# Deaths in Buffalo and Erie County: Selected Sources in the Grosvenor Room

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Introduction

This guide is intended to show the variety of sources that might help you find your ancestor’s date of death, which in turn might help you find an obituary or death certificate.

The Grosvenor Room does not have a comprehensive obituary index or database or one single source that lists everyone who died in the Buffalo area. Instead, there are multiple sources, including newspaper indexes, compiled indexes, and published lists, with small or large numbers of names. Almost everything listed in this handout will be found in the Grosvenor Room.

Keep in mind that there is no guarantee that a death notice or obituary exists. Many deaths went unrecorded, especially in the years before New York State had a vital records law (1880). There is no law that requires that a death notice or obituary be published.

This guide does not list our church records, many of which include the deaths of parishioners. For church records we have a separate list, Church Records in Microfilm and Print. See also these free handouts, which may be useful for your search:

- Cemetery Records for Erie County NY in the Grosvenor Room
- Church Records in Microfilm and Print
- Military History and Records
- Death Notices and Obituaries: Where to Look in Buffalo & Erie County Newspapers
- Vital Records in the Grosvenor Room
- Miscellaneous Genealogical Records in the Grosvenor Room

Shelf locations are always subject to change. See staff for assistance in locating material.

To view this and other subject guides online, use the following web address:
http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications
# General How-To Guides

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<td>GRO Ref. CS16 .B55 1991</td>
<td>Billingsley, Carolyn Earle</td>
<td>How to Get the Most out of Death Certificates</td>
<td>How to find a death certificate, what to do if you cannot find a death certificate, how to interpret everything that appears on a death certificate, and more.</td>
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<td>GRO E169.1 .H94 2000</td>
<td>Hume, Janice</td>
<td>Obituaries in American Culture</td>
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# Books with Lists of Deaths

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<td>1807-1870</td>
<td>WNYGS 974.7 ER Lan Cla Clark, James A Record of Deaths in the Town of Lancaster...1807-1870</td>
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<td>1810-1854</td>
<td>GRO Military Ref. *F127 .E6 M42 Merrow, Leta S. A List of Revolutionary War Soldiers’ Graves Located in Erie County New York [Hamburg, NY]: Abigail Fillmore Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1989</td>
<td>While no Revolutionary War battles were fought here, some Revolutionary War veterans eventually settled and died here.</td>
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<td>1817-1902</td>
<td>WNYGS 974.7 ER Chu Cra Cramer, Robert A., comp. Buffalo Baptist Association Excerpts from the Minutes 1817-1902 of Deaths</td>
<td>Includes Baptist churches in towns outside of Buffalo</td>
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<td>1819-1820</td>
<td>Books with Lists of Deaths</td>
<td>Includes 8 pages of marriages and deaths published in the <em>Niagara Journal</em>, 1819-1820</td>
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<td>1847-1886</td>
<td>GRO <em>CS68 .C262 Rev. Campbell’s Record Book: Marriages and Funerals</em> [Buffalo, NY?] C.J. McCabe, 1970</td>
<td>Records date from 1847 to 1886. Names are from CT, MA, OH, PA, VT, RI, and NY. Includes a few marriages and funerals from the south towns of Erie County. We do not know what denomination Rev. Campbell was or where he lived.</td>
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<td>1850</td>
<td>GRO Census Index Table *F129 .B8 U6 Work Progress Administration, 1939-1940, comp. <em>Index of the 1850 Census, Buffalo, Erie County, New York</em> [S.I., s.n.], 1940</td>
<td>See Addenda for deaths recorded in the 1850 Census</td>
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<td>Ca.1850-1950</td>
<td>GRO RFDK F127.E6 B57 2011 (Guide #38) <em>Births, Deaths, and Marriages Found in Select Buffalo and Erie County Publications</em> Buffalo, NY: B&amp;ECPL, 2011 <a href="http://www.buffalolibr.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#13">http://www.buffalolibr.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#13</a></td>
<td>Includes death listings listed in select Buffalo and Erie County publications. Family member names, place of residence, and place of death are included if listed in the publication.</td>
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<td>Late 1800s- Early 2000s</td>
<td>GRO Ref. F127 .E6 i43 2011, 3 vols Wernicki, Jan <em>Index of Select Deaths from Western NY Newspapers</em> Buffalo, NY: Jan Wernicki, 2000-2011</td>
<td>Includes date the item appeared in a newspaper and the type of article. See also <a href="http://www.BuffaloNYdeaths.com">www.BuffaloNYdeaths.com</a></td>
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<td>1880-2004</td>
<td>WNYGS ERI Buffalo ind Wernicki, Janice, comp. <em>Index to Select Death Notices from Buffalo Area Newspapers—over 5,600 from 1880-2004</em> Janice Wernicki, © 2000-2005</td>
<td>Provides citations for death notices and obituaries from the <em>Buffalo News</em> and <em>Courier Express</em>.</td>
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* A Necrology Excerpted and Organized from the Buffalo City Directories, 1882-1892  
Buffalo, NY: Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, 1997  
Online: [http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#13](http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#13)  
GRO Ref. Desk also has a copy of this necrology. In the Desk copy is an addenda of various necrologies found in the Local History Scrapbooks, vols. 5-8. |
| 1884-1928 | Buffalo F129 .B8 B89 | Buffalo Historical Society  
* Annual Report of the Board of Managers...  
Buffalo, NY: The Society  
Published annually from 1884 to 1928. Includes names of prominent citizens who died the previous year. Indexed in the *Local History File*. |
| 1885-1997 | Buffalo TH9505 .B8 A1 | Buffalo (N.Y.) Fire Dept  
* Annual Report  
Buffalo, NY: [various printers]  
From 1885 to 1997, almost every volume lists firefighters who died that year, both on the job or from natural causes. From 1989 to 1997, there is a list of civilian fire deaths by address. No civilian names are given. Our collection is missing some years. |
| 1887-1901 | Buffalo F129 .B8 B71 | * Album and Year Book  
Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Express  
Published annually from 1887 to 1901; title varies. Includes names and sometimes pictures of prominent citizens who died the previous year. Indexed in the *Local History File*. |
| 1890-1963 | STACKS Non-Circulating HV8699 .U5 B68 | Bowers, William J.  
* Executions in America  
See pp. 296-319 for names of individuals executed in NY State from 1890-1963. Includes 43 names from Erie County. |
| 1899-50 years ago | GRO Desk Ref. #34 | * Stephan-Burns Funeral Home Records  
Buffalo, NY: Buffalo and Erie County Public Library, 2008  
A Black Rock area funeral home  
Contains name, date of death, address, place of birth, age, birth date, and burial place. Privacy regulations restrict to 50 years before present. **Ask for this title at the Information Desk in the Grosvenor Room.** |
New York: Social Register Association  
Each volume includes a page listing “society” men and women who died the previous year. |
Buffalo, NY: Baker, Jones, Hausauer Inc. [1920?]  
Lists Lafayette alumni who lost their lives in World War I. |
| 1914-1919 | GRO Ref. *F129 .B8 S97 | Sweeney, Daniel J.  
* History of Buffalo and Erie County 1914-1919  
[Buffalo, ©1920]  
Includes Buffalo-area World War I casualties. |
| 1918-1922 | GRO Desk Ref. #26 | Pearson, JoAnn, comp.  
* The Arrow: Marriages and Deaths as Reported in the Pierce Arrow Newsletter, 1918-1922  
Compiled Sept. 2001  
Includes deaths of employees and relatives. **Ask for this title at the Information Desk in the Grosvenor Room.** |
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<td>1927-2002</td>
<td>GRO F129 .B89 N4126 2002 (Reference Desk, Guide #50) The Buffalo Genealogical Society of the African Diaspora Index and Introduction to the Microfilmed Buffalo African-American Funeral Program and Obituary Collection, Volume 1 Buffalo, NY: The Society, 2002</td>
<td>Lists the name, birth year and death year. Only one entry is a death in the 1920s, most are from the 1980s-1990s. Also includes a list of records microfilmed by the Society and available for research at the North Jefferson Branch.</td>
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<td>1940-1945</td>
<td>GRO Desk Ref. #15 The Bellringer, a Selected Index, Dec. 1940-1945 Compiled 2002</td>
<td>A brief list of deaths of employees and relatives at Bell Aircraft Corp. Ask for this title at the Information Desk in the Grosvenor Room.</td>
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<td>1943-1944</td>
<td>GRO Desk Ref. #28 The Curtiss Wright-er, a Selected Index, 1943-1944 Compiled Dec 2001</td>
<td>Includes deaths of Curtiss-Wright employees and their relatives and those who died in service. Ask for this title at the Information Desk in the Grosvenor Room.</td>
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<td><strong>Local History File</strong></td>
<td>A card index to local newspapers and periodicals that cites articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area. The most</td>
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<td>thorough coverage is from 1930-1982, with hit or miss entries for earlier and later dates. It includes obituaries, but death notices</td>
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<td>are rare. The <strong>Local History File</strong> is continued by the Western New York Index (see Books, above). The <strong>Local History File</strong> may also</td>
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<td>lead you to an obituary in one of our scrapbooks. Search by your ancestor’s name (lastname, firstname) to find an obituary.</td>
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<td>Also try these headings if they are applicable to your ancestor:</td>
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<td><strong>Vital Index of Early Western New York Families</strong></td>
<td>A card file maintained by the Western New York Genealogical Society (WNYGS), which cites names found in their collection and in records held elsewhere. Mostly 1800s.</td>
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<td><strong>Ancestry</strong></td>
<td>Includes the Social Security Death Index (SSDI). Offers collections of death records from all over the US but none that specifically focus on Buffalo or Erie County. Mortality census schedules are available for 1850-1880. A Prospect Lawn Cemetery (Hamburg, NY) record index 1850-1950 is included.</td>
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<td><strong>Heritage Quest</strong></td>
<td>The Book Collection includes family and local histories which may list death dates. Revolutionary War pension files will often list soldier death dates in widow’s pensions. Memorials are included in the U.S. Serial Set. Freedman’s Bank Records may include a death certificate in rare cases. Local records are often transcribed in genealogical periodicals. Try using the Places search in PERSI (Periodical Source Index) to find record transcriptions such as church burials, cemetery, and death lists.</td>
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**Newspapers: Buffalo News & Courier Express**

*Buffalo (Evening) News on Microfilm, 1881 to present*

*(Buffalo) Courier Express on Microfilm, 1926-1982*

The microfilms contain 100% of every issue, including but not limited to obituaries or death notices. If you know the exact date of death, you can go directly to the newspaper microfilms and look for a death notice or obituary. Microfilms may be copied for $.20 per page.

When the Courier-Express folded in 1982, its archives went to the Butler Library at Buffalo State College. According to the archive inventory, there are local and national obituaries from 1956-1982 in their collection.

For a complete list of other daily newspapers in Buffalo, see our free handout:

Death Notices and Obituaries: Where to look in Buffalo & Erie County Newspapers (available online at [http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications](http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications)).

*Buffalo News Death Notices on Microfilm, 1962-1976*

The Western New York Genealogical Society (WNYGS) has special microfilms of the death notices from the Buffalo News from 1962 to 1976. Staff at the Grosvenor Room Microfilm Desk can help you find them.

*Buffalo News Database, obituaries from 1989 to present*

This database offers full-text of articles from the Buffalo News, 1989 to the present. It includes obituaries, which are narrative articles about someone of prominence. It does not include death notices, which are considered classified ads and give only basic facts about the deceased and the funeral or burial. The Buffalo News database also does not include pictures or advertisements.

Researchers may use the Buffalo News database at every public library in Erie County on a walk-in basis. No library card or appointment is necessary. There is no at-home access. Obituaries and articles may be printed for $.10 per page, saved to a disk, or emailed. Click on “Research databases” on the following site:

[http://www.buffalolib.org/content/research](http://www.buffalolib.org/content/research)

*Buffalo News Website, death notices from 1997 to present*

Not to be confused with the Buffalo News database is the Buffalo News commercial website, which anyone may access on the internet. It has an archive of death notices from Sept. 11, 1997 to the present. Death notices are available for free at the Buffalo News website for 90 days. After 90 days, they may be retrieved for a small fee. For death notices, see:

### Scrapbooks

The Buffalo scrapbooks in GRO were compiled roughly from 1900 to 1960, and are comprised largely of local newspaper clippings and ephemera. All are indexed in the Local History File. The following volumes are of particular interest to obituary researchers:

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<td>GRO *F129 .B8 B58 Scrap-book of Local Obituary Notices and Biographical Sketches 1861-1864 [1921?]</td>
<td>Mostly Civil War casualties</td>
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<tr>
<td>GRO *F129 .B8 B69265 Local Biographies</td>
<td>There are about 100 volumes in this set, which includes obituaries of prominent residents. All are indexed in the Local History File.</td>
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<td>GRO *F129 .B8 B6928, vols.5-8 Local History [1901-1908, 1925-1926, 1928, 1941, 1944]</td>
<td>Various necrologies are scattered throughout these volumes. A list was appended to the GRO Ref. Desk copy of the Necrology by Steven Seegal (see Books, above).</td>
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### Selected Websites

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<td><a href="http://www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/City_Departments/City_Clerk/">http://www.ci.buffalo.ny.us/Home/City_Departments/City_Clerk/City of Buffalo Death Records</a></td>
<td>Instructions and downloadable form for requesting vital records from Buffalo’s City Hall.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.fultonhistory.com">http://www.fultonhistory.com Fulton History – Newspapers</a></td>
<td>Millions of pages of New York State newspapers including some from Buffalo and Erie County.</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records/death.htm">http://www.health.state.ny.us/vital_records/death.htm New York State Department of Health: Death Certificates</a></td>
<td>Instructions and downloadable forms. Death certificates may be ordered by telephone, mail, fax, or online.</td>
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<td>[<a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/Obituary">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/Obituary</a> Daily Times](<a href="http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/Obituary">http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~obituary/Obituary</a> Daily Times)</td>
<td>A daily index of published obituaries. It is distributed freely, often twice a day by email, and usually has over 2,500 entries a day from all over North America.</td>
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**Vertical Files**

Vertical files are loose articles and pamphlets collected in folders. The following folders have some lists of war casualties. Additional obituaries are filed by occupation (Authors, Architects, etc.).

*Civil War*
*Middle East Wars and Western New York*
*War of 1812*

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**Vital Records Index**

The Buffalo and Erie County Public Library is a designated repository for New York State Vital Records Index on microfiche. There is a 50-year privacy restriction for death records, meaning that the fiche do not include deaths that occurred less than 50 years ago.

New York State Department of Health laws require us to ask for a B&ECPL library card or a picture ID from each researcher. Printing copies from the fiche is not permitted. Researchers may use one fiche at a time.

This index gives names and dates of death. To get a copy of the actual death certificate, you must contact the Department of Health in Albany or the city/town in which the death occurred. The Library does not have any actual death certificates, but librarians can help you find addresses for the appropriate offices that do.

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<td>1914 to fifty years ago</td>
<td>Fiche includes all of New York State including Albany, Buffalo, and Yonkers, but still excludes New York City</td>
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**eLibrary: The Online Catalog of the BECPL**

http://elibrary.buffalolib.org/

eLibrary is a database showing the books, magazines, CDs, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library. It includes the Grosvenor Room, all departments in the Central Library, and every town and branch library. Access the catalog at the web address above.

To find sources in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these **Subject** searches:

- **BUFFALO N Y GENEALOGY**
- **DEATH NOTICES NEW YORK STATE BUFFALO**
- **DEATH NOTICES NEW YORK STATE ERIE COUNTY**
- **ERIE COUNTY N Y GENEALOGY**
- **OBITUARIES INDEXES**
- **OBITUARIES NEW YORK STATE ERIE COUNTY**
- **OBITUARIES NEW YORK STATE WESTERN**
- **REGISTERS OF BIRTHS ETC NEW YORK STATE BUFFALO**
- **REGISTERS OF BIRTHS ETC NEW YORK STATE ERIE COUNTY**
### What about Coroner’s Records?

**Erie County Medical Examiner's Office has coroner's records from 1882 – present.**
Reports are not open to the public. Copies are available to the next of kin. In order to obtain records write to the following address supplying as much information identifying information as possible about the deceased (i.e. name, age, where lived, etc.) and details of their death. Staff time is limited for this type of research, so the turn-around time will depend on staff workload.

Erie County Medical Examiner’s Office  
501 Kensington Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14214  
(716)-961-7591

**Western New York Genealogical Society Journal** – GRO F118 .W46A; GRO current periodical shelving  
The Society is indexing Erie County Medical Examiner's records in their journal. The record transcriptions begin in the September 2007 issue. The earliest date listed is Oct. 1878. Information abstracted includes name, age, nativity, residence, date of death, book and page number.

**Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors of Erie County** – Buffalo F127 .E6 S82  
Brief details of inquests can be found in many early volumes of the proceedings (abt. 1878-1914). Details often include name of deceased, coroner, where deceased was found or where s/he was from, items found with deceased, when deceased was found, family members or other individuals associated with the deceased. To find the coroner’s reports in the proceedings look in the index under Coroners or Medical Examiner.

### What about Funeral Home Records?

The Grosvenor Room only has records of the **Stephan-Burns Funeral Home (See Books With Lists of Deaths, p. 5)**. Other funeral homes should be contacted directly for the whereabouts of records. For those that no longer exist, check Buffalo City directories and **Local History File** to determine when the funeral home went out of business.

According to the Erie-Niagara Funeral Directors Association (http://www.enfda.org/index.html), there are four things that could happen to the records when a funeral home closes:
1. They could go to a nearby mortuary  
2. They could go to the local historical society  
3. They could remain in the family who operated the original funeral home  
4. They could be discarded
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<td>Has in index to obituaries in Buffalo newspapers, alphabetical by last name. For the 1800s, death notices are included. For the 1900s, only actual obituaries are listed.</td>
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<td>1 Museum Court</td>
<td>Admission is $6 for non-members. Free for members and high school students with a valid ID card. Children under 9 are not admitted to the Library.</td>
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<td><strong>Butler Library</strong></td>
<td>Has local and national obituaries from 1956-1982 in the Courier-Express collection. Appointments are necessary.</td>
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<td><strong>City of Buffalo Inactive Records Center</strong></td>
<td>Has an index of City of Buffalo deaths, 1852-1944, on CD-ROM. Walk-ins are welcome but researchers should call ahead to be sure the office is staffed before arriving.</td>
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