

**The Westchester County Archives and Records Center,
a division of the Department of Information Technology, is
home to:**

WESTCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES
(914) 231-1500
www.westchesterarchives.com

The official repository of historical public records of Westchester County. Holds records from 1680 to the present, many of interest to genealogists, including property, naturalization, will and probate records.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (WCHS)
(914) 592-4323
www.westchesterhistory.com

Westchester County's oldest and largest historical society. The WCHS collection includes the papers of many Westchester families, collected genealogical files, colonial and federal census records, photographs, maps, and many other records of interest to genealogists. Available for purchase from WCHS is *The Guide to Genealogical Research for Westchester County, New York (2003)* by Marjorie C.H. Renino, a useful guide to sources for genealogical research.

GREATER HUDSON HERITAGE NETWORK
(914) 592-6726
www.greaterhudson.org

Greater Hudson is a non-profit network serving cultural heritage organizations, their staffs, boards and communities in celebrated counties of the greater Hudson Valley-metropolitan region through responsive technical assistance, an on-line resource network, and professional development opportunities to advance the work of historic house museums, heritage centers, historic sites, societies, archives, local history libraries and historians in this National Heritage Area.

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Doing Genealogical Research at The Westchester County Archives and Records Center



www.westchesterarchives.com

**Reading Room Open To The Public
Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Closed Public Holidays**

Genealogical Records Available

These are some of the most frequently used genealogical resources held by the Westchester County Archives and the Westchester County Historical Society (WCHS). Reading Room reference staff and volunteers assist researchers using these and other genealogical collections.

Almshouse Records

Years: 1875-1917

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Biography Index

A personal name index to more than 34 published sources of Westchester biographical information.

Years: 19th-20th centuries

Collection: WCHS

Cemetery Index

Years: 18th-20th centuries

Collection: WCHS

Cemetery Index, Veterans*

Years: 1775-1918

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Census Records, Federal

Years: 1790-1880, 1900-1930
(1790-1850 indexed)

Collection: WCHS

Census Records, New York State

Years: 1905, 1915, 1925

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Church Records

Includes microfilmed records of approximately 30 Westchester churches.

Years: 18th-20th centuries

Collection: WCHS

Court Records*

Years: 18th-early 20th centuries

Collection: Westchester County Archives

City Directories/Telephone Books

Community and county-wide coverage, sporadic by year and locale

Years: 1860-present

Collection: WCHS

Death Notices

(from selected local newspapers)

Years: 1828-1998

Collection: WCHS

Deeds

Years: 1680-1907

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Estate Records

Years: 1782-1921

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Incorporation Records*

Years: 1876-1926

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Maps

Years: ca. 1766-present

Collections: Westchester County Archives and WCHS

Marriage Notices

(from selected local newspapers)

Years: 1828-1895+

Collection: WCHS

Marriage Records*

Years: 1908-1936

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Mortgages

Years: 1755-1861

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Naturalization Records*

Years: 1808-1991

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Orphanage Records

Children's Village, Lincoln Hall, Wartburg, and Graham-Windham

Years: 19th-20th centuries

Collection: WCHS

School Reports

Years: 1828-1968 (gaps)

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Vital Records Index**

A personal name index to more than 40 published and unpublished sources of marriage, birth and death records for various Westchester localities

Years: 18th-20th centuries

Collection: WCHS

Voter Enrollments

Years: 1929-1971

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Wills

Years: 1775-1784 (gaps), 1787-1941

Collection: Westchester County Archives

Wills (Abstracts in Pelletreau's *Early Wills of Westchester*)

Years: 1664-1784

Collection: WCHS

Wills (NY Historical Society's *Abstract of Wills*)

Years: 1665-1800

Collection: WCHS

**NOTE: Vital records themselves, such as birth and death certificates and marriage licenses, are NOT filed at the county level and are not available at the Westchester County Archives and Records Center (with the brief exception of marriage records from 1908-1936). Birth, death and marriage records are filed with the clerk of the city, town or village where the event occurred (births/deaths) or the license issued (marriages). Years covered vary by municipality. After 1881, these records were also filed with the NYS Bureau of Vital Statistics. More information on vital records is available at the Bureau of Vital Statistics website:
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/vr/forms/genealogy.htm>

Research by Mail Policies

WESTCHESTER COUNTY ARCHIVES

Individual Record Search -- \$15.00/record

If you have searched the Archives' online indexes and have found a specific record, the staff will retrieve the record and copy it for you.

Custom Search -- \$25.00/hour +\$.50/page for copies over 10 pages

Archives staff will conduct customized research on an hourly basis on any records in the Archives' holdings. This can include genealogical research in the naturalization, marriage, court, and incorporation records not covered by the online indexes as well as research in the following indexes and their underlying records:

- Deeds, Grantor and Grantee, 1680-1907
- Mortgagor Index, 1680-1897
- Estate Records, 1782-1921
- Wills, 1775-1784 (gaps), 1787-1941

Research can also be conducted in any of the other collections held by the Archives. For information on the entire holdings of the Westchester County Archives, please see the Archives' *Guide to the Collections*, available in the Reading Room and at the Archives' website.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society staff will search the Society's holdings for a fee ranging from \$40.00 to \$50.00 (depending on the records). WCHS members receive a 10% discount.

*Name index for some or all years covered by this record series available online at the Westchester County Archives' website:
www.westchesterarchives.com