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Class 1: Settlement of New York State

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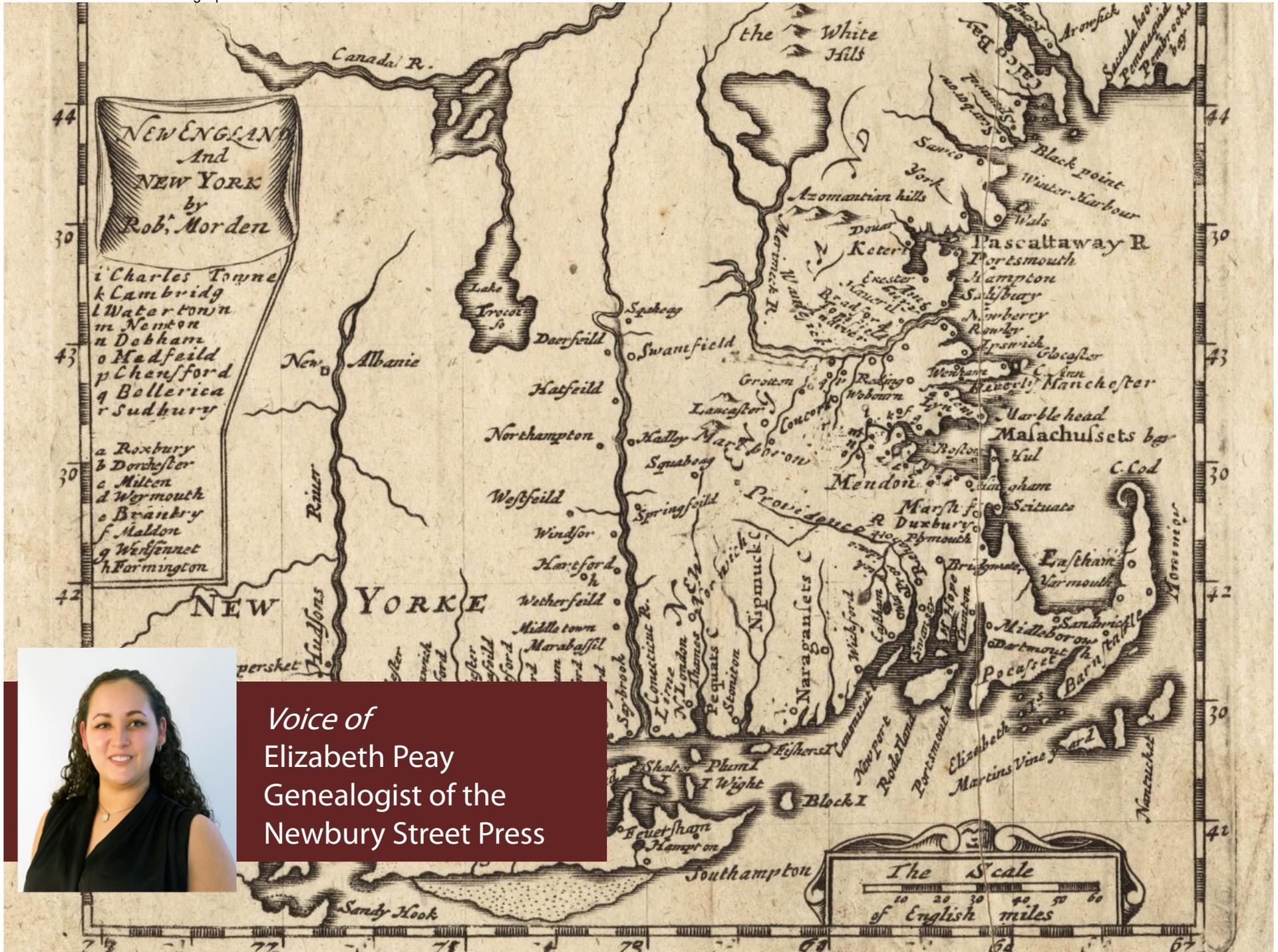


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OVERVIEW

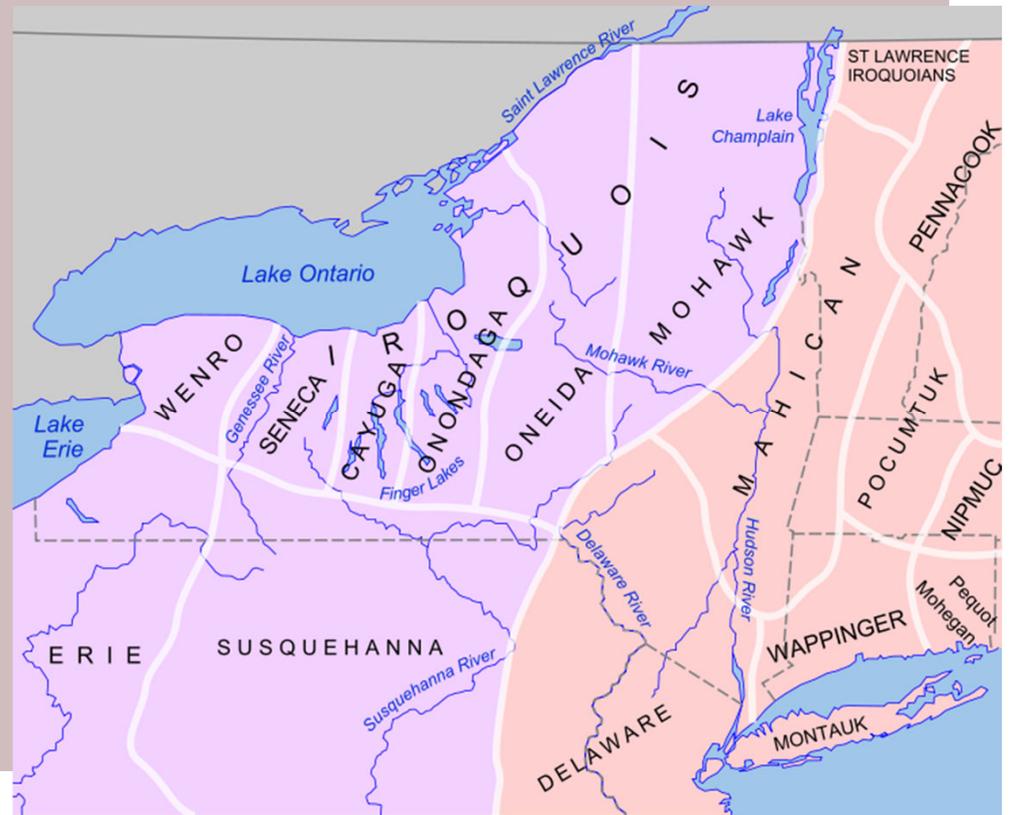
- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Settlement of early New York
 - Post-Revolutionary War Migrations
 - Research and resources
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**



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Native People

- Different tribes throughout colony
- Fort Orange
 - Mohawks
 - Mahicans
- New Amsterdam
 - Esopus
 - Wappinger
 - Tappan
 - Manhattan



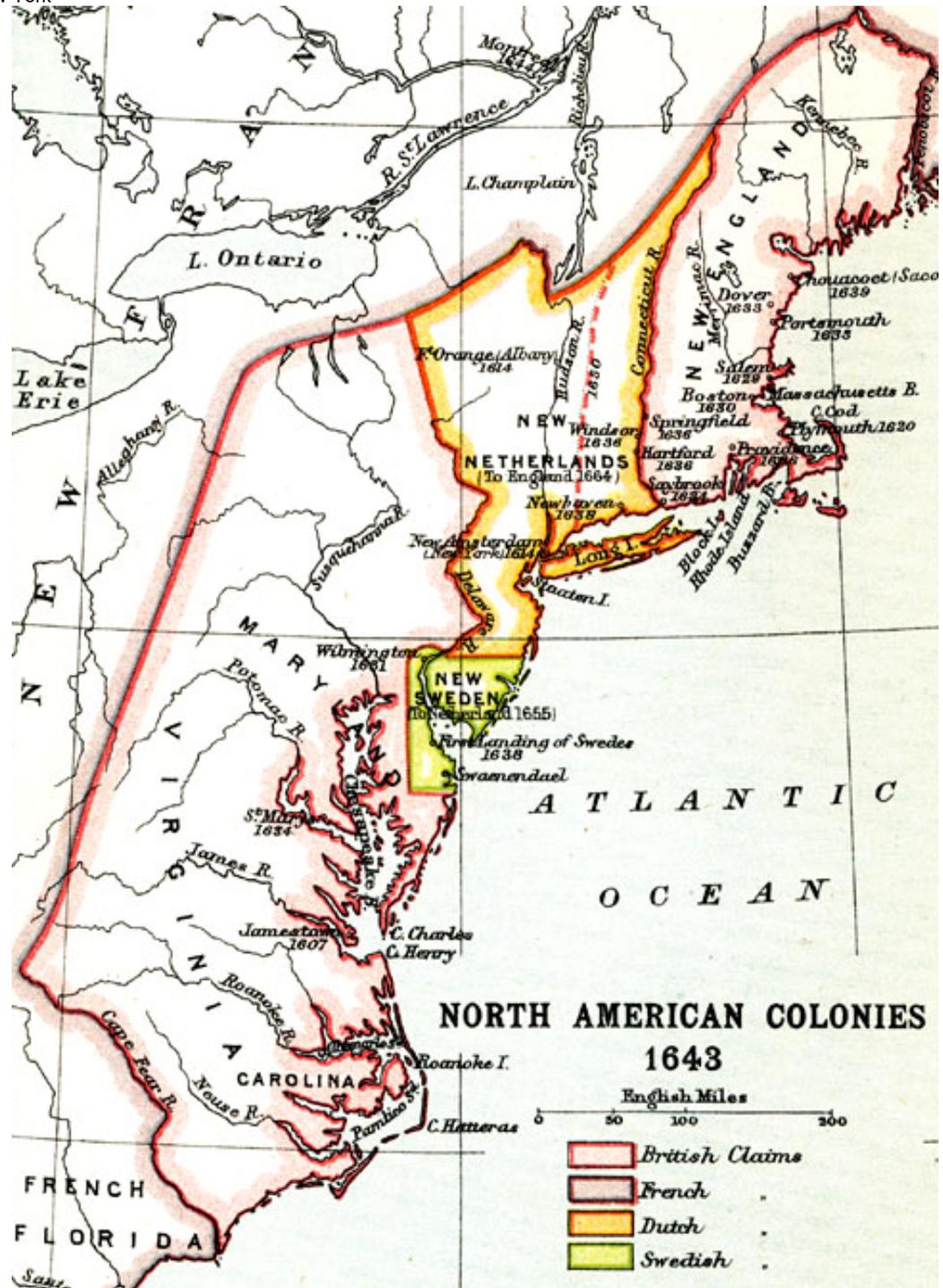


New York Colony

- After 1609 – began as series of competitive fur-trading posts owned by Amsterdam merchants
- 1621 – Dutch West India Company was granted control of New Netherland
- 1624 – First settlement of families at Fort Orange (Albany)
- 1625 – Small group in New Amsterdam (New York City)

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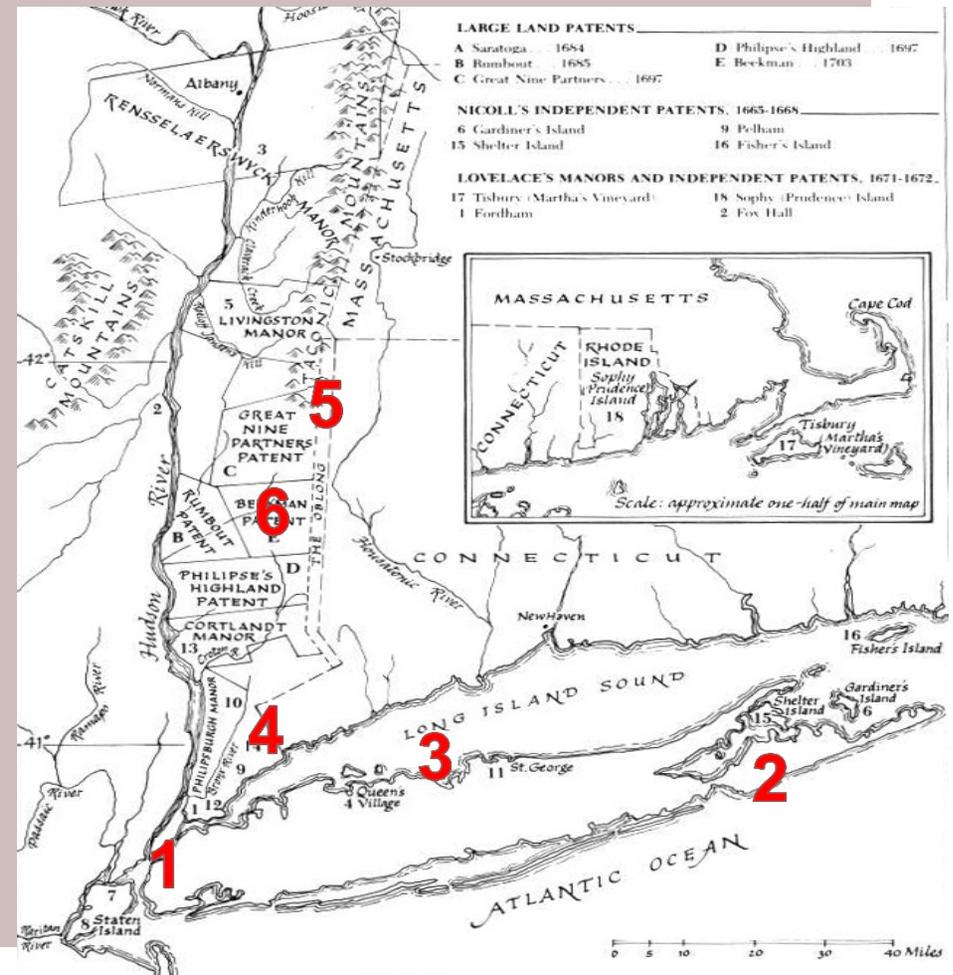
Struggle for New York Colony

- 1664 – British conquered New Netherland
- 1673-74 – Dutch retake colony for 12 months
- 1674 – British take back New Netherland



Early Settlements

1. Gravesend – 1640 from MA
2. Southampton – 1640 from Lynn, MA
3. L.I. – Migration from CT
4. Bedford & Rye – from CT, RI, southeastern MA
5. The Oblong – mainly Cape Cod Quakers
6. Beekman Patent & Dutchess Co. – NY, L.I., MA, CT, RI



Major Groups in Colonial New York

- Dutch, 1609-1664, major settlement beg. 1624
- English throughout
- French (Huguenots), esp. after 1685
- German (Palatines), arriving 1710

Our chiefest unhappiness here is too great a mixture of nations, and English the least part.

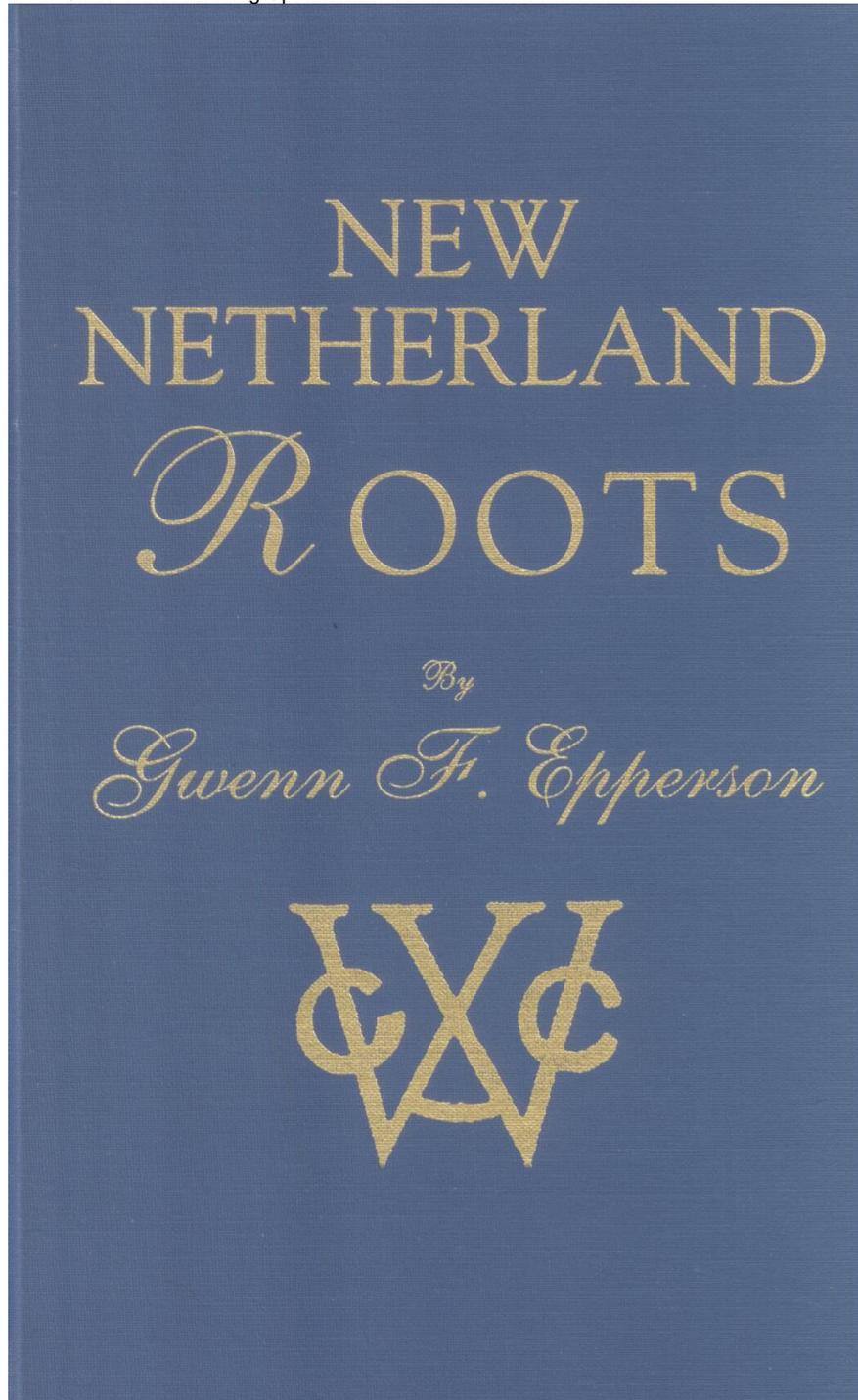
Enslaved People

- As early as 1626, enslaved people were brought to New Netherland to construct infrastructure
- Dutch West India Company largest owner of enslaved people
- Small population until the 1660s
 - 1639 – 100 enslaved people
 - 1664 – 250 enslaved people

Tracing Dutch Origins

- Population of New Amsterdam reflected diversity of Amsterdam
- Church marriage registers usually recorded where the bride and groom were from
- Passenger lists and notarial records





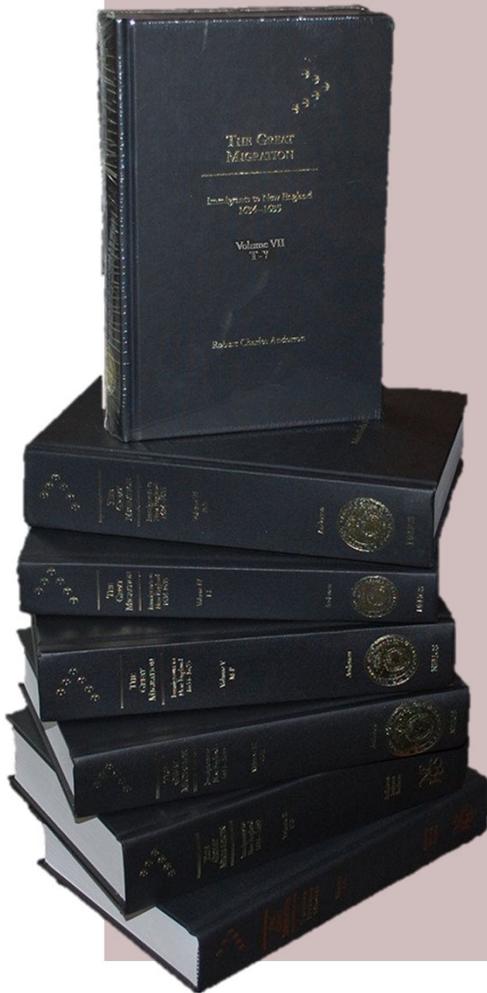
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Tracing English Origins

- Origins typically not noted in English records
- May be discerned through family papers, known associations, or Dutch records

Great Migration



- Directed by Robert Charles Anderson, FASG
- Started in 1988
- Genealogical and biographical sketch for immigrants to New England from 1620 to 1640
- Arranged alphabetically in two series: 1620–1633 and 1634–1635
- Thirteen published volumes, with updated sketches and additional compendia
- Searchable online databases

Tip

Don't assume a
New England connection.

Tracing French Origins

- French Protestants (Huguenots) among the earliest settlers of New Netherland
- By 1650s other French Protestants from France, Germany, and elsewhere settled around New Amsterdam
- 1677 - Group settled New Paltz in present-day Ulster County

Huguenots

- Banned from France in 1685
- Most settled in New York City or in New Rochelle in Westchester County



Netherland, they should be treated in Riker's *Directory to Persons in New Netherland*.⁸³ However, it is often difficult to identify English residents of New York who had common surnames.

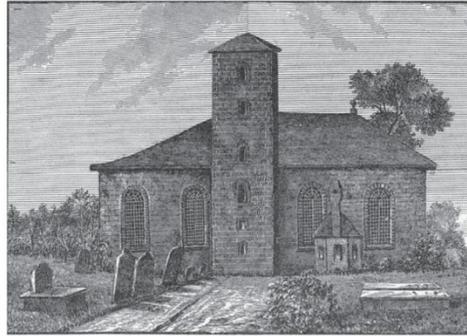
The French

French-speaking Protestants (often referred to as Huguenots) had been leaving France since the late 1500s, and French-speaking Protestant Walloons (from Wallonia, a region of Northern France and Southern Belgium) were among the earliest settlers of New Netherland. By the 1650s Huguenots began coming in groups, settling in Harlem on Manhattan, in Bushwick on Long Island, and on Staten Island. In 1677 a group of Huguenots who had been living in Germany settled at New Paltz in present-day Ulster County. Huguenots were tolerated in France until 1685. Within the next decade or so, many made their way to New York, sometimes via another colony (like South Carolina or Massachusetts) or the French West Indies. Most of these post-1685 Huguenots settled in New York City or New Rochelle in Westchester County.

There is no guide to books and articles on Huguenot families in New York. However, various historical studies give useful information about specific families, and there are accounts of families of Harlem, New Paltz, and New Rochelle. A short-lived journal, *The Huguenot Historian*, included some compiled genealogies.⁸⁴

Some books and articles on Huguenots in New York

- Baird, Charles W., *History of the Huguenot Emigration to America*, 2 vols. (New York: Dodd, Mead, 1885; repr. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1973).
- Boshier, J. E., "Huguenot Merchants and the Protestant International in the Seventeenth Century," *The William and Mary Quarterly*, Third Series, 52 (1995):77-102, with pull-out charts.
- Butler, Jon, *The Huguenots in America: A Refugee People in New World Society* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1983), at 144-198.
- Carlo, Paula Wheeler, *Huguenot Refugees in Colonial New York: Becoming American in the Hudson Valley* (Portland, Ore.: Sussex Academic Press, 2005).
- Goodfriend, Joyce D., "The Protestants of Colonial New York City: A Demographic Profile," in Bertrand Van Ruymbeke and Randy J. Sparks, ed., *Memory and Identity: The Huguenots in France and the Atlantic*



The second French Protestant Church, Du St. Esprit, in New York. Built in 1704, the church was used until 1831. Alfred V. Wittmeyer, Registers of the Births, Marriages, and Deaths of the Eglise Française à la Nouvelle York from 1688 to 1804 (1886).

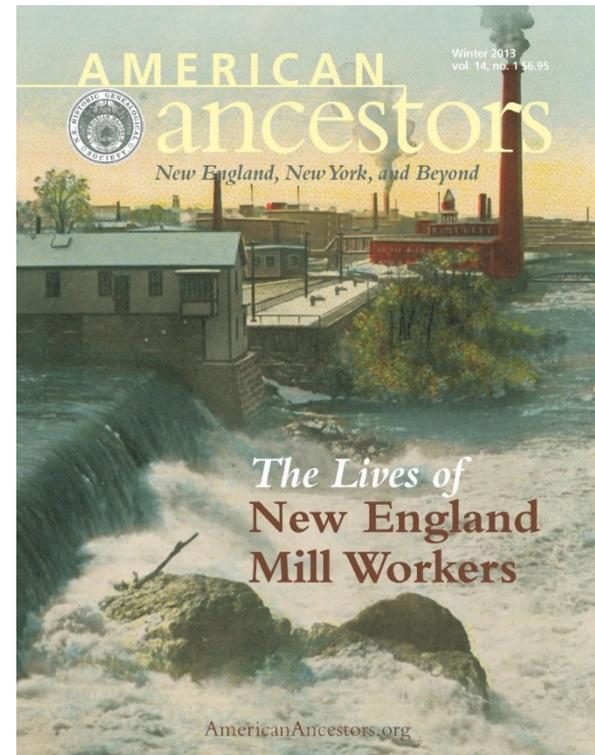
Diaspora (Columbia, S.C.: University of South Carolina Press, 2003), at 241-254.

The Germans

While individual Germans were among the early settlers of New Netherland, the major group consisted of 847 families who came in 1710 and settled in the upper Hudson River Valley. These families were recruited largely from the Palatinate in the Rhineland, and so they have been referred to as the Palatines. They were only a few years away from having lived in their ancestral villages, and tended to associate with their former neighbors. The principal genealogical author for this group is Henry "Hank" Z. Jones, Jr., who, with extensive help from a German researcher, has found the origins of more than six hundred of the families. He has published books on these families as well as on Germans arriving later in the eighteenth century. His books and articles are always the first places to look for anyone who might have a German origin or was associating with Germans in New York.

Books and articles on Palatine Germans in New York by Henry Z. Jones, Jr.

- *The Palatine Families of New York 1710: A Study of the German Immigrants Who Arrived in New York in 1710*, 2 vols. (Universal City, Cal.: the author, 1985).
- *More Palatine Families: Some Later Arrivals to the Middle Colonies, 1717-1760, and Their European Origins; Plus New Discoveries on German Families Who Arrived in Colonial New York in 1710* (Universal City, Cal.: the author, 1991).

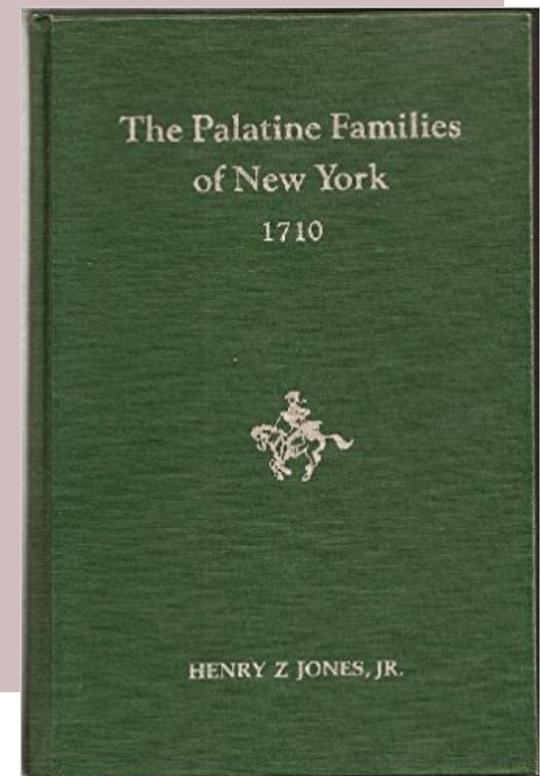


"Colonial New York: A Mixture of Nations," *American Ancestors* 14:1 (Winter 2013):52-54

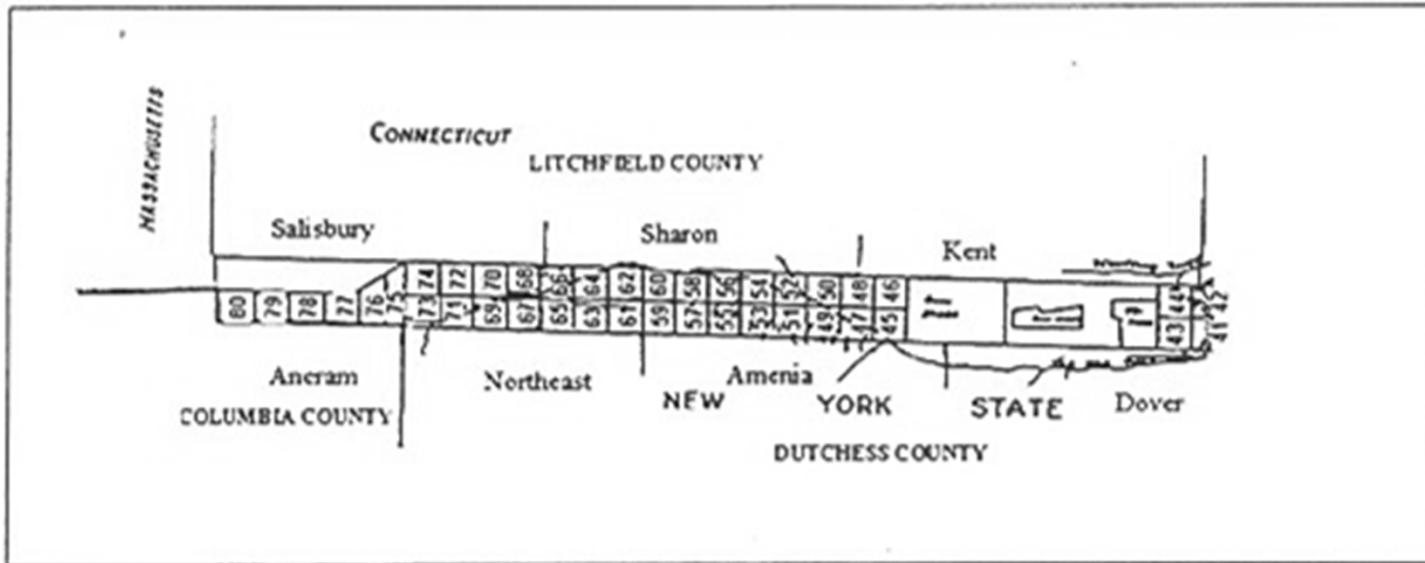
The Germans

- 1710 major settlement
- Most Palatines settled upper Hudson Valley
- Married among themselves; then into local Dutch families
- Church records are key

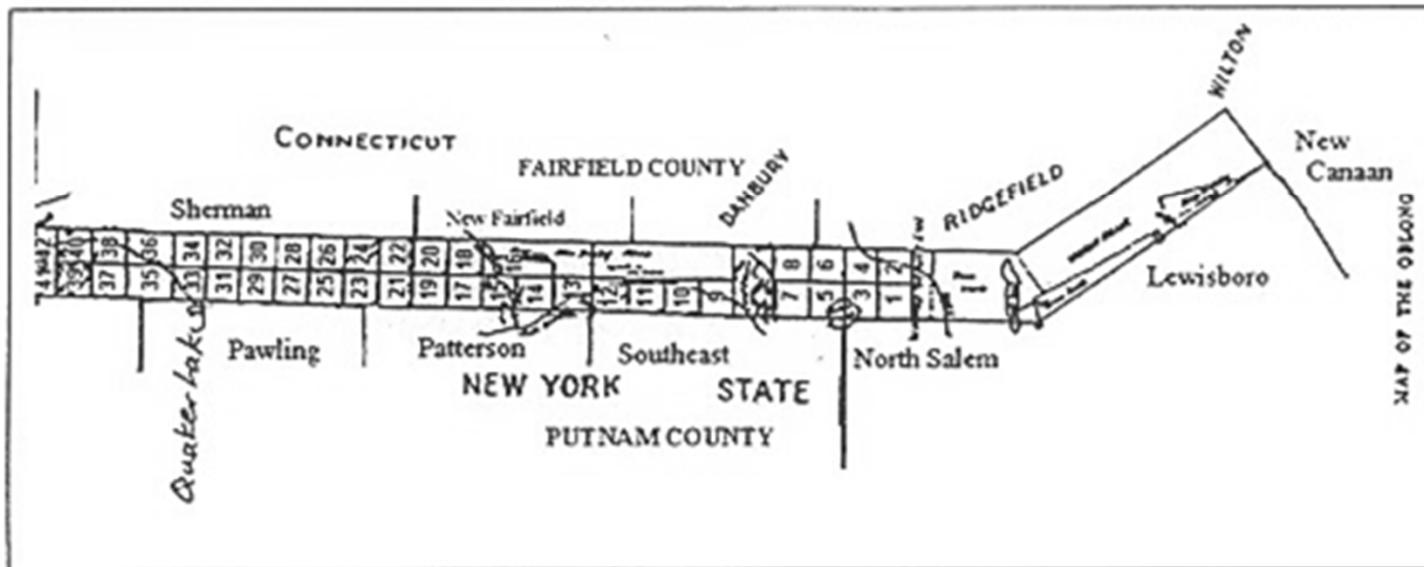
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1710, 2 vols. by Henry Z Jones, Jr.*



Boundary Disputes



Northern Section of the Oblong (North is to the left of the map)



Southern section of the Oblong (North is to the left of the map)

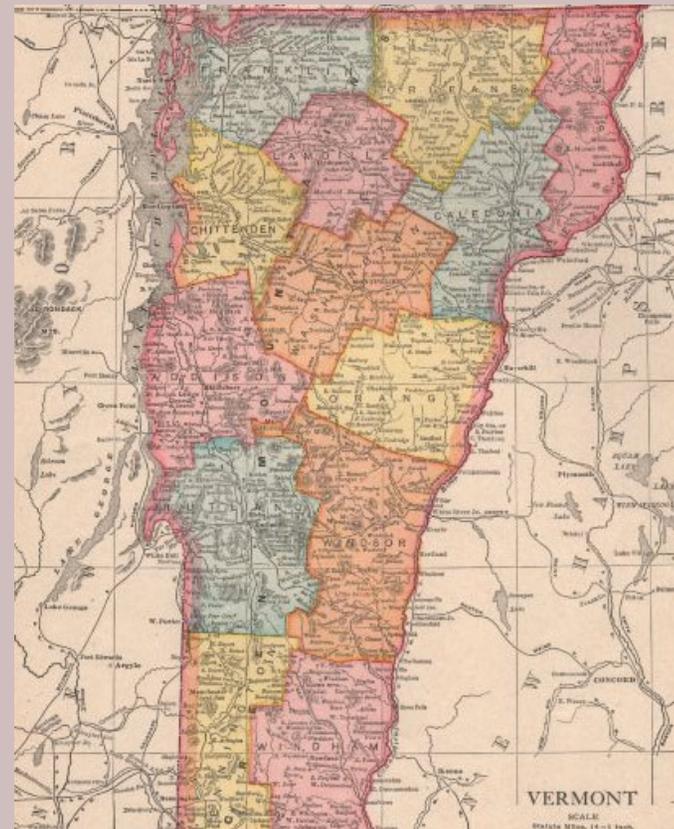
Boundary disputes

- New York-established counties in Vermont:
 - Cumberland in 1766
 - Gloucester in 1772



Eastern and Western Union of Vermont, 1781

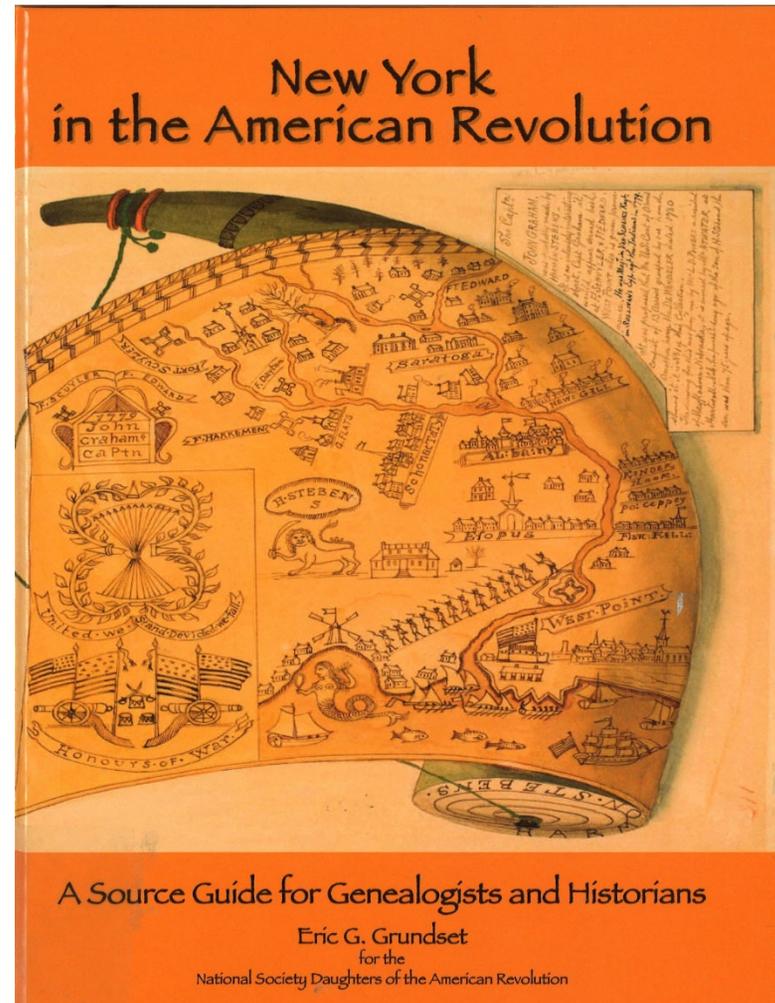
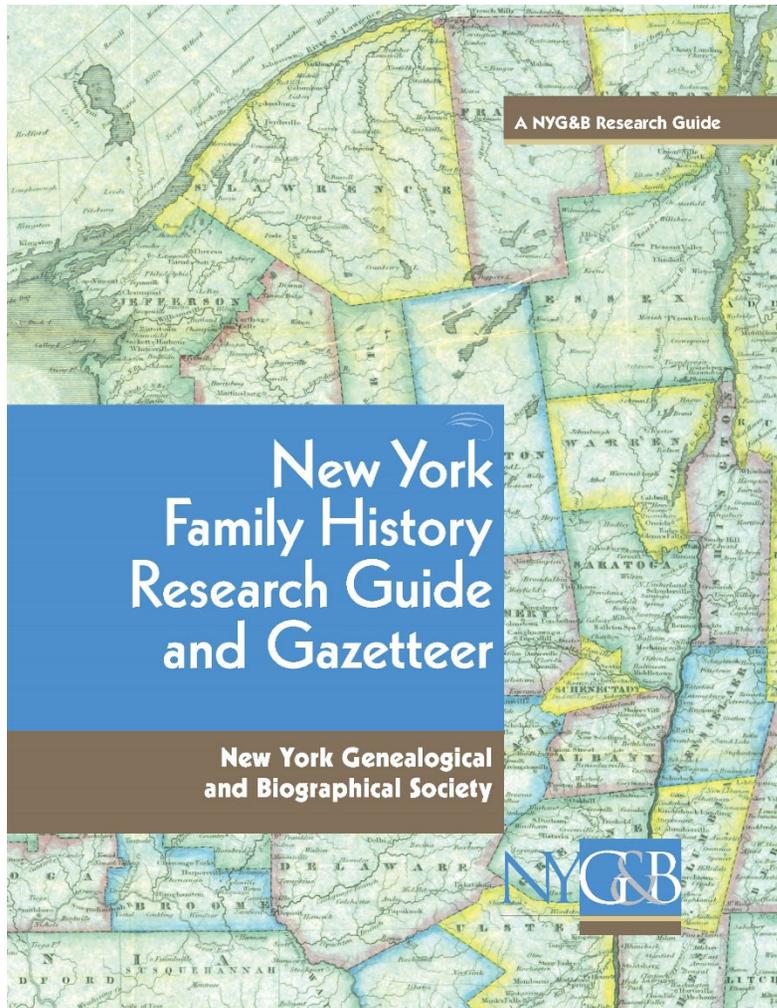
- 30 New Hampshire Towns in the Eastern Union
- 12 New York towns in the Western Union
- Desired to join Vermont
- Affecting birthplaces later





QUESTIONS?

Colonial New York Research & Records



Colonial Records

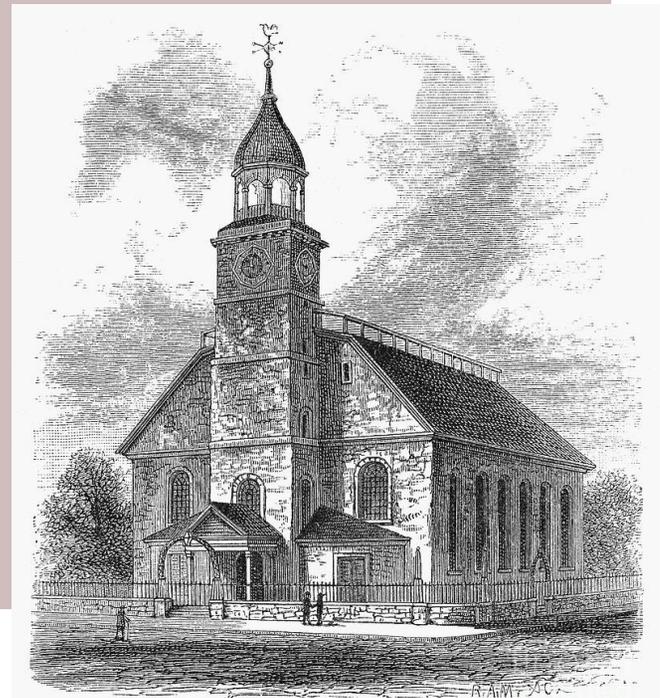
- Vital records
- Church Records
- Colonial censuses
- Naturalizations
- Poor records
- Military records
- Land records (*class 3*)
- Probate records (*class 4*)

Vital Records

- Statewide registration begins 1880
- Some vital records kept before 1800:
 - Colony level: Published marriage licenses (1684-1706; 1730-1783)
 - Long Island towns, some births and marriage published
 - Illegitimate births in Overseers of the Poor records

Church Records

- Essential source of vital records for this period
- Baptisms, sometimes including birth date
- Marriages: intentions or banns
- Burials: cemetery records may be your best record of a death prior to 1880



Locating Church Records

- Look at what churches are in the area
- What church was the bride's family associated with?
- Spread your search over a large area

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- 236-243 Resolution to build a new church. November 20-21, 1741.
244-355 Accounts. August, 1742-August 6, 1808.

SAUGERTIES (see Kaatsbaan).

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SCHAGHTICOKE—Founded 1707.

The copy was made by Mr. Dingman Versteeg from a copy made in 1878-1879 by the Rev. Abraham H. Meyers, and afterwards compared with the original. Two manuscript volumes covering the dates 1752-1868.

VOLUME I
(Pages 159-575)

- Pages
161-511 *Baptisms.* January 2, 1752-July 28, 1801.
163 hiatus: 1753-1760.
513-555 *Marriages.* June 13, 1769-1802. (Also some entries of 1750 and before.)
557-561 *Members.* 1752-November 19, 1802.
557; 563 hiatus: 1754-1764; 1751-1763.
571 *Deaths.* August 8, 1777-August 16, 1802.
573-575 *Baptisms.* (A few entries of 1752-1783.)

VOLUME II
(Pages 1-309)

- Pages
3-19 Table of Contents; List of Ministers.
3-19 *Marriages.* June 13, 1769-March 7, 1808.
20-25 " December 2, 1823-October, 1868.
27-264 *Baptisms.* January 2, 1752-July 8, 1855. (After August, 1773, the entries become very numerous.)
264 *Baptisms.* (Adults. A few entries.) 1763-1866.
265-277 *Members.* November 27, 1751-1866.
265-268; 276-277 hiatus: 1754-1764; 1779-1784; 1840-1850; 1850-1863.
279-309 *Deaths.* (A few entries.) 1777-1868.
281-309 Consistorial Minutes and *Elders and Deacons.* November 26, 1751-December 11, 1858.
292; 304 hiatus: 1789-1793; 1823-1831; 1841-1858.

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SCHENECTADY—Founded 1680.

The copy was made from the original by Mr. Sterling Potter in six typewritten volumes covering the dates 1694-1800.

VOLUME A
(Pages 1-93)

- Marriages.* (Written with pen.)

Inventory of Church Records

TIPS: Church Records

- Look in church membership records and church minutes (esp. for deaths)
- Knowing the family can help identify important clues in records
- Search by minister, not only by church

New York Town Guide

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The material in this section was taken from *New York State Towns, Villages, and Cities: A Guide to Genealogical Sources* by Gordon L. Remington, published by American Ancestors in 2002. It is intended to help locate published and transcribed records for the state's nearly 1,700 organized municipalities. The tables give basic information on each of New York's towns, villages, and cities: the county in which it is located, the date of organization or incorporation, and whether or not a dedicated history of that place has been published. It then provides information on transcribed church and cemetery records and the collections or repositories in which they are found.

Church and cemetery codes

A

AmericanAncestors.org/tools/new-york-town-guide

Early Church Transcriptions

- Royden Vosburgh: Collection of Protestant Church Records, most begin in the mid to late eighteenth century
- Arthur Kelly: Mostly east side of Hudson Valley
- Jean Worden: Mostly west side of Hudson Valley
- Online databases at:
 - AmericanAncestors.org
 - Ancestry.com

BIRTHS

Charles St. Charles was born May 18, 1791. His wife Sally was born July 7, 1792. Their son Charles A. was born May 30, 1818. His wife was born Nov. 30, 1818. C. A. his children Charles was born Oct. 17, 1839. Benjamin P. was born July 11, 1844. Laura M. was born July 7, 1845. Mary F. was born July 21, 1848. Sarah Jane was born Jan. 9, 1850. Francis I. was born Oct. 21, 1818. Jane H. was born Aug. 11, 1815. Luoluda S. was born May 31, 1818. Frances M. was born July 20, 1820. Alho P. was born Sept. 17, 1822. Violet E. was born May 29, 1824. Sarah (?) was born June 10, (?). James P. was born Sept. 8, 1828. Mary S. was born Jan. 14, 1831. Jacobee and Luoluda Jackson children. Levi M. was born Aug. 24, 1842. Frances L. was born Aug. 20, 1844. Mary S. children. Laebert M. was born Sept. 9, 1861. William K. was born Feb. 23, 1868. Wife of James T. Mary L. was born Aug. 7, 1835. Children of J. T. and M. L. Mary E. was born Nov. 29, 1853. Ida M. was born May 23, 1855.

Genealogical Records Committee reports

- More than 1,000 volumes for New York
- Church records, cemetery records, family records, etc.
- Online, every-name index:
services.dar.org/public/dar_research/search/
- Volumes available at DAR Library, Family History Library, and New York State Library

Newspapers

- First NY newspaper *New York Gazette*, 1725
- Marriage notices
- Death notices
- Creditor notices
- Sale by executors
- Desertion by spouse

Abstracted Newspapers

- Fred Q. Bowman and Thomas J. Lynch, *Directory to Collections of New York Vital Records, 1726–1989* (1995)
- Joseph Gavit, *American Deaths and Marriages, 1784–1829*, 2 reels of microfilm (1975)
- Digitized newspapers on newspapers.com, genealogybank.com, FultonHistory.com, nyshistoricnewspapers.org, and other historic newspapers sites

Private Records

- Journals
- Diaries
- Account books

[April] .. Tho^e Hallock a child dead.
 [7] Caleb Hortons wife dead. ✓
 [O]ld M^r Hudson dead.
 8 Jno Merrick a child.
 12 Co^t Jno Youngs died.
 & peter pains child.
 13ll's widow dead.
oodee Mapes wid^m buried.
 1+ Rechil Horton buried.
onklyn buried an Indian.
 15 Booth one child bur^d.
n Mapes a son
 [..... Goldsmith one child.]
 [25]
 [P. 4.]

 16 child.
 garl Jene Martin* at M^r Emons.
 April [Gar]ner one child.
 17 [M]apes buried.
 18 [E]lisabeth Mapes buried.
 [Th]eophilus Case child.
 19 Budd buried.
 20er pain buried.
 son.
 [1698]† [H]obart bur^d.
^l Moore died.
[th]iah Longworth died.
 Case eldest son.
 23larod buried. }
iah Starr. }
 25 Horton bur^d. }
 May 3 Love dead. }
 a son. }
 4 terry died.
 7 Alibon son Jn buried.
 Reeve buried.
 8 Love a son dead.
 13 [Ed]ward Petty died at nig..
 21 Youngs died.
 July [2] Elis]abeth Conklyn bur^d.
 26
 [P. 5.]
 Oct. 10 Thom^s Tusten bur^d.
 31 Joseph Conklyn Jur^t a child.
 Dec. 4 Joseph Conklyn bur^d.
 5 Christoph^t Youngs bur^d.

* Jene Martin interlined.
 † 1698 added from *Ancient Long Island Epitaphs*, by E. D. Harris,
 1903, p. 16.
 ‡ Interlined.

169.* Jan. 11 Mary Youngs died.
 26 Hannah Reeve burd.
 Feb. 11 Mary franklin burd.
 18 Nath^l Moore burd.
 20 Jno franklin buried.
 2. James Gilyer wife Hannah.
 Jane Edwards about this time.
 23 Isaac Cory Jun^r buried.
 Mar. .. Jacob osman a child buried.
 .. Wid Mary osman a child burd.
 25 Mary Dickeson burd.
 26 Wid Reeve a son b.
 April 2.† [M^r] Grifing buried.
 29 Joseph Rider buried.
 May 14 Jn Curwin a child buried.
 Jonathan Mapes a child dead.
 June 21 [Ab]h^m Osman child burd.
 July 7 Turner a child burd.
 21 W^m Hallock a child.
 Aug. 7 [P]eter Hallocks child bur^d.
 Sept. 5 John Reeve a child dead.
 Nov. — J^s Petty.
 Dec. 3 Charles Booth died.
 Feb. 8 [J]osiah Youngs a child burd,
 [28]
 [P. 6.]
 Mar. 19 Parr buried.
 1701 July 12 Rich^d Brown Jr buried.
 Dec. 13 Jonas Holdsworth died.
 Feb. 26 Nath^s Landons wife Hannah died
 and a child.
 Cory dead.
 1702 July 10 S^m Young kild.
 Sept. 11 Abraham Cory buried.
 — John Pecks wife died.
 24er^t Jno Curwin died.
 Wid Mary Petty a child buried.
 Oct. 3 Caleb Horton died aged 62. ✓
 Dec. 4 srael Parshel & Johannah Swesey mar^d.
 31 [W^m] Horton & Christian Young married.
 170¹ Jan. 3 Wid Wait Benjamin.
 Feb. 9 [Jn] Jones died sudenly.
 April — Jn Goldsmith.
 1703 Nov. 1 John Row buried.
 170¹ Feb. 1 Joshua Horton a child.
 Thom^s Dickerson died.
 Mar. 9 or † 10 Peter Hallock died.
 July 16 John Boissue a child dead.

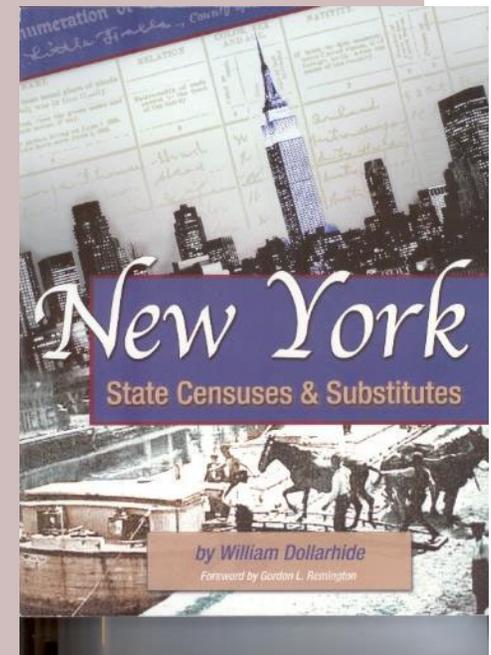
* Probably 1698-9.
 † Last figure may be 3 or 8.
 ‡ or, interlined.

Organizational Records

- Alumni directories
- Occupational groups
- Societies

Censuses

- Colonial censuses survive for counties:
 - Albany
 - Dutchess
 - Kings
 - New York
 - Orange
 - Queens
 - Richmond
 - Suffolk
 - Westchester
 - Gloucester



- “Pre-1750 New York Lists: Censuses, Assessment Rolls, Oaths of Allegiance, and Other Lists,”
The NYG&B Newsletter 3:3 (Fall 1992):20–22

CENSUS OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.

[ABOUT THE YEAR 1703.]

EAST WARD.

MASTERS OF FAMILYS	Males from 16 to 60		Male Children	female Children	Male Negroes	female Negroes	Male Negro Children	female Negro Children	all above 60
	Males	females							
Ebenezr Wilson.....	3	4	1	3	1	1			
Mr Lewis	1	4	2	1	1				
Mr Everson	2	2		1					
Mrs Vantyle	1	1	1						
Mr Haris	2	1	1		2	3	1		
Thoms Dyer	1								
Mrs Smith.....		3	4						
Garot Haier.....	2	2	2						
Frances Coderos.....	2	2	1	3	1				
John Lasly	1	1	1						
Thoms Evens	1	1	1						
Hendrick.....	1	3							
Peter Vantilbry.....	2	1	1			1			
Frances Wessells.....	2	2	5	5					
Mrs Basset.....	1	1	2	1					
Capt Novered	1	2	1	1	1				
John Morthouse.....	1								
Beverly Latham.....	1	1	3	1					
Mrs Rabi.....	1	2	2						
Capt Morris.....	1	1	3	1	2	1			
Peter Mountu	1	3	1						
Hendrick Mayr	1	1	2						
John Stephens.....	1	1	2	3					
Capt Tudor	2	5	2	4		1	1		
Stuen Valo	1	2	1	3					
Fany ye Doctr.....	1	3	1						
Abraham Brazier	1	1	1	1					
Mr Sinkeler	2	1	0	1	1	1	1		
Mr Lees	2	1				2			
Capt Forkell	1	1	1	2		1	1	3	
Peter Thonet	1	2						1	
James Spencer	1		2					1	
Margrett Briges.....	1								
Doctr Defany	1	1	2						
Mr Sellwood	1								
Widd Brown.....	2	1							
Mr Cholwell	1	1	2	1		2	1		
John Ledham	1	1	1	1					
Andrew Gravenrod.....	1	1	2	3	1	1			
William Apell	1	1							
James Blower.....	1	1							
John Vanderspeygel.....	2	1	1	3				1	
John Bures	1	1		1		1			
Mrs Blackgrove.....	1	3	1	2	2	2	1		
Mrs Byner	2	2			1	1		1	
Doctr Peters	1	1		1					
John Devi	1	1	2	3		1			
Mr Burger	2	1	3	2	2	1			
John Brockman	1	1		1					
John Bason	1	1	1						
John Dyer	1	2	1	1					

New York City Census, 1703

Tax Lists

- Many Tax Assessment Lists between 1772 and 1788
- 1799-1804 Tax Lists
- Includes property owner's name and may include other information (value, tenant, etc.)
- Florence A. Christoph, *Upstate New York in the 1760s: Tax Lists and Selected Militia Rolls of Old Albany County, 1760–1768* (1992)
- Clifford M. Buck, *Dutchess County, NY Tax Lists: 1718–1787* (1991)

Names of Proprietors	Description of real estate	Value of real estate	Value of personal estate	Tax to be paid	
		Dollars	Dollars	Shs	Cts
Lawrence Joseph			95		9
Lawrence Stephen	House farm	170	170		94
Lawrence Obadiak	do	1170 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	140	1	37
Lawrence William & Isaac	do	2142	310	2	45
Lawrence Jacob			33		3
Lake & Rogers on Court & Griffen farm		55 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	10		6
Marshall Eliottman	House farm	440	72		57
Maschling James	do	200	73		25
Moss Reuben	do	1975	134	2	4
Moss Elisha	do	1102	225	1	32
Marshall Justice	do	1535	151	1	60
Marshall David	do	910	84		99
Mackraclin Hannah	House & lot	60	10		7
Mosher Abraham	do	80	20		10
Master Elisha on Cousins House		270	105		37
Marshall Aaron	House farm	560	110		67
Miller Gofrey	do Lot	15	15		3
Mac Gird Frederick	do do	155	70		22
Martin Cornelius	do farm	80	73		18
Master Galib			20		2
Marshall Zachary	do Lot	123 ⁰⁰ / ₁₀₀	107		23
Marshall James Sr	House farm	2480	225	2	70
Michael David	do	1650	239	1	80
Marshall James	do	3450	242	3	69
Marshall Abraham			40		4
Marshall John			102		10
Nelson Francis	do	500	112		61
Newcomb John	do Mice	4370	820	5	19
Newcomb Zachary	House farm	3200	283	3	48
Newcomb Charlotte			302		30
Norris Henry			16		1
Newcomb Thomas	do	9200	782	9	98
Nicherson Widow	do	1394	76	1	47
Nicherson Ebenezer			375		37
Ostrom Jacob	House farm	130	54		30
Oakley Solomon jr	do farm	120	32		15
Ostrom Henry	House farm	2460	377	2	18
Owen Jonathan	do	2709	158	3	46
Paul Charles	do	300	78		37
Blomer Michael	do	100	66		16
Palmer Ben	on Griffen farm		186		18
Palmer Aaron	House farm	1272	315	4	58
Parrell George	House farm	3369	300	3	66
Parrell Joseph	House farm	100	128		30
Peters Kulett	do	3600	380	4	6
Quirk James	do	1380	105	1	56
Quirk Peter	do	1350	110	1	46
Quirk Gerardus	do	1200	169	2	44
Rider Thurston			75		7
Ryerson John			10		1
Ryerson James			10		1
Smith Morris out of Katoch farm		206			20
Smith Othman	House farm	110	25		14
Shadolt Widow			10		1
Shadard Louisa			15		1
Seedon John			15		1
Shingram Peter	do	1360	150	1	51
Schayver Jacob			20		2
Smith Joseph on Katoch farm		144	107		15
Shadolt Thomas	House farm	682	210	1	19
Shadolt Phoebe	do	514	118		64
Steward Thomas	do	1900	176	2	15
Stear Benjamin			75		7
Standbury Elisha			15		1
Smith John			10		1

1799 Tax Assessment, Ancestry.com

Tax Lists from Other States

Jackson Township Taxables Includes important listing of Poor Children

Parents who were unable to pay for their children's schooling taken from the assessment lists for Jackson Township, Tioga County, Pennsylvania. Spelling has been retained as in the original unless otherwise noted. Information was compiled for the assessment lists late in the previous year. **This includes all the years listed here.**

Year	Parent(s)	Child	Age
1820	Nathan Miller	William Miller	
	John Franklin	Ruth Franklin	
		Philane Franklin	
		Rufus Franklin	
1822	John Franklin	Lana Franklin	
		Rufus Franklin	
		Lydda Franklin	
		Martha Franklin	

1821	Seth Houghton	Sally Houghton	
	John Franklin	Rufus Franklin	
		Lydia Franklin	

Genealogists Papers

NAMES, ETC., OF THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF YOUR FATHER.

Names	Last Residence	Place of Birth	Date of Birth	If Deceased, Date of Death	If Married, Date of Marriage	Full Name of Person Married If wife, give full maiden name
Orlando Rogers	Albion		Sept 14 th 1801	Dec 13 1842	Mar 6 th 1822	Euphronia Thurston.
Benjamin Rogers	do		Dec 19 th 1799	Apr 13 1842	Mar 4 th 1839	Barbara G Strickland
Betsy Rogers	do		July 13 th 1798	Aug 24 1829	Dec 31 st 1818	James Leonard (a man of color)
Sons of Orlando Rogers I give you as to happen to have them from record						
Edson B Rogers	Albion	Albion	July 27 th 1823			
Urban C Rogers	Catonsville	Albion	June 6 th 1831			
Benjamin Rogers	Albion	Albion	Sept 10 1838	July 3 rd 98		

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Bury Shaw Rogers			Apr 22 nd 1766			
Elisha M. Rogers	do		July 20 th 1766			
Wm Rogers	do		" 16 th 1781			
Miss Rogers	do		Apr 3 rd 1784			
Margaret Rogers	do			Aug 14 th 1776		

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Genealogists Papers

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Please mention any facts of interest concerning yourself or any of your kindred. State where educated, offices held in church or state, service in army or navy, specifying company and regiment, and membership in church or state. Please give address of any person who can give additional information. Give addresses of all bearing the name, or their descendants, whom you may know, who are not mentioned herein.

Albert Wyman Rogers Married second time Oct 26th 1897
 Married Mrs Mary E. Hill. Her Father's name Seth Hubbell Gregory.
 Her Mother's name, Almira Gregory.
 Mr. S. H. Gregory Born in Mount Pleasant Vermont
 Mrs. S. H. Gregory Born in Albion Orleans County N.Y.
 Al W Rogers received his education at Albion Acad. Albion, N.Y.
 I went to Oberlin College Ohio, 1862-3 and the Civil War joining on
 Counsel me to go South as a Teacher. At New Orleans 1864-1865
 was a member of the Great Presby. Ch. Rev James B. Shaw Pastor, for over
 twenty (20) years, Rochester N.Y. Have served as Deacon, S. S. Sup. 1840
 Myself & wife are now members of the M. E. Church Millville N.Y.
 I am now Supt of the M. E. Ch. Sunday School. No. 26.

My first Cousin Mr. U. Clark Rogers now of Patterson N. J.
 Can give you valuable information if you will address
 him as above. or thru. Ed. Knowlton will be glad to.

State your occupation,

Farmer

Occupation of your father,

do

Occupation of your father's father,

do

If you can trace your line further than is provided for in this circular, please do so.

Naturalizations

- Denizations
- Oaths of allegiance
- 1664- Dutch took oath of allegiance to British king

Poor Records

- Towns started keeping poor records in 1750s
- Support was a church and civic duty
- Not unusual to receive relief in old age or result of sickness

CHURCH DEACONS' ACCOUNTS 1673

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PRAISED BE GOD IN ALBANY A^o 1673Disbursements in the month of **April**

11 ditto given to Adriaen Appel for one month's maintenance	f25.-
14 bought from Barent <i>de molenaer</i> 2 ells of linen for Keessie Koene's child at Lambert van Valckenborgh's, cost	f10.-
17 ditto given to the old Vos for one month's maintenance	f25.-
19 ditto given to Hans <i>de backer</i> 's wife for half a <i>schepel</i> of salt	f3.10
ditto also given to ditto for one pitcher of wine ³⁸⁹	f1.-
19 ditto to M' Cornelis van Dijck, <i>curursijn</i> , for serving the poor for one quarter year	f37.10
23 ditto given to Haens <i>de backer</i> 's wife an old ship's blanket and a bear skin, and two old pillows and an old <i>hemtrock</i> and some junk from Jacob Aertsz' goods, which is estate of the poor	
25 ditto paid to Jan Gou for building an oven for Hans <i>de backer</i> and some bricks he has added to it	f20.-
ditto given to the <i>malle Vries</i> an old patched shirt and a good shirt, and an old leather garment, coming from Jacob Aertsz's estate	
29 ditto given to Hans <i>de backer</i> 's wife one <i>schepel</i> of wheat coming from <i>Swarte Marten</i>	f5.-
30 ditto paid to Barent <i>de schoenmaecker</i> for a pair of shoes for the <i>malle Vries</i>	f12.-
ditto given to Hans <i>de backer</i> 's wife 2 posts to put the oven on, cost	f2.-
	f141.-

PRAISED BE GOD IN ALBANY A^o 1673Receipts of the deaconry in the month of **May**

4 ditto collected in church on Sunday before and after noon	f24.16
8 ditto collected in church on Ascension day	f8.2
11 ditto collected in church on Sunday before and after noon	f31.7
18 ditto collected in church on Sunday, it being Pentecost, before and after noon	f35.19
19 ditto collected in church on Pentecost Monday during the morning sermon	f17.9
25 ditto collected in church on Sunday before and after noon	f25.10
29 ditto collected in church on the king's birthday	f5.15
	f148.18

PRAISED BE GOD IN ALBANY A^o 1673Disbursements of the deaconry in the month of **May**

12 ditto to Adriaen Appel for one month's maintenance	f25.-
13 ditto to Ryckje for 4 lbs of soap at 18 stivers a pound, which	

³⁸⁹ Hard to read: *eeck*. Perhaps *seck* is meant.

Poor Record

Israel Hathaway

Record of Inmates Steuben County Poor House, under Act Chap. 140, Laws of 1875.

Name, <u>Israel Hathaway</u>	Sex, <u>Male</u> Age, <u>84</u> Color, <u>White</u> Single, Married, Widowed, _____	Birth Place, State or Country, <u>Mass.</u>
Record Number, <u>582</u>	County, <u>Bristol</u> Town or City, <u>New Bedford</u> (If Foreign Born, how long in the U.S.? _____) How long in this State? _____	At what Port landed? _____ Was Head Money Paid? _____ Is the Person Naturalized? _____
Date of Admission <u>Nov 23 1893</u>	Birth Place of Father—State or Country, <u>Mass</u> County, <u>Bristol</u> Town or City, <u>New Bedford</u> Birth Place of Mother—State or Country, <u>Mass</u> County, <u>Bristol</u> Town or City, <u>New Bedford</u> Education, <u>Can read a little</u>	Habits, <u>Temperate</u> Habits of Father, <u>Temperate</u> Habits of Mother, <u>Good</u> Occupation, <u>Farming</u>
Re-Admitted _____ 18 _____	Occupation of Father, <u>Lumbering & Farming</u> Condition of Ancestors and other Relatives (living or dead), as to whether Pauper or Self-Supporting—Grand Parents Paternal Side, <u>self sup.</u> Grand Parents Maternal Side, <u>self sup.</u>	Father, <u>self sup.</u> Mother, <u>self sup.</u> Brothers, <u>self sup.</u> Sisters, <u>self sup.</u> Other Relatives, <u>self sup.</u> (If a Parent, how many Children Living? <u>one</u> State their Condition—whether in Poor Houses, Asylums, Hospitals, other Institutions, or Self-Supporting, <u>self sup.</u>)
_____ 18 _____	Existing Cause of Dependence, <u>old age and loss of property</u>	What kind of Labor is the Person able to pursue, and to what extent? <u>not any</u>
Discharged _____ 18 _____	Has the Person received Public or Private Out-Door Relief? If so, how long? <u>Has not</u>	Have the Parents or other relatives been thus aided? If so, state the fact. <u>Have not</u>
<u>Died Dec. 11, 1893</u> 18 _____	Has the Person been, heretofore, an Inmate of Poor Houses? If so, how long? <u>Has not</u>	Has the Person been an Inmate of any other Charitable Institution? If so, note the fact. <u>Has not</u>
_____ 18 _____	What is the probable destiny of the Person as respects recovery from the cause of Dependence? <u>Permanently dependent</u>	Remarks: <u>This man has a son who is able to support him, and who has given bonds for the payment of his (the father's) expenses at this place. Inability to get along with the old man, is the son's excuse for sending him here.</u>
_____ 18 _____		
_____ 18 _____		

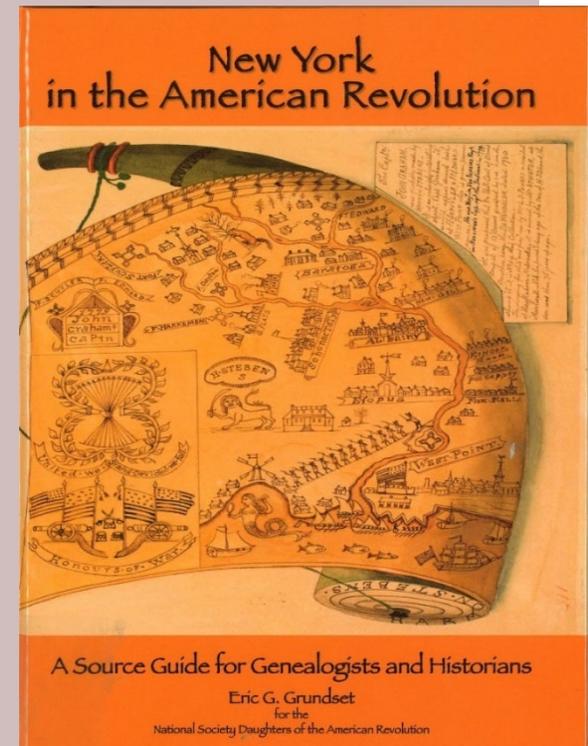
Charles Foley

Record of Inmates Steuken County Poor House, under Act Chap. 140, Laws of 1875.

Name, Charles Foley Sex, Male Age, 53 Color, White Single, Married, Widowed, Widower, _____ Birth Place, State or Country, Mass.
 County, Middlesex Town or City, Cambridge (If Foreign Born, how long in the U.S.? _____ How long in this State? _____ At what Port landed? _____ Was Head Money Paid? _____ Is the Person Naturalized? _____)
 Date of Admission Nov. 24 1893 Birth Place of Father — State or Country, Ireland County, Kerry Town or City, Kinnear Birth Place of Mother — State or Country, Ireland County, Kerry Town or City, Kinnear Education, can read and write
 Re-Admitted _____ Habits, Temperate Habits of Father, Temperate Habits of Mother, Good Occupation, Pharmaking
 Occupation of Father, Farmer Condition of Ancestors and other Relatives (living or dead), as to whether Pauper or Self-Supporting — Grand Parents Paternal Side, self sup. Grand Parents Maternal Side, self sup.
 Father, self sup. Mother, self sup. Brothers, self sup. Sisters, self sup. Other Relatives, self sup. (If a Parent, how many Children Living? _____ State their Condition — whether in Poor Houses, Asylums, Hospitals, other Institutions, or Self-Supporting, _____)
 Existing Cause of Dependence, Loss of a leg
 What kind of Labor is the Person able to pursue, and to what extent? chores to one-half extent
 Discharged _____ Has the Person received Public or Private Out-Door Relief? If so, how long? Has not
 Have the Parents or other relatives been thus aided? If so, state the fact. Have not
 Has the Person been, heretofore, an Inmate of Poor Houses? If so, how long? Has not
 Has the Person been an Inmate of any other Charitable Institution? If so, note the fact. Has not
 What is the probable destiny of the Person as respects recovery from the cause of Dependence? Will be finally self sup.
 Remarks: _____

Military Records

- Colonial muster rolls
- Militia lists
- Rolls for French and Indian War:
 - Name
 - Age
 - Place of birth
 - Occupation
 - Height
 - Physical description



Revolutionary and Civil War Pensions

Virginia
The
Oct. 12 1863

Dear Sister I received
your kind letter to day
and was glad to hear
from you - you said that
mother did not get that
money I supposed that
O. S. King was man enough
to take it to her as he agreed
to you so I had a money
order that I did not want
to carry with me and so
I put the money in that
there was 13 dollars in
greenbacks and one
dollar and ten cents in
silver and 30 dollars
of that confederate money

[3-018 a.]
Act of June 27, 1890.

II DECLARATION FOR DEPENDENT FATHER'S PENSION. II

To be executed before a Court of Record or some officer thereof having custody of its seal, a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace, whose official signature shall be verified by his official seal, and in case he has none, his signature and official character shall be certified by a Clerk of a Court of Record, or a City or County Clerk.

STATE OF New York
COUNTY OF Schenectady

On this 20th day of August, one thousand eight hundred and
ninety-one, personally appeared before me, a Justice of the Peace
of the town of Campbell in and for the County and State
aforesaid, Warfield Franklin, aged 47 years, resident
of the town of Campbell County of Schenectady
State of New York, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is
the father of David Franklin, who enlisted under the name
of David Franklin at Campbell, on the
21st day of August, 1862 in Co "C" 141 Regt
N.Y. Inf.

(Give date, rank, company, and regiment in Military service, or vessel, if in Navy.)

in the service of the United States, who died at the battle of Resaca on the 15th
day of August, 1864 from the effects of wounds in head
died instantly & buried on the battle field
incurred at Resaca Ga, on the 15th day of Aug, 1864

That said son left neither widow, nor child under sixteen years of age, surviving. That declarant was
married to the mother of said son on the 16th day of December, 1836
at like by a Minister
and that she died on the 1st day of September, 1858,
at Franklinburgh, N.Y. That he is without other present means of
support than his own manual labor, or the contributions of others not legally bound for his support. That
he has never applied for a pension, the number of his application being _____

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States
under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints _____,
State of _____, the true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim,
and receive a fee of \$ _____

That his post-office address is Brookers Plains
County of Schenectady State of New York
Warfield Franklin
(Claimant's signature)

Attest: (1) Rufus D. Platt
Jacob Clewson

[118-1,000] 1-90

Oneida Continental Officers

JAMES WAKARANTHROW

JAMES WAKARANTHROW (or Powles) was born in 1749 or 1750, son of a chief of the 1st Christian party of the Oneida Indian nation. He entered the service in 1777 as captain of an Indian company. By resolution of Congress (3 April 1779) he was granted a Continental commission as a captain in the corps of Indian rangers, and served under Lt. Col. Louis Ata-ya-tag-hron-gheta. James Wakarantrow served until December 1784. He was awarded New York State bounty land of three lots, 29 January 1791. He was also issued a federal bounty land warrant, 8 March 1792. He lived at Oneida until the death of his wife in 1828, and continued to live there for several years after, until he moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, where he died 15 March 1849, in the 99th year of his age.

James Wakarantrow was married to Nelly Sagoharase in the spring of 1788, by the Reverend Samuel Kirkland (q.v.), of Clinton, New York. (John Sagoharase, q.v. served as a lieutenant, and died in service in 1780) She died at Oneida, 25 April 1828, in the 60th year of her age. They had children as follows: Elizabeth Powles, Jinny Powles, Polly Powles, Caty Powles, Clesta Powles, and Henry Powles. As of 17 August 1853, the sole surviving children were Polly Powles, and Henry Powles (or Powlas), a resident of the town of Lenox, Oneida County, New York.

Major Series

- E. B. O’Callaghan, *Documentary History of the State of New-York*, 4 vols. (Albany: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1849–51); some useful lists reprinted in *Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York* (Baltimore: GPC, 1969).
- E. B. O’Callaghan and B. Fernow, ed., *Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New-York*, 15 vols. (Albany: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1856–87).
- E. B. O’Callaghan, *Calendar of Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State*, 2 vols. (Albany: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1865–66), Part I: Dutch Manuscripts 1630–1664, Part II: English Manuscripts, 1664–1783.
- New York Historical Manuscripts series (1974-present), continued as two series: New Netherland Documents and New York Historical Manuscripts: English.



QUESTIONS?

Post-Revolutionary War Migrations

Post-Rev War Migration

- Available farmland
- Bounty land claims
- Need for tenants

“The state of New York,”
Samuel Lewis, 1800



Biographical Sketches

- DAR, Society of the Cincinnati, SAR, etc.
 - Connecticut
 - Massachusetts
 - Rhode Island
 - New Hampshire
 - New Jersey

HEZEKIAH HOLDRIDGE

QUALIFICATION: Original Member

MILITARY ABSTRACT: Captain, 22nd Connecticut Continental Regiment, 1 Jan. 1776; Major, 3 Sept. 1776; Major, 2nd Connecticut Continental Regiment, 1 Jan. 1777; Lieutenant Colonel, 7th Connecticut Continental Regiment, 15 Nov. 1778; retired by consolidation, 1 Jan. 1781.¹

BIRTH: Connecticut, about 1737.²

MARRIAGE: Colchester, New London County, Connecticut 20 April 1763 to **EUNICE NORTNUM**, who was baptized Colchester 3 Nov. 1734, daughter of Jonathan Northum, and died Spencertown, Columbia County, New York 20 March 1823, at the age of 88.³

DEATH: Canaan, Columbia County 27 Oct. 1798, at the age of 61.⁴

CHILDREN: All born/baptized at Colchester:⁵

- i. **ASA HOLDRIDGE**, bp. 6 May 1764; d. Spencertown 2 June 1812, at the age of 48; m. bef. Nov. 1790, **MOLLY _____**, b. abt. 1764, d. Spencertown 13 Nov. 1790.⁶
- ii. **BETHENIA HOLDRIDGE**, bp. 12 July 1767; d. unknown.⁷

Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Connecticut

The Importance of Chain Migration

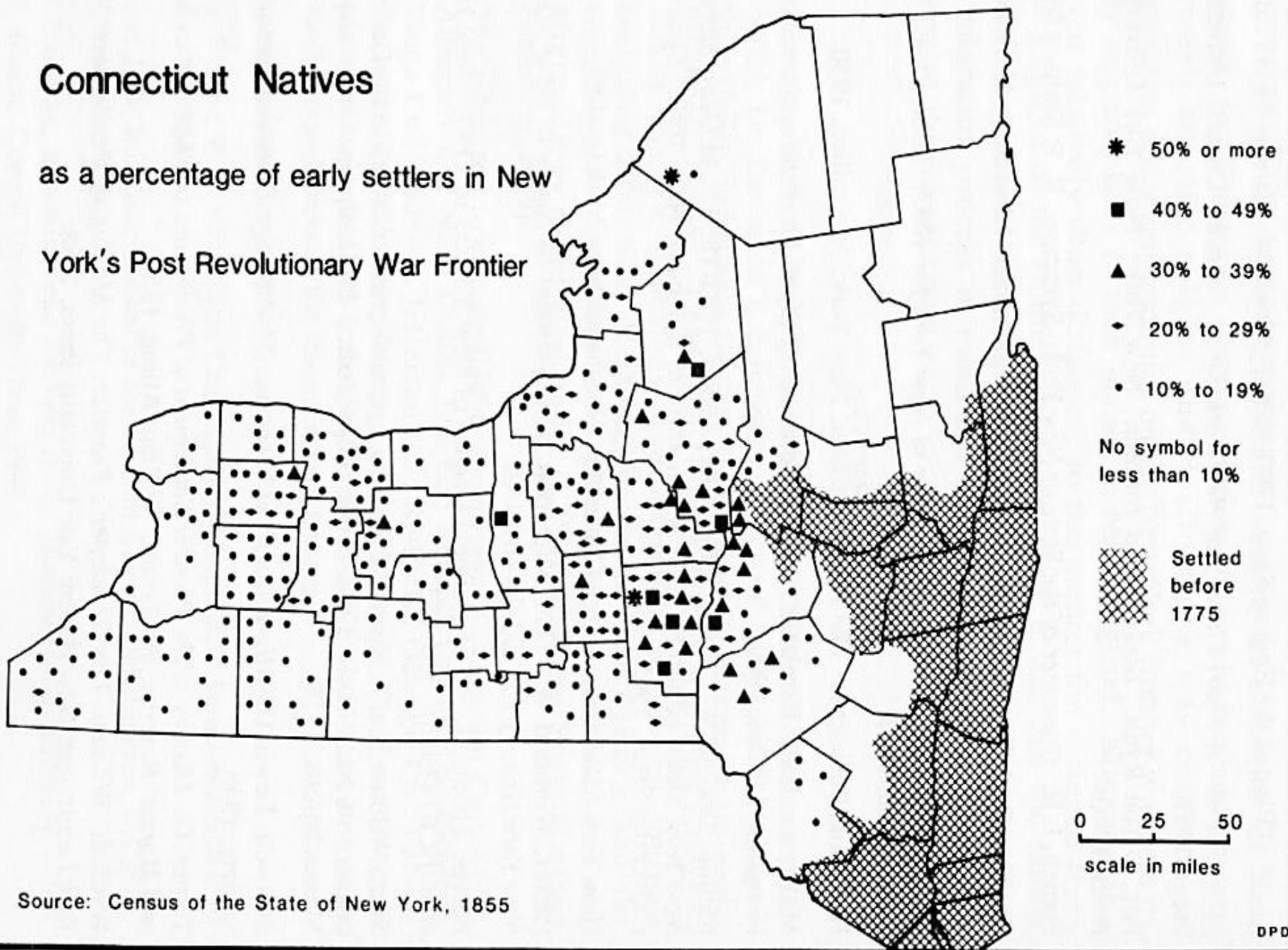
- Learn where a town's early settlers were from
- Later residents may have been from the same place

Maps from Davenport's "Yankee Settlement of New York"

- Connecticut
- Massachusetts
- Vermont
- New Hampshire
- Rhode Island
- Also ...
 - New Jersey
 - Schoharie County,
New York

Connecticut Natives

as a percentage of early settlers in New York's Post Revolutionary War Frontier



Source: Census of the State of New York, 1855

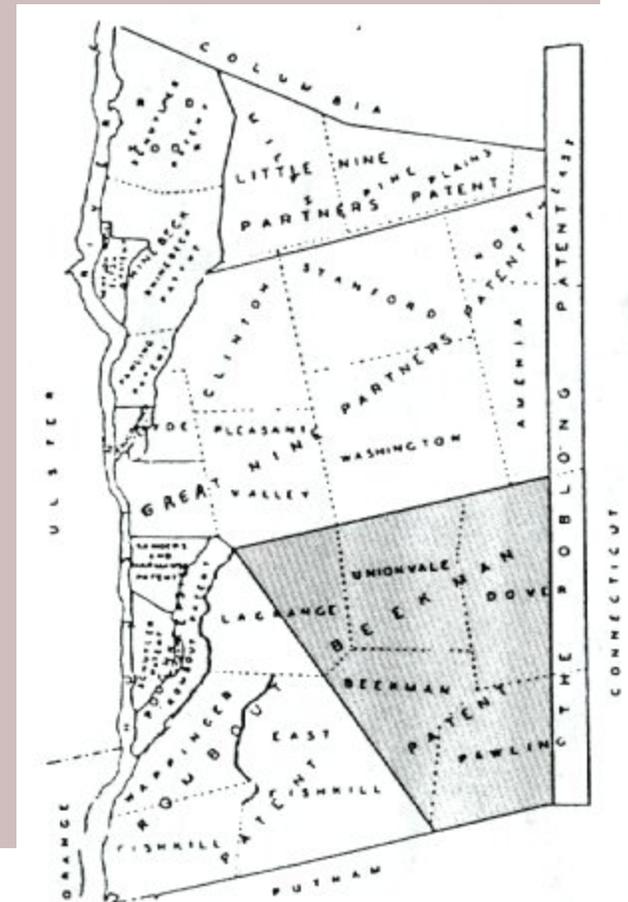
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Key Questions in the New York State 1855 Census

- Every person as of 1 June 1855
- Age
- Sex
- *Relation to head of the family*
- *In what county of this state, or in what other state or foreign country born*
- Married
- Widowed
- *Years resident in this city or town*

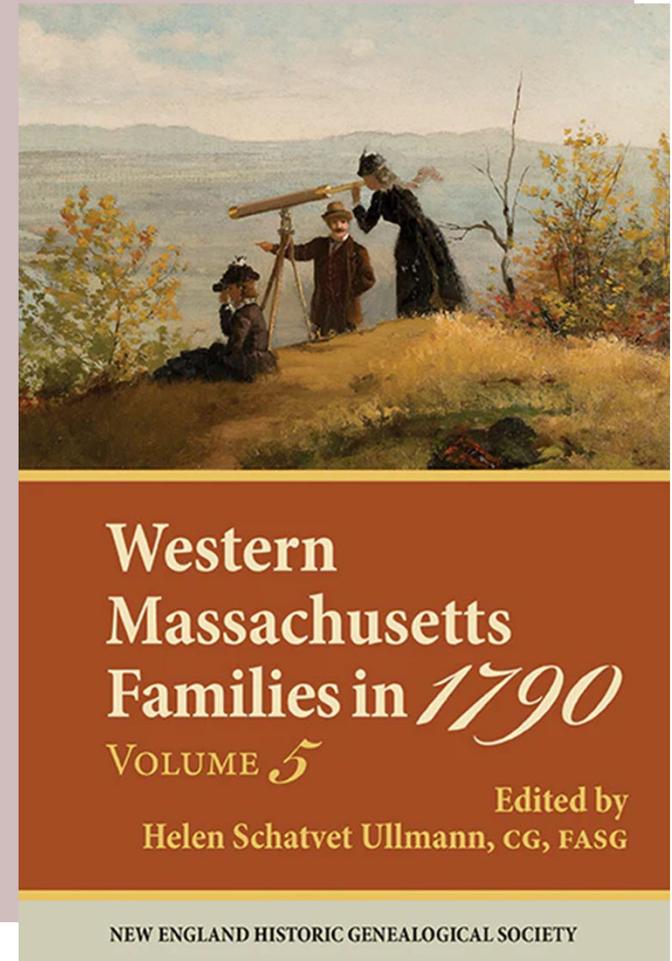
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New York to Massachusetts



[BURGHARDT], JACOB "JACK"

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GREAT BARRINGTON, BERKSHIRE COUNTY¹

By Christopher Challenger Child

JACOB "JACK" BURGHARDT, recorded in the 1790 census as "Jacob, Negro," was born at either Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, or at Great Barrington about 1766, son of Tom and ____ (____) Etson/Burghardt.²

Jack married first LYDIA ____. "Lydia, w. Jack B." was buried at Great Barrington on 23 April 1790.³

Jack married second VIOLET ____, believed by W. E. B. DuBois to have been either born in Africa or a child of slaves born in Africa. She died about 1810.⁴

Jack's father, Tom Burghardt, was born in West Africa and was a slave of the Etson or Etten and later of the Burghardt family of Kinderhook and then Great Barrington. Tom was reportedly manumitted for his service in the Revolutionary War shortly before Massachusetts'

¹ 1790 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 4, p. 251.

² *W. E. B. Du Bois Papers, 1803-1999* (bulk: 1877-1963), Series 16. Miscellaneous Material, 1803-1964, housed at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst ([see http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/ead/mums312.html](http://www.library.umass.edu/spcoll/ead/mums312.html)) and available on microfilm at the Boston Public Library. Jack Burghardt was the great-grandfather of William Edward Burghardt DuBois, whose papers at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, show DuBois was very interested in his genealogy. The papers contain several charts, correspondence, and other documents pertaining to this family. African-Americans were not always included in the vital records of towns in late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Massachusetts, so the genealogical charts of DuBois, compiled in the latter part of the nineteenth century, have also been used to construct this family.

³ *Vital Records of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, to the Year 1850* (Boston: NEHGS, 1904), 89, from St. James Episcopal Church records.

⁴ Genealogical charts in the W. E. B. Du Bois Papers; 1810 U.S. Census, Great Barrington, Berkshire Co., Mass., roll 17, p. 134.

Rogers Family of Orleans County, New York

OF ORLEANS COUNTY.

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and Helen B. who married Geo. H. Potts, and resides in New York also.

Mrs. Hard died at Albion Sept. 15, 1864.

EBENEZER ROGERS.

Dea. Ebenezer Rogers was born in Norwich Conn., October 3, 1769. He married Betsey Lyman of Lebanon, Connecticut, who died August 28, 1849. Mr. Rogers removed from New England to Onondaga Co., N. Y., in 1812, and in March, 1816, settled on the farm on which he afterwards resided in the south part of the village of Albion. When he came, not more than twenty families had settled in Barre and his house was a home for many of the young men, who came here to select a farm for themselves, or, who, having a lot, were clearing it and building a cabin, preparatory to occupying with their families.

DAR Bible Records

Ebenezer Rogers Bible
Town of Albion, N.Y.
Printed 1823

Present Owner: Mrs. Burt Griswold
West State St., Albion, N.Y.

Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769
Betsey Lyman b Nov 15, 1771 (wife of E) d Aug 28, 1849
Ebenezer Rogers m Silvia Roberts Feb 12, 1850

Loose page, very old paper:

Benjamin Shaw Rogers b Apr 22, 1766
Ebenezer Rogers b Oct 3, 1769 d Jan 28, 1865
Nathan Caswell Rogers b Oct 11, 1770
Elisha Merick " b 1776
Margret Rogers d 1776
Daniel " b Jan 16, 1761
Amy " b Apr 3, 1784

Exploring the Siblings, Finding the Parents

to my beloved wife Anna my whole estate both real and personal to have and to hold during her natural life & no longer. then after her decease I will and bequeath that my son Daniel shall have the whole of my real estate that shall then remain, to have and to hold to him his heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my daughter Anne Starks the wife of John Starks the whole of my household furniture after my wife's decease to have and to hold to her, her heirs and assigns forever. I also give and bequeath to my son Benjamin Shaw one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Eleazer George one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my Executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Nathan Caswell one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my Executor. I also give and bequeath to my son Elisha Merrick one dollar to be paid within one year after my decease by my executor. I also hereby name, make, constitute and ordain my son Daniel sole Executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the day and year above writ.
George Rogers Hunt

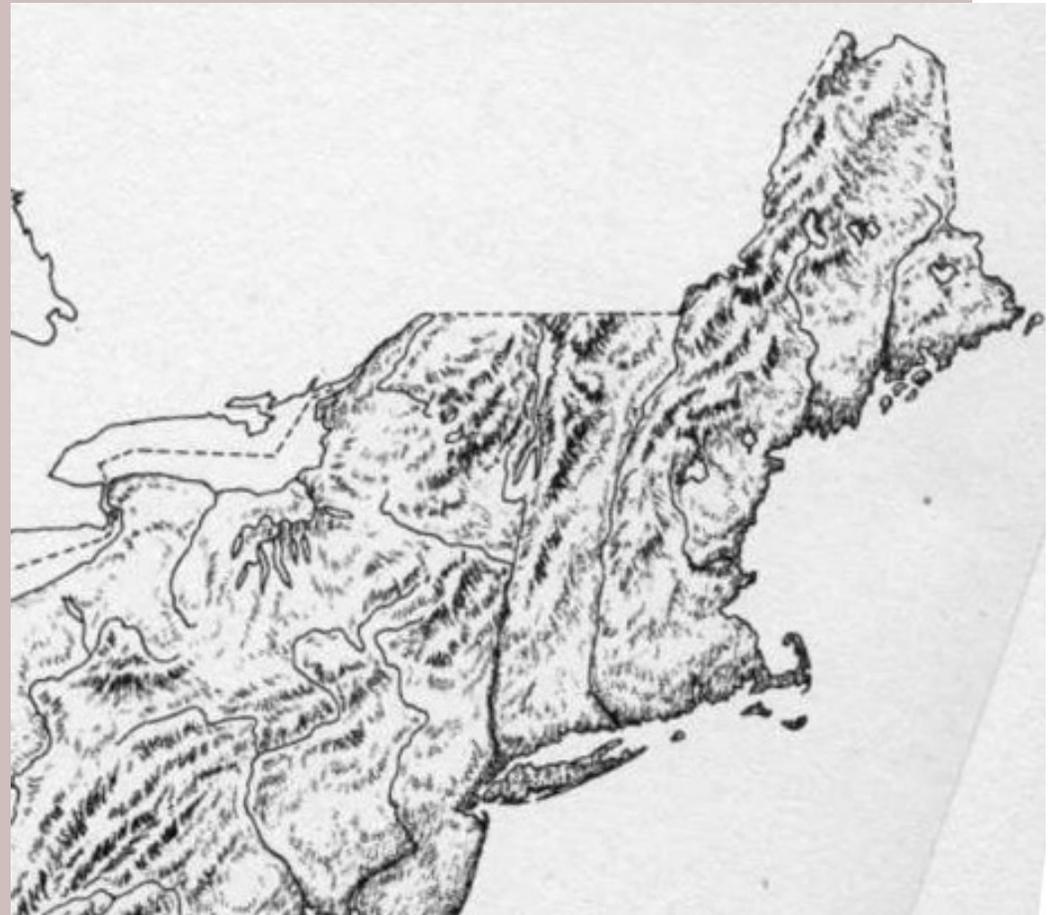


Erie Canal



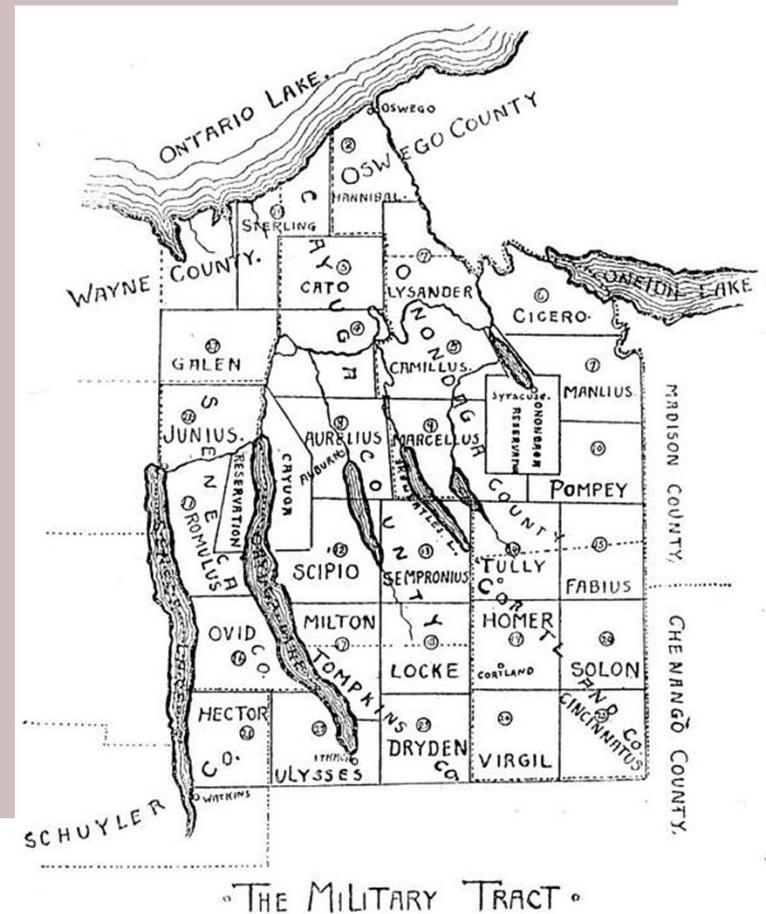
Early Migration Trails

- Water routes
- Rivers and mountains
- Post Roads from Boston to NYC and Albany

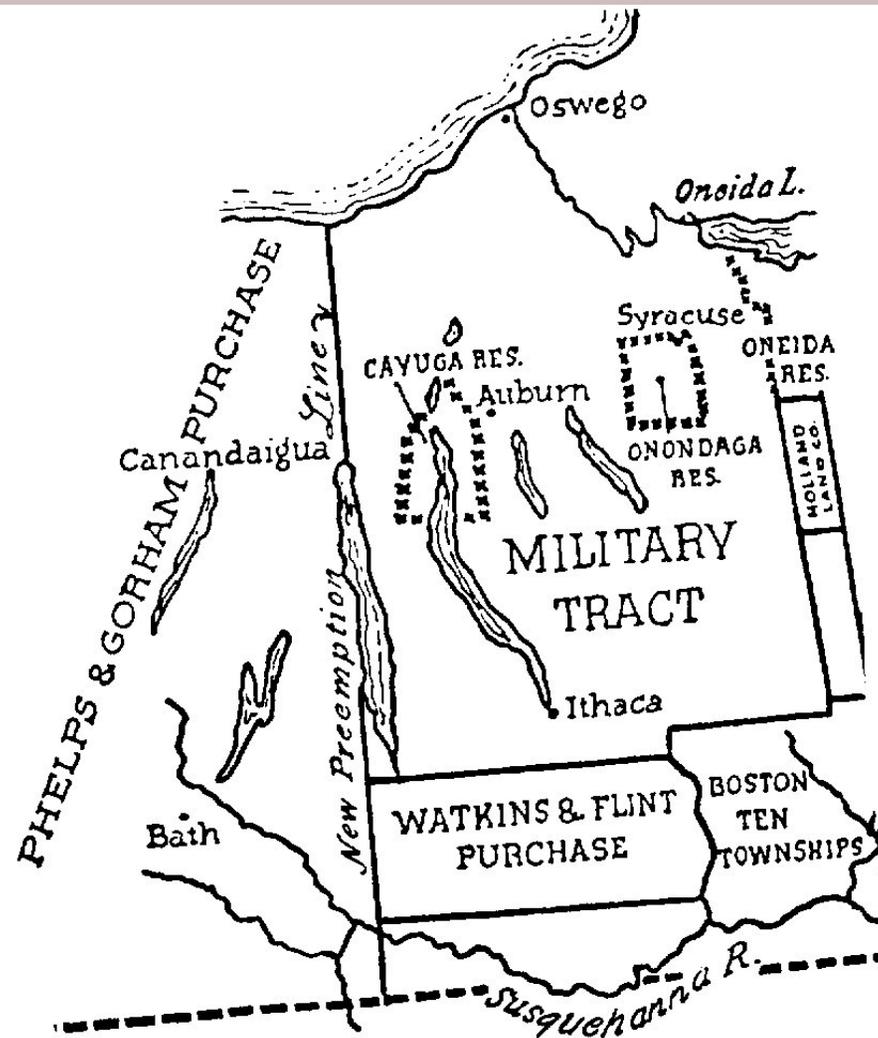


Landowners of Upstate New York

- 1763- the Proclamation Line was established
- 1783- present-day counties of Cayuga, Cortland, Seneca, and parts of nearby counties were designated as the Military Tract by New York



Phelps and Gorham Purchase

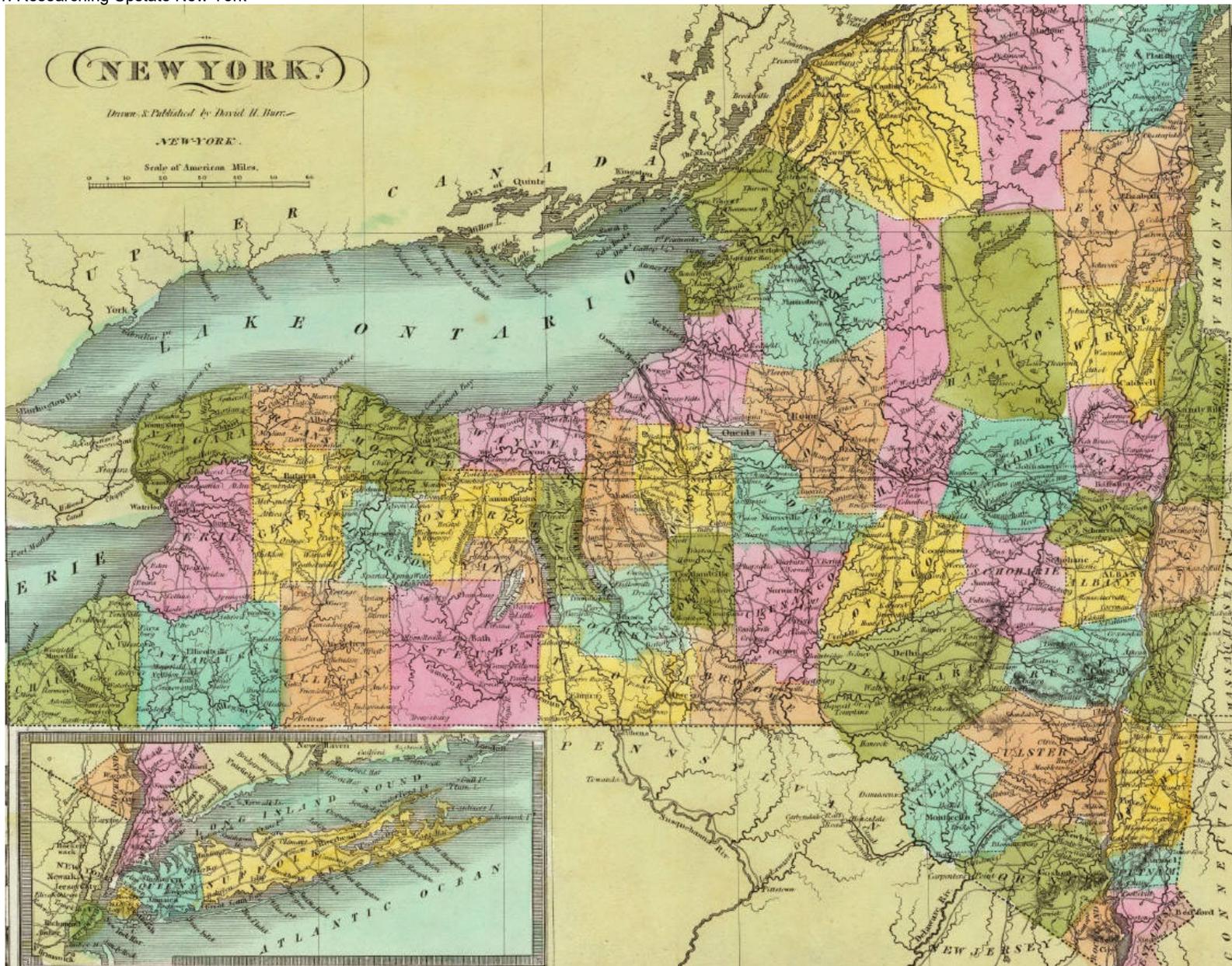


Counties and Towns

- 1788- Reorganization Act recognized boundaries of existing thirteen New York counties; Clinton County was created from Washington County
- A newly-established county had to have a certain population before it was “organized,” and could keep its own records

Records Not Kept Until After the Revolution

- Censuses
 - Federal Census, 1790–present
 - Federal Direct Tax, 1798
 - New York State Census, 1825–1925
- For Veterans of the Revolution, War of 1812, etc.
 - Pensions
 - Bounty land
- Vital Records
 - Towns 1847–1853 (a few later)
 - Some cities 1852–present
 - New York City 1847–present (deaths 1795–present)
 - Brooklyn 1847–present



Map of New York (New York: D. S. Stone, 1835), Courtesy of David Rumsey Map Collection

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