

REQUEST FOR GENEALOGICAL/CENSUS SEARCH BY MAIL

Thank you for your inquiry. The Westchester County Historical Society encourages patrons to visit the reading room to conduct research. Currently our reading room is open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The WCHS library maintains a large collection of resources for research on Westchester families. A partial list of these includes:

1. Scharf's *History of Westchester County* (colonial - 1886)
2. Mackenzie's "Families of the Colonial Manor of Philipsburg" (colonial - 1800's)
3. McDonald Papers (Revolutionary period)
4. French's Scrapbook Collection (1880 - 1925)
5. Marriage and death notices from Westchester newspapers (1830- 1890)
6. Pelletreau's *Early Wills of Westchester* (1664 - 1784) and New York Historical Society "Abstract of Wills" (1665 - 1800)
7. Genealogy Files (by family name)
8. Periodical Index (WCHS holdings - includes NYG&B *Record*, *Connecticut Ancestry*, *TAG*, local Westchester periodicals)
9. Cemetery index (WCHS holdings - 18th-20th centuries)
10. Manuscripts index (WCHS holdings - mostly 19th century)
11. *The Westchester Historian* (WCHS quarterly, published 1925 - current)
12. Colonial censuses and Federal censuses, 1790 – 1930
13. County almshouse records (ca.1880-1908)
14. Orphanage records: Children's Village, Lincoln Hall, Wartburg, Graham Windham (19th-20th centuries)
15. Church records (Microfilmed records of approximately 30 Westchester Churches)
16. Other (local histories, published military records, etc.)

Most of these sources can be searched for you for a fee of \$40 per hour (one-hour minimum). WCHS Members receive a 10% discount, so the fee for Members is \$36 per hour. The Federal censuses for Westchester, 1850-1930, Orphanage records, County almshouse records, and church records are not indexed, so the charge for searching them is \$50 per hour (\$45 for Members).

If you would like us to conduct either the general or a \$50/hour search, please fill out the information on the attached sheet and return it to us. Please include what information you have, what sources you have checked, and what information you are searching for, to help us know how best to help you.

Regardless of whether or not information is found, you will receive a report. Photocopies of relevant material will be made if the original is in suitable condition.

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Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

1) Name to be researched: _____

Place (or area) of residence: _____

Dates of birth, death, and/or residence: _____

2) Name to be researched: _____

Place (or area) of residence: _____

Dates of birth, death, and/or residence: _____

3) Name to be researched: _____

Place (or area) of residence: _____

Dates of birth, death, and/or residence: _____

Fees partially defray library costs.

Please make check payable to the Westchester County Historical Society.

Genealogical search (\$40 per surname, \$36 for WCHS Members) \$ _____

Census 1850-1930, Orphanage, County almshouse, or church records search (\$50 per hour per surname, \$45 for Members) \$ _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

NOTE for Westchester County Historical Society Members only:

WCHS publishes, free of charge, genealogical queries in *The Westchester Historian*.

Provide information below as you wish it to appear, including approximate dates and other identifying information.

Return to:

Westchester County Historical Society
2199 Saw Mill River Road, Elmsford, NY 10523

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Thank you!