



Wayne County NY  
Historian Website



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located in Public Safety Building mailing address:  
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**ALL COURT and JAIL RECORD** questions must go through  
Wayne County NY Clerk's Office  
**ALL SURROGATE and WILL** questions must go through  
Wayne County NY Surrogate's Court  
**Wayne County NY VS- Vital Statistics** birth, death, marriage  
available at Town Clerks. In NYS no VS kept until 1881

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION at Wayne County NY HISTORIAN'S OFFICE 2026

- **Cemetery information**
- **Census 1790-1930** Ends in 0= federal; not 0=NYS. Wayne Co 1855,1865,1875 not on internet
- **Church Records misc.; War Records misc. Revolutionary – Vietnam**
- **County Histories:**
  - Clark's "Military History of Wayne County, NY"  
<https://archive.org/details/cu31924080772019>
  - Cowles' "Landmarks of Wayne County, NY"  
[http://libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/Landmarks\\_of\\_Wayne\\_County\\_NY.pdf](http://libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/Landmarks_of_Wayne_County_NY.pdf)
  - Jacobs' "Wayne County: The Aesthetic Heritage of a Rural Area"
  - McIntosh's "History of Wayne County, NY"  
[http://www.libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/History\\_of\\_Wayne\\_County\\_1877.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~digitized/books/History_of_Wayne_County_1877.pdf)
  - History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps & Gorham's Purchase  
[https://archive.org/details/bub\\_gb\\_TUX698v8KGkC](https://archive.org/details/bub_gb_TUX698v8KGkC)
- **County Maps: 1853; 1858(indexed); 1874 atlas; 1904 atlas; 1937 compass map**
- **Deeds and Mortgages, 1823 Wayne County formed**
  - Current property info online: <https://WayneCountyNY.gov/333/Real-Property-Tax-Service>
  - Past and Current Property Data on computer same available as Wayne County NY County Clerk
- **Diaries; Journals; Scrapbooks; Newspapers; School Records; Subject Files**
- **Directories Towns/Years misc.; Phone Books misc.**
- **1914 Farm Directory WayneCo** <https://archive.org/details/cu31924014527315/mode/2up>
- **Genealogies: Published & Unpublished**
- **Hoffman Historical Scholarship Essays 1954 – 2003**
- **Naturalizations; Declarations of Aliens** no citizenship certificates
- **Poor House Records 1830-1940**
- **Surname Files (8000+)**
- **Uncovering the Underground Railroad, Abolitionism, and African American Life in Wayne County, NY, 1820-1880----** 2008 report <https://WayneCountyNY.gov/482/UGRR-Research-Report>



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### NOT part of WayneCountyNY.gov Historian, but helpful:

- WAYNE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES, People, Civil War soldiers  
<https://www.WayneHistorians.org>
- WCHS Wayne County Historical Society – contact for extra research help  
<https://www.WayneHistory.org>
- Some of the Historian Information published till 2018 are on this website  
<https://wayne.nygenweb.net/>

### Other Counties

- Monroe Co NY <https://mcnygenealogy.com/guide/index.htm>
- Ontario Co NY <https://www.co.ontario.ny.us/90/Records-Archives>

### Digital Information and Archives

- Digital public library of America <https://dp.la>
- New York Heritage digital collections <https://nyheritage.org>
- CRIS Cultural Resource Information System <https://cris.parks.ny.gov/>
- NYS Archives <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/>
- Library of Congress <https://www.loc.gov/maps/?q=wayne+county+ny>
- Historic Map Works, Residential Genealogy <https://www.historicmapworks.com>
- William G Pomeroy Foundation, Historical Markers <https://www.wgpfoundation.org>

### Newspapers:

- ❖ NYS Historic Newspapers <https://www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>
- ❖ Private Site Newspapers <https://fultonhistory.com>
- ❖ Digital Clyde-Savannah Library <https://clyde.advantage-preservation.com/>
- ❖ Digital Sodus Community Library <https://sodus.advantage-preservation.com/>
- ❖ Digital Williamson Library <https://williamson.advantage-preservation.com/>

### Military:

- Military Records Research <https://www.archives.gov/research/military>
- SAR Graves <https://sar Graves.erickkrueger.com/>
- Phisterer's "New York in the War of the Rebellion 1861-1865"  
<https://archive.org/details/newyorkinwarofre00phis>
- Roe's "The Ninth New York Heavy Artillery 1862-1865"  
<https://archive.org/details/ninthnewyorkhea00roea/page/n5/mode/2up>
- Turner's "History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps & Gorham's Purchase"

### Canal:

- Erie Canal, 200 years <https://eriecanalway.org/>
- New York State Canal Corporation <https://www.canals.ny.gov/>
- The Erie Canal <https://www.eriecanal.org/>
- Canal Society of New York State <https://newyorkcanals.org/>
- Cycle the Erie Canal <https://www.ptny.org/cycle-the-erie-canal-bike-tour/>
- Seneca Chief boat <https://buffalomaritimecenter.org/erie-canal-boat-seneca-chief/>