

Onondaga Historical Association and Family History

To access Onondaga Historical Association's archival holdings online link to NYS Archives' Historic Document Inventory through OHA's website!

- 1) Go to *cnyhistory.org*.
- 2) Open *Research Center*.
- 3) Open *Excelsior-Search the OHA Archives*.
- 4) Follow the detailed search instructions.

◆ Vertical Files

Over 25,000 files divided into five main divisions or series, each of which has numerous subdivisions or sub-series:

- ***Biographical/Genealogical files*: containing newspaper clippings, research notes, photographs, ephemera, genealogical information, and other materials on specific individuals or families, arranged alphabetically by surname. [Charts, publishes and near-published bound volumes, and lists relating chiefly to Onondaga County families are also available**
- ***Block files***: including maps, textual material, and images (newspaper clippings and photographs); primarily pertaining to the Syracuse City blocks and wards with separate block files for Salina and Geddes Blocks pertaining to areas pre-dating the incorporation of the City of Syracuse in 1848.
- ***Image files***: containing photographic prints and rotogravures from newspapers arranged by subject headings.
- ***Subject files***: including newspaper clippings, original documents, research notes, and other paper items relating to specific topics. These include:
 - ▲ Accidents and catastrophes; Artists and sculptors; Associations; Authors; Businesses; Churches (divided by religion); Conventions; Courts and the Bar (including Judges, lawyers, juries, and individual cases); Dentists; Education (divided by school, including student activities, student listings, etc.); Fairs; Hospitals and Nursing Homes; Hotels and Inns; Public Housing; Industry (divided by specific industry and company); Inventors; Labor and Labor Organizations; Military (including Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Patriot War, Mexican War, Civil War, Spanish-American War, Mexican War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War); Music and Musicians; Native Americans (Iroquois and Onondaga); Police; Politics and Government (including conventions, elections, political parties, etc.); Prison and Prisoners; Social Life, Customs, and Fashion; Sports and Recreation; Visitors (including foreign, famous, presidents, etc.)

Town Files: containing newspaper clippings and other materials on the towns within Onondaga County, with information on individual villages, sites and topics relative to the particular town included.

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◆ **Directories**

- Syracuse City Directories: 1857-1860; 1864-1909; 1912-1936; 1938-1939; 1941-1966; 1968-1979; 1981; 1983-1985; 1987-1993; 1995-1996.
- Syracuse Suburban Directories: 1957-1977; 1979-1980; 1983; 1986-1992; 1995.

◆ **Photographs:**

Conservatively estimated at 150,000 images, photographs are divided by subject headings. Examples include:

- Individual Families, by last name.
- Local architecture— business and residential
- Associations and groups- group posed photos, activities, etc.
- Businesses- buildings and employees.
- Cemeteries- by cemetery name; soldier plots, etc.
- Churches- buildings, groups (choirs, etc)
- Circuses- set-up, employees, visitors, etc.
- Communication- telephone (employees, etc.), television
- Conventions and banquets
- Costumes/Fashion (women's, men's, children, etc)
- Crime- trials, accident scenes, etc.
- Education- by school; students and teachers, etc. Syracuse University- buildings, student activities, etc.
- Fairs- buildings, events, racing, etc.
- Farming- individuals, machinery, methods, etc.
- Fire Fighting- buildings, machinery, individuals, etc.
- Government- political groups and candidates, city officers, etc.
- Hobbies- individuals; bee keeping, collectors, etc.
- Indians- Onondaga people- individuals; Iroquois- individual, lacrosse; etc.
- Industry- manufacturing, brewing, milling, salt mills, employees, processes, buildings, etc.
- Lakes- boating, residences, activities, individuals
- Medicine- groups of doctors, nurses, individuals
- Military- group and individual- soldiers, officers, veterans; parades, ceremonies; Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II
- Miscellaneous Group photos- social, award ceremonies, men, women, mixed.
- Parades, Celebrations, and Ceremonies- by year and specific event, 1860s-1970s
- Parks: State, County, City, by individual park name. Scenic, plans, events, etc.
- Police- individual and group
- Social Life: picnics, outings, clubs; individual and group.
- Sports: by sport- teams, competitions, award ceremonies, etc.
- Theater- troupes, performances, etc.
- Trade and Craftsmen: by profession, group and individual.
- Transportation: Air, Auto, Canal, Electric, Horse-drawn, Railroad, Roads; individual and group, vehicles, stations, etc.
- Famous Visitors- meet-and-greets, at local buildings, etc.
- Women's Right's Movement- demonstrations, etc.

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◆ Censuses

- Includes a surname index for the Federal Census, 1800-1840, 1870, and 1880, as well as New York State Census 1855. Indices are for Onondaga County only.

◆ Cemetery Records: 20 Index-card file drawers

- Divided by individual cemetery, alphabetically by surnames. Includes Assumption, Oakwood, Rose Hill, Woodlawn, and others.

◆ Church Records: Including:

- Individual Church records (member lists, baptisms, deaths, excommunications, etc.)
- Marriage lists and certificates
- Individual family Bible records

Also: Found on Historical Documents Inventory (examples)

- ▲ Second Baptist Church records, 1811-1896
 - ▲ First Congregational Church of Manlius records, 1834
 - ▲ Church of the Most Holy Rosary records, 1913-1964
 - ▲ Church of St. Anthony of Padua records, 1921-1951
 - ▲ First Congregational Church of Pompey records, 1790-1890
 - ▲ Zion Church records, 1817-1917
- Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church Records, 1890-1933

◆ Maps:

- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (East) Vol 1. 1910-1951 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Southwest) Vol. 2 1911-1945 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Northwest) Vol. 3 1911-1951 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse 1882-1890 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (South) Vol. 1 1892-1906 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (North) Vol. 2 1892-1906 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Outskirts) Vol. 4 1928-1952 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Vol. 1) 1953-1957 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Vol. 1A) 1953-1957 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Vol. 2) 1953-1957 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Vol. 3) 1953-1957 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Vol. 4) 1953-1957 (revisions)
- Sanborn Map Co. Syracuse (Vol. 5) 1953-1957 (revisions)
- GM Hopkins Co. Atlas of Syracuse and suburbs, 1908
- GM Hopkins Co. Atlas of Syracuse and suburbs, 1924
- GM Hopkins Co. Syracuse and Suburbs, 1938
- J. W Vose and Co. Atlas of Syracuse, 1892
- Airmap Corp. of America, Airmaps of Syracuse Nov. 1926
- Atlas of New York State, by county, 1895.
- Syracuse Maps: 1804-1809; 1900-1990; Moseley Map 1819; 1815-1834; Wards, 1852-1854; Townsend Causes 1845; 1860; Wadsworth Clarke, 1874; Onondaga Arsenal WD14V (?); Bus Routes, 1932

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- Additional Town Maps: Camillus; Cicero 1854, 1860, 1889; Brewerton; Clay 1854, 1889, 1860, 1874, 1832, 1903; Dewitt; Elbridge (2 folders); Jordon; Fabius; Geddes (3 folders); Lafayette (Purchase of 1822); Lysander; Baldwinsville; Manlius; Fayetteville; Marcellus; Otisco; Onondaga (town-Valley and Hill)); Onondaga Reservation; Pompey; Salina (Site Iroquois Conference); Liverpool; Skaneateles (2 folders); Mottville, Marysville, Long Bridge; Spafford; Tully; Van Buren (Baldwinsville); Fagen 1854 (Local Historian Set)

- ◆ **Military Records:** Found on Historical Documents Inventory (examples)
 - Second New York State Regiment Records, 1779-1799
 - First New York Regiment return book, 1781-1782.
 - Onondaga Commissioners lot award indexes, 1800
 - Military tract lot award index, 1824
 - Revolutionary War land bounties balloting book, 1825
 - Burial sites list of soldiers of the Revolutionary War in Onondaga County
 - Root Post No. 151 records, 1880-1920
 - Civil War pension records, 1866-1868
 - Enrollment of persons liable to military duty ca.1863-1865 for Elbridge, NY
 - Enrollment of persons liable to military duty, 1862-1866 for Syracuse, NY
 - Onondaga County Draft Committee Civil War draftee cards, 1863
 - Town of Geddes enrollees' claims for exemption from military service, 1862-1866.
 - Lilly Post No. 66 charter, 1870
 - 117th Regiment, New York Volunteers records, 1865-1886. NY Infantry Regiment, Company A.
 - 9th New York Volunteers Artillery broadside, 1873
 - Syracuse Civil War veterans historical surveys, 1903
 - 101st New York Veteran Association minute book, 1889-1918
 - Troop D Calvary of the New York State Militia minute book, 1917-1932
 - General Sniper Camp No. 66 of the Sons of Union Veterans Civil War records, 1915-1961
 - Company A 1st New York Artillery muster roll
 - Syracuse World War II records, 1942-1945
 - World War II discharge records, 1945-1946
 - Onondaga Country War Records Project, 1940-1947
 - Family and personal records, various years

- ◆ **School Records:** Found on Historical Documents Inventory
Records can include student statistical information such as birth date, date of first entrance, parent name, address, vaccination record, attendance, grades, etc; tax receipts and tax books, correspondence, salary information, financial accounts, etc.
 - Individual school records (examples):
 - ▲ New York State Trade School for Girls records, 1904-1911
 - ▲ Lincoln Junior High School Regents Examination records, 1922-1933
 - ▲ Webster School student records, 1935-1957
 - ▲ Prescott School records, 1849-1947
 - ▲ Syracuse Business High School student records, 1903-1917
 - ▲ Syracuse High School Alumni Association records, 1856-1903

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- ▲ Syracuse Secretarial School records, 1931
- ▲ Andrew Jackson School student records, 1912
- ▲ Women's Sunday School Aid Association records, 1884-1914
- District records (examples):
 - ▲ Town of Onondaga School District Number 6 administrative records, 1813-1867
 - ▲ Fayetteville School District Number 7 records, 1814-1857
 - ▲ Pompey School District Number 17 records, 1814-1950
 - ▲ Manlius School District Number 6 records, 1863-1898
 - ▲ Onondaga County School District Number 21 records, 1827-1929
 - ▲ Town of Camillus School District Number 28 records, 1830-1922

- ◆ **Tax Rolls**: Found on Historical Documents Inventory (examples)
 - City of Syracuse tax rolls, 1850-1860
 - Syracuse tax assessments, 1851-1852
 - Camillus tax ledger, 1825
 - Town of Onondaga assessment rolls, 1804-1867

- ◆ **Property Records**: Found on Historical Documents Inventory (examples)
 - Bradford Hills Residential Development records, ca. 1935
 - Land Patent Collection, 1790-1864
 - Map and survey of lot number 94 in the Township of Camillus, 1802
 - Onondaga County title abstracts, 1851-1884
 - Family or personal records, various years

- ◆ **Business Records**: Found on Historical Documents Inventory (examples)
 - Kells and Moyer accounts, 1871-1873
 - Brown-Lipe Chapin Division of General Motors Corp. records, ca. 1941-1980
 - J.M. Gere and Sons records, 1878-1890
 - Onondaga Auto Supply records, 1919-1951
 - Roswell Hinman carpenter's account book, 1806-1840
 - Onondaga Hollow general store customer records, 1829
 - John C. Munro [farming business] account book, 1877-1883
 - Syracuse commerce and trade collection, ca. 1850-2003
 - Powers Drug Company manuscript volumes, 1856-1956
 - H.H Manufacturing Company records, 1930-1952
 - Onondaga County Savings Bank records, 1855-1900
 - Family and personal records, various years