

# Primary Sources in Physical Collections

## LIBRARIES

♣ BCMS School Library <http://www.bethlehemschools.org/bcms/library/>

♣ Bethlehem Public Library <http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/>

Check the Local History link at <http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/local-history/>

♣ Albany Public Library <http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/>

Click the Research and Local History links.

<http://www.albanypubliclibrary.org/books-and-more/local-history/>

♣ New York State Library: Research Library <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/research.htm>

Includes an excellent collection of American and NYS history; and federal, state and international documents. The Manuscripts and Special Collections section contains rare books, broadsides and posters, musical scores, and maps.

♣ College and University Libraries

This area has a wealth of institutions of higher learning, including The University at Albany, RPI, St. Rose, and Russell Sage. Check out their library web pages for information on their special collections.

## MUSEUMS

♣ Albany Institute of History and Art <http://www.albanyinstitute.org/collections-database.html>

Collections include the fine arts, decorative arts, and historical artifacts highlighting life in the Hudson Valley since the 17th century. The library contains photographs, manuscripts, architectural drawings, broadsides, ephemera, maps, scrapbooks, history and art reference volumes and periodicals and newsletters.

♣ Fenimore Art Museum Research Library <http://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org/collections>

## HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

♣ New York State History Links: Historical Societies and Associations

[http://www.nyhistory.com/links/historical\\_societies.htm](http://www.nyhistory.com/links/historical_societies.htm)

A list of links to local historical societies and associations in the state.

## HISTORIC SITES

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

♣ Historic Sites <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/historic-sites/default.aspx?tab=1>

These sites are searchable by name, region, and amenities available to visitors (guided tours, biking, etc.).

♣ Heritage Trails <https://parks.ny.gov/historic-preservation/heritage-trails/>

Links to historic sites and resources that focus on four important NYS themes: the Revolutionary War, Women, Underground Railroad and Theodore Roosevelt.

♣ Heritage Areas <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/historic-preservation/heritage-areas.aspx>

A State and local partnership to preserve and develop important areas in the state. Links to the Heritage Visitor Center in each geographic area provides a wealth of information and resources on the locale.

♣ National Register of Historic Places <http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/>

Official national list of cultural assets worthy of preservation. Properties include “...districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture.”

♣ National Park Service <http://www.nps.gov/>

Click the *Find a Park* link, and search by name, location, activity, or topic (for example, American Presidents, or Human Rights). Parks may have tours, artifacts, reenactments, and other resources. They also have knowledgeable people.