

American Ancestors Upstate New York Research Tour

Pre-Tour Preparation Meeting

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Meet Today's Presenters



Kathleen Mackenzie
Education & Programming
Manager



David Allen Lambert
Chief Genealogist

OVERVIEW

- **Presentation**
 - Goals of the program
 - Getting to Albany
 - Program overview
 - Research preparation
 - Next steps
- **Q&A**

Goals & Overview



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Kathleen Mackenzie,
Education & Programming
Manager



At a Glance

Tuesday, May 12-Saturday, May 16 at the New York State Library & Archives

Tour includes:

- Four-night stay in the Fairfield Albany Downtown (daily hotel breakfast buffet included in stay)
- Daily transportation to and from the New York State Library & Archives
- Orientation at the New York State Library and New York State Archives
- One pre-tour consultation
- One on-tour consultation
- Group meals (opening reception and closing dinner)
- Lecture at opening reception

Tour Leaders



David Allen Lambert
Chief Genealogist



Melanie McComb
Senior Genealogist

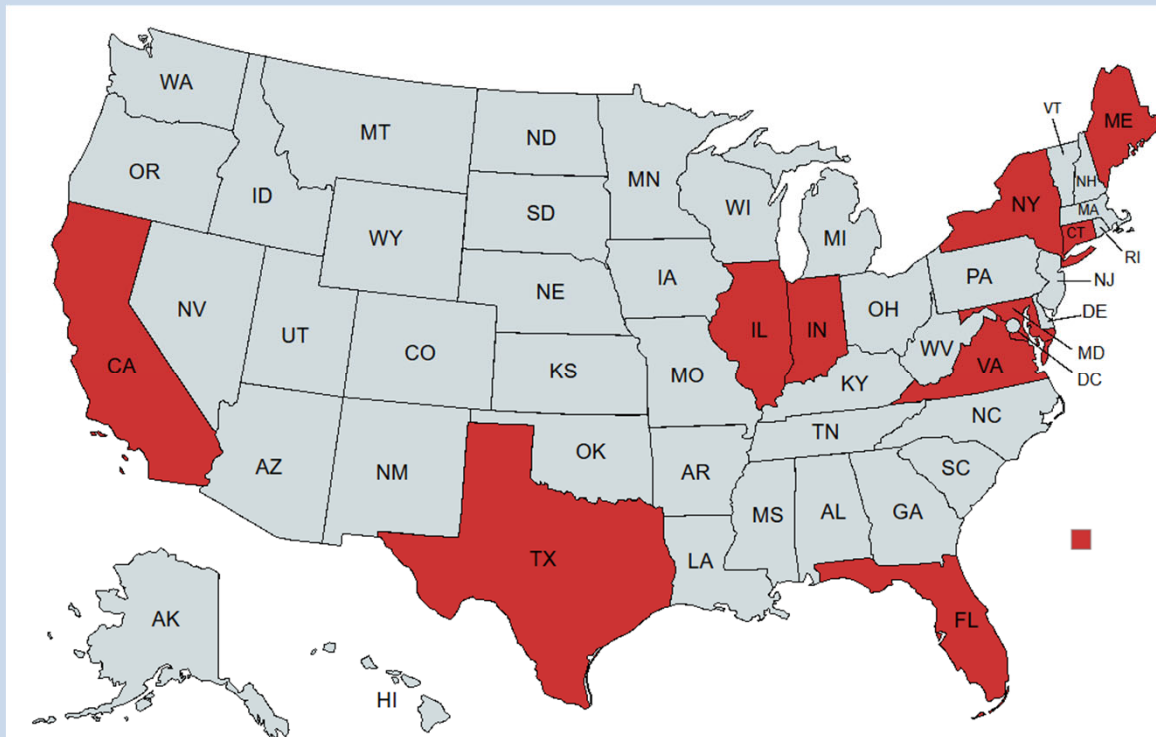


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Transportation, hotel & parking

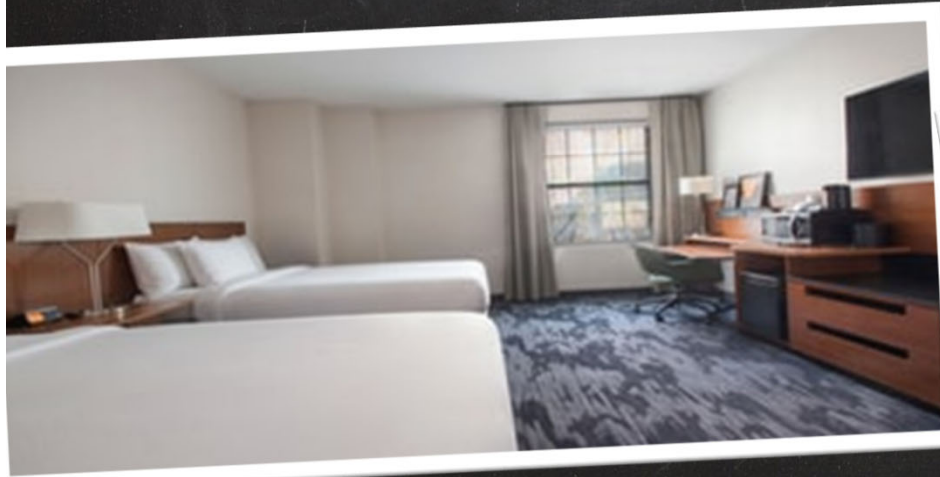
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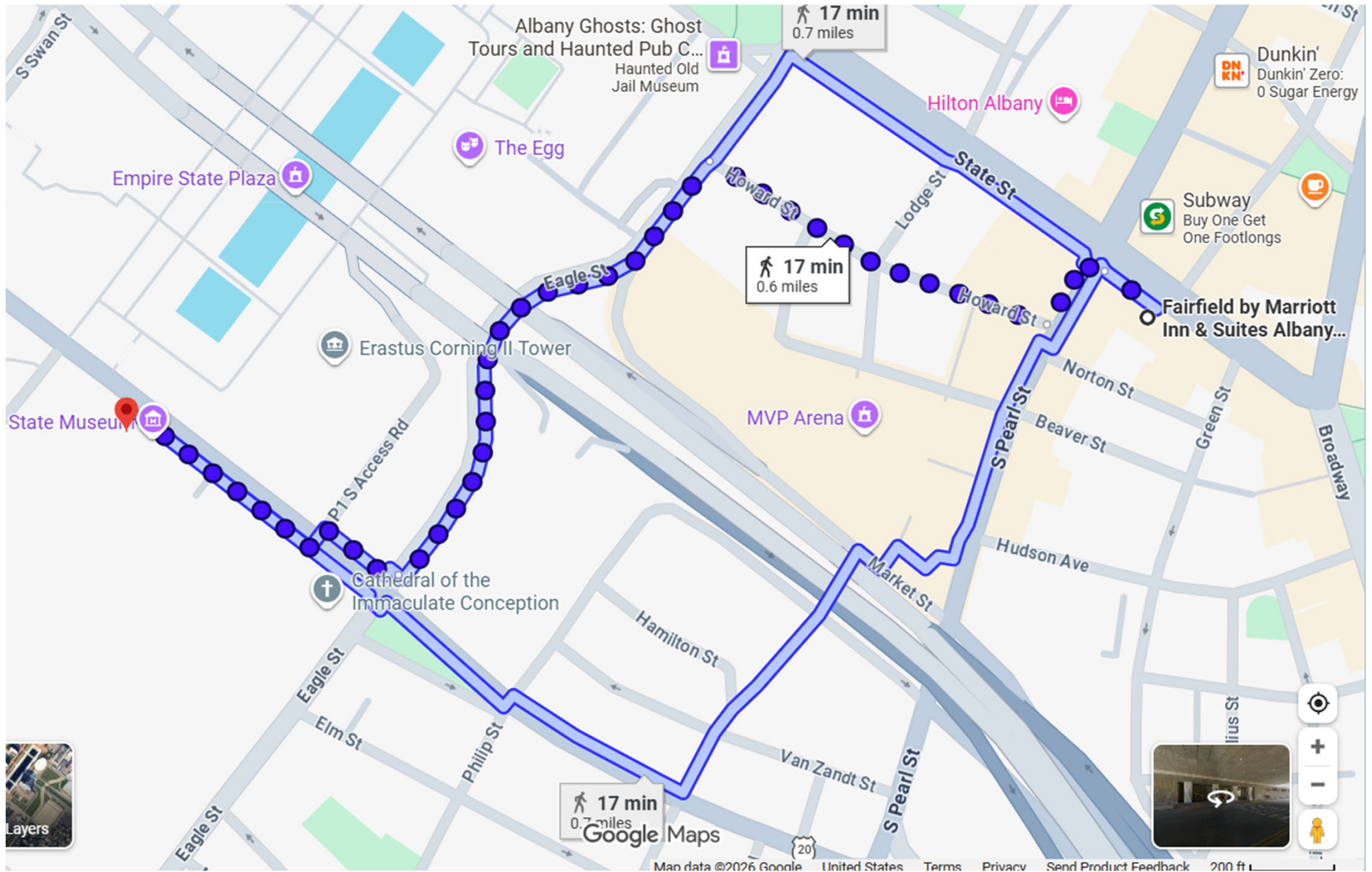
- 13 participants from 10 states





Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown





Dining Options Near the Hotel

In Hotel:

- Breakfast buffet included in stay

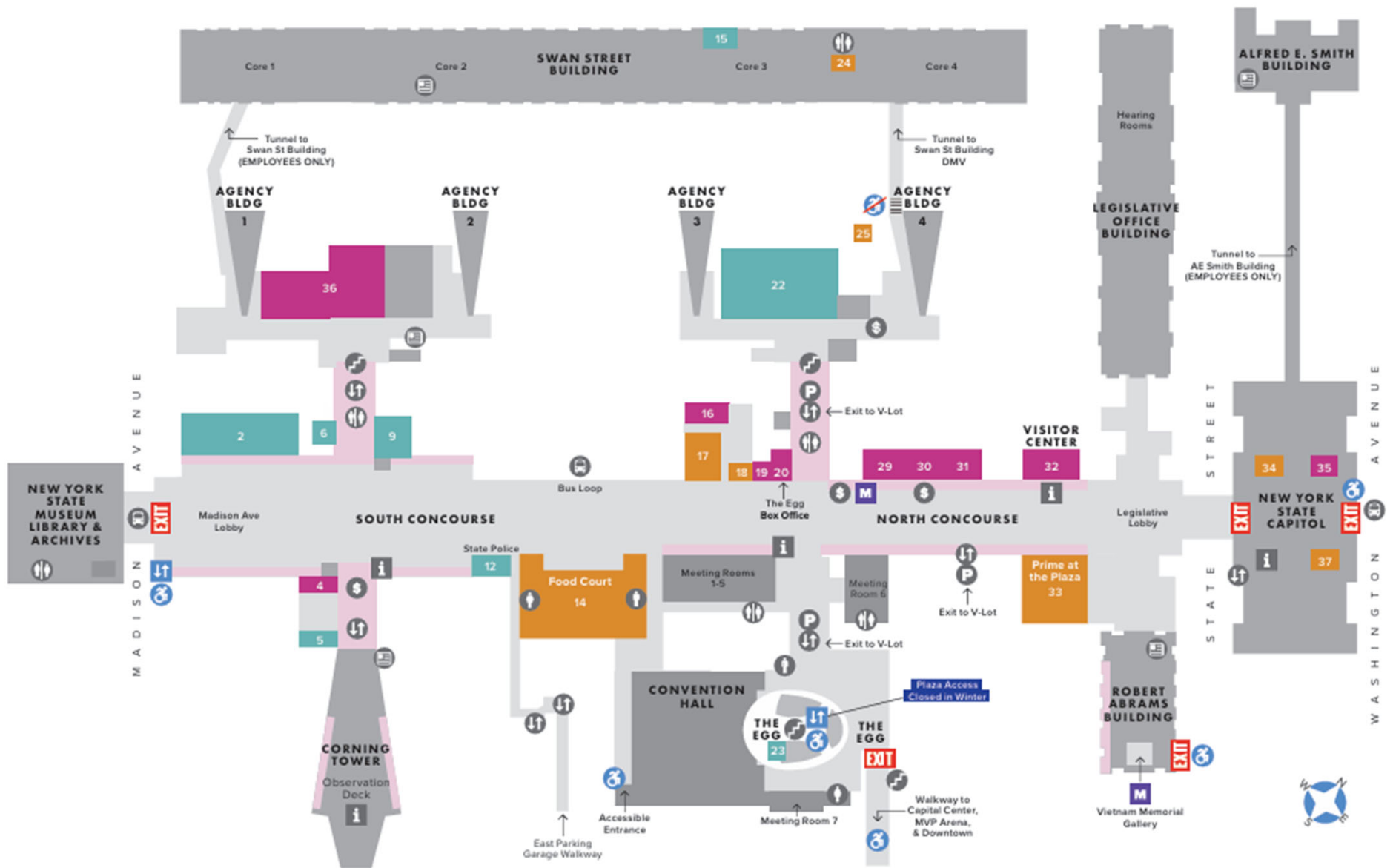
Nearby:

- City Beer Hall
- Jack's Oyster House
- La Serre
- The Spinning Gyro
- Maurice's Delicatessen
- The City Beer Hall

Dining Options Near the Library

- Hill Street Cafe
- In Empire State Plaza Concourse
 - Herbie's Burgers
 - Uncommon Grounds
 - PBD Kitchen
 - Kuma Ani
 - Taco Libre
 - Umana Yana
 - Honest Weight
 - Pho Yum





Schedule

Tuesday

| Tuesday, May 12 | |
|------------------|---|
| After 3:00 p.m. | Check in to Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown |
| 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Welcome and overview of the week at the Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Lecture by American Ancestors Genealogist |
| 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Reception and consultation sign-ups |

Wednesday

| Wednesday, May 13 | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9:30 a.m. | Bus departs hotel for NYSL/NYSA |
| 9:45 a.m. | Orientation & Tour of NYSL/NYSA |
| 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Personal research and consultations |
| 5:00 p.m. | Bus departs NYSL/NYSA for hotel |

Thursday

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thursday, May 14 | |
| 9:30 a.m. | Bus departs hotel for NYSL/NYSA |
| 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Personal research and consultations |
| 5:00 p.m. | Bus departs NYSL/NYSA for hotel |

Friday

| Friday, May 15 | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 9:30 a.m. | Bus departs hotel for NYSL/NYSA |
| 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Personal research and consultations |
| 5:00 p.m. | Bus departs NYSL/NYSA for hotel |
| 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Closing dinner, Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown |

Saturday

Saturday, May 16

Before 11:00 a.m.

Check out of Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown

Participant Form

Participant Forms

Participant Form for Pre-Tour Consultation - Due April 26

The first part of this online form asks you to submit your emergency contact information, dietary restrictions, and more. The second part of the form allows you to submit the details for your pre-tour consultation, which will take place over Zoom in the weeks ahead of the tour. Once you submit the form, Kathleen (the tour organizer) will be in touch to schedule your pre-tour consultation.

Please fill out this Participant Form by April 26. If we receive your form after that date, we cannot guarantee availability for a pre-tour consultation.

Would you like more guidance on what information to include on the form for your pre-tour consultation? You can [view a sample participant form submission here](#). Questions? Contact Kathleen at Kathleen.Mackenzie@americanancestors.org.

Submission Form for On-Tour Consultation - Due May 7

While on the tour you will receive a 30-minute consultation with a genealogist. You have the option to submit a different topic, or to continue discussing the same topic you discussed during your pre-tour consultation.

Participant Form Part 1

Due April 26



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Upstate New York Research Tour Form - Part 1

In order to provide the best individual support during the Upstate New York Research Tour, we have compiled the following questionnaire. Please complete this form no later than April 26, 2026. If you have any questions please contact Education & Programming Manager, Kathleen Mackenzie, at kathleen.mackenzie@americanancestors.org.

Name

First Name

Last Name

Participant Form Part 2

Due March 30



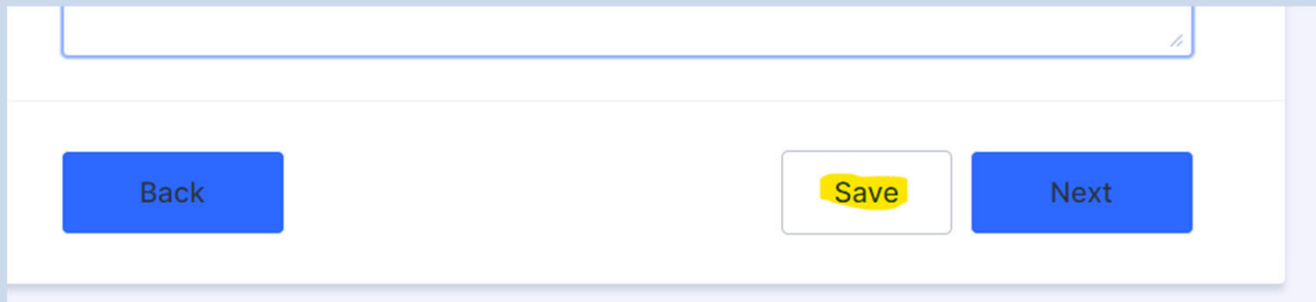
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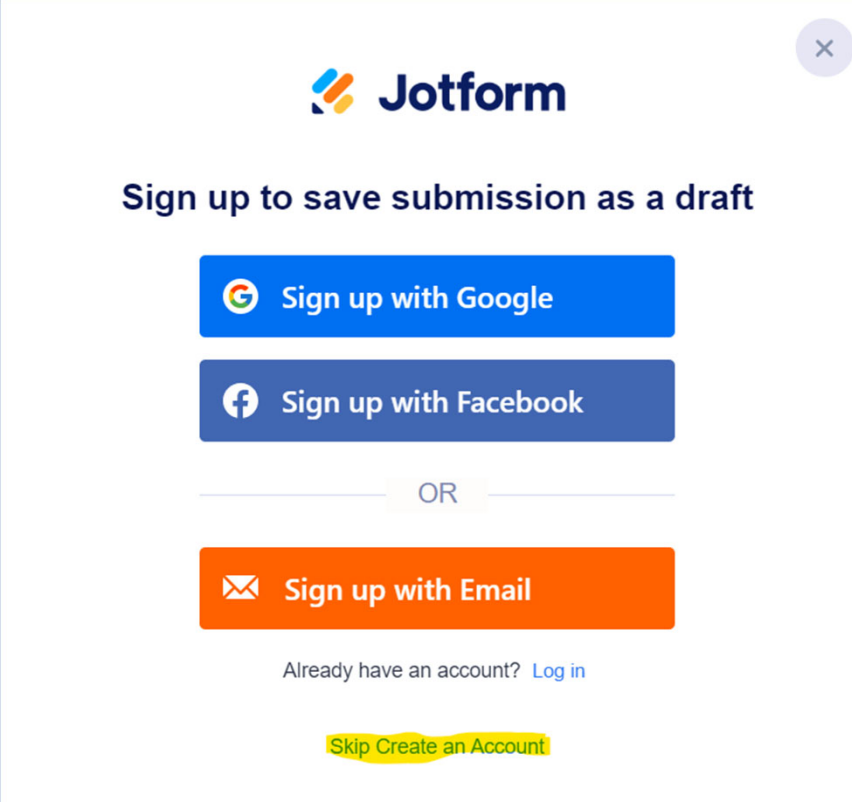
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Participant Form, Cont.




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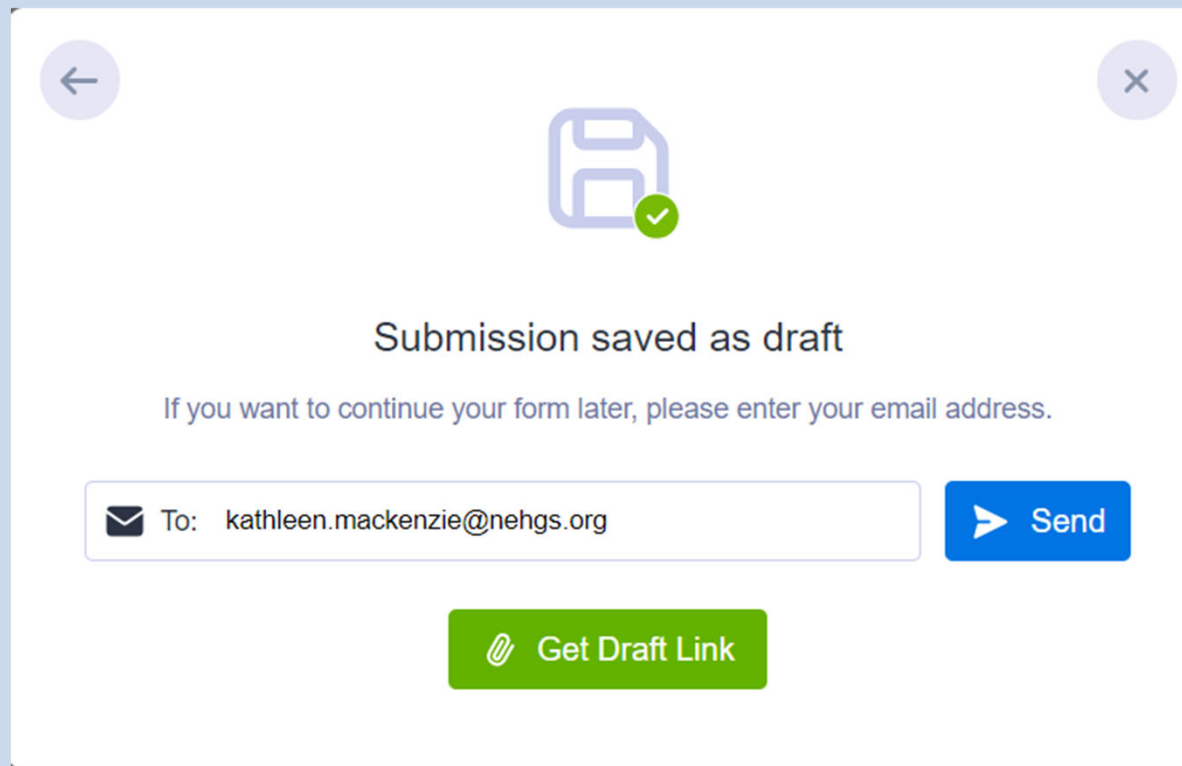
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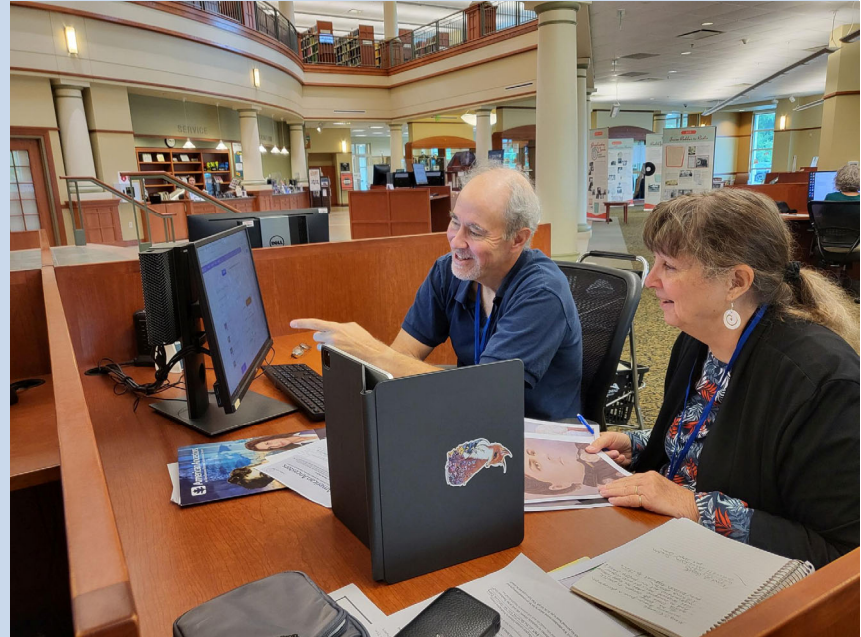
✉ To: kathleen.mackenzie@nehgs.org [Send](#)

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Consultations

Consultations

- One pre-tour consultation with David or Melanie, scheduled by Kathleen
- One on-site consultation with David or Melanie, sign-up sheets on tour
- 30 minutes each
- Participant Form Part 1 due April 26 – essential for scheduling pre-tour consultation





David Allen Lambert

May 15, 2026

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Melanie McComb

May 15, 2026

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Consultation Prep

- Don't sweat it!
- Focus your questions
- Bring family trees and copies of relevant documents (vital records, etc.)
- Be ready to list sources you have already checked
- Be prepared to work on a different branch when something turns up

New York State: Preparing Your Research



Voice of
David Allen Lambert,
Chief Genealogist



New York State Cultural Education Center

- New York State Library
- New York State Archives
- Manuscripts and Special Collections

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New York State Library

What you'll find:

- Published genealogies
- Local histories
- DAR records
- Church records
- Census records
- Early newspapers (on film)
- City directories

New York State Library Databases:

- Vital Record Indexes post 1880
- Online databases available at NYSL
- nysl.nysed.gov/genealogy/database.htm

Vital Record Indexes

- Cover New York State (outside of New York City); start June 1880 (deaths) or 1881 (marriages and births)
- Birth indexes made available after 75 years; marriage and death indexes after 50 years
- Index entry provides: name, date and place of event, and State certificate number; indexes for certain years are arranged by SOUNDINDEX codes
- State Archives holds index to “delayed” birth certificates (some births prior to 1881, mostly in the 1870s)

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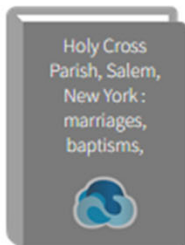
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Holy Cross Parish, Salem, New York : marriages, baptisms, burials.

Control number: ocn808012818

Physical Description: 100, 130, 78 p. ; 28 cm.

Series: RP; 142

Publication Information: Manchester, NH : American-Canadian Genealogical Society, [2012]

General Note: "Spring 2012"

"RP 142."

Publication date from prefatory material for pts. 2 and 3.

Contents: Marriages, Nov. 1865 to Sept. 2003 -- Baptisms, Oct. 1862 to Dec. 2002 -- Burials, June 1899 to Sept. 2003

Corporate Subject: Holy Cross Church (Salem, N.Y.) -- Records and correspondence.
Catholic Church -- New York (State) -- Salem -- Records and correspondence.

Subject Term: Registers of births, etc. -- New York (State) -- Salem.

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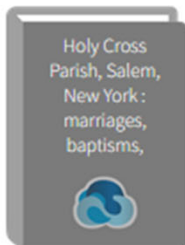


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Some Temple pedigrees : a genealogy of the known descendants of Abraham Temple who settled in Salem, Mass. in 1636 : to which is added genealogies of the Temple families settling in Reading, Mass., Chester Co., Pa., Ayletts, Va., Galway, N.Y., and elsewhere : also brief genealogies of families connected by marriage with the foregoing, viz.: Eames, Case, Welch, Kellum, Campbell, Wilson, Hiatt, Spray, Cook, Tredway, and Murdock.

Author: Temple, Levi Daniel, 1858-1921.

Library: New York State Library

Format  Microform

Call Number: 929.373 G326, 86-24269, G577

Publication Information: Boston : David Clapp & Son, 1900.

Available: 1

2.

Genealogy collection, [ca. 1850]-1988.

Author: North Salem (N.Y. : Town). Town Historian.

Summary: Genealogy materials include notebooks containing articles, genealogies, family histories, clippings, family records, interviews, and photographs, ca. 1850-1977, on families from North Salem and the adjacent Connecticut region; records of marriages, baptisms, and membership of the Goldens Bridge Methodist Church, 1900-1950; and a file of research correspondence and other genealogical information.

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Revolutionary War veterans buried in Columbia County, New York. Compiled for Hendrick Hudson Chapter NSDAR.

Author: French, Esther Griswold, 1923-
Daughters of the American Revolution. New York. Hendrick Hudson Chapter, Hudson.

Library: New York State Library

Format  Books

Call Number: 974.739 Af8 V.1

Publication Information: Hudson, N.Y. [Hendrick Hudson Chapter NSDAR, 1973-

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Richard Varick : a forgotten founding father : Revolutionary War soldier, federalist politician & mayor of New York / Paul Cushman.

Author: Cushman, Paul.

Library: New York State Library

OCLC 719430697

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Call Number: 974 70309 V299 212-2519

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Highland history collection, 1891-1988.

Author: Highland Falls Library (Highland Falls, N.Y.)

Sanders, Katherine.

Coon, David G.

Summary: Clippings, brochures, programs, booklets, pamphlets, reports, articles, research papers, maps, and other miscellaneous items, 1891-1988, pertaining to the history of Highland Falls and Orange County. Subjects include churches, local people, Revolutionary War, 18th century homes, women in Orange County, the artist Robert W. Weir, and West Point. Items of note include thesis, 1974, by David G. Coon on "The Orange Blossoms," the 124th New York Volunteers, a Civil War regiment drawn from Orange County; and typescript history of Highland Falls by Katherine Sanders, 1968. Collection also includes three scrapbooks of clippings on the activities of the Highland Falls community group, CHAIN (Community Help, Action, and Improvement Now), 1980-1986.

Library: Historical Document Inventory

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Map collection, 1776-1988.

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Author

- Anderson, Laurie H... (1)
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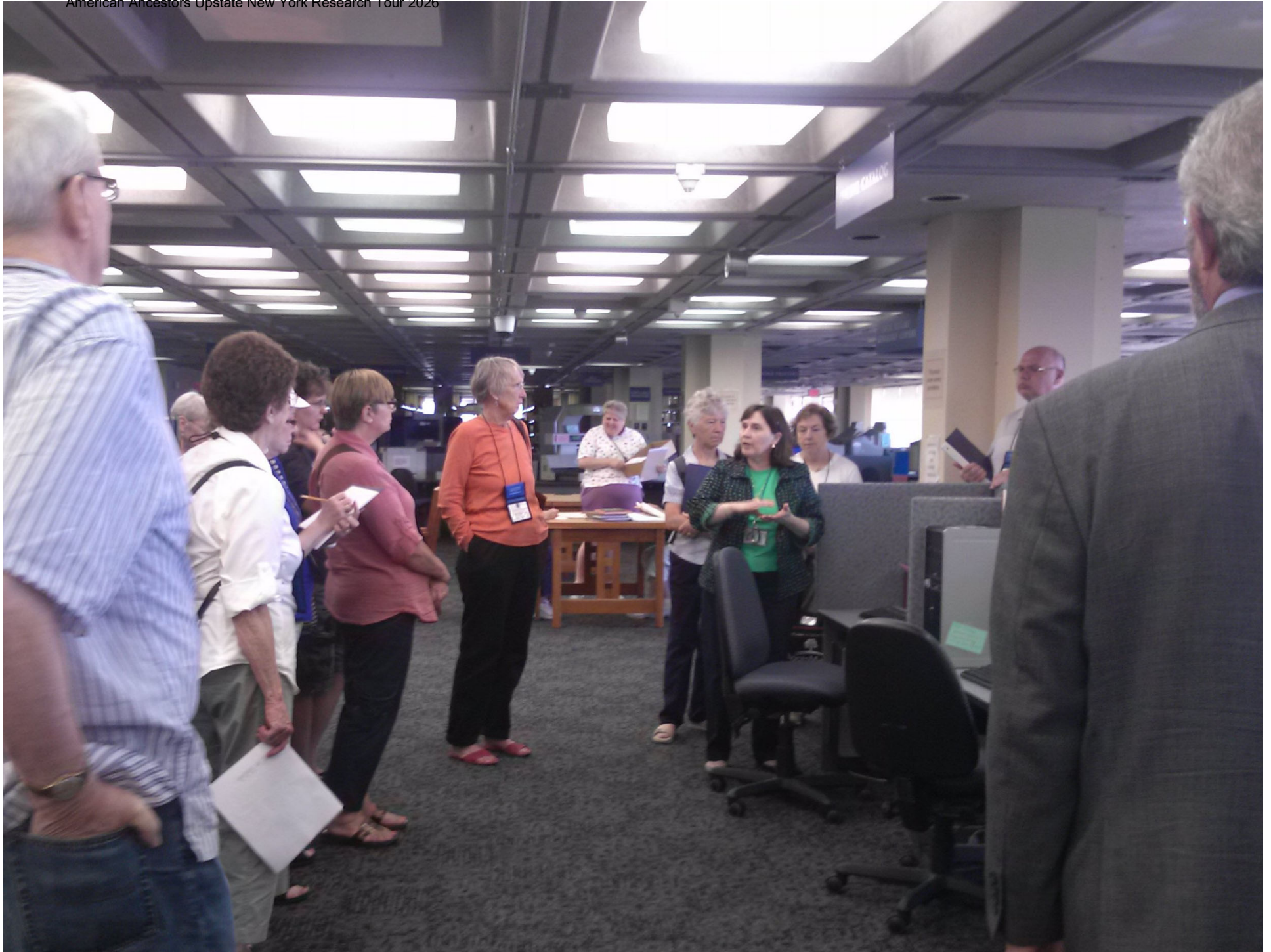
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- A guide to the Revolutionary War manuscripts in the New York State Library / Stefan Bielinski, editor.**
Author: New York State Library.
Pell, John H. G.
Bielinski, Stefan, editor.
New York State American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.
URL: <https://purl.nysed.gov/nysl/3344456>
Library: Manuscripts and Special Collections New York State Library
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Call Number: 973.3 qB587 76-4715
Publication Information: Albany : New York State American Bicentennial Commission, 1976.
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Author: Fish, Hamilton, 1888-1991.
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- Computers, tablets (WiFi available)
- Digital Cameras
- DO NOT LEAVE YOUR BELONGINGS UNATTENDED
- Small lockers are provided for security
- Small bills and change for copies/copy cards
- USB flash drive

New York State Archives

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What you'll find:

- Vital record index (microfiche available in reading room)
- Card index
- Marriages & deaths until 1956
- Births until 1937
- Cover NY state except Buffalo and NYC



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The following resources are designed to highlight record series in the New York State Archives that are most useful for genealogical research.



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Search for Records

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You can search the following resources to find records held by the New York State Archives:

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Archivists have prepared research guides on a variety of topics. You can access those guides by browsing featured topics or by reviewing our list of [publications](#).

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provide detailed descriptions of record series or collections held by the New York State Archives.

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The online catalog contains summary descriptions of record series or collections held by the New York State Archives.

[Digital Collections](#)

The Digital Collections contain digital copies of photographs, documents, archival audio files, and historic film footage from the collections of the New York State Archives.



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Abstract: The series is an alphabetical name index to persons who claimed reimbursement for weapons, clothing, and other equipment supplied at their own expense while serving in the New York Militia during the War of 1812. The awards were authorized by Chapter 176 of the Laws of 1859.
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- Online registration required – See tour page for link
- Lockers available
- Be sure to make requests of appropriate staff (Archives, not Manuscripts & Special Collections)
- Two basic types of materials:
Microfilm/Microfiche and paper records
- Must use microtext before originals
- Archives reading room closes at 4:00 p.m. (Library closes at 5:00 p.m.)

Things to know

- Only three microfilm reader/printers
- Materials pulled at 10:30 am and 2 pm
- You will be assigned a desk
- One box or file at a time
- No self-service copying; must request permission

What to bring

- Photo ID for registrations
- Regular pencils
- Digital cameras
- Laptop or tablet (no cases)
- Loose blank paper (available on request)
- Notecards and notes
- Spiral notebooks (without pockets)
- Folders (without pockets)

What *NOT* to bring

- Binders, anything with pockets
- Mechanical pencils, pens
- Scanners
- Cases for laptops, cameras, etc.
- Coats
- Bags, briefcases, purses, backpacks
- Food or drink

New York State Library Manuscripts and Special Collections

Manuscripts and Special Collections - What you'll find:

- Family papers
- Archives and manuscripts
- Rare books
- Maps and atlases,
- Prints and photographs
- Ephemera

Manuscripts and Special Collections

The Manuscripts and Special Collections unit was established within the State Library in 1881. Its responsibilities include the acquiring, preserving and providing access to the Library's collections of manuscripts and personal papers; rare books; and special collections including prints, posters and broadsides, and musical scores. These collections, which include some of New York's documentary treasures, relate the history of New York State from the 17th century to the present and provide insight into many topics related American history, literature, science and the arts.

Visiting Manuscripts and Special Collections

The Research Room for Manuscripts and Special Collections is on the 11th floor of the [Cultural Education Center](#). MSC is open for research **Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM - 4 PM by appointment only**. Appointments may be full day (9:30 AM – 4 PM) or half day (either 9:30 AM - 1 PM **or** 1 PM - 4 PM). The Library is closed Saturdays, Sundays, and New York State [legal holidays](#).

- See [Research Room Rules](#) for more information about conducting onsite research.
- [Schedule an Appointment](#)

Masks are highly recommended for visitors.



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Things to know

- Rules same as NY State Archives
- MSC staff pulls materials twice a day (usually at 10 am and 2 pm)
- Be sure to make requests of appropriate staff (Manuscripts & Special Collections, not Archives)
- You will be assigned a desk
- Number of items may be limited
- Reading room closes at 4:00 p.m.

Research Tips

- NYC records
- Dutch/early colonial records
- FamilySearch
- Limits of vital records
- Challenges of New York research



New York Research

By Henry B. Hoff, Editor of the Register

Introduction

Finding information about your New York ancestors can be tricky. The difficulty depends on time, place, and group. Researching Dutch-descended New Yorkers in the Hudson Valley during the eighteenth century is likely to be easy; whereas researching settlers from New England in the same locale may be difficult. And of course the 1911 fire at the State Library in Albany and the fact that statewide registration of vital records did not start until 1880 only adds to the difficulty. There are, however, bright spots in New York research, such as the state census. This subject guide provides a list of key resources and records that will help you trace your New York ancestry. *Note:* To learn more about the implications of the 1911 fire in Albany, read "The 1911 State Library Fire and Its Effects on New York Genealogy" in *The NYG&B Newsletter* 10 (1999):19–22.

Watch the archived webinar "New York Resources at NEHGS":

AmericanAncestors.org/tools/new-york-research

Other opportunities

- New York State Museum
- Probate and Deeds
- State Capitol tours

Next Steps

- 1- Visit the tour webpage
- 2- **Use the online catalogs**
- 3- Make your research to-do lists
- 4- Pack layers

Upstate New York Research Tour 2026

Pre-Tour Zoom Presentation



Live broadcast: Friday, April 10, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Eastern Time

Link to Join Pre-Tour Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/91791230745>

Presented by Katheen Mackenzie, Education & Programming Manager, & David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist

Learn how to prepare for your time at the New York State Library and the New York State Archives, make the most of your one-on-one consultations, and more! This presentation will be held in a zoom meeting format. This means that during our Q&A sessions you will have the option to come on camera, unmute, and ask questions. You also have the option to remain muted with your camera off, and instead ask questions in the meeting chat. Can't make the live session? Don't worry! This session will be recorded and posted on this page once it's finished. All tour participants will be notified via email when the recording is available.

Schedule



| Tuesday, May 12 | |
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| After 3:00 p.m. | Check in to Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown |
| 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. | Welcome and overview of the week at the Fairfield Inn Albany Downtown |
| 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. | Lecture by David Allen Lambert, Chief Genealogist |
| 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. | Reception and consultation sign-ups |
| Wednesday, May 13 | |
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