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Rochester's Immigrants

Research Guide

SCOPE

This guide is intended to assist in locating materials and information available in the Rochester Central Public Library about people who immigrated to the Rochester area. Materials that are available for checkout from other divisions are also listed below. Ask at the reference desk if you have any questions about a particular item. Note: Restrictions may apply to the use of some of these materials. Please ask the librarian if you have any questions.

INTRODUCTION

After the Revolutionary War was over and the title to lands in Western New York was obtained from the Iroquois in 1786, New Englanders flocked to all parts of the state. In the two decades after the war, 500,000 new settlers came into New York, and the state tripled its population.

Cities along the migration route such as Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo prospered. Natives of other states such as New Jersey, Connecticut, and Vermont moved to New York in large numbers during the pre-Civil War era.

Large numbers of Irish and Germans came to New York cities in the mid-1800s. New York was the destination for millions of southern and eastern Europeans, especially Italians and Russian Jews, from about 1890-1910. The Irish tended to settle in New York and other large cities, such as Albany, and along the canal. Large numbers of Germans settled in New York City, Buffalo, and Rochester.

Key

L/H = Local History Division (these materials do not circulate)

BUS = Business & Social Sciences Division – 4th floor, Bausch & Lomb Public Library Building (these materials circulate and may be checked out)

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