enduring legacy. That legacy includes "Now Let Us Rejoice," an enormously popular hymn.

"The Hendricks-Burger Parentage of Catharina Davids, and Her Four Marriages" by Michael Rudy and Harry Macy Jr., FASG, FGBS

Following his solo article in the July issue, author Michael Rudy teams up with Harry Macy Jr. to add to our understanding of working through genealogical problems in the colonial era. While the Dutch no longer controlled the area, their influence and the changing traditions of naming patterns are demonstrated in this article, as is methodology of examining and building on earlier work.

Several articles are continued from the previous issue, one of which concludes.

"Andrew Sinclair (circa 1795-1874) of New York City and His Family" (continued) by Scott Wilds, CG

"Early Sicard-Secor Families of New York: Origins of United Empire Loyalist William Secord" (continued) by R. Kirk Moulton

"The Bengali and English Ancestry of New York City Immigrant Thomas² Chapman (1777-1862)" (concluded) by Meryl Schumacker, CG

To read the full blog article, go to newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/october-issue-record-has-arrived or read the full issue online newyorkfamilyhistory.org/read-online.

How to Get the Most from a Research Trip

It's on your list—visiting that repository you hope will have the key to answering a longstanding family history mystery. Or, perhaps you have multiple places to visit within a single city or town. The time and cost may be a fair amount, so you will want to make the most of the trip. Here are some tips for a fun and efficient trip.

Focus your trip

It is tempting to try and research as many ancestors as possible during your research trip. Instead of tackling your entire family tree, select a few individuals and/or branches to focus on. When selecting your research topics, consider what records you might need that are specific to the repository and location(s) you are visiting.

Prepare your research questions in advance

Being prepared for your research trip is key. Read the rest of the article on our blog at newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/how-get-most-research-trip.



In Other Lines

By Jennifer Davis, NYG&B Director of Development and Membership

As part of our 150th Anniversary celebration we looked at our membership rolls to discover which current member has had a NYG&B membership for the longest time. It turned out to be two current members—Charlotte Hix and Henry Z “Hank” Jones, Jr. Both have been a member of the NYG&B for 47 years—how fantastic! Both share a love of genealogy and the New York stories told by the NYG&B.



**Charlotte M. Hix, FGBS,
Wolfeboro, New Hampshire |
Member since 1972**

Charlotte Hix was introduced to genealogy by her mother, who shared with her stories of her family. Pointing at the statue of Commodore Vanderbilt in front of Grand Central

Station, Charlotte’s mother would say “he is your uncle by marriage” however, Charlotte proved Vanderbilt was actually her great-great-uncle. That started her on her journey into family research. She got involved with the NYG&B first as a member, then as Chair of the Education Committee, and then was elected to the Board of Trustees.

An enduring legacy from Charlotte’s time on the Education Committee was the beginning of the Research in Albany trips. Charlotte, along with another long-time member, Meriwether Schmid, began organizing these trips because other societies were planning research trips, and they wanted the NYG&B to become better-recognized. At the time it was an unusual event, but has become an annual tradition that many members look forward to every fall.

Charlotte also helped to kick off the NYG&B’s repository tours around New York City because she felt it was important for people to feel comfortable visiting these important research locations. Charlotte’s favorite part of genealogy is one that is shared by many—the hunt! By researching at repositories all over New York she has made many discoveries about her family, as well as others, and wanted to share those experiences... except for the time she was accidentally locked in a basement in a repository on Staten Island!

Charlotte is proud of the fact that the first article she submitted to *The Record* was published without a single change. She still loves the hunt and the researching, as well as the NYG&B.



**Henry Z (“Hank”) Jones, Jr.,
FASG, FGBS, San Diego,
California | Member since 1972**

Hank Jones was also introduced to genealogy at an early age, when at the age of eight his mother said to him, “Hank—behave yourself—*don’t* go in the trunk!” In the basement of

their home in San Leandro, California, was an 100-year-old, dirty brown trunk whose contents were unknown. Says Hank, “One day mother went shopping so I sneaked down the stairs, cleared off the cobwebs, and somehow opened the rusty latches and lifted the heavy lid. What hit me first was not what I saw, but what I smelled! The wonderful stench of decay—the first time I ever smelled that musty odor of old papers and books. Little did I know that I would be smelling that smell for the rest of my life—and loving it! Old newspapers, tintypes, letters, and a family tree filled the trunk. From that moment, I was hooked! Nothing else but genealogy seemed to matter to me as I was growing up.”



ABOVE: Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda, Hank Z Jones, and Harriet Stryker-Rodda. Hank Z Jones and Arthur C. M. Kelly, hard at work at the FDR Library, Hyde Park, New York, 1988.

LEFT: Charlotte Hix and Meriwether Schmid at the NYG&B’s 2007 Research in Albany.



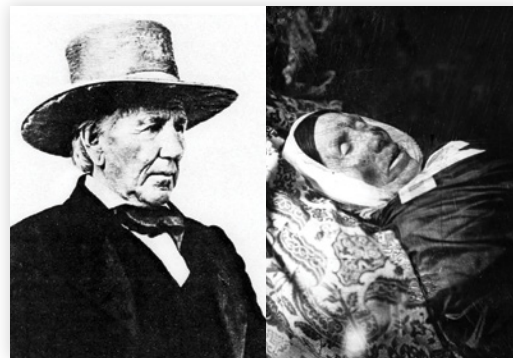
ABOVE, LEFT-TO-RIGHT: Hank Z Jones with Peter Ustinov in *Blackbeard's Ghost* (1968), with Henry Fonda in *Henry Fonda Presents the Star and the Story* (1955), and Robin Williams in *Mork & Mindy* (1978). He also had recurrent roles in *My Three Sons* and *The Patty Duke Show*, among others.

“As I continued on tracing my own family lines as a teenager, I often would haunt the bookshelves of the Sutro Library in nearby San Francisco. Prominent in their collections, was a complete set of *The NYG&B Record*. As so many of my ancestors lived in New York, these quarterlies were immensely helpful in documenting many of my ancestors. Later, I began researching and then writing about all 847 “Palatine” German families who came to colonial New York in 1710 and also documenting some of the later arrivals who came in the second wave 1717–1776; the staff at the G&B were very helpful and supportive of my work. Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda especially was kind over the years in sharing his vast knowledge with me. I’ve been chasing these Palatines for sixty years now and still publishing many of my new finds in current issues of *The Record*. The G&B keeps my passion alive!”

Hank’s other life passion is show-business. He had a happy 30 year career as a character actor, appearing in

movies, lots of commercials, and more than 300 sitcoms and variety shows.

Hank thinks that being a family historian allows us to play Sherlock Holmes and be a detective! There’s nothing like celebrating a genealogical “wahoo moment” when we’ve finally found something or someone we’ve been trying to discover for years.



Henry Z Jones’ great-grandfather, Isaac Hillman (1797–1879), and a postmortem photo of Hillman’s wife, Elizabeth Hillman (1784–1852), who drowned in the wreck of the *Henry Clay*. Jones wrote *A Few More Left: The Story of Isaac Hillman*, his first genealogical work, while he was still in high school.

We are grateful to all of our members for their help in reaching our milestone anniversary, but

especially to Charlotte and Hank for a combined 94 years of NYG&B membership! Both are still committed to the NYG&B, to promoting family history research, and to “the chase.”



In Memoriam: Wilhelmina Rhodes Kelly

Wilhelmina Rhodes Kelly, a longtime member of the NYG&B and current New York State Regent of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) passed away in October 2019.

A founder of the Increase Carpenter Chapter of the DAR in Queens, Ms. Kelly was the first woman of color on the DAR National Board of Management. She devoted the last 20 years of her life speaking, teaching, closing the gaps in her own genealogy, and assisting more than 100 women with their DAR applications.

Ms. Kelly was the author of two family history books and two pictorial histories of Brooklyn in the *Images of America* series (Arcadia Press): *Bedford-Stuyvesant* and *Crown Heights and Weeksville*.

2020 New York State Family History Conference

Thursday, September 10–Saturday, September 12, 2020 in Albany, New York

What you need to know now!

Join hundreds of family history researchers in the New York State Capitol, Albany, New York, at the 2020 New York State Family History Conference (NYSFHC). You'll enjoy three days of camaraderie and learning experiences with genealogists of all experience levels—all just few blocks from the New York State Library, Museum, and Archives!



New for 2020!

Extended Repository Hours

Extended hours at the New York State Archives for conference attendees (the perfect way to balance time in conference sessions and research).

VIP Registration

Do you want a guaranteed seat in a session? A VIP registration will save you a seat at the front of the session. A limited number of VIP tickets will be available, so be sure to reserve yours early.

More Workshops

Looking for more hands-on experiences? Workshops will be held each day of the conference.



Preliminary Conference Schedule At-A-Glance (subject to change)

Thursday, September 10, 2020

Morning	Workshops [\$ Additional registration]
	Onsite Check-in Opens
	Exhibit Hall Opens (late morning)
	Lunch (on your own)
Afternoon	Opening Session
	Sessions (choice of four)
	Sessions (choice of four)
Evening	NYG&B Member Reception



Friday, September 11, 2020


Morning	Sessions (choice of four)
	Exhibit Hall Open (all day)
	Workshops [\$ Additional registration]
	Sessions (choice of four)
	Sessions (choice of four)
Noon	Lunch Break (on your own, box lunch \$, or ticketed luncheon \$)
Afternoon	Sessions (choice of four)
	Workshops [\$ Additional registration]
	Sessions (choice of four)
	Short Sessions (choice of four)
Evening	Special Event [\$ Additional registration]

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Morning	Sessions (choice of four)
	Exhibit Hall Open (open until mid-afternoon)
	Workshops [\$ Additional registration]
	Sessions (choice of four)
	Sessions (choice of four)
Noon	Lunch Break (on your own, box lunch \$, or ticketed luncheon \$)
Afternoon	Sessions (choice of four)
	Workshops [\$ Additional registration]
	Sessions (choice of four)
	Closing Reception A special gathering to exchange your favorite moments of the conference.


About the Venue


Location and Lodging



 The conference will be held at the Albany Hilton, 40 Lodge Street, Albany, New York, just blocks from the New York State Library, the New York State Archives, and many other historical sites and repositories.

The Albany Hilton will have a room block for the conference. The code for the special rate will be included in your conference registration. Other accommodations are available within walking distance.

Travel to Albany

 **Albany is easily accessible by rail** to the Albany-Rensselaer station by Amtrak. The Albany Hilton shuttle will pick up and drop off to the station for hotel guests.

 **Flights to Albany** usually mean a connection, but the airport is just 20 minutes from downtown and the Albany Hilton. The Albany Hilton shuttle is available for hotel guests.

 **Coming by car?** Albany is three hours or less from Boston, Syracuse, and New York City. Parking is available at the garage adjacent to the Albany Hilton .



Local Society

We've teamed up with the Capital District Genealogical Society (CDGS) for NYSFHC 2020. CDGS will provide onsite support, volunteers, and other assistance to enhance your experience at the conference.



How Can I Register?

NYG&B members will have early access to registration, including the workshops (seats will be limited) and VIP tickets. NYG&B members will receive their link to register via email.



(Hilton Albany.)



Exploring our Past: NYG&B Visits Northern Ireland

April 26-May 2, 2020

Please join the NYG&B for an exclusive guided tour of Northern Ireland, April 26–May 2, 2020. This tour includes a group guide for the five-day tour, hotel, and breakfast each day, travel to attractions, and museum tickets. You'll also have time to explore on your own.

We are very excited to be partnering with the Ulster Historic Foundation, giving us access to their experts and local knowledge. Anchored in Belfast, we will explore and learn through a week of private tours, educational events, and sightseeing. More highlights will be announced soon. (Details below are subject to change.)

Program Schedule (May be subject to change.)

Sunday, April 26	Arrive in Belfast anytime Welcome Dinner and Introductions
Monday, April 27	Visit to Titanic Belfast and the Belfast Charitable Society
Tuesday, April 28	Visit and behind-the-scenes tour of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI)
Wednesday, April 29	Travel through the Glens of Antrim and visit the Giant's Causeway
Thursday, April 30	Travel to Armagh—tour St. Patrick's Catholic Cathedral and other attractions
Friday, May 1	Travel to Omagh and West Tyrone – visit local attractions including the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies
Saturday, May 2	Optional Group Breakfast and departure

We will be staying at Hotel Madron Belfast City, a 4-star hotel conveniently located in City Centre.

Trip pricing begins at \$5,095 per person, based on double occupancy, with a 50% deposit required on registration. The single supplement is \$1,200. Supplemental packages that will include research and a customized itinerary with a NYG&B genealogist are available. Cancellations will be subject to a fee.

Registration

Member Registration	Packages begin at \$5,095 per person, double occupancy. 50% deposit required on registration.
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Supplemental Package \$1,200 per person

Please contact Jen Davis at **212-755-8532, x208** or jdavis@nygbs.org for more information or to book your trip!

Images, left-to-right, from top-left: Carding wool and spinning, Donegal, 1914 (PRONI Ref D1403_2--027~A); Register of the Chvrch of Lisnagarvie called Sainct Thomas Chvrch, 1637–1646 (PRONI Ref CR1:35:A:1); Away a Wee Walk Giants Causeway Tour (VisitBelfast.com); St. Patrick's Cathedral, County Armagh (VisitBelfast.com); Unknown School group, c.1910, Allison Photographic Collection (Armagh) (PRONI Ref D2886:SCH:UNK:002); Titanic Belfast (VisitBelfast.com); Water Street, Rostrevor, c.1910 (PRONI Ref D2886:B:11:16); PRONI exterior and a researcher working at PRONI (Ulster Historical Foundation).



NEW!

Salt Lake City Research Tour

March 1-6, 2020 | Family History Library and Radisson Hotel

Join the NYG&B on its inaugural research tour to the famed Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2020. This six-day tour includes guided research under the careful eye of the New York experts. This tour can assist anyone just beginning their search as well as those seeking to answer longstanding New York research questions. The largest genealogical library in the world, the FHL includes millions of records that can only be accessed onsite in Salt Lake City.

The tour includes personalized one-on-one consultations, a behind-the-scenes tour, social events, and topical lectures on tracing New York ancestors, using FHL collections, and other essential topics to help guide you throughout the week.

Program Schedule (subject to change)

Sunday	Arrive in Salt Lake City	
	3:00pm	Orientation at the Family History Library Welcome Gathering / Dinner
Monday	Family History Library (FHL)	Research and consultations Optional Lecture / Social meet-up
Tuesday	FHL	Research and consultations Optional Lecture / Social meet-up
Wednesday	FHL	Research and consultations / Social meet-up
Thursday	FHL	Research and consultations / Wrap-up dinner
Friday	FHL	Research and consultations

Registration

Registration includes five nights at the Radisson Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah, beginning Sunday, March 1, 2020, and running through check-out on Friday, March 6, 2020 (additional hotel nights may be reserved, please contact the NYG&B for pricing and other details).

Member-Commuter Registration	\$1,395
Member-Hotel Registration	\$2,095
Non-member-Commuter Registration	\$1,695
Non-member-Hotel Registration	\$2,295

Register at newyorkfamilyhistory.org or call Susan R. Miller at 212-755-8532 x211.

Empire State Exploration

February 11-14, 2020 | New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Our popular Empire State Exploration returns in 2020 for four days of uncovering your New York ancestors. With a home base at the NYG&B headquarters you will be steps away from the NYG&B's statewide collections at the New York Public Library—and access to experts to guide you along your way. Empire State Exploration is an ideal setting for those just beginning their search and those seeking to answer longstanding New York research questions.

A personal, one-on-one consultation will enable you to begin your search immediately, with advice from a New York-expert genealogist at the NYG&B offices. In addition to social events, the program also includes topical lectures on tracing New York ancestors, using *The Record*, and other essential topics to help guide you throughout the week. You can access millions of additional records on FamilySearch.org with the NYG&B's Affiliate Library status and will also easily visit some of the nation's best repositories for New York research including the New York Public Library (NYPL), the New York Historical Society, the Center for Jewish History, the National Archives at New York City and county and borough repositories for the New York City area.

Special access to data not yet released in the NYG&B Online Collections will be available to participants in the program.

This experience focuses on tracing ancestors from across the entire state of New York, not just within the NYC area.

Looking for more specialized assistance during your week? Additional consultations will be available for a small fee to program participants. Please note that this trip does not include individual tours of all the research repositories, though a general orientation to the resources available at the major repositories will be given Monday morning.

Schedule is available at newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events/empire-state-exploration-2020

Registration

Member-Commuter Registration	\$925
Member-Hotel Registration*	\$1,485
Non-member-Commuter Registration	\$1,145
Non-member-Hotel Registration*	\$1,685

* King room. Double room at an additional charge.

Register at newyorkfamilyhistory.org or call Susan R. Miller at 212-755-8532 x211.

January NYG&B Week Webinars and Digitization Day

Recap: The Future of Genealogy

**Monday, January 6, 3:00 pm | Webinar
Presented by NYG&B Staff**

One of our 150th Anniversary events was a panel discussion exploring “The Future of Genealogy” with leading industry experts:

- Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD, The Genetic Genealogist
- Michelle Caruso-Cabrera, a business journalist and former Chief International Correspondent for CNBC
- Steve Rockwood, CEO of FamilySearch International
- D. Joshua Taylor, President of the NYG&B

The NYG&B staff will recap the discussion in this session.

New for the NYG&B in 2020

**Tuesday, January 7, 4:00 pm | Webinar
Presented by NYG&B staff**

Join us as the NYG&B kicks off its next 150 years. Learn about new projects, initiatives and programs planned for 2020 and beyond.

Sign up at nygbs.org/events or call **212-755-8532**.

NYG&B Online Records Platform: Preview!

**Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 pm | Webinar
Presented by NYG&B Staff**

Launching soon, the brand-new NYG&B online records platform will host millions of records for New York researchers, including the entire 150-year archive of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, transcribed and original religious records, cemetery abstracts, vital record indexes, and more from across the state of New York.

Get a preview of the features of the new platform.

Digitization Day at the NYG&B

Thursday, January 10, 2020, 10:30 am–3:30 pm

Volunteer with us on Digitization Day during NYG&B Week! The NYG&B has been able to create digital records of thousands of documents thanks to the deliberate and generous efforts of volunteers.

We welcome individuals willing to give their time to the very important and time-consuming process of scanning page after page of historical records, family histories, lineage applications, and documents of invaluable content.

It is easy to learn; no special skills required. We provide training, while you provide the time. If you can't make these dates, come another day!

New York Land Records Indexing Project: Update

Thanks to all who have participated in indexing New York land records on FamilySearch.org, quite a few batches have been completed. And new batches for central, western, and northern New York are open for indexing. Each group of records shows a percentage completed.

To help with this project, sign in to FamilySearch, click Indexing, and “Find a Project” by searching for New York.

Open Batches

Adirondacks—Index to Land Records, Grantors, 1630–1975 [Part I]

Central Regions—Index to Land Records, Grantees, 1630–1975 [Part F]

Western Regions—Index to Land Records, Grantees, 1630–1975 [Part E]

The entire project is expected to take several more years. And the indexes will later be available on the NYG&B website, on FamilySearch, and elsewhere. Please contact the NYG&B if your local genealogical society needs more information on the project.

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch.org website interface for the indexing project. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'FamilySearch', 'Family Tree', 'Search', 'Memories', 'Indexing', 'Sign In', and 'Create Account'. Below that, a banner for 'Indexing - United States' features a photo of the US Capitol building and text: 'Welcome to our current projects, indexing and transcription progress, and completed projects now published on FamilySearch.org for this country.' A search bar contains 'New York'. The 'Current Projects' section lists three projects with progress bars and 'Start Indexing' buttons:

Project Name	Indexed	Reviewed
US, New York, Adirondacks—Index to Land Records, Grantors, 1630-1975 (Part I)	20%	16%
US, New York, Central Regions—Index to Land Records, Grantees, 1630-1975 (Part F)	9%	9%
US, New York, New York City—Index to Land Records, Grantors, 1630-1975 (Part D)	99%	87%

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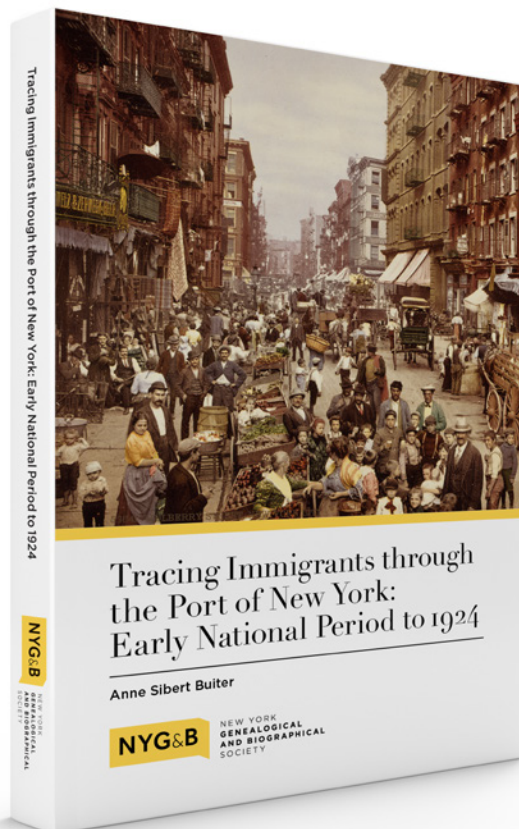
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