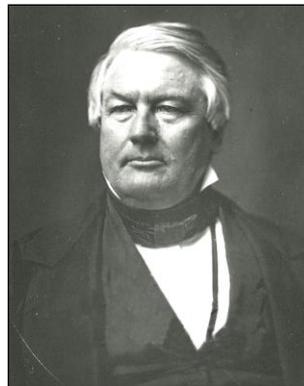


Biographical Resources for Buffalo and Erie County:

Selected Sources in the Grosvenor Room



Left to Right: Mary Burnett Talbert, Harold Arlen, Millard Fillmore, Louise Blanchard Bethune

Key

*	= Oversized book
Buffalo	= In Buffalo Collection in Grosvenor Room
Folio	= A very oversized book
GRO	= In Grosvenor Room
HQ	= HeritageQuest Online, a database
LHF	= Local History File
RBR	= In Rare Book Room, available by appointment
Ref.	= Reference book, cannot be borrowed
STACKS	= Shelved in Closed Stacks, ask staff to retrieve
STKSNC	= In storage, cannot be borrowed, ask staff to retrieve

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Introduction

The following is a select list of biographical resources in the Grosvenor Room. **For more research ideas please see our subject guide collection.** Topics include, but are not limited to: ethnic groups, military research, census resources, business history, researching obituaries, and vital records. The guides are available online at the following link:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications>

Nearly everything listed here can be found in the Grosvenor Room (GRO). Material in the Grosvenor Room does not circulate and cannot be removed from the room. In a few cases, there are duplicate copies of these books that can be borrowed from the General Non-Fiction Collection.

The Local History File – A Great Place to Start Your Research

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
<p>c. 1920-1982 (some earlier and later)</p> <p>Local publications not indexed anywhere else, are still indexed in the Local History File. This includes resources such as Western New York Heritage and Buffalo Spree.</p>	<p>Local History File</p> <p>A card file located behind the Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Our Local History File is a valuable resource that you won't find anywhere else. It is our most comprehensive resource for Buffalo research and a good place to start for most researchers. It indexes select local publications including newspapers, magazines, books, our scrapbook collection, and our vertical files. It covers Buffalo people, places, things, and history.</p> <p>To search for citations related to a person, look alphabetically by the individual's last name. You may also find citations about individuals under other subject headings that they were/are associated with such as: businesses, clubs, crime, homes, and others.</p>

General Local History and Biography Resources

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
<p>1830-1840 ©1890</p>	<p>Buffalo F129.B8 W4 Welch, Samuel M. Home History. Recollections of Buffalo During the Decade from 1830-1840 Buffalo: Peter Paul & Bro., 1891 Online@ https://archive.org/</p>	<p>Along with memories of the city, Mr. Welch gives anecdotes, descriptions of, and other details about individuals who were prominent in Buffalo's early history. Available in HQ.</p>
<p>©1879-1959</p>	<p>Buffalo F 129 B8 B88 Publications of the Buffalo Historical Society. 34+ volumes Online@ http://tinyurl.com/BECHS010</p>	<p>These books cover various Buffalo and Erie County historical topics. Indexes to main topics in volumes 1-31 and to illustrations in volumes 1-34 are available (Buffalo F129.B8B88 Index). Each individual volume has an every name index.</p>
<p>©1883 (original publication date)</p>	<p>Buffalo F129.C72 B8 1992 Briggs, Erasmus History of the Original Town of Concord, Being the Present Towns of Concord, Collins, N. Collins and Sardinia, Erie County, New York Camden, Maine: Picton Press, 1992 Online @ https://archive.org/</p>	<p>An extensive work which includes biographical sketches, family histories, reminiscences, industry histories, land ownership, church histories, early settlers lists, business directories, tax assessment rolls, lists of soldiers, and society member lists. An every name index is included. The 1883 edition is available in HQ.</p>
<p>©1884</p>	<p>Buffalo F127.E6 S6 Smith, H. Perry, ed. History of the City of Buffalo and Erie County Syracuse, NY: D. Mason & Co., 1884 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/</p>	<p>A two volume set which features some biographies of prominent men. Available in HQ.</p>
<p>©1888</p>	<p>GRO Folio F129.B8 B7 City of Buffalo: its history and</p>	<p>Portraits, business profiles, and biographical sketches are included in this work. Main</p>

	<p>institutions, with illustrated sketches of its industries and commerce and some of its citizens – Buffalo Express Buffalo, N.Y., Matthews, Northrup & Co., 1888</p>	<p><i>subjects indexed in LHF.</i></p>
©1896	<p>Buffalo *F129 .B8 D3 [Devoy, John] A history of the city of Buffalo and Niagara Falls Buffalo : The Times, 1896 Online @ https://archive.org/</p>	<p>Short biographies, some with portraits, are included.</p>
©1898	<p>Buffalo F127.E6 W5 White, Truman C., ed. Our County and Its People: A Descriptive Work on Erie County New York The Boston History Publishers, 1898 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/</p>	<p>Volume II is composed of brief biographical entries of prominent historic and contemporary Erie County citizens. <i>Available in HQ.</i></p>
©1898	<p>Buffalo F118 .M53 Men of New York, Volume I Buffalo: G. E. Matthews & Co., 1898 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/</p>	<p>Includes single page biographical sketches including photographs of men around New York State. Many Buffalonians are included. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i></p>
©1901	<p>Folio GRO F129.B8 B69 2006 Williams, Otis H., comp. Buffalo: Old and New Buffalo: William S. Hein & Co., 2006.</p>	<p>A chronological history of Buffalo which includes portraits and brief biographies.</p>
©1908	<p>Buffalo F129.B8 B75 A History of the City of Buffalo: Its Men and Institutions Buffalo: Buffalo News, 1908 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/</p>	<p>Profiles of prominent men and businesses are included in this book along with many photographs. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i></p>
©1923	<p>Buffalo F129.B8 H54 Municipality of Buffalo: A History New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1923 Online @ https://www.familysearch.org/library/books/</p>	<p>The third and fourth volumes of this reference set are dedicated to biographies of influential local men. Individuals associated with specific professions, the military, churches, as well as clubs and organizations are also highlighted in the first two volumes. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF. Available in HQ.</i></p>
©1931	<p>Buffalo F127.N6 W74 Wilner, Merton M. Niagara Frontier: A Narrative and Documentary History [History of the Niagara Frontier] Chicago: The S. J. Clarke Pub. Co., 1931</p>	<p>Volumes three and four are dedicated to biographical information. The biographies usually run 1-5 pages in length and include personal, family, and professional information. Portraits are often included. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF. Available in HQ.</i></p>
©1983	<p>Buffalo F129.C55 B3 Baker, Oneta M. History of the Town of Clarence Clarence Center, NY: Diane C. Baker, 1983</p>	<p>Includes biographical sketches of businessmen; early settlers, doctors, and clergymen; military histories; and other information.</p>

Various	<p>Local History Vertical File</p> <p>The filing cabinets are locked and ID is required.</p>	<p>The Local History Vertical Files contain newspaper clippings, pamphlets, brochures, programs, etc., that have to do with Buffalo and Erie County. A subject index is available on the top of the file cabinets.</p> <p>To search for biographical files, look in the index under the "Biography." You may also be interested in files associated with your research subject such as business, clubs, institutions, and others. <i>Many articles included in the files are indexed in LHF.</i></p>
Various	<p>Local History Books</p> <p>Erie County histories are in the Buffalo Collection and out-of-county materials are in the Grosvenor Collection.</p>	<p>County and town histories can provide important information about our ancestors. Details they may provide include: biographies and portraits of influential citizens, general family histories, vital and related record lists, lists of professionals and club members, military rosters, and details about what life was like during specific time periods or for specific population groups.</p>

Atlases

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
©1880	<p>GRO Folio F127.E6 B5</p> <p>Illustrated Historical Atlas of Erie Co. New-York: From Actual Surveys and Records</p> <p>New York: F.W. Beers & Co., 1880</p> <p>Online @ https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/</p>	<p>Short select biographies are given at the end of the work in the "Erie County Personal Notices section." Longer profiles are mixed in with the maps.</p>
©1909	<p>GRO Folio F127.E6 C4</p> <p>New Century Atlas of Erie County, New York</p> <p>Buffalo: Century Map Co., 1909</p>	<p>Brief select biographies are given in the "Representative Commercial, Industrial, Financial and Professional Interests" section at the back of the book.</p>

Business and Occupational Resources

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1800s -1955 (Authors)	<p>Buffalo Authors File</p> <p>A card file located behind the Reference Desk.</p>	<p>Gives basic biographical facts and/or titles of works.</p>
1800s-mid 1900s (Beer Industry)	<p>Beer Industry in Buffalo</p> <p>A card file located behind the Reference</p>	<p>About 300 cards containing information about brewers, distributors and general beer industry topics. Entries include city directory listings, scrapbook notations,</p>

	Desk.	book citations, vertical file listings, and newspaper citations.
1821-1971 (Medical)	Buffalo R153.W6 Woodward, Jane S. Men of Medicine in Erie County, 1821-1971 Buffalo: Medical Society, County of Erie, 1971	Brief biographies of doctors are included in this work. Educational and professional details are given and sometimes death information is included.
c. 1870-1960 (Arts)	Famous Visitor's File A card file located behind the Reference Desk.	An index to Buffalo's cultural life, with citations for plays, concerts, lectures, and performers.
©1880 (Industry)	Buffalo F129.B8 C7 Marthens, A.F., ed. Commerce, Manufactures & Resources of Buffalo and Environs Commercial Publishing Co., 1880 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/	Businesses are profiled and personal information about business owners is often given. An index is included in the back of the work.
©1884 (Industry)	GRO Ref F129.B8 E39 Edwards, Richard New York's Great Industries: Buffalo and Its Vicinity New York: Historical, 1884 Online @ https://books.google.com/	A business directory including lengthy advertisements which often give personal information about business owners and business history.
©1887 (Industry)	GRO Ref F129.B8 H3 The Industries of Buffalo Buffalo, NY: The Elstner Pub., 1887 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/	Descriptions of businesses are included. Pertinent details about business owners are sometimes given.
©1892-present (Politics)	STKSNC JK3431 .M9 The New York Red Book Albany, Williams Press	Gives biographical sketches and portraits of New York State government officials and representatives.
©1893 (Police)	Buffalo F129.B8 H8 Our Police and Our City Hubbell, Mark S., ed. Buffalo: Bensler & Wesley, 1893	A history of the Buffalo Police Department. Many short biographies are given which include details such as birth information, family member names, education, portraits, and employment information. Main subjects indexed in LHF.
©1899 (Great Lakes)	Ref F551.M28 v.2 History of the Great Lakes: Vol. II Chicago: J.H. Beers & Co., 1899 Online @ http://www.maritimehistoryofthegreatlakes.ca/GreatLakes/Documents/HGL2/	This volume is comprised of biographical sketches of prominent men involved with the Great Lakes. Their professions include but are not limited to ship captains, engineers, ship owners, shipbuilders, merchants, and engine builders. Birth, death, and marriage information is often given along with professional details.
©1899 (Principals)	LA339.B9 W7 Wood, J. Henry Schools of Buffalo Buffalo : Mrs. Ida C. Wood, 1899	Includes photos and brief professional details about Buffalo principals.

©1902 (Business)	GRO Ref F129.B8 H57 Twentieth Century Buffalo Buffalo: J. N. Matthews Co., 1902. Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/	Businesses are a focus in this work. Information about and portraits of business owners are sometimes included, as well as business history.
©1905 (Politics)	Buffalo F129.B8 H28 The Political Blue Book: An Official Manual of Buffalo and Erie Co... Buffalo: Dau Pub. Co., 1905	The bulk of this resource is biographies on influential politicians. Photographs are included with most entries. Government department duties are also described.
©1909 (Law)	Buffalo F127.E6 H4 History of the Bench and Bar of Erie County New York: The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1909 Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/	Biographical sketches and portraits of those in the legal profession are included. Main subjects indexed in LHF.
c. 1920-1960 (General, but strong in the arts)	The Buffalo File A card file located behind the Reference Desk.	An index card file including about 6,000 cards which provides facts and citations to periodicals, scrapbooks, and books. Information on individuals can be found under profession headings (i.e. artists, authors, inventors, music and musicians, etc.). There are also citations for specific businesses, houses, crime, and industries which may be useful.
©1926 (Arts)	GRO Ref F129.B8B68 The Buffalo Artists' Register Heacock, Lee F., ed. Buffalo: Heacock Publishing, 1926	Personal, educational, and professional information is given about Buffalo area artists (theater, music, visual arts, architecture, education). Some portraits are included. Main subjects indexed in LHF.
c. 1970s-1990s (Arts)	Buffalo Composers File A card file located behind the Reference Desk.	Biographical facts are stated, such as genre of music and work titles. Citations to articles, books, and vertical files are sometimes given.
c. 1970s-1990s (Arts)	Buffalo Dancers File A card file located behind the Reference Desk.	Biographical facts are stated, such as genre of dance and companies performed with. Citations to articles and vertical files are sometimes given.
c. 1970s-current (Arts)	Music Vertical File Located at the Reference Desk.	These files include newspaper clippings and other resources. There are many files on musicians as well as musical groups and other topics.
c. late 1980s-early 2000s (Arts)	Buffalo Musicians File A card file located behind the Reference Desk.	Biographical facts are given about individuals and bands. Information often includes awards won, album names, instruments played, and citations to newspaper articles, vertical files, and books.

Church Resources

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
©1904	Buffalo BX 1417.B8 D6 Donohue, Rev. Thomas History of the Catholic Church in Western New York Buffalo: Catholic Historical Pub., 1904 Online @ https://archive.org/	Biographical sketches and photographs of prominent Western New Yorkers are included in the last section of the book. A few women are represented. Portraits of priests are included throughout the work.

Clubs, Organizations, Societies

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
©1897	Buffalo F129.B8 U6 Illustrated History of the United Trades and Labor Council of Erie County Buffalo: United Trades and Labor Council of Erie County, 1897	A history of numerous Buffalo labor unions. Portraits and short biographies are given of union officers. Lengthier biographies about prominent men are included in the "Buffalo of Today" section. <i>Available in HQ.</i>
©1899	GRO E202.3 .A18 1899 Register of the Empire State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution New York: The Society, 1899 Online @ https://archive.org/	Numerous Buffalonians are listed in this work. It generally provides birth information, education, occupation, club memberships, and ancestor's names. Information on members' Revolutionary ancestors is also given. <i>Available in HQ.</i>
©1992	Buffalo 2725.B9 B82 1992 Warren, Rupert The Buffalo Club: 1867-1992 [Buffalo]: [The Buffalo Club], 1992.	Includes portraits and brief biographies of club presidents.

Databases

Database Access - <http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php#Genealogy>

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1500s-current	Ancestry Library Edition	Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, 450 million census records from the U.S. Federal Census records, immigration, vital, military, court, church and ethnic records. Details about individuals will be found here, but you will generally not find lengthy biographical information. <i>Available in-library.</i>
1583-2000s	HeritageQuest Online	HeritageQuest includes a collection of over 28,000 full-text family and local history books. Other resources in the database are census records, Revolutionary War documents, Freedman's Bank Records, and the U.S. Serial Set. <i>Available in-library and from home with a B&ECPL library card.</i>

Directories

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1701-2002	<p>Alumni Directories & Yearbooks See the Yearbooks subject guide for a holdings list. The guide is online @ https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#14</p>	Alumni directories often give addresses, educational and employment information. They may give other important genealogical details including family members' names.
1828-present	<p>Directories See the <i>City and Other Directory</i> subject guide for a holdings list. The guide is online @ https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#7 Many directories are online @ www.buffaloresearch.com/</p>	<p>Buffalo city directories are available from 1828-present. The Grosvenor Room also carries directories from areas outside of Buffalo and Erie County, including out of state and Canadian directories.</p> <p>Buffalo social registers include addresses, often include married and maiden names of women, and sometimes include detailed biographical information.</p>

Genealogy and Family History Focused Resources

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1700s-1900s (mainly 1800s)	<p>Vital Index of Early WNY Families Located in the Western New York Genealogical Society collection.</p>	A card file organized by name, that records births, deaths, marriages, and property information for Western New York residents. Its source material is a collection of 75 books. A guide to the book sources is available.
©1906-8	<p>Buffalo F127.E6M4 Memorial and Family History of Erie County, New York [2 vols] Buffalo: The Genealogical Publishing Company, 1906-8 Online @ www.archive.org/</p>	This work focuses on Buffalo and Erie County men, their families, and their heritage. Main subjects indexed in LHF.
©1912	<p>Buffalo F118 .C98 Cutter, William Richard Genealogical and Family History of Western New York New York: Lewis Historical Publishing Co., 1912 Online @ https://archive.org/</p>	The family histories in this volume are often 1-2 pages long and include important genealogical details as well as some photographs.
Various	<p>Grosvenor File A card file.</p>	The Grosvenor File will help you find family history books and articles. To find listings for your family, look alphabetically by last name. Local histories are also indexed.
Various	<p>Family History Books Located in the Grosvenor Collection. To browse, start at call</p>	Published family histories are available in the Grosvenor Collection. They are arranged roughly in alphabetical order by surname and are recorded in our online catalog. Many of these

	number CS 71.	books are also indexed in the Grosvenor File.
Various	Family History Files A guide to these materials is available at the Reference Desk.	Family history vertical files containing a variety of information sources are available by request at the Reference Desk.
Various	Genealogy Pamphlets Available on microfilm. A guide is available at the Reference Desk.	The Grosvenor Room owns a collection of almost 700 family history pamphlets. Most were published in the 19 th and early 20 th century. When using the pamphlet collection guide, refer to the call number section for an alphabetical list by surname. Many of these resources are indexed in the Grosvenor File .
Various	Genealogy Manuscript Collection A guide to these materials is available at the Reference Desk.	This is a collection of unpublished manuscripts donated to the former Grosvenor Library by the Buffalo Genealogical Society (1899-1931) and the Niagara Frontier Genealogy Society (1941-48). See also the WNYGS microfilm ML152 for the Philbrick Family Book which covers the 1631-1925 timeframe and the following surnames: Butterfield, Wilson, Manley, Philbrick, Boyce, Holmes, and French. An index is included.

Indexes: Newspaper, Periodical, and Other Sources

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1500s-1900s	GRO CS44.A6 American Genealogical Biographical Index Middletown, CT: The Godfrey Memorial Library	Indexes names found family histories, local histories, periodicals, and books containing genealogical information such as vital records, local records, military records, and census records.
1858-1978	GRO CT213 .N47 The New York Times Obituaries Index New York: The New York Times, 1970 & 1980 Located on microfilm cabinets.	A two volume set indexing obituaries that appeared in the <i>New York Times</i> . Prominent Buffalonians are often included.
©1870-present	GRO CS1.N567 The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record	Every name indexes are available at the end of each bound volume. <i>A broader index is also available:</i> GRO CS1.N567 Index 1870-1982 The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record :113 Years, Master Index 1870-1982 Indexes main subjects, names of men married before 1825, some maiden names of women married before 1825, and family genealogies.
Late 1800s-current (some earlier)	GRO *CT213.B5 Biography and Genealogy Master Index	This multi-volume set is a comprehensive index to national collective biographies such as the <i>Who's Who</i> series, biographical encyclopedias

	Detroit: Gale Research Company	and dictionaries, literary criticisms, and directories. Over 10 million names are indexed.
1983-1996	Western New York Index	A select index to Buffalo newspapers. These books are located on top of the Local History File and in the microfilm area on top of the cabinets.
See Also: Local History File; Business and Occupational Sources; Databases		

Portraits

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
©1879-1959	Buffalo F129.B8B88 Index Buffalo Historical Society Publications, Volumes 1-34, Illustration Index Buffalo: The Buffalo Historical Society, n.d.	Pages 47-56 include an alphabetical list of portraits included in volumes 1-34 of the Society's publications.
©1897	Buffalo *F129.B8 E7 Engelhardt, Geo. W. Buffalo, New York: The Book of Its Merchant Exchange Buffalo: The Matthews-Northrup Co., 1897	Numerous photos of businessmen, along with their places of employment, are scattered throughout the work.
©1902	Buffalo F129.B8M5 Men of Buffalo Chicago: Marquis, 1902. Online @ https://archive.org/	Includes portraits of prominent Buffalo men and their profession. Indexed in LHF. Available in HQ.
©1913	Buffalo *F129.B8 P6 Portrait Album of Men of Buffalo Buffalo: The Genealogical Pub. Co., 1913	Brief biographical information is given along with portraits of prominent Buffalo men. Details given may include birth information, employment information, education, military service, and society memberships.
©1916	Buffalo F129.B8B974 Business and Professional Men of Buffalo Buffalo: The Hammond Press, 1916	Limited biographical information is given along with portraits of Buffalo professionals. Common details given are: date and place of birth, then current employment information, education, and society memberships.
1916-1917	Buffalo HF5003.P8 Buyers Guide and Year Book: 1916/1917 [Buffalo]: Purchasing Agents Association of Buffalo, 1916/17	Includes portraits of members and names their place of employment.
©1918	Buffalo F129.B84 W46 1918 Who's Who in Buffalo: Prominent Business and Professional Men [Buffalo: The Buffalo Times, 1918]	Photographs of prominent Buffalonians are collected in this work. Their occupations are listed and a few women are included. Indexed in LHF.
Various	Local History Image Vertical Files	Includes a collection of portraits of prominent Buffalo and Erie County individuals.
See Also: Rare Book Room		

Rare Book Room

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1800s-1900s	Portrait Photographs	The Rare Book Room has a few collections by Buffalo photographers which include some portraits. To see an index of available pictures in these collections, ask at the Grosvenor Room Information Desk for desk guide #24, <i>Rare Book Room Index</i> . To find portraits, look in the image title section alphabetically by the subject's last name.
<p>Biographical information in the Rare Book Room includes resources such as memoirs, diaries, letters, histories, biographies, manuscripts, personal papers, portrait photographs, as well as other materials. Items in the Rare Book Room may be seen by appointment (716-858-8900). Rare Book Room materials are listed in the B&ECPL online catalog. Descriptions of select collections are available at the Rare Book Room website:</p> <p>https://www.buffalolib.org/rare-book-room/finding-aids</p>		

Scrapbooks

Dates	Resource Name	Notes
c.1900-1975 (most 1930-1975)	Scrapbook Collection A subject guide is available on top of the scrapbook shelves, which are in front of the Reference Desk.	Our collection contains about 400 books. They include local newspaper clippings and are arranged by topic. Subjects include but are not limited to: architecture, arts, biographies, business, charities, clubs, ethnic groups, government, homes, local history, military, Pan-American Exposition, sports, religion, transportation, and women. <i>The Local History File indexes most of the scrapbooks.</i> Many individual scrapbooks include main topic indexes.
Key Biography Sets:		
c.1861-1864 -a few earlier and later are included	<i>Scrapbook [of] Local Obituary Notices and Biographical Sketches, 1861-1864</i> - *F129.B8B58	About 50 pages of newspaper clippings most of which are obituaries. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i>
c. 1882	<i>Biographical Sketches and Portraits of 100 Buffalonians</i> - *F129 .B8B52	Lengthy biographical sketches and images of prominent Buffalo men. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i>
c. 1900 – 1972 -entries were made regularly starting in the mid-1920s	<i>Local Biographies</i> - *F129.B8B69265	A set of almost 100 volumes which consists mainly of obituaries. A treasured set by researchers. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i>
c.1930 - 1943	<i>Scrapbook of Buffalo Biography</i> - *F129 .B8S3	A ten volume set which includes obituaries and other articles. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i>
1937	<i>Biographical Sketches of Prominent Buffalo Residents by the Citizens Historical Association Indianapolis</i> - *F129.B853 A225 1937	Biographies which include information about ancestors, names of family members, vital event dates, education, and employment information. Most entries list resources for further information. <i>Main subjects indexed in LHF.</i>

Scrapbooks on Individuals:	Anna Katherine Green (RBR), Joseph N. Larned (RBR), Bishop Brent, Bishop William Turner, Fosdick Family, Frederick Job Shepard, General Samuel M. Welch, Grover Cleveland, James Nobel Adam, James P. Fowler, John Aloysius Duffy, Josephus N. Larned, Katherine Cornell, Mark Twain (RBR), Norman E. Mack, O.J. Simpson, President William McKinley, Reverend Samuel Holmes, Rt. Reverend Monsignor Nelson H. Baker, Thurston Family (RBR), Walter Lewis Brown, Walter P. Cooke, William Ives, and William J. Donovan.
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Special Population Groups		
Dates	Resource Name	Notes
1800s-1986 (African Americans)	Buffalo F129 .B853 N64 1986 Noles, Eva Buffalo's Blacks: Talking Proud Buffalo, NY: E.M. Noles, 1986	Includes biographical details of African Americans by professions. Some images are included.
1852-1876 (Women)	Buffalo LD7501 .B947 Buffalo Female Academy: Twenty-fifth Anniversary, 1851-1876 Buffalo: A.L. Freeman & Co., 1876	The "Class Histories" section gives updates on graduates year by year. Family information, occupation, and address is often given.
©1897 (German Americans)	Buffalo *F129 .B8 R4 Geschichte der Deutschen in Buffalo und Erie County, N.Y....[History of the Germans in Buffalo and Erie County] Buffalo: Reinecke & Zesch, 1897 Online @ http://www.archivaria.com/GdDbios/GdD1.html	Brief biographies and photographs are included of German men and women. <i>In German.</i>
©1906 (Polish Americans)	Buffalo F129.B8 P64 1980 Album pamiątkowe i przewodnik handlowy : osady polskiej w mieście Buffalo, z dołączeniem okolicznych miejscowości ze stanu New York [Memorial Album and Business Directory of the Polish Settlement at Buffalo and Vicinity] Buffalo: wydane staraniem i nakładem Polskiej Spolki Wydawniczej, 1906.	This is a Polish business directory. It is a collection of paid advertisements which often include portraits of and information about business owners. Details given often include place and date of birth, year of marriage, family member names, and church and organization memberships. An index to this work is available at: Buffalo E184.P7 R44 1989 – Reference Material for Research on WNY Polonia. <i>In Polish.</i>
© 1912 (German Americans)	Buffalo F129.B8 D44 Deutsch-Amerikanische Historische und Biographische Gesellschaft Buffalo und sein Deutschtum [Buffalo] : J.E. Mueller, c1912. Online @ https://www.hathitrust.org/	Most of this work is biographies of German American men and women in Buffalo. A small section on Niagara Falls is also included. Available in HQ. <i>In German.</i>
c. 1910s – 2000s	WNYGS 974.7 ER Lac and Andreozzi, John, comp. Biographical Information on Lackawanna Italians [self published manuscript], 2010	Nine notebooks of Erie County: newspaper clippings, letters, funeral cards, postcards, notes from genealogical papers.

c. 1970s-1990s (African Americans)	Prominent Black Buffalonians File A card file located behind the Reference Desk.	A biographical file about local African-Americans of the past and present. It indexes local newspapers, books, and provides basic facts.
©2001 (Women)	Buffalo CT 3260.W66 2001 Magid, Annette; Rosa Gonzalez, eds. Women of Accomplishment : a legacy project of the Women's Pavilion Pan Am 2001 [Buffalo] : Women's Pavilion, 2001	Western New York women who have been influential in the 20 th and 21 st centuries are featured in this resource.
©2002 (African American Women)	Buffalo F 129.B853 A227 Brooks-Bertram, Peggy and Barbara Seals Nevergold, eds. Uncrowned Queens: African American Women Community Builders of Western New York Buffalo: Petit Printing, 2002 https://www.uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com/	This three volume set honors the lives and accomplishments of African-American women who have been influential in the local community. Most entries are for modern day women, but some historical sketches are included.
©2009 (Italian Americans)	Buffalo F129. L32 A53 2009 Andreozzi, John The Italians of Lackawanna, NY Shoreview, Minn.: Cabin Six Books, 2009	This work details the history of Italians in Lackawanna and includes details and photographs depicting individuals and immigrant families.

Selected Websites

Buffalo Research Links to full-text books about Buffalo, Buffalo city directories, and genealogy and local history research guides. http://www.buffaloresearch.com/
Google Books Includes full-text books, directories, and magazines with many historical and biographical works. http://books.google.com/
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History of Buffalo Includes biographies of prominent Buffalonians. http://www.buffaloah.com/h/histindex.html
Internet Archive Full-text books including a large collection of biographical, genealogical, and local history materials. http://www.archive.org/
Uncrowned Queens & Uncrowned Kings Biographies of African-American Buffalonians. http://uncrownedcommunitybuilders.com/

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<p>Buffalo History Museum's Research Library 1 Museum Court Buffalo, NY 14216-3199 library@buffalohistory.org 716.873.9644 x 306 http://buffalohistory.org/Learn/Research-Library.aspx</p>	<p>Has an index to obituaries in Buffalo newspapers. It includes about 100,000 names from 1811-2001.</p> <p>See the library's home page for finding aids related to their local diary collection and other collections related to individuals.</p>
<p>Butler Library Archives and Special Collections Buffalo State College 1300 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14222 (716) 878-6300 https://library.buffalostate.edu/archives/courier-express</p>	<p>Has local and national obituaries from 1956-1982 in the <i>Courier-Express</i> collection. General articles and photographs are also included in the collection. Appointments are necessary.</p>
<p>UB Special Collections 420 Capen Hall University at Buffalo Buffalo, NY 14260-1674 (716) 645-2916 http://library.buffalo.edu/specialcollections/</p>	<p>Browse their finding aids - https://findingaids.lib.buffalo.edu/ - or search their catalog to learn about unique materials such as personal and family papers, oral histories, photographs, club and organization records, and manuscripts.</p>