

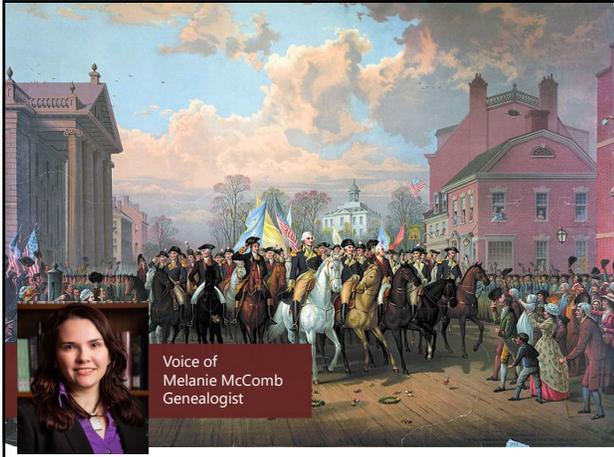
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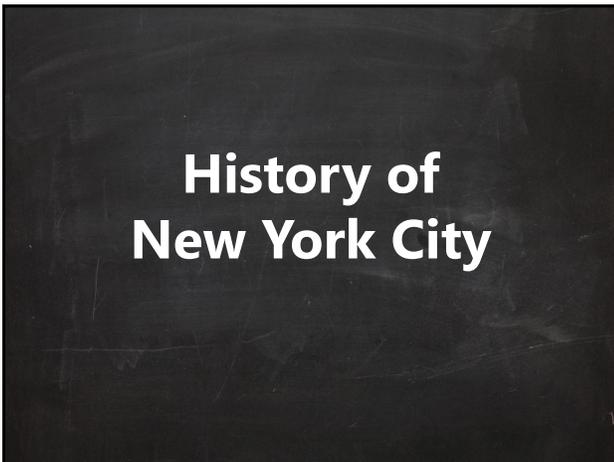
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French and Indian War

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

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Rebellion



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

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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

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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.



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Great Fire of 1766



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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.



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Evacuation Day

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



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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

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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*

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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*

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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

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**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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The screenshot shows the Trinity Church Wall Street website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, History & Archives, Digital Churchyards & Registers, and a search bar. Below the navigation is a banner image of a cemetery with the text "Digital Churchyards & Registers". Underneath the banner, there is a paragraph of text: "Trinity Archives has three databases you can search to aid in your genealogical research, all of which provide different information. Here's a look at each one." The website URL "trinitywallstreet.org" is displayed at the bottom.

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The Registers Database

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.

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SEARCH OUR PARISH REGISTERS
Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
from 1750

This database contains the registers of the Parish of 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 1816, and the Burial records date from 1771 to 2003. Later records will be described as they come.

[Basic Search](#)

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

→ Name: First Last
 Search for similar names (sounds like)

→ Choose Register:

→ Specify Date Range: From To
(from 1750 to 1850)
Example: 1760 or 8/15/1760

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SEARCH OUR PARISH REGISTERS
Baptisms, Marriages and Burials
from 1750

[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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REGISTRY-SPECIFIC SEARCH

[Baptismal Records](#) [Marriage Records](#) [Burial Records](#)

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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

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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)

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

Inhabitants of New York, 1774-1776

New York, Queens and Suffolk Counties			
DeGrube, A.	N	New York	74-A
DeGrube, Elias	N	New York	75-T, 76-L
DeGrube, Elias, ropemaker	N	New York	74-T2, 2/10
DeLamate, Isaac	N	New York	76-A
DeLamater, Isaac	N	New York	74-A
DeLamontaigne, Abraham	N	New York	74-A
DeLamontaigne, Catharine	N	Bowry Lane	76-H
DeLamontaigne, Mary	N	in ye fields	76-H
Delaney, Ino, Jr.	N	New York	76-A
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, clerk	N	William Street	75-D2
Delaney, Abraham	N	Horse & Cart St.	74-T2, 6/16
Delaney, John	N	removed uptown	76-P
Delaney, John Jr.	N	New York	75-D1
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DeLaney, John	N	New York	74-A

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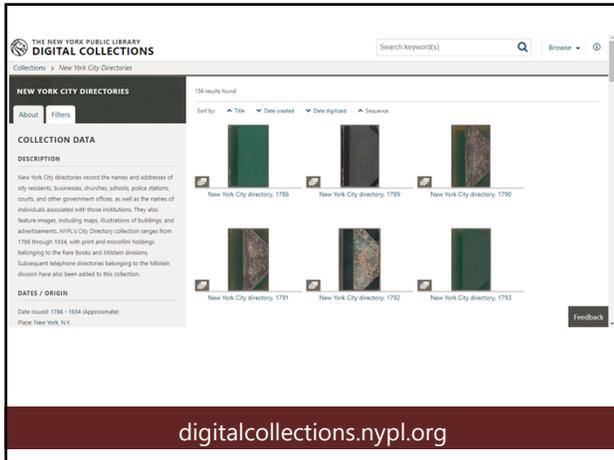
City Directories

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



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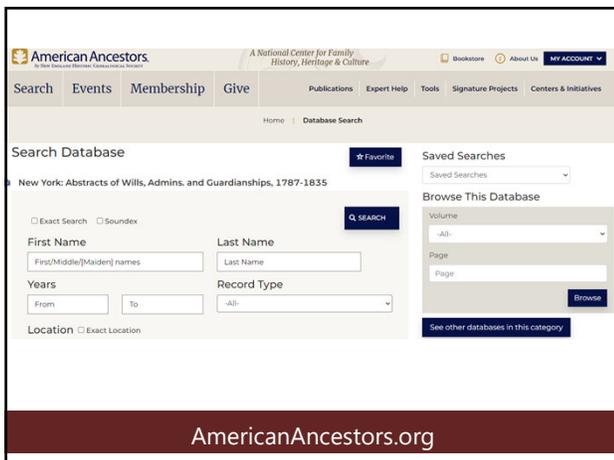


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Probate Records

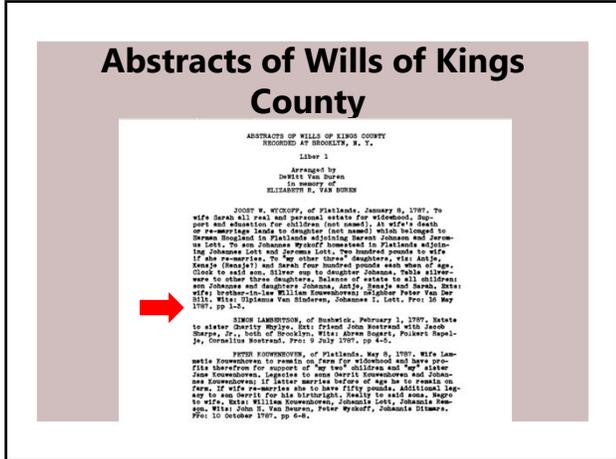
- Prerogative Court (1686-1783)
- Court of Probates (1778-1823)
- 1787- Surrogate's Court established in each county
- In 1802 the pre-1787 records of Southern District (New York, Kings, Queens, Suffolk, Richmond, and Westchester) were transferred from Albany to the New York County Surrogate's Court

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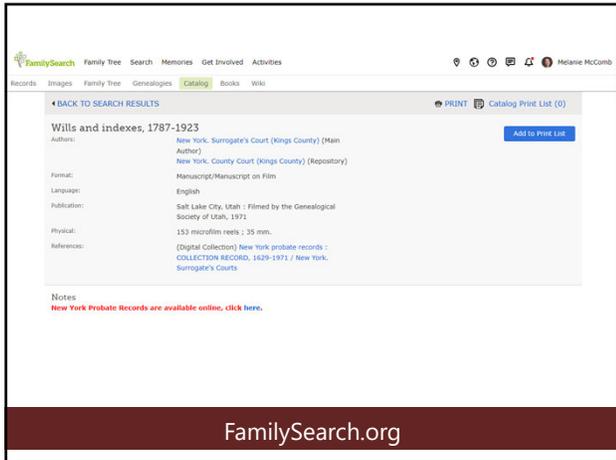


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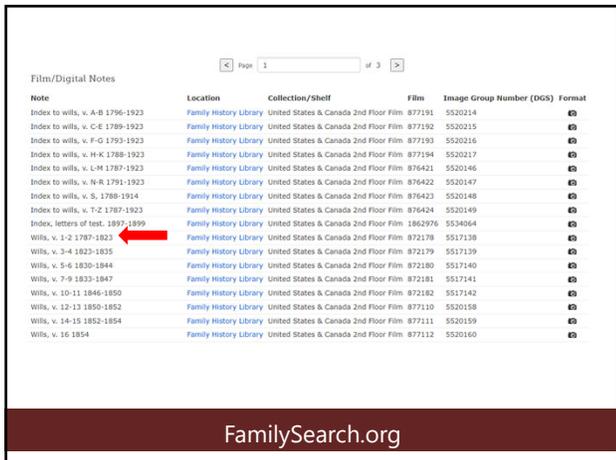
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Old Town Records

- 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)

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Old Town Records

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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
 American Jewish Historical Society
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INSOLVENT ASSIGNMENT

ABRAHAM, Isaac

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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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AmericanAncestors.org homepage. The 'Go to Search' section is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to 'External databases'. Other options include 'Library Catalog', 'Digital Library & Archive', and 'Jewish Heritage Center'. There are also search statistics: 'Search 1.4 Billion Names' and 'New! Search Cont...'. A chat bubble is visible on the right.

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AmericanAncestors.org 'External Databases From Home' page. The 'World' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a disclaimer: 'In addition to the hundreds of databases available on AmericanAncestors.org, there are databases published by other organizations which AmericanAncestors/NEHGS subscribes to and makes available for its Research and Contributing members to access from home. These databases can be accessed by clicking on the links below and logging in with your AmericanAncestors username and password. Please note that these databases are third-party-operated sites, and American Ancestors is not responsible for the functionality, accuracy, quality, or timeliness of any content contained on the third-party sites accessed from this page. Users are responsible for adhering to any and all Terms and Conditions and Copyrights of the database owners.'

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19th Century U.S. Newspapers

The 19th Century U.S. Newspapers database provides access to approximately 17 million pages of primary-source newspaper content from throughout the 1800s. It features full text and images from hundreds of papers from every region in the U.S., and it contains a wealth of genealogical content, including birth, death, and marriage notices. A few of the New England and New York papers: Boston Daily Advertiser, New Haven Palladium, Bangor Daily Whig and Courier, New Hampshire Statesman, Providence Patriot, Vermont Chronicle, and New York Herald.

American Indian Newspapers

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Early American Newspapers, Series I, 1690-1876

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<input type="checkbox"/> Constitutional Gazette	USA - New York - New York	1775-08-09 - 1776-08-20	English

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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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The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com search interface for the collection 'New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775, Vol. I'. It includes a search bar with a 'Search' button, a 'Clear search' button, and various filters like 'First & Middle Name(s)', 'Last Name', 'Year', 'Location', 'Any Event', 'Keyword', 'Chapter', and 'Page Number'. A 'Browse this collection' sidebar is also visible on the right.

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The screenshot shows a historical document titled 'New York Colonial Muster Rolls, 1664-1775, Vol. II'. It contains a table with columns for 'For what County', 'For what Company', 'Name Rank', 'Day of Month', 'Where born', 'Trade', 'Others who Served', 'Number', and 'Description of their Parents'. The table lists men from City of New York, New Richmond County, and New Queens County. Below the table is a certification statement signed by Mich Thodey, dated New York 28th May 1762.

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Muster rolls of New York provincial troops, 1755-1764

Format: Books/Monographs/Book with Digital Images Add to Print List

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

Notes

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Includes index.

The year 1757 is missing.

Also available on microfilm and digital images.

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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. JOH ⁿ . P. SMITH	Age	Trade	Time of Enlistment
1	Peter Fashier	29	Cord Waiser	March 8
2	John Peterson	21	Weaver	do 28
3	Anth ^y Crowder	26	Taylor	Ap ^l 23
4	Cornelius Herring	22	Farmer	do 23
5	John Riker	21	do	Ap ^l 5
6	Av ^t . Blawfield	19	Cordwaine	March 25
7	Peter Vallou	22	Blacksmith	Ap ^l 23
8	Jacob Acker	22	Wheel Right	March 28
9	John Ryan	22	Farmer	do
10	Dan ^l . Blawfield	18	do	April 15
11	John Heldron	22	do	do 5
12	Frederick Gunter	20	do	do 5
13	John Quackenbush	26	Carpender	March 28
14	John Martinhagon	36	Butcher	Ap ^l 23
15	John Matice Valentine	17	Farmer	do 5
16	Tunis Enmitt	18	Cordwaine	Ap ^l 28
17	Rich ^d . William	48	do	Ap ^l 5
18	Johannes Kale	24	Farmer	do 5
19	Johannus Akerson	25	do	March 28

Muster Roll, Cap.t John Smith's Company, FamilySearch

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The DAR Genealogical Research System (GRS) is a free resource provided by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to aid general genealogical research and to assist with the DAR membership process. The GRS is a collection of databases that provide access to the many materials amassed by the DAR since its founding in 1890.

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DAR Ancestor Member Descendants GRC Re

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 DELANDY

Hint: Click on the member number to see more.

ASSOCIATED APPLICATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

Nat'l Num	Add Vol	Docs	Child	[Spouse #] Spouse
246307		ELIZABETH		[1] BENJAMIN WELCH

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Revolutionary War Pensions

- 1776 - Half pay for officers and men disabled in the service and were incapable of earning a living
- 1780 - Half pay for 7 yrs. to widows and orphans of officers
- Pensions are available online on Fold3.com

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Revolutionary War pension records are available through the National Archives catalogue

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Loyalism in New York during the American revolution

FORFEITED ESTATES SOLD IN NEW YORK CITY FROM 1784 TO 1789*				
Date of Sale	Loyalist Owner	Purchaser	Price	Description and Remarks
June 04, 1784	John Watts, Sr., et al.	Robert Watts and John Watts, Jr.	£2000	11 1/2 acres of salt marsh land in Oak Ward, back of head of River Street and James St. Lenny, extending to East River. Surveyed Feb. 13, 1751. From Oak Ward.
June 09, 1784	James Jennings, Esq., et al.	Wm. Malcom	300	Remains of John Watts, Sr. in Great Dock Street, South Ward.
"	James Jennings, Esq., et al.	John Carrow	602	Water lot, between and above James St. Montgomery Ward, N. side of Water St. from S. E. side Water St. to S. side St. James, at 46 Bowling Water St. W. to Water St. N. N. E. side lot of George Tompkins, Esq. E. side St. James, N. by the water lot of John Carrow, Esq. S. side of St. James, N. by the N. Y. Canal to be paid yearly on March 15 to Mayor and Aldermen of N. Y. City.
July 2, 1784	Josh. T. D. St. Croix, et al.	Wm. Newton	700	House and lot in North Ward, E. side of Fair St. W. North St. N. by Nicholas Fitcher, Jr. W. Vineyard St. by Jacob Berven. South 2 1/2 ft. Length 112 ft.
June 24, 1784	James Jennings, et al.	John McKim	4,570	House and lot in Montgomery Ward, N. side of Queen St. E. by Queen St. N. by John Stevens, W. by street, N. by Peter Scher. Lot 10 ft. by 20 ft. 2 in. and 16 ft. 10 in. Messuage and dwelling house and lot on S. side of Queen St. East Ward. W. by Francis Lewis and James Jennings's residence, messuage, by Nicholas Cornhill, Thomas Biron and Wm. Powell. 118 ft. 8 in. by 33 ft. 6 in. and 22 ft.

* Copied from Mr. Ledger to Register's Office, New York City.

Forfeited Estates sold in NYC from 1784-1789

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United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

INFORMATION ON THE LOYALISTS

Please Note - Disclaimer
 This Directory is to be used as a guide only. It is not proof. Please consult with a Branch Genealogist.
 All applications before 2015 may not have sufficient acceptable proofs that meet current standards.

Information on Individual Loyalists
 Click here to browse the directory of Loyalists. Or jump to a letter, by surname:
 A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 See also:
 * Names to which information has been added
 * Additional Data Sources to Check

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 made or Sworn, 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;
 * a soldier who served in an American Loyalist Regiment and was discharged in Canada, or
 * a member of the Six Nations of either the Grand River or the Bear of Quatre Revoire 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, to the designation as post-nominal U.E.L., standing for Union 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 involved researching the UEL Directory List which was created by the government of Upper Canada in the late 1790s. The list has about 4,000 names but there is very little information for each individual.

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

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Assessment rolls, (New York City, New York), 1699-1734 Add to Print List

Authors: New York (New York), Assessor (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: [S.1] : New York Exchange, 1967

Physical: 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

Notes
Microreproduction of ms.
View this catalog record in WorldCat for other possible copy locations

Subjects
Locality Subjects
United States, New York, New York (City) : Taxation

Film/Digital Notes

Note	Location	Collection/Shelf	Film	Image Group Number (DIGS)	Format
Assessment rolls, 1699-1734	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	484033	7901197	

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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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Ship Passenger Lists (Table of Contents Extract)

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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

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

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

Part of Arrival in the United States: Date of Arrival:

Names, Addresses and Occupations of Witnesses to Naturalization

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

Index to Petition for Naturalization Example (Ancestry.com)

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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

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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

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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

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The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Family Tree, Search, Memories, Indexing, and Activities. Below that, there are sub-tabs: Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Wiki. The main content area is titled "United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925". Underneath, there is a "Description" section and a "How to Use this Collection" link. The search filters are organized into sections: "Search Collection" with "Deceased Ancestor's Information" (Name | Alternate Name), "Search with a life event:" (Birth | Marriage | Residence | Death | Any) with birthplace and birth year (range) fields, "Search with a relationship:" (Spouse | Father | Mother | Other Person), and "Restrict records by:" (Location | Type | Batch Number | Film Number) with country and state/province fields. The FamilySearch logo and "familysearch.org" are visible at the bottom.

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Common Problems and Strategies

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Lack of Vital Records

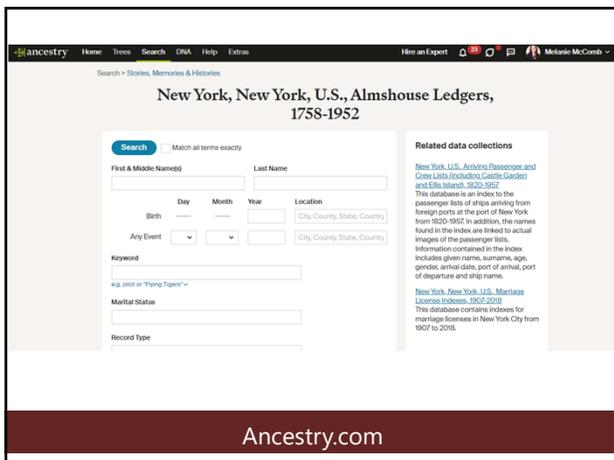
- Very few vital records were recorded at the county level during the 18th century
- Alternatives:
 - Church Records
 - Newspapers
 - Probate Records
 - Land Deeds
 - Almshouse Records
 - Coroner Records

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Almshouse Records

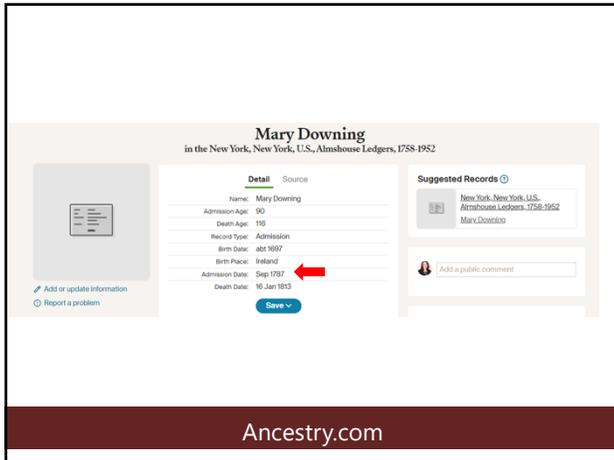
- New York, New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952 (NYC Municipal Archives)
- Includes death dates if person died in almshouse and birth year/location
- Index on Ancestry.com

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

Detail Source

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Death Age	116
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Birth Place	Ireland
Admission Date	Sep 1787
Death Date	16 Jan 1813

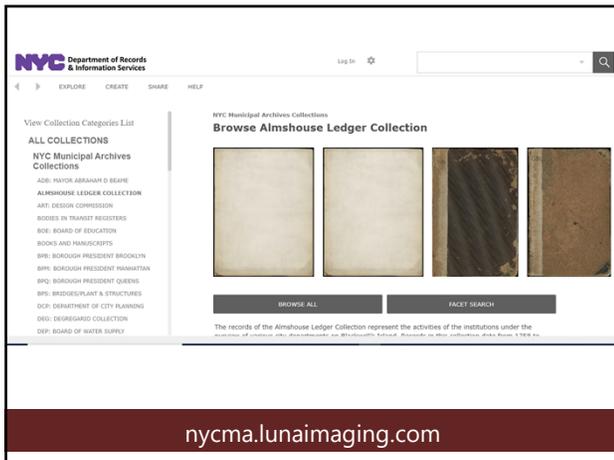
Suggested Records

- New York, New York, U.S., Almshouse Ledgers, 1758-1952
- Mary Downing

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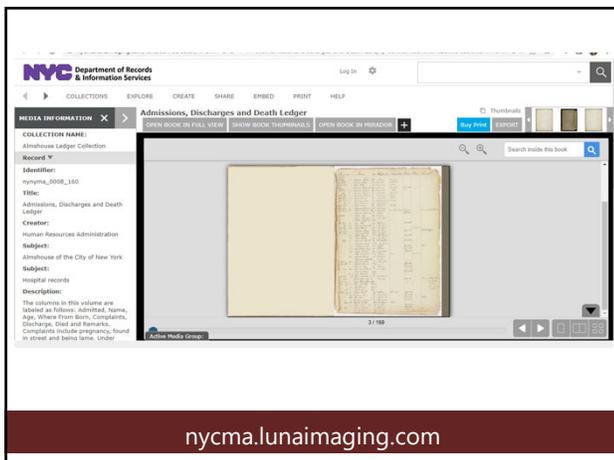
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- ALMSHOUSE LEDGER COLLECTION
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- BOBES IN TRANSIT REGISTERS
- BOE: BOARD OF EDUCATION
- BOOKS AND MANUSCRIPTS
- BPH: BOROUGH PRESIDENT BROOKLYN
- BPH: BOROUGH PRESIDENT MANHATTAN
- BPH: BOROUGH PRESIDENT QUEENS
- BPS: BRIDGEPLANT & STRUCTURES
- DCP: DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
- DIG: DIGRETIARD COLLECTION
- DWR: BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY

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Admissions, Discharges and Death Ledger

Almshouse Ledger Collection

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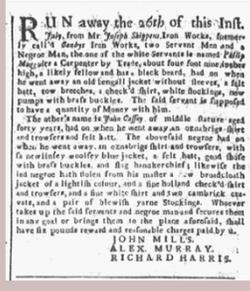
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Researching Enslaved Persons

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



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War Office Fire

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

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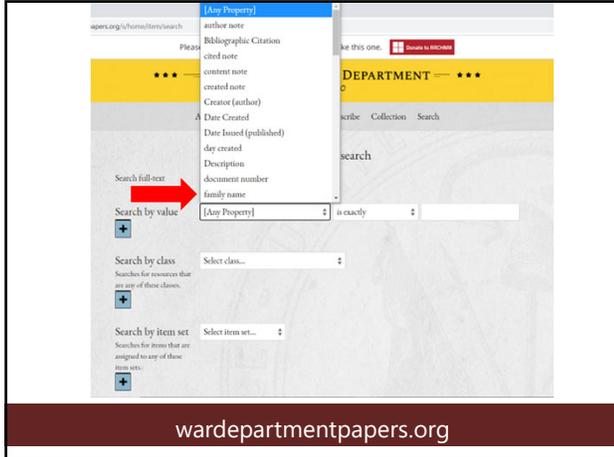
Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- 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

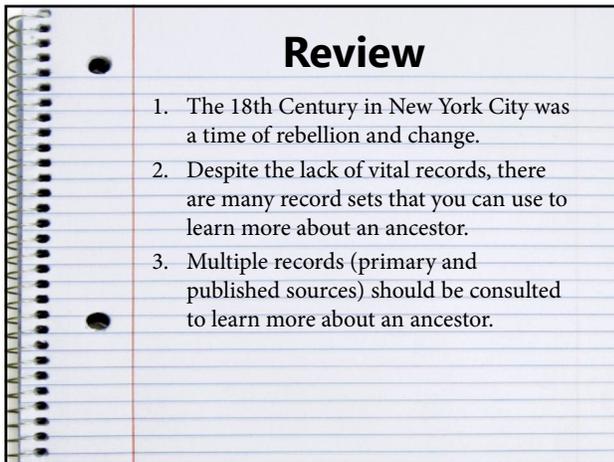
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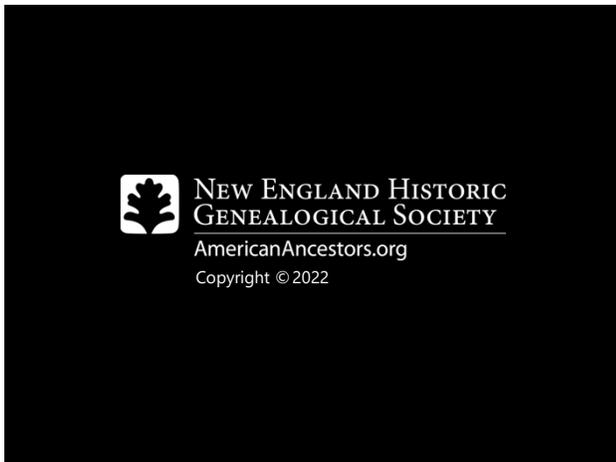
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