

**New Rochelle Public Library  
Local History Collection  
Condensed Index**

Materials	Holdings
<b>Atlases/Maps</b>	<p><b>Maps</b></p> <p>Facsimiles of early maps include an Original plotted map of New Rochelle, New York, showing original purchases from John Pell and Jacob Leisler; and one called the "The Huguenots of New Rochelle."</p> <p>Mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century maps include those of the Town of New Rochelle, Pelhamville, Town of Pelham, and City Island, and the Plan of the Borough of New Rochelle.</p> <p>Numerous maps of New Rochelle and segments of New Rochelle from various years, beginning with 1867 to zoning maps from 1978.</p> <p>New Rochelle Neighborhood Maps include Rochelle Park, an Amended Map of Beechmont, New Rochelle, Sections 1 &amp; 2. 1905; a Map of Rochelle Heights in the City of New Rochelle, Subdivision 1, June 1905; a Map of Forest Heights, City of New Rochelle, Subdivisions 1 &amp; 2. June 1909; a Map of Peters Road as dedicated by John R. Peters 1846; and the Allaire Cemetery, New Rochelle, N.Y. Surveyed and drawn by Knut Forsberg, Park Engineer, New Rochelle. C. 1860's.</p> <p>Westchester County maps from 1845, 1851, 1911, and 1925 include New Rochelle.</p> <p><b>Atlases</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Atlas of Westchester County, New York</u> Bien, Joseph R. Julius Bien and Company. 1893. LH q912.747 B 1893 "Atlas Table"</li> <li>2. <u>Atlas of Westchester County, New York</u>. Bromley, G.W., and Bromley, W.S., G.W. Bromley and Co. 1901. LH q912.747 B 1901 " Atlas Table"</li> <li>3. <u>Insurance Maps of New Rochelle</u> Sanborn Map Company. 1911. LH q912.7477 NRO 1911, 1924 "Atlas Table"</li> <li>4. <u>Atlas of Westchester County, New York</u>. G.M. Hopkins Company. 4V. 1929-1931. LH q912.747 H</li> </ol>
<b>General New Rochelle History</b>	<p>There is no up-to-date, comprehensive history of New Rochelle. The single most complete source is Herbert B. Nichols' <u>Historic New Rochelle</u>, written in 1938 for the celebration of New Rochelle's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Three of the standard histories of Westchester County - those by French, Scharf, and Shonnard and Spooner - are also sources of New Rochelle history. Morgan Seacord's <u>Historic Landmarks of New Rochelle</u> is also a good starting point for general history of New Rochelle.</p> <p>Nichols, Herbert B <u>Historic New Rochelle</u>. The Board of Education, New Rochelle,</p>

1938.

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1. History of Westchester County, New York. French, Alvah P., Lewis Historical Publishing Company, Inc. 1925 v.1 & 2  
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The first eleven chapters of French's history cover various periods of the county's history - discovery and settlement, the colonial era, the Revolutionary War period, etc. - up to the end of the nineteenth century. The next thirteen chapters are "specialized histories: - transportation, education, medicine, agriculture, clubs and societies, and so on. This is followed by chapters on Westchester towns and cities. Two chapters, 29 (pp. 607-611) and 38 (pp. 752-757) deal with the history of New Rochelle. Chapter 29 provides a brief account of the founding of New Rochelle, a list of city officials, an account of the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, and a discussion of some of the city's public buildings, including the library. Chapter 38 is a hodge-podge of information, with paragraphs on Tom Paine, New Rochelle during the Revolution, business and professional interests in 1885, government, Glen Island Park, early town records, and a list of Huguenot settlers. Much of the information on New Rochelle appears in the "specialized histories," so it is essential to use the index in volume II when researching New Rochelle in

	<p>this set.</p> <p>2. <u>History of Westchester County, New York. Including Morrisania, Kings Bridge and West Farms.</u> Scharf, J. Thomas. L.E. Preston and Company, 1886. LH 974.727 Sch 1 v. 1</p> <p>Chapters 1-10 cover the history of the county as a whole. The next four chapters deal with the legal profession, the medical profession, writers and literature, and government, respectively. Following that are chapters on the various cities and towns. Chapter 16 (pp. 685-701) deals with New Rochelle. It focuses on the settlement and early history of New Rochelle, descriptions of some of the older houses, an account of some of the early churches, and a discussion of early schools. A four page biographical section concludes the chapter.</p> <p>3. <u>History of Westchester County.</u> Shonnard, Frederick, and Spooner, W.W. Harbor Hill Books c. 1909, reprinted 1974. LH 974.727 Sh7</p> <p>Presents a general history of the county from its discovery to 1900. Chapter 9 deals with the early history of Pelham, New Rochelle and Scarsdale. Consult the index to locate scattered references to New Rochelle.</p> <p>4. <u>Historical Landmarks of New Rochelle.</u> Seacord, Morgan H. (New Rochelle Trust Company.) 1938. LH 974.728 N42s</p>
<p><b>Other Books</b></p>	<p>NRPL's local history collection includes (LH) several hundred non-circulating books with these general subject headings:</p> <p>History of Westchester and New Rochelle environs  History of New Rochelle  Genealogy of New Rochelle families, with particular emphasis on French Huguenot settlers  New Rochelle residents, with particular emphasis on New Rochelle artists  Books by Local Authors</p>
<p><b>Government Records</b></p>	<p><u>Records of the Town of New Rochelle 1699 - 1828.</u>  Forbes, Jeanne A. 1916 Paragraph Press.  LH 974.728 N425t</p> <p><u>New Rochelle Town Records From December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1828 to January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1884.</u>  New Rochelle City Council Minutes: Annual Bound Volumes 1902 – present  Municipal Directories: Annual issues 1938 – 1947, 1950, 1952 – 1954, 1956 – 1958, 1960, 1963 - 1964, 1966, 1968 – 1970.  Directories of the Board of Education: Annual issue for school years from 1940 – 1970 (except 1959 – 60, 1960-61, 1961 – 62, 1963 – 64, and 1964 – 65.)  Also New Rochelle Laws and Ordinances, Codes, current environmental Impact Statements, Comprehensive Plan, and other government-issued and mandated documentation., as well as various governmental directories and documents of Westchester County.</p> <p>New Rochelle Tax Assessment Rolls- Microfiche  Volume 1: Assessed Valuations for the Years 1908/09/10 to Volume 20: Tentative 1929 Assessment Roll for Taxes of 1930.</p> <p>Volume 21: Tentative 1930 Assessment Roll for Taxes of 1931 to Volume 39: Tentative 1948 Assessment Roll for taxes of 1949 AND Mount Vernon Tax Assessment Rolls: Assessed Valuations of the City of Mount Vernon for the</p>

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<b>Periodicals</b>	<p><u>Quarterly Bulletin of the Westchester County Historical Society, 1925 – 1936; 1940 - 1954</u></p> <p><u>The Historian</u>, publication of the Westchester County Historical Society, 1855 – 1893 (bound); 1983 - present.</p> <p><u>The Tattler</u> (bound) issues 1915 and 1916</p> <p><u>Westchester Home Life</u>, (bound) 1928 – 1969.</p> <p><u>The Club Candle</u> (bound) monthly publication of the New Rochelle Women’s Club) 1931 – 1973</p> <p><u>Westchester Spotlight on New Rochelle</u>, (bound) 1981 – 1984</p> <p><u>Westchester</u>, (bound) 1971 – 1976, 1980 – 1983.</p>																																												
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<b>City/Town Directories</b>	<p><u>City Directories</u></p> <p>Turner's Directory of New Rochelle, Larchmont, Pelham, Mamaroneck LH 917.47</p> <table> <tr><td>1901</td><td>1908</td></tr> <tr><td>1904</td><td>1909</td></tr> <tr><td>1906</td><td>1910</td></tr> <tr><td>1907</td><td>1911</td></tr> </table> <p>Richmond's Directory of New Rochelle, Larchmont, Pelham LH 917.47 R414</p> <table> <tr><td>1912</td><td>1920</td></tr> <tr><td>1913</td><td>1922</td></tr> <tr><td>1914</td><td>1924</td></tr> <tr><td>1915</td><td>1925</td></tr> <tr><td>1916</td><td>1926</td></tr> <tr><td>1917</td><td>1927</td></tr> <tr><td>1918</td><td>1928</td></tr> <tr><td>1919</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p>Polk's Directory of New Rochelle LH 917.47 P759n</p> <table> <tr><td>1925</td><td>1941</td></tr> <tr><td>1926</td><td>1947</td></tr> <tr><td>1929</td><td>1950</td></tr> <tr><td>1930</td><td>1952</td></tr> <tr><td>1931</td><td>1955</td></tr> <tr><td>1932</td><td>1958</td></tr> <tr><td>1934</td><td>1962</td></tr> <tr><td>1936</td><td>1964</td></tr> <tr><td>1938</td><td>1966</td></tr> <tr><td>1940</td><td></td></tr> </table>	1901	1908	1904	1909	1906	1910	1907	1911	1912	1920	1913	1922	1914	1924	1915	1925	1916	1926	1917	1927	1918	1928	1919		1925	1941	1926	1947	1929	1950	1930	1952	1931	1955	1932	1958	1934	1962	1936	1964	1938	1966	1940	
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<b>Newspapers on Microfilm</b>	<p>New Rochelle Pioneer:</p> <p>April 8, 1882 - May 23, 1885</p> <p>May 30, 1885 - Sept 27, 1890</p> <p>Oct 4, 1890 - May 26, 1894</p> <p>June 2, 1894 - Mar 20, 1897</p> <p>April 14, 1917 - April 5, 1919</p> <p>Jan - Dec 1897</p>																																												

	1898-1916	34 rolls
New Rochelle Press:	Jan 2, 1897 - Dec 28, 1907	4 rolls
New Rochelle Paragraph:	Mar 21, 1891 - Dec 20, 1919	9 rolls
New Rochelle Evening Standard:	Feb 23, 1909 - June 1923	73 rolls
New Rochelle Standard Star:	July 1923 – March 31, 1959	233 rolls
New Rochelle Standard Star:	April 1, 1959 - Sept 30, 1998	
Journal News:	October 1, 1998 - current	

**Biographical and Genealogical Information**

The Local History collection of clippings (in vertical files) has several drawers of biographical information arranged in alphabetical order, including many prominent individuals with ties to New Rochelle.

Numerous books on individual and collected family genealogies, particularly of Huguenot descent, are in the collection, as well as these general resources:

1. Lart, Charles E., Huguenot Pedigrees
2. Immigrant Histories: Huguenot Settlers In North America And Europ 1600's-1900's. 1 CD-ROM
3. Lawton, Mrs. James M., Family Names of Huguenot Refugees to America
4. Huguenot Society of America, Collections of the Huguenot Society of America
5. N.R. Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Tombstone Inscriptions in New Rochelle, N.Y.
6. Biographical History of Westchester
7. French, Alvah P., History of Westchester County, N.Y.
8. Seacord, Morgan H. Huguenot and Historical Association Biographical Sketches and Index of the Hugenot Settlers of New Rochelle 1687-1776.
9. Grand Army of the Republic, Department of N.Y. Personal War Sketches of the Members of the Flandreau Post No. 509
10. Davies, Norman Westchester Patriarchs: A Genealogical Dictionary of Westchester County.
11. New York (Colony) Council Calendar of Council Minutes 1668-1783.
12. Early Wills of Westchester County 1664-1784.
13. Old Wills of New Rochelle, N.Y. 1784 – 1830
14. Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Westchester County, N.Y.
15. Fuller, Elizabeth Green. Index to Scharf's History of Westchester County.
16. Henry T. Smith, Publisher Westchester County in History 1683-1914.
17. Social List of Westchester County 1915
18. Countryside Social List, 1923
- 19 Westchester County Social Record 1930
20. Who's Who in Westchester County 1931.
21. Forbes, Robert Lucas. New Rochelle Two Hundred and Fifty Years
22. Nichols, Herbert Barker. Historic New Rochelle
23. Medical Society of the State of New York 20,000 Years of Service
24. Passenger & Immigration Lists:
  - Germans to America 1850-1874 (1 CD-ROM)
  - Germans to America 1875-1888. (1 CD-ROM)
  - Irish to America 1846-1865. (1 CD-ROM)
  - Irish to America 1846-1886. (1 CD-ROM)
  - Italians to America 1880-1893. (1 CD-ROM)
  - Passenger & Immigration Lists: New York 1820-1850. (1CD-ROM)
25. Census Microfilm & CD-ROMs  
1790 - 1<sup>st</sup> Census - microfilm covers NEW YORK, North Carolina, and

	<p>Pennsylvania (1 roll) (1 CD-ROM)  1800 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Census -on order. Not received as of 03/00; will cover Saratoga, Suffolk and WESTCHESTER counties (1 roll) (1 CD-ROM)  1810 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Census - covers Lewis, Seneca and WESTCHESTER counties (1 roll) (1CD-ROM)  1820 - 4<sup>th</sup> Census - covers Lewis, Seneca and WESTCHESTER counties (1 roll) (1 CD-ROM)  1830 - 5<sup>th</sup> Census - covers WESTCHESTER and Kings counties (1 roll) (1CD-ROM)  1840 - 6<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (2 rolls) (1CD-ROM)  1850 -7<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (2 rolls) (1CD-ROM)  1860 - 8<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (5 rolls) (1CD-ROM)  1870 - 9<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (5 rolls) (1CD-ROM)  1880 - 10<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (3 rolls) (1CD-ROM)  1890 - 11<sup>th</sup> Census - Special schedules enumerating Union Civil War veterans and their widows; covers Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam and WESTCHESTER counties (1 roll) (1CD-ROM)  1900 - 12<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (1 roll) (1CD-ROM)  1910 - 13<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (1 roll) (1CD-ROM)  1920 - 14<sup>th</sup> Census - Westchester county (2 rolls) (1CD-ROM)  1930 – 15<sup>th</sup> Census – Westchester county (1 CR-ROM)  1870 – African Americans in the US Federal Census ( 1CD-ROM)  <u>26. New Rochelle, New York Deaths 1853-1881-CD-ROM</u></p>
<b>Photographs</b>	<p>The New Rochelle Photograph Collection is made up of over 1,000 photographs donated by Dominick Bruzzese, the Huguenot-Thomas Paine Historical Association, and individuals. In 1988, these photographs were reproduced on acid-free paper with funds provided by a Discretionary Grant from the New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Material. These reproductions are filed in five notebooks according to subject (for example, churches, clubs, streets, business, and the waterfront). There is also an extensive index for the collection.</p> <p>NRPL has another approx. 1,000 vintage photographs that have not been reproduced or indexed, and about 500 glass plate negatives that have not been printed, reproduced, or indexed.</p>
<b>Postcards</b>	NRPL has a collection of over 300 vintage postcards.
<b>Yearbooks</b>	<p>New Rochelle High School:  (all except 1936, 1937, 1946, 1949, 1968, 1974, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1983, 1986  1987, 1992, 1994, 2002, 2003, 2004  Albert Leonard Middle School:  1988, 1889, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998  Isaac E. Young Middle School: 1987  Iona College: 1955  Iona Grammar: 1983, 1984  Iona Prep: 1969, 1972, 1973, 1976, 1978, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985</p>
<b>Oral Histories</b>	<p>A Tricentennial Project (1988) resulted in audio tapes and transcriptions of 38 long-time residents of New Rochelle.</p> <p>A New York State Documentary Heritage Oral History Project conducted in 2001 traced the migration of 22 individuals from Puebla, Mexico to New the Unite States. Audio recordings and transcripts completed in the “Latino Oral History” course taught by Roger Panetta, Ph.D, at Marymount College, are now part of the library’s “Antonio Valencia Collection: The Mexican Community in New Rochelle”.</p> <p>Forstall, Marion R. <u>Voices and Profiles of New Rochelle's Rich, Color-Full History</u> and sequel. 1980. Text and 10 audio cassettes of interviews with members of New Rochelle's black community.</p>

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