

Thank you for attending this NYG&B webinar.
The handout begins on the next page.

Webinar Series

The NYG&B webinar series is supported by member dues and contributions. With that support we offer some publicly available webinars. Recorded programs are available to members, with the handouts, on the NYG&B website at nygbs.org/webinars. Join the NYG&B for instant access at nygbs.org/join.

NYG&B Website

newyorkfamilyhistory.org or nygbs.org

New York Genealogy Essentials (free)

To learn about several essential resources for New York State research, please see our guides to birth, marriage, and death records, census research, maps and migration, and much more at www.nygbs.org/free-resources.

The NYG&B eNews is sent twice a month, and has the latest New York genealogy news, announcements about future free webinars, and links to useful articles on New York research. Sign up at www.nygbs.org/free-resources.

New York State Family History Conference

The next biennial New York State Family History Conference commences 8–10 September 2022, with the in-person conference taking place in Albany, New York.

Publications (found at nygbs.org/store or the links below)

Biebel, Frank. *Marriage Notices from New York City Newspapers of the Early 1830s*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2019.

Buiter, Anne Siebert. *Tracings Immigrants through the Port of New York: Early National Period to 1924*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2020. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

Goodwin, Aaron. *New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians*. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2016. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

New York Guide to Birth, Marriage, and Death Records. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017. Extracted from the *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, revised edition 2017. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer, revised edition 2017. New York: New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 2017. [PDF](#) and [print](#) versions available.

County Guide Series, extracted from *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*, revised edition 2017. [Available in print](#).

NYG&B Webinar – Researching African Americans in the Mid-Hudson Valley - Oct. 20, 2020
presented by Joan de Vries Kelley (joan.devries.kelley@gmail.com)

Links - [associated slide number]

Ulster County Clerk Records

- Ulster County Poorhouse Records - <http://ulstercountyny.gov/poorhouse/burial-records> [24]
- Ulster County Clerk Archives - <https://ulstercountyny.gov/archives/keyword.html> [53]

Census Data

- U.S Census Office, A Century of Population Growth from the First Census of the United States to the Twelfth, 1790-1900, Volume 900, pub. 1909, p. 133. [2]
- Heads of Families at the First Census, 1790
https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1790/heads_of_families/new_york/1790g-02.pdf [4]
- New York State Census Summaries <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/scandocs/nyscensus.htm> [9]
- Census of Slaves, 1755 - <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100854332> [52]
- 1845 Census of New Paltz – Historic Huguenot Street <https://www.huguenotstreet.org> [32]

Local Historical Societies/Archives

- Historic Huguenot Street – finding aids <https://www.huguenotstreet.org/finding-aids/> [31]
- A list of current Ulster County Town Historians - <https://ulstercountyny.gov/local-historians> [41]
- New York Heritage Digital collection – digital images of some original documents including New Paltz Slave Register <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/hhs/id/417/rec/1> [34]

Cemetery Records

Usually require an onsite visit

Military Records

- Many available in online-databases, but not all have been indexed.
- National Archives, Washington, D.C. <https://www.archives.gov/research> Pension files may require an onsite visit. [16,17]

Land Records

- LDS library - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2078654>. Some of the grantor/grantee records have been indexed. Digital images of some records are available, but not indexed. [20, 47]
- County Clerk's Office – Kingston (Ulster), Poughkeepsie (Dutchess), Goshen (Orange)

Church Records

Many transcriptions are available in print and online. More digital copies of originals are appearing online; often it's more effective to search the original church records by date than use name searches.

Historic American Building Survey

<https://www.loc.gov/item/ny0800/> and <https://www.loc.gov/item/ny0801/> [25, 36]

Maps

- Library of Congress – Tillson, 1853 map of Ulster County, NY - <https://www.loc.gov/item/2001621181/>
- New York Public Library – Sanborn maps – 1887 -
<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1920234> [28]

Vital Records

- Town Clerks – Ulster county <https://ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/townClerks.html>

- Newburgh **City** Clerk <https://www.cityofnewburgh-ny.gov/city-clerk> [50]
- Ulster County Town Clerks BMD 1847-1850, 1873-1884 (transcriptions) <https://ulstercountyny.gov/archives/birthsscreen.html> [23]

Tax Assessments

- 1798 Tax Assessment of New Paltz – New York Heritage <https://cdm16694.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/hhs/id/428/rec/1> [35]

Probate Records

- LDS library - <https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1920234>.
- Dutchess County Surrogate Court – organized by deceased
- Ulster – mostly digitized: Wills indexed by deceased [44], supporting papers in 101 box collection, grouped by first letter of surname [43]

City Directories

- Ancestry.com has some
- Local Libraries – Local History room

Newspapers

- "Poughkeepsie Eagle/Journal"– microfilm copies at Adriance Memorial Library; Indices of Obituaries
- "New Paltz Times" and "New Paltz Independent"- microfilm copies at Elting Library; indexed, clipped obituaries
- NYS Historic Newspapers - <http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/> - free
- Old Fulton Postcards - <http://fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html> - free, extensive collection of newspapers, (best results from detailed searches which require some computer skills) [48]

Publications – not an exhaustive list; specific to this presentation

- Joan de Vries Kelley, "Some Ancestors of Nelly Jan (Franklin) LeFevre: An African American of the Mid-Hudson Valley," *NYG&B Record*, 145 (2014): 245-58; 146 (2015): 107-16, 187-97, 283-208, 311; 147 (2016): 46-65. Also "Isabella Schoonmaker,: Another Granddaughter of Nancy Franklin, African American of the Mid-Hudson Valley," *NYG&B Record*, 148 (2017): 259-64.
- Sarah L. H. Gronningsater, "Expressly Recognized by Our Election Laws": Certificates of Freedom and the Multiple Fates of Black Citizenship in the Early Republic, *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Vol. 75, No. 3 (July 2018), pp. 465-506 (42 pages). [54] https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5309/willmaryquar.75.3.0465#metadata_info_tab_contents
- Joshua Addeman, *Reminiscences of Two Years with the Colored Troops, Civil War Classics Library*, reprinted 2015.
- Bob Luke, John David Smith, *Soldiering for Freedom: How the Union Army Recruited, Trained, and Deployed the U.S. Colored Troops* (Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press, 2014).
- William Heidgerd, *Black History of New Paltz*, Vol 1&2, (New Paltz: Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection, Elting Memorial Library, 1986, 1989). [12]
- Michael E. Groth, *Slavery and Freedom in the Mid-Hudson Valley* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2017).
- J. Wilson Poucher, *Old Gravestones of Dutchess County, New York* (Poughkeepsie, N.Y.: Dutchess County Historical Society, 1924). [13]
- J. Wilson Poucher, *Old Gravestones of Ulster County, New York* (Ulster County Historical Society, 1931). [13]