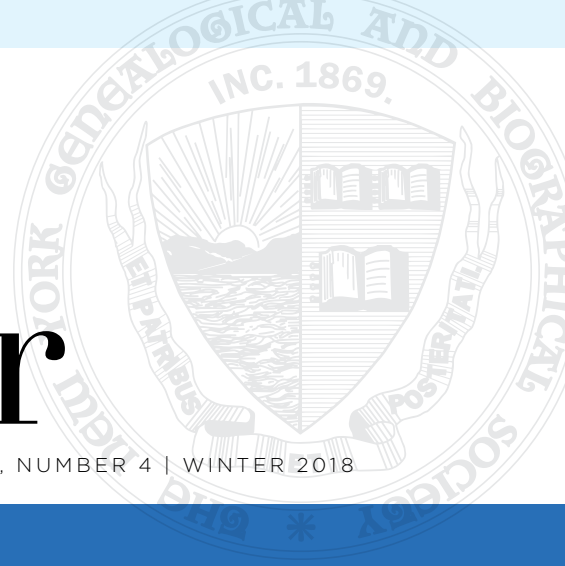


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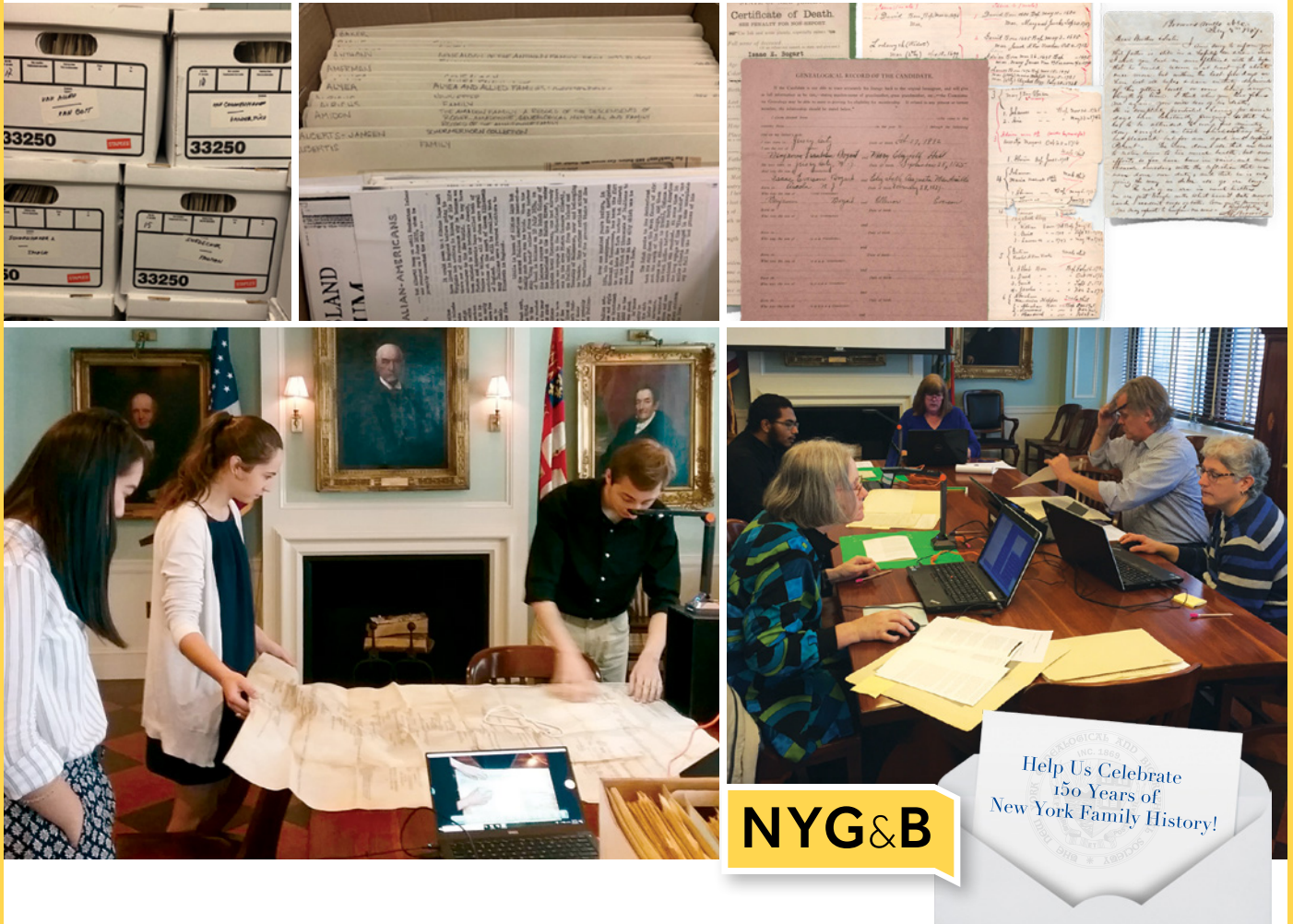
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# NYG&B @ 150 Years Celebrates Digitization and Preservation

February 6, 2019, 7:00–9:00pm

The Lotos Club, 5 East 66th Street, New York, NY

Join us to celebrate the importance of digitization and preservation of records for future generations. Funds raised will help support our eLibrary collections and make more records accessible to NYG&B members.



Dear Friends,

What an exciting year 2018 has been for those tracing New York families! We have seen rapid developments in access to online records from across the state and the launch of new projects that will make some of New York’s most important collections more accessible in the coming years. As the pages of this issue of the *New York Researcher* illustrate, we have been engaged in plans for our 150th Anniversary in 2019. In anticipation of this exciting occasion interns, volunteers, members, and the entire NYG&B team has been rediscovering the history of our organization, and I encourage you to take a few moments and read about our first 75 years in this issue.

In November we gathered with fellow members in Albany for our annual research trip. While there we marked the initial writing phase of our new guide to New York State Archives collections with friends from the New York State Archives Partnership and project sponsor, the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. We also continue to provide new webinars for our members on a variety of subjects (see page 82 for available topics). There are also a few spaces left for Empire State Exploration (a week of research in New York City) and our first heritage tour to Amsterdam in 2019.

Next year we will be holding a series of celebration events in and around New York City to commemorate our 150th Anniversary, the first of which is February 6 and will focus on digitization and preservation. If you are considering a trip to New York City next year, be sure to check our calendar—we would love to welcome you as part of our celebrations next year! I am also delighted to announce that the NYG&B will take part in Carnegie Hall’s Migrations Festival next spring. This exciting event brings together more than 100 organization across New York. As a festival partner, the NYG&B will be providing a series of lectures focused on immigration and migration at our headquarters in March.

The New York Land Records Index project has officially started, and I invite you to learn more about the project (see page 87) and sign-up to begin work on the first four regions. When completed, the project will make this index freely accessible for anyone tracing New York families. We continue to work on our new eLibrary, and plan to make improvements available to our members in the spring. The new eLibrary will include additional collections

and easier tools to search and retrieve material from the archive of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*.

I hope you will make plans to join us (either online or in person) for our annual NYG&B Week January 7–13, 2019 (see page 91). In addition to free webinars and onsite activities, everyone can participate—regardless of their location—in a nationwide indexing. We will also make a live announcement of an exciting new development at the NYG&B during the week.

In other news, I want to welcome Adrienne Auerbach as a new member of the NYG&B’s Board of Trustees. She has a strong interest in genealogy, has volunteered, and has attended NYG&B events for the past several years. We are grateful for her willingness to share her time and talents with us as a Trustee. She, along with her fellow Trustees, are also actively participating in this year’s Board Challenge which is raising funds to support our new eLibrary and other activities. The challenge provides a dollar for dollar match for new and increased giving through the end of 2018. So many of you have already participated in the match this year. Please know how grateful I am for your support—and commitment to our mission.

Until next time,



Joshua

D. JOSHUA TAYLOR

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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](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org).

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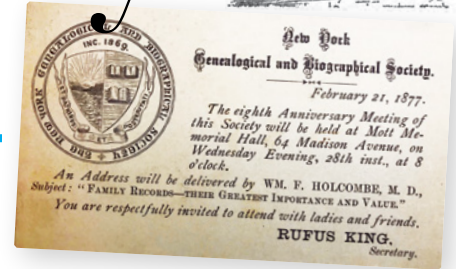


## ON THE COVER

"Record Falling Snow, New York," 1922; Everett Warner (1877–1963); Smithsonian American Art Museum, Bequest of Henry Ward Ranger through the National Academy of Design ([americanart.si.edu/artwork/falling-snow-new-york-26727](http://americanart.si.edu/artwork/falling-snow-new-york-26727)).

# NYG&B History

## The First 75 Years, 1869–1944



It was February 1869 when a group of forward-thinking New Yorkers gathered at the home of David Parsons and Frances K. (Forward) Holton to discuss the creation of a new organization that would strive to collect, preserve, and publish the stories of New York’s families. Thus, from the humble beginnings in the parlor of the Parsons home, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society came into existence. Within a year the NYG&B printed the first issue of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Record* (which quickly became known as *The Record*). Its pages contained compiled genealogies and biographies of New Yorkers, abstracts and transcriptions of New York records, and the latest news and insights from the NYG&B.

Soon, the founders found a permanent home for the NYG&B at 64 Madison Avenue known as Mott Memorial Hall. There they began to gather books and other materials related to New York genealogy and biography as interest in the organization grew across New York. *The Record* continued to be published quarterly and featured a variety of articles. For example, in 1889 *The Record* published the lineage of Alexander Hamilton, tracing the Scottish roots of the New Yorker who would resurge in popularity more than 125 years later.

By 1890 the organization sought a new home and found itself in the new Berkeley Lyceum Building (located at 23 West 44th Street). That same year saw the NYG&B take on a

number of important publication projects and the organization soon released printed collections from the Reformed Dutch Church of New Amsterdam and New York City, the oldest church in New York state.

A generous bequest from Mrs. Elizabeth Underhill Coles of \$20,000 in 1891 allowed the society to organize funds to purchase a four-story brownstone at

THE LINEAGE OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON, \*  
THE PROGENY SERVING HAMILTON OF YARMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA.

I HAVE never seen any publication of the genealogy of Alexander Hamilton, an famed from the Revolutionary epoch of the United States history. So far as I have seen, at least, all his biographers merely state that "he was of Scottish lineage, of that he belonged to the family of 'Hamiltons of Grange.'" It might be of interest to the readers of the RECORD to see the genealogy of Alexander Hamilton, so far as it is traceable. I therefore submit for publication the following genealogy of that distinguished man, from reliable records in my possession.

Tracing back, or upwards, then:  
ALEXANDER HAMILTON, born on the Island of Nevis, W. I., on the 11th January, 1757; was the son of JAMES HAMILTON, described as "a proprietor in the West Indies;" who was fourth son of ALEXANDER HAMILTON, of Chicago, Scotland; who was the son of

\* The family of Alexander Hamilton, of Grange, and his wife Elizabeth eldest daughter of Sir Robert Pollock were: John, Robert, Alexander, James, Walter, George, William, Joseph, and two daughters, one of whom was Elizabeth, wife of Alexander Blair, Esq.

The children, four, of the Hamiltons of Grange is: GILES, eldest eldest eldest; followed three daughters, is emine. GLEN, an oak tree proper. MOTHER, is an oval. Above "Fruitful of fruitfulness."—ARTHUR WENWORTH HAMILTON MASON.

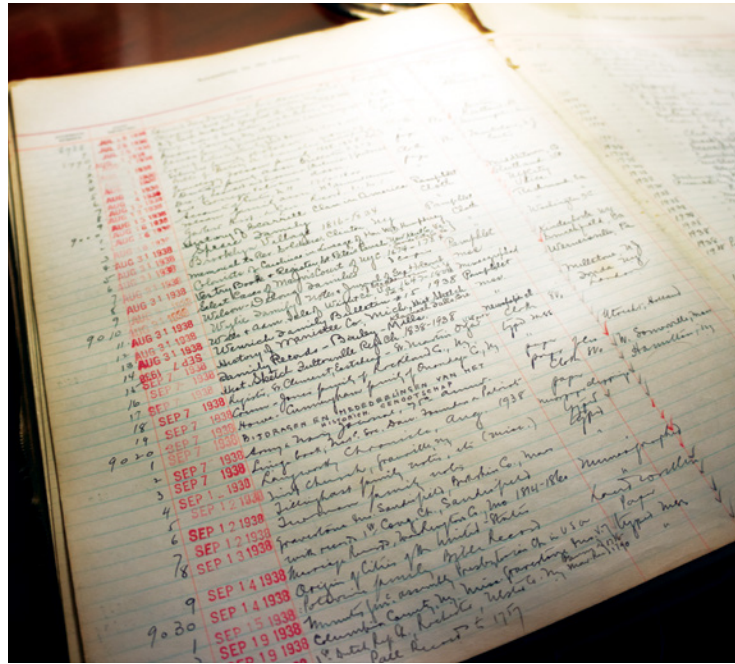
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nd son of  
...ER LAURENCE DE HAMILTON, 2d son of GILBERT, Warwickshire, mentioned as one of the Scottish Magnates who met at Soerby, on the 27th March, 1371; who was the son of  
SIR WALTER DE HAMILTON, upon whom King Robert I. (the Bruce) conferred the lands and Castle of Cadyow (now Canollon), Lanarkshire, and other extensive estates; and who was the son of  
SIR GILBERT DE HAMILTON, who is the common ancestor of the Dukes of Hamilton, the Dukes of Abercorn, Earls of Haddington, Viscounts Borneo, Barons Belhaven, several extinct peerages, and of all the Scottish and Irish Hamilton families. This Gilbert De Hamilton made the funeral oration upon King Robert Bruce. He was the son of WILLIAM DE HAMILTON, who took his designation from the manor of Hambleton, in Bucksire, England, where he was born. He was the third son of  
ROBERT DE BLANCHMANS, third Earl of Leicester, who figured prominently in the contentions between Henry II. and his son. He died in 1190; and was the son of  
ROBERT DE BELLOMONT, surnamed *Boissac*, 2d Earl of Leicester, was Chief Justiciary of England for fifteen years, died in 1167; and was the second son of  
ROBERT, EARL OF BELLEMEY, created by Henry I. Earl of Leicester, — commanded the right wing of the infantry at the battle of Hastings, died in 1118, having married Elizabeth Isabella, daughter of Hugh Magnus, Earl of Vermandois, a younger son of King Henry I. of France; and was the son of  
ROGER, surnamed *De Bellomont*, created Earl of Warwick, by William the Conqueror, in 1076; married Adeline, only daughter and heiress of Count of Meliten, and thus assumed that title; was the son of HUMPHRAY, surnamed *De Verulvis*, married Albiada de la Haye Auberie; was the son of

TOP: NYG&B’s first headquarters and library at Mott Memorial Hall, Madison Avenue. An invitation to an 1877 meeting of the NYG&B, featuring a presentation entitled “Family Records—Their Great Importance and Value.” [New-York Historical Society].

FAR LEFT: The NYG&B’s second home in the Berkeley Lyceum Building, 23 West 44th Street, a few doors down from the NYG&B’s current offices.

LEFT: “The Lineage of Alexander Hamilton,” *The Record*, New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, vol. 20, no. 2: 62-64.

226 West 58th Street, which would soon be known as “Genealogical Hall.” There the NYG&B would find its home for the next 30 years. While at “Genealogical Hall” new members found a home and the society acquired materials for its growing collection. Each accession was carefully tracked by the NYG&B’s librarian, who was tasked with maintaining the growing collection. In addition, a fine collection of portraits and other unique objects began to materialize at the NYG&B.



Accession log for the NYG&B Library, 1934-1969, NYG&B Collections, New York.

a goal of raising \$65,000 to acquire the lot next door to the organization’s current headquarters. J. Pierpont Morgan, a member of the NYG&B at the time, donated \$10,000, provided that the NYG&B itself would raise the remaining funds. Within a year the organization had met its goal and secured funding to expand its headquarters. However, numerous factors,

Elsewhere in the United States organizations celebrating heritage began to form, often including members of the NYG&B amongst their founders and early members. The 1890s saw the creation of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames of America, the Society of Colonial Wars, and other organizations who frequently participated in NYG&B activities.

As interest in genealogy and biography expanded, men and women became engaged in the work of the NYG&B. The organization’s first female member was Frances Forward Holton (the wife of David Parsons Holton) and during its first 50 years, a number of women joined the NYG&B—many as life members—including Louisa Lee Schuyler, the great-granddaughter of Alexander Hamilton, and Florence Foster Jenkins, the famed singer. Members of New York’s leading families, including the Van Rensselaers, the Vanderbilts, and others, played an important role in advancing the society’s mission.

In 1912 the NYG&B had grown considerably and sought a new home. The society’s first capital campaign was established with

including the outbreak of the first World War delayed construction on the new building, and in the end, the expansion was unable to be completed. Instead, the society made the decision to invest the funds that had been raised in order to ensure the construction of its expanded headquarters at a date in the near future.

The NYG&B continued to expand in its role as a caretaker for New York’s records. In 1913 the society launched an ambitious project under the stewardship of Royden Woodward Vosburgh to transcribe religious records from across the state of New York. For nearly 10 years thereafter, Mr. Vosburgh diligently sent request to numerous churches to determine the size and condition of their original materials. His work was monumental and was completed

with extreme care (going so far as to legally certify the accuracy of the transcriptions). Completed transcriptions found their way into the pages of *The Record* and were preserved as part of the NYG&B collections. Today, Vosburgh’s work



Carlos Baca-Flor (artist), “John Pierpont Morgan, Sr., 1837–1913, Benefactor and Perpetual Member of the Society,” NYG&B Collection, New York. Oil on canvas.

forms the foundation of the NYG&B's online religious records collection available at [newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org).

The NYG&B's decision to invest its building funds turned out to be a wise move, and by the late 1920s the society was able to begin construction on a new home at 122-124-126 East 58th Street for \$300,000. As the NYG&B celebrated its 60th anniversary in 1929, President Calvin Coolidge, Charles Evans Hughes (who would later become Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court) and other esteemed guests attended a dedication of the society's new building. Individuals issues of *The Record* were expanded to 100 pages and rose in esteem to one of the most respected scholarly genealogical journals.

As the Great Depression struck the country in the 1930s, the NYG&B worked to continue its mission. The society's headquarters remained open for research and continued to acquire materials, just as issues of *The Record* continued to publish new genealogical scholarship together with abstracts of cemetery, church, and other records for its readers (though the number of pages per issue was reduced). Throughout, the NYG&B maintained its membership and operations.

In 1935 Mrs. James Roosevelt, gifted the society a portrait of her son, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who had just successfully established the Second New Deal in an attempt to bring the nation out of the Great Depression. The portrait, painted by famed artist Frank O. Salisbury, was unveiled by Mrs. Roosevelt herself on



Frank O. Salisbury (artist), "Franklin Delano Roosevelt," 1935, NYG&B Collections, New York. Oil on canvas.

March 26, 1935, who remarked, "I have always had a great weakness for genealogy!"<sup>1</sup> The portrait is still displayed in the NYG&B's headquarters today.

Though the organization survived the Great Depression, the outbreak of the second World War slowed some activities. As America found itself

in the clutches of World War II, the NYG&B remained steadfast. The NYG&B held seminars that called for the expansion of biography into detailed stories and accounts of an individual's life. The July 1942 *Record* proudly displayed the American flag and devoted its pages to exploring the ancestry of Sir Winston Churchill and General Douglas MacArthur and examining genealogical connections between Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, and General Douglas MacArthur.<sup>2</sup>

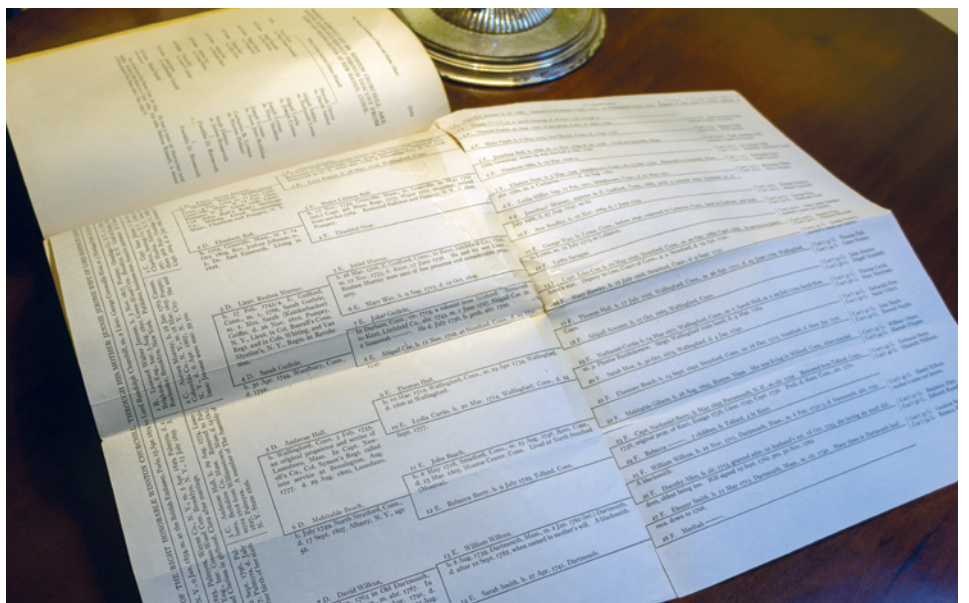
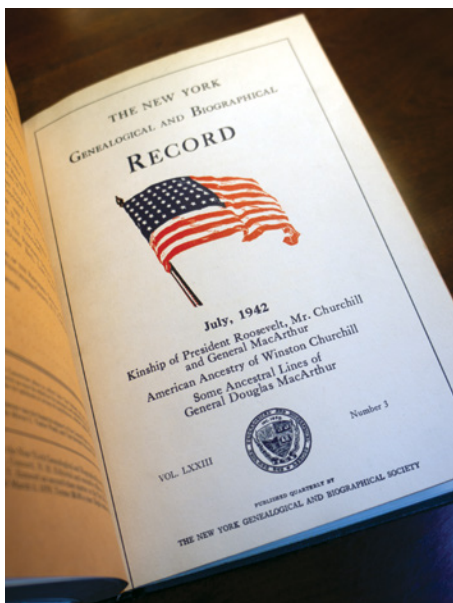
As World War II drew to a close, the NYG&B would soon face new challenges and opportunities—as a genealogical renaissance and the invention of the microchip would soon change the field of genealogy forever.

*(To be continued...)*

#### Endnotes

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## NYG&B 25th Anniversary Celebration

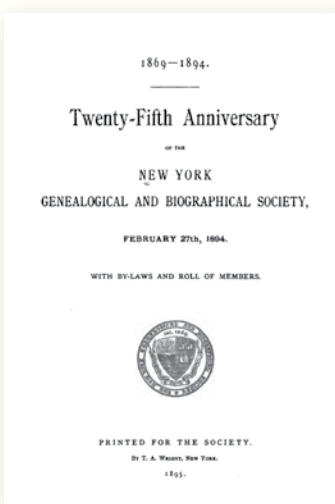
Excerpted from *The Record*, volume 25, no. 2 (July 1894): 93–94

Our upcoming NYG&B celebrations are not the first, nor will they be the last. Read about and reflect on the 1894 celebrations.

### THE QUARTER-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

On the evening of the 27th of February, 1869, seven gentlemen met at the house of Dr. David Parsons Holton in New York City, and organized the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. A certificate of incorporation was filed on the 16th of March following, and meetings were held at the residence of Dr. William Frederick Holcombe until the 17th of July, when permanent quarters were obtained in Mott Memorial Hall, 64 Madison Avenue. Here the Society remained until the 1st of May, 1888, when it removed temporarily to the Berkeley Lyceum Building, No. 19 West Forty-fourth Street. On the 1st of January, 1890, it took possession of its present rooms at No. 23 West Forty-fourth Street, where with a large and valuable collection of books on genealogy, biography, and history, a constantly increasing list of life and resident members, and an invested building fund of over twenty-three thousand dollars, it is doing a useful and important work in the community.

On Tuesday, February 27, 1894, it completed the twenty-fifth year of its existence, and the event was celebrated in an interesting and appropriate manner. In the afternoon a reception was held in the library, the room adjoining being also thrown open through the courtesy of the members of the Women's University Club. The committee having charge of the reception, and to whose faithful and energetic labor the pleasure and success of the occasion is due, was composed of the following ladies: Miss Elizabeth Clarkson Jay, *Chairman*, Miss Lucy D. Akerly, Mrs. Catherine R. Baetjer, Mrs. Charles Avery Doremus, Mrs. Cornelia C. J. Dyer, Mrs. Ferdinand P. Earle, Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, Mrs. Henry Herrman, Mrs. James M. Lawton, Mrs. De Witt Clinton Mather, Miss Margaret Morris Norwood, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, Miss Mary Close Purple, Mrs. Sylvanus Reed, Mrs. John Stanton,



View the above publication, which includes the talks mentioned by Dr. Stiles, on the NYG&B history page ([newyorkfamilyhistory.org/history](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/history)).

Mrs. Martha B. Stevens, Miss Bessie Thayer Sypher, Mrs. Gamaliel C. St. John, Mrs. Lucas E. Schoonmaker, Mrs. Howard Townsend, Miss Mary Mildred Williams, Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, Mrs. William Hopkins Young, and Mrs. Katherine di Zerega.

In the evening a meeting was held in the Berkeley Lyceum Theatre which was largely attended. After a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Talbot W. Chambers, senior pastor of the Collegiate Reformed Church, Dr. Samuel S. Purple, the first Vice-President, gave a historical sketch of the Society. A letter from Dr. Henry R. Stiles, the first President of the Society, who is now living in London, England,

was read by Mr. Richard H. Greene, the Secretary of the Celebration Committee, and short speeches were made by ex-Presidents Edward F. de Lancey, General George S. Greene and Henry T. Drowne.

An eloquent address followed from Judge Alphonzo T. Clearwater of Kingston, N.Y., on "The Debt we owe to our Dutch and Huguenot Ancestors," after which the Anniversary Address was delivered by General Augustus W. Greely, whose exploits in Arctic exploration have made his name known and honored throughout the scientific world. The exercises were enlivened by music from Stub's orchestra. Handsomely printed invitations (for the beauty and good taste of which great credit is due to Mr. T.A. Wright of the sub-committee on printing) were sent to many historical, genealogical and kindred societies throughout the country, and representatives of a number of these societies occupied seats upon the stage.

Both the afternoon reception and the evening meeting were exceedingly pleasant and interesting, and the Society has reason to congratulate itself on a most successful celebration of its twenty-fifth anniversary...



## More 2019 Anniversaries

It's not just the NYG&B that has a big year coming up. The New York law providing for the appointment of local historians and defining their duties was enacted in 1919 (Law 1919, chapter 181, sections 1197 and 1198).<sup>1</sup> And the Association of Public Historians of New York State turns 20 next year. Many genealogists have had assistance from historians, and the NYG&B offers congratulations to all of them.

Our friends at quite a few societies celebrate some milestone years as well. If we missed one, please let us know—we will be celebrating all of 2019.



### Genealogical Societies

**Genealogical Society of Utah**, 125 years (founded 1894) that now does business as FamilySearch International.

**Southern California Genealogical Society**, 55 years (founded 1964), and it's their 50th Genealogy Jamboree (conference) so the NYG&B will be there.

**Wisconsin State Genealogical Society**, 80 years (founded 1939)

**Dallas Genealogical Society**, 65 years (founded 1954)

**Maryland Genealogical Society**, 60 years (founded 1959)

**Ohio Genealogical Society**, 60 years (founded 1959)

**Georgia Genealogical Society**, 55 years (founded 1964)

**Minnesota Genealogical Society**, 50 years (founded 1969)

**North Carolina Genealogical Society**, 45 years (founded 1974)

**International Society for British Genealogy and Family History**, 40 years (founded 1979)

**Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Philadelphia**, 40 years (founded 1979)

**Missouri State Genealogical Association**, 40 years (founded 1979)

**St. Augustine Genealogical Society**, 30 years (founded 1989)

**Montour County Genealogical Society**, 20 years, (founded 1999)

<sup>1</sup> New York State. *Laws of the State of New York Passed at the One Hundred and Forty-Second Session of the Legislature, Begun January First, 1919, and Ended April Nineteenth, 1919, also Chapters 646–650, Passed at the Extraordinary Session, Begun and Ended June 16, 1919, at the City of Albany, and also Other Matters Required By Law to Be Published with the Session Laws.* Vols. 7–11. J.B. Lyon Company, State Printers: Albany, 1919. Chapter 181, page 765.



### Historical Societies

**New-York Historical Society**, 215 years (founded 1804)

**Maryland Historical Society**, 175 years (founded 1844)

**Georgia Historical Society**, 170 years (founded 1839)

**History Colorado**, 140 years (founded 1879)

**American Historical Association**, 135 years (founded 1884)

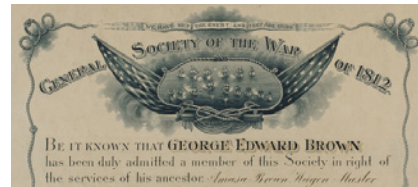
**Louisiana State Historical Society**, 130 years (founded 1889)

**Illinois State Historical Society**, 120 years, (founded 1899)

**California Historical Society**, 40 year (founded 1979)

**Association of Public Historians of New York State**, 20 years (founded 1999). We appreciate New York historians!

**Jewish American Society for Historic Preservation**, 20 years (founded 1999)



### Heritage & Lineage Societies

**General Society of the War of 1812**, 165 years (founded 1854)

**Sons of the American Revolution**, 130 Years (founded 1889)

**Daughters of the Cincinnati**, 125 years (founded 1894)

**Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States**, 120 years (founded 1899)

**The Dutch Settlers Society of Albany**, 95 years (founded 1924)

**Swedish Colonial Society**, 90 years (founded 1909)

**Connecticut Ancestry Society**, 65 years (founded 1954)

**The Descendants of Mexican War Veterans**, 30 years (founded 1989)

ABOVE, LEFT TO RIGHT: Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT [FamilySearch]; "The Rapalje Children," 1768, by John Durand [New-York Historical Society]; 1925 membership certificate for the General Society of the War of 1812 [Historic New England]. BELOW: Town Book for Castletown, NY, for the Entry of Black Children (manumissions), 1799–1827 [New-York Historical Society].



# On-Demand Programs for NYG&B Members

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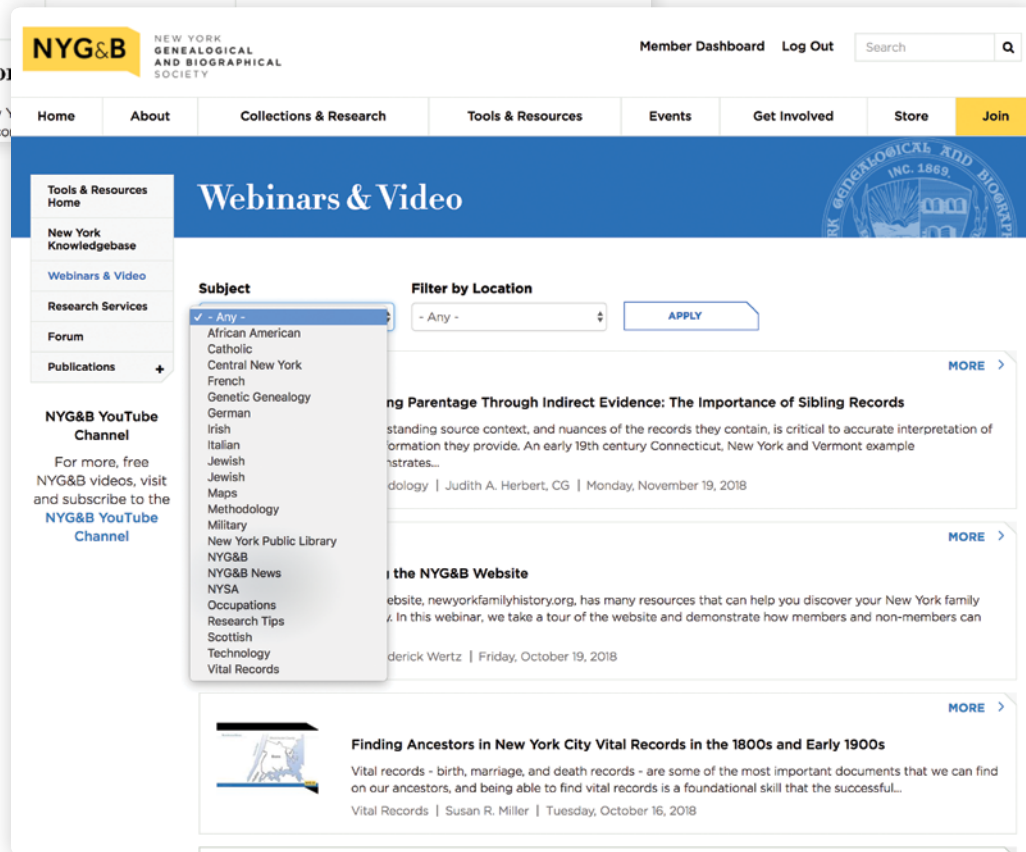
## NYG&B Member Dashboard > Webinars and Videos



It's easy to find the most recently added program; just log into our website and go to **Tools & Resources**, then select **Webinars & Video** from the drop-down menu.

On the **Webinars & Videos** page, you will find our recent presentations, including the extremely popular case study “**Proving Parentage Through Indirect Evidence: The Importance of Sibling Records.**”

The most recent videos will appear at the top of the list, and you can browse the page by page and watch them at your convenience. Or, you can use the **Subject** and/or **Location Filter** to view presentations on a specific topic or location.



Our newest offerings are:

- [Finding Ancestors in New York City Vital Records in the 1800s and Early 1900s](#)
- [Mapping Your New York Ancestors](#)
- [Using the NYG&B Website](#)
- [Proving Parentage Through Indirect Evidence: The Importance of Sibling Records](#)

The most popular on-demand videos have been:

- [Genealogy Resources of the DAR](#)
- [Using the NYG&B Website for Family History Research](#)
- [Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries](#)
- [A Look Ahead to 2018 and 2019 for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society](#)
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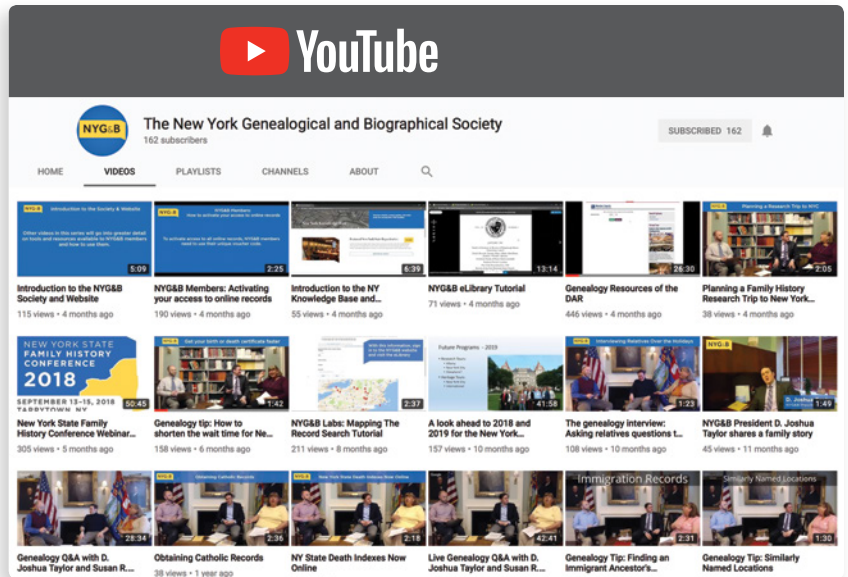
## NYG&B YouTube Channel

Our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/c/TheNewYorkGenealogicalandBiographicalSociety](https://youtube.com/c/TheNewYorkGenealogicalandBiographicalSociety)) has short clips of content from our Facebook Live sessions and a other publicly available programs.

One video useful at any time of year is “The Genealogy Interview: Asking Relatives Questions to Grow Your Family Tree.” Or how about “Genealogy Tip: Finding Naturalization Records for Ancestors with Common Surnames.”

The clips and tutorials vary from just a few minutes to the full sessions. Share them with friends and family.

Enjoy!



## New Online Record Access

### New York Naturalizations

This name-indexed collection contains county indexes and images, 1791–1980, pertaining to naturalizations for millions of people across 47 counties.

[familysearch.org/search/collection/1999177](https://familysearch.org/search/collection/1999177)

Note that most 1906 and later petitions are two pages (minimum), make sure to click through to all images. Images of the documents may also be downloaded.



The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. The search results are for "New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980". The results table lists several individuals with their birth and naturalization dates and locations. A detailed view for "Clarissa Evelyn Black Smith" is shown, including her birth date (12 July 1900), birth place (Galt, Canada), and spouse's name (William H. Smith). The interface includes filters for refining the search and options to view or download the original document.

Name	Events	Relationships	View
Stefan Or Steven Parvaz Or Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 8 January 1896 naturalization: 1932	Staffowa Austria Oswego, New York, United States	spouse: Eva Joslin Smith
Olive Elizabeth Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 29 May 1900 naturalization: 1924	Chatham England Genesee, New York, United States	spouse: David Lancelot Smith
David Lancelot Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 26 April 1896 naturalization: 1939	Montreal Canada Orleans, Ontario, New York, United States	spouse: Olive Smith
Margaret Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 12 April 1929 naturalization: 1957	Oberthurba Germany Genesee, New York, United States	spouse: Elmer Smith
Arnold Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 1876 naturalization: 1919	Tompkins, New York, United States	spouse: Bertha Seland Smith
Arnold Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 19 July 1876 naturalization: 1918	Edzell Scotland Tompkins, New York, United States	spouse: Bertha Leland Smith
Margaret Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 12 April 1929 naturalization: 1957	Oberthurba Germany Genesee, New York, United States	spouse: Elmer Smith
Lucia Castillo Perez Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 6 May 1923 naturalization: 1949	Loon Bohol Manila Philippines Genesee, New York, United States	spouse: James Allen Smith
Clarissa Evelyn Black Smith New York, County Naturalization Records, 1791-1980	birth: 12 July 1900 naturalization: 1935	Galt Canada Orleans, Ontario, New York, United States	spouse: William H Smith

NYS Historic Newspapers

Recent additions to NYS Historic Newspapers include titles for Albany, Cattaraugus, Livingston, Ontario, Oswego, Ulster, Westchester, and Wyoming counties. See [nyshistoricnewspapers.org/newspapers](http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/newspapers).

<a href="#"><i>American Union</i></a>	Ellicottville, N.Y., 185?–1862	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>Arcade Herald</i></a>	Arcade, N.Y., 1927–1969	Wyoming
<a href="#"><i>Arcade Herald</i></a>	Arcade, N.Y., 1981–current	Wyoming
<a href="#"><i>Capital Herald</i></a>	Little Valley, N.Y., 1899–1901	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>Capital Neighbors</i></a>	Albany, N.Y., 1995–current	Albany
<a href="#"><i>Cattaraugus Republican</i></a>	Little Valley, N.Y., 1877–19??	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>Cattaraugus Republican</i></a>	Ellicottville, Cattaraugus County, N.Y., 1836–1862	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>The Cattaraugus Union</i></a>	Ellicottville, N.Y., 1862–1909	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>The Daily Press</i></a>	White Plains, N.Y., 1929–????	Westchester
<a href="#"><i>The Dansville Advertiser</i></a>	Dansville, N.Y., 1860–1866	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>The Dansville Advertiser</i></a>	Dansville, N.Y., 1870–19??	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>Dansville Breeze</i></a>	Dansville, N.Y., 1883–1971	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>The Dansville Express and Advertiser</i></a>	Dansville, NY, 1931–1931	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>The Dansville Express</i></a>	Dansville, N.Y., 1865–1931	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>Dansville Herald</i></a>	Dansville, N.Y., 1851–1861	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>Dansville Weekly Herald</i></a>	Dansville, 1850–1851	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>Ellicottville News</i></a>	Ellicottville, Cattaraugus Co., 1882–1899	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>Ellicottville Post</i></a>	Ellicottville, N.Y., 1884–1885	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>The Ellicottville Post</i></a>	Ellicottville, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y., 1961–current	Cattaraugus
<a href="#"><i>New York Evening Post</i></a>	New York [N.Y.], 1920–1934	New York
<a href="#"><i>The Palladium–Times</i></a>	Oswego–Fulton, N.Y., 1969–current	Oswego
<a href="#"><i>The Rosendale News</i></a>	Rosendale, N.Y., 1938–????	Ulster
<a href="#"><i>The Roslyn News</i></a>	Roslyn, Queens County, N.Y., 1878–current	Queens/Nassau
<a href="#"><i>Roslyn Tablet</i></a>	Roslyn, Queens County, L.I. [N.Y.], 1876–1877	Queens
<a href="#"><i>Silver Springs Signal</i></a>	Silver Springs, N.Y., 1892–19??	Wyoming
<a href="#"><i>The Naples News</i></a>	Naples, N.Y., 1898–1943	Ontario
<a href="#"><i>Tri-County Times</i></a>	Arcade, N.Y., 1969–1981	Wyoming
<a href="#"><i>The Village Chronicle</i></a>	Dansville Village, N.Y., 1830–1832	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>Western New York Advertiser</i></a>	Dansville, N.Y., 1866–1868	Livingston
<a href="#"><i>The Wyoming County Herald</i></a>	Bliss and Silver Springs, N.Y., 1891–1927	Wyoming
<a href="#"><i>Fayetteville Bulletin</i></a>	Fayetteville, N.Y., 1895–1933	Onondaga
<a href="#"><i>Fayetteville Recorder</i></a>	Fayetteville, N.Y., 1892–1???	Onondaga
<a href="#"><i>Onondaga Independent</i></a>	Fayetteville, N.Y., 1899–19??	Onondaga
<a href="#"><i>The Weekly Recorder</i></a>	Fayetteville, N.Y., 1866–1892	Onondaga
<a href="#"><i>Fayetteville Luminary, and Reformed Methodist Intelligencer</i></a>	Fayetteville, N.Y., 1839-1841	Onondaga



# In Other Lines

A column in which we ask NYG&B members to tell us their own stories.

**Jeanne Sloane, New York, New York | Member since 2010, Board of Trustees Member  
Past Chairman of the NYG&B**

## What is your earliest genealogical recollection?

When I was about 12, I sat my parents down and interviewed them, drawing up a primitive family tree. Based on their memories, it only went back to my great-great grandparents. Eventually my father uncovered his family history, and I was amazed to see several ancestors with my same French name—Jeanne Vibert—in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries! They were all from Jersey, Channel Islands, off the coast of Normandy.

## What sparked your further interest in genealogy?

It developed out of my interest in art history and my research into the original owners of antique silver.

## Tell us about your career.

I am a decorative arts historian, and after a short career as a museum curator I spent 35 years at Christie's, where I was head of the silver department. In my work, I handled many pieces of silver that had no histories, but through genealogical research, combined with engraved monograms or coats-of-arms, I was able to trace them back to their original owners. If I were really lucky, I found the silver listed in eighteenth-century inventories! Collectors really value this kind of period documentation because it places the objects in their original historical context.

## What are your other-than-genealogy interests?

Architectural history and preservation

## Have you heard from distant cousins?

Yes, a third cousin in Canada tracked me down and revealed to me that I am a Mayflower descendant! Our shared New England ancestor who moved from Massachusetts to Nova Scotia must have been a Loyalist at the Revolution, which was rather a disappointment!



**LEFT:** Jeanne Sloane, former Deputy Chairman of Christie's, with a silver platter made by Jeremiah Dummer of Boston, circa 1690. Genealogical research led from the last descendant in 2002 all the way back to the original owner, Andrew Diamond (d. 1707), merchant, of Ipswich, Massachusetts. She was excited to find the platter listed in a probate inventory in 1746.

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## Found any interesting people?

The same third cousin revealed that my father's first cousin, Vibert Douglas MBE, was the first female astrophysicist in Canada! How could my father not have known about her?

## What brought you to the NYG&B?

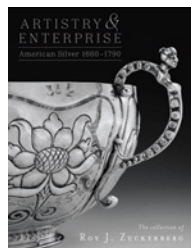
A belief that helping people uncover their ancestry would encourage their interest in history in general.

## How does being a member continue to fuel that passion?

The G&B has honed my research skills and assisted me in establishing provenance for historic objects.

## What is the most surprising thing you found about your family?

An unflattering fact about my otherwise respectable grandfather!



*Artistry and Enterprise: American Silver 1660–1790* by Jeanne Sloane, New York: Smallwood & Stewart, 2018, 312 pages.

# NYG&B Annual Fall Benefit Luncheon

## Featuring Russell Shorto



The NYG&B held its annual Fall Benefit Luncheon on Friday, October 26 at the Down Town Association. We were thrilled to welcome award-winning author Russell Shorto as the speaker this year. Mr. Shorto spoke to the sold-out crowd about how he researched and wrote his early books and the challenges he faces on his next project, a book about his own family's history.

The Fall Benefit Luncheon supports the NYG&B's mission of preserving, protecting and promoting New York stories. Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thank you to our sponsors and our Benefit Committee, who truly made this year a wonderful success!

### Thank you to our Gold and Silver Luncheon Sponsors

We are grateful for the support of our Gold and Silver Luncheon Sponsors for their generosity and commitment to the mission of the NYG&B

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### Thank you to our 2018 Fall Benefit Luncheon Committee

Bruce Addison	Brooke Kroeger
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Your support helps us to preserve and protect important documents that tell the story of New York, such as the records of the Holland Society. Thank you!



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# New York Land Records Project Update

## The Land Records Indexing Project has officially started!

### Where can you start?

Volunteers can get started today. Find a project online at [nygbs.org/land](http://nygbs.org/land) to begin indexing New York's land records. You can dive into any of the four regions listed above (keep in mind that some regions are likely to be finished before others).

The NYG&B and FamilySearch will work in conjunction in the coming months to launch additional regions and monitor the progress of those currently available for indexing. (Due to the size of the project, regions will be added gradually.)

### Four regions are available for indexing (as of November 30):

#### Capital region

(Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, and Schenectady Counties)

[familysearch.org/indexing/projects/US-New-York-Index-to-Land-Records-Grantors-1630-1975-Part-A?type=IDX#/](http://familysearch.org/indexing/projects/US-New-York-Index-to-Land-Records-Grantors-1630-1975-Part-A?type=IDX#/)

#### New York City-2

(Kings and Richmond Counties)

[familysearch.org/indexing/projects/US-New-York-Kings-and-Richmond-Index-to-Land-Records-Grantors-1630-1975-Part-B?type=IDX#/](http://familysearch.org/indexing/projects/US-New-York-Kings-and-Richmond-Index-to-Land-Records-Grantors-1630-1975-Part-B?type=IDX#/)

#### Westchester County

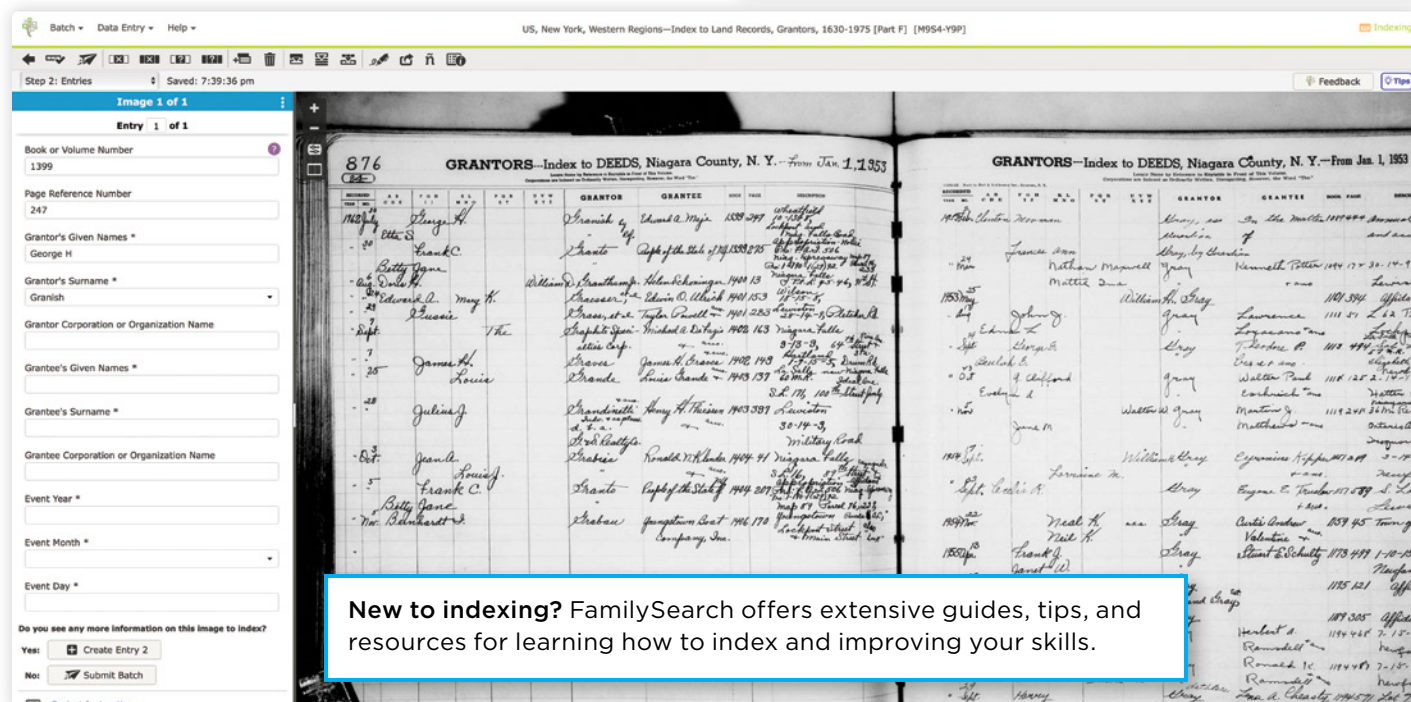
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#### Western region

(Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties)

[familysearch.org/indexing/projects/US-New-York-Western-Regions-Index-to-Land-Records-Grantors-1630-1975-Part-F?type=IDX#/](http://familysearch.org/indexing/projects/US-New-York-Western-Regions-Index-to-Land-Records-Grantors-1630-1975-Part-F?type=IDX#/)

Stay tuned to our eNews and future issues of the *New York Researcher* for the latest updates.



# 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](http://nygbs.org/blog) to read the full articles.

## New online: Find a photo of any NYC building from 1940



Researchers interested in New York City will be thrilled to learn that you can now view an online image of nearly every single building in the five boroughs of New York City from circa 1940.

Recently, the New York City Department of Records & Information Services (DORIS) announced that they completed a project to digitize over 720,000 historical photographs of New York City buildings.

These photos are now published online and available in the New York City Municipal Archives Online Gallery.

Read our blog for a brief overview of the collection and some important instructions for finding the buildings in your family history.

Read the full article here: [newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/new-online-find-photo-any-nyc-building-1940](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/new-online-find-photo-any-nyc-building-1940)

## Using Google Earth for genealogy: Putting your ancestors on the map



Maps and mapping software have long been under-utilized as tools for family history research but can be incredibly useful resources for genealogists of all skill levels.

Thanks to recent advances in the field of geospatial technology, family history researchers have never been better positioned to start using this technology to their advantage.

This two-part article reviews a number of ways the family history researcher can leverage these tools to make more discoveries and form a greater, more holistic understanding of their ancestors' world.

The first part introduces the technology and suggest ways to add your own family history information to a map. The second part shows how to import data others have created—digitized historical maps and other tools—and use it to analyze your own family history information in a geographic context.

Read more here: [newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/using-google-earth-genealogy-putting-your-ancestors-map](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/using-google-earth-genealogy-putting-your-ancestors-map)

## How to use periodicals for New York Dutch genealogy research



The colonial Dutch can be a tricky group to research. Not only are records about them some of the oldest in America

but there are cultural practices—for instance, Dutch naming patterns—that can often complicate research.

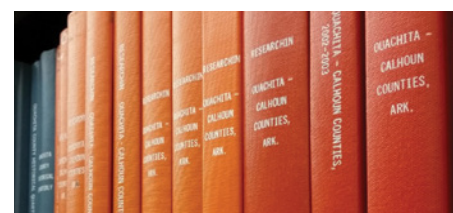
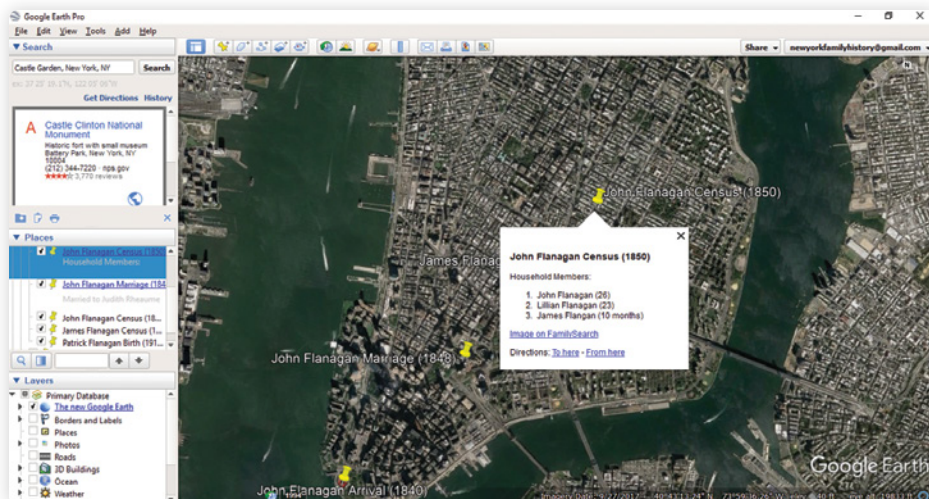
Fortunately, there is a large body of existing, thoroughly-vetted research on many New York Dutch families, and there are many ways in which a researcher can leverage this work to make further discoveries.

Whether you're seeking an early immigrant's country of origin, looking to prove your definitive link back to a colonial Dutch family, or just interested in exploring more about the earliest families of New York, it's well worth exploring existing research on New York's colonial Dutch families.

As with many areas of family history research, one of the very first steps in approaching a New York Dutch research problem should be to determine what has already been compiled on the family in question and other associated families.

Genealogy periodicals are the perfect place to look—in this article, we review how researchers may use the archives of *The Record* and other periodicals to examine the hundreds of compiled genealogies, pedigrees, and case studies on New York's colonial Dutch families.

Read the full article here: [newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/how-use-periodicals-new-york-dutch-genealogy-research](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/blog/how-use-periodicals-new-york-dutch-genealogy-research)







April 7-13, 2019 | Exploring Our Past:

# Heritage Tour of The Netherlands and Amsterdam

## NYG&B Visits The Netherlands—Amsterdam, Leiden, Rotterdam, and The Hague

Join the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society on our exclusive, guided tour of the Netherlands in 2019. Aided by onsite experts and anchored in Amsterdam, follow in the path-ways of New York’s past as we explore and learn through a week of private tours, educational events, and sightseeing. Highlights include lectures relating to trade networks between New Amsterdam and The Netherlands, the pilgrim tradition, private canal cruises of Amsterdam and Rotterdam, visits to the Historic Amsterdam Museum and Mauritshuis museum, and other unique experiences.

This tour includes an exclusive private 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.

### Pricing and Registration

Trip pricing begins at \$5,295 with a 50% deposit required on registration. Contact Jen Davis at **212-755-8532 x208** for additional details.

Personalize your tour with the assistance of our NYG&B genealogical researchers to make yours a truly unique experience. This option is available to a limited number of tour attendees at an additional cost.

Register by calling **212-755-8532 x208**.

### Tour Schedule (May be subject to change.)

<b>Sunday, April 7 2019</b>	Arrive in Amsterdam (anytime) Welcome cocktails and introductions
<b>Monday, April 8</b>	Museum tour, city walk, and private canal dinner cruise featuring the highlights of Amsterdam
<b>Tuesday, April 9</b>	Pilgrim experience in Leiden
<b>Wednesday, April 10</b>	Explore Amsterdam archives and museums
<b>Thursday, April 11</b>	Travel to Rotterdam, port of emigrant embarkation, and visit to Old Pilgrim Fathers Church
<b>Friday, April 12</b>	Visit The Hague for museums and historic quarters Group farewell dinner
<b>Saturday, April 13</b>	Group breakfast (optional) and departure



Only a few spots left!

# 2019 Empire State Exploration

February 4-7, 2019 | New York Genealogical and Biographical Society

Join New York’s largest genealogical society 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 an NYG&B genealogist at our office. 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 will enjoy easy access to millions of additional FamilySearch records through the NYG&B’s Affiliate Library status, plus have access to 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.

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.

Visiting New York City? Hotel options include accommodations one block from the NYG&B’s headquarters Sunday through Wednesday night. Participants may extend their stay at the group rate. Local to New York City? Commuter options are also available.

## Registration

	Registration
<b>Member–Commuter Registration</b>	<b>\$925</b>
<b>Member–Hotel Registration*</b>	<b>\$1,485</b>
Non-member–Commuter Registration	\$1,145
Non-member–Hotel Registration*	\$1,685

\* King room. Double room to share with a non-researcher at an additional \$150 charge.

Register at [newyorkfamilyhistory.org](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org) or call 212-755-8532 x211.

## Program Schedule (May be subject to change.)

<b>Sunday</b>	Arrive in New York City
<b>Monday</b>	
9:00–10:30 a.m.	Continental breakfast, followed by an orientation to New York State and New York City research repositories
11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	Individual Consultations at the NYG&B and research at the NYPL.
6:30–7:30 p.m.	Reception at the NYG&B
<b>Tuesday</b>	
All Day	Independent research and consultations <i>NYG&amp;B offices open 8:15am to 6:00pm</i>
9:30 a.m.	Lecture at the NYG&B (optional) <i>NYPL is open until 7:45 pm</i>
6:00–7:00 p.m.	Light dinner at the NYG&B

<b>Wednesday</b>	
9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.	Independent research and consultations <i>NYG&amp;B offices open 8:15am to 6:00pm</i> <i>NYPL is open until 7:45 pm</i>
9:30 a.m.	Lecture at the NYG&B (optional)
<b>Thursday</b>	
9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.	Independent research and optional consultations <i>NYG&amp;B offices open 9:00am to 5:00pm</i>
12:30–2:30 p.m.	Wrap-up lunch at the NYG&B

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## 2019 NYG&B Week (Schedule may be subject to change.)

Help us kick off our 150th year with a week of NYG&B events and webinars.

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### **w** Webinar: Indexing New York: The New York Land Records Project



**Monday, January 7,  
7:00 pm (30 minutes)**  
**D. Joshua Taylor  
and Susan R. Miller**

Learn about one of the largest volunteer indexing project in New York State. This mammoth project indexes the grantor, grantee, mortgagor, and mortgagee clerks indexes. A project overview precedes detailed instructions on the indexing process.

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### Digitization Day @ NYG&B



**Tuesday, January 8, 10:30–3:30 pm**  
**NYG&B, Manhattan, NY**

Digitization Day—onsite at the NYG&B digitizing copies of original records and transcriptions from Kinship.

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### **w** Webinar: Accessible and Essential New York Records from Kinship



**Tuesday, January 8, 7:00 pm**  
**Susan R. Miller**

Arthur C.M. Kelly and Nancy Kelly of Kinship have transcribed and indexed church and town records making otherwise out-of-reach sources available to researchers across the world. Since 1965 their diligence has met the highest standards. The Kinship Books has more than 400 titles. Learn how you can benefit from their life's work. Both Nancy and Arthur are Fellows of the NYG&B.

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### Digitization Day @ NYG&B



**Wednesday, January 9,  
10:30–3:30 pm**  
**NYG&B, Manhattan, NY**

Digitization Day—onsite at the NYG&B digitizing copies of original records and transcriptions from Kinship.

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### Facebook Live: Q&A session



**Wednesday, January 9,  
3:00 pm**

Join us at [www.facebook.com/nyfamilyhistory](http://www.facebook.com/nyfamilyhistory) for a live Q&A session! No registration required.

Watch for our link to submit your questions.

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### **w** Webinar: Learning More About Your Ancestors Through Newspapers



**Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 pm**  
**Ashley Lish**

Newspapers can provide a wealth of information about your ancestors and the times they lived in. Being able to use these sources is crucial for any genealogist wanting to effectively research and learn about their ancestors. This webinar will discuss the importance of using newspapers to learn about your ancestors' lives by adding contextual information to your research.

Researchers can use newspapers to find items such as obituaries, marriage announcements, birth announcements, descriptions of local events, and more about their ancestors. We'll discuss where to find newspapers online and in physical repositories, and take a look at some effective search methods using examples from New York and other states.

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### Immigrant Story Workshop @ the NYG&B



**Thursday, January 10,  
afternoon**  
**NYG&B, Manhattan, NY**

Immigrant Story workshop @ the NYG&B, including a presentation by the Immigrant Story workshop at the NYG&B, including a participation of the Statue of Liberty Ellis Island Foundation, Inc. and the American Family Immigration History Center at Ellis Island.

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### Indexing Weekend: NYG&B and Online



**Friday, January 11,  
9:30 am–on**  
**Online and  
NYG&B, Manhattan, NY**

Join the NYG&B from your home or at the NYG&B.

**Saturday–Monday, January 12–14 (anytime), Online**

Indexing the land records project from the comfort of home.

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Register for all at events at [newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events](http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events) or call 212-755-8532 x211.

**w** = Online Webinar. Unless otherwise stated, the live broadcast of webinars are free and open to the public. On-demand recordings of webinars, and select other talks, will be available to NYG&B Society members.

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# 2019 Research in Albany + Albany Heritage Tour

Fall 2019 | Albany, New York

In celebration of 150 years, a new tour is planned for Albany in 2019. Our heritage sites tour will take you on a journey back to colonial and early national times. Itinerary plans include the Schuyler Mansion and the Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany Rural Cemetery, and more. Join us on the heritage tour and the annual fall research trip, or just one. Both programs provide sociability with other genealogists and historians, and guidance from the NYG&B staff.



Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, Albany, NY [Matt Wade].



Albany Rural Cemetery [Postdlf].

## 2019 Research in Albany | November 13-15, 2019



The annual Research in Albany tour features three days of assisted research and genealogical camaraderie with the people who know New York best. Meet other genealogists over breakfast and an orientation before heading over to the Library and Archives. Onsite orientation and personal consultations fill your first day. Social gatherings allow you to connect and share discoveries.

The Library and the Archives are both rich in material available nowhere else that pertains to people who have lived throughout New York State. The Library has open stacks and holds extensive collections that include family genealogies, local histories, DAR records, church records, census records, early newspapers on film, and city directories, as well as archives and manuscripts. Also newly accessioned are publications from the Holland Society Library.

The holdings of the Archives include State records relating to military service (War of 1812 through World War I); land records (mostly transactions involving the Colony or State of New York); court records (including colonial wills and early nineteenth-century civil cases); records of some correctional and custodial institutions, and many unique records. Please note that the Archives and the Library have few resources

specific to New York City (most of those are held in New York City), but they do have important statewide collections that include city residents (military records, land grants/patents, etc.). The research tour will be most productive for research subjects other than those in New York City.

The program includes:

- Orientation to the New York State Archives and the New York State Library by staff experts
- A private consultation with a professional genealogist and follow up as needed
- Access to professional genealogists for all three days of the program
- Orientation breakfast on Wednesday morning, at the Hilton
- Thursday and Friday breakfast at the Hilton
- Evening social gatherings
- Reduced rates at the Albany Hilton

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	Early Registration (through May 31)	Registration (after May 31)
<b>Member Registration</b>	<b>\$419</b>	<b>\$459</b>
Non-member Registration	—	\$479
Albany Hilton special rate, single or double, \$151 per night.		

## Albany Heritage Tour

Schedule and pricing for the Albany Heritage Tour will be announced in early 2019. Registrants will have the option to add this event onto their Research in Albany registration or sign-up for the Heritage Tour on its own. Look for details on

the NYG&B website and by email announcing the Heritage Tour and registration in 2019.

So, if you've ever wanted to join us in Albany, 2019 should be the year to join us!



## Dutch, Walloon, and Huguenot: Exploring Intersections in New York's Past

**Friday, March 15, 10:00 am | NYG&B, Manhattan, NY**

Come hear about early New Netherland/New York history of the Dutch, Walloon, and Staten Island-Huguenot period from a historical and genealogical perspective. This symposium will be held at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. A portion of this program is sponsored by the NYG&B Huguenot Fund. Advance registration required at [nygbs.org/events](http://nygbs.org/events).

"Memorial to the Hugenots: The Revocation of the Edict of Nantes," stained glass window, 1908, at the New-York Historical Society library, Manhattan, NY. [Photo by Michelle D. Novak.]

# Giving Tuesday—Thank You!

During the recent Giving Tuesday, our NYG&B community responded to NYG&B President D. Joshua Taylor's call to support the new eLibrary—and the response was tremendous! Thank you to all who helped us reach and surpass our goal.

As promised, Josh personally matched the first \$1,000 of Giving Tuesday 2018 online donations.

**Black Friday. Cyber Monday.**

**#GIVINGTUESDAY**

**November 27, 2018**

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**Advanced DNA Evidence** *Blaine Bettinger, PhD, JD*

**Understanding and Using Legal Documents**  
with *Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL*

**Refining Internet and Digital Skills**  
with *Cyndi Ingle (of CyndisList.com)*

**Fundamentals of Forensic Genealogy**  
with *Catherine W. Desmarais, CG*

**Pennsylvania Germans and Research in the  
Keystone State** with *Michael D. Lacopo, DVM*

**Diving Deeper into New England: Advanced  
Strategies for Success** with *D. Joshua Taylor*

**Irish Genealogical Research, part I**  
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On-campus housing available!

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**Advanced Italian Genealogy: Tools for Researching  
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**Ontario and Quebec Research Before 1900**  
with *Kathryn Lake Hogan, UE, PLCGS*

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**Elements of Genealogical Writing, Editing, and  
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**Researching Your Mid-Atlantic Region  
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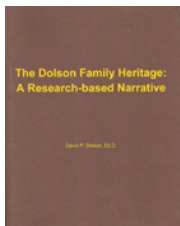


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# Book Notes

## *The Dolson Family Heritage: A Researched-based Narrative*

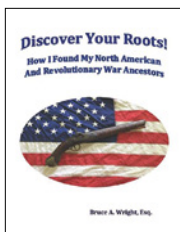


**By David P. Dolson**

The Dolson family story begins in New Netherland. The earliest ancestor in this genealogy is Jan Gerritsen de Vries. His wife was Grietje Theunis. This generation became associated with the van Dalsen name, hence the eventual family name of Dolson. In the mid-nineteenth century, the family members traced in this book headed west and ended up in California. An enormous amount of work has gone into this volume by an NYG&B member. Source material from the nineteenth to the twenty-first century is quoted extensively; most is commentary from other historians and genealogists, and some material is transcribed from original records and newspapers. People researching the Dolson family at any point in its history for the first time will find this book very useful. Its weaknesses are that most sources are not fully cited, there are no footnotes, and there is no index.

Sacramento, California: I Street Press at the Sacramento Public Library, 2018. Bibliography. 178 pages. Available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

## *Discover Your Roots! How I Found My North American and Revolutionary War Ancestors*



**By Bruce Alan Wright**

The author, an NYG&B member who is obviously persistent, enthusiastic, unpretentious, and well-organized, tells the story of his search for his family history. Starting with little data and no experience in genealogical research, he eventually succeeded in uncovering a wealth of information about his colonial roots. He researched secondary materials and discovered original documents online and elsewhere. And he used DNA research along the way. His story is charming and encouraging, and provides useful tips in a friendly, conversational style for the beginner. His discoveries are cited clearly in footnotes, the vast majority of which are linked to online sources. The 74-page appendix summarizes his own family detail, up to fourteen generations. An index would have made this section a more useful reference. Still, a beginning genealogist undertaking the daunting challenge of researching a family, starting with very little, will find this book both encouraging and edifying.

Self-published, 2018. Black and white maps and charts. 240 pages. Available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

## *Ancestors Through My Eyes: The Story of An American Family—The Ingersolls of Massachusetts, New York, and Michigan 1620–1910*



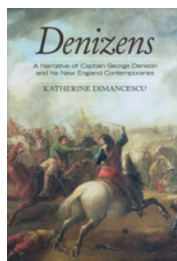
**By Karen Kiaer**

This family history begins with the “first generation”: John Ingersoll (1626–1684) who emigrated from England to Massachusetts and settled in the Connecticut River Valley, and Sarah Webster Hunt (1640–1690) who was his third wife. The fifth generation described left New England and headed to Lake Onondaga, near Syracuse. The sixth generation members covered in this book settled in Michigan. The book is a readable family history that was apparently well-researched. The book’s weakness, however, is that the story is not documented to genealogy standards with sources and citations, and there is no index.

Self-published (NYG&B member), 2018. Black and white photographs, bibliography. 130 pages. Available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

## Additional Publications by NYG&B Members

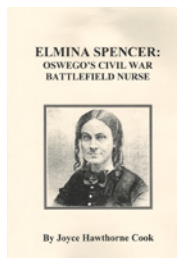
(Descriptions excerpted from publishers; publications not reviewed by the NYG&B.)



*Denizens*

**By Katherine Dimancescu**

Meet Pilgrims, Puritans, and patriots in time for the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower’s arrival and the 400th anniversary of the Winthrop Fleet’s arrival in New England. *Denizens* fosters an appreciation in the present of the courage, fortitude, and indomitable resolve of New England’s early colonial inhabitants. [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).



*Elmina Spencer: Oswego's  
Civil War Battlefield Nurse*

**By Joyce Hawthorne Cook**

The story of a long-forgotten lady from Oswego County, New York who devoted her service during and after the Civil War. She accompanied her husband who was enlisted with the 147th New York State Volunteers in 1862, at Gettysburg. Together they saw many battles and cared for a great number of soldiers. She was a caregiver, a cook, and delivered many items to the needy. Elmina was a bearer of six metals. [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

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