

MISCELLANEOUS GENEALOGICAL RECORDS IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM

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*	= Oversized book
Buffalo	= In Buffalo Collection in GRO
GRO	= In Grosvenor Room
RBR	= May be seen by appointment in Rare Book Room
WNYGS	= In Western NY Genealogical Society collection

Adoptions

WNYGS Microfilm ML 139, Book 3
Erie County Records, Adoptions 1857-1876
Not a comprehensive set of Records

GRO Ref. *F127 .E6 J48 1984, 2 vols.
 Jewitt, Allen E.
Adoption's (sic) Recorded in Erie County Hall, Buffalo, 1874-1900
 Hamburg, NY: Allen E. Jewitt, 1984

Buffalo *F129 .B8 C763
 Coppola, Mrs. R. Donald et al, comp.
Records of the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Orphan Home...1865-1961
 Buffalo, NY: Abigail Fillmore Chapter DAR, 1981

For more adoption sources, see the separate GRO **Adoption** resource guide.

Border Crossings

Dates	Place(s)	Microfilm Holdings
1902-1954	Buffalo, Lewiston, Niagara Falls, Rochester	WNYGS Microfilm M1480, 162 reels

Draft Cards

Dates	Place(s)	Microfilm Holdings
World War I	Buffalo and Erie County	GRO Microfilm. 32 rolls of film in alphabetical name order for each draft board.

Land & Property Transactions	City of Buffalo	Erie County	New York State
GRO Ref. F127 .E6 E73 1981 Witmer, Tobias Erie County, N.Y. Deeds Sold by the Holland Land Co. Knightstown, IN: The Bookmark, 1859 (reprint 1981) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides the names of individuals who purchased lots in the village of Buffalo and the surrounding townships 	1800s to 1830s	1800s-1850s	Not Included
GRO Ref. F118 .L58 1991 Livsey, Karen Western New York Land Transactions 1804-1824 Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1991 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An index to early land transactions from the records of the Holland Co. Land Tables. The microfilm of the actual Land Table records are available through LDS Family History Centers and Reed Library at SUNY Fredonia 	1804-1824	1804-1824	Allegany, Cattaragus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, & Wyoming counties
GRO Ref. F118 .L583 1996 Livsey, Karen Western New York Land Transactions, 1825-1835 Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1996 <i>See above first volume for more information</i>	1825-1835	1825-1835	Allegany, Cattaragus, Chautauqua, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, & Wyoming counties
WNYGS Microfilm ML 140, Erie County Deed Books #70 and #71 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes deeds and land agreements of those individuals who were under contract to the Holland Land Co. 	1830s and 1840s	1830s and 1840s	Not Included
WNYGS Microfilm ML 138 Chautauqua County Deeds and land contracts	Not included	Not included	1831 to 1838 Chautauqua only
WNYGS ML 141 Batavia Land Ledger	Not included	Not included	1836 to 1838 Batavia only
RBR WNYO 1884.W5 Wilson & Smith Early Buffalo Land Records [Buffalo, NY: The Firm, 1884?] <i>Manuscript of records of the law firm of Wilson & Smith, including legal proceedings concerning real estate.</i>	Pre 1884	Not included	Not included

Land & Property Transactions	City of Buffalo	Erie County	New York State
RBR WNYO 1893.E75 Erie County Guaranteed Search Company Title searches of the Sea Wall Strip in the city of Buffalo. Buffalo: Erie County Guaranteed Search Company, [1893?].	Pre 1893	Not included	Not included
To view original property deeds and land transactions, visit the Erie County Clerk's Office			

Land & Property Resources
GRO Ref. *CS49 .H38 2003 Hatcher, Patricia Law Locating Your Roots: Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, ©2003
GRO Ref. *CS49 .H66 1997 Hone, E. Wade Land and Property Research in the United States Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, ©1997
<p>All deeds and property transactions in Erie County are recorded at the Erie County Clerk's Office. A deed grantee index, 1808-1897 is also online at www.familysearch.com; look for New York Land Records, 1630-1975 →Erie</p> <p>Buffalo City Hall has original Buffalo building permits on file. For more information, see these GRO guides:</p> <p><i>How to research a Buffalo House: Selected sources in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library</i> <i>Info on records, resources, databases, websites, and gov't agencies for residences.</i></p> <p><i>Buffalo Architecture Research: Selected sources in the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library</i> <i>Info on records, resources, databases, websites, and gov't agencies for non-residence buildings.</i></p> <p><i>Buffalo & Erie County Atlases: Best Bets for Genealogists & House Researchers.</i> <i>The older atlases which show names of property owners are indicated on this handout.</i></p>

Naturalization Records Index		
Dates	New York Counties	Description
27 Sept 1906 to 1966	Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Chemung, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne, Wyoming and Yates	On 20 rolls of microfilm in alphabetical order by surname. No actual naturalization papers, just an index. See <i>Gov't Sources</i> handout for actual papers.

Naturalization Records Resources

GRO Ref. *CS47 .S96 1998

Szucs, Loreto D.

They Became Americans: Finding Naturalization Records and Ethnic Origins

Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, 1998

GRO Ref. *CS47 .N49 1998

Newman, John J.

American Naturalization Records 1790-1990: What They Are and How to Use Them

Bountiful, UT: Heritage Quest, 1998

GRO Ref. CS49 .S28 1997

Schaefer, Christina

Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1997

GRO Ref. F118 .N36 1994

New York State Archives and Records Administration

Naturalization & Related Records

Albany, NY: New York State Archives, [1994]

GRO Ref. *F118 .N37 1996

Auston, John D., comp.

Naturalization Records in New York State

Hilton, NY: Leaded Pane, 1996

GRO F118 .S363

Scott, Kenneth, comp.

Early New York Naturalizations...1792-1840

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1981

GRO F118 .S37 1978

Scott, Kenneth, Comp.

New York Alien Residents, 1825-1848

Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1978

See also *Passenger List* handout.

Wills, Estate Papers, & Probate Records

WNYGS Microfilm ML183-193

Surrogate Court Records for Erie County 1800-1929

Note: This is an index to estates, not actual estate papers. See *Government Sources of Vital Records* handout for Surrogate Court information.

Wills, Estate Papers, & Probate Records

Buffalo *F127 .E6 S9

Book of Old Records in the Surrogate's Office, City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y. (1808-1819)

Buffalo, NY: Frances W. Wallace, 1925

GRO Ref. *F118 .R44 2002

Remington, Gordon

New York State Probate Records: A Genealogist's Guide to Testate and Intestate Records

Boston, MA: New England Historical and Genealogical Society, 2002

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