

P R E S E N T S :



“Chautauqua County Poor Farm and the Emigrant Train”

by Michelle Henry

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 10:30am Eastern

Virtual Program via Zoom. Go to wnygs.org to register.

This program is open to the public.

Program Description: When the NY&Erie Railroad opened between NYC and Dunkirk, NY in 1851, daily trainloads of emigrants began arriving in Dunkirk, many of whom required financial assistance. The county maintained very detailed records of the emigrants in hopes of being reimbursed by the Commissioners of Emigration. Over 60,000 emigrants received aid in Chautauqua County between 1851 and 1876. The records of these families and individuals contain a wealth of valuable information for genealogists.

Speaker Bio: Michelle Henry served as Chautauqua County Historian for 23 years; responsible for creation & management of Chautauqua County Archives for 26 years, focusing on making historical records held by the county more accessible to researchers. Registered NYS Historian. Master's degree in Anthropology & graduate certificate in Museum Studies from Arizona State.



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