



Where to Learn More about New York

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Numerous resources exist to expand your knowledge of New York records and resources that can assist you in tracing your family history. As you begin to explore New York further, be sure to take some time to consider the following approaches.

Read Up and Explore!

For more than 150 years, the NYG&B has been creating publications designed to help amateur and professionals research New York families. Our publications provide crucial guidance and advice for researchers, and also preserve essential genealogical work and historical records.

The New York Researcher

The NYG&B's member magazine provides information about researching in New York, along with articles on specific family history topics. Updates on recently-released New York record sets (including those on other organization's sites) are included in every issue. Plus in-depth information about upcoming programs, new publications, and what's new at the NYG&B. newyorkfamilyhistory.org/publications/researcher

NYG&B County Guides

Researching can vary from county to county in New York, so the NYG&B has produced a guide for every county in the state to help you out. Each guide contains a list of repositories, libraries, government offices, historical societies, and all other organizations that hold records and collections useful to genealogists. Included is an overview of what each organization holds, contact details, and other useful information.

The New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer (NYFHRGG)

This one-of-kind publication is the definitive source for anyone doing research in New York. This comprehensive, two-volume textbook contains an index of over 11,000 place names and place-name variants, past and present. More than 100 experts reviewed and contributed content to this exhaustive look at where to do research in all 62 of New York's counties. newyorkfamilyhistory.org/publications/nyfhrgg

newyorkfamilyhistory.org

The online home of the NYG&B, newyorkfamilyhistory.org is where you can find the NYG&B Online Records Collection. Here is just some of what the collection includes the full archive of *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, abstracts and transcriptions from religious and cemetery records, biographical indexes, vital record indexes, and more.

The website is also where you can join or make changes to your membership; use the forum to ask questions of other members and site users; view recent webinars and education programs; and find out about upcoming events.

Interact and Learn

Often times when we begin our family history journey, we find methods and paths—on our own. It's sometimes years later we learn the value of other's experience and technique. You are here at this program hearing about other's ways of discovering families.

newyorkfamilyhistory.org/events

NYG&B Webinars and On-demand Content

Dip your toe in the waters of learning with the NYG&B webinar series. Most webinars are open to the public for the live broadcast. Topics include New York's records and how to access them, stories, research techniques, and records for the many cultural groups that populate New York case studies of how a genealogist solved a difficult problem. You can see the wide range of topics our NYG&B member on-demand webinar section. Members may watch on-demand programs unlimited times and can download the handout.

Register in advance for a reminder and the link to access the program.

NYG&B Programs and Tours

NYG&B holds programs for all stages in your genealogy and family history journey. Programs range from book talks to deep-dive learning programs, such as workshops, research tours, and online experiences (see Empire State Exploration online).

The annual Research in Albany Tour provides hands-on guidance at the New York State Library and New York State Archives, two valuable research repositories for your research questions. We provide orientations, on-site assistance by professional genealogists, and a personal consultation to guide your individual research. And you have the fun of spending time with other researchers.

Empire State Exploration gives you assistance to research your ancestors all across the state, with an overview of New York research, and then a deeper exploration of research repositories that can assist you in finding more records. Plus New York experts are on hand for the questions that arise while you are delving into the collections and records. Both an online experience and an in-person program are available.

New York State Family History Conference

<https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/nysfhc>

The New York State Family History Conference (NYSFHC) is New York's only statewide family history event and includes camaraderie and learning experiences with researchers from across the United States with an interest in tracing New York families. The online event, NYSFHC@Home, provides sessions by some of the best presenters in topics including Records and Resources, New York's People, and Guides and Best Practices. The on-demand sessions are available until October 18. Registration is still open, so don't miss this great opportunity to connect with other researchers.

In 2022 the New York State Family History Conference will be both onsite in Albany, New York, and have an online opportunity for those who cannot travel to New York. Watch the NYG&B's eNews for program announcements.

Join a Genealogical Society!

Nearly every county in the state of New York boasts a genealogical organization eager to assist you in your research. Links and information relating to local societies within New York can be found within the NYG&B's county guides and elsewhere. Some organizations to consider are:

The Capital District Genealogical Society (CDGS)

capitaldistrictgenealogicalsociety.org

CDGS membership provides access to online programs and access to recorded videos. In addition, special interests groups focus on topics such as writing your family history and other essential subjects. Members can also add their queries to issues of the newsletter, which is provided to members quarterly.

Central New York Genealogical Society (CNYGS)

cnygbs.org

For many years CNYGS has published *Tree Talks*, collecting abstracted records from central New York counties. Joining CNYGS includes a subscription to *Tree Talks* and access to multiple programs each year. CNYGS also features several special interests groups, including one focusing on DNA. Members are also able to post surnames and queries to the CNYGS website.

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&B)

newyorkfamilyhistory.org

Membership in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society offers exclusive access to online records, educational programs, and written guides relating to New York research. Membership provides quarterly subscriptions to the *New York Researcher* (see above) and *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*. Members also receive invitations to special events (both online and in-person) and have access to a growing library of on-demand programs and subject guides.

The Western New York Genealogical Society (WNYGS)

wnygs.org/index.html

With online meetings and monthly library research assistance, membership in WNYGS offers resources for those searching for ancestors in Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Wyoming, Orleans, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany counties. Membership includes a subscription to the WNYGS *JOURNAL*, released each quarter, and access to the June Partridge Intz Memorial Library in Buffalo.