

Library Resources

Starr Library 845-876-4030

www.starrlibrary.org

Local History Room Tu & Th 10-3PM

Saturdays-please call in advance.

66 W. Market Street

Rhinebeck NY 12572

Morton Memorial Library 845-876-2903

82 Kelly St., PO Box 157

Rhinecliff, NY 12574-0157

Red Hook Public Library 845-758-3241

37 S. Broadway

Red Hook, NY 12571

Adriance Library 845-485-3445

93 Market Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dutchess County Historical Society

845-471-1630

54 Main Street

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dutchess County Genealogical Society

845-462-4108

P.O. Box 708, Poughkeepsie NY 12602

www.dccgs-gen.org



Make use of online databases, original photos and documents. Beware of undocumented genealogies! Always check original sources.

Web Sites

Consortium of Rhinebeck History–

www.rhinebeckhistory.org

Database of holdings of the Rhinebeck Museum of History, the Rhinebeck Historical Society, the Chancellor Livingston Chapter, DAR, the Egbert Benson Historical Society, St. Paul's Wurttemberg Church, United Methodist Parish, & Rhinebeck Town Historian with more to come!

Ancestry or Heritage Quest

www.ancestry.com , heritagequestonline.com

Includes general search and search of specific databases. Excellent coverage of immigration lists, federal census records, military records, etc. Access through the library or personal membership. (Trial membership available)

DAR Genealogical Records -

www.dar.org/national-society/genealogy/using-genealogical-research-system-grs

GRC Index Ancestor or Descendant search index to bible & cemetery records in NY State Library & DAR Library, Washington DC.

Family History Library–

<http://www.familysearch.org> Church of Later Day Saints provides extensive resources.

Books

Find genealogy and source books at

books.google.com, www.amazon.com or

www.kinshipny.com (Rhinebeck & NYS)

Out of print books: www.bookfinder.com



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FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH in Rhinebeck, NY



***A Guide with Suggestions
for the Study of
Rhinebeck Families
and their Origins***

STARR LIBRARY
Local History Room

88 West Market Street, Rhinebeck 12572
Tel: 845-876-3409

Suggestions for Family History Research in Rhinebeck



Consult Relatives for copies of information.

START-with facts from your family & documents

-Use Family Bible, birth and death and marriage records to obtain as much information as possible about parents, grandparents, and ancestors.

-Use a pedigree chart and family group sheet to plot the family

and fill in the facts. Be sure to add sources!

Check Work Already Done

-Search for Published & Manuscript Genealogies: Mid-Hudson Card catalog, Rhinebeck History database, Library of Congress, DAR, & LDS Family Search

-Consult Local Indexed Histories & Records: E.M. Smith, *History of Rhinebeck*, index, A. Kelly H. Morse, *Historic Old Rhinebeck*, index, A. Kelly *Commemorative Biographical Record of Dutchess County* with index by Anson & Badgley

Use Newspaper Records

Consult abstracts of newspaper vital records:

-Deaths, Marriages, etc. from Rhinebeck Newspapers, 1846-1899, 2 vol. compiled by Arthur Kelly

-Death Notices/Marriage Notices, Dutchess & Columbia Co, Red Hook News, 1859-1906 transcribed by M. Herrick

-Marriage Notices, Dutchess County, NY Newspapers, 1826-1851, compiled by Arthur Kelly

Study actual newspaper accounts, mar & obits:

-Rhinebeck Gazette microfilm at Starr Library

-Red Hook Advertiser microfilm, Red Hook Lib.

-Poughkeepsie & Dutchess Co. at Adriance Lib.

Rhinebeck Gazette www.fultonhistory.com/fulton.html

Use Death, Probate & Cemetery Records:

#102 New York Death Records CD214

-Rhinebeck Death Records, 18th & 19th Century, A. Kelly

-Rhinebeck Death Records, 20th Century, Arthur Kelly

-Old Gravestones of Dutchess County, NY, J. W. Poucher
Follow up by finding the gravestones to check those buried in the same plot and nearby.

Cemeteries listings- www.rhinebeckhistory.org

-Steven V.R. Burnett Account Book, 1865-1882 by A. Kelly

-Red Hook Undertaker's Records 1874-1936 by A. Kelly

-Ulster County, Probate Records, (1663-1792) Anjou

-Dutchess County, Probate Records, 1767-1865 A. Kelly

FIND A GRAVE www.findagrave.com

Town Birth Death and Marriage Records

NY Town Vital Records were begun in 1880. They are listed by year. Certificates may be obtained from the Town Clerk for a fee. A microfiche index, by year, of NY vital records is available in the Manuscripts & Archives Room at the New York State Library. NYC & Buffalo, not included.

Consult Indexed Local Church Records

#052 NY Births & Baptisms: Southeastern 1660-1916 CD

#076 Marriage Index, Selected Areas of NY CD

Records transcribed and indexed by Arthur C.M. Kelly:

-St. Paul's, (Zion's) Lutheran, Red Hook 1730-1899

-Reformed Church, Rhinebeck, 1731-1899

-St. Peter's Lutheran Church (Stone Church) 1733-1899

-St. Paul's Lutheran, Wurtemberg 1760-1899

-Vital Records of Upper Red Hook, etc. 1766-1899

-Eight Episcopal Congregations of Rhinebeck Area 1816-99

-Vital Records, Methodist Churches, Rhinebeck 1856-1907

Earlier church records may be found in Kingston Reformed and the New York City Reformed or in the Athens or West Camp, NY Lutheran Churches. www.kinshipny.com



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, built 1786, known locally as Stone Church

Use Census Information 1850+

19th Century church records are not complete during the period after 1850. Census records became more detailed in 1850. Indexed transcripts of the Rhinebeck 1850 & 1865 census are available.

There are **decennial federal census 1790+** (detailed after 1850) and **State census** taken in the years ending in 5 from 1865 +.

A Census index is available on CD for the various years of the federal census. Microfilm of original census is available at Starr Library. Indexed copies of the original federal census are online at

www.familysearch.org or www.ancestry.com

1855 Census of Dutchess County has been lost!!

German Palatine Research

Books by Henry Z Jones, giving towns of origin & much information for the first three generations:

-The Palatine Families of New York 1710, 2 Vol.

-More Palatine Families, 1717-1776, 1710

-Even More Palatine Families, 18th Century, 3 Vol.



Consult Area Resources

-Vertical Research Files:—Surname files containing research by Arthur Kelly, & others are at LH Room. Also see local DAR, Rhinebeck Historical Society, & the Rhinebeck Museum files. www.rhinebeckhistory.org/surnames

Notebooks—Alvah Frost, & George Van Vliet-Dutchess County Historical Society (**DCHS**)- published genealogies, Yearbooks and vertical files

-Dutchess County Genealogical Society (DCGS)

Later Day Saints Library, Red Oaks Mills)

published genealogies & The Dutchess with index..