Ethnic Histories

In the evolution of Monroe County, people have come from virtually everywhere in the world to make their home in and around Rochester. Each ethnic group has brought the flavor of their native culture to add diversity to the area. Unfortunately, just a few of these groups have documented their heritage in the communities in Monroe County. Some that have histories are shown in this list.

Most of the books are too new to be online and links are included to WorldCat which will show the library with a book that is closest to you when you put in your zip-code.

*Das Deutschthum Rochester's* by Hermann F. W. Pfäfflin, (1884), approx. 96 p. In German with Fraktur typeface.

*Hundertjahrige Geschichte des Deutschtums von Rochester*, by Hermann Pfaefflin, (1915), 255 p. In German. Also a translation titled: *A 100-Year History of the German Community in Rochester, New York (1815-1915)* was published in 2007. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this English edition.


*The Jewish Community in Rochester, 1843 – 1925*, by Stuart E. Rosenberg, (1954), 325 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

*History of the Polish People in Rochester*, by Norman T. Lyon, (1935), 180 p. Available on 5 web pages; Part 1; Part 2; Part 3; Part 4; Part 5.

*A Historical Documentary of the Ukrainian Community of Rochester, N.Y.*, by James D. Bratush, (1973), 381 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

*The Portuguese of Rochester and Monroe County, New York*, by David J. Viera, (1976), 12 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

about... time - a magazine of the African-American community in Rochester began a series on the Monroe County African-American history called "Rochester Roots/Routes" by Adolph Dupree starting in Vol. XII, no. 7, July 1984. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this series.

*Ethnic Rochester*, edited by James S. Pula (has short articles on Poles, Italians, Germans, Irish and Ukrainians), (1985), 141 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

Genealogical Guide to Monroe County, New York

City of Frederick Douglass; Rochester's African-American People and Places, by Eugene Eli DuBois, (1994), 50 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

Italians in Rochester, New York, 1900 – 1940 by Frank A. Salamone, (2000), 183 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

Italians in Rochester, New York: 1940 – 1960 by Frank A. Salamone, (2008), 166 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

The Italians of Rochester, New York, Post-World War II: Immigration, Prosperity, and Change by Frank A. Salamone, (2013), 351 p. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.

Rochester's Latino Community by Julio Saenz, (2011), 127 p. A book of mostly pictures with short descriptions in English and Spanish. See listing on WorldCat for a list of libraries that have this book.