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FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH in Rhinebeck, NY

Town of Rhinebeck



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Step by Step Suggestions for
Family History Research

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



Suggestions for Family History Research in Rhinebeck



1. **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!

2. **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

3. **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 Adriaance Lib.

4. **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.ancestry.com or www.heritagequest.com

1855 Census of Dutchess County has been lost!!

5. **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.

6. German Palatine Research Many local families have early German origins. 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.

7. **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, Wurttemberg 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 the New York City Reformed, or in the Athens or West Camp, NY Lutheran Churches.



8. **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.

Use Cemeteries listings at- www.rhinebeckhistory.org. Also

-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

9. **Consult Area Resources-Vertical Research Files:—**

Surname files containing research by Artuhr 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..



St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Rt 9, Rhinebeck, built 1786, known locally as Stone Church

Library Resources

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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

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 -

<http://members.dar.org> Choose GRC Index

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

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

Check original sources.

