

Tracing Jewish Families in New York

Report of the activities of the scholar in residence relating to resources within the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society's collections

Overview

Renowned genealogist Michael Waas was appointed as the NYG&B's scholar in residence in the fall of 2023. His expertise and dedication were instrumental in completing the 12-week project in April 2024. The results of his research were not only positive but also revealed a substantially larger volume of materials within the NYG&B's holdings than initially anticipated.

Mr. Waas's research was focused on three key areas, each of which yielded significant findings:

Books and materials within the NYG&B offices: 34.99% were deemed relevant and 15.7% were potentially relevant. An annotated list of these items was developed for publication and distribution (see **Section A below** for a brief listing).

Online collections and resources: Mr. Waas noted the materials were "an extensive resource heretofore underutilized and little known for Jewish genealogists and historians alike." (selected items have been included in Section A).

Materials from the NYG&B's collections held at the New York Public Library (NYPL): The NYG&B's materials at the NYPL comprise more than 28,500 cataloged items and are primarily divided into two types of materials: (1) books and other published items and (2) manuscripts and mixed materials. Given the vast amount of materials to survey, Mr. Waas sampled elements of the collection to gain a greater understanding of relevant collections. In total, 7% of the printed collection was examined, of which 44.5% of resources were relevant to Jewish genealogy and history, including ephemera, family trees, directories, journals, and books. An annotated listing of these items has been developed for eventual publication and distribution (see **Section B below**). A smaller portion of the manuscripts and mixed materials were examined in the time allotted. However, the results indicate numerous relevant collections (see **Section C below**).

Like many other collections, the catalog records and finding aids to the NYG&B's materials at the NYPL often did not include specific references to an item's usefulness for those tracing Jewish families. This is a significant barrier to identifying and accessing these collections. This work is an important first step in raising awareness of these immense resources and providing access to those tracing New York's Jewish population. Mr. Waas concluded his report by noting:

"...there is a significant and valuable collection of materials in the NYG&B collection relating to Jewish genealogy and history, not only in the New York area, but the wider region and even globally. It is an important contribution that will increase knowledge of and access to NYG&B and its materials for the wider Jewish community."

Section A

Selections from NYG&B materials and online collections (held at the NYG&B Office) relevant to Jewish families in New York and elsewhere

Title	Type	Format
New York Biographical Index	Database	Online Search
Veterans Buried in New York (Nationwide Gravesite Locator)	Database	Online Search
Marriage Contract Index, New York City Municipal Archives, 1902-1907	Database	Online Search
New Amsterdam, Minutes of the Orphanmasters Court, 1655 - 1664	Database	Online Search
List of Passengers, 1654 to 1664, Year Book of the Holland Society of New York	Database	Online Search
A List of Early Immigrants to New Netherland	Database	Online Search
Colonial Naturalization Act of 1740 With List of Persons Naturalized 1740-1769	Database	Online Search
Marriage Notices from New York City Newspapers of the 1830s	Database	Online Search
<i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record</i> (all issues)	Database	Online Search
<i>New York Genealogical Research</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Genealogical and Biographical Sources for New York City (Manhattan) 1783-1898</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>German-American Names</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>In Search of your German Roots: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Ancestors in the Germanic Areas of Europe</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Kraków: A Guide to Jewish Genealogy</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Getting Started in Jewish Genealogy: 2013 Edition</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy, 4th Edition</i>	Book	Physical Item

<i>Guide to Naturalization Records of the United States</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Ellis Island: Tracing your Family History Through America's Gateway</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Dates: A User-Friendly Guide</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Mastering Genealogical Proof</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to the Depositories of Manuscript Collections in New York State, Volume 1</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York State Censuses & Substitutes</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, 5th Edition</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York in the American Revolution: A Source Guide for Genealogists and Historians</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Resources in New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Resources in New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York State Towns, Villages, and Cities: A Guide to Genealogical Sources</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Encyclopedia of New York City: Second Edition</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Gotham: A History of New York City to 1898</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Manuscript Depositories in New York City</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Inventory of the County and Borough Archives of New York City: Richmond County and Borough, vol. 1</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Inventory of the County and Borough Archives of New York City: Richmond County and Borough, vol. 2</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Inventory of the County Archives of New York City: Kings County</i>	Book	Physical Item

<i>Broome County Archives: Inventory of the County Archives of New York State</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Albany County Archives: Inventory of the County Archives of New York State</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Chemung County Archives: Inventory of the County Archives of New York State</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Inventory of the Borough Archives in the City of New York: Bronx Borough</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Calendar of Dutch Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State Albany, New York 1630-1664</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Calendar of British Historical Manuscripts in the Office of the Secretary of State Albany, New York 1664-1776</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Inventory of the County Archives of New York City: Bronx County</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Records in the New York State Archives</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Public Vital Statistics Records in New York State, Vol. 3 Death Records</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Public Vital Statistics Records in New York State, Vol. 1 Birth Records</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York State Probate Records: a Genealogist's Guide to Testate and Intestate Records</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Jewish Roots in Poland: Pages from the Past and Archival Inventories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Where Once We Walked, Revised Edition</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Gazetteer of the Kingdom of Hungary</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1871-1876, Vol. 4</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1864-1870, Vol. 3</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1856-1863, Vol. 2</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald 1835-1855, Vol. 1</i>	Book	Physical Item

<i>Lists of Inhabitants of Colonial New York: excerpted from the Documentary History of the State of New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Soldiers in the Civil War, Volume 2, L-Z</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Soldiers in the Civil War, Volume 1, A-k</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Tree Talks, June 2014, Vol. 54, no. 2</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Data from Administration Papers from the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674, 2004 supplement</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674, Vol. IV</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674, Vol. III</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674, Vol. II</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherland from 1613 to 1674, Vol. I</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Calendar of Wills, 1626-1836</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Denizations, Naturalizations, and Oaths of Allegiance in Colonial New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Jewish Community of Long Island</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources Kings County (Brooklyn), Vol. 3</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources Kings County (Brooklyn), Vol. 2</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources Kings County (Brooklyn), Vol. 1</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Place Names of Franklin County New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Encyclopedia of the Colonial Americas</i>	Book	Physical Item

<i>New York Wills and Inventories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Marriage Bonds 1753-1783</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Best of New York Archives: Selections from the Magazine, 2001-2011</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>City of Dreams</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Greater Gotham: A History of New York City from 1898 to 1919</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Dutch New York: The Roots of Hudson Valley Culture</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Westchester County: A History</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources: Westchester County</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Guide to Genealogical Research for Westchester County, New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources in Richmond County (Staten Island) New York Repositories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources in Queens County, New York Repositories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources in Putnam County, New York Repositories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources in Orange County, New York Repositories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Guide to Historical Resources in Bronx County, New York Repositories</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Fifty years on Fifth 1907-1957</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Cemeteries of The Bronx</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Graveyard Shift: A Family Historian's Guide to New York City Cemeteries</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Stories in Stone: New York</i>	Book	Physical Item

<i>Index of Marriages and Deaths in New York Weekly Museum, L-Z</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index of Marriages and Deaths in New York Weekly Museum, A-K</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Inhabitants of New York 1774-1776</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index, Names of Principals, Abstracts of Wills 1665-1800 on File in the Surrogate's Office City of New York</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The New York Foundling Hospital: An Index to Its Federal, State, and Local Census Records (1870-1925)</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The Lost Synagogues of Manhattan, Including Shuls from Staten Island and Governors Island</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Beverwijck: A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Secretary of State Calendar of N.Y. Colonial Manuscripts Indorsed Land Papers in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York 1643-1803</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Records of the Chancery Court, Province and State of New York: guardianships, 1691-1815</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>"Duely & Constantly Kept": A History of the New York Supreme Court, and an Inventory of its Records</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Data from the New York Post-Boy 1743-173</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record: 113 Years, Master Index, 1870-1982</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Subject Index of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volumes I to XXXVIII</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Subject Index to Articles in The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record 1983-2011 (Volumes 114-142)</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Index to Marriage and Death Notices in the New-Yorker Staats-Zeitung, 1836-1870</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Harry's Guide to New York Probate Records</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Birth, Marriage, and Death Records</i>	Book	Physical Item

<i>Naturalizations in the Marine Court, New York City, 1834-1840</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Naturalizations in the Marine Court, New York City, 1827-1835</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Coroners' Reports New York City, 1843-1849</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Coroners' Reports New York City, 1823-1842</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Data from Further New York Administration Bonds, 1791-1798</i>	Book	Physical Item
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<i>New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer, Revised Edition, Part One</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer, Revised Edition, Part Two</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Tracing Immigrants through the Port of New York: Early National Period to 1924</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>New York City Municipal Archives: An Authorized Guide for Family Historians</i>	Book	Physical Item
<i>Genealogical Data from Inventories of New York Estates 1666-1825</i>	Book	Physical Item
"The Lewish Family of New York and Poughkeepsie," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1929, p. 60	Book	Physical Item
"The Colonial Naturalization Act of 1740," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1963, p. 94	Book	Physical Item
"Asser Levy's Estate," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1971, p. 102	Book	Physical Item
"Accessions to the Library," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1910, p. 41	Book	Physical Item
"Necrology of Members," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1938, p. 69	Book	Physical Item
"The Salmon Records," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1948, p. 278	Book	Physical Item
"Baptismal Records, Zion Lutheran Church, Loonenburg, Greene Co., N.Y.," <i>The NYG&B Record</i>: 1953, p. 84	Book	Physical Item

"A list of Early Immigrants to New Netherland," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1883, p. 14	Book	Physical Item
"Book Reviews," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1940, p. 71	Book	Physical Item
"The Descendants of William Edwards," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1961, p. 92	Book	Physical Item
"The Descendants of Rev. Benjamin Woolsey," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1873, p. 4	Book	Physical Item
"The Descendants of William Edwards," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1941, p. 72	Book	Physical Item
"Jonathan Copp, Younger Son of William Copp of Copp's Hill, Boston," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1948, p. 79	Book	Physical Item
"Congress During the Rebellion," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1882, p. 13	Book	Physical Item
"Rogers Lineage," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1884, p. 15	Book	Physical Item
"Birth and Death Records in New York Conveyances, 1687-1704: Early New York City Jewish Families," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 2009, p. 140	Book	Physical Item
"Genealogical Data from N.Y. Gazette-Mercury, 1772," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1971, p. 102	Book	Physical Item
"Tax List of New York City in the year 1676," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1871, p. 2	Book	Physical Item
"Additions and Corrections," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1952, p. 83	Book	Physical Item
"L'Estrange," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1871, p. 2	Book	Physical Item
"Small Burghers of New Amsterdam New Document, New Names," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 2010, p. 141	Book	Physical Item
"Book Reviews," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1940, p. 71	Book	Physical Item
"Book Reviews," <i>The NYG&B Record</i> : 1938, p. 69	Book	Physical Item
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Section B

Selections from NYG&B Books and Printed Collections (held at the New York Public Library) relevant to Jewish families in New York and elsewhere

Title	Type	Format
Annual report of the town officers of Brookline for the year ending December 31 ...	Book	Physical Item
Directory of Officers and Students - Winter Session 1936-1937	Book	Physical Item
Directory of Officers and Students - Winter Session 1936-1937, Supplement	Book	Physical Item
Directory of members - American Association on Mental Deficiency.	Book	Physical Item
Guide to historical resources in Albany County, New York, repositories.	Book	Physical Item
Guide to historical resources in Albany County, New York, repositories.	Book	Physical Item
Guide to historical resources in Albany County, New York, repositories.	Book	Physical Item
Guide to historical resources in Dutchess County, New York repositories.	Book	Physical Item
A Biographical directory of the Indiana General Assembly / compiled and edited by Rebecca A. Shepherd ... [et al.].	Book	Physical Item
Genealogical Society of Rockland County newsletter.	Book	Physical Item
Genealogical Society of Rockland County newsletter.	Book	Physical Item
Genealogical Society of Rockland County newsletter.	Book	Physical Item

Genealogical Society of Rockland County newsletter.	Book	Physical Item
In their words : a genealogist's translation guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian documents / by Jonathan D. Shea and William F. Hoffman.	Book	Physical Item
The Blue book of the Hamptons.	Book	Physical Item
Who's who.	Book	Physical Item
Goshen Independent republican marriage notices / compiled by Robert W. Brennan.	Book	Physical Item
The Louisiana Portrait Gallery / John Burton Harter and Mary Louise Tucker.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / New York University, Washington Square & University College of Arts and Science.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / University of Florida.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / St. John's University.	Book	Physical Item
Williams College alumni directory.	Book	Physical Item
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Williams College alumni directory.	Book	Physical Item
Society of American Wars, Commandery of the State of New York, chartered Dec. 16, 1909.	Book	Physical Item
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Society of American Wars, Commandery of the State of New York, chartered Dec. 16, 1909.	Book	Physical Item
Army list and directory: officers of the Army of the United States: army, division, and department commanders and staff.	Book	Physical Item
Middlebury College alumni directory.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / Queensborough Community College, the City University of New York.	Book	Physical Item
Physicians' obituaries: an obituary index to the Journal of the American Medical Association.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / Trinity College.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / Trinity College.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory of the Harvard Law School.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory of the Harvard Law School.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / Pratt Institute.	Book	Physical Item
Alumni directory / Pratt Institute.	Book	Physical Item

Alumni directory / New York University, School of Education, Health, Nursing, and Arts Professions.	Book	Physical Item
Guide to depositories of manuscript collections in New York state (exclusive of New York city) / prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Community Service Programs, Work Projects Administration.	Book	Physical Item
Guide to depositories of manuscript collections in New York state (exclusive of New York city) / prepared by the Historical Records Survey, Division of Community Service Programs, Work Projects Administration.	Book	Physical Item
Archival anecdotes / Friends of the Silvio O. Conte National Archives.	Book	Physical Item
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Directory of the University.	Book	Physical Item
Quest / the Jewish Genealogical Society of Connecticut.	Book	Physical Item
Yonkers history.	Book	Physical Item
East European genealogist.	Book	Physical Item
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The New-York Historical Society newsletter.	Book	Physical Item
St. George's bulletin: Alumni/ae Magazine of St. George's School, Newport, R.I.	Book	Physical Item

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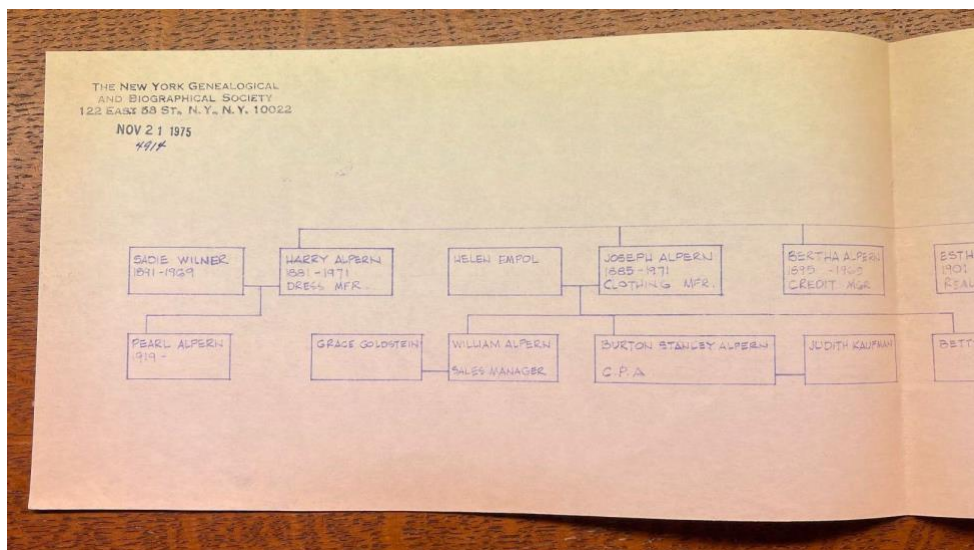
A Sample of Selections from NYG&B Manuscript Collections (held at the New York Public Library) relevant to Jewish families in New York and elsewhere

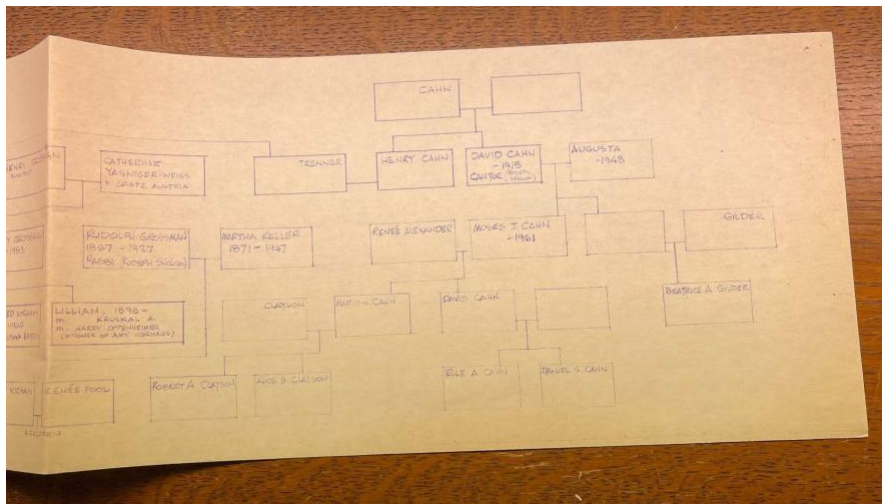
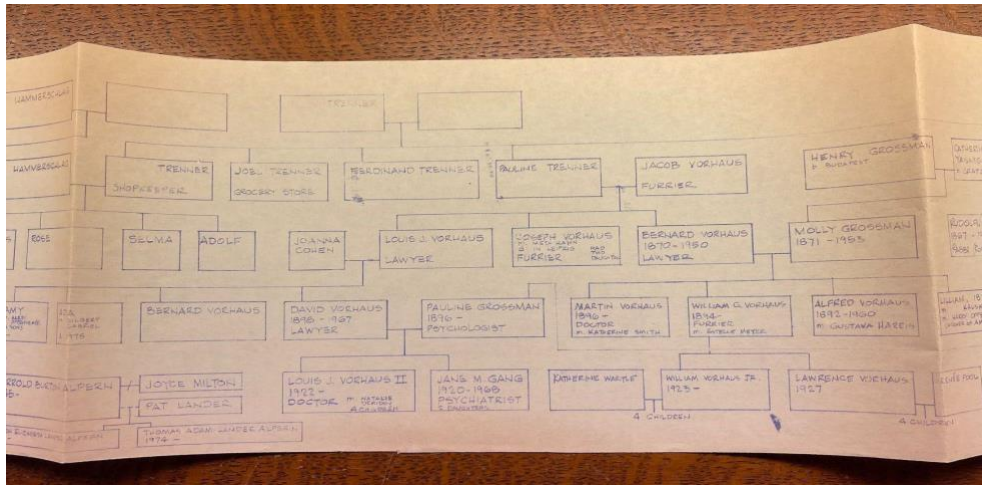
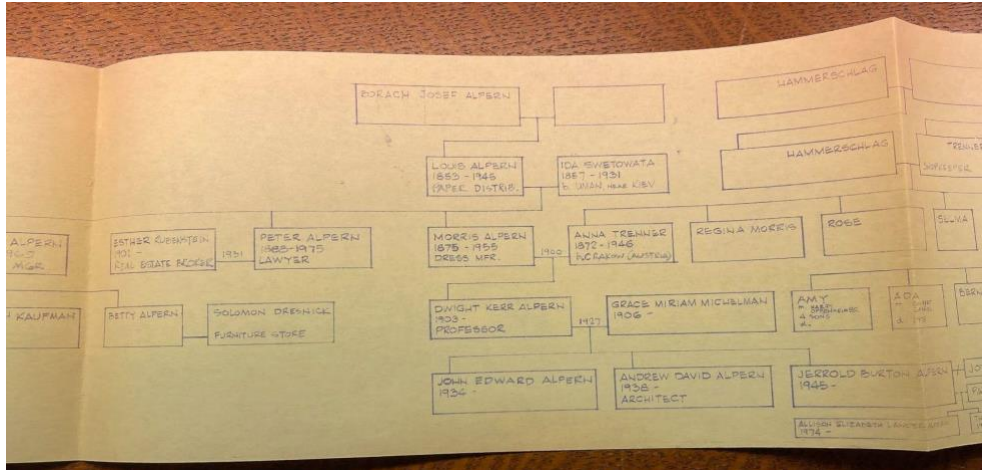
Descendants of Borach Josef Alpern, 1975.

Call number: NYGB Fam 2008-069

Description:

Handwritten chart of the descendants of Borach Josef Alpern. Details typically include years of birth and death, an occupation, sometimes where they were from (for example, the daughter-in-law of Borach, Ida née Swetowata, 1857-1931, b. Uman, near Kiev), and if they were divorced, also noted. It appears to have been put together by the descendants of Borach’s grandson, Morris Alpern and his wife, Anna Trenner as the tree includes the Trenner side of the family, most likely by his son Dwight Kerr Alpern, professor. Family names include: Alpern, Wilner, Empol, Goldstein, Kaufman, Rubenstein, Dresnick, Trenner, Michelman, Milton, Lander, Hammerschlag, Morris, Oppenheimer, Gabriel, Vorhaus, Gang, Grossman, Kruskal, Meyer, Demidov, Yasniger-Weiss, Pool, Wartle, Keller, Cohen, Harris, Cahn, Alexander, Clayson, and Gilder. Locations mentioned include Gratz, Austria, Krakow, Budapest, Uman, Leipzig. Also noted on the tree are David Cahn (d. 1915), Cantor of Rodeph Sholom and Rudolph Grossman (1867-1927), rabbi of Rodeph Sholom.





New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Collection locale files

[sample selections]

Box 4, Folder 13

Bronx, New York Woodlawn Cemetery (Includes Newsletters, Maps List of Names)

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 4

Description:

This folder contains newsletters, guides, maps, and lists of names of burials in Woodlawn Cemetery. Woodlawn Cemetery contains primarily non-Jewish burials but, as a non-sectarian cemetery, does include Jewish burials; for example, Fritz Kreisler, Austrian Jewish violinist and mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, whose mother was Jewish. Maps of the cemetery go back to 1916 and include some annotations, though none are relevant necessarily for Jewish research.

Contains list of reburials from the Harlem Dutch Reformed Church (names, no other details), copy of a page from the *NYG&B Record*, v. 80 (1949) that lists the organization's reburials in Woodlawn and what lot numbers they occupy

Box 4, Folder 16

Brooklyn, New York Boys High School Graduating Class 1910-1911

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 4

Description:

This folder contains a transcription of the graduating classes of June 1910, September 1910, and February 1911 of the Boys High School in Brooklyn, New York, from the yearbook "Red and Black, 1910". There are many Jews in here; for example, Samuel Scholkow, Louis Silberstein (February 1910), Allen M. Chaimowitz (June 1910), and Max Chernofsky (February 1911). The details include what class, extracurriculars, and if they aren't yet planning on college or where they are going to college.

Box 4, Folder 20

Brooklyn, New York Greenwood Cemetery

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 4

Description:

This folder contains an article, an annotated map, and list of burials associated with the plot of Ira and Mary Bogardus. Greenwood Cemetery contains primarily non-Jewish burials but, as a non-sectarian cemetery, does include Jewish burials; for example, Leonard Bernstein. This folder is of limited use for Jewish historians and genealogists but is still worth noting for the map.

Box 4, Folder 29

Brooklyn, New York Wards and Districts

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 4

Description:

This folder contains mostly hand-drawn maps and lists of the ward boundaries for Brooklyn on the censuses spanning 1800-1905. This is useful spatially for Jewish genealogists and historians looking into the early Brooklyn Jewish community that established itself by 1848, though individual Jews had already settled in Brooklyn a decade earlier. Since many of the early censuses do not have actual addresses, these provide a good guide for understanding spatially where individuals and families were located.

Box 11, Folder 19

Florida 1838-1839 (Florida Constitutional Convention - Delegates)

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 11

Description:

This folder contains a typewritten list of delegates to the Florida Constitutional Convention of 1838-1839. It includes names, county represented, date and place of birth, and date and place of death, if known. It is relevant as it lists the details of David Levy Yulee (née Levy) who was born 1810 in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (listed as West Indies) and died October 10, 1886, in New York City. He appears to have been the only Jewish delegate.

Box 26, Folder 4

New York, New York Declarations of Intent 1847-1852

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 26

Description:

This folder contains a typewritten list of Declarations of Intent to naturalize found in the Southern District Court of New York. The information includes name, former nationality, and date of declaration. There are several Jews here, such as Moses Elieas Frieman from Saxe Minigen Hildburghausen [*sic*] who declared December 4, 1848, and Amschel Jakobi from Bavaria, who declared September 21, 1849.

Folder 7

New York, New York Independent [Masonic] Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 1813-1989 (Presented by John M. Hilliard)

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 26

Description:

As a deist, nonsectarian organization, Masonic lodges have always had Jews as members. In this case, this collection contains photocopies of original ledgers, including dates, signatures of members, and address. On page 102, for example, there is a Louis Frenkel, living at 42 East 11th Street, New York City. Based on the context, it looks like he became a member circa 1897. While it is possible that he wasn't Jewish, he should be considered for further investigation. This collection is worth exploring if you suspect or know that your ancestor or the individual you are researching was a member of the Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 in New York City. Collection ends in 1989.

Box 27, Folder 10

New York [Manhattan], New York Five Points (Clipping; New York's Mythic Slum by Rebecca Yamin)

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 27

Description:

This folder contains a copy of Rebecca Yamin's article on the archaeology and history of Five Points. One of the families she discusses is a German Jewish family.

Box 27, Folder 11

New York, New York County, New York Ellis Island 1987-1992 (Bibliography)

Call number: NYGB Loc 2008-001 Box 27

Description:

This folder contains a bibliography prepared between 1987 and 1992 by the Statue of Liberty National Monument library of all materials in its library, including books, manuscripts, reports, and periodicals. While not specifically Jewish, this bibliography points to different sources of interest on the Ellis Island immigrant experience.