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## Are You Researching New York Area?

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### ***The NYG&B eNews***

*Your New York State genealogy newsletter featuring new records online, research tips, and NYG&B updates.*

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## **NYG&B Updates**

### **NYSFHC Program Released**

*21 sessions to help you find more ancestors*

Ready to expand your knowledge of New York family history? The program for this year's NYSFHC@Home event is now online. [Click here to view the list of sessions.](#)

This year's event includes top experts on New York and family history who will share techniques and knowledge to help you find more ancestors.

Live broadcasts and on-demand presentations cover a variety of topics including:

- Guides and Best Practices
- New York's People
- Records and Resources

[Click here to view the full program](#), including session descriptions and presenters.

**LEARN MORE**

*NYSFHC @ Home is all online,  
featuring on-demand classes open  
September 1 to October 18, and  
livestream sessions throughout  
September.*



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## **NYS Archives and Library Reopen Monday, May 17**

We're glad to share some great news—the Cultural Education Center (CEC) will reopen to the public on Monday, May 17 at 10:00 am.

The new, temporary hours for the Museum, Archives, and Library will be Monday through Friday, 10:00 am–4:00 pm. The CEC will be closed on Saturdays and Sundays to the public until further notice and on all state-observed holidays.

The CEC has taken precautions for visitor safety in accordance with New York State and CDC COVID-19 practices and restrictions:

- Masks will be required for visitors over the age of two.
- Capacity per institution, floor, and/or gallery will be limited to allow for safe social distancing.
- The Museum will not be scheduling or allowing tour groups of more than 10 individuals until further notice.

The CEC Reopen team consisting of Library, Archives, and Museum staff have done an outstanding job preparing spaces, and online reservation systems for the visitors.

### ***Information about reservations:***

Per COVID-19 restrictions, visitors to the Museum and Library should make reservations online or by phone to schedule admission. Walk-in

admission will be available only as space allows.

- Museum: [www.nysm.nysed.gov/reopen](http://www.nysm.nysed.gov/reopen) / 518-474-5877
- Library: [www.nysl.nysed.gov/reopen](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/reopen) / 518-474-5355

Researchers seeking to access the State Archives and Library's Manuscripts and Special Collections must schedule an appointment by email or phone.

- Archives: 518-474-8955 /  
email: [ARCHREF@nysed.gov](mailto:ARCHREF@nysed.gov) / [www.archives.nysed.gov](http://www.archives.nysed.gov)
- Manuscripts and Special Collections: 518-474-6282 /  
email: [MSCREF@nysed.gov](mailto:MSCREF@nysed.gov) / [www.nysl.nysed.gov/mssc](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/mssc)

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## USCIS Comment Period Open

As genealogists and family historians, we like public access to governmental records. Those include historical records. The United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) has opened a comment period regarding their records that ends May 19.

This is an excellent opportunity to voice your thoughts regarding the USCIS Genealogy Program, the USCIS's position on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Program, and historical records held by agencies other than the National Archives.

Our friends at the [Records not Revenue](#) website can help you formulate a response.

So act today—with constructive comments.

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## **Tips & Guides**

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### **5 things you will learn from our 'Unlock the Mysteries of Nonpopulation Schedules' webinar**

All family history researchers should be familiar with nonpopulation census schedules.

Population census schedules are what most people think of and use when doing census research, but these other unique census records can contain gold nuggets that help you break through brick walls.

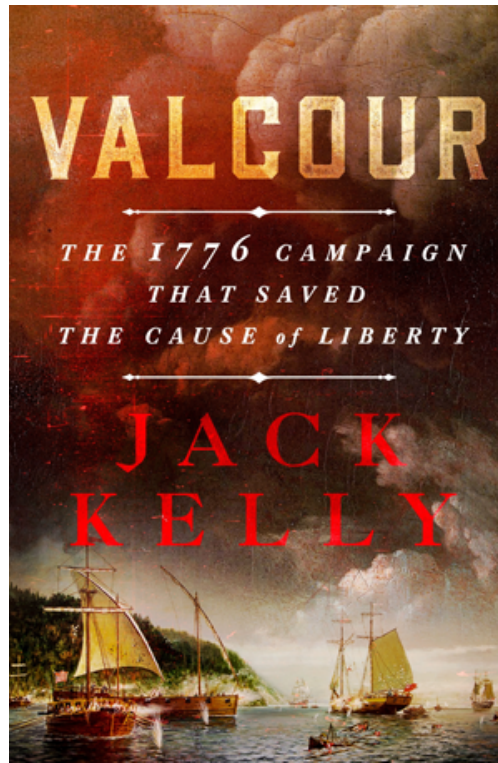
"Unlock the Mysteries of the Nonpopulation Schedules," presented by Nancy Lee Waters, is a highly useful webinar that will help you learn about this important subject.

The presentation is available for NYG&B members to watch on-demand in our webinar library.

[Read our blog](#) for five things you will learn from this webinar and a complete outline of the entire lecture.

**READ THE ARTICLE**

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## Inside This Crucial but Little-known Revolutionary War Campaign

*Author Jack Kelly discusses his book, Valcour*

America's independence hung in the balance during 1776. Patriots endured one defeat after another.

But two events turned the tide: Washington's bold attack on Trenton and the equally audacious fight at Valcour Island. Together, they stunned the enemy and helped preserve the cause of liberty.

*Valcour* explores the wild and suspenseful story of one of the most crucial and least-known campaigns of the Revolutionary War when America's scrappy navy took on the full might of Britain's sea power.

[Click here to learn more and purchase tickets.](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

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## Why you need to have your ancestor's New York death certificate

Whether you're just getting started or trying to break through a longtime brick wall, we have a suggestion for you—make sure you have your ancestor's New York death certificate.

It's one of the most important records to have and can be instrumental in making future discoveries.

If your ancestor is from New York City or elsewhere in New York State, the truth of the matter remains the same—you need to find their death certificate!

[Read our article](#) to see why it's the first vital record you should seek, what you can learn from it, and where to look for clues to locating it.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

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## Events

### Proving Parentage through Indirect Evidence: The Importance of Sibling Records [Webinar]

*Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 pm ET | Judith A. Herbert, CG<sup>®</sup>*

Some New York genealogy challenges need solid methodology to solve. Join us to hear with “Proving Parentage Through Indirect

Evidence: The Importance of Sibling Records” as Judith Herbert demonstrates how she solved one New York question. A live Q&A will follow the presentation.

This is available in advance to NYG&B members, [click here to view](#).

[Click here to register](#)

**SIGN UP**

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## All Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, May 25**

[Author Jack Kelly Discusses \*Valcour\*, His New Revolutionary War Bool \[Online\]](#)

**Tuesday, June 8**

[Five New York Genealogy Records to Find \[Webinar\]](#)

**Wednesday, June 16**

[Proving Parentage Through Indirect Evidence: The Importance of Sibling Records \[Webinar\]](#)

**Tuesday, July 20**

[How to Find NY State Death Certificates \[Webinar\]](#)

**Thursday, August 12**

[Finding Your New England Immigrant with Big-Y DNA \[Webinar\]](#)

**Monday, August 16 – Thursday, August 19**

[Empire State Exploration \(Summer\)](#)

**Wednesday, September 1 – Monday, October 18**

[NYSFHC @ Home 2021](#)



**Wednesday, October 6**

**Getting Your ACGT Together: Organizational Strategies for DNA Analysis [Webinar]**

**Wednesday, October 20 – Friday, October 22**

**Research in Albany Tour 2021**

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The NYG&B has been helping people discover their New York stories since 1869. Our mission is to preserve, document, and share the stories of families across the state of New York. We engage with genealogists, biographers, historians, and organizations to establish the broader contexts of New York's past.

The support of our members is crucial to our ability to digitize and publish new online records, conduct educational programs, and produce expert-authored publications on New York State research.

Thank you!

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