

# **Local History and Genealogy Collections - Public Libraries – Mid-Hudson Library System**

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Public libraries in the Mid-Hudson Library system include a wide variety of local history and genealogy collections. Some collections include original materials that are unique and not available in other locations. If your research leads you to Putnam, Dutchess, Columbia, Greene or Ulster County – you may want to check them out.

General information on each library can be accessed through the Mid-Hudson Library System webpage - <http://midhudson.org/>. Click on the tab on the left for "Member Libraries." A phone number is also listed for each library.

All member libraries have patron access to HeritageQuest Online. HeritageQuest offers many resources for genealogical research including indexed U.S. federal censuses from 1790, 1800, 1810, 1840, and 1870; over 16,000 downloadable titles from the UMI Genealogy & Local History collection; expert verification and indexing, and much more.

Following is a summary, by county, of each libraries collection. A list of other organizations of interest follows the libraries of each county.

## **Columbia County**

### ***Chatham Public Library - 518-392-3666***

The collection includes a variety of books about the area; cemetery records, vertical files of newspaper clippings. *Chatham Courier* on microfilm, vertical files with pamphlets, collections of notable people from the area, photographs, and old Chatham school publications.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "H" i.e. H 016.974 (205 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Columbia County Historical Society

### ***Claverack Free Library - 518-851-7120***

The collection includes unique items and material about Claverack College.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog.

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources – DAR Chapter in Hudson; Columbia County Historical Society

### ***Germantown Library - 518-537-5800***

The collection includes books relating to the Palatines; founding families including the Lashers and Propers; local church records from the late 19th to early 20th century.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "HC" i.e. HC 016.974 (56 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources – Small collection of local history housed at German Reformed Sanctity Church Parsonage, located on Maple Avenue in Germantown

### ***Hillsdale, Copake, Ancram – Roeliff Jansen Community Library - 518-325-4101***

The collection encompasses the Roe-Jan area including Columbia County, New York and Berkshire County Massachusetts. Subjects include: Art and Architecture, Biographies, Cemetery Records, Church Histories, Town Histories, Scrapbooks, Vital Records, War Records and microfilm of *Hillsdale Herald*, *Hillsdale Harbinger* and *The Independent*.

51% to 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH Vertical file".

Collection available – During regular library hours  
Contact person – Carol Briggs, Teri Traver

Other local sources - Roe-Jan Historical Society in Copake; local Town Historians ; DAR library in Hudson; Columbia County Offices in Hudson; Columbia County Historical Society in Kinderhook ; Berkshire Athenaeum in Pittsfield, MA ; County Offices in Pittsfield, MA; The National Archives, Pittsfield, MA.

### ***Hudson Area Association Library – 518-828-1792***

No collection

### ***Kinderhook Memorial Library – 518-758-6192***

The library gave most of its collection to the Columbia County Historical Society which is also located in Kinderhook.

More than 90% of the remaining collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (2 items); "Local History" i.e. Local History 285 (77 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other Local sources - Columbia County Historical Society in Kinderhook; Martin Van Buren National Historic Site

### ***Livingston Free Library - 518-851-2270***

The library has materials pertinent to the town of Livingston and the Livingston family and a small collection of books on surrounding towns.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (54 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours

Other local sources - Livingston History Barn in Livingston

### ***New Lebanon Library - 518-794-8844***

No collection

## ***North Chatham Free Library - 518-766-3211***

The collection includes pamphlets of the area: North Chatham, Kinderhook, and Valatie.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "Local History" i.e. Local History 016.974 (2 items); Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "H" i.e. H 016.974 (1 item).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - The Columbia County Historical Society

## ***Philmont Public Library - 518-672-5010***

The library has a collection of small booklets from most of the surrounding towns.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (10 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Columbia County Historical Society

## ***Valatie Free Library - 518-758-9321***

The Library has historical materials about Valatie, Kinderhook and Niverville and other materials about Columbia County. Additional collections include -

- Works of two major authors of historical materials; Edward A. Collier, D.D. and Captain Franklin Ellis.
- The works of Dominick Lizzi, current historian including his original research for *Valatie the Forgotten History*, compiled in 32 binders and stored off site.
- Paul Johann Archives, pictures and articles about the Village of Valatie.
- Collections about people of Columbia County who fought in various wars.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (22 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - The Columbia County Historical Society

### ***Other local sources:***

- Columbia County Historical Society - 518-758-9265
- Columbia County Clerk - 518 828-3339
- Columbia County Surrogate Court - 518 828-0414

- National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution Hendrick Hudson Chapter, Hudson, NY - 518-828-9764
- Livingston History Barn - 518 851-7637
- Martin Van Buren National Historic Site - 518-758-9689
- Local Town Clerks and Historians
- Local Historical Societies

## **Dutchess County**

### ***Amenia Free Library - 845-373-8273***

**No information available**

### ***Beacon - Howland Public Library - 845-831-1134***

The Collection includes rare 19th century books on New York State and local history; maps; city directories; yearbooks; microfilm collection of local papers, December 1865 through December 1962 and January 1970 - December 1975; vertical file of clippings/ephemera; History of the Howland Public Library materials, scrapbooks, and photographs.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "L-H" i.e. L-H 016.974 (535 items); also "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (5 items)

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources include Beacon Historical Society; City of Beacon clerk

### ***Beekman Library – 845-724-3414***

The library has an eclectic collection that is not well organized. Of special interest are the Settlers of the Beekman Patent Volume I-Volume IX (cataloged); Dutchess County Historical Society Yearbooks (some cataloged); paper copies of Dutchess County summary of population and Beekman Census from 1790-1850; and a listing of Beekman cemeteries prior to 1900 with names (no dates) and the cemetery where the headstone can be located.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (81 items). Additional finding aids include a very basic list to help with locating materials that are stored in two file cabinets. None of these items are cataloged.

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - The Town Historian Thom Usher, contact info at: [www.beekmanhistory.com/](http://www.beekmanhistory.com/)

## ***Clinton Community Literary Association - 845-266-5530***

The library has a limited collection of local history materials including Clinton and Dutchess County. Nothing unique to this library.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "CC" i.e. CC 016.974 (115 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local resources - Clinton Historical Society

## ***Dover Plains Library - 845-832-6605***

The library collection includes - Volumes 1-10 of the Beekman Patent; *Harlem Valley Times* on microfilm; census records from 1790-1920 on microfilm; Dover Plains High School Yearbooks 1935-2009; Dutchess County Historical Society Yearbooks; materials for Dover Baptist Church.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (17 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local resources - Dover Town Hall, Dover Plains, NY

## ***East Fishkill Community Library – 845-221-9943***

**No information available**

## ***Fishkill - Blodgett Memorial Library - 845-896-9215***

The focus of the collection is on genealogical and historical information for the original Rombout Patent. This Patent became the original Town of Fishkill, which now encompasses the Towns of Fishkill, East Fishkill, Wappingers, part of the Town of LaGrange, and the City of Beacon which included Matteawan, Fishkill on Hudson or Fishkill Landing prior to 1913. These materials also encompass Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley.

The collection includes:

- Published books (1810- today)
- Periodicals including a complete run of the *Yearbook of the Dutchess County Historical Society* and *The Dutchess*, published by the Dutchess County Genealogical Society
- Manuscripts (see Unique Materials below)
- Published and unpublished genealogies
- Photographs
- Pamphlets
- Vertical file of newspaper clippings
- Atlases, wall maps, and US Geological Survey Maps

- Newspapers, original and on microfilm of *The Fishkill Journal* (1860-1865), *The Fishkill Weekly Times* (1882-1918) , and *Southern Dutchess News* (1983-present)
- CD - ROM's

#### Unique Materials:

A unique holding is the Rapalje/Cotheal collection. The material documents the lives of two prominent and related Fishkill families. It consists of 47 manuscript volumes dating 1790-1892. The Rapalje material relates to the immediate family, and includes Richard Rapalje's late 18th Century state militia orderly book and his daughter's school lessons and journal. There are transcriptions of many Rapalje legal documents, including mortgages, deeds, and wills, personal and business letters, and travel journals kept by William Rapalje in 1824-25. The Cotheal volumes are mainly diaries (1857-1892) kept by various family members. They are filled with accounts of local people and events, weather and farming activities. Many newspaper clippings are included. A basic subject index to this collection has been made. There is a finding aid for the Rapalje/Cotheal collection

The local history collection also includes a copy of the galley proofs of Herman Dean's local history newspaper articles, which were published in the *Fishkill Standard* in 1926-1927. He mostly wrote about events in the mid to late 1800's. These have been indexed, and photographs have been added. Materials from The Fortnightly Club of Fishkill-on Hudson, 1894-present are also housed in the library.

Finally, there are two scrapbooks about Blodgett Memorial Library itself.

0% cataloged of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. A few materials found in the online catalog with "LH" call number, i.e. LH 974.7 and "Local History" call number, i.e. Local History 974.7.

Collection available - The Local History Room is a closed collection. Materials can be made available for use whenever the library is open if the patron knows exactly what they want. Otherwise, the room is open Thursday nights from 5-8 and by appointment.

Contact person - Antonia F. Houston Local History Librarian [Fishkillhistory@aol.com](mailto:Fishkillhistory@aol.com)

Other local resources include the Fishkill Historical Society; Beacon Historical Society; East Fishkill Historical Society; Wappingers Historical Society; Madam Brett Homestead (Melzingah Chapter NYDAR) in Beacon; and the Mount Gulian Historic Site in Beacon.

### **Hyde Park Free Library - 845-229-7791**

The collection includes select titles on Hyde Park and its history, with special focus on the Roosevelt family. Historic photos are also available.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "Loc" i.e. Loc 016.974 (79 items); also "Ref Loc" (2 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Additional local sources - Hyde Park Historical Society; Hyde Park Town Clerk; Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library

### ***LaGrange Association Library - 845 452-3141***

No collection

### ***Millbrook Library - 845-677-3611***

No collection

### ***Northeast-Millerton Library - 518-789-3340***

The collection includes census records for Village of Northeast; scrapbooks of history of the area; books on various topics including gravesites and cemeteries; history of Dutchess County; and the history of Nine Partners Patent. The Northeast/Millerton Historical Society rents space at the library and makes their collection by appointment.

0% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for a few cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (22 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Additional local resources - Northeast Historical Society

### ***Pawling Free Library - 845 855-3444***

The collection includes an extensive collection of books related to the history of Pawling, Holmes, Dover, Beekman and Quaker Hill. The library is in the process of archiving and digitizing a collection of Pawling Chronicles and other local newspapers. The library is also building it's collection of Pawling High School Yearbooks and a collection of local (and noted) authors.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (205 items); "Loc" (2 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours  
Contact person - Scott C. Jarzombek Library Director

### ***Pine Plains Free Library - 518 398-1927***

The library has some family histories; school year books; Evergreen Cemetery plot records to 2009; local newspapers on microfilm; a collection of old pictures and postcards of the town. Some surrounding area information is available including Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Ancram, and Tivoli.  
**Local newspaper digitized and found at <http://fultonhistory.com>.**

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog.  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (141 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours  
Contact person - Alyce Larkin on Mon and Thursday nights or the director at any other time

Other local resources - Historical Society, some in the Pine Plains Views  
(<http://pineplainsviews.com/>)

### ***Pleasant Valley Library - 845-635-8460***

**No information available**

### ***Poughkeepsie Public Library District – Adriance Memorial Library – 845-485-3445***

Items relevant to Local History and Genealogy can be found, for the most part, in three separate rooms in the library; the Local History Collection Room; Genealogy Room; and the Periodicals Room.

**Local History Collection** contains a wide variety of materials in various formats.

- Approximately 900 linear feet of cataloged materials (books, pamphlets, manuscripts, scrapbooks, yearbooks, local government records);
- 33 linear feet of clippings and information files
- 30 linear feet of records of this library
- 20 linear feet of genealogy files
- 24 cubic feet of historic material on a wide variety of various local subjects, i.e. schools, businesses, clubs & organizations, Civil War, urban renewal, churches etc. Approximately 40 oversized items including many atlas and bound format maps)
- 10 linear feet of framed art (maps, prints, documents & photos)
- 750+ historic maps and blueprints
- Bound newspaper volumes
- 150 linear feet of unappraised/unprocessed/uncataloged materials;
- Poughkeepsie City Directories (print) 1843 – 1992
- Poughkeepsie Telephones Directories and Hill-Donnelly Directories (various years)
- 700+ individual documents in a "Document Collection" containing correspondence, receipts, accounts, military records, oaths of allegiance, court records, etc.
- Varied and significant historical image collection containing 2000 photographs, 34 proof books from a local photography studio (Vail/1871-1895); stereoscopic plates; glass plate negatives and several photo albums interspersed throughout the collection. Several subject specific photo albums and one geographic/regional specific photographer collection (Rhinebeck, Dawes/Coutant).
- Local phone books (1949 to date), Hill-Donnelly Directories 1962 to date) a number of runs of local serials as well as the complete "Ancient Document" collection on microfilm.
- The "Ancient Document" microfilm series is also housed in this room.

**Genealogy Collection** is overwhelmingly limited to the Mid-Hudson Valley & some adjacent areas

200 linear feet of materials, almost entirely books, including

- County & town records/histories

- Genealogical research & collection guides
- Church records
- Bound family/surname histories/genealogies
- Books on local ethnic immigrant groups
- *NYG&B & New England Historical & Genealogical Register*
- Local newspaper obituary indexes (1871 to date)
- *Yearbook of the Dutchess County Historical Society* and bound volumes of *The Dutchess*
- Print New York State federal census indexes
- Approximately 48 linear feet of local surname folders
- A collection of transcribed Poughkeepsie newspaper marriage and death notices, spanning 1821-1871
- Genealogical research instructional material

### **Periodicals Room**

- Microfilm of various Poughkeepsie newspapers (1785 to date)
- Census rolls-Federal & NY State
- Some Poughkeepsie City Directories & Early Tax Lists

The Local History/Genealogy page on their website has information on these collections (albeit described in broad terms). The collections are so varied, in diverse formats, and the material is so numerous that it is very hard to calculate and describe fully. Please contact Lynn K. Lucas, Local History Librarian, Adriance Memorial Library, 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601, 845-485-3445 Ext. 3311

**Finding aids include** Bound Newspaper Finding Aids, Historic Document Finding Aid (no Dewey #'s). All of the boxed pamphlet collections: variety of Dewey #'s Surname Finding Aid, Map Finding Aid, Postcard Finding Aid, Photography

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (1673 items); also "Gen" (1153 items)

Collection available - Genealogy Room: Regular Open Hours. Local History Room: By appointment only.  
Contact person - Lynn Lucas: Local History Librarian

Other local sources - FDR Library, Dutchess County Historical Society, Dutchess County Genealogical Society

### ***Red Hook Public Library - 845-758-3241***

**No information available**

### ***Rhinebeck - Starr Library – 845-876-4030***

The Local History Room collections include a wide variety of history and resource publications including; church and cemetery records; abstracts of Ulster and Dutchess County Wills; newspaper marriage and death information; and notebooks compiled by local historians and genealogists. Many family genealogies and a variety of other records are available on CDs. The *Rhinebeck Gazette* (1842 -2000), State and Federal Census information and rare documents of local and

national interest are all available on microfilm. A microfilm reader-printer provides the ability to scan and save images.

The published resources are divided into three collections. The library Local History Collection; the DAR (Daughters of American Revolution) collection; and the Kelly Collection on loan from Art and Nancy Kelly, owners of Kinship New York History and Genealogy Books.

Over a thousand maps drawn by Frank Teal, Rhinebeck surveyor during the early part of the 20th century, have been inventoried by the Rhinebeck Historical Society. The Rhinebeck Historical Societies collections are also housed in the library.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (590 items); "DAR" (161 items) and "Kel" (166 items).

The Local History Room is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10 o'clock to 3 o'clock or by appointment. Rhinebeck Historical Society collection available on Thursday only or by appointment

Contact Nancy Kelly at [kinship@hvc.rr.com](mailto:kinship@hvc.rr.com), Michael Frazier at [michaelfrazier@earthlink.com](mailto:michaelfrazier@earthlink.com) or Beverly Kane ([neilbev81@hotmail.com](mailto:neilbev81@hotmail.com)) for more information or to make arrangements for a visit

Other local sources – The Consortium of Rhinebeck database indexes the holdings of several historical groups in the area including; **Rhinebeck Historical Society; Museum of Rhinebeck History; Chancellor Livingston Chapter of the DAR; Egbert Benson Historical Society** (Red Hook); **Rhinebeck Town Historian; Rhinebeck Town records; Southlands Foundation; United Methodist Parish; and Wurtemberg Church**. Their website is [www.rhinebeckhistory.org](http://www.rhinebeckhistory.org). Also available on this site; various burial and church records; settlers and tenants records and partial index to *Rhinebeck Gazette*

Additional local history information may be found at the [Hudson River Valley Heritage website](#)

### ***Rhinecliff - Morton Memorial Library – 845-876-2903***

The collection includes books, files, documents, maps, pictures about regional, river, and railroad history; Morton Family memorabilia and documents; pictures and postcards.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "HRC" i.e. HRC 016.974 (196 items). Also some materials with general file names like "Morton Family".

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local resources - Wilderstein Preservation and various Rhinebeck Historical organizations, see listings for Rhinebeck - Starr Library

### ***Staatsburg Library Society - 845-889-8414***

The collection includes materials focusing on Staatsburg including, Oral History of Staatsburg; photographs; postcards; plaques; and School Band Uniform.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog.

Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" and "Loc" i.e. LH 016.974 (5 items).

Collection available - Some items are on display but most are not easily accessed by the public and do not circulate. The library received a \$2000 grant to begin preserving and digitizing the collection.

Contact person - Lorraine Rothman

Other local resources - FDR Library, Hyde Park Historical Society

### ***Stanford Free Library – 845-868-1341***

**No information available**

### ***Tivoli Free Library – 845-757-3771***

The collection contains Hudson River oriented materials and very limited genealogy.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (28 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Additional local resources - Egbert Benson Historic Society in Red Hook, Elmendorf Inn Red Hook, local historian at Village books Tivoli

### ***Wappingers Falls - Grinnell Library Association – 845- 297-3428***

The Grinnell Library has local Wappingers, Dutchess County and Hudson Valley historical documents. Grinnell previously housed the Ferris Collection of Civil War materials. It is now located Mesier Park and Homestead/Wappinger Historical Society.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog.

Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (47 items); "Loc" (14 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Historical Society at Mesier Park in Wappingers Falls

## ***Other Local Sources***

- Dutchess County Historical Society – 845-471-1630
- Dutchess County Genealogical Society – 845-462-4168
- Dutchess County Clerk – 845-486-2120 or 866-694-4700
- Dutchess County Courts – 845-431-1770
- Franklin D Roosevelt Presidential Library – 845 486-7770 – Franklin Roosevelt was an avid local historian and served as Town Historian in Hyde Park. The library collection contains many materials of local interest.
- Town Historians of various towns – this website lists all current historians - <http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/municipalities/munhistorians.htm>
- Town Clerk offices
- Local historical societies

## **Greene County Library Collections**

### **Athens - D.R. Evarts Library - 518-945-1417**

The collection contains general information on Greene County with nothing specific to the Athens area.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (24 items); "Loc" (125 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours

Other sources in Athens area - Vedder Library, Rte. 9W Coxsackie; Village of Athens Community Center has a museum located on the 3rd floor- the museum is opened by appointment only. The phone number is 518 945-1551

### ***Cairo Public Library - 518-622-9864***

The collection contains general information on Greene County with nothing specific to the Cairo area.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "Loc" i.e. Loc 016.974 (365 items)

Collection available – During regular library hours

Other local resources - Vedder Museum

### ***Catskill Public Library - 518-943-4230***

The library includes a collection of books, pamphlets, clippings, and maps that relate to Catskill, Greene County, and the Hudson Valley. The library has microfilm of three local newspapers. The Fred Saunders Steamboat Collection (three large photo albums of pictures and descriptions of Hudson River Steamboats) is also here. The Sauders Collection has been microfilmed.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (428 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Contact person - Beth Hague cplreference@mhccable.com

Other local resources - Vedder Research Library in Coxsackie, NY (Headquarters for the Greene County Historical Society); Thomas Cole National Historic Site

### ***Coxsackie - Heermance Memorial Library – 518-731-8084***

The library has a very small local history collection. Most of the collection went to the Vedder Library, located in Coxsackie, which houses the materials for the Greene County Historical Society.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (61 items); "Loc" (3 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours – The library does circulate some items and will send them out through the Mid-Hudson Library System

Other local resources - The Vedder Library, The Greene County Historical Society's Research Library located in Coxsackie; the library is open to the public for a few hours each week

### ***Greenville Public Library - 518-966-8205***

The local history collection includes local history books that were published in the area, written by local historians, local authors etc. Access to the collection of the town historian is available. Greenville Town Historian has a room in library building.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. No special prefix used.

Collection available - During regular library hours

Additional Local resources - Vedder Research Library: the home of the Greene County Historical Society

### ***Haines Falls Free Library - 518-589-5707***

The collection contains local picture postcards; books about Hudson River painters and writers; books about history of the small towns and hamlets in the area; genealogy records donated by local families.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (349 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours

Additional local resources - Mountain Top Historical Society

### ***Hunter Public Library - 518-263-4655***

No collection

### ***Windham Public Library - 518-734-4405***

The majority of the local is history collection deals with Columbia and Greene counties. There are also books on surrounding counties. Some maps and some older books are on display but not listed in the catalog.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (230 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

### ***Other Local Sources***

- Greene County Historical Society – 518 731-6490
- Greene County Clerk – 518-719-3255
- Greene County Surrogate Court – 518 444-8750
- Thomas Cole National Historic Site - 518 943-7465
- Town Historians of various towns – this website lists all current historians - [http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nygreen2/local\\_historians\\_in\\_greene\\_county.htm](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nygreen2/local_historians_in_greene_county.htm)
- Vedder Research Library, Coxsackie, NY - 518 731-1033
- Town Clerk offices
- Local historical societies

## **PUTNAM County Libraries**

### ***Brewster Public Library – 845-279-6421***

The library collection includes materials on family history; history of Brewster Village; Town of Southeast; and surrounding towns. The collection is located in the May Ratchford Room on the lower level of the library and contains over 270 titles including books, pamphlets, maps, and brochures of local interest.

Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (228 items).

### ***Carmel - Reed Memorial Library - 845-225-2439***

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Materials can be accessed by internal library finding aids. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "Loc" i.e. Loc 016.974 (23 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other Local sources - The Town of Carmel Historical Society in Mahopac and the Putnam County Historian's Office in Brewster

### ***Cold Spring - Julia L. Butterfield Memorial Library – 845-265-3040***

The library collection includes local history books, some old and rare. In addition, the collection of Daniel Butterfield papers is being appraised and the library hopes to digitize this amazing collection of Civil War documents, letters and accounts of battles.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "Loc" i.e. Loc 016.974 (39 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Putnam County Historical Society & Foundry School Museum

### ***Garrison - Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library – 845-424-3020***

The library is home to the Livingston-Svirsky Archive (LiSA). – <http://dfh.highlands.com/lisa/lisa.html> This archive includes scanned local history documents, maps and other materials. The complete collection of scans can be viewed online.

Some materials begin with call numbers "HR" i.e. HR 974.7 (214 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

### ***Kent Public Library - 845-225-8585***

The collection includes New York State history; Putnam County history; Town of Kent history; and general genealogy works.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (490 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours

Other local sources - Kent Historical Society

### ***Mahopac Public Library 845-628-2009***

The library collection includes local Genealogy; land use materials; and vertical files.

If you go to the library website, [www.mahopaclibrary.org](http://www.mahopaclibrary.org), you will find two points of entry for this material – the Local History button on the left and the Reference and Research button on top.

The local history room is supervised by a staff member weekdays until 4. Some of the reference staff field email requests as time allows. Materials are also available by appointment.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (371 items); "LOC" (8 items).

Collection available – During regular library hours with supervision

Other local sources - Carmel Historical Society

### ***Patterson Library – 845-878-6121***

The library has a reference genealogy collection from various time periods, including passenger lists, marriage records, etc. The library has some discontinued vertical file material--Civil War workshops written by Rev. Horace Hillery; and some Great Swamp information compiled by local residents.

More than 90% the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items are included in the Reference section.

Collection available - During regular library hours

### ***Putnam Valley Free Library – 845-528-3297***

The collection includes videos of Town & school events as well as recent Town Board/Planning Board/ZBA meetings; selected book titles concerning Putnam Valley and Putnam County; vertical files with some booklets/reports prepared by Putnam Valley Historical Society, school district and town. The library has a collection of history/photos which needs to be organized and archived.

Under 50% the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items are included in the Reference section.

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Putnam Valley Historical Society

### ***Other Local Sources***

- Putnam County Historical Society – 845 265-4010
- Putnam County Clerk – 845 808-1142
- Putnam County Surrogate Court – 845 208-7805
- Putnam County Historian – <http://www.putnamcountyny.com/historian/>
- Town Historians of various towns
- Town Clerk offices
- Local historical societies

## **Ulster County Library Collections**

### ***Esopus – Town of Esopus Library - 845 338-5580***

There are some materials related to John Burroughs.

Collection available - During regular library hours

### ***Highland Public Library – 845-691-2275***

The library collection includes a small collection pertinent to Highland, Town of Lloyd and Ulster County; and Hudson River history. The Highland PTA records are housed in the library.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "Loc" i.e. Loc 016.974 (62 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Town of Lloyd Historian

## ***Hurley Library Association - 845-338-2092***

The library has some local history available. Materials are only accessible by appointment.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (111 items).

Collection available - Materials are only accessible by special permission

Other local sources – Ulster County Genealogical Society located in the basement of the Reformed Church in Hurley

## ***Kingston Library – 845-331-0507***

The Marilyn Beichert Powers Local History Room features a number of genealogical aids, numerous works pertaining to the Kingston area, and many works written by local authors.

### **Resources include:**

- *Survey of Buildings in Historic Ulster County*, published by the Junior League of Kingston
- Vertical files about areas of local interest in Kingston and Ulster County, including photos, newspaper clippings, and brochures
- Road and topographical maps of Kingston and Ulster County
- Ulster County Directories since 1975
- Kingston High School Yearbooks (some years missing)
- Directories of local cemeteries
- A comprehensive collection of city directories from the late 1800's to the 1970's
- A collection of historic preservation materials donated by the Friends of Historic Kingston to help guide owners of historic homes and buildings in renovations
- Census records
- Newspapers on microfilm including the Kingston Daily Freeman and several other local papers from the 18th and 19th centuries

The library does not collect genealogies.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog

Other local sources - In Kingston are the Senate House Historic Site and Library and the Ulster County Archives. Nearby in Hurley is the Ulster County Genealogical Society, in Marletown is the Ulster County Historical Society, and in New Paltz is the Huguenot Historical Society.

The Local History room is available for use during library hours. For more information, or questions call the reference librarian at 845 331-0988 or send an e-mail message to [localhistory@kingstonlibrary.org](mailto:localhistory@kingstonlibrary.org).

Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (530 items); "Ref LHR" (13 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

## **Marlboro Free Library - 845-236-7272**

The library has a collection of books, photos and other materials pertaining to genealogy and local history. Researchers are encouraged to call ahead so staff is available to assist. Telephone and e-mail inquiries are handled as soon as staff time allows.

The local history researcher, Emily, can be e-mailed with questions pertaining to local history at [eamodeo@marlborolibrary.org](mailto:eamodeo@marlborolibrary.org). There is also a link to Emily's local history blog on the libraries website. Libraries and Historical Societies from as far away as the Pacific Northwest have taken the time to praise Emily for the information she has gathered on her Local History Blog. She keeps it up with an extensive Genealogy Resources section and provides weekly posts using archived photographs. Her blog has become a template for other libraries.

Special collections include the Frederic Goudy Collection; microfilm; and copies from the Marlboro Town Hall

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (490 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Contact person - Emily Amodeo

Other local sources - Marlborough Historical Society, Friends of the Milton on Hudson Train Station, Milton Library and Hudson River Valley Heritage - <http://www.hrvh.org/>

## **Milton - Sarah Hull Hallock Free Library - 845-795-2200**

No collection

## **New Paltz - Elting Memorial Library - 845-255-5030**

Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection is a non-circulating research section of Elting Memorial Library. It is a repository for primary source materials and unpublished works relating to the Hudson Valley. The strongest focus is on the town and village of New Paltz

- **Special Collections** - Primary local documents: account books, invoices, business ledgers including *The Minnewaska Houses* and the *Pine Funeral Home*. Civil War letters, deeds, diaries, district school records, local clubs and organization's records, maps and photographs, as well as 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century family papers.
- **Map & Directories** - Extensive map and atlas collection including: Ulster County maps and atlases: 1853, 1858, and 1875. Directories: Dutchess, Orange and Ulster counties.
- **Photographs, Slides & Postcards** - Thousands of images dating from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century of residential, commercial, educational, religious and institutional buildings. Also, portraiture and family snapshots, community gatherings, recreation, transportation, the Hudson and Wallkill Rivers, the Mohonk and Minnewaska mountain houses and the Catskill Aqueduct.

- **Church, Cemetery & Bible Records** – Extensive collection of indexed Ulster County records. Also selected records from neighboring counties such as Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Montgomery, Orange, Putnam and Sullivan
- **Obituaries & Marriages** –Clipped from New Paltz newspapers, 1860 forward. Clippings are fully indexed.
- **Census records** – U.S. Federal census (1800-1930) on microfilm for selected NY counties; indexes available in various forms for 1790-1930. Complete for: Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties.
- NY State census (1845-1925) on microfilm for Delaware, Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster counties, with some indexes available.
- **Newspapers, Periodicals & Yearbooks**
- Local newspapers (1860 forward): *New Paltz Times*; *New Paltz Independent*; *New Paltz News*; *Huguenot Herald*; and the current *New Paltz Times*
- Periodicals: *New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*; *Orange County Genealogical Society Newsletter*; *Ulster County Genealogical Society Newsletter*; *Hudson Valley Regional Review*; *New Netherlands Connections*; *Yearbooks of Holland Society* and others.
- School Yearbooks – New Paltz High School; New Paltz Normal; New Paltz State University and SUNY at New Paltz
- **Vertical Files & Special Subject Files** –
- Residential and commercial buildings: collection of material relating to the history and architecture of the 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings in the Town and Village of New Paltz.
- Business, education and cultural information: vertical file by subject of newspaper clippings and ephemera related to local people, businesses, schools, churches and other organizations.
- **Genealogies** – Published and unpublished material with concentration on Hudson Valley families.
- **Miscellaneous Genealogical Information** – Biographical information on approximately 2,000 New York State families
- **Computer and Online Services** – Public computer for genealogical use. Access to online databases for various historical and genealogical organizations.
- **LDS Library Microfilm** – Microfilm and microfiche rentals from the LDS Library in Salt Lake City for a minimal fee.

Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "HHHC" i.e. HHHC 016.974 (4105 items).

Collection available - MWF 10-5:30, T, Th 1-5:30

Contact person - Carol A. Johnson havilandheidgerd@yahoo.com

### ***Phoenicia Library - 845-688-7811***

**The Phoenicia Library suffered a terrible fire in April of 2011. Most of their collections were lost**

Tracy Priest will have the best information about what may be recovered from the fire.

### ***Pine Hill - Morton Memorial Library - 845-254-4222***

**No information available**

## **Plattekill Library - 845 883-7286**

The library has a small collection of material that includes books by local authors written about Plattekill. Town historian and historical society have more comprehensive collections.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "RR" i.e. RR 016.974 (228 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local resources - Plattekill Town Historian's office (Muriel Obermeyer) in Modena, and the Plattekill Historical Society

## **Rosendale Library – 845-658-9013**

The Local History Collection at Rosendale Library includes a Reference/Local History section with books and other publications focusing on Rosendale. The library has also put together many binders of compiled materials from other sources, particularly newspapers. Some materials are unique; in particular runs of the *Rosendale Ledger* and the *Rosendale News* covering the late 1930s and early 1940s, and Joseph Fleming's series "*Do You Remember?*."

### **Collection includes:**

- Collection relating to Rosendale History, especially the Rosendale Cement Industry and the D&H Canal;
- Ulster Co. NY History
- State Census Records (1800-1855)
- Binder collection created by library staff, works in progress

### **Special Binder Collection:**

**Rosendale Library Local History Binders** - NOTE: All are works in progress. Additional material or photocopies gratefully accepted.

#### **Rosendale General History**

- Rosendale History: Origins through the present - a compilation of newspaper articles and other material in 16 binders (partially indexed)
- *Rosendale Ledger* - October 30, 1937 – July 23, 1938 (incomplete, indexed)
- *Rosendale News* - March 4, 1938 - Oct 16, 1942; Jan. 22&29 1943, Jan. 22, 1945; April 1 &8, 1949; April 25, 1952, (incomplete and partially indexed)
- *Blue Stone Press* - 1996-2002 incomplete, 2003 to present complete

#### **Maps**

- Beers ATLAS 1875 indexed for Rosendale
- 1898 Sanborn Map
- 1907 Sanborn Map
- 1924 Sanborn Map

**Rosendale Obituaries** (partially indexed)

**Rosendale Voter Lists;** 1846, 1847, 1848, 1849 (indexed)

## **Rosendale Church Records and Histories**

## **Rosendale Library**

### **Directories** (Rosendale section only)

- Ulster County Directory for 1880-'81, 1885, 1888, 1895
- Directory of the Wallkill Valley Railroad for the year 1888
- Directory of the Wallkill Valley Railroad, 1895
- Ulster County Directory for the year 1885 (complete)

### **Rosendale Artists**

- Ulster County Artists (Outside Rosendale; particularly Rt. 213 corridor)
- Rosendale musicians and performers
- Rosendale Authors
- Ulster County authors (Outside Rosendale; particularly Rt. 213 corridor)

### **Rosendale Buildings**

- Walking tour of Main Street, Rosendale
- *The story of James Street, Rosendale* by, NY by Joseph A, Fleming (indexed)
- James Street houses (includes photos)

### **Rosendale Hamlets**

- High Falls
- D&H Canal

### **Rosendale Cement Industry**

### **Century House Historical Society**

### **Rondout Valley School District**

***Do you remember?*** A series of articles by Joseph A. Fleming on his memories of Rosendale in the late 1800s and early 1900s (Incomplete and indexed)

### **Special Topics**

- Blacks
- John Burroughs
- Native Americans
- Sojourner Truth
- Woodcrest Bruderhof
- Father Devine
- The Jukes

### **In process:**

- Rosedale births
- Rosedale marriages
- Rosedale families/genealogies
- Rosedale businesses

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog; call numbers for cataloged items are within the reference collection

Local History staff is available to help visitors Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 11am until 7:30pm and Wednesday 11am-5pm. If possible, call ahead of time and explain your interests/questions so they can be prepared for your visit.

Contact - Linda Tantillo, Rosendale Library, Local History Collection  
<http://www.Rosendalelibrary.org/allfiles/history.html>

Rosendale Public Library - <http://www.Rosendalelibrary.org/allfiles/roslocalhistory.html>

Other local sources - Century House Historical Society Route 213 Rosendale with local history regarding the Rosendale Cement Industry; D&H Canal Museum, High Falls

### ***Saugerties Public Library – 845-246-4317***

The collection consists of books about Saugerties and the Hudson Valley; Saugerties High School yearbooks; books by local authors; local newspapers on microfilm dating back to the early 1900s; and indexes to all the cemeteries in Saugerties.

More than 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (416 items)

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Saugerties Historical Society

### ***Stone Ridge Library - 845 687-7023***

The collection includes diaries of Julia Lawrence Hasbrouck (Currently held at Ulster County Records Kingston); Photographs by Myron Teller; various old newspapers from High Falls; clippings on Father Devine; Tailor's book from Marbletown 1700's; reprinted local church records by Jean Worden.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog. Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (221 items).

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Ulster County Historical Society; Bevier House

### ***Ulster – Town of Ulster Library - 845-338-7881***

No collection

### ***West Hurley Public Library - 845-679-6405***

The library has a selection of bound materials primarily concerned with Ulster County. The library also has some pictures donated which reflect West Hurley before and during the construction of the Ashokan Reservoir.

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (215 items)

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Hurley Historical Collection, Town of Hurley

### ***West Shokan - Olive Free Library Association - 845-657-2482***

The library collection contains photographs, documents, and artifacts from the Ashokan Reservoir construction; other photographs, documents artifacts from the Town of Olive before and after the construction of the reservoir.

Less than 50% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog.

Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (494 items). Also "LHS" (500 items) and "Mus Rm"

Collection available - During regular library hours

Other local sources - Town of Olive Historical Society

### ***Woodstock Public Library District – 845-679-2213***

The collection includes *The Woodstock Times* on microfilm since its first paper, a *Woodstock Dress*; photographs from *The Maverick*; many historical local publications; art collection; Woodstock Shelf collection; and LH Vertical File

51 - 90% of the collection is found in the Mid Hudson Library System online catalog  
Call numbers for cataloged items begin with "LH" i.e. LH 016.974 (473 items)

Collection available - During regular library hours

Contact person – Amy Raff

Other local sources - Woodstock Historical Society, Woodstock Artist Association and Museum, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild

## ***Other Local Sources***

- Ulster County Historical Society – 845 338-5614
- Ulster County Clerk – 845 340-3288
- Ulster County Surrogate Court – 845 340-3348
- Ulster County Historian – 845-331-7380
- List of all Ulster County Town historians - <http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/historian/>
- Ulster County Genealogical Society - <http://www.ucgsny.org/> Includes links to many local history resources
- Huguenot Historical Society - 845 255-1660
- Senate House State Historic Site - 845 338-2786
- Local Town Clerks

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