

**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY:
WITH A FOCUS ON
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY
FOR GENEALOGISTS, HISTORIANS AND FICTION WRITERS
SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM**



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INTRODUCTION

This guide is designed to assist persons in researching the historical “way of life” in the Grosvenor Room of the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. It is meant to be useful to those writing family history books, local history books, historical fiction books, or those who want to find out what their ancestors’ lives may have been like. Most of the materials listed here deal exclusively with Buffalo and Erie County.

Social history is an expansive subject, including subtopics such as local history, women’s history, ethnic history, military history, folklore, economic history, community history, labor history, cultural studies, sports history, history of leisure, and many other topics. Because of this, it would be difficult to list all materials available for research through the Grosvenor Room. Use the ideas given in this guide to formulate library catalog searches which pertain to your ancestors’ lives.

Books are listed in call number order. Shelf locations are always subject to change.

Please see our other research guides: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications>.

GENERAL REFERENCE GUIDES

General

GRO Ref CS9 .D69 2011 Douglas, Althea Time Traveller’s Handbook: A Guide to the Past Toronto : Dundurn Press, 2011	GRO E180.5 .K98 2000 Kyvig, David E. and Marty, Myron A. Nearby History: Exploring the Past Around You Walnut Creek, CA : AltaMira Press, 2000
GRO Ref CS9 .J33 2001 Jacobson, Judy A Field Guide for Genealogists Baltimore, MD: Clearfield, 2001	GRO Ref PE1667 .D73 1994 Drake, Paul What Did They Mean By That?: A Dictionary of Historical Terms for Genealogists Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1994
GRO Ref CS16 .S862 2000 Sturdevant, Katherine Scott Bringing Your Family History to Life through Social History Cincinnati, Ohio : Betterway Books, 2000	GRO Ref PE1667 .D73 1994 v.2 Drake, Paul What Did They Mean By That?: A Dictionary of Historical Terms for Genealogists: Volume 2 Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1998
GRO Ref E180 .K25 2000 Kammen, Carol and Prendergast, Norma, eds. Encyclopedia of Local History Walnut Creek, CA: AltaMira Press, 2000	GRO Ref QC89 .G8 C6 1995 Chapman, Colin R. Weights, Money and Other Measures Used by Our Ancestors Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1995

Community History Topics

GRO Ref BR515 .W56 1997 Wind, James P. Places of Worship: Exploring Their History Walnut Creek, CA : AltaMira Press, 1997	GRO Ref JS309 .H65 2001 Homel, Michael W. Unlocking City Hall: Exploring the History of Local Government and Politics Malabar, Florida: Krieger Publishing Company, 2001
GRO Ref E180 .D36 1997 Danzer, Gerald A. Public Places: Exploring Their History Walnut Creek, CA : AltaMira Press, 1997	GRO Ref LA9 .B87 1986 Butchart, Ronald E. Local Schools: Exploring Their History Nashville, TN: The Amer. Assoc. for State and Local History, 1986
GRO Ref HD2785 .K43 1990 Kerr, K. Austin, Loveday, Amos J., Blackford, Mansel Local Businesses: Exploring Their History Nashville, TN: The American Association for State and Local History, 1990	GRO Ref NA6212 .L66 2000 Longstreth, Richard The Buildings of Main Street: A Guide to American Commercial Architecture New York: AltaMira Press, 2000

GENERAL REFERENCE GUIDES	
GRO Ref HD3885 .K43 1994 Keating, Ann Durkin Invisible Networks: Exploring the History of Local Utilities and Public Works Malabar, FL: Kreiger Publishing Co., 1996	GRO Ref S441 .H919 1996 Hurt, R. Douglas American Farms: Exploring Their History Malabar, FL: Kreiger Publishing Co., 1996
GRO Ref HM766 .B53 2006 Blair, Karen J. Joining In: Exploring the History of Voluntary Organizations Malabar, Florida: Krieger Publishing Company, 2006	GRO Ref TA1015 .G73 2003 Grant, H. Roger Getting Around: Exploring Transportation History Malabar, FL: Kreiger Publishing Co., 2003
Dates and Timelines	
GRO Ref CS49 .J35 2009 Jacobson, Judy History for Genealogists: Using Chronological Time Lines to Find and Understand Your Ancestors Baltimore, MD: Clearfield, 2009	GRO Ref E154 .H45 2005 Hellmann, Paul T. Historical Gazetteer of the United States New York: Routledge, 2005 <i>Gives timeline for select cities and towns including important events, births of famous individuals.</i>
GRO Ref CS14 .S65 1994 Smith, Kenneth L. Genealogical Dates: A User-Friendly Guide Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1994	
Family Life	
NON-FICT HQ535 .A6 1982 Scott, Donald M. and Wishy, Bernard America's Families: A Documentary History New York: Harper and Row, 1982	NON-FICT HQ535 .F33 Hareven, Tamara K. Family and Kin in Urban Communities: 1700-1930 New York: New Viewpoints, 1977 <i>Includes details on ethnic and gender groups.</i>
NON-FICT HQ535 .C64 1988 Coontz, Stephanie The Social Origins of Private Life: A History of American Families 1600-1900 New York: Verson, 1988	NON-FICT HQ535 .M46 1988 Mintz, Stephen Domestic Revolutions : A Social History of American Family Life New York : Free Press, 1988
Fashion	
NON-FICT REF GT2295.U5 D69 2003 Doyle, Marian I. An illustrated history of hairstyles 1830-1930 Atglen, PA: Schiffer Publishing, 2003	NON-FICT GT605 .R835 2001 Rubinstein, Ruth P. Dress codes : meanings and messages in American culture Boulder, Colo. : Westview Press, 2001
NON-FICT REF GT511 .P46 2004 V.1 Pendergast, Sara Fashion, costume, and culture: clothing, headwear, body decorations, and footwear through the ages Pendergast, Sara. Detroit : UXL, c2004	NON-FICT NK4712 .M26 McClellan, Elisabeth History of American costume, 1607-1870 New York, Tudor publishing company, 1937
Food	
NON-FICT GT2853.U5 H66 Hooker, Richard James Food and drink in America : a history Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1981.	

GENERAL REFERENCE GUIDES	
Immigration and Ethnic Groups	
GRO Ref CS9 .P75 1998 Meyerink, Kory L. Printed Sources: A Guide to Published Genealogical Records Salt Lake City, UT: Ancestry, 1998 <i>Provides bibliographies for ethnic groups.</i>	GRO Ref JV6465 .B73 2001 Brownstone, David M. Facts About American Immigration New York: H.W. Wilson Co., 2001
GRO Ref JV6483 .B64 1985 Bolino, August C. The Ellis Island Source Book Washington, D.C.: 1985	GRO Ref JV6450 .D53 1990 Cordasco, Francesco Dictionary of American Immigration History Metuchen, NJ: 1990 <i>The history of immigration for ethnic groups.</i>
Medical	
GRO Ref RA407.5 .P64 C48 1991 Chorzempa, Rosemary A. Morbus: Why and How Our Ancestors Died: A Genealogist's Dictionary of Terms Found in Vital Records with Descriptions of the Diseases as They Relate to the Health of Our Ancestors Chicago, IL: Polish Genealogical Society of America, 1991. <i>Includes Polish, Latin, Russian, and German sections.</i>	GRO Ref R462 .B75 1998 Briggs, Elizabeth and Colin Before Modern Medicine: Diseases & Yesterday's Remedies Winnipeg, Manitoba: Westgarth, 1998 <i>Provides an overview of historical medicine; medical terms; some illnesses include their causes, history, symptoms, treatment, and epidemics; Native American medicine; and medicines and remedies sometimes with their history, use, and current status of use.</i>
Music	
GRO Music Ref ML101.U6 N48 1986 Hitchcock, H. Wiley and Stanley Sadie, eds. The New Grove Dictionary of American Music New York: Macmillan Press Ltd, 1986 <i>Try the following subjects, names of: ethnic groups, type of music, large cities, artists, composers, etc.</i>	
Women	
NON-FICT HQ 1410 .O36 1986 Ogden, Annegret S. The Great American Housewife: ... 1776-1986 Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1986	NON-FICT HQ1416 .F74 1986 Frey, Sylvia R. and Morton, Marian J. New World, New Roles..Women in Pre-Industrial America New York: Greenwood Press, 1986

GENERAL SOCIAL HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA	
Buffalo F116 .A45 (vols. 1-27) Various authors Adventures in Western New York History Buffalo, NY: Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 1960-1982 http://bechsed.nylearns.org/ (choose the series from main menu)	A concise series covering various Buffalo area historical topics including: Buffalo 1800-1832; industry and manufacturing; prehistory; family life; Holland Land Co.; the War of 1812; Erie Canal; ethnic groups; homes; railroads; Civil War; theater; the arts; grain elevators; and others.
GRO F119 .M38 Mau, Clayton The Development of Central and Western New York Rochester, NY: Du Bois Press, 1944	Includes many reminiscences and descriptions of WNY and life there.

GENERAL SOCIAL HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA	
GRO F123 .C77 Cooper, William A guide in the wilderness : or The history of the first settlements in the western counties of New York, with useful instructions to future settlers ; in a series of letters [Cooperstown, N. Y. : The Freeman's Journal Co., 1949] Online @ http://tiny.cc/p6grn	Originally published in 1810. Main topics: land settlement, soil and climate, timber, wildlife, taxes, and home manufacturing.
GRO F123 .F8 Fowler, John Journal of a Tour in the State of New York in the Year 1830.... London: Whittaker, Treacher, and Arnot, 1831 Online @ http://tiny.cc/ttxn	Includes details on [but not limited to]: Buffalo, Rochester, Geneseo, Avon, Batavia, Niagara Falls.
Buffalo F127.E6 J6 Johnson, Crisfield Centennial History of Erie County Buffalo: Matthews & Warren, 1876 http://archive.org/details/centennialhistor00john	Strong in content of pioneer life; settlement of towns; military events.
Buffalo F127 .N6 F52 Severance, Frank H. Old Trails on the Niagara Frontier Buffalo, NY: The Matthews-Northhup Co., 1899	1700s-1800s; includes information on the Underground Railroad.
Buffalo F127 .N6 T9 Turner, Chipman P. The Pioneer Period of Western New York [Buffalo, N.Y., Bigelow Brothers Press, 1885?]	1790s-1850; Includes many "firsts," and Native American names for WNY locations and geographic features.
GRO F127 .N8 S122 Stedman, William Journal of a trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, June, 1812 [Buffalo, N.Y. : s.n., 1925-1926]	A brief account of a trip from Boston, MA to Buffalo, NY and Niagara Falls, NY in June of 1812.
Buffalo F128.44 .W93 1988 Wyckoff, William The developer's frontier : the making of the western New York landscape New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1988	A good book for understanding the Holland Land Purchase and WNY settlement.
Buffalo Folio F129.B8 B69 2006 Williams, Otis H. Buffalo Old and New Buffalo, N.Y. : William S. Hein & Co., 2006 Originally published: [Buffalo, New York] : Buffalo Courier, 1901	A chronological history of the queen city of the lakes, its government and public institutions, its manufacturing, commercial and financial industries.
Buffalo F129 .B857 G63 2007 Goldman, Mark City on the Edge: Buffalo, New York Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2007	1900-2007
Buffalo F129 .B857 G64 Goldman, Mark High Hopes: The Rise and Decline of Buffalo, New York Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1983	1800-1970s

GENERAL SOCIAL HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA	
Buffalo F129 .B857 G65 1990 Goldman, Mark City on the Lake: The Challenge of Change in Buffalo, New York Buffalo, NY: Prometheus Books, 1990	1970s-1990
Buffalo F129 .B8 B88 v.1-34 Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society Buffalo, N.Y. : Buffalo Historical Society http://www.bechs.org/library/BHSpublications.pdf	A 34 volume set which covers numerous local history topics.
Buffalo F129 .B8 C9 Curtiss, John Shelton Our Local Community: Buffalo and Erie County Buffalo, NY: The Grotzka Press, 1934	
GRO Ref F129.B8 P3 Pauls' Dictionary of Buffalo: Niagara Falls, Tonawanda and Vicinity: Buffalo: The Peter Paul Book Co., 1896	A descriptive index and guide to the various institutions, public buildings, societies, amusements, resorts, etc. in and about the City of Buffalo.
Buffalo GR110 .N7 F64 1985 Stevens, Phillips, Jr., ed. Folklore in Buffalo [New York Folklore, Special Issue] [Buffalo, N.Y.] : New York Folklore Society, 1985	
Buffalo GT2890 .M87 2010 Murphy, Dan Nickel City Drafts: A Drinking History of Buffalo, NY Buffalo, NY: Western New York Wares, 2010	
Buffalo GV431 .B9 B9 Weir, L.H. Recreation Survey of Buffalo [Buffalo, NY]: Buffalo City Planning Association, 1925	
Buffalo HB935 .N7 S74 1987 Stern, Mark J. Society and Family Strategy: Erie County, New York 1850-1920 Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1987	Includes sections on economic and social development of Buffalo, school attendance in Erie County, and the class structure of rural Erie County.

ARCHITECTURE	
GRO Ref NA735 .B9 R3 Randall, John D. Buffalo and Western New York, Architecture and Human Values Buffalo, NY: Artcraft-Burow, 1976	Timeline, important buildings by type, location, conversions, height, fires, firsts, architects and their works.

THE ARTS - ART, LITERATURE, MUSIC, THEATER	
General Arts	
GRO Ref F129 .B8 B68 Heacock, Lee F. The Buffalo artists' register; Buffalo, N.Y., 1926	"A general review of the activities of representative organizations of Buffalo, N.Y. ... related to ... the creative and interpretive arts."

THE ARTS - ART, LITERATURE, MUSIC, THEATER	
Buffalo PS253.N7 M37 1998 Marren, Joe Buffalo's Brush with the Arts: From Huck Finn to Murphy Brown Buffalo, NY: Western New York Wares, 1998	Mainly about literature.
Buffalo Mag .B9 Buffalo Saturday Night [1921-1923] New House News [1923] Heacock's [1923-1925] The Buffalo Arts Journal [1925-1927]	1921-1927. Art, theater, music, literature, dance, architecture, etc.
Art	
Buffalo N1 .A15 Buffalo Fine Arts Academy Academy Notes [Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, various]	1905-1976
Buffalo N11.M52 B74 1991 Michaels, Albert L. A brief history : Buffalo Society of Artists [Buffalo, N.Y. : Partners Press, Inc., 1991].	
Buffalo N330.B8 L4 1984 Lehmann, Joyce Woelfle The "Albright Art School" of the Buffalo Fine Arts Academy, 1887-1954 Thesis (Ph. D.)--State University of New York at Buffalo, 1984	
Buffalo N6496.B83 A43 2011 Albright-Knox Art Gallery The long curve : 150 years of visionary collecting at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery [Buffalo, N.Y.]: Albright-Knox Art Gallery, 2011	
Literature	
Buffalo PS253.N57 N53 2000 Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Niagara Frontier Authors [2000]	Lists authors names and some birth and death dates.
Buffalo PS 255.B9 A6 "Literature of Buffalo : authors, literary societies and libraries" in Americana , January, 1923 Somerville, N.J. : The American Historical Society, 1923	
Buffalo PS255.B9 I8 Irwin, John Oakley The Literature of Buffalo, 1810-1860 [Buffalo, N.Y., The University of Buffalo] 1940	
Music	
Buffalo ML15 .B9 M9 Music Calendar for Buffalo	1931-1975
Buffalo ML42.B9 B6 Blackmon, Helen Carol Prim Concert music performed in Buffalo, N.Y., 1918-1927 [Buffalo, N.Y., 1954.]	

THE ARTS - ART, LITERATURE, MUSIC, THEATER	
Buffalo ML200.8.B8 L48 2010 Levine, Renée This life of sounds : Evenings for new music in Buffalo New York : Oxford University Press, 2010.	1964-1980
Buffalo ML200.8.B9 L35 Larned, Mary, 1864-1940. [Music in Buffalo from 1832-1932] [Buffalo, 1932?]	
Theater	
Buffalo *PN2073 .B86 Academy of Music Programme Buffalo : J.T. McLaughlin, various	1874-1894 Daily program for the Academy of Music.
Buffalo *PN2073 .B863 Adelphi Theatre Programme	1883-1887 Weekly program for the theatre.
Buffalo PN2277.B8 H5 Hill, Richmond. A Thespian temple: a brief history of the Academy of Music and review of the dramatic events of over fifty years... Buffalo, NY: Courier Co., Printers, 1893	
Buffalo PN2277.B8 S7 Strong, Eve Elizabeth Theatre in Buffalo, New York ... [Buffalo, NY: Thesis,] 1942	
Reference Desk Guide #19, Index #19A Sandhu, Ranjit Buffalo Theaters Prior to 1930 Unpublished manuscript <i>Alphabetical and address indexes are available.</i>	Includes categories such as entertainment in Buffalo 1815-1832, the early theaters in the Buffalo 1833-1868, assembly and lecture halls, museums, outdoor theaters, specialty theaters, concert saloons, legitimate theaters, burlesque theaters, vaudeville, convention centers, early moving picture shows, nickelodeons...
Reference Desk Guide #20 Theater Program Collection <i>This collection includes thousands of local theater programs, mainly from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s.</i>	A larger number of holdings are included for the following theaters: Academy of Music, Elmwood Music Hall, Erlanger, Majestic, Shea's, Star, Studio, and Teck.

BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, AND OCCUPATIONAL RESOURCES	
Buffalo F116 .A45 (vols. 1-27) Various authors Adventures in Western New York History Buffalo, NY: Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 1960-1982 http://bechsed.nylearns.org/ (choose the series from main menu)	A concise series covering Buffalo topics such as: The Beginnings of Buffalo Industry, Power the Gift of Niagara, The Grand Canal, Manufacturers of Wheels and Motors, Glass, Erie County Railroads, 1836-1972, and Grain Elevators.
Buffalo F129 .B8 C6 Chamber Contacts Title continued by: <i>Buffalo Business, Buffalo, Western New York</i>	1924 – 1993. A Chamber of Commerce publication which reports Chamber and Buffalo business news and events and topic related to the Buffalo area economy.

BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, AND OCCUPATIONAL RESOURCES	
Buffalo HC108 .B8 T5 1985 Ticknor, Samuel H. The Economic History of Buffalo, 1825-1984 [Buffalo, N.Y.] M & T Bank, Planning and Research, 1985	
Buffalo HF296 .B9 B7 Annual Statement of the Trade and Commerce of Buffalo Buffalo, NY: [various], 1853-1928	1853-1928
Buffalo HF296 .B9 N6 The Live Wire Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, 1910-1932	1910-1932
GRO Ref S451 .N56 H4 Hedrick, Ulysses Prentiss A History of Agriculture in the State of New York Albany, NY J.B. Lyon Co., 1933	
Buffalo *SF1 .L5 Live Stock Journal Buffalo, NY: H. C. Springer, 1870-1875	1870-1875
Buffalo *TS800 L9 The Lumber world : a journal of the production and utilization of lumber	1887-1898 Mainly deals with machinery and supplies.
Buffalo *TS2120 .M7 Milling world and chronicle of the grain and flour trade Buffalo, N.Y. :C.A. Wenborne,1879-	1887-1898
See Also our guide: Buffalo Business History http://www1.buffalolib.org/libraries/collections/genealogy/subjectguides.asp#4	

CATALOGS
The library carries a variety catalogs, see the Rare Book Room section of this guide for more titles. NON-FICT TS199 .S43 - [Catalog] - Sears, Roebuck and Co. [1928-1968] NON-FICT TS199 .S432 - [Catalog] - Sears Roebuck catalogue - [1897, 1908] NON-FICT TS199 .W25 - Montgomery Ward & Co.'s catalogue : descriptive illustrated price list - [1939/1940, 1949/1950, 1952/1953]

CLUBS - A SELECT LIST
The library carries a variety club publications, many of which list their members' names and club activities. Automobile Club of Buffalo - Buffalo TL1.B8 Buffalo Motorist [1907-1968] The Buffalo Athletic Club - Buffalo HS2501 .B9 B23 BAC News [1922-1972] The Buffalo Club - Buffalo HS2725.B9 B82 1997 The Buffalo Club, 1867-1997 - Conlin, John H. The Buffalo Yacht Club - Buffalo F129.B8 B952 - The History and Lore of the Buffalo Yacht Club, 1860-1960 - Buffalo Yacht Club Erie County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals - Buffalo HV4702 .E6 - Annual Report of the Erie County Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals [1877, 1882, 1883, 1890,1892, 1893-1928, 1938] Greater Buffalo Advertising Club - Buffalo *HS2725.B9 C72 1 Ad-vents [11/1930-1/1994] The Liberal Club - Buffalo HS2725 .B9 L5 - The Liberal Club - [1891-1903] Rotary Club - Buffalo HS2725.B9 .R714 - A History of the Rotary Club of Buffalo, 1911-1955 - Rockwell, Harry W.

CLUBS - A SELECT LIST

Saturn Club – Buffalo HS2725.B8 S3 1985 - **One hundred years : 1885-1985** - Goodyear, George F.

Thursday Club – Buffalo HS2725.B9 B48 - **Concerning ourselves: a rambling history of the Thursday club 1883-1928** - Benson, George







Twentieth Century Club – Buffalo HS2725 .B9 T8 – **Annual Report of the Twentieth Century Club** – [1899-1901, 1915/16, 1918/19, 1927/28, 1933-1936, 1938/39, 1966-1968, 1972-1975]

Woman's Investigating Club – Buffalo HS2725 .B9 W48 - **[Yearbook]** – [1896-1910]

Zonta Club – Buffalo HS2725.B9 M2 - **The history of Zonta for the thirty-fifth birthday ...** - McCullough, Margaret – [a women's club]

DATABASES

<http://multisearch.buffalolib.org/buffalo.asp>

Name	Description	Access
	Includes thousands of entries, covering the entire breadth of African-American history, from African beginnings through the slave trade and the civil rights movement to the present.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.
	Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million census records from the U.S. Federal Census between the years 1790 and 1930, immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use.
	Combines three resources for research and teaching in Black Studies: Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience, International Index to Black Periodicals (IIBP), and The Chicago Defender. Includes scholarly essays, recent and historical articles, and more.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.
	Provides access to multiple reference books useful for social history research including: <i>The Encyclopedia of Food and Culture</i> , <i>American Decades</i> , <i>Colonial America Reference Library</i> , <i>Gale Encyclopedia of Economic History</i> , <i>Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America</i> , <i>Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of World Cultures</i> , and others.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.
	Contains U.S. federal census records from 1790-1930, family genealogies, local histories, tax lists, city directories, land and probate records, birth, marriage and death records, and genealogical and local history serials from the Periodical Source Index (PERSI).	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.
	Black & white, printable Sanborn maps of cities and towns in New York State. These maps are detailed and give a snapshot of a community for a specific date.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. Also available from home with a valid Buffalo and Erie County Public Library card. Sign in at address above.

DIARIES, JOURNALS, MEMOIRS, REMINISCENCES	
Buffalo CT275 .B3576 A3 Barth, Charles P. Shep: A Reminiscence Philadelphia: Whitmore Publishing Co., 1969	East Buffalo, early 20 th Century.
Buffalo F127.N6 T89 Turner, Chipman P. Dark days on the frontier of Western New York [Buffalo, N.Y., Bigelow Brothers, 1879]	Descriptive of the sieges, hardships, endurance and privations of the early pioneers; unpublished reminiscences of the surrender of Fort Niagara, and other historical events.
Buffalo F129 .B8 B88 v. 17 Buffalo Historical Society Publications, Volume Seventeen Buffalo : The Society, 1879-1960	"Some Early Buffalo Characters." p. 167-190; "Memories of Early Days in Buffalo." – p. 191-226.
Buffalo F129.B8 E9 Evans, Mary (Peacock) The journal of Mary Peacock; life, a century ago, as seen in Buffalo and Chautauqua County by a seventeen year old girl in boarding school and elsewhere Buffalo, N.Y., Privately printed [c1938]	
Buffalo F129.B8 S7 Snow, Julia F. Miller Early recollections of Buffalo [Buffalo, Mathews-Northrup, 1908]	
Buffalo F129.B8 W4 Welch, Samuel M. Home History. Recollections of Buffalo During the Decade from 1830-1840 Buffalo: Peter Paul & Bro., 1891	
Buffalo F129 .B85 R3 2008 Radder, Joseph H. Remembering Old Buffalo: The Glory Years in Western New York Buffalo, N Y : Western New York Wares, 2008	Main focus: 1920s-1950s
Buffalo F129 .B857 K86 2002 Kunz, George Buffalo Memories: Gone But Not Forgotten Buffalo, NY: Canisius College Press, 2002	1923-1995
Buffalo F129 .B89 P75 1990 Klinkenborg, Verlyn The Last Fine Time New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1991	Main focus: 1947 Buffalo, Polish community

DIRECTORIES	
Buffalo City Directories A guide is available at the Reference Desk and online at: http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#7 Online Buffalo directories: http://www.buffaloresearch.com/onlinedirectories.html	1828-present City directories include lists of businesses by category, churches, clubs and societies, cultural institutions, and other topics.

EDUCATION

Buffalo F129.B8 B4849

Wright, Helen Lienert

A history of Hutchinson-Central High School of Buffalo, N.Y.

Buffalo, NY: Thesis, 1954

Buffalo L183.B8 A2

Buffalo (N.Y.). Office of Superintendent of Schools

Annual report of the Superintendent of Common Schools, of the City of Buffalo

Buffalo, NY: various, 1839-current

Includes data such as: condition of schools, number of students, textbooks used, subjects taught, etc.

Buffalo LA339.B9 P2 1951

Pantera, Anthony Michael

History of the development of the public academic high schools of Buffalo... School

Buffalo, NY: Thesis, 1951

Buffalo LA339.B9 W44 2001

Weed, G. Morton

School days of yesterday : The Story of the Buffalo Public Schools

[Buffalo, N.Y.] : Buffalo Board of Education, c2001.

Buffalo LC503.B8 M27

Marcinkowski, Stanley M.

An historical survey of Catholic secondary education in the diocese of Buffalo, 1857-1950

n.p.: n.p., 1950

Buffalo LC503.B9 G26

Gallagher, Marie Patrice, Sister

The history of Catholic elementary education in the diocese of Buffalo, 1847-1944

Washington, D.C., Catholic Univ. of America, 1945

Includes parish, private and institutional schools.

Buffalo LC3733.B8 S35

Seller, Maxine S.

Ethnic communities and education in Buffalo, New York : politics, power, and group identity 1838-1978

Buffalo : State University of New York at Buffalo, 1979

Buffalo LC5253.B8 T4

Thomas, Ralph R.

A history of the first hundred years of adult education in the public schools of Buffalo, N.Y.

Buffalo, NY: Thesis, 1957

Buffalo LD7501.B9 B35 1994

Bailey, Judith A.

A very special place, the Buffalo Seminary : its history and the experiences of the women who attended, 1913-1985

n.p.: n.p., 1994

Yearbooks

The Grosvenor Room carries many local high school and college yearbooks. This will help you learn about the history of schools, teacher's names, student interests, and don't forget to check out the hairstyles!

Our yearbook guide is online at: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#14>.

ETHNIC GROUPS

See the following subject guides: <http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#8>

African-American Genealogy, Black History in Buffalo, Canadian Genealogy, German Genealogy, Irish Genealogy, Italian Genealogy, Jewish Genealogy, Latin American Genealogy, Native American Genealogy, Niagara Movement, Polish Genealogy, and Underground Railroad.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES	
Buffalo F127.E6 S82 Erie County Supervisor's Proceedings	1852 (RBR), 1854 (RBR), 1873-1988 Some years may be missing.
Buffalo JS662 .A2 Buffalo Common Council Proceedings	1854-1996 Some years may be missing.
Buffalo HV8378 .B9 A1 Annual report of the Board of Police of the City of Buffalo	1873-2002, some gaps. Many of the early years detail homicides and/or major cases. Statistics related to crime and the police force are also given. Examples of statistics: number and types of crime, ethnicity and occupations of criminals.
Buffalo TH9505 .B8 A1 Annual report [Buffalo Fire Department]	1866-1920, 1956-1997. Some years may be missing. Details of fires including, address, date, owner/occupier of property and cause. Locations of hydrants and reservoirs. Details about and members of fire departments.

IMAGES	
Buffalo F129 .B8 B71 Album and Year Book: A Record of Buffalo's Local Events... Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Express, [1886-1915]	
GRO Ref F129.B8 B88 V.16 Severance, Frank H. The Picture Book of Earlier Buffalo Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Historical Society, 1912	
Folio F129 .B8 B91 Buffalo Illustrated Buffalo, NY: Courier Printing Co., 1890	
GRO Ref. *F129 .B8 H78 Hubbell, Mark H., ed. Buffalo, the City Beautiful: Its Homes, Gardens, and Environs Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Truth Pub., 1931	
See also our Illustration guide: http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#12	

INSTITUTIONS – LONG OR SHORT TERM FACILITIES	
GRO F127.C7 B378 1992, 2 vols. Barden, Virginia W. Chautauqua County Alms House and Asylum Fredonia, N.Y. : Chautauqua County Genealogical Society, 1992	Book two contains extractions from journals of Martin T. Spellacy (a resident), and names and personal histories of indentured children and persons to who they were indentured.
Buffalo HV63.U6 B46 2006 Beman, Lynn S. On the Edge of Town : Almshouses in Western New York Williamsville, N.Y. : People Inc., c2006	
Buffalo HV63 .U6 H55 1998 Higgins, Rosanne L. The Biology of Poverty: Epidemiological Transition in Western New York Buffalo, N.Y.: Thesis, 1998	

INSTITUTIONS – LONG OR SHORT TERM FACILITIES	
Buffalo HV8378.E8 A2 Erie County Penitentiary Annual report of the Commissioners of the Erie County Penitentiary to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Erie Buffalo, N.Y. : The Commissioners, 1859-1898	1859-1898, some gaps.
For more sources on orphan asylums and almshouses – See our Adoption & Orphanage guide: http://www1.buffalolib.org/libraries/collections/genealogy/subjectguides.asp#13	

LOCAL HISTORY FILES				
Try searching for the headings listed under the file's name.				
Buffalo File		A card index of facts, newspaper and periodical articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area.		
Chronology Climate Cost of Living Ethnic Groups – Look by ethnic group names	Facts First Facts History Holidays Industry – under specific industry names.	Legends Maps Neighborhoods Population	Restaurants Social Life Social Life and Customs Statistics	Views Visitors Vital Statistics Weather
Famous Visitors File		An index to Buffalo's cultural life, with citations for plays, concerts, lectures, and performers.		
Search under the name of a person/acting troupe/band or title of work [play, film etc.]				
Local History File		A card index of newspaper and periodical articles about people, places, and things in the Buffalo area.		
Buffalo in [year] Cost of Living Crime	Epidemics Erie County (General) History	History Chronologies Holidays [also by name of holiday] Neighborhoods	Population Restaurants Settlement	Social Events [Town name] Weather

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS
Buffalo F117 .S73 1813 Spafford, Horatio Gates A gazetteer of the state of New-York; : carefully written from original and authentic materials, arranged on a new plan, in three parts ... With an accurate map of the state Albany, NY: H.C. Southwick, 1813 http://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/001873826
Location: Ask a librarian for assistance Sanborn Maps – Buffalo, NY: 1888-1986 Sanborn Maps are very detailed property maps which show you a snapshot of a neighborhood for a specific date.
Location: Local History File, Ask a librarian for assistance Maps of Buffalo & Erie County A card file which lists Buffalo and Erie County maps owned by B&ECPL. The map descriptions are in chronological order by topic.
See also our guide to Buffalo and Erie County Atlases: http://www1.buffalolib.org/libraries/collections/genealogy/subjectguides.asp#10

MEDICAL	NOTES
Buffalo R153 .W6 Woodward, Jane S. Men of Medicine in Erie County (1821-1971) Buffalo [N.Y.] : Medical Society, County of Erie, 1971	
Buffalo R292.B9 M43 1996 Sentz, Lilli, Comp. Medical history in Buffalo, 1846-1996 : collected essays [Buffalo, NY] : Friends of the Health Sciences Library and School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1996	
Buffalo RA122 .B8 1878 Buffalo (N.Y.) Department of Health Annual report	1859, 1878-1936 Many years give reports of numbers of deaths by cause, communicable diseases by ward, number of marriages and births.
Buffalo RA975.C37 R54 2005 Richardson, Jean A History of the Sisters of Charity Hospital, Buffalo, New York, 1848-1900 Lewiston, N.Y.: Edwin Mellen Press, 2005	
Buffalo RA982.B84 B8 Buffalo General Hospital ... annual report Buffalo, N.Y. : BGH, various	1886-1994, some gaps Early reports include diagnoses, surgeries performed, ethnicity of patients.
Buffalo RA982.B95 M4 Ulrick, Helen Then and Now: A series of articles tracing the history of Millard Fillmore Hospital Buffalo, N.Y.: Public Relations Office, Millard Fillmore Hospital, [1983?]	
Buffalo RC443 .D68 1996 Dowdall, George W. The Eclipse of the State Mental Hospital Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 1996	
Buffalo RC445 .N7 B7 Annual report of the visitors of the Buffalo State Hospital Utica, N.Y., State Hospitals Press, 1871-1984	1871-1984, some gaps Title varies.
Buffalo RJ28.B9 C4 Buffalo (N.Y.) Children's Hospital Annual report ... Buffalo, N.Y.: [Holling Press], various	1893-1936, 1980-1991 Early reports include diagnoses, surgeries performed, ethnicity of patients.

MILITARY RESOURCES BUFFALO AREA	NOTES
Buffalo E523.6 23RD .K57 1979 Kittinger, Joseph W. Diary, 1861-1865 / Joseph Kittinger, 23rd New York Independent Battery, enlisted Sep't. 1861 as Private, mustered out April 19, 1865 as 1st. Lieutenant. Buffalo, N.Y. : Kittinger Co., in cooperation with Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, [1963?]	

MILITARY RESOURCES BUFFALO AREA	NOTES
Buffalo E601 .J78 1973 Joslin, Chauncey P. Joslin's diary, 1862 [Springville, N.Y.] :Bonita Joslin,1973	Company A, 64 th New York Infantry. "Cattaraugus Regiment." Joslin was from Springville, NY.
Buffalo E601 .N14 Nagle, Theodore M. Reminiscences of the Civil War [Erie, Pa. :Dispatch Ptg. & Eng. Co.,1923]	Company C, 21 st Regiment New York Infantry "1 st Buffalo Regiment."
Buffalo E601 .O93 C58 1992 Overfield, Joseph M. The Civil War letters of Private George Parks Company C, 24th New York Cavalry Volunteers Buffalo, N.Y.: printed by Gallagher Printing, 1992.	Company C, 24 th New York Cavalry
Buffalo E611 .K29 Kelley, Daniel G. What I Saw and Suffered in Rebel Prisons Buffalo, NY: Matthews & Warren, 1866	Company K, 24 th New York Cavalry
GRO Ref E355 .N5 H3 1995 Graves, Donald E., ed. Soldiers of 1814: American Enlisted Men's Memoirs of the Niagara Campaign Youngstown, NY: Old Fort Niagara Association, 1995	
See also our military guides: http://www.buffalolib.org/content/grosvenor/guides-publications#11 Civil War Resources, Military Resources for Buffalo and Erie County, Military Resources for Areas Other Than Buffalo and Erie County, War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier.	

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS		
Call Number/Location	Title	Dates We Have
General		
[FASHION] NON-FICT **Mag H295	Harper's Bazaar	1868-2005, some gaps
[GENERAL INTEREST 1897-PRESENT; HEALTH 1982- PRESENT] NON-FICT **Mag S26	Saturday Evening Post	1897-2009, most recent year
[HOME ECONOMICS] NON-FICT *Mag G64 25	Good Housekeeping	1885-2009
[HOME ECONOMICS] NON-FICT **Mag. L155 26	The Ladies' Home Journal	1891-2007
[LITERATURE] NON-FICT **Mag S265	Saturday Review of Literature	1924-1986.
[LITERATURE] Microfilm – with the New York Times Sunday newspaper	New York Times Book Review	1896-present
[MUSIC] Film 101; **ML5 .B45 2	Billboard Magazine	Dec. 1919-Dec. 1962; 1992-2012 - film 11/20/1961-08/1993 – print Last several months - print

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS		
[NEWS, GENERAL] NON-FICT **Mag C75	Collier's Weekly	1900-1957, some gaps
[NEWS, PHOTOJOURNALISM 1936-2000; GENERAL INTEREST 1883-1936] NON-FICT *Mag L63 [to 1936]; *Mag L64 [1936-1972]; *Mag L641 [1978- 2000]	Life	1883-2000, some gaps
Buffalo Area		
Buffalo F127 .N6 N58	Niagara Frontier Often includes brief reminiscences, illustrations, and articles on WNY historical topics.	1953-1983
Buffalo F129 .B8 B925	Buffalo Rising Focuses on entertainment, attractions, restaurants, neighborhoods, and people.	2004-2009
Buffalo F129 .B8 B926	Buffalo Spree Buffalo area entertainment, arts, travel, fashion, food and restaurants, advertisements, and people.	1967-current
Buffalo *F129 .B8 T8	Trend: Buffalo's News Weekly of Fact & Opinion Politics, welfare, public works, science, labor, theater, art, sport, calendar, government, business, education, religion, medicine, music, persons, law, and other topics.	1933-1934
Buffalo F129.B8 W38	WNY Heritage	1997-current
Buffalo HF5068 .B8 D47	Destination Buffalo	2000-2003
Buffalo Mag .T6	Town Tidings WNY events, art, fashion, sports, theater.	1927-1937
Newspaper on Microfilm	Aurora Standard	East Aurora, NY. 1835-1838
Newspaper on Microfilm	Amherst Bee	Amherst, NY. 1879-1932
Newspaper on Microfilm	Buffalo Commercial Advertiser	1842-1924
Newspaper on Microfilm	Buffalo Daily Courier/Courier Express	11/1/1842-9/19/1982
Newspaper on Microfilm	Buffalo Morning Express	1/15/1846-6/13/1926
Newspaper on Microfilm	Buffalo News	4/11/1881-present
Newspaper on Microfilm	Buffalo Times	12/13/1883-7/30/1939
Newspaper on Microfilm	Erie County Independent	Hamburg, NY. 1875-1944, gaps.
Newspaper on Microfilm	Kenmore Record Advertiser	Kenmore, NY. 1916-1970
Newspaper on Microfilm	Niagara Patriot/Buffalo Gazette/Buffalo Patriot	4/21/1818-6/26/1821
Newspaper on Microfilm	Springville Journal	Springville, NY. 1867-2003
Buffalo Newspapers: Many other Buffalo area newspapers are available. See a librarian for assistance.		

RARE BOOK ROOM	NOTES
Items in Rare Book Room may be seen by appointment (716-858-8900).	
RBR NIAGARA 1874.H7 Horner's Buffalo and Niagara Falls guide and encyclopedia of useful knowledge Buffalo : W.T. Horner, A.M., publisher, 1874 Online: http://archive.org/details/hornersbuffaloni00buff	Description and business listings.
RBR PS1714 .F3 - CENTRAL Freeman, William R. Reminiscences of farm life in western New York, seventy years ago Freeman, William R. [St. Louis, Mo. : s.n.], c1894 Online: http://archive.org/details/reminiscencesoff00free	In the form of poetry.
RBR WNYO 1824.S6 Spafford, Horatio Gates A pocket guide for the tourist and traveller : along the line of the canals, and the interior commerce of the State of New York New-York : Printed by T. and J. Swords, 1824 Online: http://hdl.handle.net/2027/hvd.hxtdsr	
RBR WNYO 1825.B2 Buffalo, in 1825 : containing historical and statistical sketches. Illustrated with a map of the village and view of the harbor Buffalo : S. Ball, H.A. Salisbury printer, 1825	
RBR WNYO 1825.M3 Marvin, Le Grand Diary of Le Grand Marvin 1825 [Buffalo, 1825]	
RBR WNYO 1841.K45 Ketchum, Mary Anne [Mrs. Jesse Ketchum's receipt book] [Buffalo, 1841?]	
RBR WNYO 1842.W28 [Diary of William H. Walker] [Buffalo, NY: 1842-1853]	Handwritten diary kept by William H. Walker, a prominent Buffalo businessman, from 1842 through 1853.
RBR WNYO 1847.P2 [Diary of Mary M. Hamilton] 1842-1847	1842-1847. Mary M. Hamilton, author of this diary, was born in Vermont in 1818 or 1819. She married Perry G. Parker, a Buffalo, N.Y. lawyer, He was born in Hamburg, N.Y., Feb. 1, 1818; d. Buffalo, N.Y. Dec. 25, 1879.
RBR WNYO 1851.M48 Meteorological observations at Buffalo [manuscript] : 1851-1854,1858-1903 [1811-1832, 1851-1854, 1858-1903]	Includes newspaper clippings relating to weather in Buffalo. "Meteorology of Buffalo village from November 5th 1811 to May 9th 1832" -- data collected by William Ives in 1863 from six local newspapers.
RBR WNYO 1853.H54 Highways of the town of Buffalo 1830-1853 1830-1853	
RBR WNYO 1883.P9 Putnam, James O. (James Osborne) [Journal of James O. Putnam] [1883-1896]	Journal includes invitations and letters written to Mr. Putnam.

RARE BOOK ROOM	NOTES
RBR WNYO 1890.H67 [Horace Briggs collection] [1890-1906]	Collection of books and personal items relating to Buffalo educator Horace Briggs, including two journals (1890-1892).
RBR WNYO 1890.M8 [Musical performance advertisements, Buffalo and New York, N.Y.] [Buffalo, N.Y. : s.n., 1890-1909]	Published advertisements and programs for live musical performances, 1890-1909, mainly in Buffalo, N.Y. and in New York City.
RBR WNYO 1894.C7 A Complete pocket guide of the city of Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo, N.Y. : J. Laughlin, [1894?]	Containing a brief sketch of the city, descriptions of all places of interest, and a directory of leading business firms to which is appended a street guide and map of the city.
RBR WNYO 1900.R2 Ransom's family receipt book Buffalo, N.Y. : D. Ransom, Son & Co., [1870-1899] 1885 ed. online: http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/eea_CK0003/	Rare Book Room copies include: 1870,1872,1874-1875,1877-1879,1881-1884,1886-1887, 1889,1899.
RBR WNYO 1900.S27 Automobile industry in Buffalo, New York, 1900-1987 [Buffalo, N.Y., 19--]	
RBR WNYO 1905.B35 Bailey, George Milroy --Another-- ten years in Buffalo : the development of the past decade [Buffalo, NY] : Published by the author, 1905	Economic development.
RBR WNYO 1907.E3 My diary of 1907 1907	Handwritten diary that covers events, financial accounts of a Buffalo resident, Benjamin Eichberg.
RBR WNYO 1910.S4 Sellstedt, Lars Gustaf Art in Buffalo, by Lars Gustaf Sellstedt Buffalo, The Matthews-Northrup Works, 1910	
RBR WNYO 1916.I45 Illustrated Buffalo and souvenir book with city map and street guide Buffalo, N.Y. : C.E. Burk, 1916	
RBR WNYO 1922.E44 Emerson, George D. The Excelsior Diary [Philadelphia, Pa.(?) : William F. Murphy's Sons(?), 1922	The published diary contains preliminary p. of tables and information, followed by handwritten notes, describing weather and activities for most days of the year.
<p>A select list of catalogs</p> <p>For more catalogs see the separate <i>Buffalo Business History</i> guide.</p> <p>RBR F129.B8 L27 38-115 ED., 1902-1936- Premium lists - Larkin Co. [1902-1936. clothing & accessories, house furnishings, jewelry, musical instruments, porcelain, soap]</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1886.B7 - Catalogue of fashions for Fall & Winter, 1886-87 - Bronner & Company [1886].</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1888.B7 - Spring & summer [cat]a-log - Bronner & Company [1888. Department Store].</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1892.C58 - Clark & Hill Mfg. Co., Lim. catalogue, 1892 - Clark & Hill [1892. Carriages and Carts].</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1895.G46 - Pierce and Queen City bicycles - George N. Pierce & Co. [1895. Bicycles].</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1900.B89 - Buffalo Pitts engines - Buffalo Pitts Company [1900. Farm machinery].</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1910.C3 - Catalogue no. 67 - C. Sidney Shepard & Co. [1910. metal stampings, household furnishings and appliances].</p> <p>RBR WNYO 1921.F5 - Ribbonology - Flint & Kent [1921. Ribbons, dress accessories, handbags, children's clothing].</p>	

RELIGION
Buffalo BM225.B8 B8 Temple Beth El Temple Beth El's first century; centennial souvenir book, 1847-1947 Buffalo, NY: [Temple Beth El, 1947]
Buffalo BR560 .B85 A4 Buffalo Council of Churches Where Buffalo Worships [Buffalo, N.Y. : Cowan-Penfold Company], 1927
Buffalo BR560 .B85 B8 1931 Downer, R.E. Buffalo Church Directory Buffalo, N.Y. : R.E. Downer, c1931
Buffalo BV2803 N3 T5 Timon, John, Bp. Missions in Western New York, and church history of the Diocese of Buffalo Buffalo : Catholic Sentinel Print., 1862
Buffalo BX1417.B8 D6 Donohue, Thomas, Reverend History of the Catholic Church in Western New York : Diocese of Buffalo Buffalo, New York : Catholic Historical Publishing Co., 1904
Buffalo BX8249.B9 H9 Hunt, Sandford Methodism in Buffalo, from its origin to the close of 1892 Buffalo, N.Y., H.H. Otis & sons, 1893
The library carries many individual church histories. Please ask a librarian for assistance.

TIMELINES	NOTES
AY67.B9 N4 Buffalo Evening News Almanac and Yearbook Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Evening News, [1933-1979]	Many years include yearly Buffalo area chronologies. 1933-1979
Buffalo F129 .B8 B71 Album and Year Book: A Record of Buffalo's Local Events... Buffalo, NY: Buffalo Express, [1886-1915]	1886-1915
GRO Ref F129.B8 N44 - CENTRAL News of the year: Buffalo's 150 years of history, year by year... Buffalo, N.Y. : University Press, c1982	1832-1981

TIPS

Thinking about the following questions in relation to your ancestors will help you formulate a list of topics to research.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the span of their lifetime? • Did they live during important local, domestic, or world events such as the Pan American Exposition, the War of 1812, Prohibition? • What was their occupation? Where did they work? • Did they ever live in an institution? • Did they have health problems? • Were they physically or mentally challenged? • Were they a member of a club? • What were their hobbies? • What schools did they attend? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What neighborhood did they live in? • Were they in the military? • Were they religious? What denomination? • What ethnic group did they belong to? • What gender was he/her? • What challenges would they have faced? • Who did their close family consist of? • What technology would have been in their lives? • What were their means of travel? • What were their means of entertainment? |
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Use the following types of resources:

- **Annual Reports** – These exist for government agencies such as cities, counties, police departments, fire departments, social services, and penitentiaries; institutions such as hospitals, orphanages, schools, social agencies; as well as clubs and businesses.
- **Catalogs** – clothing, department stores, bicycles, furniture, appliances.
- **Diaries/Journals/Reminiscences** – Get first-hand looks about specific locations for a certain time period.
- **Local History Books** – Often include sections on the way of life, the development of institutions and industry as well as many other topics.
- **Manuals/Guides/Handbooks** – For an occupation (i.e. tanning), etiquette, games, entertaining, home economics.
- **Newspapers and other periodicals** – Step into a time period by browsing newspapers and periodicals which were published for a certain date. Check out the advertisements to learn about product pricing, availability and styles.
- **Social History Books, General** – It is possible to find a history about just about anything: schools, businesses, fashion, an occupation, a geographic location, a time period, family life, sports, and much more.

TRANSPORTATION	NOTES
Buffalo F127 .E5 A49 1993 Stack, Debbie J. and Wilson, Donald A., eds. Always Know Your Pal: Children on the Erie Canal Syracuse, N.Y. : Erie Canal Museum, 1993.	Oral histories and photos of childhood on the Erie Canal.
Buffalo F127 .E5 E79 Larkin, Daniel F. et al, eds. Erie Canal: New York's Gift to the Nation Peterborough, N.H. : Cobblestone Publishing Co., c2001	Includes essays, documents, and photos relating to the Erie Canal.
Buffalo F127 .E5 M76 2001 Murphy, Dan The Erie Canal: The Ditch that Opened a Nation Buffalo, NY: Western New York Wares, 2001	
GRO INDX F551 .M28, 2 vols Mansfield, John B. History of the Great Lakes Chicago, IL: J.H. Beers & Co., 1899	Includes a chronology of lake events beginning on p. 579
Buffalo HE395 .N77 M38 1998 McAfee, Michele A. A Long Haul: The Story of the New York State Barge Canal Fleischmanns, New York: Purple Mountain Press, 1998	

TRANSPORTATION	NOTES
Buffalo TF24 .N7 D86 1996 Dunn, Rev. Edward T. A History of Railroads in Western New York Buffalo, NY: The Heritage Press, 1996	

WEATHER	NOTES
Buffalo QC 984.N6 U62 U. S. Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau. Annual Meteorological Summary of Buffalo, New York Washington : U.S. G.P.O.	Buffalo weather data for the years 1906-1939. Monthly summaries of data such as temperature, precipitation, and wind are given as well as comparative charts which give data back to 1871.
Buffalo QC 984.N6 K6 Kolker, Benjamin Summary of Weather Records at Buffalo: Nov. 1, 1870 – Nov. 1 1970 Buffalo, National Weather Service, Buffalo Office, 1970	A chart of weather records as of 1970 including topics such as average and extreme: temperatures, precipitation, snowfall, and wind speed.
Buffalo QC 929.S7 R67 1999 Rossie, Erno White Death: The Blizzard of '77 Port Colborne, Ont. : 77 Pub., 2007.	Read first hand American and Canadian accounts of the storm. Black and white images are included.

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 <i>Local History File</i> . A guide by subject is available for perusal. Most volumes are of interest to social historians including, but not limited to:		
BR560 .B85B8 Churches in Buffalo and Vicinity F127 .E6B58 Erie County History F129 .B8B692414 Buffalo Military Affairs F129 .B8B69243 Celebrations in Buffalo F129 .B8B6925 Homes in Buffalo and Vicinity F129 .B8B6926 Hotels, Taverns, and Restaurants in Buffalo F129 .B8B6927 Industry in Buffalo and Niagara Frontier	F129 .B8B6928 Local History, Clippings GV431 .B9B9 Playgrounds in Buffalo GV584.5 .B9B9 Sports in Buffalo HE214 .B9B9 Transportation in Buffalo: Street Cars and Buses HE554 .B8B9 Buffalo Harbor HF5472 .U7B9B88 Buffalo Markets HS17 .B9 Clubs, Associations, and Fraternal Organizations of Buffalo HV99 .B86B72 Charities in Buffalo	JK1896 .W658 1900 Woman Suffrage JV7051 .B8 B8, 2 vols. Buffalo's Foreign Population LA339 .B9B93 Schools of Buffalo N6535 .B9B85 Art in Western New York PN2277 .B8B8 Theater and Convention Halls in Buffalo QC 984.N6 B9 The Weather RA448 .B9B85 Health Scrapbook SB483 .B9B88 Parks in Buffalo

SELECTED WEBSITES	NOTES
http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/adaccess/ Ad* Access [Duke University]	Advertisements 1911-1957
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html The American Memory Project	Topics include cities/towns, immigration, military, maps, ethnic groups, and others.
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/browse/ListSome.php?format=Printed+Work The American Memory Project – Books and Print Collections	Print sources by categories including ethnic groups, military, women, advertising, and others.

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http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/wpaintro/ The American Memory Project – Life Histories	Online manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project 1936-1940.
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/award97/ncuhtml/fpnashome.html The American Memory Project – First Person Narratives of the American South, 1860-1920	Includes diaries, autobiographies, memoirs, travel accounts, and ex-slave narratives.
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ndlpcoop/mahtml/ncphome.html The American Memory Project – The Making of America	Books and periodicals from the 19 th Century.
http://cdl.library.cornell.edu/ Cornell University Windows on the Past	A historical digital collection which focuses on many topics including New York history, anti-slavery, agriculture, Asia, Indonesia, Native Americans, social welfare, witchcraft, and others.
http://tiny.cc/739xdw Farm, Field, and Fireside	An agricultural newspaper collection.
http://www.fultonhistory.com Fulton History	Online historical newspapers from across New York State.
http://www3.gendisasters.com/ GenDisasters	A website dedicated to detailing disasters such as fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and others.
http://www.genwriters.com/index.html GenWriters	Includes many helpful links and advice.
http://www.buffaloah.com/h/histindex.html#Anchor The History of Buffalo: A Chronology	Covers 1664-2002.
http://hearth.library.cornell.edu/ Home Economics Archive	Hundreds of thousands of online books and journals focused on home economics published from 1850-1950.
http://www.westegg.com/inflation/ The Inflation Calculator	Find the value of the American dollar 1800-2010.
http://archive.org/index.php The Internet Archive	Includes about 3.5 million full-text books, millions of audio files, and thousands of audio and video files.
http://www.la84foundation.org/5va/over_frmst.htm LA84 Foundation	A digital archive of sports journals, magazines, and books covering the late 19 th -early 20 th centuries.
http://www.myancestorslife.com/ My Ancestor's Life	Living history videos.
http://newdeal.feri.org/ The New Deal Network	Documents, photographs, and history about the Great Depression.
http://www.newyorkheritage.org/ New York Heritage	A wide variety of materials from all across New York State.
http://www.poloniamusic.com/ Polonia Music	Listen and watch videos of Polish heritage music and dance. Some with a Western New York connection.
http://storycorps.org/ Story Corps	Listen to personal stories about a variety of topics.
http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/resources/digital.php The Vietnam Center and Archive Digital Collections	Includes videos, oral histories, maps, and other material.
http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/html/search/search.html Veteran's History Project	An oral history project covering WWI-present. Some interviews are online.

SELECTED WEBSITES	NOTES
http://www.wunderground.com/history/ Weather Underground	Historic weather data. Buffalo's data goes back to 1945.
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/ww/ Women Working, 1800-1930 [Harvard University]	Online books, pamphlets, diaries, magazines, manuscripts, photographs, catalogs, and other resources.

VERTICAL FILE			
The Grosvenor Room collects articles, pamphlets, and clippings about local history. Ask for this folder:			
Buffalo Social Life and Customs Clubs Economic Conditions Erie Canal Ethnic Groups History [various time periods] Holland Land Company	<i>[Individual names of Erie County Towns]</i> Industries Labor History and Unions Markets Media Medical History in Western New York	Music and Songs Neighborhoods Parks Prohibition Religions Restaurants	Schools Sports Theaters Transportation Weather Women

eLIBRARY: THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY	
http://elibrary.buffalolib.org/	
eLibrary is a database showing the books, magazines, CDs, videos, maps, and manuscripts owned by the Buffalo and Erie County Public Library. It includes the Grosvenor Room, all departments in the Central Library, and every town and branch library. Anyone may access it for free on the internet at the address above.	
To find additional Erie County social life and customs-related items in our collection beyond those listed in this guide, try these Subject searches.	
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Perform a “regular” title search for the series name listed here:	
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<p>Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society Research Library 25 Nottingham Court Buffalo, NY 14216 (716) 873-9644, ext. 306 http://www.bechs.org/library/index.htm</p>	<p>Holdings include diaries, manuscripts, personal papers, local histories, and many other materials. View the guides on their website to learn more about their resources.</p>
<p>SUNY College at Buffalo Archives and Special Collections E. H. Butler Library 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222 716-878-6308 http://library.buffalostate.edu/archives/</p>	<p>Materials include family papers; the Buffalo Courier Express archives and other collections.</p>
<p>SUNY College at Buffalo Monroe Fordham Regional History Center Buffalo State College History and Social Studies Education Department C 205 Classroom Building 1300 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, New York 14222-1096 (716) 878-5412 http://www.monroefordham.org/collection_index.html#collections</p>	<p>Has a focus on African American history, but includes general materials as well. Includes the Uncrowned Queens Archives, personal papers, Buffalo Regional History Collection, Buffalo vertical files, Buffalo Organization papers, and other materials.</p>
<p>University at Buffalo Special Collections 420 Capen Hall University at Buffalo Buffalo, NY 14260-1674 (716) 645-2918 http://libweb1.lib.buffalo.edu:8080/findingaids/search</p>	<p>The University at Buffalo's Special Collections Library holds a wide variety of local materials including personal and organizational papers, photographs, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, Jewish archives, Pan American Exposition materials, catalogs, diaries, manuscripts, oral histories and more.</p>