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New York State Family History Conference

The next biennial New York State Family History Conference commences 8–10 September 2022, with the in-person conference taking place in Albany, New York.

Publications (found at nygbs.org/store or the links below)

Biebel, Frank. *Marriage Notices from New York City Newspapers of the Early 1830s*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2019.

Buiter, Anne Siebert. *Tracings Immigrants through the Port of New York: Early National Period to 1924*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2020. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

Goodwin, Aaron. *New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2016. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

New York Guide to Birth, Marriage, and Death Records. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017. Extracted from the *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, revised edition 2017. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer, revised edition 2017. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

County Guide Series, extracted from *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, revised edition 2017. [Available in print](#).

Five New York Genealogy Records to Find

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New York State Censuses

See chapter 3, "Census Records" of the *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, especially Table 1: New York State Census: Preserved and Lost Records.

New York State Library page: nysl.nysed.gov/genealogy/nyscens.htm
and nysl.nysed.gov/scandocs/nyscensus.htm

Digitized microfilm is available on *Ancestry* and *FamilySearch* for 1855 to 1925. Note: 1855 New York census for New York City's Ward 17 (lower east side) is available to members/subscribers on nygbs.org and findmypast.com

nygbs.org/online-records/collection/new-york-county-ward-17-state-census-1855

<https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/new-york-state-census-1855-new-york-city-ward-17-browse>

To find digitized microfilm of state censuses 1825 to 1845 (surviving copies) use the FamilySearch catalog or research wiki, and search for the county of interest, view available entries for census/state census.

Example: Cattaraugus

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Cattaraugus_County,_New_York_Genealogy

State [edit | edit source]

Source	1825	1835	1845	1855	1865	1875	1892	1905	1915	1925
Ancestry.com	-	-	-	Yes	-	Yes	Yes	-	Yes	Yes
Family History Library film	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FamilySearch image	-	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
New York State Library film	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Newberry interactive map: <https://digital.newberry.org/ahcb/index.html>

Cemetery Records

Presentation examples:

Catholic Cemeteries Brooklyn ccboklyn.org/information-news/locate-a-loved-one/

Mt. Hebron: mounthebroncemetery.com/#search

Forest Lawn (Buffalo): forest-lawn.com/genealogy/margaret-l-wendt-archive-resource-center

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Green-Wood Cemetery: green-wood.com/burial-search/ and green-wood.com/greenealogy/
DAR Genealogical Records Committee:
https://services.dar.org/Public/DAR_Research/search/?Tab_ID=6

FamilySearch images: <https://www.familysearch.org/records/images/>

Check library catalogs for typescripts, papers, etc. For example, catalog.nypl.org, or <https://legacycatalog.nypl.org/>

New York Periodicals

Mentioned in the presentation:

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record

New York History

Tree Talks (Central New York Genealogical Society)

The Western New York Genealogical Society Journal

CDGS Newsletter (The Capital District Genealogical Society)

De Halve Maen (The Holland Society)

Dorot: The Journal of the Jewish Genealogical Society

The Capital, The Columbia, The Mohawk, and The Saratoga (no longer in publication)

PERSI

<https://search.findmypast.com/search/periodical-source-index>

See on-demand program for NYG&B members nygbs.org/video/persi-across-generations

Access periodicals in major genealogical libraries, become a member of the organization (often members have access to the full run), request copies from the Allen County Public Library (links through PERSI).

Almshouse and Poor House Records

New York State Archives

New York State Archives series A1978

http://www.archives.nysed.gov/research/res_tips_019_almshouse_poorhouse.shtml

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1083>

Erie County Poor House Records

Digitized by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library.

“ . . . 15 ledgers recording children “bound out”/adopted (1863-1868), intake registers (children 1829-1841-1852, adults/families 1829-1845, 1861-1864, 1871-1889, 1908-1923), and hospital and death registers (1854-1867,1897-1952).”

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Collection page: <http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/5>

Finding Aid: <https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/special-collections/guides/EC%20Poorhouse%20FindingAid.pdf>

New York City Almshouse Records

1785–1953

Microfilm is available at MUNI (more than what is digitized). See also the FHL catalog for: United States, New York, New York (City) - Poorhouses, poor law, etc. (20). This vast collection extends beyond the Inmates Histories found on FHL microfilm and in the Ancestry.com New York database: New York, Census of Inmates in Almshouses and Poorhouses, 1830-1920. See also www.archives.nyc/almshouse and United States, New York, New York (City) - Poorhouses, poor law, etc. (30)

Digitized collection: <http://nycma.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet/NYCMA~2~2>

Finding Aid: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/records/pdf/featured-collections/almhouse-ledger-collection-1758-1952.pdf>

Goodwin, Aaron. *New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2016. The research guide covers the most genealogically-relevant collections held by MUNI in sixteen chapters. Sample records are particularly illuminating. Reference lists. 270 pages.

Don't forget to check in the county courthouse or records management center. Not all are online or microfilmed. Onsite research may be required.

New York Birth, Marriage, and Death Records: Original copies

Why original copies?

Indexes are the entry point. Originals usually have more information.

Use the indexes to identify the certificate number, or to narrow down the records to be requested.

- Closer to informant giving the information
- Avoids indexing or transcription errors
- Likely to have more information
- Ability to analyze the information differently

Request the original from the New York State Health Department (when wait times are shorter)

https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/genealogy.htm

Or request the record from the local (usually the town or village) municipality.

See the NYG&B vital records guide for an overview: <https://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/new-york-birth-marriage-death-vital-records>

For help with using indexes see recorded webinars:

nvgbs.org/video/finding-and-accessing-new-york-state-birth-certificates-1880s-through-early-1900s

nvgbs.org/video/nys-vital-record-indexes-catch-rapidly-changing-access

nvgbs.org/video/finding-ancestors-new-york-city-vital-records-1800s-and-early-1900s