



# Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society

In addition to the monthly meetings (Mar - Nov), the two most important means of providing information to our members, and prospective members, is through our 24 page quarterly newsletter, the *Informer*. Regular features include articles on ancestors in and about Jefferson County. We provide news about the society and discuss genealogical happenings from the surrounding area. Members can contact us through the website as well as submit queries which are printed in the *Informer* at no charge. Secondly, members have unlimited access to [www.jcnygs.org](http://www.jcnygs.org) for research links. This site provides the society increased exposure and efficient means of passing along genealogical information to help you, the researcher, learn more about Jefferson County and most of all, leads to direct ancestors.

**NOT REQUIRED, BUT LIST  
UP TO EIGHT TOWNS,  
VILLAGES, HAMLETS,  
AND APPROX YEARS FOR  
YOUR JEFFERSON  
COUNTY NY ANCESTORS**

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**PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR  
GENEALOGICAL STATUS**

- 1. BEGINNING RESEARCHER**
- 2. EXPERIENCED RESEARCHER**
- 3. PUBLISHED RESEARCHER**

**NOT REQUIRED, BUT LIST  
UP TO EIGHT ANCESTOR  
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Your suggestions and comments are requested and welcomed. Please write to JCNYGS, P. O. Box 6453, Watertown, New York 13601 or access our “contact us” link on the [www.jcnygs.org](http://www.jcnygs.org) internet homepage to provide timely feedback.

**MAIL APPLICATION TO:**  
**JEFFERSON COUNTY NY**  
**GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**  
**P. O. Box 6453**  
**Watertown, New York 13601**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP**

- Individual ..... \$20.00
- Family ..... \$22.00
- Donation (if desired) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash/Check Total ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Or Join Online as of 2025)

Annual membership provides you the most current issue of the *Informer* via the mail, as well as unlimited internet access to current and past *Informers* since 1994!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**JEFFERSON COUNTY, NEW YORK, HAS A RICH HISTORY**

The following was pulled from the History of Jefferson County N.Y., 1793 to 1894, by John A. Haddock: "Jefferson County, New York, once formed part of the original county of Albany, the line of evolution from the latter being: Albany County, formed November 1, 1683; Tryon, formed from Albany, March 12, 1772; Montgomery, changed from Tryon. April 2, 1784; Herkimer, was formed from Montgomery, January 16, 1792; Oneida, formed from Herkimer, March 15, 1798; Jefferson, formed from Oneida, March 28, 1805. Jefferson County is situated in the northern part of the State of New York, in an angle formed by the St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario, the superficial area, according to the statistics, being 733,585 acres, equivalent to 1,146 square miles. It is bounded on the northwest by the St. Lawrence River, on the northeast by St. Lawrence County, on the west by Lake Ontario, on the south by Oswego County, and on the east by Lewis County. There are about twenty small lakes in the county, of which ten are in Theresa and Alexandria, two in Henderson, four in Ellisburgh, two in Antwerp, and one each in Orleans and Pamela, Champion and Rutland." Come explore Jefferson County.

**THIS GENEALOGY SOCIETY HAS A HISTORY OF ITS OWN**

The Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society was formed in 1994 with six members attending the inaugural meeting August 8, 1994 at the Dillenbach Room of the Flower Memorial Library, Watertown. Those six were Maurice Herron of Bellville, Gus Rogers of Clayton, Mary Lou McCreadie of Adams, Helen McDonald of Alexandria Bay, and John and Ellen Bartlett of Syracuse.

The first society publication was called the *Jefferson County Family History Association* and was published in August 1994 with 30 members. Over the years, membership has reached 400 plus, however it has leveled off to approximately 175 today. We also have about 35 genealogy societies and libraries receiving our quarterly publication, the *Informer*. The JCNYGS has members in 35-plus states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The Society is a non-profit all volunteer organization.

*Our purpose is three-fold: first, to promote and encourage original genealogical research. The second purpose is to encourage and disseminate a greater knowledge of genealogy and its history in the county of Jefferson, State of New York. And the third purpose, to gather, preserve, and display and make available: genealogy information, manuscripts, papers, books, photographs, electronic data, and other records and materials relating to genealogy and history of Jefferson County.*