

New York Probate: During and after the Revolutionary War”

In New York Probate we'll explore estate records in New York State during and after the American Revolution starting in 1777. In addition to the current New York probate court called the Surrogate's Court (established in 1787), courts featured for early statehood include Chancery, Common Pleas, Probate, and Supreme Court of Judicature, as well as key concepts concerning New York inheritance law. We'll learn where to find all these court records for wills, administrations, guardianships, inventories, dower records and others, online and more. Essential resources and finding aids important for successful searching and examples using 19th and 20th century New York probate records will be featured.

Finding American Women's Voices through the Centuries: Letters, Journals, Newspapers, and Court Records

Women from the seventeenth through the twentieth centuries are challenging to uncover, but we hear their voices in the documents that recorded their lives. With many examples from the speaker's own New England, New York and Wisconsin family history, learn where to look for womenfolk in letters, diaries and journals, newspapers and various court records.

Uncharted Waters: Diving into the Holdings of the New York State Archives

The New York State Archives (NYSA) at the Cultural Education Center in Albany holds a diverse collection of state governmental records. Come learn about both familiar and obscure resources that will help you advance your New York research. A demonstration for using the Finding Aids on the NYSA website will be featured to assist researchers in locating records at NYSA that could be pertinent to your family history.

About our Speaker

Jane E. Wilcox is a member of the New York State Archives Advisory Committee and the New York Genealogical & Biographical (NYG&B) Society's Family History Advisory Committee. She is writing a book on the collections of the NYS Archives to be published by the NYG&B. Jane is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and hosted *The Forget Me Not Hour: Your Ancestors Want Their Stories to be Told* podcast at www.BlogTalkRadio.com/JaneEWilcox from 2010 to 2017. She writes, "Genealogy research isn't about just your own family, it is about your family and how they lived and interacted in their communities, which means finding out about your family's friends, neighbors, fellow church members and others as well."

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