

Research Sources for Genealogy, etc.

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Birth, death and marriage certificates from 1888 on are in town and city clerks' offices

New York State Health Department- birth, death, marriage, divorce records

https://www.health.ny.gov/vital_records/mailrequests.htm

Church records (if you know or think you know what church the person was affiliated with)- May have to try a few possible churches till you find the right one

Census records- google the type – fed or state- and a year or years. Many are available online for free

Fultonhistory.com- an archive of upstate NY newspapers. Sometimes you can find obituaries in there.

Newspapers.com- need a subscription but it has a lot of newspapers catalogued in it

Brookside Museum- Brooksidemuseum.org or call 518-885-4000- will also contract to do genealogical research for you

Saratoga County Historian's Office- <http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/county-historian/> or call 518-884-4749 (open Tuesday-Thursday)

National Archives- has military records on all people who have participated in service for our country

<https://www.archives.gov/research/order/>

NOTES:

Town Historians do not usually do genealogical research nor deed searches (if we did these for one person, we would have to do them for everyone!) but my office does have family files which may contain info on a particular family. Call me for that.

Ancestry.com is a good starting point for research but realize there is a lot of wrong information in there. Always double-check what you find there.

If people are interested in information on Ballston Spa, I can only help if it is concerning the area south of Rt67, the Milton-Ballston border. There is presently no Ballston Spa Historian so, for areas north of this border, refer people to Kim McCartney, Milton Historian, 518-885-9220 Ext. 135 or historian@townofmiltonny.org

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