

1 **New York Research**

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2 **Getting Started in New York State**

- Prepare to be overwhelmed
 - Typical: by lack of records
 - New York: by abundance of records
- Access online guides
- Grab your computer glasses & notebook
- Get out the Oreos and milk

3 **Access Sites that Teach**

1 Basics

2 ➤ FamilySearch.org

- Wiki

- Catalog

- FindMyPast.com

- Ancestry.com

3 Important Extras

4 ➤ Resource books

- Social media

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4 **FamilySearch.org/wiki**5 **New York Record Finder (2)**6 **FindMyPast.com and NYG&BS**

- Partner with New York Genealogical & Biographical Society
- Digital content online at FindMyPast.com
- NYG&BS publications
- Huge reference book: *New York Family History Research Guide and Gazetteer*
2015. Softcover, 8.5 x 11, 856 pages, including place-name index. ISBN: 978-0-692-31998-7; \$65
(at Santa Clara City Library – genealogy reference)

“For centuries, New York has been the New World’s gateway, the first address of families searching for better lives for themselves and their descendants. Now, thanks to the astonishing efforts of the NYG&B, those descendants have a single port of entry for researching the past. This volume is certain to become the standard for the nation and an indispensable resource for anyone hoping to retrace ancestral journeys in—and beyond—the Empire State.” -- Henry Louis Gates

7 **The Beekman Patent (Dutchess Co.)**

- Henry Beekman granted land by the English crown, 1697
- Frank Dougherty bought property and was curious about its history
- Some digital available through FamilySearch.org
- Some good references, some junk
- Project taken over by New England Historic Genealogical Society

- At least 12 volumes – some out of print



8 **Web resources**

- Facebook groups for locations, surnames, topics (example: search Facebook for *new york genealogy*)
- Surname search
- Book search (books.google.com) for locations, surnames, full names
- History
- Counties
- Military records
- Land records
- Trace neighbors, extended family
- Church records

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