

Genealogical Guide to Monroe County, New York

Rochester and Monroe County Histories

There have been a number of excellent histories written for both Rochester and Monroe County. Local histories written by Arch Merrill, Lloyd E. Klos and some others are an absolute joy to read, but are of little genealogical help. The following list is of well written, thoroughly researched works that may be more helpful in locating ancestors in and around Rochester and Monroe County. You may sometimes find some of these titles turning up on eBay. Other places to find used copies of these books are at antique book stores or online on Amazon.

Most of the older books are available online by clicking on the title link. In some cases they are many online versions. On the GenWeb of Monroe County [Online Books page](#) are links to all versions that have been found. The links in this chapter are to the better versions of the online books.

[*Sketches of Rochester; with incidental notices of Western N.Y.*](#) by Henry O'Reilly, (1838), 468 pages.

[*History of the Pioneer Settlement of Phelps and Gorham's Purchase*](#) by Orasmus Turner, (1851). This book contains personal stories of some early pioneers that were still alive at the time. There is also an every name and subject index by George E. Lookup, (1973), 256 pages. It is available at many Monroe County libraries or see [listing on WorldCat](#) for a library with the index near you..

[*History of Monroe County, N.Y.*](#) by Prof. William H. McIntosh, (1877), 320 pages. Also an index the Monroe Co. Historian's Office, (1966), 143 pages. View [listing on WorldCat](#) for all libraries owning the index.

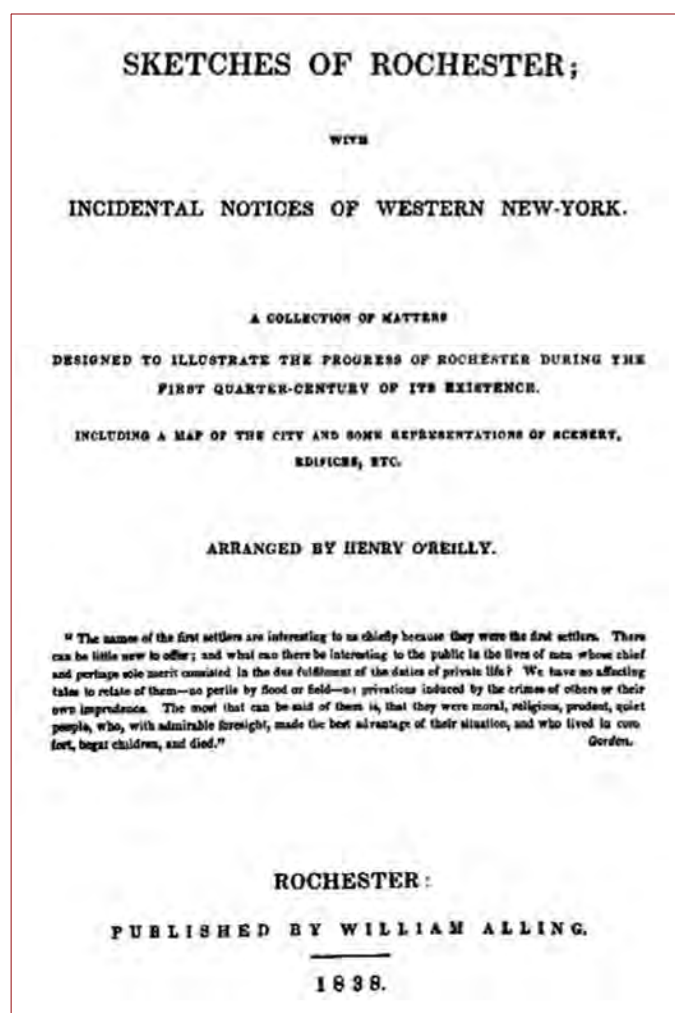
[*Rochester: A Story Historical*](#) by Jane Marsh Parker, (1884), 412 pages.

[*Semi-Centennial History of the City of Rochester, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Some of its Prominent Men and Pioneers*](#) by William F. Peck, (1884), 736 pages.

[*Landmarks of Monroe County, N.Y.*](#) by William F. Peck, (1895), 492 pages. Also an index by Grace M Schoeneman, (1969). View [listing on WorldCat](#) for libraries owning the index.

[*Notable Men of Rochester and Vicinity*](#) edited by George C. Bragdon, (1902), 373 pages (portraits of notable men).

[*The Biographical Record of the City of Rochester and Monroe County, N.Y.*](#), (1902), 481 pages.



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History of Rochester and Monroe County, N.Y. by William F. Peck, (1907; 2 vols.). [Volume 1](#) has history of the area and [Volume 2](#) has biographies of people in the County.

Rochester and Monroe County, N.Y.: Pictorial and Biographical by William F. Peck, (1908), 356 pages.

Early Rochester Family Records by Anah B. Yates (a scrapbook of newspaper articles which appeared in the *Rochester Post Express* from July 9, 1910 to Apr. 13, 1912). The version that is linked to is missing a few articles. Rochester Public Library has another version of the scrapbook which has the missing articles.

Rochester Historical Society Publication Fund Series by the Rochester Historical Society (in 24 vols.; Vol. 15 is an index from vol. 1 to vol. 14; Vols. 10 - 13 are also called *Centennial History of Rochester*). See [listing on WorldCat](#) for libraries that have this book series.

Northfield on the Genesee by Margaret MacNab, Katherine Thompson and Shirley Husted, (1981), 368 pages. Print version only. See [listing on WorldCat](#) for libraries that have this book.

Records of the Town of Northampton, 1797 – 1808 prepared by Grace Witty (indexed). The only available copy is in the Local History Division of the Rochester Public Library (Reference number: Rfr974.788 H972pa).

Rochester History is a quarterly magazine devoted to the many facets of local history of the area. The first issue was January 1939. The entire run is [available online](#) through the Monroe County Library System website. On the same web page there is also an online index of all but the most current issues.

Rochester was the home of Susan B. Anthony and played a part of the women's freedom movement. For those researching the history of Woman's Suffrage, please investigate the series; *History of Woman Suffrage*, 6 volumes, (1887 – 1920).

- [Volume 1](#), edited by Elizabeth C. Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda J. Gage.
- [Volume 2](#), edited by Elizabeth C. Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda J. Gage.
- [Volume 3](#), edited by Elizabeth C. Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda J. Gage.
- [Volume 4](#), edited by Susan B. Anthony and Ida H. Harper.
- [Volume 5](#), edited by Ida H. Harper.
- [Volume 6](#), edited by Ida H. Harper.

