

# New York City Research: Four Hundred Years of History and Genealogy

*Class 2: 18th-Century Research: A City  
at War*

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# OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
  - History of New York City
  - Major Record Sets
  - Common Problems and Strategies
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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# History of New York City

# French and Indian War

- Atlantic shipping prohibited in 1757 in preparation for attack on Louisbourg, Nova Scotia



# Rebellion

- Stamp Act passed in 1765
- Businesses were closed in revolt
- Effigies of the royal governor were burned
- 1776 – Declared independence from Britain



# British Occupation

- General George Washington withdrew his troops in August 1776 following the loss at the Battle of Long Island
- Strategic location to the port of New York

# Great Fire of 1766

- Three days after the British occupation of New York City, a fire broke out in the Fighting Cocks Tavern
- The city's firemen were not present
- A third of the city was burnt and nearly 500 houses were destroyed
- Trinity Church was destroyed
- Arson was suspected. More than 200 suspects were interrogated but no charges were filed.



# Great Fire of 1766



# British Evacuation

- Mid-August 1783 Sir Guy Carleton, British army and naval commander, received orders for the evacuation of London
- More than 29,000 Loyalist refugees were evacuated from the City
- The British evacuated over 3,000 Black Loyalists, who were former enslaved persons, to Nova Scotia, East Florida, the Caribbean, and London.



# Evacuation Day

- George Washington triumphantly enters New York on 25 Nov. 1783



# The Capital of the U.S.A.

- 1785 to 1790 (Dinner Table Bargain)
- Hosted the inauguration of George Washington as the First President (April 1789)
- Drafting of the Bill of Rights
- First Supreme Court of the United States

# New York City Records

# Major Record Sets

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# Guides

- Bailey, Rosalie Fellows, *Guide to Genealogical and Biographical Sources for New York City (Manhattan), 1783-1898*
- Goodwin, Aaron, *New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians*

# Vital Records

- First lists of New York City deaths were for yellow fever victims in 1795.
- Vital record registration started in 1847. However, not all counties were compliant.
- Manhattan Death Registers, 1796-1865 (FamilySearch)
- Various records published in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*

# Religious Records

- First synagogue built on Mill Street in 1730
- St. Paul's Chapel built in 1766
- Trinity Church destroyed in Great Fire of 1766 (rebuilt in 1790)
- St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery built in 1799
- Many records listed on the New York City Genealogy FamilySearch wiki page

# Church Records on AmericanAncestors.org

- Marriages in the Reformed Dutch Church, 1639-1801
- Parents and Witnesses at Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, 1731-1800
- Record of Burials in the Dutch Church, 1727-1803

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## Digital Churchyards & Registers

Trinity Archives has three databases you can search to aid in your genealogical research, all of which provide different information. Here's what you need to know:

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# The Registers Database

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PLACE	NAME	
	CHRISTIAN	SURNAME
St. Agnes chapel	Humphrey de Forrest	Bogart
St. Agnes chapel	Atigail	Hagen
" " "	Mildred Alice	Merrill

The Registers database searches the records in Trinity's sacramental registers of baptism, marriage, and burial. This includes Trinity Church, St. Paul's Chapel, and all the chapels that were formerly part of Trinity Parish, including the Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurion, Chapel of the Intercession, St. Agnes Chapel, St. Augustine's Chapel, All Saints Church, St. Christopher's Chapel, St. Chrysostom's Chapel, St. George's Chapel, St. John's Chapel, St. Luke's Chapel, and Trinity Chapel.

While extensive, the records are incomplete. Our 17th century and many of our 18th century records were lost in fires. The baptism records date from 1769 to June 1885, the Marriage records date from 1746 to 1886, and the burial records date from 1777 to 2003. Later records will be added eventually. For now, contact Archives staff directly for baptisms after 1885, marriages after 1886, and burials after 2003. Please note that baptism records are closed for 75 years; if you would like to access your own baptism information you must provide proof of identification. Contact the Archives at [archives@trinitywallstreet.org](mailto:archives@trinitywallstreet.org).

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This database contains the registers of the Parish of Trinity Church, which includes Trinity Church and its chapels, including St. Paul's Chapel. While extensive, the records are incomplete. Our 17th century and many of our 18th century records were lost in fires. The Baptism records date from 1769 to June 1885, the Marriage records date from 1746 to 1886, and the Burial records date from 1777 to 2003. Later records will be described in due course.

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Please fill in at least two of the three options below:

→ Name: First  Last   
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→ Specify Date Range: From  To   
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 [Marriage Records](#) **Detail**

Husband Name:	Clarke, John
Date:	02/04/1748
Church Reported:	Trinity Church
Minister:	Barclay, Dr. Henry
Wife Name:	Barker, Mary

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# Census Records

- 1738 Census, Kings County (SteveMorse.org)
- 1771 Newtown Census (Queens)
  - *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (Jan. 1986)
- 1790 U.S. Census (Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org)
  - First federal census of the United States
  - Head of household named
  - All other household members broken down by sex and age

# Census Alternatives

- 1713 Residents of Brooklyn
  - *New York Genealogical and Biographical record* (Oct. 1986)
- New York City Poll List, 1768
  - Published in *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* (Jan. - Oct. 2010)
- Thomas B. Wilson, *Inhabitants of New York, 1774-1776* (Ancestry.com)

# Inhabitants of New York, 1774-1776 (Ancestry.com)

## Inhabitants of New York, 1774-1776

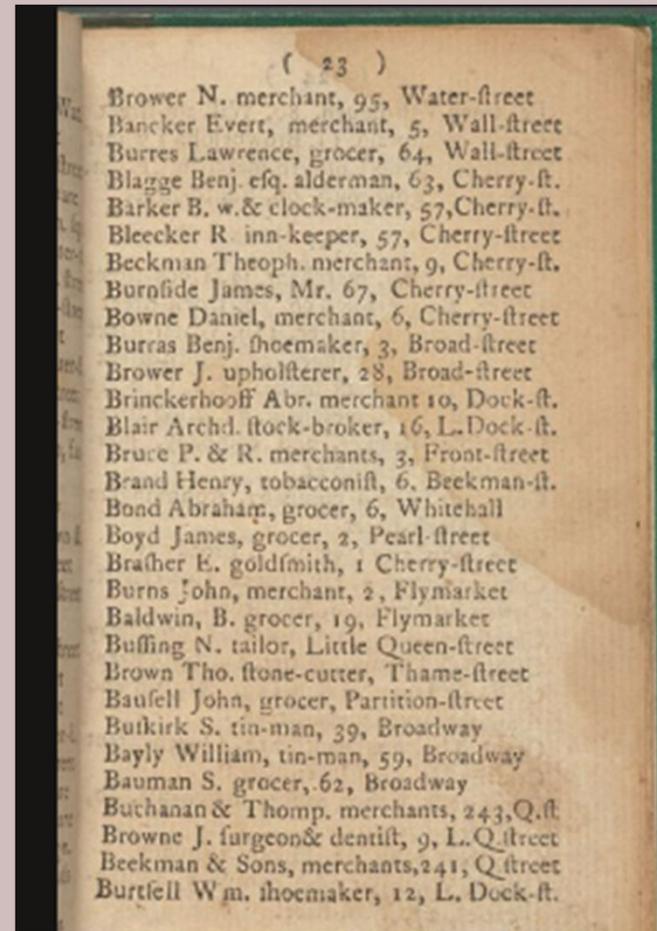
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DeLamate, Isaac	N	New York	76-A
Delamater, Isaac	N	New York	74-A
DeLamontagnie, Abraham	N	New York	74-A
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DeLamontanie, Mary	N	in ye fields	76-H
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Delancey, John	N	New York	74-A, 76-A
DeLancey, John	N	New York	74-T2, 11/24
Delancy, Oliver	N	New York	76-A
Delano, Jonathan	N	New York	76-A
Delanois, John, clark	N	William Street	75-D2
Delanoy, Abraham	N	Horse & Cart St.	74-T2, 6/16
Delanoy, John	N	removed upstate	76-P
Delanoy, John Jr.	N	New York	75-D1
DeLanoy, Abm.	N	New York	74-A
DeLanoy, Abr <sup>m</sup>	N	New York	76-N
DeLanoy, John	N	New York	74-A

# City Directories

- First directory for NYC published in 1786
- Available through New York Public Library Digital Collections



## NEW YORK CITY DIRECTORIES

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### COLLECTION DATA

#### DESCRIPTION

New York City directories record the names and addresses of city residents, businesses, churches, schools, police stations, courts, and other government offices, as well as the names of individuals associated with those institutions. They also feature images, including maps, illustrations of buildings, and advertisements. NYPL's City Directory collection ranges from 1786 through 1934, with print and microfilm holdings belonging to the Rare Books and Milstein divisions. Subsequent telephone directories belonging to the Milstein division have also been added to this collection.

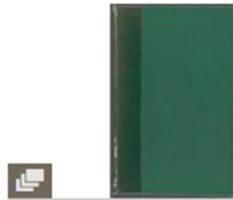
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Place: New York, N.Y.

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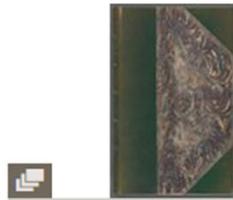
New York City directory, 1786



New York City directory, 1789



New York City directory, 1790



New York City directory, 1791



New York City directory, 1792



New York City directory, 1793

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# Probate Records

- Prerogative Court (1686-1783)
- Court of Probates (1778-1823)
- 1787- Surrogate's Court established in each county
- In 1802 the pre-1787 records of Southern District (New York, Kings, Queens, Suffolk, Richmond, and Westchester) were transferred from Albany to the New York County Surrogate's Court

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# Abstracts of Wills of Kings County

ABSTRACTS OF WILLS OF KINGS COUNTY  
RECORDED AT BROOKLYN, N. Y.

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Arranged by  
DeWitt Van Buren  
in memory of  
ELIZABETH R. VAN BUREN



JOOST W. WYCKOFF, of Flatlands. January 8, 1787. To wife Sarah all real and personal estate for widowhood. Support and education for children (not named). At wife's death or re-marriage lands to daughter (not named) which belonged to Herman Hoogland in Flatlands adjoining Barent Johnson and Jeromus Lott. To son Johannes Wyckoff homestead in Flatlands adjoining Johannes Lott and Jeromus Lott. Two hundred pounds to wife if she re-marries. To "my other three" daughters, viz: Antje, Kensje (Rensje?) and Sarah four hundred pounds each when of age. Clock to said son. Silver cup to daughter Johanna. Table silverware to other three daughters. Balance of estate to all children: son Johannes and daughters Johanna, Antje, Rensje and Sarah. Exts: wife; brother-in-law William Kouwenhoven; neighbor Peter Van Der Bilt. Wits: Ulpianus Van Sinderen, Johannes I. Lott. Pro: 16 May 1787. pp 1-3.

SIMON LAMBERTSON, of Bushwick. February 1, 1787. Estate to sister Charity Whylye. Ext: friend John Nostrand with Jacob Sharpe, Jr., both of Brooklyn. Wits: Abram Bogart, Polkert Rapelje, Cornelius Nostrand. Pro: 9 July 1787. pp 4-5.

PETER KOUWENHOVEN, of Flatlands. May 8, 1787. Wife Lammetie Kouwenhoven to remain on farm for widowhood and have profits therefrom for support of "my two" children and "my" sister Jane Kouwenhoven. Legacies to sons Gerrit Kouwenhoven and Johannes Kouwenhoven; if latter marries before of age he to remain on farm. If wife re-marries she to have fifty pounds. Additional legacy to son Gerrit for his birthright. Realty to said sons. Negro to wife. Exts: William Kouwenhoven, Johannis Lott, Johannis Remson. Wits: John H. Van Beuren, Peter Wyckoff, Johannis Ditmars. Pro: 10 October 1787. pp 6-8.



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## Wills and indexes, 1787-1923

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Authors: [New York. Surrogate's Court \(Kings County\)](#) (Main Author)  
[New York. County Court \(Kings County\)](#) (Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1971

Physical: 153 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) [New York probate records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1629-1971 / New York. Surrogate's Courts](#)

### Notes

**New York Probate Records are available online, [click here.](#)**

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Index to wills, v. F-G 1793-1923	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	877193	5520216	
Index to wills, v. H-K 1788-1923	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	877194	5520217	
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Wills, v. 5-6 1830-1844	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	872180	5517140	
Wills, v. 7-9 1833-1847	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	872181	5517141	
Wills, v. 10-11 1846-1850	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	872182	5517142	
Wills, v. 12-13 1850-1852	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	877110	5520158	
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Wills, v. 16 1854	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	877112	5520160	



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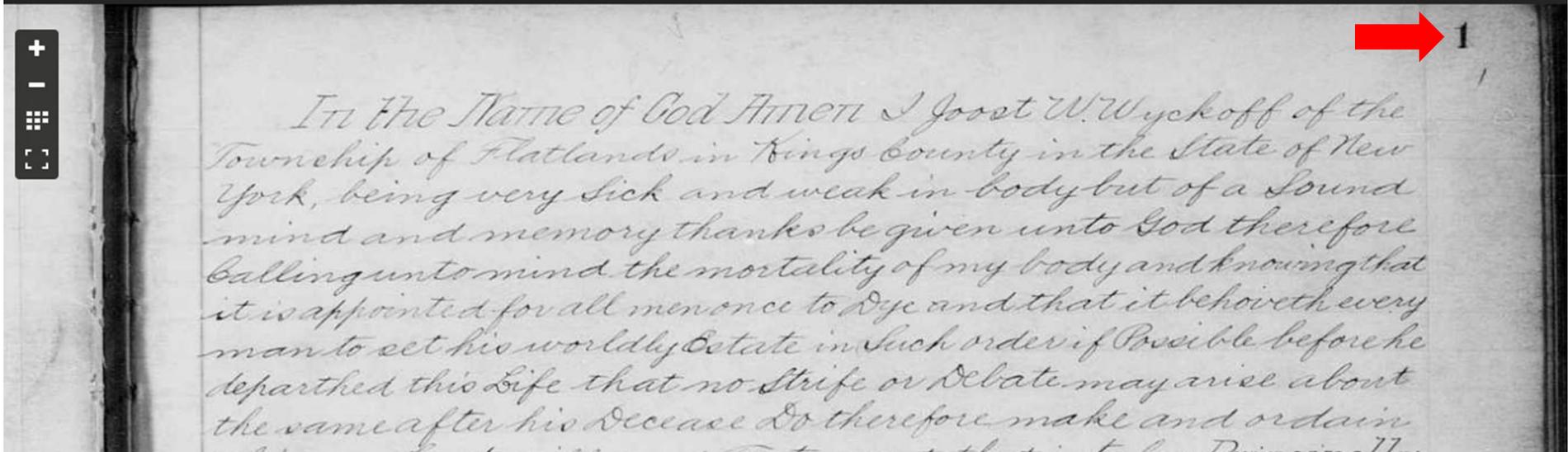
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# Land Records

- Conveyances (1654-1866) organized by county on FamilySearch.org
  - Includes Mortgages

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### Conveyances, 1654-1866

Authors: [New York County \(New York\). Register \(Main Author\)](#)  
[New York. County Court \(New York County\)](#)  
(Repository)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: New York, New York : Recordak Corporation, 1957-1958

Physical: 448 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

References: (Digital Collection) [United States, New York land records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1630-1975](#)

#### Notes

**New York, Land Records are available online, click here.**

Microfilm of original records in New York County Courthouse, New York, New York.

Includes material relative to the transfer of titles of property (usually land) from New York City and New York County.

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Index to conveyances - Grantors, H-L	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888234	7177560	
Index to conveyances - Grantors, M-R	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888235	7177561	
Index to conveyances - Grantors, S-Z	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888236	7177562	
Index to conveyances - Grantees, A-C	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888237	7177563	
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Conveyances, v. 25 1701-1705	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888338	7178081	
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Conveyances, v. 28 1712-1719	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888339	7178082	
Conveyances, v. 30 1700-1701; 1710-1724	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	888339	7178082	

This Indenture made and Concluded on the first day of July in the fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland Defender of the faith &c. Annoq; Domini One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighteen Between Patrick Macknight of the City of New York Merchant and Anna his wife of the One part And Harmanus Rutgers of the Same place Brewer of the other part Witnesseth That they the Said Patrick Macknight and Anna his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of Lawfull Money of New York to them in hand at and before the Enfealing and Delivering of these Presents well and truly paid by the Said Harmanus Rutgers the Receipt whereof they do hereby Acknowledge and themselves therewith

Deed (1718), New York

# QUESTIONS?

# Old Town Records

- Volumes of towns that were absorbed into New York City and other counties
- RG 096 – New York City Municipal Archives
  - Newtown (7 volumes)
  - Jamaica (1 volume)
  - Richmond (2 volumes)
  - Flushing (5 volumes)
  - Westchester (4 volumes)

# Old Town Records

The screenshot shows the NYC Municipal Archives Collections website. At the top left is the NYC Department of Records & Information Services logo. To the right are 'Log In' and a search bar. Below the logo is a navigation bar with 'EXPLORE', 'CREATE', 'SHARE', and 'HELP'. The main content area is titled 'NYC Municipal Archives Collections' and 'Browse Old Town Kings County Microfilm'. On the left, there is a 'View Collection Categories List' and a list of 'ALL COLLECTIONS' including ADB: MAYOR ABRAHAM D BEAME, ALMHOUSE LEDGER COLLECTION, ART: DESIGN COMMISSION, BODIES IN TRANSIT REGISTERS, BOE: BOARD OF EDUCATION, BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS, BPB: BOROUGH PRESIDENT BROOKLYN, BPM: BOROUGH PRESIDENT MANHATTAN, BPQ: BOROUGH PRESIDENT QUEENS, BPS: BRIDGES/PLANT & STRUCTURES, DCP: DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, and DFG: DFGREGARIO COLLECTION. The main content area features two images of microfilm pages. Below the images are two buttons: 'BROWSE ALL' and 'FACET SEARCH'.

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# Court Records

- New York City Quarter Sessions Court Minutes, 1722-1742, published in *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* (Mar. 1982)
- American Jewish Historical Society (AJHS) Selected Insolvent Debtor's Cases, 1787-1861 (Ancestry.com)
- Richard B. Morris, *Selected Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City, 1674-1784*
- Kenneth Scott, *New York City Court Records, 1760-1797: Genealogical Data from the Court of Quarter Sessions*

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## AJHS Selected Insolvent Debtor's Cases, 1787-1861

### Source Information



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[database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2009.

Original data: New York. Supreme Court of the State of New York. Selected Insolvent Debtor's Cases, 1787-1861. AJHS microfilm I-153 (5 rolls). American Jewish Historical Society, Center for Jewish History, New York City.

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This database contains images of about 2,000 insolvent debtor case files filed at the Supreme Court of the State of New York for the City and County of New York between 1787 and 1861 that contain Jewish sounding names. These records primarily consist of insolvent assignments, including a discharge of the debtor's debts and an assignment

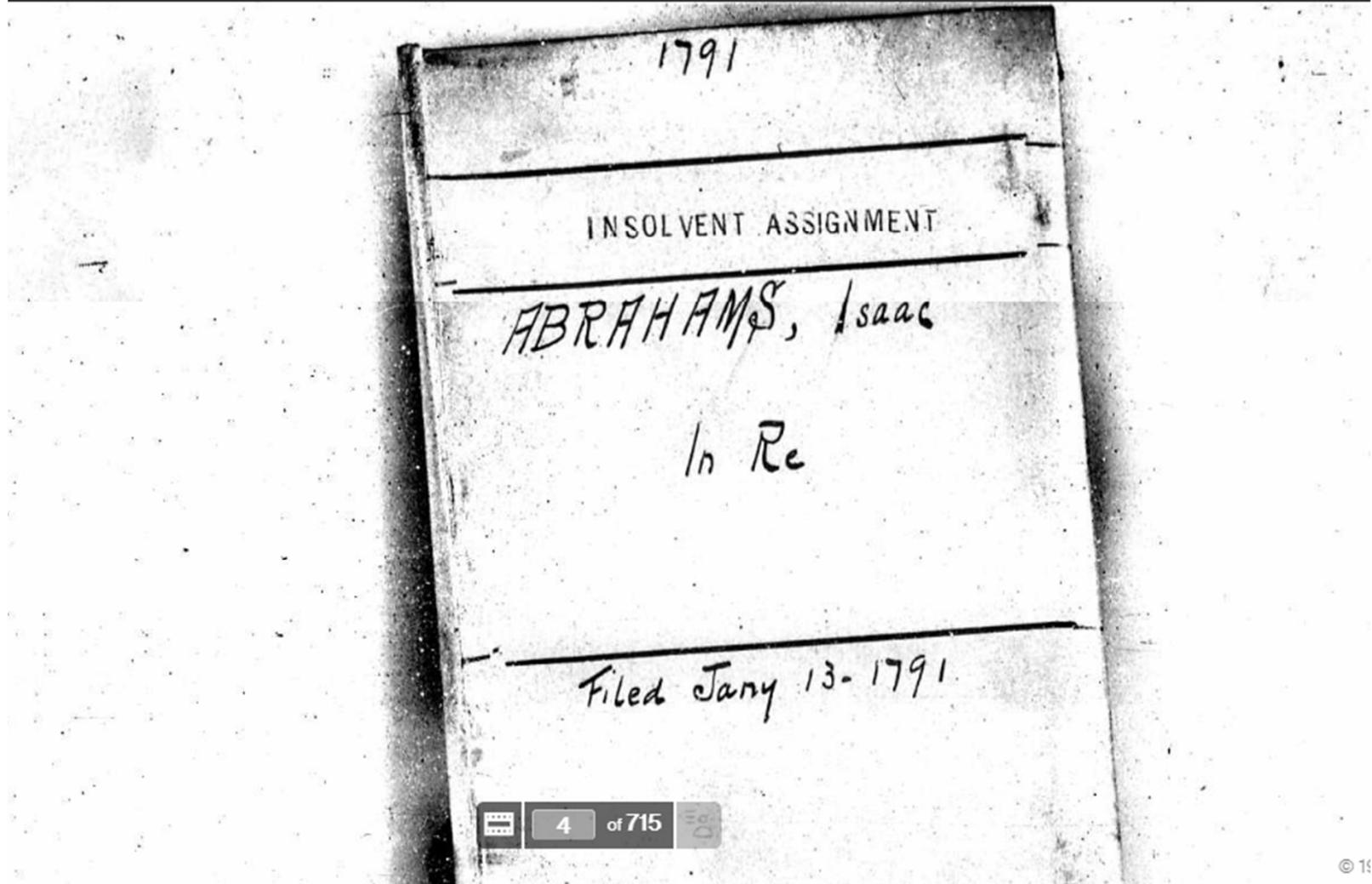
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Insolvent Debtors, A - E



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Insolvent Debtors, A - E

Pursuant to an order made by the honourable John Hoops Hobart Esquire, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, upon the petition of Isaac Abraham, an insolvent debtor, in conjunction with so many of his Creditors as have debts owing to them by the said Isaac Abraham, amounting at least to three fourths of all the money owing by him. — All the Creditors of the said Isaac Abraham are hereby required to show cause, if any they have, before the said Justice, at his Chambers in Crown Street in the City of New York, by the eleventh day of January next, why an Assignment of the said Isaac Abraham's Estate should not be made, and the said Isaac Abraham discharged, according to an Act of the Legislature of the said State, entitled "An Act for giving relief in cases of insolvency," passed the 21<sup>th</sup> March 1788. Dated the sixteenth day of November 1790.

Isaac Abraham.

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## *Select Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City, 1674-1784*

Thomas Walton ver Thomas Stillwell

Declaration in Tresspass upon the Case for that the Defd<sup>tt</sup> as Sherriffe of the County of Richmond did by his Deputy one John Stillwell (to whome the pl<sup>tt</sup> delivered One certaine Writt of Arrest) By Vertue whereof he the aforesaid John Stillwell did take and Arrest at the pl<sup>tt</sup> Suite One Bethnel Langstaffe who was justly and truly Indebted unto the pl<sup>tt</sup> in the full and just Summe of three and twenty pounds twelve Shillings and Nine pence And the Defd<sup>tt</sup> by his Deputy aforesaid the Said Bethnel Langstaffe for the Space of two houres and more kept had and deteined But the Defd<sup>tt</sup> not being Ignorant of the Prmises and contrary to the Duty of his Office Out of his Said Custody without the Assent of the Pl<sup>tt</sup> without any Security taken the Said Bethnel did permitt to goe at large and Escape to the Damage of the pl<sup>tt</sup> Forty pounds and thereof he brings Suite etc. And the Defd<sup>tt</sup> appeareing in his proper person pleaded not guilty of the Tresspass in manner and forme as the Pl<sup>tt</sup> in his Declaration hath Sett forth and thereof puts himselfe upon the Country And the Pl<sup>tt</sup> in like manner etc. Wherefore command was given to the Sherriffe that Immediately he Cause to come Twelve good and Lawfull men of the Neighbourhood etc. Who neither etc. and Accordingly came (M<sup>r</sup>

## *New York City Court Records, 1760-1797: Genealogical Data from the Court of Quarter Sessions*

Arabella Fenel, alias Isabella Fenel, is indicted for keeping a disorderly house and pleads not guilty. 5 Aug. 1784.

Frances Erskine, alias Fanny Robinson, is indicted for keeping a disorderly house and pleads not guilty. At the trial the jurors are Harmanus Skaates, Philip Jacobs, Bernardus Swartwoudt, Henry Brasier (foreman), Barent Newkirk, Joshua Isaacs, James Walker, Frederick Styments, Benjamin Baldwin, Garret Debow, Benjamin Douglass and William Everett. Witnesses for the People are Aaron Gilbert, James Erwin and John Sullivan. The jurors find Erskine guilty of keeping an ill governed and disorderly house but not of the second charge in the indictment. 5 Aug. 1784. Frances is fined £10 and posts a bond of £50, with two sureties, Coonradt Jorden and David Ten Eyck, each in £25 for Frances to keep the peace and be of good behaviour. 6 Aug. 1784.

Daniel Fones is indicted for keeping a disorderly house and pleads not guilty. 5 Aug. 1784. At his trial the jurors are James Walker, Harmanus Skaates, Barent Newkirk, Benjamin Baldwin, Francis King, Philip Jacobs, Joshua Isaacs, Peter A. Schenk, Florence Crowley, Frederick Styments, Garret Debow and Joseph Crane. Witnesses for the People are Thomas Osburn, Daniel Barbee, Jonathan Penny, Henry Brasher, James Gilliland and John Brogden. The verdict is not guilty. 5 Aug. 1784.

Thomas Devoy/Devay is indicted for keeping a disorderly house and pleads not guilty. 5 Aug. 1784.

William Erskine is indicted for keeping a disorderly house and pleads not guilty. Erskine gives a bond of £50, with John Pardon, of the South Ward, as a surety in £25, to answer to the indictment at the next court. 5 and 6 Aug. 1784.

John [or should it be Thomas, as given in the record of the trial?] Fennell, John Perkins and James Atlee are indicted for assault and battery and all three plead not guilty. 5 Aug. 1784. The first to be tried is

# Newspapers

- New York Gazette was first published in 1725
- New York Weekly Journal started in 1733
- New York Weekly Post-Boy started in 1743

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# Early American Newspapers

The screenshot shows the Readex website interface for 'America's Historical Newspapers'. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Advanced Search', and 'Browse Publications'. A search filter for 'New York' is applied, resulting in 161 publications. A table lists various newspapers with columns for Publication, Location, Date Range, and Language. A red arrow points to the 'New-York Weekly Journal' entry.

Publication	Location	Date Range	Language
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New-York Weekly Journal</b>	USA - New York - New York	1733-01-07 - 1750-12-03	English
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New-York Evening Post</b>	USA - New York - New York	1744-12-17 - 1752-11-27	English
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New-York Gazette, or Weekly Post-Boy</b>	USA - New York - New York	1747-01-19 - 1770-12-31	English
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<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Constitutional Gazette</b>	USA - New York - New York	1775-08-09 - 1776-08-28	English

# New York Weekly Journal (Jan. 14, 1750)

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on Account of some extraordinary Affairs.

October 16. By Letters from Campbell Town in Argyleshire, of the 9th Inst. the two English Busses, called the Bedford and Argyle, had caught near 50 Barrels of fine large Herrings, and had a fair Prospect of soon completing their Loading.

They write from Amsterdam, that 112 of their Ships had been upon the Whale Fishery to Greenland; three were lost, and six return'd empty; the rest had taken no less than 605 Whales, and 15998 Quarts of Blubber; and that their Fishery otherwise was very successful.

There is Advice that some Dutch Ships of Force lately appeared before Dickscove, one of our Settlements on the Gold Coast, and having landed their Crews, made an Attempt to carry the Place by Storm; but were repul'd with a considerable Loss and forced to re-embark their Men and their off.

Vienna, Sept. 19. Orders have been sent for

though the Patrimony they possess be solely destined by its Institution to be distributed among the Poor, &c.

**N E W - Y O R K.**

On Fryday Night last a Fire broke out in Vesley's Street, in a back House adjoining to a new Dwelling House. (unfinish'd) the property of Mr. Henry Kip of this City Sail Maker, but was extinguish'd without much Damage.

Custom House New York Inward Entries.

Sloop Lydia, J. Van Wageningen from Boston.

Brig Beile Savage, J. Lewis from Spanish Town, in Virgin Islands.

Outward Entries.

Snow Elizabeth, G. H. Ham for Antigua.

Perth, A. Ramage for St. Eustatia.

Cleared for Departure.

Sloop Carolina, E. Steel to Molquito Shore.

Snow Betty & Rachel, J. Riddel to Dublin.

Price Current for the best New England Rum, 2s. 9d.

THE same may be had of Mr. Joseph Geiffel, Distiller, at the lower End of Pearl-Street, New-York.



# Newspaper Abstracts

- Kenneth Scott, *Genealogical data from The New York Post-Boy, 1743-1773*
  - Available to borrow on [Archive.org](https://archive.org)

# Genealogical Data Sample from the New York Post-Boy

1743

Lyman, Mr., of Northampton, Mass., two children of, one aged c. 16, the other c. 9 -  
burned to death Dec. 8, 1742 (1/10)

Coffin, Capt., commander of ship from Boston - died about Dec., 1742, in the Bay of  
Honduras of wounds caused by bursting of a cannon (1/10)

Robinson, Thomas, of NYC, young merchant - died Thursday morning last when he shot  
himself through the head (1/10)

Prime, Ebenezer, Jr. - died Oct. 20, 1742, in his 19th year (2/14)

Brown, Dr., of Haverhill, Mass., two children of, a son aged c. 15 and a child aged c. 2  
- perished in a fire on Jan. 22 (2/14)

Gildemeester, Christopher, dec'd, and Peter Sonmans, dec'd, and Sarah Sonmans (late  
executrix of Peter's will), dec'd - mentioned with reference to a suit in Middlesex  
Co., N.J. (2/21)

Lewis, Jenkin, servant, this country born, who had served his time with David Jenkin of  
Uwchland, Chester Co., age c. 23 - runaway from William Hartley, of Charlestown,  
Chester Co., Pa. (3/7)

# French and Indian War

- New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775 (Ancestry.com)
- Muster Rolls of New York Provincial Troops, 1755-1764 (FamilySearch.org)

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## New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775, Vol. II

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### A MUSTER ROLL OF MEN RAIS'D IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTYS, FOR THE SEVERAL COMPANYS UNDERMENTIONED & PASS'D THE 26th MAY 1762 FOR THE NEW YORK REGIMENTS

For what County	For what Company	Mens Names	Day of Inlistm't	Age	Where born	Trade	Officers who Inlisted	Stature		Description of their Persons
								Feet	Inch's	
City N York	Capt Byrnes	Rob't Raskin	May 17	21	Ireland	Labourer	Capt Byrnes	5	7	Sandy Comp'n, Blue Eyes Sandy Hair
		John Byrnes	22	22	do	Marriner	do	5	5	Brown do Brown
		Wm Reed	10	22	do	Labourer	Lt McLaughlin	5	3 1/2	Fair do do
		Steph. Eastick	19	38	Pensylvania	Cordwaind'r	do	5	11 1/2	do do Brown do
		James Jobe	22	19	do	Labourer	do	5	8	Brown do do
		John March	22	22	Old England	Watchmaker	do	5	5	Fair do do pock mark'd
		Owen Ogobbin	25	37	Ireland	Labourer	do	5	4	brown do Gray
For Richmond County	Capt Thodey	John Daniels	16	26	Boston	Marriner	Capt Thodey	5	9	do Blue Brown
		Noah Sears	22	23	New Jersey	Cordwaind'r	do	5	10	Pale do Sandy
		Wm Weight	Ap'li 12	25	New Jersey	Weavor	Lt Hillyer	5	7	Pale Blue Black
		Thomas Bright	May 5	48	do	Labourer	Capt Waters	5	9	do do do
For Richmond County	Capt Deforests	Alex'r Taylor	6	27	Ireland	do	do	5	7	Brown Brown do
		Jno Vanama	Ap'li 24	39	Staten Island	do	Lt Hillyer	5	6 1/2	Fair Blue Light
		Benj'n Mathews	May 15	35	Old England	Weavor	do	5	8 1/2	Brown do Black
		John Coleman	20	48	Germany	Labourer	Capt Waters	5	6	do Brown Grissel
		Jno Watkins	15	25	Wales	do	do	5	3	do do Black
For Queens County	Capt Grants	James Deaghtly	19	35	Ireland	do	do	5	3	Pale do Black
		Tbos Rickart	15	17	Long Island	do	Lieut Ennis	5	4	Indian Blue Brown

1762.—Continued.

This is to Certify that the Above being Eighteen Men were Mustered & passed by me for the following Countys viz for City New York Nine Men, for Richmond County Eight Men, and for Queens County One Man.

New York 28th May 1762

Mich Thodey

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Language: English  
Publication: New York, New York : New York Historical Society, 1892  
Physical: 621 p.  
Subject Class: [974.7 B4](#)  
Series: Collections of the New York Historical Society; 24

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A MUSTER ROLL OF CAPTAIN JOHN PETER SMITH'S COMPANY IN THE NEW YORK TROOPS UNDER THE COMMAND OF COL. DELANCEY ESQ.

No.	MEN'S NAMES ENLISTED BY CAPT. JN <sup>o</sup> . P. SMITH.	Age.	Trade.	Time of Inlistm <sup>t</sup>
1	Peter Fashier.....	29	Cord Wainer	March 8
2	John Peterson.....	21	Weaver....	do 28
3	Anth <sup>y</sup> . Crowder.....	26	Taylor.....	Ap <sup>t</sup> 23
4	Cornelius Herring....	22	Farmer.....	do 23
5	John Riker.....	21	do.....	Ap <sup>t</sup> 5
6	Avi Blawfield.....	19	Cordwainer..	March 25
7	Peter Vallou.....	22	Blacksmith..	Ap <sup>t</sup> 23
8	Jacob Acker.....	22	Wheel Right.	March 28
9	John Ryan.....	22	Farmer.....	do
10	Dan <sup>t</sup> . Blawfield.....	18	do.....	April 15
11	John Heldron.....	22	do.....	do 5
12	Frederick Gunter.....	20	do.....	do 5
13	Joh <sup>s</sup> . Quackenbus.....	26	Carpender...	March 28
14	Joh <sup>s</sup> . Martinhagon.....	36	Butcher.....	Ap <sup>t</sup> 23
15	John Matice Valentine.	17	Farmer.....	do 5
16	Tunis Emmit.....	18	Cordwainer..	M'ch 28
17	Rich <sup>d</sup> . William.....	48	do..	Ap <sup>t</sup> 5
18	Johannes Kole.....	24	Farmer.....	do 5
19	Johannus Akerson....	25	do.....	March 28

Muster Roll, Capt. John Smith's Company,  
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**RYKER, ABRAHAM**

Ancestor #: A098858



Service: NEW YORK Rank(s): ARTIFICER  
 Birth: 5-10-1756 NEW YORK CITY NEW YORK  
 Death: 1-28-1843 RIKER'S ISLAND NEW YORK  
 Service Description: **1)** IN SHOPS AT PEEKSKILL

SPOUSE	
Number	Name
1)	MARY DELANOY

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Military Service: Captain, 3rd Regiment Artillery; Death Date: 25 Jun 1860; Spouse: Richard D A Wade; Children: [BLANK]

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Creator: Department of the Treasury. Office of the Second Auditor. 1817-1894

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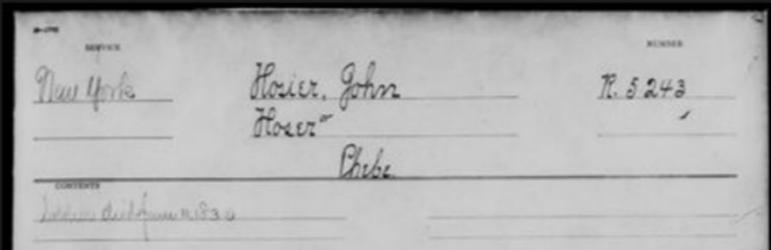
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PRESENT the Honorable *Jessie M. May*,  
City of New-York, ss. *Be it Remembered*, That on the *twenty eighth*  
day of *June* — in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the city  
of New-York, in open court, the said court being a court of record for the city and  
county of New-York, according to the charter of the said city and the laws of the state of  
New-York, *John Hosier 2d* — aged *Sixty eight* — years,  
resident in *the City of new York* —  
who being first duly *sworn* — according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he  
served in the revolutionary war as follows: *that he enlisted as a private*  
*in Capt. Ezekiel Hyatt's company Col. M'Dougal's*  
*Regiment of the New York line in 1776. & continued*  
*therein for nine months. that he then enlisted*

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Bates	John	White Plains	Westchester	Yeoman	10 <sup>th</sup> Novem <sup>r</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> Indep <sup>e</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1783
Barker	Thomas	bourlandt Manor	Westchester	Yeoman	25 <sup>th</sup> May	5 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> July D <sup>o</sup>
Blauw	Walbron	New York	New York	Merchant	28 <sup>th</sup> April	D <sup>o</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> July D <sup>o</sup>
Bogert	Jacobus	Princetrange Town	Orange	Yeoman	12 <sup>th</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup> D <sup>o</sup>
Barker	Thomas	Charlotte Princet	Dutchess	Yeoman	13 <sup>th</sup> April	4 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	D <sup>o</sup>
Bowen	Cornelius	Tripes Mill	Troy	Yeoman	14 <sup>th</sup> June	5 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> July 1783
Bradt	Albert	W.D. Manor Orange <sup>Co</sup>	Albany	Yeoman	9 <sup>th</sup> June	4 <sup>th</sup> D <sup>o</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> July D <sup>o</sup>
Bradt	Albert						

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Statement of Responsibility: by Alexander Clarence Flick  
Authors: [Flick, Alexander Clarence, 1869-1942](#) (Main Author)  
Format: Books/Monographs/Book on Digital Images  
Language: English  
Publication: [New York, New York] : Columbia University Press, 1901  
Physical: 281 pages  
Series: Columbia University. Studies in history, economics and public law; v. 14, no. 1

### Notes

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"Bibliographical note": pages 273-281.

Loyalism in New York during the American revolution



FORFEITED ESTATES SOLD IN NEW YORK CITY FROM 1784 TO 1789<sup>1</sup>

<i>Date of Sale.</i>	<i>Loyalist Owner.</i>	<i>Purchaser.</i>	<i>Price.</i>	<i>Description and Remarks.</i>
June 16, 1784	John Watts, Sr., attainted.	Robert Watts and John Watts, Jr.	£100	11 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> acres of salt meadow land in Out Ward, back of land of Peter Stuyvesant and James De Lancey, extending to East River. Surveyed Feb. 23, 1751.
" "	" " "	" " "	2,000	Farm in Out Ward.
" "	" " "	" " "	500	Residence of John Watts, Sr., in Great Dock Street, South Ward.
June 29, 1784	James Jauncey, Esq., attainted.	Wm. Malcom.	1,700	Water lot, house and store houses in Montgomery Ward, S. side of Water St., from S. E. side Water St. 200 ft. into E. River, 27 ft. fronting Water St., W. by Water St., N. by water lot of George Peterson, E. by E. River, S. by Pier or wharf 18 ft. wide. Rent of £2 6d current money of N. Y. State to be paid yearly on March 25 to Mayor and Aldermen of N. Y. City.
" "	James Jauncey, Esq., attainted.	John Carrow.	625	House and lot in North Ward, E. side of Fair St. W. North St., N. by Nicholas Fletcher, E. by Vineyard, S. by Jacob Bronta. Breadth 23 ft. Length 117 ft.
July 2, 1784	Josh. T. D. St. Croix, convicted.	Wm. Newton.	700	House and lot in Montgomery Ward, W. side of Queen St. E. by Queen St., S. by John Duryea, W. by same, N. by Peter Ryker. 100 ft. by 20 ft. 2 in. and 16 ft. 16 in.
June 24, 1784	James Jauncey, attainted.	John McKisson.	1,750	Messuage and Dwelling House and lot on S. side of Queens St., East Ward. W. by Francis Lewis and James Jauncey's confiscated estate, E. by Nicholas Covenhaven, Thomas Ellison and Wm. Everitt. 128 ft. 8 in. by 22 ft. 6 in. and 22 ft.

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Forfeited Estates sold in NYC from 1784-1789



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## INFORMATION ON THE LOYALISTS

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### Information on Individual Loyalists

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Perhaps as many as 50 000 or more individuals were Loyalists - estimates range from 30,000 to over 100,000. To be a Loyalist, one had to have been:

- > Either male or female, as of 19 April 1775, a resident of the American colonies, and joined the Royal Standard prior to the Treaty of Separation of 1783, or otherwise demonstrated loyalty to the Crown, and settled in territory remaining under the rule of the Crown; or
- > a soldier who served in an American Loyalist Regiment and was disbanded in Canada; or
- > a member of the Six Nations of either the Grand River or the Bay of Quinte Reserve who is descended from one whose migration was similar to that of other Loyalists.

However, there were others who qualified too – for example, if a Loyalist was killed in action, and his family then moved to Canada and settled around the time of the Treaty of Separation in 1783, they might qualify.

An objective of the UELAC is to develop a **directory of people of the Loyalist era, and to categorize them, especially those who met the qualifications as a United Empire Loyalist** and who earned the right, along with his heirs forever to the designation or post-nominal U.E., standing for Unity of the Empire.

In 2004 a project was begun by a few UELAC volunteers brought together into a Committee to organize and present Information on Individual Loyalists. The first phase entailed transcribing the UEL Executive List which was created by the government of Upper Canada in the late 1700's. That list has about 3,000 names but there is very little information for each individual.

Since then names have been added from several sources – the Loyalist certificates issued since 1871 by UELAC; a historic list of Loyalists of New Brunswick; a child's memorial list; and data from

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<b>Prefix/Rank</b>	Capt
<b>Given &amp; Middle Name(s)</b>	Michael
<b>Surname</b>	Grass
Suffix	
<b>UELAC Status</b>	Proven
<b>Where Resettled</b>	Kingston, ON
<b>Proof of Loyalty</b>	
<b>Notes on Status</b>	
<b>Regiment</b>	Michael as a first lieutenant in the New York City Militia Company No. 2 as early as 1780. - The Associated Loyalists
<b>Enlistment Date</b>	c1735 possibly Strasbourg

<b>Settled Before War</b>	Bowman Creek near Canajaharie
<b>Date/Place of Death</b>	In 1813
<b>Place of Burial</b>	The Methodist Church (now United) in Cataraqui on Sydenham Road where he was buried in April 1813.
<b>Spouse</b>	1. Mary Anne, in Philadelphia; 2. Margaret Schwartz, married on July 20, 1760 at the Lutheran Church in New York City
<b>Children</b>	<b>Eva</b> , the first daughter by the first wife Mary Ann, was born May 16, 1758 baptized July 7, 1763 at the Lutheran Church. With wife Eva, the first son <b>John Michael</b> was baptized in New York City on October 4, 1765 dying at a young age since there is no other reference to his life. <b>Peter</b> was born January 27, 1769 in New York City, while <b>Daniel</b> was baptized on December 26, 1771 at St George's Episcopal Church in the town of Schedectady. <b>John</b> was born in the Mohawk Valley on October 25, 1773. <b>Mary</b> was born in 1776, while the first Canadian Grass, <b>Catharine</b> , was born on March 12, 1783 at Sorel in the Province of Canada.
<b>Biography</b>	Refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Captain (John) Michael Grass, UE</b>, by Bradley Grass (2000). <i>3-page PDF</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Captain Michael Grass</b>, by Bradley Grass (from the March 2002 <i>Cataraqui Loyalist Town Crier</i>) <i>4-page PDF</i>.</li> <li>• <b>Captain Michael Grass</b>, by Glen V. Grass (revised June 2, 2015). <i>6-page PDF</i>.</li> </ul>
<b>Proven Descendants</b>	Governor Simcoe 1972.08.09; Grand River 1975.02.19; Kingston & District 1975.06.07; Kingston & District 1984.06.12; Kingston & District 1986.07.11; Kingston & District 1988.04.12; Kingston & District 1990.03.15; Kingston & District 1992.05.21; Kingston & District 1993.05.31; Kingston & District 1993.08.15; Hamilton 1997.09.11; Hamilton 1997.10.30; Kingston & District 1998.05.11; Hamilton 1998.09.16; Chilliwack 2006.11.20; Victoria 2010.07.26; Kawartha 2012.02.27; Col. John Butler 2012.08.20; Kawartha 2013.03.04

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# Tax Records

- Tax Assessment Rolls (1699-1734) on FamilySearch.org
  - Includes Queens, Richmond, and Westchester, and New York City
  - Note: There is a gap in the years between 1710 and 1720

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### Assessment rolls, (New York City, New York), 1699-1734

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Authors: [New York \(New York\). Assessor](#) (Main Author)  
Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film  
Language: English  
Publication: [S.l.] : New York Exchange, 1967  
Physical: 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

#### Notes

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#### Subjects

##### Locality Subjects

[United States, New York, New York \(City\) - Taxation](#)

#### Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DGS)	Format
Assessment rolls, 1699-1734	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	484033	7901197	

# Passenger Lists

- Prior to 1820, there were no requirements to maintain passenger lists.
- Carl Boyer, *Ship Passenger Lists: New York and New Jersey (1600-1825)*
  - Available on FamilySearch

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Henry H. Havens. *General Index to the Laws of the State of New York*. Albany: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1866 (I:31-73) [Lancour No. 104].

Volume one of Havens' index covers the period 1777 to 1857 only. It has been published in at least two editions, with different pagination.

Aliens Authorized to Purchase and Hold Real Estate in this State:

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1795	Agate, John, do 233	1822	Atkinson, William, do 150
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# Naturalization Records

- Naturalization is the admittance of a foreigner to citizenship of a new country
- Index to Petitions for Naturalization filed in New York City, 1792-1989 (FamilySearch and Ancestry.com)
  - Index cards created for each immigrant that indicate when they naturalized, what court, what country they were from, where they live, and the reference information to find the naturalization records

Search > Immigration & Travel

## New York, U.S., Index to Petitions for Naturalization filed in New York City, 1792-1989

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Arrival	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Any Event	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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# New York, U.S., Index to Petitions for Naturalization filed in New York City, 1792-1989

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Family Name: MASSIAS      Given Name or Names: ABRAHAM

Title and Location of Court FILED: NY SUPREME COURT COMMON PLEAS COURT NEW YORK NY

Date of Naturalization: MAY 8 1795      Volume or Bundle No.: 2      Page No.: -      Copy of Record No.: 23

Address of Naturalized Person: NYCITY

Occupation: MERCHANT      Birth Date or Age: -      Former Nationality: ENGLISH

Port of Arrival in the United States: -      Date of Arrival: -

Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses to Naturalization

1	<u>ISAAC GONIEZ JR</u>	<u>NYCITY</u>
2		

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Index to Petition for Naturalization Example  
(Ancestry.com)

# First Naturalization Act (1790)

- Any free, white, adult alien, male or female, who had resided within the limits and jurisdictions of the U.S. for a period of 2 years was eligible for citizenship
- Applicant would apply to any court in any one of the states where they resided at least one year
- Citizenship was granted to those who showed they were of good moral character and took an oath of allegiance to the Constitution
- Children under 21 years automatically became citizens if they had a parent who successfully naturalized

# Naturalization Act of 1795

- Increased period of residence from 2 to 5 years
- Applicants were required to declare publicly their intention to become citizens of the United States and to renounce any allegiance to a foreign prince, monarch, state, or sovereignty 3 years before admission as citizens
- Immigrants who had any hereditary titles or of the nobility class were also required to renounce that status

# Passport Applications

- U.S. government issued passports to Americans in 1789
- First used for merchants that were transporting tobacco between the colonies.
- Required to be a U.S. citizen to have a passport.
- Details include name of applicant, birth year or age, birthplace, residence, date of application, physical description and more.
- Passport Applications, 1789-1925 available on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)



## United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925

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This collection contains United States Passport Applications from two different NARA collections: M1490, and M1372. Some index records have been published and more will be added as they become available.

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# Common Problems and Strategies

# Lack of Vital Records

- Very few vital records were recorded at the county level during the 18th century
- Alternatives:
  - Church Records
  - Newspapers
  - Probate Records
  - Land Deeds
  - Almshouse Records
  - Coroner Records

# Almshouse Records

- New York, New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952 (NYC Municipal Archives)
- Includes death dates if person died in almshouse and birth year/location
- Index on [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)

Search > Stories, Memories & Histories

# New York, New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952

**Search**  Match all terms exactly

First & Middle Name(s)  Last Name

Birth Day Month Year Location

Any Event

Keyword   
e.g. pilot or "Flying Tigers"

Marital Status

Record Type

## Related data collections

[New York, U.S., Arriving Passenger and Crew Lists \(including Castle Garden and Ellis Island\), 1820-1957](#)

This database is an index to the passenger lists of ships arriving from foreign ports at the port of New York from 1820-1957. In addition, the names found in the index are linked to actual images of the passenger lists. Information contained in the index includes given name, surname, age, gender, arrival date, port of arrival, port of departure and ship name.

[New York, New York, U.S., Marriage License Indexes, 1907-2018](#)

This database contains indexes for marriage licenses in New York City from 1907 to 2018.

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## Mary Downing

in the New York, New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952



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Name:	Mary Downing
Admission Age:	90
Death Age:	116
Record Type:	Admission
Birth Date:	abt 1697
Birth Place:	Ireland
Admission Date:	Sep 1787
Death Date:	16 Jan 1813

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1806 Oct 2	Port Cove	177	France				
"	Donovan Eleanor	69	Ireland				
"	Dubois Conectius	32	New York	fits			
1807 Aug 2	Donnelly Ann	58	Ireland	blind		Mar 19, 1813	
Nov 26	Woyle Maria P	5 1/2	New York		Apr 19, 1813		
1808 July 22	Coyle Biddy P	4	do				
Dec 11	Dunn James M	69	Calcutta				
1809 Nov 15	Deavenport Rachel	41	Baltimore	blind	Apr 20, 1813		
"	Dowd Rachel M	30	St Louis	do	Apr 19, 1813		
1810 Jan 8	Robson John P	3	New York				
Mar 2	Wiederich Eliza P	4	do				
23	Dougherty George P	4	do				

## Almshouse Ledger, 1782-1811

# Coroner Records

- Francis J. Sypher, *Minutes of Coroners Proceedings, City and County of New York, John Burnet, Coroner, 1748-1758*
  - Available through [Findmypast.com](http://Findmypast.com) or the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society web site

# Minutes of Coroner Proceedings

[CASE NO. 18.]

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City & County }  
of New York }<sup>ss</sup>

Att an inquest taken upon view of the body of Mary Russell wife of  
Nicholas Russell at the house of Affie Crawford widow in the South  
Ward of the City of New York on Monday the 25th day of December  
1749

Present/ John Burnet Coroner

William Baldwin returned a pannell of jurors when the following  
appeared and were sworn vizt—

William Carr foreman	Peter Giraud
John Exeen	Andries Marschalk
Hendrick Rynders	Richard Wright
John Davenport	Daniell Van Dursen
James Man	Stephen Baldwin
Daniell Stilwell	William Hyer
Garret Davis	William Wittington
Robert Zickles	

Alexander Connolly }  
Sarah Loutit } sworn as witnesses

Inquest adjourned till to morrow morning 8 a clock Tuesday Decem.  
26th: 8 a clock A.M

The jurors being called all appeared

Thomas Donahew }  
Crawford } all sworn as witnesses  
Lawrence Horseman }

The jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Mary Russell on the  
twenty fifth day of the aforesaid month of December about six a  
clock in the morning of the same day having been very sick and weak  
for some time before was taken with a fit near the house of John  
Downs in Smith Street in the North Ward of the City of New York  
aforesaid and then and there instantly died

The jurors signed and sealed this inquisition on the date

# Researching Enslaved Persons

- Runaway Ads
- Town Records
- Land Deeds
- Probate Records
- New York Slavery Record Index

**R**UN away the 26<sup>th</sup> of this Inst. July, from Mr. Joseph Shippens Iron Works, formerly call'd Gaubys Iron Works, two Servant Men and a Negroe Man, the one of the white Servants is named Philip Muggitt a Carpenter by Trade, about four foot nine inches high, a likely fellow and has a black beard, had on when he went away an old lenglall jacket without sleeves, a felt hatt, tow breeches, a check'd shirt, white stockings, new pumps with brass buckles. The said servant is supposed to have a quantity of Money with him.

The other's name is John Coffey of middle stature aged forty years, had on when he went away an oznabrigs shirt and trowsers and felt hatt. The above said negroe had on when he went away an oznabrigs shirt and trowsers, with sa newlinsey woolsey blue jacket, a felt hatt, good shoes with brass buckles, and flag handkerchief; likewise the said negroe hath stolen from his master a new broadcloath jacket of a lightish colour, and a fine holland check'd shirt and trowsers, and a fine white shirt and two cambrick cravats, and a pair of blewish yarne Stockings. Whoever takes up the said servants and negroe man and secures them in any goal or brings them to the place aforesaid, shall have six pounds reward and reasonable charges paid by us.

JOHN MILLS.  
ALEX. MURRAY.  
RICHARD HARRIS.

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Records of Enslaved Persons and Slave Holders in New York from 1525 through the Civil War

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Owner First Name Thomas  
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Locality New York  
Adult Male Slaves 1  
Slave Unique Code Ming01  
Enslaved Person First

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Year of Record 1745  
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Owner First Name George  
County or Borough Dutchess  
Adult Male Slaves 1  
Enslaved Person Last Name Cromwell  
Enslaved Person First

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Owner Last Name Hawkhurst  
Owner First Name Joseph  
County or Borough Queens  
Adult Male Slaves 1  
Slave Unique Code Tom01  
Enslaved Person First

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# War Office Fire

- Military pension and bounty land warrant applications destroyed by fire at the War Dept in 1800

# Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- On November 8, 1800, there was a fire at the War Department
- Revolutionary War pension applications and bounty land application files were destroyed
- A project was started to rebuild the War Department Papers, led by Ted Crackel; the project team visited more than 200 repositories and about 42,000 documents collected and scanned

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## Guides

The following guides are divided into three sections: *How to use the Papers of the War Department* has information on how to navigate, search, and use documents in our collection; *Transcribing the Papers of the War Department* contains a user manual for our transcription system; and *Historical Context* offers useful information about reading eighteenth-century handwriting, commonly used abbreviations, and resources to learn more about this period in American history.

### HOW TO USE THE PAPERS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

- ★ Browsing Names and Documents
- ★ Searching the Collection
- ★ How to Cite Documents

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ★ Resources for the Late Eighteenth Century United States
- ★ Commonly used abbreviations
- ★ Paleography resources

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# Review

1. The 18th Century in New York City was a time of rebellion and change.
2. Despite the lack of vital records, there are many record sets that you can use to learn more about an ancestor.
3. Multiple records (primary and published sources) should be consulted to learn more about an ancestor.

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Presented by Sheilagh Doerfler

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