

Genealogy Resources at the Onondaga County Public Library: Why go to the library when I've got Google?

- ◆ Why do I need to come to the library? Can't I find what I need on Google?
- ◆ I have a relative who's done all their genealogy online, can't I do that too?
- ◆ I found my family tree online, can't I just use that?

LH/G – Then and Now

- ◆ Started in the 1880's
- ◆ 100 years later over 30,000 volumes
- ◆ 6,000 microfilm
- ◆ 15,000 microfiche
- ◆ Continues to grow today
- ◆ Original vision was a national collection
- ◆ Focus is New England, New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey – from Maine to NJ
- ◆ Greatest depth is Onondaga County and New York

Library or Google?

- ◆ Census – Federal and New York State
- ◆ Military Records
- ◆ Vital Records
- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Cemetery Records
- ◆ Genealogies
- ◆ County and Town Histories
- ◆ Maps
- ◆ Directories and Telephone Books
- ◆ Wills and Land Records
- ◆ Other resources

Census

- ◆ Federal [Census](#) – 1790-1930
- ◆ New York State –
 - 1825-1875, 1892, 1905-1925
 - Soundex for NYS - 1880, 1900 and 1920
 - 1890 Veterans

Military Records

- ◆ Revolutionary War Pension files and records of service
- ◆ Civil War
 - Adjutant General's Reports
 - Town Clerk's Register of Men Who Served
 - Rosters
 - Unit Histories

Vital Records

- ◆ Index to NYS Vital Records
- ◆ Local collections
 - 1850-1880 transcriptions
 - WPA Files
 - Obits 1860-1996
 - Church records
- ◆ New England Vital Records
 - Conn, Mass, R.I. and Vermont

Newspapers

- ◆ Syracuse Newspapers
 - 1828
 - 1850's to within 6 months of present
 - Clippings files
 - [Electronic](#) indexes

Cemetery Records

- ◆ Onondaga County Cemetery Index
- ◆ Oakwood Cemetery
- ◆ Woodlawn
- ◆ Beauchamp Cemetery Collection
- ◆ And more...

Genealogies

- ◆ Genealogy Card File
- ◆ From the famous to the infamous to the everyday

County and Town Histories

- ◆ NY and Pennsylvania
 - Book and microfilm
- ◆ Town Histories
 - Tully, Lysander, Pompey and so on...

Maps

- ◆ Land Ownership Maps
 - Onondaga County - 1852, 1859, 1860 and 1889
 - Sweet's Atlas 1874
- ◆ City of Syracuse
- ◆ NY State [Counties](#) - 1820

Directories and Telephone Books

- ◆ Earliest Syracuse Directory 1844
- ◆ Up to current
- ◆ Suburban Directories began 1957
- ◆ Telephone Books

Wills and Land Records

- ◆ Onondaga County Surrogate Records 1802-1923 Index
- ◆ Earliest Wills on microfilm
- ◆ Onondaga County Deeds 1794 – 1870 – Index with some actual deeds

Other Resources

- ◆ Onondaga County Pioneer Family Catalog
- ◆ Yearbooks
- ◆ Voorhees Manuscript Collection
- ◆ And more....

And best of all....

- ◆ Expertise – librarians
- ◆ Email reference and 24/7 Digital Reference
- ◆ <http://onlib.org/website/LH/lh.htm>