

ANT 359 African American Archaeology
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Lecture notes

Last part of class we will go upstairs to the Archives & Special Collections Room to view a few types of materials briefly and so you can see the room – no food and drink allowed, no water

Types of secondary resources that may be useful in your search for county history

Some you may or may not need; would like you to know what exists and is available

County Histories

We will look at some examples when we get up to the archives room

Finding in **BearCat**

All fields (Keyword) search

Franklin County keyword anywhere 68 results

Add word **"history"** narrows to 20 results

Reading entry

Important elements

Subject headings

Call nos.

Most in Special Collections; some on regular shelves

new york state geography [all fields anywhere] search 51 results

New York : atlas of historical county boundaries item

Reference collection

Words in Subject search

St. Lawrence County history 3 results

Subject heading

St. is spelled out as Saint

Redo search – Saint Lawrence county history – 28 results

Adirondack Mountains [Words in subject, Subject begins with] searches

Subject begins with... search

Saint Lawrence County

Browse sub-headings

County Atlases

BearCat Words in Subject search

Saint Lawrence county maps

Put in alpha order by author to show - Beers

Dates published

Information on resources elsewhere


Directories:


NNYLN directory

Arranged by county

Example: Franklin County, find command for Wilder

St. Lawrence University; Icepac

Under Find books 

Other ways 

Other Library Catalogs

Local Newspapers

Find articles

Newspaper Search

Northern New York Historical Newspapers

Plattsburgh Republican [Clinton county] example – provides text itself with search mechanism sample search: **schools**

New York State Newspaper Project

Internet resources

Watch out for **accuracy, authority**

Examples <http://www.hopefarm.com/stlawrny.htm> - Early St Lawrence County History - Hope Farm Press

<http://www.potsdam.ny.us/pictures.html> - written by a non-historian

<http://francisadams.com/> - Madrid, another non-historian

(all of above linked to www.mwcsK12.org/library/local.html)

County historical associations usually better staffed

Feel free to ask me if you aren't sure

Using our archives & special collections

By appointment only – must be done in advance; special arrangements for this class

Information on our website

Additional help

Upstairs

General Histories, such as the North Country, Adirondacks, etc.

County Histories - Examples

Each can be different and include different types of things;
arrangements can also be different

F127.J4H2 *Haddock's Centennial History of Jefferson County, NY*

Have several others on Jefferson County also

This one covers 1793-1894

Quote on title page re contents "Compiled..."

No table of contents

More general articles first, then by community (quite a few county histories follow this format)

City of Watertown earlier; then Watertown as a community later as well

Index in back is for places, personal names, companies, misc.

F 127.S2C8 Curtis *Our County and Its People: A Memorial Record of St. Lawrence Country NY*

Published in 1894.

Has table of contents

Pt. 1 General history first, then separate chapters on some townships

Pt. 2 Biographies

Pt. 3 Personal Sketches

Indexes in back to 3 separate parts

F 127.S2D9 Durant *History of St. Lawrence Co., NY, 1749-1878*

Also known as Everts

Table of contents

General history, followed by cities & towns

Military history with muster rolls

Patrons record

Biographical record

No index

F 127.S2H8 Hough *A History of St. Lawrence and Franklin Counties, NY*

Pub. In 1853

Table of contents

General history

Biographical sketches

Wars

Geology, Mineralogy, Meteorology, etc.

Has maps inside

Index in back, by topic

Separately published index as well – F 127.S2S33 which has place names & personal references

F 127.F8S4 Seaver *Historical Sketches of Franklin County and its Several Towns With Many Short Biographies*

Published in 1918

Table of Contents

General histories first, then communities, then miscellaneous

Chapter XXVII The Underground Railroad

Biographical Sketches

Separate index: F127.F8S42 Genealogical by community (different sizes probably done at different times)

Community resources example

F129.C693C642 1993 Colton, New York: Story of a Town II

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Bibliography

County Atlases Examples

G1253.S2B4 Beers *New Topographical Atlas of St. Lawrence County, NY 1865*

Example – Potsdam town and Potsdam village, actual residences with names

G1253.J4B38 1876 Beers *Atlas of Franklin Country*

Additional resources, especially maps, can be found in Country Historical Associations

Handling materials

Review handout