

NEW YORK STATE TOWNS, VILLAGES, AND CITIES: KEY LETTERS

The key letters in the church and cemetery columns refer to the following collections and repositories:

B = Church or cemetery records published in book format (may include references to books published by Kinship Press—see below).

C = Original Western New York church records on microfilm at the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, 2B Carl A. Kroch Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 14853. This collection was created under the auspices of the Study Center for Early Religious Life in Western New York, which existed from 1978 to 1981. The collection consists of all variety of church records, chiefly Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Methodist from the sixteen western New York counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Onondaga, Ontario, Oswego, Schuyler, Seneca, Steuben, Tompkins, Wayne, Wyoming, and Yates. The collection is open to the public and can also be accessed by interlibrary loan. Certain usage restrictions apply. For further information on the collection, go to: <http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/eguides/lists/churchlistl.htm>

D = Transcribed church or cemetery records in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Collection of New York State Cemetery, Church, and Town Records. The original volumes are at New York State Library, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12230, and at the DAR Library, 1776 D Street NW, Washington, DC 20006-5303. This collection consists of over 400 volumes, some 300+ of which are on microfilm at the Family History Library. It can be found in the FHLC under "New York - Genealogy - Collected Works" or by the "film/fiche search" using film number 836761. The FHL set of this collection is not complete, but the other sets of the collection available for research are non-circulating.

The Master Index: New York State DAR Genealogical Records (New York, 1972) was initially used for the tables, and it was noted that in a very few cases some municipalities were placed in the wrong county. Jean D. Worden's *Revised Master Index: New York State DAR Genealogical Records* (Zephyrhills, FL, 1998) corrected most of these errors, and the tables have been cross-checked against it. Mrs. Worden's book is more readily available than the 1972 edition and should be used to check for these records. The *Revised Master Index* is arranged by county and then by town for cemetery, church, and town records.

In some cases hamlets are listed instead of towns. Wherever possible, records pertaining to hamlets were assigned to the appropriate column for the town in which it was located.

In some cases the name of a cemetery, particularly a "family name" cemetery, could not readily be correlated to the town in which it is located, so when using Worden's *Revised Master Index*, all references to cemeteries in the county of residence may have to be checked.

F = Typescript church or cemetery records at the Family History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 35 North West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150, and, if microfilmed, available through its local Family History Centers. Due to deteriorating condition many typescripts at the Family History Library have been microfilmed or microfiched. See "**Accessing the Records**" for tips on how to use its collections. Reference to the online Family History Library Catalog at <http://www.familysearch.org> should be made for recent acquisitions.

H = Transcribed church or cemetery records at the Holland Society of New York, 122 East 58th Street, New York City, New York 10022. Also available on microfilm at the Family History Library.

K = Lutheran, Evangelical Reformed, and Dutch Reformed, and other New York church records published by Kinship Press, 60 Cedar Heights Road, Rhinebeck, New York 12572-2200. Website <http://www.kinshipny.com>.

N= Typescript church or cemetery records at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 122 East 58th Street, New York City, New York 10022, website <http://www.nygbs.org>. These tables were compiled in 1997 when the scope of the project encompassed only "Upstate" New York and consequently do not include acquisitions since 1997. The tables also don't contain information on records from towns in the Five Boroughs or in Nassau and Suffolk Counties that are at the NYGBS, except if the Family History Library microfilmed records from towns in those counties at the NYGBS, or if they have been referenced in the NYG& B Newsletter

O = Original church records on microfilm at the Family History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City and available through its local Family History Centers. Includes, but not limited to, many Roman Catholic, Methodist Episcopal, and Episcopal records.

P= Church or cemetery records published in a periodical. The most recent version of the Periodical Source Index [PERSI], compiled by the Allen County (Indiana) Public Library and online at Ancestry.com was used to compile these references. In some cases the name of a cemetery could not readily be correlated to the town in which it is located, so when using PERSI, all references to cemeteries in the county of residence may have to be checked.

R= Original Roman Catholic records on microfilm for the Dioceses of Buffalo, Rochester, and Ogdensburg. Most of these records can also be found on microfilm at the Family History Library.

Diocese of Buffalo (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans, and Wyoming Counties): Microfilm can also be found at Canisius College and at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society. [See Letter Z below for addresses.]

Diocese of Ogdensburg (Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton (part), Herkimer (part), Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties): The Diocesan Archives, 622 Washington St., PO Box 369, Ogdensburg, New York 13669 will conduct research in their copies of the microfilm.

Diocese of Rochester (Cayuga, Chemung, Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Schuyler, Seneca, Tioga, Tompkins, and Wayne Counties): Microfilm can also be found at Nazareth College of Rochester Library, 2500 East Avenue, Rochester, New York 14618, which is open to the public.

S = Books or typescripts of church or cemetery records at the New York State Library, Albany, New York. These entries were verified through the online catalog, which can be reached at: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov>.

V = Transcribed church records in the Royden W. Vosburgh Collection at the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. (Mostly Lutheran, Evangelical Reformed, Dutch Reformed, and Presbyterian.) The collection consists of over 100 volumes and also available on microfilm at the Family History Library.

W= Cemetery records included in a "collected work," such as a typescript or card index at the Family History Library. The individual towns in these "collected works" are generally not referenced as separate localities in the FHLC, and are usually listed within the text of catalog reference to each work. These "collected works" are found in the FHLC under the name of the county - "Cemetery Records." (Due to deteriorating condition, many typescript collections have been microfilmed or microfiched.)

X = Original Presbyterian church records at the Presbyterian Historical Society, 425 Lombard St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19147, available on microfilm at the Family History Library.

Z = Original non-Catholic church records and all cemetery records on microfilm

at Canisius College, 2001 Main Street, Buffalo, New York. 14208, with copies of Erie County records at the Buffalo and Erie County Historical Society, 25 Nottingham Court, Buffalo, New York, 14216. (Mostly Episcopal and Methodist Episcopal.)