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Abbey of the Genesee

3258 River Road  
Piffard, New York 14533-0900  
TELEPHONE: (585) 243-0660/61  
FAX: (585) 243-4816  
EMAIL: broaugustine@juno.com  
URL: None

HOURS: By appointment.

PERSONNEL:  
Brother Augustine Jackson, OCSSO

SERVICES:  
Photocopies

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:  
Approximately 50 years, from April 1951 of papers and photographs

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:  
Some information on Chandler/Changes families, also various Abbot's profiles.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:  
*Rochester Democrat & Chronicle, Courier Journal, Syracuse Sun*

OTHER:  
Information and photographs of other Cistercian communities closely associated with Abbey of the Genesee; especially Gethsemani, KY, Novo Mundo, Brazil and Awhum, Nigeria.

## American Baptist Historical Society - Samuel Colgate Historical Library

1106 South Goodman Street  
Rochester, New York 14620-2532  
TELEPHONE: (585) 473-1740  
FAX: (585) 473-1740  
EMAIL: [abhs@crds.edu](mailto:abhs@crds.edu)  
URL: <http://www.crds.edu/abhs/default.htm>

HOURS: By appointment only.

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Stuart Campbell, (585) 473-1740  
Library Assistant: Karen Sundland, (585) 473-1740

### SERVICES:

The collection is open to the public. Advance appointments are requested to ensure that reference assistance will be available. There is a microfilm reader and photocopy service. Duplication of materials from the collection is performed by ABHS staff. The collection is non-circulating. All ABHS materials must be used in the Society's reading room. Some microfilm or printed items are available through interlibrary loan.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The American Baptist Historical Society - Samuel Colgate Historical Library operated by the American Baptist Historical Society is located on the Ground Floor of Strong Hall on the Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Divinity School campus. The collection includes books and periodicals about Baptists, Baptist association and convention annual reports, manuscript collections of Baptist leaders, original records of American Baptist, Free Will Baptist and Danish Baptist congregations and regional organizations, and microfilm copies of archival records of American Baptist national agencies. Printed collections document American, Black, Free Will, General, Primitive, Seventh Day, Southern Baptists and others in the U.S. and other countries. These holdings include the Samuel Colgate Memorial Baptist Historical Collection formerly at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, combined in 1955 with the American Baptist Historical Society's collection from Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, PA. The Society also operates an Archives Center at Valley Forge, PA.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. The papers of Walter Rauschenbusch, 1861-1918, and some two dozen other former faculty of the Rochester Theological Seminary and Colgate Rochester Divinity School.
2. Original records of area Baptist congregations including Baptist churches in Chili, Fairport, Hilton, Mumford, Penfield, Pittsford, Rochester, Rush, Webster, and West Henrietta and Free Will Baptist churches at Hilton and Murray.
3. Records of the Genesee Yearly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, 1846-1917, Monroe Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, 1831-1944, and the Ministers and Laymen's Institute of the Rochester Quarterly Meeting of Free Will Baptists, 1874-1883, and scrapbooks of the Church Women United of Rochester and vicinity, 1922-1967.
4. Published annual reports and minutes of the American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region and predecessor organizations from 1827 to the present.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *A Baptist Bibliography*, compiled by Edward Starr. Rochester: ABHS, 1947-1976. 25 vols.
2. *A Guide to Manuscript Collections in the American Baptist Historical Society*, compiled by William H. Brackney and Susan M. Eltscher. Rochester: ABHS, 1986.
3. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County NY Repositories*, Vol. II. Ithaca: NY Historical Resources Center, 1983.

## Antique Wireless Association, Inc. (A.W.A.) Electronic Communication Museum

187 Lighthouse Road  
Hilton, NY 14468  
TELEPHONE: (585) 392-3088  
EMAIL: k2mp@eznet.net  
URL: <http://www.antiquewireless.org>

### HOURS:

May through October Su 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
June, July and August Sa 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.  
Closed Major Holidays

### PERSONNEL:

Curator: Edward M. Gable

### SERVICES:

The Antique Wireless Association, Inc. (A.W.A.) is a membership organization of historians dedicated to the study, preservation, restoration and education of the history of electronic communications. The A.W.A. museum houses an outstanding collection of vintage telegraph, radio, television and other categories covering the organization's scope. A research library is available on a scheduled basis for qualified researchers. The AWA provides many artifacts for display at other museums, for stage plays and to movie production sets.

The AWA issues a quarterly publication, the Old Timers Bulletin, which covers many topics of interest to AWA's 4,000 members. Additionally, the AWA publishes on an annual basis their AWA Review. Each Review contains well researched papers covering in great detail subjects of interest to radio historians.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Vintage electronic communications equipment with an emphasis on early radio, wireless, telegraph and television apparatus. The museum features a replica of a 1925 radio store, a replica of the Marconi equipped Radio Room as found on the Titanic and many working radios and transmitters. A replica of a working Western Union telegraph office amazes most visitors when they realize those clicks and clacks emitting from an 1885 sounder really contain words and messages.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

The AWA Museum is noted for an excellent collection of early radio vacuum tubes as well as an extensive array of telegraph keys.

Town of Arcadia

Historian's Office  
Newark Public Library  
121 High Street  
Newark, N.Y. 14513  
Telephone: (315) 331-4370/4078

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Town Historian: Chris Davis

**SERVICES:**

Research and genealogical assistance; maintain clipping file of local events and personalities; compose articles on local history.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Histories, maps, scrapbooks and burial records related to the history of Arcadia and Wayne County; U.S. and N.Y.S. Census reports for selected years.

Large clipping file of articles about local events and personalities from 1967 to the present Many pictures, scenes, buildings and groups. Mostly 20th century.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Genealogical, photographs, post cards, newspaper clippings, local history books, etc.

The Arts Council for Wyoming County

PO Box 249  
31 South Main Street  
Perry NY 14530  
TELEPHONE: (585)237-3517  
EMAIL: acwc@wycol.com

**HOURS:**

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Executive Director, Program Director, Administrative Assistant, Folklorist

**SERVICES:**

The Council supports a spectrum of arts and cultural programs. Local history and arts are documented from 1985. Visitors may view collection by appointment.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

General survey of area traditions and artisans: conducted by Bruce Buckley, 1985-1987. Approximately 150 files containing artist information and color slides of their work. Includes woodworkers, needle crafts, musicians, agricultural traditions, etc. Approx. 15 cassettes, 10 videotapes.

**HOLDINGS CITED IN:**

Lux, Karen, Folk Arts Programming in New York State: A Handbook and Resource Guide, Regional Council of Historic Agencies, 1990. ISBN # 0-9626411-0-3

## Attica Historical Society

P.O. Box 24  
130 Main Street  
Attica, N.Y. 14011  
Telephone: (585) 591-2161

### HOURS:

W 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

SA 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

(Other times by appointment -- call above-listed number and leave message on answering machine.)

### PERSONNEL:

President: Gail Shadbolt, (585) 591-2161

Vice President & Historian: Arnold Sprague, (585) 591-2161

Secretary: JoAnne Doll, (585) 591-2161

Treasurer: Henry Schroeder, (585) 591-2161

Consultant: Marilyn Bathrick, (585) 591-2161

Consultant: Joan Waite, (585) 591-2161

### SERVICES:

Local history and genealogy files including extensive genealogy on Stevens family, who were instrumental in starting museum. Artifacts on display include early 1900's furniture including complete Victorian parlor, clothing, business pictures, disaster pictures including original newspaper of Titanic sinking and story of Attica residents survival, maps of early Attica, prison history, war memorabilia including rifles, muskets and drum from war of 1812 plus Civil War artifacts, Drug and Doctor display.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Bulk of the collection ranges from the early 1800's through the 1930's. We are now asking for donations of items from 1940s through 1960s.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Victorian Dress Shop with fashions of 1900: evening gowns, fans, capes (one from House of Worth, Paris)
2. Pioneer and early farm kitchen tools, dishes

## Avon Preservation and Historical Society

74 Genesee Street  
Avon, New York 14414

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Board of Trustees, with officers: President; Vice President, Secretary, and Treasury. Volunteer.

### SERVICES:

1. Provide programs to the public
2. Repository for preserving Avon's archival material
3. Resource for historical (Avon) information
4. Tours by arrangement
5. Education for 4th graders meeting New York State guidelines

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Confined to artifacts and information relating to Avon only.

Veteran's uniforms and related items

Sulphur Springs Hotel information

Local school information.

Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives of the ViaHealth Archives Consortium  
Rochester General Hospital

333 Humboldt Street  
Rochester, New York 14610  
(585) 922-1847  
Fax: (585) 922-0018  
Email: phil.maples@viahealth.org  
URL: <http://www.viahealth.org>

**HOURS:**

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Philip G. Maples, Director of Archives

**SERVICES:**

Free public access for research in the collection; charge for staff research services is \$20.00 per hour after the first hour. Photocopying is at the discretion of the director. Public services include illustrated lectures on Hospital history; newsletter *Baker-Cederberg Notebook; To Serve the Community* (pictorial history) and other historical publications; hospital histories, interactive CD-ROM, and video taped formats; historic mementos. Membership organizations: Heritage Society, Legacy Society and Friends of the Hart Halpern Archives.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The collections include 50,000+ photographs, 2,500 artifacts, 600 uniforms from the 3 nursing schools, 1,500 volume research library, 900+ feet of archival material consisting of minute books and related materials representing the Directors, Women's, and Medical Boards; RN School (1880-1964) and Nursing Alumni (1896-present); LPN School (1964-present), and allied organizations. Artifactual materials include dioramas, uniforms, and instruments.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

City/Rochester General Hospital School of Nursing, 1880-1964; Rochester City/Rochester General Hospital School of Nursing Alumni, 1896-present; Isabella Graham Hart School of Practical Nursing, 1964-present; Base Hospital 19 (WWI), 1917-1920; 19th General Hospital (AUS, WWII), 1940-1950; Florence Nightingale Post American Legion, 1919-present; Genesee Valley Dietetic Association, 1932-present; Rochester General Hospital School of Medical Technology, 1932-present; New York State Dietetic Association; videotaped oral histories of individuals associated with the Hospitals development.

Town of Bennington Historical Society

207 Clinton Street

Cowlesville, N.Y. 14037

TELEPHONE: (585) 937-9718

**HOURS:**

June-October Third Sunday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

All volunteer

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

80% photographs of area from early 1900's, 20% clothing and fashions of early 1900s. Some WWI and WWII uniforms.

Glass bottles and household items. Some hand tools.

## Big Springs Museum

Main Street  
Caledonia, N.Y. 14423  
Telephone: (585) 538-9880

### HOURS:

Su 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Curator: Patricia Garret  
President: Jean Guthrie

### SERVICES:

Open to public for viewing history of area. Educational programs for school children.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Clothing, farm machinery, kitchen utensils, toys and furniture, and war collection from past.

## Brighton Memorial Library

Brighton Memorial Library  
2300 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618  
TELEPHONE: (585) 784-5300  
FAX: (585) 784-5333  
EMAIL: [kkase@mcls.rochester.lib.ny.us](mailto:kkase@mcls.rochester.lib.ny.us)  
URL: <http://www.brightonlibrary.org>

### HOURS:

M - Th 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
F 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
\*Sa 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
\*Su 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
\*Closed weekends in summer

### PERSONNEL:

Reference & Network Services Manager: Karen Kase-McLaren

### SERVICES:

In-person, fax and e-mail reference service. Microform reader/printer available on site. Public Internet access.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Primarily Brighton documents and information with limited Monroe County, City of Rochester and Genesee Valley information.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Brighton Local Government Documents collection.
2. Local History Microfilm collection (Includes Town Historian Biographies 1900-1986, Books of Records 1814-40 and 1828-71, Record of the Roads and Highways 1840-1917, Brighton School District 1918-44, Plat Book of Brighton 1931, 1963, etc.).
3. Brighton Local History photograph collection.
4. Organizations of the Town of Brighton - annual publication compiled and produced by the Brighton Memorial Library.
5. Video and paper collection of Town of Brighton Board meetings.
6. Brighton-Pittsford Post newspaper (1932-present) - microfilm.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

HOLDINGS CITED IN: MCLS Online Catalog (online access available through Brighton's homepage)

## Town of Brighton

Historian's Office  
2300 Elmwood Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618  
Telephone: (585) 784-5250

### HOURS:

W 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (Other times by appointment)

### PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Mary Jo Barone, (585) 784-5238

### SERVICES:

Assistance researching family and town history.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Non-official records and unpublished material concerning the Town of Brighton. Includes photographs, maps, newspaper clippings, directories, and some vital statistics.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Richard Decker collection: Over 800 news service photographs from 1943-1946. Includes battle scenes from both the European and Pacific theaters as well as some domestic news photos.
2. Two collections of the public papers of former town supervisors in the 1930s and 1940s. Includes correspondence, election literature, photographs, and news articles.

## Bristol Library

6750 County Rd. #32  
Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424  
TELEPHONE: (585) 229-5862  
EMAIL: [gsimmonds@pls-net.org](mailto:gsimmonds@pls-net.org)  
URL: [www.pls-net.org](http://www.pls-net.org)

### HOURS:

M - Th 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tu 10:00 a.m. - Noon.

F 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sa 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Library Manager: Grace Simmonds

Assistant Manager: Mary Jane Stublang

Clerk: Dianna Gregg

### SERVICES:

Fax, copier, ILL, audio-books, videos, media, assistive devices, Internet access, patron computers, programming, shut-in delivery service.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Board books, J fiction, non-fiction, YA fiction and non-fiction; adult fiction and non-fiction videos, audios, large print

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

PioneerCat

## Town of Bristol

### Historian's Office

6740 County Rd. #32

Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424

TELEPHONE: (585) 229-2400

FAX: (585) 229-4319

EMAIL: [tgov@frontiernet.net](mailto:tgov@frontiernet.net)

URL: [www.townofbristol.org](http://www.townofbristol.org)

### HOURS:

M - F 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Other times and days by appointment

### PERSONNEL:

Bristol Historian assisted by volunteers from Bristol Historical Society.

### SERVICES:

Historical research, assistance with providing pioneer family histories. Data processing on computer of family histories using Family Tree Maker and Personal Ancestry software. Sharing data.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

- Census records 1790-1925
- Death 1883-1969. With sources, includes parents and spouse when available.
- Marriages 1883-1901
- Births 1883-1969
- Cemetery Records -- All Bristol, various Honeoye/Richmond, South Bristol, Naples, East, West and South Bloomfield, Canandaigua, Cheshire, Academy, Allens' Hill and (old) Ovid Street in Seneca Falls.
- Military Records--Locations of graves in local cemeteries, Civil War letters, enlistment lists from before 1865, with regiments and parents listed.
- Family Histories--Data of over 200 families of the area. Many of these go back to Dighton, Bristol County, Massachusetts, where the pioneers came to settle the Dighton Purchase from the Phelps and Gorham and back to the "Mayflower".
- School Records -- School books, Academians and records from many school districts.
- Churches -- Original Congregational Church records from early 1800's. Records from Baptist, Universalist, Methodist, Federated and United Church of Bristol.
- Political History -- Town minutes from 1789 to present. Lists of the Town Officers; early highway records.
- Books -- County and local histories, directories, ledgers, diaries, family genealogies, doctors' records and many more too numerous to list.
- Newspapers -- Gazetteers, Rural New Yorkers, Ontario County Repository.
- Scrapbooks -- Over 175 books dating from the 1880's to present.
- Maps -- 1859, 1874, 1904 and 1916.
- And many more...

**HOLDINGS CITED IN:**  
Bristol Town Hall vault.

**OTHER:**

Some vital records before 1882 from funeral records, diaries, doctor's journals, newspaper articles and birthday books.

## Caledonia Library

3108 Main Street  
Caledonia, New York 14423  
TELEPHONE: (585) 538-4512  
FAX: (585) 538-4978

### HOURS:

M & Th 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
T 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Closed Friday  
Sa 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Closed May-September)

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Kathleen O. Hartness  
Assistant to the Director: Judith S. Adams  
Town and Village Historian

### SERVICES:

Full library services

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Old Scrapbooks (1900 s) by Mrs. A. B. Johnson and Mary Boyd (both past historians). Cultural resources survey of 73 selected sites in the village of Caledonia (4 books) completed in 1996 by Cynthia Howk & Village Committee and published by the Western New York Landmark Society. Some Genealogy.

## Castile Historical Society

17 Park Road

P.O. Box 49, Park Road East

Castile, N.Y. 14427

TELEPHONE: (585) 493-5370 (office) (585) 322-7376 (Curator's home)

Email: elizabethmccham@netscape.net

### HOURS:

TU 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

One curator and two volunteers.

### SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance. Self and guided tours by appointment.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

70% artifacts, 30% paper. Eddy House furnished in Victorian era, large clothing collection, Castile, Letchworth and Wyoming county information and artifacts

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Collection concerning Dr. Cordelia Greene and the Castile Sanitarium.
2. Large collection of oil paintings of local artists
3. Extensive photo collection of Castile Letchworth area.
4. Scrapbooks from 1800's to present.

## Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society

70 Lighthouse Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14612  
Telephone: (585) 621-6179  
URL: <http://www.frontiernet.net/~mikemay/>

### HOURS:

Mid May to Mid October  
Sa & Su 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

All volunteer.

### SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance. Groups Tours by appointment.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

90% is paper archival material, 10% are artifacts. Collections are focused on the 1822 Lighthouse, keepers house, the lower Genesee River, navigation on the lower Great Lakes, the Village of Charlotte and Summerville (Irondequoit).

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Collection of photographs of the Ontario #1 and #2 Car Ferries to Cobourg, Ontario. Extensive articles from local sources on this operation, plus some original material on the B.R.P.R.R. One original log book from the Ontario #1 (1924)
2. A small collection of historic artifacts pertaining to the Village of Charlotte
3. Extensive copy material from the U.S. Government archives on the Genesee Lighthouse 1822-1980
4. Audio interviews with old residents of Charlotte
5. Extensive colored slides of historic Charlotte, the Genesee River, the Lighthouse, Ontario Beach Park at the turn of the century. Most of these are also on video tapes

## Chili Public Library

3333 Chili Avenue

Rochester, N.Y.

TELEPHONE: (585)889-2200

FAX: (585) 889-5819

[www.libraryweb.org/chili](http://www.libraryweb.org/chili)

HOURS: M-T 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

\*F 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. \*(First Friday of each month 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Saturday (Sept.-May) 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday (Oct.-April) 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The CHILI PUBLIC LIBRARY, using its own resources and those of the Monroe County Library System, provides materials and services to assist community residents in meeting their personal, educational, professional and recreational information needs. The Library places special emphasis on assisting students and on stimulating the enthusiasm of young children for reading and learning.

The CHILI PUBLIC LIBRARY, through its staff and Board of Trustees, will maintain an innovative, cost-effective and responsible group of services and materials in order to meet its objectives and to provide its patrons with convenient and maximum opportunity for self-service.

The CHILI PUBLIC LIBRARY supports the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights and the Freedom to Read Statement. This mission statement is the CHILI PUBLIC LIBRARY'S declaration of its basic philosophy. It serves as the foundation for the goals and objectives, which the Board of Trustees may periodically establish and provides the staff with the guidance for long-range planning.

PERSONNEL: Jennifer Ries-Taggart, Director

SERVICES: Reference services and public access to collection. Some material is circulating. Photocopying, Internet, FAX are available.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Primarily Chili current information and history, with some coverage of Rochester, Monroe County, and, to a lesser degree, the Genesee Valley area.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Rochester Transmission Project, Seneca Park Zoo Development Program, Black Creek Environmental Studies, Genesee River Basin Study, depository for Bausch & Lomb, Golden Road Environmental Studies, Plat book, books by Henry W. Clune, some yearbooks from Gates-Chili and Churchville-Chili schools, Chili Town meeting/committee minutes kept for one year, Gates-Chili and Churchville-Chili Board of Education minutes kept one year, books from Chili's sister cities, most NYS county atlases.

### MANY HOLDINGS CITED IN:

MCLS online catalog: [www.libraryweb.org](http://www.libraryweb.org).

## Town of Clarkson

Historian's Office  
3710 Lake Road  
Clarkson, N.Y. 14430

### HOURS:

By appointment only. To make an appointment please email: [historianclarksonny@yahoo.com](mailto:historianclarksonny@yahoo.com).

### PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Leanna Hale, (585)964-8281  
email: [historianclarksonny@yahoo.com](mailto:historianclarksonny@yahoo.com)

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Cemetery records and birth/death/marriage from 1892;
2. Files on former people of the Town;
3. Old Platt books;
4. Large picture scrapbook of many of the old homes and a short synopsis of each property;
5. Scrapbook of the entire town, when it had road repairs; very interesting
6. Scrapbook of color photographs of the town from the air taken by George Dunn of Brockport ;
7. Records of the West Clarkson Cemetery.

## Village of Clifton Springs

Historian's Office  
52 West Main Street  
Clifton Springs, N.Y. 14432-1002  
TELEPHONE: (315) 462-9657  
EMAIL: mrgiff@fltg.net

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Village Historian: Frederick L. Gifford  
Volunteer only.

### Services:

Village Historian assists researchers to material. Fees required if advanced genealogy research is requested.

An historical display belonging to the Clifton Springs Historical Society and several files relating to the Clifton Springs Sanitarium and its history are located at the Clifton Springs Library.

### Scope of Collection:

95% paper archival material. Collections center on the history of Clifton Springs, New York from its first settlement in 1801-02 until the present time. Files located in the Village Hall, which may be made available to researchers if requested. The area history contains files on the nearby communities of Orleans and Gypsum (Plainsville).

## Cobblestone Society & Museum Complex

14407 Ridge Road East  
Albion, N.Y. 14411  
Telephone: (585) 589-4355

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Research Director: Delia Robinson

### SERVICES:

Cobblestone Society and Museum complex are located in Childs, New York. A donation is required for use of the Resource Center. Research direction may be arranged by contacting Director.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Individual building files for nearly 1,000 buildings containing building histories, photographs, & pertinent documents; architectural floor plans drawn by Olaf W. Shelgren; early history of Western New York and the Great Lakes Region; Geologic history of the Great Lakes Region; research papers on cobblestone subjects by student & professional researchers; information on mortar formulae, lime kilns & stone quarries; period landscaping & preservation & restoration information from both State & National organizations & publications such as *Old House Journal*; 19th century builder's manuals, cobblestone building owner's ledgers & biographical information on masons.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION:

Gerda Peterich collections include photographic negatives & prints of cobblestone structures, original & copies of a thesis paper on Greek Revival Architecture in Western New York, original notebooks of research on European masonry construction & American cobblestone construction, original research compiled for the 1978 publication, *Cobblestone Landmarks of New York State*.

Court Nativity of Our Lady #931

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
152 Main Street  
Brockport, N.Y. 14420  
TELEPHONE: (585) 637-5514  
EMAIL: NMYERS4053@aol.com

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Noel Myers

**SERVICES:**

Research history of the organization and events for the last 75 years.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Original dues book - List of members through the years - Financial records - minutes of meetings.  
Newspaper write-ups of events. Old photographs.

Dansville Area Historical Society Museum

4 Church St. PO Box 481  
Dansville, New York 14437  
TELEPHONE: (585) 335-8090

HOURS:

1st and 3rd Sa 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or by appointment.

PERSONNEL:

President: Albert W. Hawk  
All volunteer staff.

SERVICES:

Public educational programs four or five times each year.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Local area artifacts displayed on three floors;  
Jackson Health Resort records;  
B. McFadden records.

## Dansville Public Library

200 Main Street

Dansville, N.Y. 14437

Telephone: (585) 335-6720

Fax: (585) 335-6133

Email: [director@dansville.lib.ny.us](mailto:director@dansville.lib.ny.us)

URL: [www.dansvillelibrary.org](http://www.dansvillelibrary.org)

### HOURS:

M & W 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Tu, Th & F 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sa 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m. (closed Saturday during summer)

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Teresa A. Dearing

Chief Library Clerk: Marcia Miller

Library Clerks: Karen Cowley, Mary Stepanik

Library Assistant/Children's Services: Brandy Olsheski

### SERVICES:

Public access to collection. Typewriter, Internet, story time for preschoolers, arts/crafts programs.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Local History, collection;

Livingston/Steuben County Pedigree Charts (5 vols.)

## Daughters of the American Revolution

Irondequoit Chapter, DAR  
Hervey Ely House  
11 Livingston Park  
Rochester, N.Y. 14608  
TELEPHONE: (585) 232-4509

### HOURS:

Pearl Doty Smith Genealogical Library  
F 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
(Closed Fridays on holiday weekends.)

### PERSONNEL:

Librarian: Dorothy J. Bailey  
Volunteer DAR members

### SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance in library.  
Tours of the House Museum  
Group tours by appointment.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Approximately 2,200 volumes relating to: researching genealogies, individual family genealogies, the American Revolution, New York State history, Rochester and Monroe County history, the Civil War, the Daughters of the American Revolution.

House Museum: 1837 Greek Revival House with artifacts and period furnishings.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Civil War collection - histories, letters and diaries including material on Major General Samuel Wadsworth and Gettysburg.
2. Rochester and Monroe County collection includes notebooks about Monroe County historic houses and taverns.
3. Diary of Dr. S. B. Bradley (1816-1880).
4. Cemetery lists.
5. Genealogical material published by the national DAR organization in Washington, D.C.

Town of East Bloomfield Historical Society

P.O. Box 212  
8 South Avenue  
East Bloomfield, N.Y. 14443  
TELEPHONE: (585) 657-7244  
EMAIL: celsb@frontiernet.net

HOURS:

Tu - F 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Sa, Su, and Holidays by appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Director: Carl J. Elsbree  
President: Charles Thomas

SERVICES:

Monthly: Genealogy Work Shop, Third Wednesday. Presentation Third Thursday, Annual Antique Car Show, Annual Spring Bloomfield Garden Club Plant Sale, Annual Summer Garden/Plant Show and Sale, Annual Fall Antique Show/Sale. Annual Christmas auction.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Extensive genealogy collection, Collections of early to recent Western NY artifacts. Academy Museum, display of Historical items of Western NY/Bloomfield area.br>

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

East Bloomfield Academy Museum Building, 8 South Avenue, Bloomfield, NY.

Town of East Rochester

Department of Local History

901 Main St.

East Rochester, N.Y. 14623

TELEPHONE: (585) 381-3023

FAX: (585)248-3354 EMAIL: erhistory@juno-com

**HOURS:**

M - F 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Sa 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Historian and four volunteers

**SERVICES:**

Collects and preserves material concerning East Rochester Village. Gives walking tours to all Sixth grades. Presentations to all fourth grades. Addresses local organizations on Local History.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

60 years of old newspapers. High School yearbooks since the late 1920's, 5,000 photographs, eight files of papers about the village, 200 bound books based on newspaper articles and other sources.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Biographies on early pioneers: collection on Kate Gleason; histories on early organizations, local industries and businesses, schools, churches and early government.

Ecumenical & Interfaith Archives of Rochester

c/o Greater Rochester Community of Churches  
2 Riverside Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14613  
TELEPHONE: (585) 254-2570  
EMAIL: grcc1@frontiernet.net

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

All volunteer.  
Contact person: Lawrence Witmer (585) 342-6376

**SERVICES:**

Research access

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The core collection is records of Rochester's Council of Churches, 1919 - present, including major programs dealing with racism, police-community relations, criminal justice, hunger, refugee resettlement, community organizing, Christian unity, interfaith relations, and many other service and justice related activities.

The supplementary collections includes records of these local organizations: Church Women United; Judicial Process Commission; WELLSRING: Church Resource Services; Rochester Sanctuary Movement; and Mutuality in Mission.

**OTHER:**

The archives are located at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, (2 Riverside Street, Rochester, NY 14613), i.e., in the same building as GRCC Office.

## The Episcopal Church Home

505 Mount Hope Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14620  
TELEPHONE: (585) 546-8400  
FAX: (585) 325-6553

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Dev. & Public Relations Director: Deborah Lattime

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Institutional archives of the Episcopal Church Home, 1868 to present. The Home has served as a shelter for the needy and an orphanage. Currently it is a nursing home.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Board of Managers minutes, 1868-1960.
2. Records of Admissions/Discharges; children and adults, 1868-1975.
3. Superintendents reports, 1869-1960.
4. Photographs of Home activities and residents.

## Episcopal Diocese of Rochester Archives

935 East Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
TELEPHONE: (585) 473-7780  
FAX: 585-473-5414

EMAIL: David@RochesterEpiscopalDiocese.com

### HOURS:

T-Th 9:00 a.m. - noon, or by appointment

### PERSONNEL:

Archivist: David Sisson

### SERVICES:

Reference and research services by appointment. Materials are non-circulating.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Archives contain material relating to the Episcopal Church (i.e., the Church of England, the Anglican Communion) in the area now constituting the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester. The Diocese includes the counties of Allegany, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Steuben, Wayne, and Yates. Most of the material dates from the establishment of the Diocese of Rochester in 1931, although there are some materials relating to this geographical area when it was under the jurisdiction of the Diocese of New York (which covered the entire State from 1785-1837) and the Diocese of Western New York (1838-1931). The earliest congregation dates from 1792. The Archives include official records of the Diocese, its clergy and bishops, congregations and institutions. Documents, legal and financial records, and photographs are included

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Papers of the Bishops: David Lincoln Ferris, 1864-1947 (Bishop 1931-1938); Bartel Hilen Reinheimer, 1889-1949 (Bishop 1938-1949); Dudley Scott Stark, 1894-1971 (Bishop 1950-1962); George West Barrett, 1908-2000 (Bishop 1963-1969); Robert Rae Spears, Jr., 1918- (Bishop 1970-1984); William G. Burrill, 1934- (Bishop 1984-1999); Jack M. McKelvey 1941- (Bishop 2000- ).
2. Journals of: Diocese of Rochester, 1931- (annual); Diocese of Western New York, 1838-1931 (annual); Diocese of New York, 1785-1837 (annual, incomplete); General (national) convention journals, 1785- (triennial).
3. Several volumes by and about Bishop Charles Henry Brent; several parish histories; published histories of the diocese of Western New York (1837-1931); registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials from closed churches; diary of Bishop Reinheimer (1938-1949).

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.

2. Inventory of the Church Archives of New York State: Protestant Episcopal Church: Diocese of Rochester, Albany, New York. Historical Records Survey, 1939.

Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement Archives

1900 Westfall Road  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618-2898  
Telephone: (585) 442-1018

**HOURS:**

Church Office Hours: M -F , 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Archivist: Gladys Taylor

**SERVICES:**

General information may be obtained by calling the Church Office. Reference and research assistance is by appointment. Copies can be made.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The collection documents the history and development of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement, which began as a mission church February 3, 1957. It is part of the Upper New York State Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Although a small collection, there are photographs, slides, audiotapes, and videotapes.

## Fairport Historical Museum

18 Perrin Street

Fairport, New York 14450

TELEPHONE: (585) 377-8208

URL: <http://www.angelfire.com/ny5/fairporthistmuseum>

### HOURS:

Sa & Tu 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Th 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Summer hours from Memorial Day to Labor day (see web site for details)

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Matson Ewell

Curator Emeritus: Imogene Blum

Assistant curator: William Keeler

### SERVICES:

Local history displays; herb and flower garden of 19th century plants; local research materials.

Researchers may use materials within the museum during open hours or by appointment through the director. Staff will do research on a fee basis. Copies can be made on site for \$.15 a copy. Fairport Historical Museum houses the local history collections of the Perinton Historical collection. Perinton Historical Society retains all copyright to materials in its collection.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Documents, artifacts, plants, clippings, scrap books of Perinton, Fairport and Erie Canal history.

Cemetery records and early settlement records 1810 to present.

19th & 20th Century costume collection; local newspaper collection 1873-1925; WWII poster collection; local photograph collection 1870 to present; Majorie Snow Merriman manuscripts 1935-1960.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

RLIN through Library of Congress and New York State Archives.

Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.

Fairport Public Library

One Village Landing

Fairport, NY 14450

TELEPHONE: (585) 223-9091

**HOURS:**

M - F 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sa 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

**PERSONNEL:**

Director: Betsy Gilbert

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Local newspapers 1890 -

Clippings file

Reference books

First Presbyterian Church

35 State Street

Brockport, N.Y. 14450

TELEPHONE: (585) 637-3780

FAX: (585) 637-5053

EMAIL: firstpresbyterianchurchbkpt@juno.com

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Historian: David Hale

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Establishment of Board of Trustees documents, 1827; Deed to land; Records of Sessions, 1828-present; Records of Trustees, 1890, 1920-present, Membership roster, 1828-present; Minutes of sessions of now-defunct Sweden Center, Presbyterian Church, 1818-1840; Twentieth Century materials including church histories, 1928; photographs.

The First United Methodist Church of West Webster

570 Ridge Road  
Webster, New York 14580  
TELEPHONE: (585) 671-1682

**HOURS:**

Secretary hours - 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
The Pastor is part time.

**PERSONNEL:**

Minister: Rev. Daniel Geer  
Secretary: Gale Jones  
Historian/Librarian: Jean Maid

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Current events of church; Inventory of members and marked inventory; Artifacts; Minutes (Trustee's, women's committee, etc.); Photograph collection of ministers; Oral History collection of members; Books (Braille Bibles, magazines, and catalogs); Membership Lists. (Including Veterans); Church history; News clippings.

Town of Gainesville Public Library

10 Church Street  
Silver Springs, N.Y. 14550-0321  
TELEPHONE: (585) 493-2970  
FAX: (585) 493-2970  
EMAIL: gainesville@wycol.com

**HOURS:**

Tu-Th 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
F 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sa 9:00 a.m. - Noon.

**PERSONNEL:**

Director: Mary Mann  
Part-time page: Pat Campbell

**SERVICES:**

ending books, videos, cassettes, provide interlibrary loan service, provide fax and copier service, offer two public use computers for in house use and Internet use.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

11,640 books, 956 audio visual material, 1552 other material holdings. Vertical file of some Local History material, written material and photographs.

## Ga-ne-a-sos History Keepers

Conesus Historical Society  
Conesus, NY 14435  
Telephone: (585) 346-346-3130

### HOURS:

Sa 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Brenda Eddy, 346-2201  
Society President: Dawn Merritt, 346-5303

### SERVICES:

Showcases and old backdrop display in basement of Town Hall. Inquiries through Historian.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Booklets, Books, Clippings from local papers, Photographic copies and collections, quilt made in 1976, and a Town Flag. The Ga-ne-a-sos History Keepers are also “re-conditioning” one of the town’s original log cabins which was moved to the Ricky Green Park for a variety of uses.

## Genesee Country Village & Museum

P.O. Box 310

Mumford, N.Y. 14511

TELEPHONE: (585) 538-6822

FAX: (585) 538-2887 or (585) 538-6927

EMAIL: gcum@frontiernet.net

URL: <http://www.gcv.org>

### HOURS:

Archives by appointment.

Museum Village open May 13, 2000 - October 22, 2000

Tu - F 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sa -Su 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

President & CEO: Betsy W. Harrison

Curator of Collections: Dan Barber

Vice-President Programs: George Collins

Curator, Gallery of sporting Art: Diane E. Jones

### SERVICES:

19th Century craft demonstrations; catalog of school and adult education classes; "Lunch and Learn" lecture series; "Movable Museum" program; "ArtVentures"; Earth camp; Summer Sampler young adults program; selected special programs during season; theme weeks; horticultural and foodways interpretation.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

57 historic buildings dating between 1790 and 1870. 19th century decorative arts; Nature Center; John L. Wehle Gallery of wildlife and sporting art; some manuscript and archival material relative to early settlement; c. 1790-1900 diaries, letters and account books.

## Geneva Historical Society

543 South Main Street

Geneva, NY 14456

TELEPHONE: (315)789-5151

FAX: (315) 789-0314

EMAIL: [info@genevahistoricalociety.com](mailto:info@genevahistoricalociety.com)

URL: <http://www.genevahistoricalociety.com>

### HOURS:

Museum hours: May 1st - Oct 31st M-F 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.;

Nov 1st - Apr 30th Tu - F 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sat 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Archive hours: Tu - F 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. of by appt.

### PERSONNEL:

Museum Director: (June 1, 2006) Kenneth Shefsiek

Curator of Collections and Exhibits: John Marks

Director of Education and Public Information: Anne Dealy

Archivist: Karen Osburn

### Properties:

Geneva Historical Society Museum at Prouty-Chew House, Rose Hill Mansion, Balmanno Cottage, John Johnston Farm & the Mike Weaver Drain Tile Museum

### SERVICES:

Research assistance available to visitors as well as to mail-in researchers; museum \$ gift shop featuring local history books, prints, & postcards. \$5.00 non-member daily research fee, \$3.00 non-member Geneva City & Town residents, and free to members, Geneva public & parochial school students. Finger Lakes Community College and Hobart & William Smith college students. Mail-in research fee: initial 2 hour genealogy search \$20, copies & postage included; additional hours or non-genealogy research \$15 per hour plus postage and copy fees. Copy fees: \$.25 for regular photocopies, \$.50 for 11x17, \$.50 for copies from microfilm, \$5.00 for computer scans.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTIONS:

Geneva City Directories- Various from 1857 to 1999. Geneva Newspapers from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century including the Geneva Advertiser, Gazette, Courier, Expositor and Palladium. Church Records: Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and various others. Cemetery Records including Pulteney Street, Washington Street, Glenwood and various others. Funeral Home records from 1889 to 1985. Monument Ledgers from 1913 to 1942. Extensive photographic collections - over 15,000 slide images, a 10,300 negative collection from a local news photographer, over 1000 glass plate negatives, daguerreotypes, tintypes, stereo negatives, and original prints. Civil War Letters from various Geneva soldiers. Sanborn insurance maps of Geneva from 1867 to the 1960s on microfilm. Village of Geneva trustee minute books, City of Geneva Minute Books, Town of Seneca Records 1793-1827, volunteer fire company minute books, and early police department documents. Also documents, scrapbooks and diaries from many Geneva families and businesses. 3000 volume research library.

## George Eastman Collection at the George Eastman House

900 East Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
Telephone: (585) 271-3361 x242  
Fax: (585) 271-3970  
URL: <http://www.eastman.org>

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Curator: Kathy Connor

### SERVICES:

Researchers are welcome to use all aspects of the George Eastman Collection. Appointments should be made by calling the Curator.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Manuscripts, photographic material, motion pictures, and decorative arts that belonged to George Eastman.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. George Eastman manuscript collection, 1879-1932
2. Personal photographs and albums and motion picture films
3. Printed material documenting Eastman's relationships with the Eastman Commercial College and the Eastman Kodak Company

## Photo Collection at the George Eastman House

900 East Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
Telephone: (585) 271-3361 Ext 459  
Fax: (585) 271-3970  
URL: <http://www.eastman.org>

### HOURS:

TU - F 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Photo Archivist: David A. Wooters  
Assistant Archivist: Janice Madhu  
Assistant Archivist: Joseph R. Struble

### SERVICES:

Prints and slides for study or reproduction available through the Museum's Print Service. (Museum does not photocopy its artifacts).

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Small collection of primarily late 19th and early 20th century photographs of Rochester.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Views of...

1. Genesee River and falls
2. 1865 Flood
3. Sibley Fire, 1904
4. Central Business District: ca. 1868 storefronts on Main St./Buffalo St., 1904 construction of the Cutler Building
5. Rochester material: a full plate daguerreotype of the corner of State and Main Streets (ca. 1852), and a 1852 daguerreotype portrait of Henry Eli Rochester and his family, both by E.T. Whitney
6. Stereoviews of Rochester and vicinity by both C.W. Woodward and George Monroe, large panoramas by Federick Brehm (ca. 1915), and autochromes (an early color process) of Rochester gardens, parks, and civic celebrations by Charles Zoller (ca. 1907-1930).

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. Sobieszek, Robert A., Joan Pedzich, and Philip L. Condax. *Rochester: An American Center of Photography* (exhib.cat.). Rochester: International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House, 1984.
2. Hager, Michael, Rick McKee Hock, and Ruth Rosenberg-Napersteck. *A Portrait of Rochester Through the Lens of Charles Zoller*. Rochester History, vol. L, no. 1. Rochester NY: Rochester Public Library, 1987.

## Granger Homestead

295 N. Main Street  
Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424  
Telephone: (585) 394-1472  
FAX: (585) 394-6958  
email: ghomestead@aol.com  
URL: <http://www.ggw.org/granger/index.htm>

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Saralinda Hooker

### SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Books concerning 19th century Federal Architecture. Also large collection of books about carriages.  
Granger family documents.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Gideon Granger family documents

## Greece Historical Center and Museum

595 Long Pond Road

Rochester, New York 14612

TELEPHONE: (585) 225-7221

URL: <http://historicalsociety.greecenyc.org/>

### HOURS:

M - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tu - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Su - 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

(Tours for 5 or more by appointment)

### PERSONNEL:

Executive Director: Lorraine Beane

### SERVICES:

Tours, Meeting Space, Gift Shop, Greece history research, Student and Scout Troop Badge work.

Historian's office services. Currently on exhibit: Vignettes of living patterns in special exhibit, "Home on the Ridge": transportation, agriculture, oldest fire equipment in Greece, ice cutting in a winter setting, 1930 kitchen, Native Americans in Greece, New York, and one room school house.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Artifacts, Clothes, Books, Furniture.

Historical Society of Greece

P.O. Box 16249

Rochester, N.Y. 14616

TELEPHONE: (585) 225-7221

FAX: (585) 225-6930

URL:<http://historicalsociety.greeceny.org/>

HOURS:

Su 2:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

M & Tu 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

One part time position

Volunteers

SERVICES:

Reference & research assistance. Group tours by appointment.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Archival material and artifacts of early Greece. A museum wing consists of dioramas of early Greece, including its industry, farming, and cultural past. Changing exhibits. Clothing collection.

James and Bessie Hamm House Inc.

301 Adams Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14608  
TELEPHONE: (585) 464-8828

**HOURS:**

Tu-F 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mid January to Mid December.

**PERSONNEL:**

All volunteer

**SERVICES:**

(Ages 9-13 years old) Cultural and community research assistance; computer and basic language skills reinforced; tutor sessions for reading and math; hands-on experiences to elevate self esteem and positive empowerment; tours by appointment.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

1. A small collection of historic artifacts pertaining to the life of James and Bessie Hamm that attest to reasons why the location was designated Landmark status.
2. A collection of old books, magazines, new articles - Pre 1900-1984
3. Audio interviews with old residents of the community and city.

## Henrietta Public Library

455 Calkins Road  
Rochester, New York 14623  
Telephone: (585)359-7092

### HOURS:

M-Th 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
F 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sa (Sept.-June) 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Su (Sept.-June) 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Local History Librarian: John Funt

### SERVICES:

All materials are available for in-library reference only. Xerographic photocopying is available at \$.15 per page. Patrons may photograph any part of the collection. The collection is accessible at no cost to patrons.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The political and cultural history of the residents and of those who work in the Township of Henrietta, New York from its early 1800's beginnings as part of the Town of Boyle (Pittsford), Ontario County to the present day. Collected information media, maps, books, diaries, autograph documents, photographs, ephemera, cemetery records, scrapbooks and newspapers.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

An index to *Henrietta Post* weekly newspaper articles from its first issue in 1961 to the most recent issue. Microfilm copies of the newspaper from its first issue to the most immediate previous year.

## Village of Hilton

### Historian's Office

59 Henry St.

Rochester, N.Y. 14468

TELEPHONE: (585) 392-4144

FAX: (585) 392-5620

EMAIL: [historian@hiltonny.org](mailto:historian@hiltonny.org)

### HOURS:

Tu & Th 1:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Historian: Mary Townsend

Assistant Historian: James A. Mullen

### SERVICES:

Reference family and local history.

Village and town history books available for sale.

Group tours - (school alumni, grade school; Girl and Boy Scouts, etc.)

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

95% paper archival material and 5% artifacts; some bound issues of Hilton Record.; microfilm records from over 4000 photographs of people, places events of early years in the village.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Early Clusadel Drum Corp scrapbooks; Glenn Fishbaugh WWI Collection; Centennial celebration of Village incorporation.

One room schoolhouse information and early education scrapbooks, diaries.

## Hobart & William Smith Archives

Warren Hunting Smith Library, Archives  
Pulteney St.  
Geneva, N.Y. 14623  
TELEPHONE: (315) 781-3550  
FAX: (315) 781-3560

### HOURS:

Su - Th 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.  
Fr - 8:00 a.m. - Midnight  
Sa 9:00 a.m. - Midnight

### PERSONNEL:

Head Librarian: Paul W. Crumlish  
Reference Librarians: Joseph Chmura, Michael Hunter, Tami Albin, Sara Greenleaf  
Archivist: Charlotte Hegyi

### SERVICES:

We provide reference and research for the Hobart and William Smith Colleges community, as well as for the Geneva area and others from across the nation and abroad. This includes students, faculty, alumni, administration and those wanting information located in the various collected papers in the Archives. Finding aids exist for special collections.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The largest part of the collection consists of historical documents, biographical information, colleges' publications and photographs, all of which relate to the colleges and their histories beginning with the founding of Hobart College in 1822 up to the present. A small portion relates to the town of Geneva and the surrounding area.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

There are three rare book collections in the Archives. We have the collected papers of Benjamin Hale (President of Hobart College 1836-1858) and his family, Leo Srole (distinguished American Sociologist who taught at the Colleges in the 1940's), Adaline Glasheen (highly regarded Joyce Scholar), SAGA Corporation (SAGA having been founded at the Colleges), and various faculty members and other presidents.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Guide to Historical Resources in Ontario County New York Repositories, Vol.1, Cornell University.  
Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1984.

## Village of Honeoye Falls

### Historian's Office

5 East Street

Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472

TELEPHONE: (585) 624-1711

FAX: (585) 624-2588

EMAIL: vghonfls@frontiernet.net

### HOURS:

M - F 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., and by appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Village Historian: Anne Bullock

### SERVICES:

All types of historical research.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Pictorial history of Honeoye Falls - approximately 1860 through the present day; bound copies of the Honeoye Falls Times newspaper 1890 through 1920; alphabetical listings of Honeoye Falls Cemetery, St. Paul of the Cross (Roman Catholic) Cemetery and the North Bloomfield Cemetery; copies of: Honeoye Falls - Its Beginnings by David Maloney; History of the Village of Honeoye Falls and the Town of Mendon by Helen Cooney, Village Historian and Marian Powell, Town of Mendon Historian; The Flavor of Honeoye Falls by Anne Bullock, Village Historian; histories of the four churches in Honeoye Falls, the First Presbyterian Church, the Methodist Church, St. Paul of the Cross Roman Catholic Church and St. John's Episcopal Church, including early membership records of some of these churches; early maps of Honeoye Falls (1858 - 1872, 1902) for resident research and business research; plus many articles published on people, buildings, business growth and population growth of this vital village of Honeoye Falls; historic area application and dedication of Honeoye Falls area which was placed on the National Register of Historic places in 1993. Photos and description of 202 homes and areas included in application.

Town of Huron

Historian's Office  
11065 Ridge Road  
Wolcott, N.Y. 14590-1658  
TELEPHONE: (315) 594-1658  
FAX: (315) 594-1658  
EMAIL: 1clint@att.net

HOURS:  
By appointment.

PERSONNEL:  
Historian: Carol Flint  
Volunteers Limited research assistance. School and group tours by appointment.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:  
Paper and artifacts housed in: Dayton Mills School, Circa 1817 - a one room schoolhouse preserved as when closed with centralization in 1935; Huron Grange, organized in 1874, building erected in 1884- Home of First Juvenile Grange in New York State; Old Town Hall, Circa 1849-complete with original oil lamps. Closed in 1979 when new town hall was completed.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

131 W. Main Street  
Webster, N.Y. 14580  
TELEPHONE: (585) 872-5180  
EMAIL: ImmanuelEv@aol.com

HOURS:  
By appointment.

PERSONNEL:  
Church Archivist: Norma Johnston

SERVICES:  
Research assistance. Photocopier, fax machine, a scanner available.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:  
Parish register, bulletins, annual reports, photographs. 24 cubic feet, est.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:  
Church records from 1868 to present.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:  
Records also held by Upstate NY Synod of ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

Irondequoit Public Library

Helen McGraw Branch

2180 E. Ridge Road

Rochester, N.Y. 14622

Telephone: (585) 336-6060

URL: [www.libraryweb.org/irondequoit](http://www.libraryweb.org/irondequoit)

**HOURS:**

Monday - Thursday 10 am - 9pm

Friday - 10 am - 6 pm

Saturday - 10 am - 5 pm (10 am - 1 pm in July & August)

**PERSONNEL:**

Branch Manager: Karen Hultz

**SERVICES:**

Copies. For microfilm use, film is loaned out for one day so patron can take film to a reader.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Published material relating to Irondequoit history.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Irondequoit Press, microfilm, July 1936 - December 1992 (with gaps).

## Town of Irondequoit

Historian's Office  
1280 Titus Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14617  
Telephone: (585) 467-8840

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Patricia Wayne (585) 336-6065

### SERVICES:

Town Historian furnishes old pictures and articles for feature in Irondequoit Press - titled "Irondequoit Memories"; speaks to various civic groups on Irondequoit history; makes presentations in Irondequoit schools, primarily 4th graders; presents a monthly program at the Pinegrove Senior Citizens Center; furnishes information to Irondequoit citizens.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Wide collection of old photographs - catalogued; numerous slides being catalogued; assorted memorabilia in the attic of the Irondequoit Town Hall; collection of 19th Century books; numerous articles on Irondequoit history; file of interviews with Irondequoit citizens; many paintings and sketches of Irondequoit scenes. Vintage clothing, 19th Century home furnishings in the museum.

### OTHER:

The Pioneer House Museum is also at this location. Telephone: (585) 467-2206.

Java Historical Society

Historian's Office  
Schoolhouse Museum  
4441 Main St. Rt 78  
Java Village, N.Y. 14083

**HOURS:**

W 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Third Sunday of Month 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Society Secretary: Lorraine Farrant (585) 457-3436

**SERVICES:**

Historical Society. Preservation of old one room schoolhouse.

Local genealogy only.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Local History materials

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Civil War materials

**OTHER:**

Routine displays. Annual openhouse early June.

Town of Java

Historian's Office  
4846 Michigan Road  
Arcade, NY 14009  
TELEPHONE: (585) 457-3079

HOURS:  
W 6:00-8:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:  
Town Historian: Raymond Barber

SERVICES:  
Genealogy assistance.  
Photocopying.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:  
Family history, town records, newspapers (1880 - )

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:  
Civic War materials  
Copies of national records - related to Wyoming County civil war veterans.

Jewish Community Center of Greater Rochester

1200 Edgewood Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618  
TELEPHONE: (585) 461-2000  
FAX: (585) 461-0805

**HOURS:**

Building open:

M - Th 5:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

F 5:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sa 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Su 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Phyllis Kasdin, Ext. 239

**SERVICES:**

Reference

Research

Display available

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

90% photographs, 10% artifacts. Collection of Rochester's Jewish Community. Institutional archives of Rochester's Jewish Community Center; meeting minutes, letters and programs.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Small collection of Rabbi Philip Bernstein's books and memorabilia; Ark Curtain from defunct Synagogue, Dr. Morris Laerson's medical equipment.

## Lake Avenue Baptist Church

57 Ambrose Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14608  
TELEPHONE: (585) 458-5765  
FAX: (585) 458-5766  
EMAIL: lakeabc@rochester.rr.com  
URL: <http://www.LakeAveBaptist.org>

### HOURS:

M - F 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Minister: Peter S.B. Carman  
Interim Associate Minister: Bill Taber  
Secretary: Ken Setera  
Financial Secretary: Lillian Griswold

### SERVICES:

All materials must be read or researched on the premises. Copy machine available for limited copies, only.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Historical accounts of church from earliest beginnings as a mission of the First Baptist Church of Rochester to present day.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Papers on church ministers 1876- present. Helen Barrett Montgomery Collection (on deposit at American Baptist Historical Society - Colgate Rochester Divinity School).

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Colgate Rochester Divinity School  
American Baptist Historical Society  
Ambrose Swasey Library

## Landmark Society of Western New York

### Wenrich Memorial Library

133 South Fitzhugh Street

Rochester, N.Y. 14608

TELEPHONE: (585) 546-7029

FAX: (585) 546-4788

URL: <http://www.landmarksociety.org>

### HOURS:

M-F 9:00 - 4:00 p.m., or by appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Deputy Executive Director: Ann B. Parks Ext. 14 [aparks@landmarksociety.org](mailto:aparks@landmarksociety.org)

Architectural Research Coord.: Cynthia Howk Ext. 24 [chowk@landmarksociety.org](mailto:chowk@landmarksociety.org)

Curator: Bill Keeler Ext. 13 [bkeeler@landmarksociety.org](mailto:bkeeler@landmarksociety.org)

### SERVICES:

Public access to research collection; library materials are non-circulating; however, some materials may be photocopied, subject to copyright restrictions, at a charge per page.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Wenrich Memorial Library contains resources on architecture, preservation, restoration, decorative arts, historic gardens, landscape architecture, and local history, with a particular emphasis on Rochester and Monroe County.

### SUBJECT STRENGTHS:

Local landmarks--survey books, photographs, slides, drawings, and historical files on individual landmarks. Historic preservation--legal, financial, and physical aspects.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Books: Over 3,000 on architecture, preservation, restoration, decorative arts, as well as local history (225 shelf feet).
2. Photographs: Over 2,500 (from 1960's to present), depicting landmarks in Rochester, Monroe County, and New York State; includes 8 X 10 glossy black & white, and 16 X 20 mounted black & white. In addition, approx. 10,000 snapshots of structures included in area surveys.
3. Slides: Approximately 7,000 (from 1950's to present), depicting landmarks in Rochester, Monroe County, and New York State.
4. Historical Files: (7 4-drawer files) Individual building files with historical and architectural information, newspaper clippings, and correspondence on structures in Rochester, Monroe County, and New York State.
5. Survey Books: (75 shelf feet) Notebooks on surveys of major historic areas in Rochester and Monroe County. Information includes basic historical and architectural data and snapshots of buildings. Surveyed areas: all designated preservation districts in Rochester and Monroe County; other neighborhoods, districts, and areas of historic and architectural importance. Also, structures in 17 counties in Western New York recorded in the Historic American Engineering Record.

6. Drawings: Historic American Buildings Survey drawings on 15 buildings in Rochester, Auburn, Geneva, Seneca Falls, and Syracuse. Measured drawings by Walter Cassebeer of architectural details of houses in 34 communities throughout New York State.
7. Paintings: Renderings by John C. Wenrich--29 watercolor paintings of steam locomotives; also individual buildings and residences in Rochester area; Empire State Building. 30 watercolor paintings by R.I.T. students during 1940's & 50's of Rochester's downtown and Third Ward.

## Latta Road Baptist Church Library and Archives

Latta Road Baptist Church  
2285 Latta Road  
Rochester, NY  
TELEPHONE: (585) 225-2020  
URL: <http://www.lattaroadbaptistchurch.com>

### HOURS:

By appointment only

### PERSONNEL:

Pastor: Rev. Brad Blyth  
Archivist/Historian: Robert D. Cunningham  
Librarians: J. Corin Cunningham  
Robert D. Cunningham

### SERVICES:

Collection is open to the public by appointment. Staff will scan or photocopy material by request.

Some of the earliest archival records of the church are available on microfilm at the American Baptist Historical Society, 1106 South Goodman Street, Rochester, NY 14620

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The collection focuses on the history and growth of the Latta Road Baptist Church from its origin as the First German Baptist Church of Rochester (1851-1918), through its outreach programs that led to the birth of the Second German Baptist Church of Rochester (1888-1918), its absorption of the second church and new name— Andrews Street Baptist Church (1918-1970) and its move to the Town of Greece and new name— Latta Road Baptist Church (1970-). Also of interest are materials that document the unique relationship of the church with the German Department of the Rochester Theological Seminary.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Hymnal Collection: A modest collection of hymnals containing nearly every hymnal used by the church since its conception, along with a few early nineteenth-century German hymnals.

Rauschenbusch Collection: A modest collection of titles written by long-time member Walter Rauschenbusch (1861–1918) including multiple editions and printings of some works. Walter was baptized at the church in 1879. His father, August Rauschenbusch, served as interim pastor for a time. Walter's wife, Pauline, remained a member of the church until her death in 1948. In 1929 Mrs. Edmund Lyon donated the stained glass windows still present in the old building on Andrews Street in Walter's memory.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Cunningham, Robert. A History of the Latta Road Baptist Church, 1851-2001. Rochester: Latta Road Baptist Church, 2001.

Minus, Paul. Walter Rauschenbusch: American Reformer. New York: Macmillan, 1988.

Town of Leicester

Historian's Office

P.O. Box 61

Leicester, N.Y. 14481

Telephone: (585) 382-3136

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Town Historian: Velma W. Mahoney

**SERVICES:**

Research for town history and genealogy.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Files contain categories for businesses, churches, farms, houses, genealogy, mills, schools, military records, transportation, utilities and others. Information is filed in 3 ring binders and there are about 40 to 50 of these notebooks. Files contain many photographs. 1985--completed a listing of all marked graves in the Town of Leicester cemeteries. Approximately 2500 are on file cards and many include further additions than dates on stones. 90% of material is documented.

## Lima Public Library

1872 Genesee Street  
PO Box 58A  
Lima, N.Y. 14485-0858  
TELEPHONE: (585) 582-1311  
EMAIL: lima@pls-net.org

### HOURS:

M - F 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
W - 10:00 a.m. - Noon 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.  
M, Tu, Th 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sa 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Closed Saturdays during July and August

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Barbara Wilcox  
Gill McArthur, Chris Turk, Sylvia Schreib, Heather Demay

### SERVICES:

Public Library: Children's programs, story time, computer instructions, Internet access, word processing, copiers, printers, Interlibrary Loan, books renewed by phone, summer reading programs.  
Friends of Library programs.  
Tax IRS & New York State forms available each year.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

General library collection. Videos books on tape. Children's books, adult books, magazines, YA books, CD's, newspapers.  
Local History of Lima.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

OPAC - Pioneer Library System.

County of Livingston

Historian's Office  
5 Murray Hill Drive  
Mt. Morris, N.Y. 14510  
TELEPHONE: (585) 243-7955  
FAX: (585) 243-7956

HOURS:

M - F 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. (closed holidays)

PERSONNEL:

County Historian: Amie Alden  
Deputy Historian: Mary Beth Bimber

SERVICES:

Helping the public to do research on all aspects of Livingston County History.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Information on all 17 Livingston County towns are included in the following: newspaper clippings dating to 1940's on a variety of subjects; photo collection; postcard collection; maps from the Library of Congress and the State Library on New York Province, Phelps and Gorham Purchase, Livingston County prior to 1821 and after; Indian lands; newspapers on microfilm, 1824 to present; library containing 2000 books including local history, Civil War, published genealogies, biographies; archival collection containing items on economic and religious development, social and fraternal organizations, cultural activities, education, political development, social problems and reform, etc.; census and census indexes, newspapers indexed for vital statistics, marked graves, 1790-1885.

Marion Historic Association

Marion, N.Y.

TELEPHONE: (315) 926-4436

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Carolyn Adriaansen

SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance. Group tours by appointment.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Museum rooms: Country Schoolroom, Country Kitchen, Heritage Room (references) and Display Room.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Cobblestone-outhouses, ice harvesting, maple syrup

## Memorial Art Gallery Archives

Charlotte Whitney Allen Library  
Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester  
500 University Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
Telephone: (585) 473-7720, ext. 3022  
Fax: (585) 473-6266  
URL: <http://www.rochester.edu/MAG/artlib.htm>

### HOURS:

During the University of Rochester (U of R) academic year:

Tu- 1:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

W -F - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Su - 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Summer hours and hours during U of R breaks and holidays:

Tu - F - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Director of Library Services: Lu Harper, (585) 473-7720 ext. 3023

Email: [lu@mag.rochester.edu](mailto:lu@mag.rochester.edu)

### SERVICES:

The Charlotte Whitney Allen Library is a research center whose purpose is to support Gallery programs and functions by maintaining and providing access to research collections relating to art, art history and museum studies. The Library's book collection contains over 32,000 volumes relating to art history; architectural history; techniques of painting, printmaking, etc.; museum management and exhibition technique; auction catalogs and indexes to auction sales. The Allen Library subscribes to over 60 current art periodicals, and has extensive historical art periodical holdings as well. In addition, the Library maintains information files on Rochester artists and artists in the Gallery's collection. Gallery members and University of Rochester students, faculty and staff may borrow books from the circulating collections of the Library.

The Charlotte Whitney Allen Library's book and journal holdings are included on Voyager, the online catalog of the University of Rochester, and on ROARing Cat, the database of the holdings of member libraries of the Rochester Regional Library Council. Both Chester and ROARing Cat are available to researchers at the Allen Library. The holdings of the Allen Library are also included in the national bibliographic databases OCLC and RLIN, making the Library's resources available to scholars and researchers worldwide. The Allen Library is open to the public for research purposes; library staff may also be consulted by phone, mail or via the Internet.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Located within the Charlotte Whitney Allen Library, the The Archives include: exhibition catalogs, Gallery publications and annual reports, Board of Managers minutes, and correspondence files from the various departments of the Gallery. Scrapbooks, posters,

photographs, slides, audio and visual tapes, oral histories, and other memorabilia are also collected. Several computerized indexes to archival collections are made available to researchers in the Charlotte Whitney Allen Library: a file-list to the correspondence files in the Archives, an index to artists who exhibited at the Gallery from the Gallery's opening in 1913 to the present, and an artist index to the Gallery's publications. Due to the Gallery's central role in the arts in Rochester, the Archives collection includes information on many local artists and arts organizations: i.e. Rochester Art Club, Rochester Print Club, Arena Group, Rochester International Salon of Photography.

#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. MAG Scrapbooks, 1912 --.
2. Rochester Art Club exhibition catalogs, 1880 --.
3. Substantial runs of Rochester Print Club and Rochester International Salon of Photography exhibition catalogs.

#### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Voyager ([groucho.lib.rochester.edu](http://groucho.lib.rochester.edu)); Roaring Cat; OCLC; RLIN

Middlebury Academy Museum

P.O. Box 198  
22 Academy Street  
Wyoming, N.Y. 14591  
Telephone: (585) 495-6692

HOURS:

Su 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Memorial Day to mid-October)  
Tu 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (June 1- Labor Day)  
Also by appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Curator: Mary P. Lester, (585) 495-6582 Middlebury Historical Society President: Mr. Robert Kelley

SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Books, maps, letters, documents, photographs, artifacts and clothing, etc., related to the history of the Town of Middlebury including the village of Wyoming and the hamlet of Dale.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Textbook collection of books used in Middlebury Academy during early 19th century. Some published locally from 1838-1850.
2. Historical Documents.
3. Early agricultural tools.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Warren, Rhoda B., *History of the Town of Middlebury, Wyoming*, New York: Middlebury Historical Society, 1995. (Library of Congress No. 95-62139)  
Warren, Rhoda B., ed. *Tours of Middlebury's Poet: Norman Strothers*, Wyoming, New York: Middlebury Historical Society, 1997.  
Allen, Marian Warren Warner, *Wyoming: The Town Where I Grew Up*, 1997.

## The Mills Mansion

Mount Morris Historical Society  
14 Main Street, Box 94  
Mount Morris, New York 14510  
TELEPHONE: (585) 658-3292  
EMAIL: mmhs\_mm@aol.com

### HOURS:

June 1 - November 1  
F - Su 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and by appointment.  
School programs - late Sept. - Nov. and April-Mid-June  
Christmas Program first three weeks in December.

### PERSONNEL:

Part time school program coordinator, several volunteers

### SERVICES:

School groups and group tours by appointment.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

A museum of 19th century artifacts featuring period rooms with Empire/Pillar and Scroll furnishings, collections of Pink Luster, Spode, costumes, textiles, needlework. Audio interviews with older residents of Mt. Morris. Mount Morris Stoneware, artifacts from an archaeological dig done on site. Our collections are to recreate as authentically as possible the atmosphere and furnishings which would have existed in the home of General Mills in 1838-1850. Acquisitions may extend back to the 1820's since he had a previous home on this site.

## County of Monroe

Historian's Office  
Rochester Public Library  
Rundel Memorial Library  
115 South Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604  
TELEPHONE: (585) 428-8352  
FAX: (585) 428-7313

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon .  
Afternoons by appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

County Historian: Carolyn Vacca

### SERVICES:

Mail and telephone research is provided for all county residents and for academic institutions and historical associations. All visitors to the office receive unlimited research assistance. Photocopying of most materials is not permitted, except for the clipping files. Arrangements for photographing may be made. Materials do not circulate.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The collection is eclectic, including fragments of New York State History, regional history, Monroe County history and development, county governmental history, limited biographical files of county residents, and township histories. The collection also includes slides, maps, and assorted artifacts.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. New York State Department of Transportation photograph albums portraying the relocation of the Barge Canal.
2. Rochester and city-suburban directories, 1827-1970.
3. Name index to Ontario County deeds and mortgages prior to 1821.
4. Slides of district schoolhouses in Monroe County towns.
5. State University Trustees Annual Reports of School Districts, 1912-1945.
6. Postcard collection, many local views from late nineteenth century and early twentieth century.
7. Northfield Record; reprints of town minutes.
8. Federal and state manuscript census records; some indexes. Included are 1850 and 1880 federal census; 1855, 1865, 1875, 1892, 1905, 1915, and 1925 New York State census.
9. Color slides, county and regional.
10. Collection of 104 entry and discharge ledgers of the Monroe County Penitentiary, from the mid-nineteenth to the mid-twentieth century. Some volumes include extensive medical information.

11. Collection of record ledgers from Monroe County Courts, most early twentieth century.
12. Monroe County War Council, 1941-1945, files and correspondence.
13. Collection of W.P.A. reports.

## The Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery

791 Mt. Hope Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14620-2752  
TELEPHONE: (585) 461-3494

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

All volunteer. Librarian: John Pearsall

Archivist: Jean Czerkas

### SERVICES:

1. Provides research and reading materials for Mt. Hope Cemetery tour guides, visiting lecturers, Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery members and the interested public.
2. Provide limited internet information on persons buried in Mt. Hope cemetery.
3. Conduct free guided tours of historic Mt. Hope, America's oldest municipally owned Victorian cemetery, Sunday afternoons May through October at 2 and 3 p.m.
4. Group tours upon request (donation requested) Periodic theme tours focusing on women, inventors, artists, religion etc. (donation requested)

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Histories of Rochester, Monroe County and other outlying counties; biographies and genealogies of noted persons buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery; books on Mt. Hope and other historic cemeteries, gravestone studies, death and dying, cemetery plans and regulations, and cemetery landscaping.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Civil War, Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, information on historic cemeteries.

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Naples Library

118 South Main St.  
Naples, N.Y. 14512  
TELEPHONE: (585) 374-2757  
FAX: (585) 374-6493  
EMAIL: [bwarner@pls-net.org](mailto:bwarner@pls-net.org)  
URL: [www.naples.pls-net.org](http://www.naples.pls-net.org)

HOURS:

M - Th 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
F 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Sa 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Director: Blanche Warner  
Volunteers

SERVICES:

Research and genealogical assistance by appointment. Microfilm reader/printer and photocopy service. Anton V. Long historical collection; non-circulating materials.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Naples newspapers on microfilm; genealogical records and obituary file; clippings, articles, photographs on Naples area, history, businesses, organizations, churches, etc.; diaries, ledgers, scrapbooks and maps; books related to local history.

National Technical Institute for the Deaf -Rochester Institute of Technology

Staff Resource Center  
52 Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, N.Y. 14623  
TELEPHONE: (585) 475-6823  
FAX: (585) 475-6500  
EMAIL: jwdndt@rit.edu

HOURS: M - F 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Director: Judith DeWitt

**SERVICES:**

Reference for NTID faculty/staff/students, and for outside users. Interlibrary loan through Rochester Institute of Technology's Wallace Library.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

1400 books on deafness, including history of deaf people, deaf education and deaf culture; 1900 videos (mostly captioned or signed) on deaf people, deaf education and deaf culture. Archival materials related to the establishment of NTID.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

152 Main Street  
Brockport, N.Y. 14420  
TELEPHONE: (585) 637-4500  
FAX: (585) 637-4232  
cnativit@dor.org

HOURS: By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Karen Holzschuh (585) 392-8359  
Noel Myers (585) 637-5514

SERVICES:

Research assistance

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Early church and school photographs. Photographs of priests, Sisters of St. Joseph and classes.  
Early parish journals, bulleting.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary School

Holley and Utica Street  
Brockport, N.Y. 14420  
TELEPHONE: (585) 637-2100  
HOURS: By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Karen Holzschuh (585) 392-8359  
Noel Myers (585) 637-5514

SERVICES:

Research assistance

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Early church and school photographs. Photographs of priests, Sisters of St. Joseph and classes.  
Early parish journals, bulleting.

Nazareth College of Rochester

Lorette Wilmot Library  
4245 East Avenue  
P.O. Box 18950  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618-0950  
Telephone: (585) 381-2129  
Fax: (585) 248-8766  
Email: [dwchatha@naz.edu](mailto:dwchatha@naz.edu)  
URL: <http://www.naz.edu>

**HOURS:**

M - Th 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight  
F 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Sa 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Su 12:00 Noon - 12:00 Midnight  
(Vacation and holiday hours are posted and also available by telephone)

**REFERENCE LIBRARIANS AVAILABLE:**

M - Th 9:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
F 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Sa 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Su 12:00 Noon - 4:00 p.m.

**SERVICES:**

None of the local history and archives materials may be borrowed. Photocopying and photography with permission dependent upon condition of material. Visualtek enlarger available for visually handicapped.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Nazareth materials, e.g., yearbooks, student newspapers, etc.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

1. Byrne Collection of Auburn, New York Imprints: shelved at Loan Desk; includes The Byrne Collection of Mid-19th Century Auburn, New York and Other Imprints: A Finding List.
2. Bishop Hendrick Papers: shelved in Rare Book Room; includes original papers and positive and negative 35mm microfilm reproductions. Includes Printed Calendar & Index to the Letters & Papers of Bishop Hendrick.
3. Phillip Kreckel Music Collection: most is cataloged and represented in the card catalog and shelved in the Rare Book Room. Also includes miscellaneous uncataloged sheet music which is located in the Library Director's office.

Newark-Arcadia Historical Museum

P.O. Box 289  
120 High Street  
Newark, N.Y. 14513  
Telephone: (315) 331-6409  
Email: arcadiahistory@novocon.net

**HOURS:**

Sa 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Executive Director: Chris Davis (315) 331-6409

**SERVICES:**

Research and genealogical assistance; maintain clipping file of local events and personalities; compose articles on local history.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Histories, maps, scrapbooks and burial records related to the history of Arcadia and Wayne County; U.S. and N.Y.S. Census reports for selected years.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Artifacts, photographs, paper items, books, maps, Civil War items, advertising, items from prominent companies (Jackson & Perkins, C.H. Stuart, Bloomer Bros., etc.), as relates to Newark New York, 1829-1980.

New York State Supreme Court–  
Appellate Division Fourth Department Law Library

M. Dolores Denman Courthouse  
50 East Avenue  
Suite 100  
Rochester, NY 14604  
TELEPHONE: (585) 530-3250  
FAX: (585) 530-3270  
EMAIL:  
URL: <http://www.nycourts.gov/ad4/lib>

**HOURS:**

M, Th 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tu, W, F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Evening hours suspended during July, August, and some holidays.

**PERSONNEL:**

Director: David Voisinet, (585) 530-3255

12 additional librarians and support staff

**SERVICES:**

The mission of the law library is to provide legal information to the Appellate Division and the Rochester region. It is the only appellate-level court library in New York State which is open to the public. Reference librarians are available to assist users. The library provides Internet access throughout the facility via a wireless network. Four public access terminals have Lexis.com and may be used to search New York, Federal, and out-of-state legal resources. Borrowing is limited to attorneys although the library does participate in interlibrary loan. Group tours and orientations of the library can be scheduled by calling (585) 530-3251. Staff can mail, fax, or email our materials for a small fee. Multiple photocopiers and microfilm/fiche readers are available.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Primary focus is on current and historical United States legal research materials with special emphasis on materials related to New York State.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

### 1. Portrait Collection

The portrait collection consists of hundreds of photographic and oil-on-canvas portraits of Judges of the Supreme Court, the Appellate Divisions, and the Court of Appeals of New York. Most portraits are accompanied by a brief biography.

### 2. Local History Collection

The Local History Collection is a modest collection of materials with a focus on Rochester, Monroe County, and New York State history.

### 3. Rare Book Room

The rare book room holds the Chancellor's Collection which formed the original Appellate Division Library in 1849. Also stored in this room are titles dating from 1565 that are especially rare and/or fragile.

### 4. Map Collection

The map collection consists of a significant collection of Rochester and Monroe County plat books, along with world atlases, Rochester City Directory maps, and an oversize 1829 New York State Atlas.

### 5. Directories

The library has a near complete run of Rochester City Directories and a few early Village of Rochester editions. Our holdings of the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory date back to 1915.

### 6. Records and Briefs

The library holds thousands of bound and microfiche Records and Briefs from the nineteenth century to the present. For a detailed description see the brochure on the library web site.

### 7. Women in the Law Collection

The Women in the Law Collection is housed in the large discussion room in the Cutler Wing. It is comprised of materials that reflect the experiences, issues, and history of women who have shaped either the law or legal profession.

## HOLDINGS CITED IN:

"The Law Library". Fred E. Rosbrook. pp.172-178. in 16 *The Rochester Historical Society Publications. Part 1: Rochester Libraries*. Rochester, NY: The Historical Society. 1937

## New York Museum of Transportation

Box 136

6393 East River Road

West Henrietta, N.Y. 14586

Telephone: (585) 533-1113

URLs: <http://www.nymt.mus.ny.us/>

### HOURS:

Su 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Group visits during the week by prior arrangement)

### PERSONNEL:

Volunteer

### SERVICES:

Archives available for researchers of local transportation history, etc. Off-site slide talks available by personnel.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Official photos and documents of New York State Railways, including Rochester streetcar lines, Rochester subway, R&E and other interurban lines; Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh railroad documents. Library of railroad and trolley books, texts, manuals. Rochester & Eastern interurban trolley car 157, Genesee & Wyoming R.R. caboose, other trolleys, steam locomotive, antique autos and road equipment, antique road signs, tools, hand cars, etc.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. John Woodbury collection of local and national railroad photos and documents.
2. Wallace Bradley collection of local rail and trolley photos and information.
3. Collection of trolley road signs.
4. Tom Kirn collection of Rochester Subway photos.

Town of North Dansville

Historian's Office

14 Clara Barton

Dansville, NY 14437

TELEPHONE: (585) 335-2330

HOURS:

By appointment

PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Quentin Masolotte

SERVICES:

Research materials sent to individuals requesting information. Provide service (photo & materials) to local paper and library.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

All materials beginning with the early history of the village and town and early settlers.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Materials on Clara Barton and American Red Cross, as well as information on early Genesee Valley Canal. Materials on early nursery industry. Materials on the Bernard McFadden Health "Spot" or Castle on the Hill.

## Town/Village of Nunda

Historian's Office  
9364 Water Cure Road  
PO Box 699  
Nunda, N.Y. 14517-0699  
TELEPHONE: (585) 468-5177

### HOURS:

Historian: by appointment.

Town Clerk: M, Tu, Th, F 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Historian: Valerie J.V. Griffing

Town Clerk: Melissa Straton

### SERVICES:

Maintain, preserve, add to files of Historian's office; provide resource materials for students at the school; develop walking tours of sections of village; preserve records of local persons who have gone on to fame beyond Nunda; provide photograph documentation of village/town projects; answer genealogical requests; present talks of local interest.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Subject files, biographical cards, family genealogy folders, letters, notebooks, notes, columns written/compiled by former historian Marjorie C. Frost during her 50 years (30 of them as town historian) writing for The Nunda News newspaper; maps, books, journals, clippings, old photographs, "things and stuff" contributed by townspeople, etc.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Andrew J. Russell (official photographer of railroads for Lincoln and the Union Pacific) extensive correspondance by Mrs. Frost and other tracing his life, books of photos.
2. Bound Nunda News and other newspapers 1840-1981.
3. Dalton newspapers 1880-1963, incomplete collection. 1900-1910 Dalton scrapbooks/business and people, photos.

## Ontario County Department of Records, Archives, and Information Management Services

Ontario County Department of Records  
Archives, and Information Management Services  
3051 County Complex Drive  
Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424  
TELEPHONE: (585) 396-4376  
FAX: (585) 396-4390  
EMAIL: [Hans.Finke@co.ontario.ny.us](mailto:Hans.Finke@co.ontario.ny.us)  
URL: <http://raims.com/home.html>

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Records Management Officer: Hans-J. Finke, Ph.D., (585) 396-4377  
Ass't. Rec. Management Officer: Mary Jo Barone, (585) 393-2910

### SERVICES:

As parent to much of Western New York, Ontario County holds the early records for Livingston, Monroe, Steuben, Wayne, Yates and parts of other counties. The Ontario County Archives offers research assistance by mail for \$20.00 per hour, with photocopies an additional \$.50 per page. No charge for in-person research.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Deeds, 1789-1950.
2. Mortgages, 1789-1940.
3. U.S. Census, 1790-1920. Indexes available for 1790-1820 and 1860.
4. New York State census, 1855-1925. Indexes available for 1855-1870.
5. Marriage records, 1908-1935.
6. Assessment rolls, 1813-1822, 1852-1989.
7. Surrogate Court (wills, guardianships), 1789-1965.
8. Naturalization records, 1803-1956, indexed.
9. Military records: Revolutionary War pension records, Civil War service records abstracted from 1865 census, 1917 military enrollments.
10. Maps: 1829 Burr Atlas of New York State counties, 1859 Dawson map of Ontario County, 1874 and 1904 County atlases.
11. Jury lists, 1803-1867, indexed.
12. Poor House indentures, 1827-1904, indexed.

Ontario County Historical Society  
55 North Main Street  
Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424  
Telephone: (585) 394-4975  
Fax: (585) 394-9351  
Email: [director@ochs.org](mailto:director@ochs.org)  
URL: <http://www.ochs.org>

**HOURS:**

Archives Tu - Sa 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. & W 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Museum Tu - Sa 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Curator: Wilma Townsend  
Education Coordinator: Nancy Parsons  
Receptionist: Bonnie Yonker  
Library Manager: Linda Alexander  
Mail-in Research Inquiries: Nancy Parsons  
IT: Bruce Stewart  
Accountant: Ernie Maiorni

**SERVICES:**

Research assistance available to customers as well as to mail-in researchers; copying; museum & gift shop featuring local history books, maps & prints. Public access computer for historic research. \$7.50 non-member research fee, students and museum/historical societies staff complimentary. \$30.00/hour mail-in research requests-minimum one hour.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Federal census indexes for New York State, 1790-1850; federal census records, 1790-1910 (Ontario County only); Ontario County directories 1867-68, 1870, 1888-89; Canandaigua City directories 1873, 1904-1978 (incomplete run); Geneva Directories, 1922-1937 (incomplete run); County atlases: 1874, 1904; indexes to cemeteries in Ontario County (by individual townships); marriages and deaths abstracted from Ontario County newspapers, 1803-1880 (\*births not available); biographical research files, 1939 to the present; subject files on Ontario County topics; research and correspondence files (records of previous research requests); Canandaigua City Architectural Survey, 1978; index to naturalization records held at the Ontario County Records Center and Archives; Books, manuscripts, diaries, photographs and other materials relating to the history of Ontario County.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

1. Papers: Oliver Phelps (by appointment), Gideon Granger & Family,
2. Pultney, Gorham, 126th Regiment.
3. Photographs: G.H. Boyce photographic negative collection
4. (Canandaigua and surrounding area); Peggy Stuart, portrait photographer, negatives & prints. 30,000 + items.
5. Lisk manufacturing; Papec machinery; Hyland Kirk.

6. George Stillwell Conover manuscripts.
7. BOCES.

**HOLDINGS CITED IN:**

Guide to Historical Resources in Ontario County New York Repositories, Cornell University  
Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1982.

Ontario Public Library

1850 Ridge Road  
Ontario, N.Y. 14519  
TELEPHONE: (315) 524-8381  
FAX: (315) 524-5838  
EMAIL: jsvmma@pls-net.org

HOURS:

M-Th 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
F 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Sa 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Library Director  
Library Assistant  
Library clerks

SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Wayne County; Town of Ontario, general genealogical material.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Wayne County Mail (newspapers), Hoffman Foundation, Wayne County History Scholarship essays.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Pioneer Library System catalog; Ontario Public Library catalog.

Town of Ontario Historian's Office

Office Location: 2202 Lake Road  
Ontario, NY 14519

Mailing Address: 1850 Ridge Road

Ontario, NY 14519

TELEPHONE: (315) 524-8671

E-MAIL: [historian@rochester.rr.com](mailto:historian@rochester.rr.com)

HOURS: By appointment

PERSONNEL: Liz Albright, Ontario Town Historian

SERVICES: Collects and preserves material concerning the Town of Ontario; assists with local history and genealogical research; speaks to various local civic organizations and school groups; presents monthly program at the Brown Square Senior Community Center; puts together displays on local history topics

SCOPE OF COLLECTION: Subject, business, civic organization and family files; maps, cemetery listings, journals, local history reference books, etc.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS: Scrapbook collection dating from early 1900's; local history photograph collection; Ontario High School yearbooks 1922 – 1975

## Otetiana Council Scouting Historical Society

Otetiana Council  
474 East Avenue  
Rochester, NY  
TELEPHONE: (585) 244-4210  
URL: <http://www.otetiana.org>

HOURS:  
By appointment only

PERSONNEL:  
Council Representative: Florence Sudgen-Witte (585) 241-8549  
President: Dick Ulrich  
Archivist: Robert D. Cunningham  
Members at Large: Roy Bippes, Jim Kunkel, Dave Ritchie, Tom Van Griethuysen

### SERVICES:

Collection is open to the public by appointment. Staff will scan or photocopy items by request.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The collection focuses on the history and growth of the Scouting Movement in Rochester and Monroe County.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Rochester and Red Jacket Council Collection (1911-43): Significant collection of materials related to the organization and development of the two councils which merged to form Otetiana Council in 1943.

Otetiana Council Collection (1943-): Materials related to the organization and development of the council including annual reports, newsletters, district archives, flags, patches, photographs, film and other ephemera.

Order of the Arrow, Ty-Ohni Lodge #95 Collection (1936-): Includes mostly ephemera from the Lodge including patches, neckerchiefs, newsletters, programs and etc.

Uniform Collection: Includes over 100 Boy Scout uniforms from approximately 1911-present.

Jamboree Collection: Includes memorabilia from every National Jamboree and many World Jamborees.

Print Publication Collection: Includes multiple print variations of most editions of the Official Boy Scout Handbook along with hundreds of other Scouting books, magazines and brochures.

Camp Collection: Includes documents, photographs, movies, patches, neckerchiefs and miscellaneous ephemera from camps that have been or are currently operated by Rochester, Red Jacket, or Otetiana Council as follows:

Camp Otetiana (1918-1926), Camp Pioneer (1927-1936), Camp Three Lakes (1930-1939), Camp Arrowhead (1933-37), Camp Eonac (1938-??), Camp Archbald (1938-??), Camp J. Warren Cutler (Webster Park, 1939-65), Camp Massawepie (1952-present) and Camp J. Warren Cutler (Cleveland Hill, 1966-present)

#### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Bippes, Roy and Tom Van Griethuysen. Along the Trail to Otetiana. Rochester: Otetiana Council, 1995.

Our Lady of Lourdes

150 Varinna Drive  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618  
TELEPHONE: (585) 473-9656  
FAX: (585) 271-6472

**HOURS:**

M - F 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Pastor: Rev. John L. O'Connor  
Social Ministry Coordinator and Historian: Sister Sheila Geraghty

**SERVICES:**

We are a Roman Catholic Parish located in Brighton.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Records from foundation of parish (1928) featuring changing personnel and building development in both pictures and script; pictures of parish ministries: Liturgy, Youth Ministry, School of Religion, Catholic School, Music Programs and Social Outreach; parish activities in picture and script: picnic, retreats, parties, etc.; information on twinning program with St. Brigit Parish, Kowak, Tanzania, East Africa, in picture and script. The twinning program started in 1991.

Historic Palmyra, Inc.

P.O. Box 96  
Palmyra, N.Y. 14522  
TELEPHONE: (315) 597-6981  
FAX: (315) 597-4793

**HOURS:**

Alling Coverlet Museum 122 William Street, Palmyra, NY  
June -Sept. 16 M-Su 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
William Phelps Store, 140 Market St, Palmyra, NY  
Sa 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Palmyra Historical Museum, 132 Market St., Palmyra, NY.  
Tu, W, Th 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Administrator: Bonnie Hays  
Volunteers

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Alling Coverlet Museum: Information on and about coverlets & quilts.  
William Phelps Store: Archives on personnel life of Sibyl Phelps and her interests, travels and friends.  
Palmyra Historic Museum: Archives on all areas of Palmyra & vicinity, people, places, products, inventions, and military.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

William Phelps Shore: Sibley Phelps collection of Circus memorabilia, correspondence.  
Palmyra Historic Museum special collection on Admiral Sampson, Winston Churchill, D.J. Garlock, Lavinia Chase, G. Elton.

## Palmyra Kings Daughters Library

Local History Committee  
127 Cuyler Street  
Palmyra, N.Y. 14522  
TELEPHONE: (315) 597-5276  
EMAIL: pbaynes@pls-net.org  
URL: [http:// www.palmyra.pls-net.org](http://www.palmyra.pls-net.org)

### HOURS:

M - W 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Th 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
F Noon - 5:00 p.m.  
Sa 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (except July and August)

### PERSONNEL:

Local History Committee: Renee Williams (Chm.), Dixie Prittie, Tom Prittie, Dick Kirchhoff, Jay Harding, Pat Brockhuizen, Bob Lowe

### SERVICES:

Aid in locating local history sources. Assist researchers, including students with research papers. Offer advice on subject matter content and illustrations. Present local history talks.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Newspapers (1820 to current), photographs, Hoffman essays regarding Palmyra. Written memorabilia (i.e. posters flyers, handbills, etc.), books, pamphlets and maps. Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, local history, military, and newspapers.

Town of Parma

Historian's Office

1300 Hilton Parma Road

Hilton, N.Y. 14468

TELEPHONE: (585) 392-5895 or (585) 392-3410

EMAIL: [shusted1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:shusted1@rochester.rr.com)

URL: <http://www.husted.com/shirley>

HOURS:

M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. By appointment

PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Shirley Cox-Husted, (585) 392-5895

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Account Books, 1836-1967, 25 Vols.; Civil War Letters 1861-1864, .1 cubic feet; Organizations Collections, 1810-1975, 5 items; Genealogy Collection, 1810- , 5 cubic feet., (approximately 3600 index cards); Local Government Collection 1825-1943, 22 vols., 2 cubic feet; Photograph Collection, ca.1870, 6 cubic feet; Schools Collection, 1843-1951, 10 items; Scrapbook Collection, ca. 1850 - 4 cubic feet; State and Federal census index (Parma only), 6 cubic feet Newspapers, Hilton, Spencerport, Greece 1930-99 (incomplete runs); Maps and broadsides 8 drawers (2 map cases); Clipping files 40 cubic feet; Cemetery records (Parma cemeteries) 3 cubic feet; Church records (Parma only) 3 cubic feet.

Parma Meetinghouse Museum

460 Parma Center Road

Hilton, N.Y. 14468

EMAIL: [shusted@rochester.rr.com](mailto:shusted@rochester.rr.com)

TELEPHONE: (585) 392-3410

URL: <http://www.husted.com/shirley>

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Historian: Shirley Cox-Husted

Exhibits Coordinator: Brian Husted

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

1,000+ books, maps, photographs. Penfield Local History

## Penfield Local History

Penfield, New York

TELEPHONE: (585) 340-8740

EMAIL:kanauer@penfield.org

### HOURS:

Mon. 12-5; 7-9

Tues. 10-12; 12:30-4:30

Wed. 1-4

(Appointments can be scheduled for other times)

### PERSONNEL:

Co-ordinator, Deputy Co-ordinator, Volunteers.

### SERVICES:

Reference and research, various talks for school groups and other organizations on topics relating to the history of Penfield.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Documents and artifacts relating to Penfield's past. We also have materials for genealogists working on ancestors from Penfield. We have photographs and glass plate negatives of early Penfield.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Oral History interviews of long-time town residents.

### OTHER:

We have displays relating to historic Penfield, including a major display that changes every 2-3 years, and other topical or seasonal displays, ongoing display materials include a scale model grist mill, a relief map of Penfield Mills along Irondequoit Creek, and Native American items.

Penfield Public Library

1985 Baird Road  
Penfield, N.Y. 14526  
TELEPHONE: (585) 340-8720  
URL: [www.penfieldlibrary.org](http://www.penfieldlibrary.org)

HOURS:

M - Th 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

F - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sa 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Su 2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Please note: Open Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the summer. Closed Sundays in the summer.

PERSONNEL:

Local History Librarian: Carol Bond

SERVICES:

Reference services, circulating and reference materials related to the history of the Town of Penfield, with some Rochester and Monroe County information.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

*Penfield Press/ Penfield Post Republican*, 1951 - present. Penfield High School yearbooks, 1937 – present.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Books, pamphlets, and clippings related to the history of the Town of Penfield.

Town of Perinton

Historian's Office  
1350 Turk Hill Road  
Fairport, N.Y. 14450  
Telephone: (585) 223-0770  
Fax: (585) 223-3629

**HOURS:**

Tu 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and by appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Town Historian: Jean T. Keplinger, (585)223-0770

**SERVICES:**

Assist with research on a wide variety of local history topics, including local genealogies. Present lectures/slide programs for groups interested in Perinton history. Conduct classroom programs on local history for the Fairport Central School District, with a special emphasis on the fourth and twelfth grades. Write a weekly column for the Perinton-Fairport Post. Serve as ex-officio member of the Historic Architecture Commission.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Census lists with indices, 1800-1925; indices of early Perinton families with genealogical information. Plat maps, lot maps, Sanborn maps, USGA maps-Perinton and Fairport; Military records, Revolutionary War to Viet Nam, with an extensive collection for WWI and II); Indexed records for ten local cemeteries. Erie Canal history, pictures and maps included; Community directories; Histories of local churches and schools; a variety of school records; Early town records 1812-1950; Landmark Society of Western New York surveys of Fairport (summary only), Bushnell's Basin, and Perinton; Photographs, slides, and postcards of local interest; Newspaper columns on local history, 1970's to the present.

**HOLDINGS CITED IN:**

Census records cited by Family History Center, 460 Kreag Road, Pittsford; Fairport Public Library Pathfinders cite portions of the collection.

Perry Public Library

70 North Main Street  
Perry, N.Y. 14530  
Telephone: (585)237-2243  
Fax: (585) 237-2008  
EMAIL: perry@pls-net.org  
URL: www.perry.pls-net.org

**HOURS:**

Library has regular hours, local history collection by appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Margaret S. Parker, Library Director

**SERVICES:**

Microfilm reader/printer; reference; research.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Henry Page Local History Files  
Clark Rice Collection of Local History Photographs  
Stowell-Wiles Art Gallery w/oil paintings of Lemuel M. Wiles (1826-1905) and his son,  
Irving R. Wiles.  
Local History Books  
Weekly newspapers: Perry Herald and predecessors (1877- ) & Perry Record

Phelps Community Memorial Library

15 Church Street  
Phelps, N.Y. 14532  
TELEPHONE: (315) 548-3120  
FAX: (315) 548-5314  
EMAIL: [phelps@pls-net.org](mailto:phelps@pls-net.org)  
URL: <http://www.phelps.pls-net.org>

**HOURS:**

M, T, W 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Th 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
F 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
S 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Closed Saturdays during July and August

**PERSONNEL:**

Director: Louise Furber

**SERVICES:**

Reference and research. Most material is non-circulating.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Local History collection contains over 500 volumes.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Cemetery records for the Town of Phelps  
Vital Records for the Town of Phelps on microfilm  
Copies of the Phelps Citizen (1877-1947) on microfilm

## Phelps Community Historical Society

66 Main Street  
Phelps, N.Y. 14532  
Telephone: (315) 548-4940  
Email: [histsoc@fltg.net](mailto:histsoc@fltg.net)

### HOURS:

Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Doris Spink - Director  
Donald Tiffany, Historian

### SERVICES:

Programs for 4th graders and scouts, and programs for community organizations, including slides.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Over 90 indexed scrapbooks; over 2,000 accessioned artifacts; 2,000 slides; local postcard collection; 2 albums of snapshots, 4 drawers of historical clippings; file of local photographs.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Lists of all burials in all cemeteries in town.
2. Genealogy records.
3. History of early settlers.
4. Books written by Bellamy Partridge (hometown author).

### INTERESTING DISPLAYS:

1. Medical Instruments
2. Rotating Exhibits

Phillis Wheatley Community Library

13 Bronson Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14608  
TELEPHONE: (585) 235-3682

**HOURS:**

M & W 12:00 Noon - 9:00 p.m.  
T & TH 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
F 12:00 Noon - 6:00 p.m.  
SA 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. (closed Saturday during summer)

**PERSONNEL:**

Director: Leatrice Brantley  
Children's Librarian: Tamara Strubel  
Young Adult Librarian: Melora Miller  
Library Assistant: William Monteverdi

**SERVICES:**

Electronic catalog. Access and orientation to the Internet. Public access to collection. Typewriter, photocopy machine, audio cassette player and record player available for patron use in library. Programs for all ages. Adult book discussion group. Accelerated reading.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The Phillis Wheatley Community Library contains books, records, audio cassettes, CD's and videos for adults, children and young adults, with subject strength in African-American materials.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

1. "An Oral History by African-American Rochesterians." Oral history tapes by and about black Rochesterians.
2. 113 tapes and 144 folders collected from 1978-81. Contributors include prominent professors, journalists, social workers, ministers, county legislators, community activists, librarians, lawyers and teachers from the local black community. Tapes may be reviewed under specified conditions.
3. African-American history and biography collection

## Town and Village of Pittsford

Historian's Office  
11 South Main Street  
Pittsford, New York 14534  
Telephone: (585) 248-6245

### HOURS:

Th 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Town and Village Historian: Audrey M. Johnson

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Original Northfield records, 1796-ca.1830. All Pittsford cemetery records; Some religious records; School records; Bound Brighton-Pittsford Post 1954 -; Assessor's records of town and village from 1858-1941; Spiegel's Scrapbooks (5 volumes and index); Historic Pittsford Survey of village homes 1977; Historic Preservation Commission survey of homes in town; Some slides of village; Some early photos of town, village, and people; Early maps of town and village & canal; Some family records; Notes from former historian, Isabella Hicks Hart.

Religious Society of Friends

Rochester Monthly Meeting (Quakers)

84 Scio Street

Rochester, N.Y. 14604

TELEPHONE: (585) 325-7260 (messages only)

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

All volunteer.

SERVICES:

1. Meetings for worship.
2. Religious education.
3. Spaces available (including kitchen) for outside groups.
4. Library available by appointment.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Materials by and about Quakers and other religions.

Historical archives about Rochester Friends Meeting being developed.

Roberts Wesleyan College Ora A. Sprague Library

Archives and Chesbrough-Roberts Historical Center  
Kenneth B. Keating Library  
2301 Westside Drive  
Rochester, N.Y. 14624  
Telephone: (585) 594-6016  
Fax: (585) 594-6543  
Email: [ccanon@Roberts.edu](mailto:ccanon@Roberts.edu)  
URL: <http://www.Roberts.edu>

**HOURS:**

M - F 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Archivist: Charles H. Canon III

**SERVICES:**

Reference and research assistance available. Although materials do not circulate, limited photocopying of printed and manuscript material (at a fee per page of ten cents), is permitted. Patrons may bring in equipment to photograph materials. Barrier free building. Access to collections: main catalog for general and Roberts Room Collections; index to historical reference file (manuscripts, clippings, photographs and historical vertical file material in archives room on lower level).

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The Roberts Wesleyan College Archives is a repository for materials relating to the history and development of RWC (formerly Chili Seminary, A.M. Chesbrough Seminary and Roberts Junior College) containing administrative records, college and faculty publications, records of organizations, photographs documenting the history of the college, biographies of faculty members, personal diaries, ledgers and account books and a small audio-visual collection of campus events. The historical collection includes genealogical material, manuscripts, photographs, diaries and ephemera relating to the life, works and family of Benjamin Titus Roberts, founder of Chili Seminary (RWC) and principal founder of the Free Methodist Church. The Roberts Room book collection includes works pertaining to the historical and theological heritage of the Methodist Episcopal, American Methodist, Free Methodist and Wesleyan Methodist bodies. It includes the life and works of John Wesley as well as works related to the American Holiness Movement. The collection contains a special hymn book collection, materials on missions and benevolent institutions, theses and dissertations on higher education in the Free Methodist Church. Biographies of local luminaries, materials relating to the history of local industry, village and town landmarks, social and intellectual history of western New York, Anti-and Free-Masonry, and miscellaneous vertical file materials.

## City of Rochester Archives & Records Center

### Historian's Office

414 Andrews Street

Rochester, N.Y. 14604

Telephone: (585) 428-7331

Fax: (585) 428-6092

Email: [crarchiv@mcls.rochester.lib.ny.us](mailto:crarchiv@mcls.rochester.lib.ny.us)

URL: <http://www.ci.rochester.ny.us>, then go to "search" and enter "archives"

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed legal holidays.

### PERSONNEL:

Records Management Coordinator: John O. Noble

Asst. Records Management Coor.: John H. Knaak

### SERVICES:

All records are arranged by transfer lists from office of origin. Photocopying is available for record requests approved through Freedom of Information requests at \$.25 per page. Copies of photographs may be purchased at ten dollars per image. No charge for reviewing of records.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

All holdings of this repository pertain to the City of Rochester government. Historic records date from the 1817 incorporation of the Village of Rochesterville and continue to semi-active current records of the city. Marriage License information from 1876-1967. Marriage information subject to New York State Health Department access regulations. The collection of maps, photographs and other records traces the growth of our community from the early days of Rochesterville, to present day Rochester, offering a visual record of the city's emergence as one of America's most important cities.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. A major photographic collection of over 60,000 images primarily of public works photography from the mid-19th Century to the 1960's.
2. Approximately 8,000 glass plates.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories*, Volume 1, Pages 24-40. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.
2. *Guide to Selected Archival Records: The Clerk, Council, Mayor and City Manager*, City of Rochester, 1981.

3. *The Municipal Archives A Guide to Rochester's Office of Records Management "A view to the past"*, City of Rochester, 1990.

City of Rochester

Historian's Office  
115 South Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604  
TELEPHONE: (585) 428-8095  
FAX: (585) 428-8098

HOURS:  
M - F by appointment.

PERSONNEL:  
City Historian: Ruth Rosenberg Naparsteck  
one staff assistant, half time

SERVICES:  
Research assistance; on-air appearances on radio and TV; presentations to public and schools consultations with city planners, writers, and photographers.

Rochester Civic Garden Center

5 Castle Park

Rochester, N.Y. 14620

TELEPHONE: (585) 473-5130

FAX: (585) 473-8136

EMAIL: [gardencenter@surfree.com](mailto:gardencenter@surfree.com)

URL: <http://www.rcgc.org>

**HOURS:**

Tu, W, F 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sa 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Closed holidays and from mid-December - mid-January

**PERSONNEL:**

All volunteer

**SERVICES:**

Reference and research assistance, group tours by appointment.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

History of Rochester parks; information on well-known landscapers (e.g. Olmstead) and their local work; information on horticulturists with Rochester connections: Joseph Harris, and Harris Seeds. Vick Bros, Ellwanger & Barry, etc. ; information on lilacs and the lilac festival; Garden tour seminars.

Local garden club records and scrapbooks. Some local garden organization publications; miscellaneous photos of local gardens and parks.

## Rochester Historical Society

485 East Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607-1907  
Telephone: (585) 271-2705

### HOURS:

M - F 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Closed New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas.

### PERSONNEL:

Administrator: Ann Salter

Librarian: Lois Gauch

### SERVICES:

The Society maintains a reference library of non-circulating local history materials. Research can be provided by the Society's staff for a charge based on the hours spent on the research. Inquiries should be provided by written request or in person; telephone inquiries not accepted. Photocopies can be supplied. Appointments to use the library and archives are strongly suggested. Admission charge: \$2.00 for adults; members of the Society are admitted free. The Rochester Historical Society is a not-for-profit institution.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Repository of material relating to the business and cultural life of the community: 15,000 books; 10,000 photographs; also manuscript material.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Genealogical information on most of the pioneer families of Rochester.
2. Civil War material.
3. Scrapbooks of local history.
4. Full set of Rochester City Directories.
5. Information on local artists.
6. Business records.
7. Maps; antiques; transportation; neighborhoods; architectural drawings.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. Union catalog - limited
2. To date, 25 volumes of local history material have been published.

### OTHER

The Society also maintains a Greek-Revival mansion known as Woodside, that is open for tours. Collections relate to the history of Rochester. Highlights include an extensive portrait and landscape painting collection, furnishings, personal artifacts, etc

## Rochester Institute of Technology Wallace Memorial Library

Archives and Special Collections  
One Lomb Memorial Drive  
Rochester, N.Y. 14623  
Telephone: (585) 475-2557  
Fax: (585) 475-7007

### HOURS:

M-F 9:00 a.m. - noon  
TH 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Archivist: Kari Horowicz

### SERVICES:

A limited number of items may be borrowed directly by RIT personnel and others through interlibrary loan; photocopying permitted at a charge per page, subject to condition and the copyright laws; public may use collection by appointment, with the assistance of the Archivist; reference and research service upon request; telephone service for quick reference questions; copies of masters' theses by R.I.T. students may be made with written permission of the author; patrons may bring in equipment to photograph materials; barrier free building and service elevator available to the handicapped.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

To furnish primary sources for the study of the history and development of the Rochester Athenaeum (1829- ); Mechanics Institute (1885- ); Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institutes (1891- ); and the Rochester Institute of Technology (1944- ). The bulk of the collection begins with material dated 1885, with such items: Annual Reports of the Institute (1858 - ); Campus Newspapers (1909 - ); Com-mencement Programs (1905 - ); Day School Catalogs (1909 - ); Dean's Committee Minutes (1952 - ); Evening School Catalogs (1907 - ); Faculty Council Minutes (1957 - ); National Technical Institute for the Deaf Annual Reports (1967 - ); Policy Council Minutes (1922 - ); Scrapbooks of Newspaper Clippings (1885 - ); Yearbooks (1912 - ). The collection also includes: audio tapes, films, photographs, posters, slides and videotapes, as well as faculty writings and student publications.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Records of Ezra Andrews, as president of Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics, 1891-1896.
2. Complete file on Brooking Urban Policy Conference, 1972.
3. Letters of George Eastman, December 28, 1881, June 24, 1882, and February 20, 1900.

4. Microfilm copies of scrapbooks tracing the career of President Emeritus, Dr. Mark Ellingson.
5. Two folders on the Genesee Figure Skating Club.
6. One folder on the Reynolds Library and a copy of the will of Mortimer F. Reynolds.
7. One folder on the Rundel estate with a copy of the will of Morton W. Rundel.
8. Charles F. and Florence Murray Wallace memorabilia.
9. Biographical information on Ralph Avery and John C. Wenrich.
10. Three legal documents of Nathaniel T. Rochester and wife (son of Col. Rochester).
11. 1584 political cartoons: original drawings by Elmer Messner.
12. Approximately 5,000 political cartoons: original drawings by John Scott Clubb.
13. 40 audiotapes: interviews with administrators and faculty.
14. 30 videotapes: interviews and special events.
15. 20 motion picture films: Institute history and activities.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County, New York Repositories*, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980

## Rochester Museum and Science Center

### Library

P.O. Box 1480

657 East Avenue

Rochester, N.Y. 14603

Telephone: (585) 271-4320 Ext. 315

Fax: (585) 271-5935

URL: <http://www.rmhc.org>

### HOURS:

Tu - F 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon; 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Librarian/Curator of Prints: Leatrice M. Kemp

### SERVICES:

Public access to research collection; telephone service for quick reference questions; photocopying, when permitted.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Books, visual materials and manuscripts relating to the social and industrial history, as well as the material culture, of Rochester are collected to provide research material in areas of interest to the RMHC staff.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Books: large collection of published works on history of Rochester, Monroe County and the Genesee Region. Includes Rochester Historical Society Publication Series and approximately 180 early local imprints.
2. Periodicals and newspapers: *Rochester History* plus some early local periodicals such as *Genesee Farmer*, *Rochester Gem*, *Rochester Daily Advertiser*, etc.
3. Almanacs: Over 100 for Rochester.
4. Manuscript Collections: Susan B. Anthony (letters, photos, scrapbooks); C. Storrs Barrow, architect (49 sets of architectural drawings, 1920-1957), Thomas Boyde, African-American architect (architectural drawings, personal and business papers, 1930-1980) Eastman, George Washington (model account books by founder of early mercantile college); Erie Canal Superintendent's letters and papers; Seth Green family papers; A. A. Starkweather, Albion, New York (18th century account books); Hayden Furniture Company (company records and pictures); Johnson Freeman (Seneca chief's letters and photographs); Johnston, John White (letters and photographs of local Civil War researcher); Moseley and Motley Collection (flour milling company records from 1880-1930); police (night book - 1877; coroner's reports - 1877); Pultney, Sir William (legal papers relating to Virginia lands); Red Bird Packet Boat Company, Rochester and Brockport (1846-1852); Reed Glass Company records; (later became Rochester Glass

- Company); Rochester Button Company business archives, 1908-1989; Loomis, Richardson and Pierce, architects (sets of architectural drawings for 115 buildings, books, trade catalogs and notebooks from the office of the firm, 1872-1892).
5. Visual material: trade cards, postcards, prints, theater posters and programs, photographs, Albert and Dan Stone photograph collection (1903-1936).

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County NY Repositories* Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.
2. *Maps of the Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes Region.*
3. *National Union Catalog of Manuscripts.*
4. OCLC Database.

Rochester Nurses' Registry Inc.

1170 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14624  
TELEPHONE: (585) 654-6570  
FAX: (585) 654-6068

HOURS:  
By appointment.

PERSONNEL:  
Volunteers

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The collection contains the minutes of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, Credentials Committee, Nominating Committee, Evaluation Committee, Public Relations Committee, Publications Committee, and Ad Hoc Committees, as well as the Charter, the Operating License, Membership lists and rosters, and papers of individual members, records of the registrar, the office manager, and the nursing coordinator. This collection also contains office procedures, policies, by-laws, payroll information, financial records (such as audits and account information). There are a few Federal, New York State, and Genesee Valley Nurses Association (GVNA) regulations to which the Rochester Nurses' Registry must adhere. The collection also contains published and unpublished histories, scrapbooks, and news clippings about the registry and nursing in the Rochester area.

## Rochester Public Library

Local History Division  
115 South Avenue  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604  
TELEPHONE: (585) 428-8370  
FAX: (585) 428-8098

### HOURS:

M, Th 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Tu, W, F 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sa 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sept - May)  
Su 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Oct - May) (no phone reference)

### PERSONNEL:

Division Head: Larry Naukam  
Assistant Div. Heads: Librarians Barbara Purol and Robert Scheffel  
Clerk: Patricia Riger-Romano

### SERVICES:

Reference service; telephone service for quick reference questions; staff speaks on local history subjects to school classes and groups; no materials circulate, and photocopying is restricted; patrons may bring in equipment to photograph materials.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Largest single collection of materials dealing with Rochester and the Genesee Valley in the region. Includes books, pamphlets, periodicals, maps, photographs, and various miscellaneous items. There is also a genealogy and heraldry collection which includes basic reference works, some specialized guides, and a number of family histories for New York and New England families.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. City directories 1827 - present.
2. Newspaper index: Subject access to most Rochester newspapers published between 1818 and 1903.
3. Newspaper clipping file: Subject access to major Rochester dailies, c. 1937 to present.
4. Census: Federal name schedules, 1790 to 1920 New York State; 1790 to 1850 New England states and Pennsylvania; New York State Census, 1855 to 1925, for Monroe County only.
5. Almanac collection dating from 1753.
6. Manuscript collections: (1) Miscellanea: sheet music, locally produced greeting cards, newspaper carrier greetings, etc.; (2) Papers: Abelard Reynolds, Nathaniel Rochester, Jacob Schermerhorn, Charles Williamson, George Washington

Aldridge, Aristarchus Champion, George H. Harris, Henry O'Reilly, and a small collection of George Armstrong Custer letters.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections* Vol. 1, Cornell University.
2. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County NY Repositories* Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca , NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.
3. *Maps of the Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes Region.*
4. *Index to Views of Rochester and Monroe County.*
5. *Index to Pictures of the Monroe County Area.*

Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc.

P.O. Box 40245  
Rochester, N.Y. 14604  
TELEPHONE: (585) 381-1345  
FAX (585) 381-1345  
EMAIL: wreynolds\_384@email.msn.com

**HOURS:**

M - Sa 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

President: Wm. B. Reynolds  
Vice-President: Deloris Lewis

**SERVICES:**

The Rochester West Indian Festival Organization, Inc. is a cultural organization that awards annual scholarships, provides information on the Caribbean, and participates in an annual festival and parade.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Collection of minutes, articles of incorporation, items from Carifest and mailings.

Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester

1150 Buffalo Road  
Rochester, N.Y. 14624  
TELEPHONE: (585) 328-3210 x204  
FAX: (585) 328-3149  
EMAIL: [archives@dor.org](mailto:archives@dor.org)  
URL: [http:// www.dor.org/history.htm](http://www.dor.org/history.htm)

HOURS:

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Sister Connie Derby RSM  
Volunteers: E. Robert Vogt and Patrick Mulich

SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance by appointment.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Paper, writings and photographs of all bishops who have served the diocese from 1868 to present; Files for all parishes and missions in the diocese; Information on secondary schools and colleges; Files for church related hospitals and social service and community agencies; Historical diocesan and parish records, with exception of sacramental records which are kept on the parish level; Paintings and religious artifacts; Books and publications by diocesan authors.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Bishop Fulton Sheen: personal library, books written by him, films and tapes of his TV programs, speeches and addresses, correspondence, news clippings and photographs.
2. Church music collection.
3. St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries: historical documents and photographs.

Town of Rush

Historian's Office

5977 E. Henrietta Road

Rush, N.Y. 14543

Telephone: (585) 533-1312

FAX: (585) 533-9346

URL: <http://www.ggw.org/rush>

HOURS:

M 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

(Other times are by appointment.)

PERSONNEL:

Town Historian: Jeanne M. Yawman

Asst. Historian: Linda R. Graney

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Genealogy records of early families of Rush; Pamphlets and books on Town history;  
Cemetery records; Photographs - town, people, schools.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

In process of collecting items for a museum.

St. John Fisher College

Lavery Library  
3690 East Avenue  
Rochester, New York 14618  
Telephone: (585) 385-8140  
Fax: (585) 385-8445  
Email: [martin@sjfc.edu](mailto:martin@sjfc.edu)  
URL: <http://library.sjfc.edu/>

**HOURS:**

M-F 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.  
Evenings and weekends by appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Head, Reader Services: Diane Lucas  
Library Director: Karen Junker, (585) 385-8164  
Head of Reference: Judy Van Buskirk, (585) 385-8139

**SERVICES:**

Collections are available to the public by appointment. Photocopies of what patron designates at a per page charge. We provide reference and research help.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

In addition to our own College Archives, we have a number of Special Collections relating to the history of Rochester and Western New York.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

1. The College Archives preserve the records of the College since its founding in 1948. The Archives contain our yearbooks and catalogs; our student newspaper, the *Pioneer*; our literary magazine, *The Angle*; and several other publications. The Archives contain hundreds of photographs, the personal papers of Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., as well as much more.
2. Frederick Douglass collection.
3. Alexander M. Stewart papers (scholar of Jesuit interactions with Native Americans).
4. Rochester Radio History.
5. Postcards, emphasizing towns and cities of Western New York.
6. George P. Decker Papers (Rochester attorney active in Native American land claims cases).
7. GAR (Grand Army of the Republic) local Rochester chapter papers.
8. Marion B. Folsom (former U.S. Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare) photographs and papers.
9. Monsignor Edward Joseph Byrne papers (includes many writings of Harrison C. Follett about Native American sites in Western New York).

St. Peter's Episcopal Church

3825 East Henrietta Road  
Henrietta, N.Y. 14467  
TELEPHONE: (585) 334-1110  
FAX: (585) 334-1355

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Rector: The Rev. Sharon Karl  
Episcopal Diocesan House (585) 473-2977  
Mary Holley (585) 334-3605

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

All annual reports and vestry minutes (since 1962); photographs of building in progress, dedication of church (1966); records of Rev. Marilyle Sweet Page - appointed first rector (1979); two written histories; newspaper articles; history of St. Peter's Daycare Center (recently incorporated).

## Polish Community Archives at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish

34 St. Stanislaus Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14621  
Telephone: (585) 467-3068  
Fax: (585) 467-3072  
Email: [kru1@earthlink.net](mailto:kru1@earthlink.net)

### HOURS:

By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Archives Committee Chair: Kathleen Urbanic  
Committee Members: Stephanie Stenclik, Dorothy Urbanic

### SERVICES:

Persons conducting historical or genealogical research related to the parish or to Rochester's Polish American community are welcome to use the archives. Arrangement for access must be made with a member of the committee. The archives welcomes donations of additional materials related to the parish or to Rochester's Polish American community.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Polish Community Archives at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish was established to collect, preserve, and make available records and materials that contribute to an understanding of the history of Polish immigrants and their descendants in the Rochester, NY, area. The collection documents the history of both the parish and the local Polish American community.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Records of Marta Graczyk Gedgowd, who served with the Polish Gray Samaritan Nurses in WW I, and her husband Tadeusz Gedgowd, who served with the Polish Army.
2. Records of Irene Grzywinski Harris, a member of the Filarets women's basketball team which was a local sensation in the 1930s and 1940s.
3. Records of Rev. Alexander J. Stec, pastor of St. Stanislaus Parish from 1959-1978, including a collection of his sermons in English and Polish.
4. Records of the Parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, closed in 1997.
5. Records of the Polish Arts Group of Rochester (1950s – 1990s).
6. Records of St. Stanislaus Church Restoration Campaign (1998-2004).

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Urbanic, Kathleen, *Shoulder to Shoulder: Polish Americans in Rochester, New York 1890-2000*, Rochester, NY: Polish Heritage Society of Rochester, 2001.  
[www.polishrochester.com](http://www.polishrochester.com)

Scottsville Free Library Local History Room

28 Main Street  
Scottsville, N.Y. 14546  
TELEPHONE: (585) 889-2023  
FAX: (585) 889-7938  
EMAIL: lleo@mcls.rochester.lib.ny.us

HOURS:

Tuesday 1:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Chairman: Catherine Gilbert, (585) 889-4242

All volunteer.

SERVICES:

Reference assistance by volunteers. Photocopying \$.15 per page. Reserve collection must be used in building. Card Catalog, Indexes to collections.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The collection is limited to materials on Town of Wheatland, Village of Scottsville, and County of Monroe. Includes books, maps, pamphlets, photographs, and slides. A limited genealogy section is available.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Wheatland Family Index, R.T. Miller Family diaries and papers, Wheatland Cemetery lists and Franklin Hanford papers - Scottsville. Cultural Survey of Wheatland Historical Sites by Landmark Society of Western New York. Obituary File. Town of Wheatland 1850-2005 3 Volumes. Indexed

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

*Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories*, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.

OTHER:

The Scottsville Library Building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Displays in the local history room include the Garbutt Family, Historic Dulcimer, and the Burrell Family Arrowhead Collection.

DISPLAYS: 8894242

Seymour Library

161 East Avenue  
Brockport, N.Y. 14420  
TELEPHONE: (585) 637-0150  
FAX: (585) 637-1051  
EMAIL: seymour@eznet.net

HOURS:

M - F 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Sa & Su 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (except May to Oct.)

PERSONNEL:

Director: Mark Jaccarino  
Archivist of Local History Room: Noel Myers (585) 637-5514  
All volunteer.

SERVICES:

Full library services, reference and research assistance

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Local History Collections including a collection of photographs of local property and people, collection of postcards of local interest, collection of newspaper articles of library, collection of Civil War records of local soldiers, etc.

## Sisters of Mercy Archives

1437 Blossom Road  
Rochester, N.Y. 14610-2298  
TELEPHONE: (585) 288-2710 x 116  
FAX: (585) 288-2756  
EMAIL: [jeanne@mercyrochester.org](mailto:jeanne@mercyrochester.org)

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Archivist: Sister Jeanne M. Reichart, R.S.M.  
Assistant Archivist: Sister Dorothy Loeb, R.S.M.  
Local Historian: Sister Kathleen Milliken, R.S.M.

### SERVICES:

The Archives of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester are open to researchers and scholars by appointment. Brief questions, requests for statistics, etc. may be answered by telephone. Materials are not loaned. Photocopying is subject to the Archivist's discretion.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Archives of the Sisters of Mercy preserve documentary, canonical, legal, corporate, financial, and academic records related to the foundation of the Congregation by Catherine McAuley in Dublin in 1831 and in Rochester, New York in 1857, eleven years before the creation of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester. The nineteenth century history of the origins of the Congregation in Ireland and in the United States is documented in collections of letters, corporate charters, records of land purchases, minutes of the Board of Trustees, and the personnel records of the founding Sisters of the Rochester Community. Of particular interest locally is the connection between the Stone-Tolan family and Sisters of Mercy. The Tolans donated a parcel of land to the sisters early in the twentieth century several years after one of their daughters entered the congregation. Later the Sisters purchased additional land from the Tolans to make possible the construction of the Motherhouse and High School on Blossom Road between Clover Street and Interstate 590.

Sister Mary C. Sullivan's (a member of the Rochester congregation) scholarly and definitive work on the life and times of Catherine McAuley is available in the archives along with other 18th and 19th century books related to the Diocese of Rochester and the Sisters of Mercy.

Scrapbooks, photo albums, letters, audio tapes (and transcriptions) and video tapes detail the work of the Sisters in elementary and secondary education, at St. James Mercy Hospital (Hornell), the outreach and service activities to the aging, the rural poor, women and children, the homeless, foster care for special needs children, independent living for seniors, housing for poor women and children, etc.

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Santiago, Chile: In response to the request of Pope Paul VI, the Sisters of Mercy went to Santiago in 1965 to work with the Columban Fathers from Ireland and Australia. Their diaries and the history of their work with the poor, AIDS patients, women and children who live in the Barrios of Santiago, and the job training and employment initiatives, which united the rich and the poor are detailed in letters and "reports" sent to the archives.

Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas: Videotapes of the 1991 founding of the Institute which united all the Sisters of Mercy of the United States, Central and South America and Guam are available. The historical records and correspondence of the four preceding decades that resulted in this new foundation include Vatican initiatives related to the reform of religious congregations.

Tioga County: the Sisters in Owego, New York in the mid-19th century operated an employment office and night school for adults and recent immigrants as well as a parochial day school. The arts - music and painting - were offered for adults on Saturday and a boarding school for girls whose fathers were fighting in the Civil War was maintained.

Monroe County: Artifacts such as samples of the items made by girls in the Industrial School in Rochester in the late 19th century are preserved for display. The school possessed the only loom in North America which could produce Limerick lace. This and other items were sold by local merchants.

The Joseph Avenue ministry of the sisters which included the woodworking workshop for teenagers was begun in the 1960s.

Mercy residential services for women and children were started in the 1970s and are documented in the archives.

The House of Mercy advocates for the homeless in Monroe county and provides emergency food, clothing and overnight shelter. The "political" controversy, which developed over this ministry in the late 1900s, is recorded in the archives.

Southern Tier Ministries: Records of the current rural ministries of the Sisters in Steuben, Tioga, and Livingston Counties including the ecumenical nature of the services and the "servers" are housed in the archives.

Southern States Ministry: The Rochester Congregation has served the rural poor in Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

## Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Archives

150 French Road  
Rochester, N.Y. 14618  
Telephone: (585) 641-8214  
Fax: (585) 586-1193  
Email: [kurbanic@ssjrochester.org](mailto:kurbanic@ssjrochester.org)  
URL: [www.ssjrochester.org](http://www.ssjrochester.org)

### HOURS:

By appointment:

M - F 10:00 a.m. - Noon, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Archivist: Kathleen Urbanic

Assistant Archivist: Sister Catherine Judge

### SERVICES:

Researchers by appointment welcomed; brief reference questions answered by telephone. Materials are not loaned.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Archives of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester is the central repository where documentary materials that preserve knowledge of the origin, spirit, and history of the congregation are maintained. Materials relating to the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph throughout the world from 1650 to 1854 are largely secondary sources based on the research of the Federation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Records from 1854 to 1868 are sparse, but contain the first incorporation papers of St. Mary's Orphanage and Academy (Canandaigua), minutes of the Board of Trustees, and other documents. The bulk of the holdings span 1868 to the present and include the annals of the congregation; the administration papers of the Superiors General; rule books and custom books from 1840 to 1987; Chapter decrees through 2003; lists of assignments of members to their various ministries; school, convent, institution, and parish histories; personal files of deceased Sisters; building and property drawings and maps; account books and other financial records; and other church and civic information relating to the lives and ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The records are in various formats in addition to documents: newspaper clippings, photographs, scrapbooks, audio and video tapes, postcards, memorabilia, and artifacts.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

The Selma (Alabama) Collection, 1941- present: written accounts of the mission of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Black segregated neighborhoods, and their early and later efforts to minister to the people there. Letters describe their ministry as teachers and nurses, and the lives of the people among whom the Sisters worked. The collection also contains photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence between the administration of the Rochester

congregation and the Fathers of St. Edmund who support the mission. As civil rights legislation brought about improved, integrated health and education opportunities for Blacks, the Sisters moved into the remote rural areas; their work is documented in letters, articles, reports, scrapbooks, and photographs.

HOLDINGS CITED IN: *Women Religious History Sources: A Guide to Repositories in the United States*, ed. Evangeline Thomas, CSJ. New York: R.R. Bowker Co., 1983.

Society Total Emergency Programs (STEP)

Emergency Medical Services History and Archives Committee

600 Howard Road

Rochester, N.Y. 14624

TELEPHONE: (585) 436-1699

HOURS:

By appointment

PERSONNEL:

All volunteers

Elsie Glendenning, Gereen Williams, Dave Kluge

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Collects material that pertains to the history and development of the emergency medical service in Monroe and Livingston Counties. Collects those materials not being collected by other related agencies.

## Sonnenberg Gardens

151 Charlotte Street  
Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424  
TELEPHONE: (585) 394-4922  
FAX: (585) 394-2192  
URL: <http://www.sonnenberg.org>

### HOURS:

Daily 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. mid-May through mid-October. The site is also open evening hours for special events October through December. Appointments are required for use of the archival collection

### PERSONNEL:

Director of Education & Collections: Jennifer Mitchell  
Director of Historic Preservation: Pamela Pollack

### SERVICES:

Research requests are available by the staff, in person, by letter, email or by phone. The staff will photocopy records depending on the condition of the original.

Records are housed by category and year but currently no cataloguing system exists.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Sonnenberg Gardens retains ledgers, photographs, manuscripts, maps and financial records related to the Sonnenberg estate.

Sonnenberg Gardens holds records related to the history of the Sonnenberg estate, summer home of Frederick and Mary Clark Thompson (1863-1923). These records document the evolution of the nine formal gardens, the structures, and the Thompson family. Checkbook ledgers and paychecks from the early twentieth century document the workers at the estate. The organization also holds some records related to the physical plant and operations of the site during the Veterans Administration ownership of the site (1931-1973).

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Family Papers: Limited Clark and Thompson family information
2. Other Materials: Large collection of photographs taken by amateur photographer Frederick Ferris Thompson circa 1880s both of the Canandaigua area and throughout the United States.

## SUNY Brockport Drake Memorial Library

College Archives, Special Collections  
350 New Campus Drive  
Brockport, N.Y. 14420-2995  
TELEPHONE: (585) 395-5834  
FAX: (585) 395-5651  
EMAIL: [archives@brockport.edu](mailto:archives@brockport.edu)  
URL: <http://www.brockport.edu/~library1/archives.htm>

### HOURS:

By appointment only.

### PERSONNEL:

Assistant Librarian, Reference/Special Collections: Mary Jo Gigliotti  
[mgigliot@brockport.edu](mailto:mgigliot@brockport.edu)

### MISSION:

The major purpose of the College Archives which was established by college-wide committee in 1986, is to acquire and preserve historical materials having permanent administrative, educational and research value and/or which contribute to the understanding of the history of the college from its inception as the Baptist College in the 1830's through the present.

A secondary purpose is to acquire and preserve manuscript and published historical materials which contribute to the understanding of local history and development.

### SERVICES:

Reference and research service upon request, time permitting. Photocopying and circulation of material subject to librarian's discretion.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. The College Archives, containing permanent records of the school from 1841. The material includes catalogs, commencement program, transcripts pre-1940, annual reports, photographs, student registers, student literary works, master's theses, yearbooks and much more. 500 linear feet.
2. The Local History Collection, a gathering of books, pamphlets etc., related to western Monroe County, Orleans and northern Genesee County. 42 linear feet.
3. The D.S. Morgan Collection, patents, business records and some personal papers of the Brockport agricultural equipment manufacturing concern Seymour L. Morgan and the family. 12 linear feet.
4. The Mary Jane Holmes Collection, an attempt at a comprehensive gathering of all editions of all the novels of this prominent 19th century popular novelist.
5. The Sutphin Collection, mainly quartermaster papers relating to Co.H 3rd NY Cavalry (Civil War). Also a pocket diary of Capt. Wilson.

6. Indexes to the Brockport Post newspaper from 2000 to the present are available on the web at: <http://www.brockport.edu/~library1/bppost.html>.
7. Indexes to the student newspaper, the Stylus and its predecessor, the Normalia are available on the web at: <http://www.brockport.edu/~library1/stylus.htm>.

The College Archives Finding Guide is available on the web at:  
<http://www.brockport.edu/~library1/guide.php>.

**HOLDINGS CITED IN:**

*Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories*, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.

## The Strong Museum

One Manhattan Square  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
Telephone: (585) 263-2700  
Fax: (585) 263-2493  
URL: <http://www.strongmuseum.org/>

### HOURS:

Museum M - Sa 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Su 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Library/Archive :  
M - F 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

(585) 263-2701  
Library Director: Carol Sandler, ext. 258  
Chief Curator: Patricia Tice, ext. 244

### SERVICES:

Library and archive are open to the public during regular museum hours with regular museum admission. Admission is waived for Museum members. Access to Paper Documentary and Advertising Artifacts requires an appointment with the Chief Curator. Reference services are available by mail, fax or by telephone. Artifacts and archival material do not circulate and must be used on the premises. Non-manuscript items may be borrowed through interlibrary loan at the discretion of the Library Director. Some photocopying is available for a fee.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Strong Museum is devoted to telling the history of everyday life in America from 1820 to the present. We collect, preserve, and interpret the material goods, photographs, diaries, journals, documents, books and magazines that were common in American homes after 1820, when industrialization first began to affect the way people live. The Strong Museum will also acquire the records of businesses that have had a major impact on the daily lives of Americans.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Paper Documentary and Advertising Artifacts include the scrapbooks of artist M. Louise Stowell, and Rochester related postcards, theater programs, photographs and advertising.
2. The Archive houses the records of the Rochester based Aeolian American Piano Company, the Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co., the Moseley and Motley Milling Co., and the Rochester Brick and Tile Company.

3. In addition, the Archive also has individual diaries, letters and personal records of individuals from Rochester and surrounding areas. The Library has several trade catalogs from local businesses.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories*, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.
2. *Directory of Historical Organizations in the United States and Canada*, Fourteenth Edition Mary Bray Wheeler, ed., Nashville, TN: AASLH, 1990.
3. *The Official Museum Directory*, 1. American Association of Museums. New Providence, NJ: RR. Bowker, 2000
4. *Directory of Historical Agencies and Historians of Western New York*, Western New York Association of Historical Agencies. Avon, NY: WNYAHA, 1990.

Susan B. Anthony House National Historic Landmark

17 Madison Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14608  
TELEPHONE: (585) 235-6124  
FAX: (585) 235-6212  
URL: <http://www.susanbanthonyhouse.org>

HOURS:

House:

Summer Hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day):

Tu-Su 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Winter Hours (Labor Day to Memorial Day)

W-Su 11:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Groups scheduled at other times

Archives: By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Executive Director: Lorie Barnum, Ext. 19

Curator of Collections: Judy Emerson, Ext. 15

SERVICES:

The Susan B. Anthony House is a National Historic Landmark open to the public for tours. The staff is available to research questions related to Anthony and the Woman Suffrage Movement in the U.S. Part of the archival collection is on loan to the University of Rochester Rare Books Department for easier access to the public (includes Anthony letters, photos, and other suffrage correspondence).

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Susan B. Anthony's furnishings, personal items, and papers; NAWSA Collection: 153 original photos and lithographs of early women's rights leaders, suffragists, suffrage parades, international delegations for suffrage and more. The collection includes many of Anthony's furnishings and personal items; Susan B. Anthony Memorial Inc. Collection: Correspondence and papers of organization that created the Susan B. Anthony House as a museum. Includes minutes, by-laws, correspondence, financial records, scrapbooks, news clippings and photographs.

Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church

History Department  
Rochester, N.Y. 14623  
TELEPHONE: (585) 381-6152  
EMAIL: viwil@rochester.rr.com

HOURS:

M - F 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Vi Williams; John Williams; Allison Leavitt

SERVICES:

Provide information and materials in response to inquiries about Twelve Corners Presbyterian Church history, and also Brighton activities in the area. Maintain a databank (Paradox) for direct recovery of pictures, slides and retained printed materials.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

About 4400 photographs filed and indexed in albums, correlated with the computer database which lists dates, subjects and persons. About 1600 2" slides in albums, correlated with database as with the photos.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Church anniversary sets, special occasion sets and video of activities, 1949 to present.

OTHER:

Williams, John M., *To The Glory of God*, Rochester, NY, 1950

Ukrainian Collection Wolodymyr "Mirko" Pylyshenko

1162 West Ave.  
Brockport, N.Y.  
14420  
TELEPHONE: (585) 637-4867

HOURS:  
By appointment.

PERSONNEL:  
Wolodymyr (Mirko) and Irma Pylyshenko

SERVICES:  
Lend books from private library. Create exhibits of personal collection. Give lectures or demonstrations about Ukrainian folk arts, history of Ukrainian-American Community in USA and Ukrainian-American Community in Rochester and Monroe County, United States.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:  
Ukrainian Collection of Folk Arts. Embroidery, collection of 19th century metal crosses. Ceramics, costumes, ritual towels, graphic art-over 200 prints, ExLibris collection - over 1000. Library of over 1000 books (Ukrainian Literature, history, arts) books, magazines and posters - fliers published by Rochester Ukrainian/Americans. Over 150 photographs of Ukrainian-American Community of Rochester

## Unity Health System

89 Genesee Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14611  
TELEPHONE: (585) 368-3700  
FAX: (585) 464-0044

### HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

Volunteers and Corporate Communications Department Staff.

### SERVICES:

Research, displays, transcripts for School of Nursing graduates

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

(Formerly Park Ridge Health Systems, Inc. and St. Mary's Hospital) Beginning to develop collection from Park Avenue Hospital Park Avenue School of Nursing, Park Ridge Auxiliary (19 - present), Park Ridge Health System (1972 - 1999), and Unity Health System.

All holdings pertaining to St. Mary's Hospital. Historic records date from 1857 to the present. Included also are photographs, slides, audio visuals, newsletters, newspaper clippings, memorabilia, scrapbooks School of Nursing graduates Final records.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Civil War: a register of soldier patients from 1863-1864, photographs.

### OTHER:

Park Ridge Health System incorporates:

- Park Ridge Hospital
- Park Ridge Mental Health Center (Formerly Western Monroe Mental Health)
- Park Ridge Nursing Home
- Park Ridge Chemical Dependency
- Edna Tina Wilson Living Center
- Park Ridge Foundation
- Park Ridge Child Care Center
- Unity Living Center (formerly Park Hope Nursing Home)

### HOLDINGS SITED IN:

1. Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.

2. RLIN.
3. RHCAN Inventory.

University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center

Basil G. Bibby Library Archives

625 Elmwood Avenue

Rochester, N.Y. 14623

TELEPHONE: (585) 275-5010

EMAIL: elizabeth\_mamo@urmc.rochester.edu

HOURS:

M - F 8:30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Librarian: Pamela White

Senior Library Assistant, Archives Manager - Elizabeth Mamo

SERVICES:

Reference and research assistance

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Photographs, Board minutes, newspaper records, biographical and department information on the Eastman Dental Center/Rochester Dental Dispensary from its beginning in 1916 when George Eastman donated money for the original building.

OTHER:

Images from the Dentistry archive collection will be digitized and added the University of Rochester's UR Research database, thus making them available over the web.

Expected date of completion 12/2006.

Current online photo galleries:

<http://webtest.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/bibby/about/archives.cfm#Photo>

University of Rochester Eastman School of Music

Sibley Music Library

27 Gibbs Street

Rochester, N.Y. 14604-2596

TELEPHONE: (585) 274-1335 FAX: (585) 274-1380

EMAIL: [copn@mail.rochester.edu](mailto:copn@mail.rochester.edu)

URL: <http://sibley.esm.rochester.edu:8080/specialc/specialc.htm>

**HOURS:**

M - F 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Special Collections Librarian: David Peter Coppen

Archivist for Recorded Sound: Esther Gillie

**SERVICES:**

The department is open to the public. Reference and research assistance is provided. all materials are non-circulating. Reproduction of documents (xerographic, photographic, or audio) is available, subject to the provisions of U.S. Copyright Law and also to the physical condition of the original documents.

The department has a well-lighted reading room with five study stations and full network capability; Minolta microform reader-printer, accommodating both 16mm and 35mm microfilm, and microfiche; Kodak Carousel 4400 slide projector; Canon EOS 10s camera for in-house photography; and audio playback equipment (reel-to-reel, LP, cassette, CD, and digital audio master).

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The Ruth T. Watanabe Special Collections Department, named for the second library director of the Sibley Music Library in honor of her lifetime of service to both the Library and the Eastman School of Music, contains a collection of rare books and music, numerous special collections (both personal and organizational), the Eastman School of Music Archives, and the Eastman Audio Archive. The rare books and music collection, one of the most distinguished of its kind dedicated to music of any U. S. academic Archive constitutes the oldest continuous sound archive of any music school in the U.S., containing all student and faculty performance which have taken place at the Eastman School since 1933. The department holds a variety of resources pertaining to the history of music in Rochester, including special collections of both.

University of Rochester Medical Center

Edward G. Miner Library  
History of Medicine Section  
601 Elmwood Ave.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14642  
TELEPHONE: (585) 275-2979  
FAX: (585) 275-4799  
EMAIL: christopher\_hoolihan@urmc.rochester.edu  
URL: <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Miner/HOM/Hom.htm>

**HOURS:**

M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
By appointment

**PERSONNEL:**

Librarian: Christopher Hoolihan

**SERVICES:**

Access to rare book and manuscript collections; history of medicine reference

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

15,000 rare books and periodicals; 1,000 linear feet of manuscript collections (faculty); 1,000 photographs of the Medical Center (1922-1965). Special collections are supported by a collection of 5,000 secondary works on the history of the biomedical sciences.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

The rare book collections are particularly strong in early printed anatomy, obstetrics & gynecology, orthopedics, cholera, yellow fever, dentistry and American popular medicine.

**HOLDINGS CITED IN:**

OCLC database: ROARing Cat.

## University of Rochester Rush Rhees Library

Department of Rare Books  
and Special Collections

Rochester, N.Y. 14627-0055

TELEPHONE: (585) 275-4477 (Front Desk)

FAX: (585) 273-1032

URL: <http://www.library.rochester.edu/index.cfm?PAGE=169>

### HOURS:

M, Tu, Th, F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Weds 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sat 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. during the academic year.

Summer M - F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call ahead if in doubt.

### PERSONNEL:

Department Head: Richard Peek

### SERVICES:

Collections are available for research use in the department's Reading room. For manuscript holdings, see the department's home page at the above URL. For published holdings, go to the University of Rochester Libraries' on line catalog at <http://groucho.lib.rochester.edu>. The staff will photocopy limited amounts of printed and manuscript material depending on the condition of the original and copyright restrictions. Librarians are available to assist researchers.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Department of Rare Books collects and maintains books, manuscripts, pamphlets, periodicals, photographs, prints, and maps relating to New York State, Rochester and the Genesee Valley. The Department also houses the University Archives which documents the history of the University of Rochester from the founding in 1850 to the present.

### SUBJECT STRENGTHS:

Land development, early settlement, Erie Canal, railroads, Church History (especially Unitarians), Mormons, women's rights, anti-slavery, Anti-Masons, spiritualism, local architecture, New York State Indians, local industries and commerce, University of Rochester, Rochester Theater.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Books: The Farmer's Library of Wheatland (1805-1875); Ellwanger and Barry Horticultural Library; Seward Female Seminary Library; Local Imprints Collection (to 1860); William Henry Seward Pamphlet Collection; Editions of Life of Mary Jemison; village, town and county histories of this area; Rochester City and Suburban Directories.
2. Manuscripts: Over 200 manuscript collections relating to local families and organizations.

3. Local Business: Hollister Lumber; Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co.; Pfaudler Co.; Hart Printing Co; Ellwanger and Barry Nursery and Realty Co.; and Nineteenth Century account books; Michaels Stern Clothing Company; Eastman Kodak Co..
4. Prominent Individuals: William Henry Seward; Thurlow Weed; George Washington Patterson; Henry A. Ward; Susan B. Anthony; Claude F. Bragdon; Lewis Henry Morgan; Freeman Clarke; William Channing Gannett; David Rhys Williams; Adelaide Crapsey; George Eastman; Marion B. Folsom; Arthur Caswell Parker; Issac and Amy Post; Hiram Sibley; Frederick Douglass; Herman LeRoy Fairchild; Edward Mott Moore; Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein; Henry W. Clune; Minister Franklin Florence; Franklin Hanford; Edwin George Munn.
5. Family Papers: Porter Family; Breese-Stevens-Roby Family; Ellwanger Family; Barry Family; Hayes-Coleman Family; Bragdon Family; Huntington-Hooker Family; James Family of Rochester; Munn-Pixley Family; Ward-Macomber Family; Rochester Family.
6. Other Collections: Monroe County Penitentiary Records; Rochester Academy of Science; Agricultural Improvement Association of New York State; Farmers Library of Wheatland; Lewis Street Settlement; First Unitarian Church; Hillside Children's Center (Rochester Orphan Asylum); Industrial School of Rochester; Rochester Female Charitable Society; Rochester Friendly Home (Rochester Home for the Friendless); Rochester Socialist Scrapbook Collection; YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County.
7. Other Materials: Microforms located in the Microtext Department: Rochester Directories, 1827-1860; Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, and several other local papers, Nineteenth Century federal censuses for this area.
8. Publications: A Guide to the Collections: Rare Books and Special Collections. Rochester, NY, 1994. 59 p. \*

#### OTHER COLLECTIONS:

Nineteenth Ward Community Association, J. Foster Warner architectural drawings.

#### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

1. *Guide to Historical Resources in Monroe County New York Repositories*, Vol. 1, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY: New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, 1980.\*\*
2. *National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections*. Registers for manuscript collections are in NIDS (National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United States)
3. *Maps of the Genesee Valley and Finger Lakes Region*.
4. Monographs cataloged on OCLC since 1973 with most earlier material retrospectively converted. OCLC tapes are also in RLIN.
5. In addition, we have reported specific collections to specialized manuscript subject guides.

\*Guide is available at <http://www.library.rochester.edu/index.cfm?PAGE=1202>

\*\* This information is also in RLIN AMC.

## Town of Victor

Historian's Office  
85 East Main Street  
Victor, New York 14564  
TELEPHONE: (585) 742-5000  
FAX: (585) 924-0202

### HOURS:

M,T,Th,F - 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
W 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
W 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
By appointment for Historian

### PERSONNEL:

Town Clerk: Debra J. Denz (585) 742-5080  
Historian: Babette Huber (585) 742-5065

### SERVICES:

To preserve and collect historical records for use by anyone doing research work and also to aid our Town's history.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Assessment Rolls, 1813, 1829, 1864, 1871, 1879, 1883, 1888, 1891, 1900-01, 1903, 1905, 1907-50, 1952; Census Records, 1790-1850; Church Records: Baha'i, Church of Christ, Congregational Society, Episcopal, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Millerites, Proprietor's Meetinghouse, St. John's Lutheran, St. Patrick's Catholic, Universalist; Cobblestone Buildings of Victor; Cemeteries; Election Poll Lists, 1835, 1839-41, 1843-1845; Genealogy; Maps; Military Records; Newspapers: The Victor Herald, 1935-41, 1945, 1951, 1956-1992; Organizations: Alpha Lambda Society, American Legion, Chamber of Commerce, Dona Felipa Literary Society, Eastern Star, Forever Green Garden Club, Girl Scouts, Home Bureau, International Order of the Odd Fellows, Italian-American Club, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Milnor Lodge, Masons, Rotary Club, Senior Citizens, Unity Club, Victor Fire Department, Victor Grange, Victor Rod & Gun Club, Victor-Farmington Ambulance Corps; Personal Papers: Charles Brown, Maurice Keefe, Nelson Lobdell, Dr. Alfred Mead; Schools: Districts 1-13, 1814 - 1949; Victor High School, 1894 -1940; Central School District, 1940 - present; BAGEL Yearbooks, 1948-50, 1952-56, 1962-65, 1967-70, 1972-73; Additional archival holdings can be accessed through the Historian's database.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Research collections:
  - o Cobblestone Buildings in Victor
  - o Genealogy
  - o Local History

2. Slide presentations:
  - Architectural styles of Village of Victor buildings
  - Victor history
  - Walking Tour of the Village of Victor
3. Other holdings include photographs, slides, and videos of local historical interest; Town and Village of Victor archival records (assessment rolls, building records, correspondence, minutes, petitions, reports).
4. Microfilm:  
The *Victor Herald* newspapers, 1891-1992

## Victorian Doll Museum

4332 Buffalo Road (Rt. 33)  
North Chili, New York 14514  
TELEPHONE: (585) 247-0130

### HOURS:

Tu-Sa 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. February through December  
Closed month of January, Sundays, Mondays and major holidays.

### PERSONNEL:

One full time, one part time, several volunteers

### SERVICES:

Exhibition of large doll collection available for viewing by individuals, families, groups, doll clubs, etc. Group tours by appointment- lecture included. Small admission fee. Also, restoration of dolls on premises - not available for public viewing. Doll gift shop also on premises-offering collector type dolls, doll books, paper dolls, doll costuming books, doll post cards, and doll costumes, stands, and trucks.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Over 3,000 labeled and identified dolls from the mid 1800s to the present. Many bought or were donated from local Rochesterians; Large exhibit of original Shirley Temple Dolls; Marionette Show; Several furnished dollhouses; Paper dolls of the past/framed/wall hung; Schoenhut toy circus and dolls.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Newspaper and magazine articles, radio & television programs.

### OTHER:

This establishment has been the recipient of several awards including: Hidden Heroine Award, Heritage Award (from Chili Historical Society), Legislative Resolution, Congressional Record, two Civic Beautification Awards (Local Garden Club & Gates-Chili Council of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce) & Honorable Mention of same award by same organization.

## Visual Studies Workshop

Research Center  
31 Prince Street  
Rochester, N.Y. 14607  
TELEPHONE: (585) 442-8676  
FAX: (585) 442-1992  
EMAIL: [info@vsw.org](mailto:info@vsw.org)  
URL: [www.vsw.org/research/researchcenter.html](http://www.vsw.org/research/researchcenter.html)

### HOURS:

M - F 1:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
By appointment.

### PERSONNEL:

Coordinator: William Johnson

### SERVICES:

Library/archive/photograph collection. Reference collection, non-circulating, but limited interlibrary loan and Xeroxing services available. Collection is free and open to the public for research and study.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The archive-museum-library maintains a variety of collections about the media arts of photography, independent film and video, electronic imaging, visual books and the publication arts. The Photograph Collection contains approximately 27,000 photographic or photo-mechanical prints and more than 100,000 vernacular or anonymous images as lantern slides, stereocards, snapshots, and postcards. The research library holds approximately 20,000 books and 1,400 periodicals concentrating on photography, filmmaking, video, bookmaking, media studies, and the cultural practices of imagemaking. An Information File exists with forty years of announcements, exhibitions checklists, correspondence, articles, essays and ephemera on photographic, video and book artists and artists' organizations. The archives of the Visual Studies Workshop, the Advertising Archive, the audiotape collection, and the teaching slide collections are a segment of the collection.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Barbara Blondeau Photo' Archives Syl Labrot Photo Archives, Alice Wells Photo Archive, Lajran A Hiller Photo Archive, Soibelman News Agency Picture collection (1930's-1940's), Independent Press Archive (Artists Books) illustrated book collection.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Library of Congress database holds monographs and periodicals holdings that were cataloged by Drake Memorial Library, SUNY Brockport. Photographic print collection included in Eskind, Andrew and Greg Drake, editors, *Index to American Photographic Collections*, Boston, MA: G.K. Hall, 1990.

## Wadsworth Library

24 Center Street  
Geneseo, N.Y. 14454  
TELEPHONE: (585) 243-0440  
FAX: (585) 243-0429  
EMAIL: wadsworth@pls-net.org  
URL: www.wadsworth.pls-net.org

### HOURS:

M & F 1:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Tu & Th 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Sa 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

### PERSONNEL:

Director: Leslie DeLooze  
Librarian: Barbara Henry  
Clerks: Cindy Costa & Karen Miskell  
Volunteers: 10

### SERVICES:

Public library offering: lending collection, reference and research, public computer and Internet access, programs and events, local history and special collections, copier.

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Local History Collection focuses on Geneseo, Livingston County and the Genesee Valley. Materials include county and town histories, atlases, directories, audio-taped oral histories, family histories, historic buildings, Geneseo area newspapers, subject files of news clippings and other ephemera, and works of local writers.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Local History Collection, Sanders Historic Newspaper Collection. Selections from the original Athenaeum Collection.

### HOLDINGS CITED IN:

“Searching for Your Ancestors: Selected Genealogy Resources at the Wadsworth Library and Beyond”, 6/2000 (a pamphlet available in print at the library or on-line (<http://www.wadsworth.pls-net.org/page 12.html>) at the library’s website)

### OTHER:

The history section of the Wadsworth Library website contains links to other websites containing information on Geneseo and Livingston County history and genealogy such as “The Student Boarding Houses of Geneseo.”

Walworth Historical Society and Museum

P.O. Box 142  
2257 Academy Street  
Walworth, New York 14568  
Telephone: (315) 524-9205

**HOURS:**

June 1 through September 30  
W 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Su 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

President: Jessie Keymel  
Town Historian: Eugene Bavis

**MEETINGS:**

3rd Monday, 7:30 p.m. of March, May, September, and November. Everyone welcome.

Memberships available; tax deductible.

**SERVICES:**

Collect, identify and display items of historical significance of Walworth history.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Diaries, photos and artifacts dating from early 1800s. Wayne County Atlas and histories.  
Civil War diaries of Jonas Esley. Walworth Academy records and photos 1845-1900.  
Cemetery records for all of Walworth. Scrapbooks.

Walworth-Seely Public Library

3600 Lorraine Drive  
Walworth, NY 14568  
TELEPHONE: (315) 986-1511  
FAX: (315) 986-5917  
URL: <http://www.walworth.pls-net.org/>

HOURS:

M - Th 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
F 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Sa 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Su 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL:

Director: Mary Zingerella

SERVICES:

Reference help is available at the circulation desk or by calling during library hours. Patrons may reserve any materials (except videos) when they visit; Patrons may request materials not owned by this library; copies are available for \$.20 a page and faxes are \$1.00 a page for messages received or sent to a local number, \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page sent to a long distance number.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Materials related to Walworth and surrounding towns; some from other parts of Wayne County.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Wayne Central Yearbooks: 1950-1996, some missing. Hoffman Essays related to Walworth.

HOLDINGS CITED IN:

Pioneer Cat.

Warsaw Historical Society

Seth Gates House

P.O. Box 132 Warsaw, N.Y. 14569

TELEPHONE: (585) 786-9954

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

All volunteer

**SERVICES:**

Research assistance, tours by appointment.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Historic Building Museum ca.1824; Collection of artifacts relating to economic development of Warsaw, New York, including small collection of salt industry artifacts; Photographic archive of Warsaw, New York; Bound volumes of local newspapers c. 1850-1970.

Museum of Wayne County History  
21 Butternut Street  
Lyons, NY 14489

TELEPHONE: (315) 946-4943  
FAX: (315) 946-0069  
EMAIL: [info@waynehistory.org](mailto:info@waynehistory.org)  
URL: [www.waynehistory.org](http://www.waynehistory.org)

HOURS:  
Tues. – Sat. 10am- 4pm

PERSONNEL:  
Executive Director: Joseph O’Toole  
Office Manager: Mary Erle  
Museum Educator: Erin Gardner

MISSION STATEMENT:  
The Mission of the Wayne County Historical Society is to encourage an appreciation of the history of Wayne County through the collection, preservation and exhibition of artifacts and to disseminate historical information about Wayne County and the surrounding area. The society is dedicated to preserving the heritage of the area and helping individuals explore history and its meaning in relation to their lives.

SERVICES:  
Museum Exhibitions.  
Quarterly Publication: *WH*: Magazine of Wayne County History  
Reference and research library.  
Group tours by appointment.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:  
90% are artifacts, 10% archival material. Collections are focused on the life and industry of Wayne County residents, Native American artifacts, Civil War artifacts, paintings done by local artists, etc.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:  
Lyons Pottery; Clyde Glass; Civil War artifacts; coverlets and quilts, spinning and weaving; audio interviews with residents of Wayne County on education, religion, fruit farming; and extensive color slides of historic Wayne County, the Erie Canal, and cobblestone buildings; artifacts of the former Wayne County Jail, housed in original cellblocks.

Wayne County Pomona Grange

3033 Middle Sodus Road  
Lyons, NY 14489  
TELEPHONE (315) 946-4379

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Volunteer

**SERVICES:**

Reference and research provided on subordinate Grange-Pomona county unit, state and national. Grange records include persons, histories, legislative issues, community interests and women's rights.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

History of barns; several Grange histories.

## Webster Museum & Historical Society

P.O. Box 1099

Webster, N.Y. 14580-7799

TELEPHONE: (585) 265-3308

### HOURS:

Tu, Th and Su 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

President: William Saucke

Vice-President: Laddie Bertch

Historian: Lynn Barton

The Purpose of the Webster Museum and Historical Society is to stimulate interest in the historical heritage of Webster and to this end, to collect, preserve, catalogue and display articles of historical interest and of local significance. Collections are used to provide educational information to the youth and citizens of the community and to encourage the study of genealogies, historical buildings and landmarks of our community.

### SERVICES:

Tours of museum, research library, histories of Webster, Historian available upon request. Located at Building 18 Lapham Park, Webster

### SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The museum is housed in a 7,500 sq. ft. building with 3,000 feet of exhibits including a library, apothecary shop, law office, living room, bed room, soda fountain, school room and many more exhibits from the history of Webster.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

Reconstructed school room, civil war exhibit, wedding dress collection, basket collection from the Webster basket factory.

### NEW COLLCTIONS:

A Catalog of all homes in Webster over 100 years old. Catalog includes present day photographs, original photographs where available and the history of the structure. The catalog is arranged by location.

### OTHER:

Quarterly exhibits at Webster Public Library. Bi Monthly exhibits at Webster Public Library

Wesley United Methodist Church

2009 Delvey Ave.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14615  
TELEPHONE: (585) 663-0190  
FAX: (585) 865-3816

HOURS:

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Summer hours, please call.

PERSONNEL:

Pastor: Rev. Ami Kashinsky

SERVICES:

Church service Sunday 10:30 a.m. Weekly AAA meetings and 3-4 year old pre-school

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Archives include information about:  
1908 Lakeview Evangelical Society  
1913 Congregation became Lakeview Methodist Episcopal Church  
1921 Lewiston Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church  
1937 Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church  
1940 Wesley Methodist Church  
1968 Wesley United Methodist Church

Western Monroe Historical Society

151 Main Street  
Brockport, N.Y. 14420  
TELEPHONE: (585) 637-3645

**HOURS:**

M - F 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

House tours: first Sunday of month 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Historian: Mary Welsh

**SERVICES:**

Local history research assistance. Tours of headquarters: the Morgan-Manning House, a furnished Victorian Home

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Morgan family letters and files of newspaper clippings on local events.

Western New York Association of Historical Agencies

P.O. Box 253

LeRoy, New York 14482

TELEPHONE: (585) 768-7433

**HOURS:**

M, W, F 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PERSONNEL:**

Program Coordinator: Andrea Capwell

**SERVICES:**

The Western New York Association of Historical Agencies (WNY AHA) is an organization of individuals and institutions deeply committed to the preservation of Western New York's historical and cultural resources. The Association is a communication network for cultural agencies. A monthly Association Update is published and services provided include: annual meeting; awards program; lending library; referral network; speaker's bureau; technical resource file; and several workshops scheduled throughout the year.

Wheatland Historical Association

Sage-Marlowe House  
69 Main Street  
Scottsville, New York 14546  
Telephone: (585) 889-4574

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Catherine Gilbert (585) 889-4242

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

The Skivington Collection of local history consists of 88 titles covering bound books, and boxed documents. It is made up of 29 volumes of Town of Wheatland original records of elections, tax rolls, highways, chattel, deeds, etc. Nine volumes of school district records cover the years 1834-1930. Maps, surveys, weather records, scrapbooks and diaries offer supplementary material. The collection is rounded out by volumes of The Genesee Country, Slocum's Wheatland, Monroe County, New York and Osgood's 3 volume set of Diaries and Memoranda of the Genesee Country. An extensive file collection of clippings, photos, etc. adds variety.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Three boxes: Morley Turpin, Howard Osgood, comp. "Records of E. Allan (Indian Allan)".
2. Four volumes "Minutes and Records of the Scottsville Literary Society."
3. F.X. Beckwith, "Weather Records" - 1851-1885.
4. William Wilkenson, "Scrapbooks" (Clippings and original sketches of Rochester and locality - 1947- ).

Town of Wheatland

Historian's Office  
Donnelly House  
George Street  
Mumford, N.Y. 14511  
TELEPHONE: (585) 889-3202

**HOURS:**

W 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Historian: Mrs. Florence Field

**SERVICES:**

Reference and research assistance.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Just about 100% paper archival material. A few photographs. Material embraces the history of the town of Wheatland from the earliest settlement through to present time.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:**

Ledgers from the Garbutt Store approximately 1825-1867.

## County of Wyoming

Historian's Office  
26 Linwood Avenue  
Warsaw, N.Y. 14569  
TELEPHONE: (585) 786-8818

### HOURS:

M - F 8:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

### PERSONNEL:

County Historian: Doris A. Bannister  
Deputy Historian: Bonita A. Sheer

### SERVICES:

Provide genealogy information and publish a quarterly magazine called *Historical Wyoming*.

Also present speeches to public.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:

1. Personal and family diaries.
2. A complete run of the publication of *Historical Wyoming*.
3. Personal family letters (over 100 years old).
4. Local History Collection, Histories, etc.
5. Federal census records
6. Newspaper (micro-film)

Xerox Historical Archives

Xerox Corporation  
Xerox Historical Archives  
Bldg. 200, Dock 2, 0200-04A  
800 Phillips Road  
Webster, NY 14580  
EMAIL: [aneal@xerox.com](mailto:aneal@xerox.com)

**HOURS:**

M-F 8:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., telephone access only

**PERSONNEL:**

One full-time professional: Ann Neal

**SERVICES:**

Reference and research assistance.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

The Xerox Historical Archives collects and preserves documents, media, and artifacts pertaining to the evolving history of the Xerox Corporation, its products, and pertinent employee activities/events that have lasting historical value to the Corporation.

Town of York

Historian's Office  
2246 Main Street  
Piffard, New York 14533  
TELEPHONE: (585) 243-3111

**HOURS:**

By appointment.

**PERSONNEL:**

Historian: Jean Copeland

**SERVICES:**

To preserve and collect historical records for use by anyone doing research work and also to aid our Town in their history.

**SCOPE OF COLLECTION:**

Four drawer file cabinet (1) and several photo albums; family history materials and cemetery records.

Zion Episcopal Church

Main Street

Palmyra, N.Y. 14522

TELEPHONE: (315) 597-9236

EMAIL: zion@computer-connection.net

HOURS:

By appointment.

PERSONNEL:

Volunteers: Anne Hotchkiss, Edie Dutton and others.

SCOPE OF COLLECTION:

Church records, pictures, news clippings, interviews and history.