

Early Genealogy Sources for Buffalo & Erie County: A Checklist

Key		
*	= Oversized book	Grosvenor Room Buffalo and Erie County Public Library 1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203 - 1887 (716) 858 - 8900 www.buffalolib.org Updated January 2023
Buffalo	= In Buffalo Collection in GRO	
GRO	= In Grosvenor Room	
GRO Ref	= In Grosvenor Room Reference Collection	
GRO RFDK	= At Grosvenor Room Reference Desk	
RBR	= By appointment in Rare Book Room, 716 - 858 - 8900	
WNYGS	= In Western NY Genealogical Society collection	
<i>This guide includes sources that cover the years 1880 and backwards.</i>		

Selected Sources in Chronological Order		
✓	Date Range	Source
	1700s - 1900s	WNYGS - Kept at the beginning of the WNYGS book collection. Ancestors of WNYGS Members <i>Lists of individuals being researched by members of the Western New York Genealogical Society. If a name of interest is found, this book leads to member family trees which are available in the WNYGS collection.</i>
	1700s - 1900s	WNYGS 929.3 Books 1 - 3 wes Bible Records Listed in the Western New York Genealogical Society Journal
	1700s - 1908	Buffalo F127.E6M4 Memorial and Family History of Erie County, New York [2 vols] <i>This work focuses on Buffalo and Erie County men, their families, and their heritage.</i>
	1700s - 1912	Buffalo F118 .C98 Genealogical and Family History of Western New York <i>The family histories in this volume are often 1 - 2 pages long and include important genealogical details as well as some photographs.</i>
	1700s - 2002	Alumni Directories & Yearbooks <i>Alumni directories often give addresses, educational and employment information. They may give other important genealogical details including family members' names. See our detailed guide at: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#14</i>
	Late 1700s - 1900s	Town and County Histories. See a librarian for assistance. <i>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.</i>

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Late 1700s - 1900s	GRO F118 .W46A Journal - Western New York Genealogical Society (WNYGS) <i>The society's journal dates back to 1974 and includes many Erie County record transcriptions. Here are some <u>select</u> Erie Co. indexing projects that have been featured:</i>	
DATE RANGE	WNYGS JOURNAL ARTICLE	DATES PUBLISHED
1800 - 1880	Erie County Surrogate Index, 1800 - 1900	9/1997 – 3/1999; 9/1999 - 3/2000; 12/2005 - 3/2008
1808 - 1870	A Record of Deaths in the Town of Lancaster	A - C, 6/1991; C - P, 9/1991; R - Z, 12/1991
1820s - 1892	Excerpts from the Journal of Deacon Joseph Bennett	6/1996
1823 - 1875	Erie County Marriages from Universalist Sources	A - S, 3/2005; T - Z, 6/2005
1824 - 1878	Erie County Deaths from Universalist Sources	A - C, 12/2000; D - Z, 3/2001;
1829 - 1879	Gleanings from Early Gowanda Newspapers	A - D, 12/1994; D - O, 3/1995; P - S, 6/1995; S - Y, 9/1995
1830 - 1837	Marriages by Horace Landon, JP, Collins, NY	6/1981
1831 - 1832	Some Useful Early Naturalization Records in Erie County	9/1982
1832 - 1876	Rev. G.W. Montgomery Marriages in W.N.Y.	6/1992
1833 - 1869	Necrology of our Early Settlers	A - K, 9/1999; L - Y, 12/1999
1835 - 1838	Deaths and Marriages from the Aurora Standard	Deaths, 6/2000; Marriages, 9/2001
1835 - 1838	Marriages of Isaac Deuel, J.P. [Hamburg/Orchard Park]	6/1995
1844 - 1846	Dr. Alexander Bruce's Account Book, Extract of births	12/1981
1845 - 1877	Members of Lafayette St. Presbyterian Church [Buffalo, NY]	A - C, 9/1992; C - E, 12/1992; F - H, 3/1993; I - L, 6/1993; M, 9/1993; N - R, 12/1993; R - V, 3/1994; W - Z, 6/1994
1847 - 1848	Early Erie County Vital Records [Abstracted from records at the Buffalo History Museum] b=birth m=marriage d=death	<input type="checkbox"/> Alden 1847 bmd - 12/1983 <input type="checkbox"/> Amherst 1847 bmd - 12/1983 <input type="checkbox"/> Aurora 1847/8 bm - 3/1984; 1847 d - 9/1984 <input type="checkbox"/> Boston 1847/8 md - 12/1984 <input type="checkbox"/> Brant 1847 bmd - 12/1984 <input type="checkbox"/> Clarence 1848 b - 12/1984; 1848 md 6/1985 <input type="checkbox"/> Colden 1847/8 bmd – 9/1985 <input type="checkbox"/> Eden 1847 bmd – 9/1985 <input type="checkbox"/> Evans 1847 bmd – 9/1985 ; 1848 bmd – 12/1985 <input type="checkbox"/> Hamburg 1847/8 bmd – 12/1985 <input type="checkbox"/> Lancaster 1847 bmd – 6/1986 <input type="checkbox"/> Newstead 1847 bmd, 1848 b – 6/1986 <input type="checkbox"/> Wales 1847/8 bmd – 9/1986
1851 - 1890	Reverend A.J. Wilcox Marriage Book	A - J, 12/1991; J - Z, 3/1992
1878 - 1902	Index to the Erie County Medical Examiners Records, 1878 - 1902	9/2007 - 9/2013, 3/2014, 6/2014
Late 1700s - ca. 1950s	WNYGS Collection Vital Index of Early Western NY Families <i>Approximately 120,000 cards that provide birth, marriage, or death information. Compiled by the Western New York Genealogical Society (WNYGS) from sources such as local histories, cemetery records, land records, probate records, old newspapers, etc.</i>	

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Late 1700s - ca. 1899	GRO Ref F551.M28 v.2, <i>immigration table</i> History of the Great Lakes: Vol. II <i>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.</i>	
1790 - 1940	Microfilm and/or databases U.S. Federal Census Records	
1800 - 1929	WNYGS Microfilm ML183 - 193 Surrogate Court Records for Erie County 1800 - 1929, index only	
Early - Late 1800s	GRO Ref. F118 .F65 1993 Early Settlers of New York State, Vols. I and II.	
1800s - 1850s	GRO Ref. F127 .E6 E73 1981 Erie County, N.Y. Deeds Sold by the Holland Land Co. <i>Provides the names of individuals who purchased lots in the village of Buffalo and the surrounding townships.</i>	
1804 - 1824	GRO Ref. F118 .L58 1991 Western New York Land Transactions 1804 - 1824 <i>An index to early land transactions from the records of the Holland Co. Land Tables.</i>	
1807 - 1870	WNYGS 974.7 ER Lan Cla. A Record of Deaths in the Town of Lancaster...	
1808 - 1819	Buffalo *F127 .E6 S9. Book of Old Records in the Surrogate's Office, City Hall, Buffalo, N.Y. (1808 - 1819).	
1808 - 1876	WNYGS Microfilm ML139 Miscellaneous Erie County Records <i>Book 1: Organization of religious societies; appointments of Deputies, Clerks, Sheriffs; Letters of patents, mortgages, powers of attorney, etc.; Book 2: Establishments of churches, banks, cemeteries; deeds, etc.; Book 3: Army & Navy discharges; Census for Angola, NY 1873; several adoptions.</i> Online at www.familysearch.org. Search the catalog for microfilm number 825672.	
1809 - 1859	GRO Ref. F125 .B68 1985 10,000 Vital Records of Western New York 1809 - 1850 <i>An enclosure on the inside back cover includes a list of WNY marriage abstracts from 1832 - 1859. Included are listings from Amherst.</i>	
1810 - 1854	GRO Military Ref. *F127 .E6 M42 A List of Revolutionary War Soldiers' Graves Located in Erie County New York.	
1810 - 1976	Microfilm - On Reels 17 & 18 of B&ECPL cemetery records Village of East Aurora Death Records <i>Not true "death records," but includes some death & burial information and gravestone transcriptions. Alphabetical section A-O is on www.familysearch.org. Search the catalog for microfilm number 1411733.</i>	
1810s - 1901	Buffalo F129 .E85 J2, pp. 269 - 281 History of the Town of Elma, Erie County, N.Y. 1620 - 1901 <i>Marriages, deaths and land ownership lists are in the back of the book.</i>	
1811	Buffalo *F129 .B8 M25 Marriages and Deaths Compiled from <i>Buffalo Gazette</i>: Published 1811 in Village of Buffalo, Niagara County (now Erie Co.), New York...	
1811 - 1884	GRO Ref. *F129 .B8 Z4 1999 Marriages from Buffalo, N.Y. Newspapers 1811 - 1884.	

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1811 - 1833	RBR MSS. I94 1901 The Why of This Book: The Bound Volumes of Newspapers from which the Copies of Early Marriages ... <i>Marriages in Buffalo and surrounding communities 1811 - 1833.</i> http://digital.buffalolib.org/document/2038	
1811 - 1880	GRO Ref. *F127 .E6 E76 Erie County, New York Obituaries as Found in the Files of the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society	
1816 - 1896	Microfilm HE565 .U71 U65 2000 Certificates of enrollment issued for merchant vessels at Buffalo, New York, May 1816 - November 1896 <i>If your ancestor was a merchant vessel owner, master, or builder, you may find them listed in these records. There is little, if any, genealogical information found in these records.</i>	
1817 - 1902	WNYGS 974.7 ER Chu Cra Buffalo Baptist Association Excerpts from the Minutes 1817 - 1902 of Deaths	
1819 - 1820	Buffalo *F118 .M6 Miscellaneous Cemetery Inscriptions and Records in New York State <i>Includes 8 pages of marriages and deaths published in the Niagara Journal, 1819 - 1820.</i>	
1825 - 1835	GRO Ref. F118 .L583 1996 Western New York Land Transactions, 1825 - 1835 <i>An index to early land transactions from the records of the Holland Co. Land Tables.</i>	
1825 - 1900	GRO Ref. *F129 .B8 Z45 2004 v.1 Marriages from Buffalo, N.Y. [Episcopal] Church Records, 1825 - 1900	
1828 - 1830	Buffalo *F129 .B8 B696 Vital Statistics and Personal Items Found in The Buffalo Republican from March 14, 1828 to Feb. 15, 1830	
1828 - Current	Buffalo City Directories See library staff for assistance.	
1829 - 1952	Ask a librarian for assistance Erie County Poorhouse Ledgers <i>Information which may be included: name, age, nativity, gender, date of commitment and by whom, cause of commitment, death, burial information, notes about disposition, details of indenture agreements, date of discharge, and number of days in the institution. Available online at http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/5.</i>	
1830 - 1840	Buffalo F129.B8 W4 Home History. Recollections of Buffalo During the Decade from 1830 - 1840 <i>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.</i>	
1830 - 1988	Microfilm: October 5, 1830 - November 23, 1882; F127 .E6 E748 Print: 1852 – 1988; Buffalo F127 .E6 S82 Erie County Supervisor's Proceedings <i>Government proceedings can be a surprising source for genealogists. Your ancestor may be found in county proceedings if he had any of the following relationships with the county: employee, vendor, juror, appointed official, debtor, inmate or employee of an institution that received county funding, and others. Individual names are not always indexed. To find someone, first look in the index by their last name. Next, browse the topics in the index for items like: reports of agencies and institutions, petitions, orders, jurors. Hathi Trust has many volumes online from 1853-1922 (gaps). https://www.hathitrust.org</i>	

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1830s - 1840s	WNYGS Microfilm ML 140 Erie County Deed Books #70 and #71 <i>Includes deeds and land agreements of those individuals who were under contract to the Holland Land Co.</i>	
1834	Buffalo *F129 .B8 W5 Vital Statistics Taken from The Western Star July - October 1834	
1837 - 1876	WNYGS microfilm collection. Erie County Justice of the Peace Records <i>Indexes are on rolls #1 and #2. Records are on roll #19.</i>	
1840 - 1880	GRO Ref. *F129 .B8 J49 1984, 3 vols. + index Early Justice of the Peace Marriages Performed in Buffalo, Erie County, New York (1840 - 1880)	
1841 - 1884	WNYGS 974.7 ER Amh cra Marriages by Timothy A. Hopkins, Esq., Justice of the Peace, Town of Amherst...1841 - 1884	
1845 - ca.1897	WNYGS 974.7 ER san Rev. Richard M. Sanford's Journal... <i>Includes Aurora, Colden, Hamburg, Orchard Park</i> Online at FamilySearch.org. Search the catalog for microfilm number 1411736.	
1847 - 1851	Microfilm - On Reel 21 of B&ECPL cemetery records Town of Eden Birth, Death, and Marriage Records	
1847 - 1886	GRO *CS68 .C262 Rev. Campbell's Record Book: Marriages and Funerals <i>Names are mostly from NY, CT, MA, OH, PA, VT, RI. Includes a few names from the south towns of Erie County from 1847 to 1886. We are not sure of Rev. Campbell's denomination.</i>	
1852 - 1950	GRO RFDK F127.E6 B57 2011 Births, deaths, and marriages found in select Buffalo and Erie County publications	
1854 - 1996	Buffalo JS662 .A2 1854 Common Council proceedings of the City of Buffalo <i>Your ancestor may be found in Common Council proceedings if he had any of the following relationships with the city: employee, vendor, appointed official, debtor, and others. Look in the index for your ancestor's name. Hathi Trust has various issues online from 1864-1922.</i> https://www.hathitrust.org	
1855 - 1925	Microfilm and Ancestry Library Edition New York State Census Records [Erie County] <i>Earlier years are available for other Western New York counties.</i>	
1857 - 1876	WNYGS Microfilm ML 139, Book 3 Erie County Records, Adoptions 1857 - 1876. <i>Not a comprehensive set of Records.</i>	
1863	GRO Ref. *F127 .E6 J49 Some Deaths in Erie County, N.Y., 1863	
1864 - 1913 [birth years]	WNYGS Microfilm ML492-ML501 City of Buffalo Delayed Births	
1865 - 1961	Buffalo *F129 .B8 C763 Records of the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Orphan Home...1865 - 1961	
Ca. 1870 - 1960	Famous Visitor's File. A card file located behind the Reference Desk. <i>An index to Buffalo's cultural life, with citations for plays, concerts, lectures, and performers.</i>	
1873 - 1880 (Erie County date range)	Available at the Grosvenor Room Distribution Desk New York State Delayed Birth Certificate Index <i>B&ECPL library card or photo ID required. Photocopying not permitted. Does not include NYC.</i>	

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1874 - 1900	GRO Ref. *F127 .E6 J48 1984, 2 vols. Adoption's (sic) Recorded in Erie County Hall, Buffalo, 1874 - 1900	
1875 - 1895	WNYGS 974.7 ER COL tay Marriages 1875 - 1895 by George W. Taylor, Spiritualist Minister, Collins, Erie County	
1877 - 1935	WNYGS Microfilm Collection Erie County Clerk's Marriage Records	
Oct. 1878 to June 1902	WNYGS Microfilm Collection Erie County Coroners' Reports	

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	Alden					
374	Saint John the Baptist RC 2021 Sandridge Rd.	1847 - 1917	1877 - 1912	1849 - 1917	1854 - 1917	
	Amherst					
WNYGS Roll 1	Saint Stephen Evangelical and Reformed Church 750 Wehrle Drive <i>Formerly at Peckham & Adams, Buffalo, NY</i>	1853 - 1973	1853 - 1973	1853 - 1973	1853 - 1973	
	Angola					
372	Most Precious Blood RC 22 Prospect Ave.	1871 - 1914		1872 - 1913		
406	Saint Paul Episcopal	Various 1850 to 1966				
	Aurora					
WNYGS	Griffins Mills Presbyterian Aurora, NY <i>Formerly West Aurora Congregational Church</i>	Session Records <i>Located in Deeds and Miscellany Drawer</i>				
	Boston					
373	Saint John the Baptist Roman Catholic 6985 Boston Cross Rd.	1870 - 1921	1898 - 1919	1873 - 1917	1871 - 1917	
	Brant					
WNYGS 974.7 ER BRAN	Farnham German Lutheran Church Brant, NY	Various records from 1873 - 1891				
	Buffalo					
Episcopal:						
405 406	Episcopal Diocese of WNY 1114 Delaware Ave.	Various 1836 to 1879				
406	Good Shepherd Episcopal 96 Jewett Parkway	Various 1850 to 1966				
406	Holy Communion Episcopal 766 Humboldt Parkway	Various 1850 to 1966				

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406, 408	Saint James Episcopal	Various 1850 to 1930	1856 - 1921	1856 - 1921	1856 - 1921	
Buffalo *F129 .B8 B623	Saint John's Episcopal 51 Colonial Circle	1850 - 1854				
407	Saint John's Grace Episcopal 51 Colonial Circle	1825 - 1935	1824 - 1935	1829 - 1931	1825 - 1935	
406	Saint Jude Episcopal	Various 1850 to 1966				
405	Saint Luke Episcopal Richmond Ave.	1857 - 1939	1857 - 1931	1858 - 1934	1858 - 1940	
406	Saint Mark Episcopal Buffalo, NY	Various 1850 to 1966				
412	Saint Mary's on the Hill Episcopal 86 Vermont St.	1874 - 1928	1876 - 1928	1875 - 1929	1876 - 1929	
406	Saint Matthew Episcopal	Various 1850 to 1966				
282 Vol. 1 - 6 WNYGS	Saint Paul Episcopal Cathedral 128 Pearl St.	1812 - 1897	1821 - 1897	1825 - 1897	1825 - 1897	
405	Saint Peter Free Church (Episcopal) 1086 Lovejoy St.	1872 - 1950	1873 - 1950	1874 - 1949	1872 - 1950	
406	Saint Philip Episcopal 15 Fernhill Ave.	Various 1850 to 1966				
406	Saint Simon Episcopal 200 Cazenovia	Various 1850 to 1966				
406	Saint Stephen Episcopal	Various 1850 to 1966				
402, 417	Trinity Episcopal Church 371 Delaware Ave.	1833 - 1936	Confirmations: 1837 - 1952 Communions: 1837 - 1943	1837 - 1927	1837 - 1948	
Evangelical and Lutheran:						
WNYGS	First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Buffalo Michigan St.	1841 - 1982	Confirmations and Communions	1840 - 1982	1841 - 1982	
WNYGS	Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church 1080 Main St.	1879 - 1929	Confirmations and Communions	1879 - 1930		
WNYGS	St. Andrew's Lutheran 177 Sherman Street	1859 - 1980	1860 - 1972; 1975 - 1980	1859 - 1973; 1975 - 1981	1859 - 1981	
WNYGS	Saint Matthew German United Evangelical Protestant	1871 - 1956	1870 - 1955	1868 - 1954 (some gaps)	1870 - 1956	
421	Saint Peter United Evangelical 360 Genesee	1848 - 1968	1877 - 1963	1848 - 1968	1855 - 1932	

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WNYGS Roll 1	Saint Stephen Evangelical and Reformed Church 750 Wehrle Drive Amherst, NY <i>Formerly at Peckham & Adams, Buffalo, NY</i>	1853 - 1973	1853 - 1973	1853 - 1973	1853 - 1973	
WNYGS	Trinity (Old) Lutheran Goodell & Maple Streets <i>Also known as German Lutheran Trinity and German Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity</i>	1836 - 1939	1839 - 1937	1839 - 1939	1837 - 1839	
Methodist:						
420	First United Methodist Church 332 Baynes St.	1853 1886 - 1890 1900 - 1916		1853 - 1919	1853 - 1921	
Presbyterian:						
Buffalo *BX8949 .B8F518	First Presbyterian Church Buffalo, NY	Various records from 1812 to 1961				
Roman Catholic:						
359	Holy Angels RC 348 Porter Ave.	1854 - 1913	1868 - 1919	1856 - 1910	1860 - 1920	
283 WNYGS	Immaculate Conception RC 144 Edward St.	1849 - 1924		1852 - 1946	1877 - 1952	
352	Our Lady of Lourdes RC 1107 Main St. <i>Was St. Peter's French prior to 1900</i>	1850 - 1913	1858 - 1894	1850 - 1858 1883 - 1923	1850 - 1858 1883 - 1924	
353	Sacred Heart RC 65 Watson St.	1875 - 1920	1871 - 1918	1875 - 1923	1875 - 1920	
349 no.1 & 2	Saint Ann RC Broadway and Emslie St.	1856 - 1908		1858 - 1909	1858 - 1911	
275, 276 WNYGS	Saint Boniface RC 124 Locust St	1849 - 1912		1849 - 1899	1849 - 1899	
426A	Saint Brigid's/Bridget's RC 397 Louisiana St.	1853 - 1893		1853 - 1900 Index		
WNYGS	St. Francis Xavier RC	1850 - 1982 (indexed 1850 - 1952)	Confirmations and Communions	1851 - 1981 (gap 1884 - 1893)	1850 - 1982 (gaps 1875 - 1889)	
363	Saint Joseph RC 3269 Main St.	1850 - 1921		1850 - 1899		
277, 278 no.1 & 2 WNYGS	Saint Joseph Cathedral RC 50 Franklin St.	1855 - 1900		1855 - 1899		
348,1&2 WNYGS	Saint Louis RC 35 Edward St.	1829 - 1851 1856 - 1897		1829 - 1910	1836 - 1881 1888 - 1910	
279, 280 WNYGS	Saint Mary RC 258 Pine St.	1843 - 1899	1850 - 1897 1900	1843 - 1899	1843 - 1899	

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351	Saint Mary of Sorrows RC 333 Guilford St at Genesee.	1874 - 1912	1878 - 1960	1874 - 1910	1874 - 1921	
281, 1&2 WNYGS	Saint Michael RC 651 Washington St.	1851 - 1899	1851 - 1870	1851 - 1899	1851 - 1899	
353	Saint Nicholas RC 18 Welker St.	1875 - 1923	1885 - 1923	1875 - 1922	1875 - 1920	
356	Saint Patrick RC 102 Seymour St.	1872 - 1908	1869 - 1904	1859 - 1917	1873 - 1916	
278 no.1 WNYGS	Saint Patrick RC Broadway and Ellicott <i>[Old Saint Patrick's]</i>	1841 - 1880				
371 vol.1 & 2	Saint Stanislaus RC 123 Townsend St.	1874 - 1903		1874 - 1917	1874 - 1927	
379	Saint Stephen RC 193 Elk St.	1875 - 1908	1875 - 1881	1876 - 1912		
362	Saint Vincent de Paul RC 15 Eastwood Pl.	1864 - 1911	1864 - 1917	1865 - 1917	1896 - 1917	
367	Transfiguration RC 144 Mills St.	1893 - 1903		1893 - 1919	1893 - 1917 1934 - 1982	
	Clarence					
WNYGS	Clarence Church of Christ	adult 1858, 1940 - 1950	Misc. 1834 - 1953	1923 - 1924		
WNYGS ML 1050	St. Stephen's United Church of Christ/German Ev. Lutheran St. Stephen's Millersport (Clarence), NY	July 1869 - Dec 1991	Confirmation 1874 - 93, 1919 - 92	Dec 1871 - July 1982, Feb 1984 - Aug 1992	Nov 1870 - Oct 1992	
	Collins					
WNYGS	Society of Friends Collins, NY	Various records from 1829 to 1865				
	Crittenden					
377	Saint Patrick RC Crittenden Rd.	1851 - 1863			1872 - 1918	
	East Aurora					
375	Immaculate Conception RC 520 Oakwood Ave.	1858 - 1912	1877 - 1910 1917	1877 - 1912	1883 - 1912 1917	
416	Saint Matthias Episcopal 374 Main St.	1867 - 1915	1858 - 1917	1869 - 1916	1868 - 1916	
	East Hamburg					
**F129 .O57 Q92	<i>Society of Friends Orchard Park, NY Formerly East Hamburg</i>	Various records up to 1916				
	Eden					
387	Saint Mary RC 8175 East Eden Rd.	1838, 1839 1861 - 1917		1861 - 1917	1861 - 1917	
	Farnham					
WNYGS	Society of Friends Farnham, NY	Various 1841 to 1885				

	Hamburg					
Buffalo *F129 .H273 F7	Freewill Baptist Church	Various records from 1827 to 1886				
424	Hamburg United Methodist	1863 - 1911		1861 - 1885 1887 - 1911	1830 - 1887	1866 - 1912
WNYGS	Saint James Hamburg, NY	Various records from 1860 to 1943				
385, 388	Saints Peter and Paul	1848 - 1918	1869 - 1909	1848 - 1918		
WNYGS	Society of Friends	Various 1759 to 1866				
406	Trinity Episcopal Church 261 East Main St.	Various 1850 to 1966				
	Holland					
418	First Baptist Church Holland, NY	1829 - 1871 1875 - 1950				
	Kenmore					
354, 363	North Bush Parish RC 1085 Englewood Ave.	1845 - 1892	family records 1800s	1845 - 1890	1845 - 1891	
	Lancaster					
WNYGS	North Lancaster Church of Christ	1836 - 1839 and <i>passim</i>	Misc. 1833 - 1934	1889 - 1890	1889 - 1902, 1934	
376	Saint Mary of the Assumption RC St. Mary Hill	1848 - 1950	1848 - 1919	1847 - 1909	1849 - 1950	
427	Lancaster Presbyterian Church	Various records from 1818 - 2008, including member lists and records of the Presbyterian Society of Cayuga Creek.				
	Langford					
382	Saint Martin RC 10893 Sisson Highway	1851 - 1909		1851 - 1908	1851 - 1909	
	New Oregon					
381	Saint Mary New Oregon, N. Collins, NY	1858 - 1909	1866,1876	1858 - 1903	1858 - 1865	
	North Collins					
381	Saint Mary New Oregon, N. Collins, NY	1858 - 1909	1866,1876	1858 - 1903	1858 - 1865	
	Orchard Park					
**F129 .O57 Q92	Society of Friends Orchard Park, NY Formerly East Hamburg	Various records up to 1916				
	Sardinia					
Buffalo *BX6480 .S42F577	First Baptist Church of Christ Sardinia, NY	Various records from 1820 to 1925				
	Springbrook					
380	Saint John RC	1852 - 1855				
	Springville					
386	Saint Aloysius RC 190 Franklin St.	1853 - 1912	1860 - 1913	1854 - 1917	1859, 1869 - 1917	

Swormville						
392	Saint Mary RC 6919 Transit Rd.	1848 - 1900		1862 - 1917	1862 - 1917	
Tonawanda						
357	Saint Francis of Assisi Tonawanda, NY	1852 - 1915	1869 - 1879	1852 - 1917	1855 - 1918	
404	Salem United Church of Christ 114 Morgan St.	1849 - 1950	1849 - 1949	1849 - 1889 1934 - 1939 1948	1849 - 1891 1930 - 1960	
Wales Hollow						
419	United Methodist Episcopal	1866 - 1899		1864 - 1901		
West Seneca						
378	Fourteen Holy Helpers RC 1345 Indian Church Rd.	1864 - 1917		1865 - 1917	1865 - 1917	
380	Holy Cross			1858 - 1867		
380	Saint Patrick	1876 - 1919		1887 - 1892	1893 - 1917	
WNYGS	Saint Peter United Church of Christ Orchard Park Rd. West Seneca, NY <i>Formerly St. Peter's German Evangelical, St. Peter's Lutheran, St. Peter's Evangelical Reformed</i>	1853 - 1937		1853 - 1937	1853 - 1937	
Williamsville						
358	Saints Peter and Paul RC 5480 Main St.	1836 - 1919	1852 - 1886	1836 - 1906	1842 - 1906	
WNYGS ML 1050	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Williamsville, NY Includes Zion Church, 1858 - 59	May 1858 - Oct 1978	Confirmations 1886 - 1978 Communion 1858 - 59, 1885 - 1929, 1933 - 1971	Sept 1858 - Nov 1978	July 1858 - Aug 1859, Sept 1885 - Nov 1978	
422	United Methodist Church	1869 - 1941		1869 - 1946	1881 - 1908	1868 - 1918
413	WNY United Methodist Conference Archive Center 5681 Main St.	Various records from 1834 to 1930, 1968				

Newspapers by Date			
Date Range	Newspaper Title	Notes	Location
1801 - 1886	Niagara Herald	missing: 1803 - 1827; 1831 - 1884	Microfilm
1818 - 1821 film April 21, 1818 - June 26, 1821 bound	Niagara Patriot		Microfilm RBR F120.B8 N53
1818 - 1837 (For July 4, 1835 - Aug 3, 1837 See: Niagara Gleaner)	Gleaner		Microfilm as part of "Niagara Papers" film
July 3, 1821 - Nov 30, 1824; Jan 15, 1828; July 6, 1828 - Dec 24, 1833	Buffalo Patriot	See also Niagara Patriot	Microfilm
Mar 20 - 1823 - Aug 12, 1824	Black Rock Beacon		RBR

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Date Range	Newspaper Title	Notes	Location
Sept 4, 1826 - Dec 6, 1827	Buffalo Emporium	Gaps in collection	Microfilm
May 14, 1828 - Feb 13, 1830	Buffalo Republican (weekly)		Microfilm
Jul. 22, 1828 - Jul. 12, 1829; Dec. 29, 1829 - Dec. 28, 1831; Apr. 6, 1831 - May 27, 1833	Buffalo Journal & General Advertiser		Microfilm
July 21 - Nov 8, 1834 (incomplete)	Western Star		Microfilm
Nov 10, 1834 - Nov 30, 1836	Buffalo Daily Star		Microfilm
Jan 1, 1835 - Dec 30, 1835, Jan 28, 1836, Feb 1, 1836 - May 14, 1836	Daily Commercial Advertiser		Microfilm
July 4, 1835 - Aug 3, 1937	Niagara Gleaner		Microfilm
Aug 1 - 31 1836 and Nov 1 - 30 1836 (Nov 2 missing)	Daily Buffalo Journal		Microfilm
Sept - Nov 1836 See Buffalo Courier Express	Daily Courier & Pilot	See Buffalo Courier Express	
Dec 25 1837 - June 20, 1839 (incomplete)	Daily Buffalonian		Microfilm
May 30, 1838 - Aug 21, 1854	Niagara Chronicle	Incomplete: issues missing. No 1840	Microfilm
Nov 21, 1838 - Jan 19, 1839	Daily Mercury and Buffalonian		Microfilm
1839 - 1842	Buffalo Daily Republican		Microfilm
March 1, 1842 - Dec 15, 1924	Buffalo Commercial Advertiser and Journal	Missing: July 1852, June 1853, 3/12/1845, 3/10/1846	Grv.10, D.1 - 5
Nov. 1, 1842 - June 13, 1926	Buffalo Daily Courier	Missing: Sept. 17, 1881 - Apr. 7, 1882	Microfilm
1843 & 1846	Niagara Mail	Incomplete: issues missing	Microfilm
Feb 12, 1845 - June 30, 1846, incomplete	Daily National Pilot		Microfilm
Jan 15, 1846 - June 13, 1926, Missing: June - Dec 1875	Buffalo Morning Express		Microfilm
Feb. 1847 - 1848; and Aug. 6, 1885 - May 1, 1886	Buffalo Republic	https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections	Microfilm
1848 - 1857; and March 4, 1885 - June 30, 1885	Buffalo Daily Republic	https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections	Microfilm
March 1848 - Dec 1870	Buffalo Patriot & Commercial Advertiser		Boxed - Tier A
Film Jan 1850 - Dec 1893, Boxed on Tier A: 1864 - 66	Buffalo Christian Advocate	Methodist paper. Missing: 1858, 1872, 1874, 1876, 1880, 1881, 1886	Microfilm
Sept 1851 - July 1868 on film, 1852 - 1899 bound, *ANS.B8 A9	Die Aurora	Catholic newspaper in German. See <i>also Die Aurora und Christliche Woche</i>	Microfilm

Newspapers by Date			
Date Range	Newspaper Title	Notes	Location
Sept 1851 - July 1942	Die Aurora und Christliche Woche		GRO - BUF S
May 20, 1852 - May 9, 1854	Rough Notes	Continues as Democracy ; Whig newspaper.	Boxed, Tier A
Film: Oct 11, 1852 - June 29 1877; Dec 16, 1924 - Feb. 6, 1926, Dec 1865 - Sep. 1866. Boxed: Oct 1852 - Feb 1926	Buffalo Evening Post	Missing: 1875 Some online: https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections	Microfilm
1853 - 1889	Weltbuerger and Demokrat	See also Buffalo Demokrat 1889 - 1891, Der Buffalo Democrat 1894 - 1918	Microfilm
1854 - 1859, incomplete	Buffalo Weekly Republic		Boxed, Tier A
May 10, 1854 – Aug 9, 1855	Democracy	See also Rough Notes	Boxed, Tier A
Dec. 1, 1857 - Dec 20, 1860	Buffalo Republic & Times	Formerly Buffalo Republic Partially online: https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections	Microfilm
1859 - 1892	Buffalo Weekly Courier	See also Buffalo Daily Courier	Boxed, Tier A
May 2, 1860 - June 5, 1860	Daily Christian Advocate		RBR BX8201 .M38
May 23, 1861 - Dec 31, 1875	Evening Courier and Republic	Online: https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections	Microfilm
v. 1 - 41, 1866 - 1907	Die Wachende Kirche	German newspaper	Microfilm
Jan 11, 1871 - Dec 23, 1872	Buffalo Patriot and Journal		Boxed, Tier A
1872 - 1937, incomplete film 1915 - 1939 bound	Catholic Union and Times	See also Union and Echo , 1937 - 1964	Microfilm **AN2.B8 E3
April 25, 1872 - Dec 25, 1964	Union and Echo	many dates missing;	Microfilm
Erie County			
Aug 12, 1835 - Aug 1, 1838	Aurora Standard		Microfilm (WNYGS)
March 16, 1867 - 1922 (Journal), 1922 - 2005 (Herald)	Springville Journal & Herald		Microfilm
May 31, 1878 - Mar.4, 1880, Jul.8, 1880 - Dec 29, 1881	Lancaster Star/Times		Microfilm

Additional Sources for Early Erie County Records
<p>See the following free handouts for additional sources of death information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Tips for Finding Obituaries in Buffalo Newspapers</i> • <i>Cemetery Records in Erie County</i> • <i>Biographical Resources for Buffalo and Erie County</i> • <i>Government Sources of Vital Records for Buffalo and Erie County</i>

Databases

<http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php>

Name	Description	Access
Ancestry Library Edition	U.S. Federal Census records 1790 - 1950, NYS Census 1855 - 1925, much more.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at - home use.
HeritageQuest Online	U.S. Federal Census records 1790 - 1950, Revolutionary War pension files, Freedman's Bank Records, more.	Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County and at home with a B&ECPL card.

Websites

<https://buffaloresearch.com/> - Includes links to Buffalo maps, city directories, and history books.

<http://www.buffalonydeaths.com/> - Indexes to select deaths from the Buffalo, NY Area 1871 - 2016.

<https://familysearch.org/> - Early Erie County content includes church records, land records, estate files, census, naturalization, and others.

To find online Erie County records use the online catalog. Go to: <https://familysearch.org/catalog/search>. Then perform a **Place** search for Erie County like this: *United States, New York, Erie*. Also search for the city/town where your ancestor lived, like this: *United States, New York, Erie, **NameOfTownHere***. If there is a camera under the film notes for the record set that you choose after your search, it means the records are online. Click the camera to view the records.

<https://forest-lawn.com/genealogy/> - Forest Lawn Cemetery records.

<http://www.fultonhistory.com> - Online newspapers including some for Buffalo dating back to 1847.

<https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections> - Includes Buffalo city directories beginning in 1832, Erie County Poorhouse records, and select Erie County newspapers.