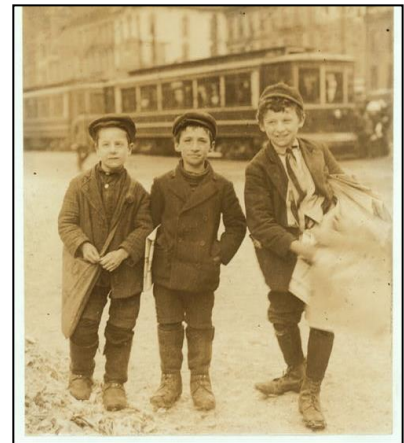


**SOCIAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY:
WITH A FOCUS ON
BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY
FOR GENEALOGISTS, HISTORIANS AND FICTION WRITERS
SELECTED SOURCES IN THE GROSVENOR ROOM**



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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:

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

GENERAL REFERENCE GUIDES

General

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| GRO Ref CS9 .D69 2011 Douglas, Althea Time Traveller’s Handbook: A Guide to the Past Toronto : Dundurn Press, 2011 | GRO E180.5 .K98 2010 Kyvig, David E. and Marty, Myron A. Nearby History: Exploring the Past Around You Walnut Creek, CA : AltaMira Press, 2010 |
| 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

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| 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 |

| GENERAL REFERENCE GUIDES | |
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| 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 |
| 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 .C64 1988 Coontz, Stephanie The Social Origins of Private Life: A History of American Families 1600-1900 New York: Verson, 1988 | 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 .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 |

GENERAL REFERENCE GUIDES

Food

NON-FICT GT2853.U5 H66
 Hooker, Richard James
Food and drink in America: a history
 Indianapolis: Bobbs-Merrill, 1981.

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
Provides bibliographies for ethnic groups.

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
The history of immigration for ethnic groups.

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.
Includes Polish, Latin, Russian, and German sections.

GRO Ref R462 .B75 1998
 Briggs, Elizabeth and Colin
Before Modern Medicine: Diseases & Yesterday's Remedies
 Winnipeg, Manitoba: Westgarth, 1998
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.

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
Try the following subjects, names of: ethnic groups, type of music, large cities, artists, composers, etc.

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.

| GENERAL SOCIAL HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA | |
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| 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. |
| 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 @ https://archive.org/ | 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 @ https://archive.org/ | 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 https://archive.org/details/centennialhistor00john/page/n6 | 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-Northrup 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 |

| GENERAL SOCIAL HISTORY IN THE BUFFALO AREA | |
|---|---|
| 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 |
| 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://tinyurl.com/BECHS010 | 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. |
| See Also our guide: Buffalo Architecture Research https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#Architecture%20and%20Buildings | |

| 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." |
| 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 | |
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| 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.] | |
| 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?] | |
| See also our guide: Buffalo Music History https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/special-collections/guides/Buffalo%20Music%20History.pdf | |
| 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> Select Historic Buffalo Theater and Music Programs - http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/13 | 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. |
| See also our guide: Buffalo Theater Research https://www.buffalolib.org/sites/default/files/special-collections/guides/Theater%20Research.pdf | |

BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, AND OCCUPATIONAL RESOURCES

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| 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. |
| 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 HD251 .R25 The Real Estate and Builders' Monthly Buffalo : Haas & Klein, 1884-1887 http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/16 | "a practical journal devoted to improved and unimproved property in city and county" |
| 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 https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#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

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
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]
Otawega Club scrapbook : 1895-1905 - <http://digital.buffalolib.org/document/72>
Rotary Club – Buffalo HS2725.B9 .R714 - **A History of the Rotary Club of Buffalo, 1911-1955** - Rockwell, Harry W.
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://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php#Genealogy>

| Name | Description | Access |
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| Ancestry Library Edition | Provides access to more than 1 billion names. Includes city directories, U.S. federal censuses from 1790 and 1940, immigration, vital, military, court, church and more. | Available for walk-in users at every public library in Erie County. No at-home use. |
| HeritageQuest Online | Contains U.S. federal censuses from 1790-1940, city directories, Freedman's Bank Records, family genealogies, local histories, military records and an obituary index. | 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. |
| Sanborn Maps of New York | 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

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| 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. |

| DIARIES, JOURNALS, MEMOIRS, REMINISCENCES | |
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| 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 |
| Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Digital Collections https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections | Includes a small collection of online diaries and letters dating from 1774-1930s. |

| DIRECTORIES | |
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| Buffalo City Directories Guide: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#7 1832-1913 - https://nyheritage.org/collections/buffalo-city-directories | 1828-present City directories include lists of businesses by category, churches, clubs and societies, cultural institutions, and other topics. |

| EDUCATION | |
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| Buffalo F129.B8 B4849 Wright, Helen Lienert A history of Hutchinson-Central High School of Buffalo, N.Y. Buffalo, NY: Thesis, 1954 | |

EDUCATION

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.B83 B9 1865-1909 (See a librarian for assistance)

Buffalo Central High School

Buffalo Central High School Registers, 1865-1909

Records of Buffalo's Central High School, including student information, grades, teachers, subjects, textbooks used, and statistical reports.

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:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#14>

Buffalo Public School Buildings, 1908

<http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/11>

This collection consists of 83 photographs of Buffalo Public School buildings taken in March 1908.

ETHNIC GROUPS

See the following subject guides: <https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/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.

Ann Montgomery's Little Harlem - <http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/1>

The Little Harlem Club/Hotel on Michigan Avenue in Buffalo was owned and operated by African-American businesswoman Ann Montgomery from the 1930s through early 1960s, during which time Count Basie, Louis Armstrong, Billie Holiday and others performed.

Hispanic Heritage History Project - <http://omeka.buffalolib.org/>

Includes over 50 interviews and over 800 photographs from members of the community.

GOVERNMENT SOURCES

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| 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

See our Illustration guide: <https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#12>

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Digital Collections - <https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections>

Includes several photo collections from the 1800s and early 1900s.

INSTITUTIONS – LONG OR SHORT TERM FACILITIES

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| 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 | |

| INSTITUTIONS – LONG OR SHORT TERM FACILITIES | |
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| Buffalo HV63 .U6 H55 1998 Higgins, Rosanne L. The Biology of Poverty: Epidemiological Transition in Western New York Buffalo, N.Y.: Thesis, 1998 | |
| 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. |
| Erie County Poorhouse Ledgers, 1829-1952 Available by request in the Grosvenor Room Some ledgers are available online: http://digital.buffalolib.org/collections/show/5 | The collection consists of ledgers recording children "bound out"/adopted (1863-1868), intake registers (children 1829-1841-1852, adults/families 1829-1845, 1861-1864, 1871-1889, 1908-1923), and hospital and death registers (1854-1867, 1897-1952). |
| See also our guide: Adoption & Orphanage Resources for Genealogists and Historians: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#Adoption | |

| LOCAL HISTORY FILES | | | | |
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| 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 |
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| 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 https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/001873826 |

MAPS, ATLASES, GAZETTEERS

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: Buffalo and Erie County Atlases:

<https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#10>

| MEDICAL | NOTES |
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| 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, patient ethnicity |
| 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 |
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| 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?] | |
| 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: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/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 | | |
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| 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 |

| NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS | | |
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| [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 |
| [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 |
| See also our guide: Buffalo, Western New York and NY State Newspapers https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#newspapers | | |

| RARE BOOK ROOM | NOTES |
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| 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: https://archive.org/details/hornersbuffaloni00buff/ | Description and business listings. |

| RARE BOOK ROOM | NOTES |
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| 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: https://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: https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/005871932 | |
| 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. |
| 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). |

| RARE BOOK ROOM | NOTES |
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| 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: https://repository.duke.edu/dc/ea/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 pages of tables and information, followed by hand-written 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | | |
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| <p>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 online at: https://www.buffalolib.org/special-collections/guides-publications#scrapbooks. Most volumes are of interest to social historians including, but not limited to:</p> | | |
| 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 |
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| https://repository.duke.edu/dc/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. |

| SELECTED WEBSITES | NOTES |
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| https://www.loc.gov/collections/federal-writers-project/about-this-collection/ The American Memory Project – Life Histories | Online manuscripts from the Federal Writers' Project 1936-1940. |
| https://ecommons.cornell.edu/community.html Cornell University eCommons | A digital collection which focuses on many topics including New York history, anti-slavery, agriculture, Asia, Indonesia, Native Americans, social welfare, witchcraft, and others. |
| http://tinyurl.com/obn29xt Farm, Field, and Fireside | An agricultural newspaper collection. |
| https://d.lib.msu.edu/fa Feeding America | A collection of digitized historic cookbooks. |
| http://www.fultonhistory.com Fulton History | Online historical newspapers from across New York State. |
| http://www.gendisasters.com/ GenDisasters | A website dedicated to detailing disasters such as fires, floods, tornadoes, hurricanes and others. |
| https://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://archive.org/ The Internet Archive | Includes about 3.5 million full-text books, millions of audio files, and thousands of audio and video files. |
| https://digital.la84.org/ LA84 Foundation | A digital archive of sports journals, magazines, and books covering the late 19 th -early 20 th centuries. |
| https://nyheritage.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. |
| https://storycorps.org/ Story Corps | Listen to personal stories about a variety of topics. |
| https://www.vietnam.ttu.edu/resources/digital.php The Vietnam Center and Archive Digital Collections | Includes videos, oral histories, maps, and other material. |
| http://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/html/search/search.html Veteran's History Project | An oral history project covering WWI-present. Some interviews are online. |
| https://www.wunderground.com/history Weather Underground | Historic weather data. Buffalo's data goes back to 1945. |
| https://library.harvard.edu/collections/women-working-1800-1930 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:

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| 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 |
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THE ONLINE CATALOG OF THE BUFFALO & ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default

The online catalog shows 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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| <p>AMUSEMENTS AMUSEMENTS NEW YORK STATE BUFFALO ART NEW YORK STATE BUFFALO BUFFALO N Y ANECDOTES BUFFALO N Y CLUBS BUFFALO N Y DESCRIPTION AND TRAVEL BUFFALO N Y PICTORIAL WORKS BUFFALO N Y POPULAR CULTURE BUFFALO N Y SOCIAL CONDITIONS BUFFALO N Y SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS BUFFALO N Y SOCIETIES AND CLUBS CATALOGS AND BUFFALO <i>[Use the subject keyword search]</i> CITY AND TOWN LIFE NEW YORK CLUBS BUFFALO N Y COOKING COOKING AND HISTORY <i>[Use the subject keyword search]</i> COUNTRY LIFE NEW YORK DIARIES</p> | <p>ETIQUETTE FARM LIFE NEW YORK GAMES HOME ECONOMICS MEDICINE DICTIONARIES MEDICINE, POPULAR MUSICIANS BUFFALO PHARMACOPOEIAS SOCIAL CONDITIONS SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND [YOUR TOPIC HERE—i.e. blind, women, children, names of ethnic groups, location names] <i>[Use the subject keyword search]</i> SOCIAL HISTORY SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS 19TH CENTURY UNITED STATES SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS 20TH CENTURY BUFFALO NY SOCIAL LIFE AND CUSTOMS 20TH CENTURY UNITED STATES UNITED STATES ARMY INFANTRY DRILL AND TACTICS UNITED STATES SOCIAL CONDITIONS</p> |
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Perform a “regular” title search for the series name listed here:

Daily Life... [i.e. Daily Life During the American Revolution]

The Writer’s Guide to Everyday Life.... [i.e. The Writer’s Guide to Everyday Life in Colonial America]

| WHERE ELSE CAN I RESEARCH BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY SOCIAL HISTORY? | NOTES |
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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 https://buffalohistory.org/library-collections/</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 https://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/</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 https://library.buffalo.edu/specialcollections/</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> |