



# Genealogy Resources at the Onondaga County Public Library

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Friends of Marcellus Free Library  
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# Local History and Genealogy

- Started in the 1880 's as part of the Syracuse Public Library
- 130 years later over 35,000 volumes
- 6,000 microfilm
- 15,000 microfiche
- Continues to grow today
- Original vision was a national collection
- Focus is New York, New England, Pennsylvania and New Jersey
- Greatest depth is Onondaga County and State of New York

# How to begin?

- Search the library catalog
  - [www.onlib.org](http://www.onlib.org)
- Explore the OCPL genealogy web pages
- Call or email or visit – if you have questions.
  - 315-435-1900
  - [lhg@onlib.org](mailto:lhg@onlib.org)

# Resources

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

# Census

- Federal Census
  - ✓ 1790 - 1940
  - ✓ Online, microfilm, and print indexes
- New York State
  - ✓ 1825- 1875, 1892, 1905- 1925
  - ✓ Online, microfilm, and print indexes
- Soundex for NYS - 1880 , 1900 and 1920
- 1890 Veteran's Census

# 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
- Other – Fold3, WWII clippings, biographies, journals, letters and more.

# Vital Records

- Index to NYS Vital Records - [1881](#)
- Local collections
  - 1847-1849 town records (bdm)
  - [WPA](#) Files
  - Obits - Clippings 1860 - 1996
  - Necrology Database
  - Church records
- New England Vital Records
  - Conn, Maine, Mass, R.I. and Vermont

# Newspapers

- Syracuse Newspapers
  - 1850 's to within 6 months of present
  - Clippings files
    - Scrapbooks
    - Vertical Files
  - Online
    - [Fultonhistory.com](http://Fultonhistory.com)
    - [NewspaperArchive.com](http://NewspaperArchive.com)
    - Newsbank
    - [Newspapers.com](http://Newspapers.com)
- Inter Library Loan –access to NYS Library Newspaper Project



# Cemetery Records

- New York County and Town Cemetery Index
- Transcriptions and cemetery records
- Internment records
- Example: [Myrtle Hill](#)

# Maps

- Land Ownership Maps
  - Onondaga County - 1852, 1859, 1860 and 1889
  - NY Counties – similar years
- NY State County Atlas - 1829
- Other various maps – military tract, canal, colonial, railroad, turnpike, etc.

# Serials/Journals

- Current and out of print
- Many from volume one, issue one
- The Record, The Register, TAG (The American Genealogist), Mayflower Quarterly/ Journal, The Loyalist Gazette, and much more.
- Tree Talks

# County and Town Histories

- All the states covered
- NY and Pennsylvania
  - Book and microfilm
- Town Histories
  - Tully, Lysander, Pompey and so on...

# Directories & Telephone Books

- Earliest Syracuse Directory 1844
- Up to current year
- Scanned online through [1923](#)
- Suburban Directories began 1957
- Telephone Books
- Other cities in NYS (Utica, Albany, Watertown and more)

# Probate 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 towns and counties

# Other Resources and Projects

- Onondaga County Pioneer Family [Index](#)
- Yearbooks
- Voorhees Manuscript Collection
- [Finding Aids](#)
- Databases – unique, in-house records
  - WPA
  - Necrology
  - 1855 and 1865 NYS Census for Onondaga County
  - Obits
- Family Search Scanning Project
- And more...

# And don't forget...

- Professional help.
- [www.onlib.org](http://www.onlib.org)
- Email: [lhg@onlib.org](mailto:lhg@onlib.org)
- Phone 315-435-1900
- Local History and Genealogy Dept.  
Onondaga County Public Library  
447 So. Salina St.  
Syracuse, NY 13204





Links visited:

Local History and Genealogy Department, at the Onondaga County Public Library

<http://www.onlib.org/research/special-collections/local-history-genealogy>

Genealogy Databases available with your library card from home or at your local library

<http://www.onlib.org/research/databases>

Family Search – book scanning project

<http://books.familyserch.org>

Central New York Genealogical Society

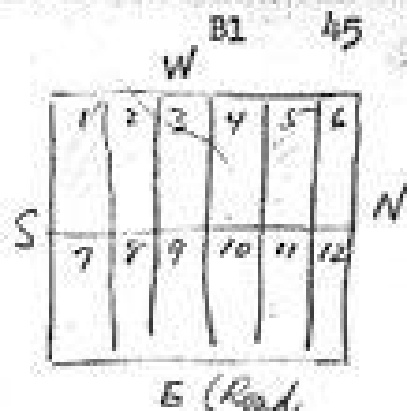
<http://cnygs.org>

Fulton History – Online Newspapers

<http://www.fultonhistory.com>

7/14/1859 Thomas Sammons

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Burials:

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| 1. Francis B. Sammons 12/19/1931 age 42                                | 7. Clarrissa Sammons 1st WIFE                            |
| 2. Wm. S. Sammons 5/24/1893 no age<br>Mary C. Sammons 9/24/1927 age 70 | 8. Cordelia Sammons 1st WIFE                             |
| 3. Frank Sammons 2/16/1921 age 62                                      | 9. Cordelia Sammons 2nd WIFE                             |
| 4. Benjamin Sammons 10/3/1890 age 88                                   | 10. Jacob Sammons 11/4/1815 age 64 - {REV. WIFE}         |
| 5. <u>Thomas</u> Sammons 4/19/1876 age 82 {1812-Ver}                   | 11. Eva Veeder Sammons 6/10/1834 age 73<br>WIFE OF JACOB |
| 6. Nancy Root Sammons 8/29/1837 age 43<br>WIFE OF THOMAS               | 12. Sophronia Sammons 4/7/1891 age 61                    |

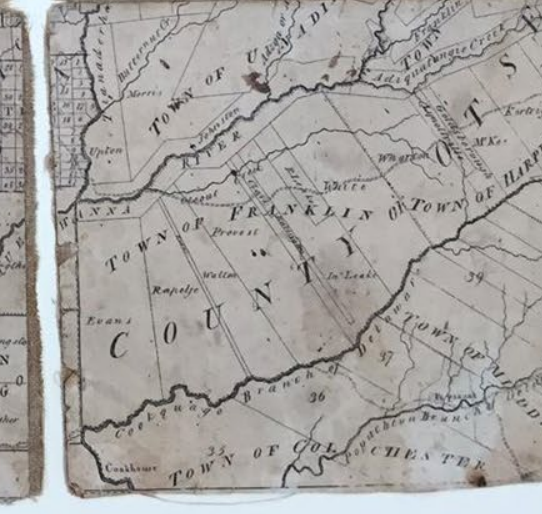
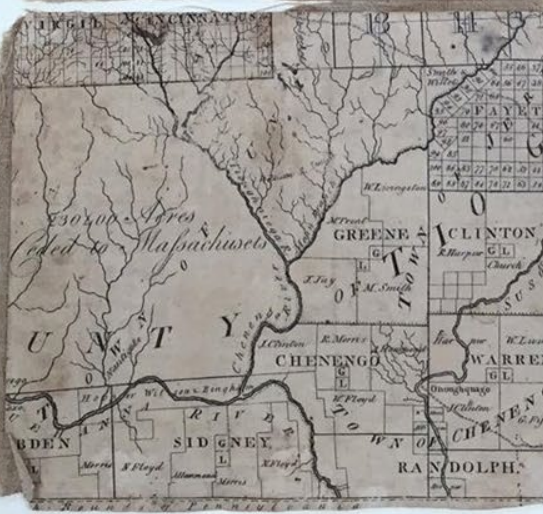
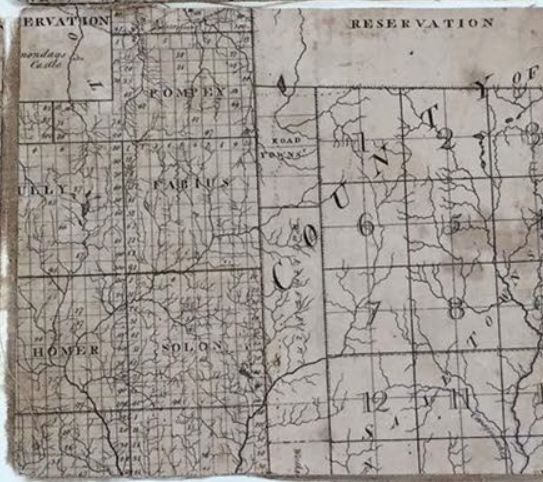
L. J. Sammons plot for burial 7/14/1859

### The Library in 1840

This book case, loaned to the Syracuse Public Library by Mrs E.H. Merrill contained a lending library established in the vestry room of St Pauls Church in 1840. Mrs. Hiram Pulman and Mrs Lewis H. Redfield were the founders of this little free library. The book case is now owned by Mr Lawrence Merrill.

















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AN  
**ATLAS**  
OF THE  
**State of New York**

Containing **A Map of the State**  
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**Sammons, Jacob**

A Revolutionary soldier  
Early settler; died Geddes 1815  
Father of Thomas

Bruce, Onon.Cen., v.1,p.154

His son, Thomas, d. 1876, aged 82

Bruce, Onon.Cen., v.2,p.1041  
(1752-1815)

mar. Eva Veeder

D.A.R.Lin.Bk. v.141,179

also son Frederick(see card of John Wm.

Sammons, John Wm. b. Geddes Nov.1,1817  
m. Dec.3,1840 Jane Whedon of Onondaga, who  
was b. Feb.27,1822 in Onondaga.

Moved to Michigan soon after marriage.

He was a son of Frederick Sammons, b. Camillus  
July 30,1789, m. May 4,1814 in Geddes, Sarah  
Huston(Houston), dau of Capt. John Huston  
who was stationed at Fort Stanwix. She born  
in 1794. Frederick was the son of Jacob, Rev.  
soldier, lived near Johnstown and Sammons vill

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from Fred A. Russell  
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- American Humane Association 'Be Kind to Animals' Poster Collection, Syracuse, NY **\*Available**
- Autograph Manuscript Collection **\*Available**
- Bell's British Theatre **\*Available**
- Bible Records Collected by the Genealogy and Local History Department of the Syracuse Public Library **\*Available**
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- Onondaga County Pioneer Index **\*Available**
- Onondaga County Public Library Beauchamp Branch Photodocumentation Project **\*Available**
- Onondaga County, NY County Clerk Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1847-1849 and other Early Miscellaneous Onondaga County Records **\*Available**
- Onondaga Historical Association Local History Leaflets, 1896-1904 **\*Available**
- Pamphlets of Syracuse native Williard Rouse Jillson, 1918-1961 **\*Available**
- Papers Pertaining to the Purity Ice Supply in Syracuse, N.Y. **\*Available**
- Parish Register, Christ Church, Jordan, New York **\*Available**

