

## 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 collect and preserve all available records relating to early settlers in Western New York.
- To make these records available for research.
- To further genealogical knowledge and research.
- To foster awareness of record preservation by and among government agencies, organizations, and individuals.

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## Membership Application

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

## Member Benefits

Your membership entitles you to the following:

**MINIMUM OF FOUR MEETINGS** per year featuring speakers, workshops, and member field trips.

**SUBSCRIPTION TO THE WNYGS JOURNAL.** Each quarter you will receive a forty-eight page issue which includes such content as unpublished records, articles, research strategies, best practices, and upcoming events. Digital and print versions of back issues are also available to members.

**USE OF THE JUNE PARTRIDGE ZINTZ MEMORIAL LIBRARY.** The Society's reference collection contains more than 3,000 books, 900 reels of microfilm, as well as other unique regional resources.

**PARTICIPATION IN AND ACCESS TO WESTERN NEW YORK RELATED SOCIETY MATERIALS** including the Surname List, Ancestral Charts, Bible Records, and the Locality List.

**COMMUNITY AND CONNECTION.** Share, learn, break down brick walls, and get the latest updates by visiting the WNYGS Facebook Group and website [www.wnygs.org].

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES.** Help future Western New York descendants, the Society, and the larger genealogical community by sharing your time, skills, and expertise.



### Questions?

E-mail the Registrar at registrar@wnygs.org.

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### For Registrar Use Only

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Mr.  Miss  Ms.  Mrs.  Dr.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name (First, Middle, Last): \_\_\_\_\_

*(For Family Memberships, please list the names of all participating individuals in the household.)*

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

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

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

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

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### Type of Membership:

<b>Annual Membership</b>	Individual	\$22.00	\$
	Family	\$27.00	
	Societies & Libraries	\$22.00	
<b>Life Membership</b> May be paid over course of one year. Please indicate your payment preference.	Individual	\$350.00	\$
	Family	\$500.00	
			<input type="checkbox"/> One Time Payment <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Annually <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

*If living outside of the United States, please contact the Registrar for current rates and delivery options.*

Start date for membership: 1 May 201\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Electronic (PDF via e-mail)  Paper (sent via USPS Bulk Mail)

### MEMBER PROFILE:

Specialized Knowledge/Skills (i.e. Languages, Historical Period, Religion, Legal, Medical, Finance, IT):

Would you be willing to share your time and skills with the Society? *(Check any that apply.)*

Book Reviews  Events/Hospitality  Graphic Design  Indexing/Transcribing  
 Lectures/Workshops  Library Volunteer  Marketing/Publicity  Writing Articles  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your completed form and payment (payable to "WNYGS") to:  
**Sandi Russo, WNYGS - Registrar, 1100 Stony Point Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072**