



Spotlight on Orleans County Research

**Saturday,
April 22nd
2017**

Schedule:

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

*Welcome and
Society Business*

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Part I: Presentation

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Part II: Presentation

Location:

**Buffalo & Erie County
Public Library –
Central Branch**

Central Meeting Room
1 Lafayette Circle
Buffalo, New York 14203

Cost:

**Free and open to the
public.**

Part I: Understanding the Orleans County Department of History with County Historian Matthew Ballard

The frontier wilderness that was Orleans County was a stopping point for thousands of pioneers traveling from New England to western lands. The Orleans County Department of History is a frequent “first stop” for genealogists looking for information about early settlers and families who passed through the region in the early half of the nineteenth century.

However, the collections within the historian’s office are different from what one might find in other offices and historical societies throughout Western New York. This program will highlight what the Orleans County Historian has and does not have in regards to collections and information.



Image courtesy of Orleans County Dept. of History

Part II: Family Farming in Orleans County with Local Genealogist and Author Holly Ricci-Canham

Genealogist, Founding President of the Orleans County Genealogical Society, and local author Holly Ricci-Canham has just released her latest work, *Mom & Pop Farming in Orleans County: The Past Brought To Life*. Praised by the local historical community, the book includes nearly 400 photographs and 150 farmer interviews. After two years of extensive research, she will discuss the project and offer an intimate profile of a nearly vanished local lifestyle – one filled with hard work and close-knit communities centered around neighborhood churches and schools.

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