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**For the month of June with registration as a Guest User**

**June 2, 2016—Boston, Massachusetts**—Frequently there's a New York wall in the way of family historians conducting research that includes ancestors in the Empire State. Today the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) has announced a special feature to help genealogists break through it with FREE Access to all of its New York databases at [AmericanAncestors.org/New-York](https://www.americanancestors.org/New-York).

New York genealogy can be a challenge, depending on the time, place, and ethnicity of one's ancestors. For example, finding 18th century Dutch-descended New Yorkers in the Hudson Valley is easier than finding settlers from New England in the same locale. The 1911 fire at the State Library in Albany and the fact that statewide registration of vital records did not start until 1880 can create challenging brick walls for research that includes the Empire State.

The unique New York databases on [AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.americanancestors.org)—the data-rich website of NEHGS—offer thousands of early American records for finding lost New York ancestors. 23 databases including church records, property records, marriage notices, and cemetery inscriptions are all within the online collection of the New York resources of NEHGS. The experts at NEHGS know the best resources for New York genealogy and can teach you to use them effectively.

Of particular interest to family historians seeking New York data are two databases offered FREE during this special, month-long program of NEHGS:

### **Abstracts of Wills, Admins., and Guardianships in NY State, 1787-1835**

This database contains transcriptions for more than 50 counties within the state of New York. This compilation of Abstracts of New York Wills, Administrations, and Guardianships was created by William Applebie Daniel Eardeley. The original materials are part of the Brooklyn Historical Society's manuscript collection. Eardeley abstracted original estate proceedings in the counties of New York. In addition he indexed all the names in his abstracts, i.e. those of the decedents, executors, administrators, petitioners, guardians, witnesses, named beneficiaries, and minor children. Although the original title of the collection refers to the years 1691 to 1860, the bulk of the material concerns the period 1787 to 1835.

### **New York: Albany County Deeds, 1630-1894**

The Index to the public records of the County of Albany, State of New York, 1630-1894 was compiled and printed pursuant to the laws of 1893, under direction of Wheeler B. Melius, Superintendent [1893-1906] of the Albany County (N.Y.) Board of Supervisors. This important fourteen volume set of 302,300 land transactions in Albany County, searchable by grantor, grantee, corporation and date of transaction represents some of the only surviving early records of Albany, NY after a devastating fire on February 10, 1880 at Albany City Hall destroyed or severely damaged many records for the city and county. The database is complete with records from all volumes, 1-14.

Throughout the month of June, these and all other New York databases on the website of NEHGS are FREE to Guest Users. Users who register for FREE access may browse a wide variety of New York records, subject guides, articles, and publications and view other resources at [AmericanAncestors.org/New-York](https://www.americanancestors.org/New-York). Unlimited access to all one billion plus records on AmericanAncestors.org and other benefits are through membership at NEHGS.

### **About American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society**

The founding genealogical society in America, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) was established in 1845. Today it has a national collecting scope and serves more than 150,000 constituents through an award-winning website, [www.AmericanAncestors.org](https://www.AmericanAncestors.org). Since 1845, NEHGS has been the country's leading comprehensive resource for genealogists and

family historians of every skill level. Today NEHGS provides constituents with worldwide access to some of the most important and valuable research tools anywhere.

American Ancestors is the public brand and user experience of NEHGS representing the expertise and resources available for family historians of all levels when researching their origins across the country and around the world. NEHGS's resources, expertise, and service are unmatched in the field and their leading staff of on-site and online genealogists includes experts in early American, Irish, English, Scottish, Italian, Atlantic and French Canadian, African American, Native American, Chinese, and Jewish research. Expert assistance is available to members and nonmembers in a variety of ways. The NEHGS library and archive, located at 99-101 Newbury Street in downtown Boston, Massachusetts is home to more than 28 million items, including manuscript documents, genealogical records, books, photographs, and other items dating back hundreds of years.

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