

Genesee Country Historical Federation Collection

A Finding Aid

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I. Collection Summary

Title	Genesee Country Historical Federation Collection
Collection No.	C199
Extent	.16 linear feet; 3 folders
Date Range	1917-1979
Abstract	<p>This collection was amassed over a period of years by several individuals associated with the Genesee Country Historical Federation, including presidents of the organization Dr. Arthur C. Parker of Rochester and Wyoming County Historian Harry S. Douglass. The federation's scope included historical societies, groups, and individuals all western New York counties, from Seneca Lake to Lake Erie. The materials include copies of historical background and correspondence, while the bulk of the collection is composed of Genesee Valley Historical Federation Bulletins from 1939-1979.</p>
Languages	English.
Access and Restrictions	<p>Use of the documents in this collection is for serious research. The collection may be accessible by advance request and permission from the Livingston County Historian's Office. Any use of the material in print or online publications must be cited as follows: "Courtesy of Livingston County Historian's Office, New York." Additionally, all documents should be handled with care.</p> <p>To arrange to conduct research with the documents in the collection, contact the Livingston County Historian by mail at: 5 Murray Hill Drive, Mount Morris, NY, by phone at (585) 243-7955, or by e-mail at Historian@livingstoncountyny.gov.</p>
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II. Background Information

Formed in 1917, the Genesee Country Historical Federation was an organization to network historical societies and historical groups in western New York State. The scope was the territory west of Seneca Lake and included the counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Livingston, Monroe, Niagara, Ontario, Orleans, Wyoming, and Yates. It later expanded to include 15 counties. At its formation, participating groups ranged from chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (D.A.R.) to town and county historical societies, public historians, and other associations.

The organization held annual meetings across the region, accompanied by lectures and tours. The publication the *Bulletin* was issued several times a year and included news, updates, and short articles. It also served as a place for historians to submit queries to the community.

The Genesee Country Historical Federation was organized under Edward G. Hayes of Canandaigua. Judge Lockwood R. Doty (1885-1937) served as president until his death. In 1939, after a short period of inactivity due to Doty's death, the organization was reorganized by Dr. Arthur C. Parker, then director of the Rochester Museum. The last publicized meeting and tour of the federation took place in fall 1981.

III. Contents List

Genesee Country Historical Federation papers, 1917-1939 and correspondence, 1952-1954

Genesee Country Historical Federation *Bulletins*, 1939-1963

Genesee Country Historical Federation *Bulletins*, 1964-1979

IV. Related Materials

Lockwood R. Doty (1885-1937) Papers

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- Box 5, Folder 4F: Genesee Country Historical Federation Documents, 1921-1925