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## Genealogy Resources in the Gremms-Doolittle Library A Quick Reference Guide

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Schenectady ancestors by the centuries:  
a quick reference guide for sources from the 1600s to the present

### 1600s

Biographies  
Church histories  
Church records  
Clipping files  
Family files  
Genealogies  
Genealogy periodicals  
Historic manuscripts collection  
Index of public records for Albany County  
Local histories  
Passenger lists  
Records – court minutes, mortgages, wills,  
correspondence, etc. in Albany County  
section

### 1700s

Biographies  
Cemetery records  
Church histories  
Church records  
Clipping files  
Documents collection  
Family files  
French and Indian War – muster rolls,  
histories, etc.  
Genealogies  
Genealogy periodicals  
Historic manuscripts collection  
House history information (Applications  
for historic markers, building structure  
inventory forms, etc.)  
Passenger lists  
Revolutionary War – committee of  
correspondence, pension abstracts,  
histories, etc.  
Tax lists  
Index of public records for Albany County  
Local histories  
Newspapers on microfilm (*Mohawk Mercury*  
1795-1798)

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## 1800s

Assessment rolls  
Schenectady – 1813, 1816; Duanesburg – latter  
1800s; Glenville – 1821, 1822, 1828

Biographies

Cemetery records

Census records – Federal

Census records – New York State

Church histories

Church records

City directories

Civil War – muster rolls, regimental histories,  
rosters of soldiers, etc.

Clipping files

Documents collection

Family files

Genealogy periodicals

Historic manuscripts collection

House history information (Applications for  
historic markers, building structure  
inventory forms, etc.)

Index of public records for Albany County

Legal papers – court of common pleas, 1810-1811

Local histories

Maps

Naturalization records on microfilm

Newspapers – bound volumes, extracts and  
notes, microfilm

Paige Diaries

Passenger lists

Photographs

School reports (Duanesburg, Glenville,  
Niskayuna, and Rotterdam)

Scrapbooks

“Tales of Old Dorp” newspaper columns

Vital records indexes from newspapers

War of 1812 – pension abstracts, histories, etc.

Wills and probate records on microfilm.

## 1900s

Almshouse records

Assessment rolls  
Schenectady 1910; Duanesburg to 1907

Biographies

Cemetery records

Census records – Federal

Census records – New York State

City directories

Church histories

Church records

Clipping files

Documents collection

Family files

Genealogies and genealogy periodicals

House history information (Applications  
for historic markers, building  
structure inventory forms, etc.)

Maps

Marriage records on microfilm

Naturalization records on microfilm

Local histories

Newspapers – bound volumes

Obituary cards

Photographs

Scholarship reports from some local  
schools

Scrapbooks

“Tales of Old Dorp” newspaper columns

Telephone books

Tidball “Old Dorp” scrapbooks  
(obituaries and news clippings)

Vital records indexes from newspapers

Voter enrollment lists

Wills and probate records on microfilm

Yearbooks

## Census Records for Schenectady County in the Gremms-Doolittle Library

**(M) = Microfilm copy      (T) = Transcribed copy      (I) = Indexed**

### Colonial Era Censuses and Census Substitutes

- 1684 Freeholders of Albany County – See *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, v. 3, p. 71.  
1697 Schenectady census (See Misc. 326)  
1699 Schenectady census (See LM 404)  
1708-1761 Patentees, Schenectady – See *Mohawk* v. 9, n. 4-v. 10, n. 3.  
1718/9 Schenectady tax list (See LM 488)  
1720 Freeholders of the City and County of Albany. See O’Callaghan *Documentary History of the State of New York*, v. 1, p. 241.  
1737-1738 Schenectady tax list (See Misc. 421)  
1750 list of Schenectady inhabitants  
1763 Freeholders of the City and County of Albany – from *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*. See clipping file – Schenectady City – History – Colonial period – Census/Tax lists.  
1766 Schenectady tax list – printed in *Upstate New York in the 1760s* by Florence Christoph, p. 114-122.

### Federal Census

1790 (T)(I)	1850 (M)(T)(I)	1900 (M)
1800 (M)(T)(I)	1860 (M)	1910 (M)
1810 (M)(T)(I)	1870 (M)	1920 (M)
1820 (M)(T)(I)	1880 (M)	1930 (M)
1830 (M)	1890 (Veterans and	
1840 (M)	Widows)(M)	

Federal census records are also accessible through the Library’s subscription to Ancestry ([www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)). Researchers are welcome to use our computers for access to Ancestry.

### New York State Census

- 1835 (M)(T)(I)  
1845 (T – Rotterdam only. See *Mohawk* v. 8, no. 3-v. 9, no. 1)  
1855 (M)(T)(I)  
1865 (M)(T)(I)  
1875 (M)  
1892 (M)(T – Schenectady Ward 1, dist. 1 only)  
1905 (M)  
1915 (M)  
1925 (M)

## Clipping file headings that may be of help to genealogy researchers

Biographies

Businesses (See also headings for ALCO, Boat building, Bottles and bottling, Department stores, Fire departments, Funeral homes, GE, Hospitals, Hotels and taverns, Industries, Livery stables, Movie making, Newspapers, Police departments, Radio, Railroads, Refuse and refuse disposal, Restaurants, Telephone, Television, Transportation)

Churches

Disasters/Crime – See headings for Crime and Criminals, Fires, Floods, Ghosts, Massacre of 1690, Natural Disasters, Storms.

Ethnic groups – See headings for Afghanis, African Americans, Chinese, Czechs, Dutch, French, Germans, Greeks, Guyanese, Hispanic Community, Indians, Irish, Italians, Jews, Polish, Scots, Welsh, Yances. For other groups, see: Senior Citizens, Women.

Historic houses

History (for specific periods or wars)

Maps

Memorials and monuments

Neighborhoods and historic districts – See headings for Bellevue, GE Realty Plot, Goose Hill, Hamilton Hill, Little Italy, Mont Pleasant, Stockade, Union Triangle, Woodlawn

Political affiliation – See headings for Democratic Party, Politics and Government, Republican Party, Socialist Party

Occupations – See headings for Authors, Inventors, Lawyers, Music and musicians, Nurses and nursing, Occupations, Undertakers, Peddlers, Photographers, Physicians, Police, Postal Service, Postmasters. See also Civilian Conservation Corps, National Guard.

Organizations – See Organizations heading. See also headings for Anti-Slavery movement, Civil rights, Labor Disputes, Labor Unions, Temperance movement.

Schools

Streets

Sports – See headings for Baseball, Basketball, Bicycles and bicycling, Bobsledding, Golf, Sports.