

Locality Guide

Onondaga County, New York

Manlius and Pompey Towns, 1790-1820

The purpose of this guide is to identify research sources before 1820 in Onondaga County, New York with a focus on Manlius and Pompey Towns.

If a digital source exists, I've omitted references to archival or microfilmed copies.

Historical Background

- 1772 Tryon County created from Albany County, 12 Mar.
- 1784 Renamed Montgomery County, 2 Apr.
- 1790 Pompey Town formed, July 3.
- 1791 Revolutionary soldiers drew for lots on Military tract, 1 Jan.
- 1791 Lost to creation of Herkimer, Otsego and Tioga, 16 Feb.
- 1794 Onondaga County created from Herkimer and Tioga, 5 Mar.
- 1799 Cayuga County created from Onondaga, 8 Mar.
- 1808 Cortland County created from Onondaga, 8 Apr.
- 1816 Oswego County created from Onondaga, 1 Mar.
- 1828 Onondaga and Cayuga exchanged land establishing current boundaries.

A [Timeline](#) 1654 -1994 compiled by the Onondaga County Public Library

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- Long, John, ed. *New York Atlas of Historical Boundaries.*: New York : Simon & Schuster, 1993.
- Thorndale, William, and William Dollarhide. *Map Guide to the U.S. Federal Censuses, 1790-1920*. Baltimore: Genealogical Pub. Co., 1987.

Census Records

- The earliest federal census for Onondaga County is 1800. In 1790, Onondaga County was part of Montgomery County, New York. Index and images available at [Ancestry.com](#).
- New York State censuses for 1825, 1835, and 1845 do not survive for Onondaga County.
- Manlius was incorrectly microfilmed in 1820 and appears in neighboring Cicero Town. See [American Pomeroy Historic Genealogical Association](#) web site for a corrected index.

Vital Records

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| Births | 1883 | City of Syracuse starts at 1873 |
| Marriages | 1883 | Onondaga Clerk has 1908-1938 |
| Deaths | 1883 | |
| Divorce | Pre-1787 | Rare – granted by governor or legislature |
| | 1787-1847 | Court of Chancery. -- see <u>Chancery decrees and papers before 1800, 1684-1815</u> at the <u>New York State Archives</u> |

Marriage Substitutes

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- 1664–1784 New York. Secretary of State, *Names of Persons for Whom Marriage Licenses Were Issued By the Secretary of the Province of New York, Previous to 1784* (Albany, New York: Weed, Parsons and Co., 1860). At Cornell University [digital library](#)-free; [Internet Archive](#) - free; [Ancestry edition](#)(\$); Marriage bonds issued in the State of New York prior to 1784, and the earliest record dating 1664.
- 1686-1980 [New York Marriages, 1686–1890](#) at [FamilySearch Historical Records](#) – free; Index. Index entries derived from digital copies of original and compiled records.
- 1800–1855 [New York Marriage Notices](#) at [Ancestry](#)– (\$); Index. This database is a collection of marriage notices published in newspapers around the state. Contains name of bride and groom, marriage date, marriage location, residence, and newspaper found in.
- 1801–1880 [Barber Collection- Newspaper Marriages](#) at [Ancestry](#)– (\$); Index. Information extracted from the "Brooklyn Eagle" and the "New York Evening Post."
- 1810-1918 - [Onondaga County, New York - Various Marriage Records](#)
- 1813–1850 Fred Q. Bowman, *10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1813-1850* (Baltimore, MD:Genealogical Pub. Co., 1986). [Ancestry](#)(\$); [World Vital Records](#)(\$); Abstracted from newspaper marriage and death columns.
[Linkpendium Vital Records Genealogy and Family History.](#)
[Skaneateles Historical Society](#), births, marriages, deaths.

Death Substitutes

- 1795–1952 [New York Deaths and Burials, 1795-1952](#) at [FamilySearch Historical Records](#) – free; Index. The entries are primarily from the IGI along with some entries derived from compiled and original records such as Family Records, Church Records, and Civil Registration. There may be entries that cite a specific source.
- 1801–1890 [Barber Collection- Newspaper Deaths](#) at [Ancestry](#)– (\$); Index. Information extracted from the "Brooklyn Eagle" and the "New York Evening Post."
- 1813–1850 Fred Q. Bowman, *10,000 Vital Records of Central New York, 1813-1850* (Baltimore, MD:Genealogical Pub. Co., 1986). [Ancestry](#)(\$); [World Vital Records](#)(\$); Abstracted from newspaper marriage and death columns.
[Linkpendium Vital Records Genealogy and Family History.](#)
[Online New York Death Records, Indexes & Obituaries \(alphabetical by county\)](#)
[Skaneateles Historical Society](#), births, marriages, deaths.

Cemetery

- [Onadaga County Cemeteries \(NYGenWeb\)](#)
- [Onondaga County Cemeteries \(Findagrave\)](#)

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Probate Records

Probate records including original estates and wills for New York are held in the office of the [Onondaga County, New York County Surrogate Court](#) beginning in 1787, or when the county was formed. Prior to 1787, most are housed at the [New York State Archives](#).

Online Abstracts and Indexes

1787-1835 [Abstracts of Wills, Administrations and Guardianships in NY State, 1787 - 1835](#) at [New York Ancestors](#) (\$); includes Onondaga County, New York.[8]

1796-1841 [Onondaga County, NY: Abstracts of Wills 1796-1841](#) at [New York Ancestors](#) (\$).

1796-1867 [SAMPUBCO](#) Browsable index of testators of wills.

1796-1867 [Onondaga County will abstracts](#), courtesy: [NYGenWeb](#).

1815-1849 [Onondaga County, NY: Guardianship Records, 1815-1849](#) at [New York Ancestors](#) (\$).

[New York, Probate Records, 1629-1971](#) – Digital images from FamilySearch. Onondaga County: Probate index, 1802-1923; Wills, 1796-1867; Proceedings, Decrees, Orders, 1821-1868; Dower records, 1830-1879; Guardianship appointments, 1824-1873; Guardianship index, 1824-1960; Letters of administration, 1852-1866; Letters of guardianship, Proceedings, 1824-1829; Letters of testamentary, 1852-1867; Letters, 1830-1852; Real estate records, 1831-1881;

Court Records

- Common rules and minutes of common pleas, 1807-1853. Common rules 1841-1842, 1816-1818
Common pleas 1813-1816 - FHC #1010723; Common pleas 1818-1820, Common rules 1820-1827 - FHC #1010724; Common pleas 1807-1812, Common rules 1842-1848, FHC #1010726. Available on [FHC microfilm](#).

Land Records

Onondaga land records begin in 1794 and are housed at the Onondaga County Clerk's Office in Syracuse. Some early land records were filed in Cayuga County. Deeds and indexes are available online from FHC:

- [Abstracts of patents, 1823-1882](#) Onondaga County (New York). County Clerk
- [Awards, 1798-1802](#) Onondaga County (New York). Onondaga Commissioners
- [Balloting book, Onondaga County, and the balloting book and other documents relating to military bounty lands in the state of New York](#) Onondaga County (New York). County Clerk
- [Cayuga filed deeds and records, Onondaga County, 1784-1809](#) Onondaga County (New York). County Clerk
- [Deed records, 1794-1866; index, 1794-1870](#) Onondaga County (New York). County Clerk
- [Land records, including homestead exemptions, 1851-1971](#) Onondaga County (New York). County Clerk
- [Lis pendens, 1824-1891](#) New York. Supreme Court (Onondaga County)
- [Mortgages, 1799-1850; index, 1794-1870](#) Onondaga County (New York). County Clerk
- [Report to examine claims of military land bounties to heirs of deceased Onondaga patentees](#)

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Also

- Onondaga Land Records. Includes grantor indices for property transactions in the towns of Manlius, Pompey, and Tully; as well as bounty land records.(work in progress.)

Tax Lists

- New York 1798 direct tax lists do not exist.
- New York State Comptroller's Office Tax Assessment Rolls of Real and Personal Estates, Series B0950. State Archives of New York. 1799-1804. Manlius: 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803; Pompey: 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802, 1803. Interlibrary loan, rolls 12 (1799-1802) and roll 13 (1803). Finding Aid
- New York Taxation -- FamilySearch article.
- Roger D. Joslyn, "New York State Censuses and Tax Lists," *The NYG&B Newsletter* 9 (1998): 17-19.
- Henry's B. Hoff. "Pre-1750 New York Lists: Censuses, Assessment Rolls, Oaths of Allegiance, and Other Lists," also in the *Newsletter* 3 (1992): 20-22, includes earlier published tax lists.

Newspapers

- The earliest newspapers are *Onondaga Register*, 1814-1829, *Onondaga Gazette* (1823-1824), *Onondaga Register & Syracuse Gazette* (1829-1831), *Syracuse Gazette* 1823-182u, See Onondaga County newspapers on microfilm at NYSL.
- Old Fulton Postcards A free, searchable site with 400 upstate New York newspaper images covering the period 1795-2007. Auburn: *Cayuga Republican* (1819-1833), *Free Press* (1824-1941), *Cayuga Patriot*, (1826-1828), Syracuse: *Gazette & General Advertiser* (1828-1829) .
- Some Onondaga County newspapers have been microfilmed or abstracted. See FamilySearch newspaper topic details.

Obituaries

- Necrology database (Onondaga County Library) <http://www.onlib.org/dbtw-wpd/Textbase/necrology.html>

Church Records

- Onondaga church records – NYGenWeb
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyononda/CHURCH/church.html>

Guides and Reference

- Onondaga County, New York – FamilySearch
https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Onondaga_County,_New_York
- New York Historical Resources Center. *Guide to Historical Resources in Onondaga County New York Repositories*. Vol III., Ithaca, NY : New York Historical Resources Center, Olin Library, Cornell University, 1988. Online at FamilySearch Books.

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http://www.ancestry.com/wiki/index.php?title=New_York_Family_History_Research

Maps

- [Onondaga County Maps](#) (Onondaga County NYGenWeb)
- [Map of Townships in Onondaga County 1874](#). (Onondaga County NYGenWeb)
- [Onondaga County New York 1895 U. S. Atlas](#).
- [New York Counties](#), clickable map from NYGenWeb.

Repositories

- Onondaga County Public Library <http://www.onlib.org/web/lh/index.htm>
- Onondaga Historical Society <http://www.cnyhistory.org/>
- Pompey Historical Society <http://www.pompeyhistorical.org/>
- Manlius Historical Society <http://manliushistory.org/>
- New York State Archives <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/aindex.shtml>
- Pompey Town Historian, Ruth Hotaling (315)-682-9066 or [email](#).
- Manlius Town Historian, Barbara Rivette (315)-687-9334

Online Resources

- Onondaga Co. NYGenWeb <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nyononda/>

Histories & Publications

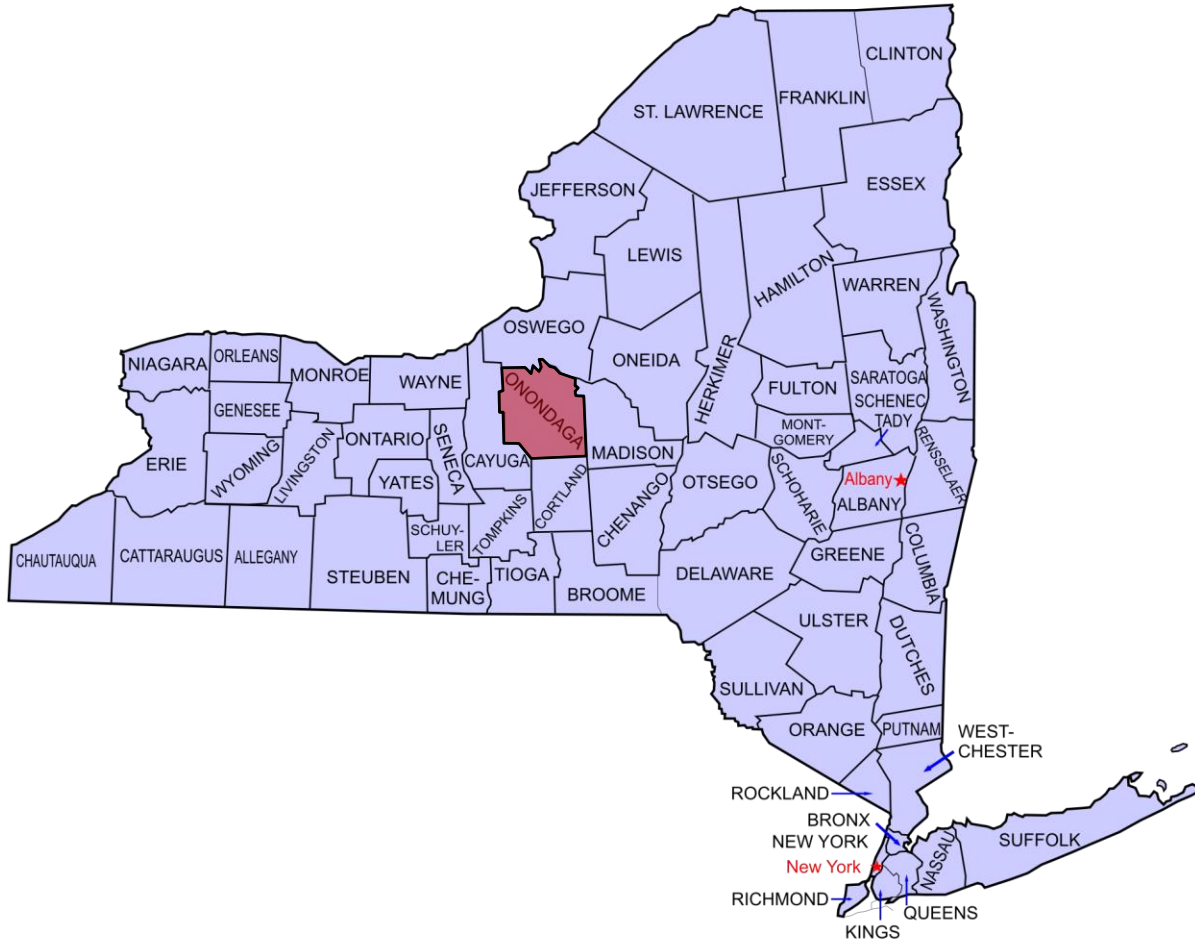
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- Beauchamp, William M. *Past and present of Syracuse and Onondaga County, New York : from prehistoric times to the beginning of 1908; also biographical sketches of some prominent citizens of Syracuse and Onondaga County*. New York, New York : S. J. Clarke Pub. Co., 1908; [Archives.org](#)
- Bruce, Dwight H. *Onondaga's centennial— Gleanings of a century*. Vol 2. Boston " Boston History Co., 1896; [Archives.org](#)
- Onondaga County Poorhouse records 1827-1962 [FHL Film 1993147\(first of 12 films\)](#)
- [WPA files](#). An index compiled by the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression consisting newspaper items of general and historical information from the Onondaga Historical Association, 1814 -1900. Onondaga County Public Library.
- [Miscellaneous abstracted records from Onondaga County, New York](#), Ms. 1180 FHL. Handwritten manuscript, 126 pages, 1946? Author?
- Onondaga Historical Society. *Publications of the Onondaga Historical Association*. Vol. 1-2. S.I. : s.n. [1910-1911]; [Archive.org](#)

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Onondaga County Township Map



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