

## Our Shared History. Our Shared Purpose.

Western New York's strategic location on the Great Lakes has made it both a terminus and gateway of migration. First home to Native American communities, the region was later settled primarily by New Englanders following the Revolutionary War. The opening of the Erie Canal provided an easy route west, attracting the first of many waves of immigrants from Europe. Many people remained in the area and have been followed by immigrants from around the world.

The Western New York Genealogical Society was founded in 1974 to help preserve and encourage interest in the area's rich genealogical heritage. Our work focuses on the eight counties of Western New York that originally comprised the Holland Land Company Purchase.



### Society Objectives:

- To facilitate the collection and preservation of genealogical records relating to the history and peoples of Western New York's eight counties.
- To make these records available to researchers.
- To further genealogical knowledge and research through education.
- To foster record preservation by government agencies, organizations, and individuals.

**Western New York Genealogical Society, Inc.**

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Visit us online at [www.wnygs.org](http://www.wnygs.org).

## Membership Application

WNYGS is a 501(c)(3) Not for Profit Corporation.

## Member Benefits.

**MINIMUM OF FOUR MEETINGS** per year featuring speakers, workshops, and member field trips. Programming may also include additional webinar opportunities throughout the year.

**SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WNYGS JOURNAL.** Each quarter (June, September, December, and March), you will receive a *JOURNAL* issue which includes such content as unpublished records, articles, research strategies, best practices, and upcoming society, regional, and national events.

**USE OF THE JUNE ZINTZ PARTRIDGE MEMORIAL LIBRARY.** Located in the Grosvenor Room of the Central Library (BECPL – downtown Buffalo), our reference collection includes more than 3,000 books, 900 reels of microfilm, and hundreds of genealogical and historical periodicals. Additionally, our library contains such unique society resources as the *Vital Index of Early Western New York Families* and other previously submitted member Ancestor Charts, Surname Lists, and Locality Lists.

**PARTICIPATION IN SOCIETY SERVICE INITIATIVES** including the Bible and Marriage Records Project and other transcription, indexing, and record microfilming/digitization efforts.

**COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION.** Share, learn, break down brick walls, and get the latest updates by visiting the WNYGS website and Facebook Group and by reading our monthly *Member Alerts*.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.** Help WNY descendants and researchers today and in the future by sharing your time, skills, and expertise with the Society.

### Questions?

Email the Registrar at [registrar@wnygs.org](mailto:registrar@wnygs.org).  
Additional membership forms may be found at  
[www.wnygs.org/membership.html](http://www.wnygs.org/membership.html)

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### For Registrar Use Only

Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Check # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Report # \_\_\_\_\_ Volume \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(For Family Memberships, please list the names of all participating individuals in the same household.)*

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

*Full zip code is necessary for mailing of the JOURNAL.*

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Annual Membership</b>	Individual	\$20.00	\$
	Junior*(18 and younger)	\$10.00	
	Family	\$25.00	
	Societies & Libraries	\$22.00	
<b>Life Membership</b> Multiple payments MUST be completed within one year. Please indicate your payment preference.	Individual	\$350.00	\$
	Family	\$500.00	
			<input type="checkbox"/> One Time Payment
			<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annual
<b>Unrestricted Donation</b>			\$
		<b>TOTAL DUE</b>	\$

Start date for membership: 1 May 20\_\_\_\_\_

*Our membership year runs May through April. If joining mid-year, back issues of the JOURNAL will be sent electronically.*

Which format of *JOURNAL* do you want? (Choose one.)

\*NOTE: Junior Members will receive the *JOURNAL* electronically

Electronic (Link to PDF via email)     Paper (sent via USPS Bulk Mail)

Would you be interested in becoming a Society volunteer? (Check any/all that apply.)

Accounting/Finance     Events/Hospitality     Graphic Design     Indexing/Transcribing  
 Lectures/Workshops     Library Volunteer     Marketing/Publicity     Writing Articles



Please mail your completed form and payment (payable to "WNYGS") to:

**Sandi Russo, WNYGS - Registrar, 1100 Stony Point Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072-2713**