

Town of Deerfield
Office of Town Historian
6329 Walker Road
Deerfield, NY 13502
(315)-724-0413
OurDeerfieldHistory@gmail.com

Genealogy Research

Warmest Greetings!

The Town of Deerfield and the County of Oneida were established in 1798 by an act of the State Legislature. Our town has a rich and colorful history spanning over 210 years. We are proud of that history, and recognize that it is the families and pioneers from our town that has made it a beautiful place to live.

The Town of Deerfield may have certain historical records of the family you are researching. Some of our files may be limited to public records, such as birth certificates, and some records may be from items previously donated to the town.

The Town of Deerfield will be glad to assist you in researching these limited records. As part of your research you may want to utilize some of the resources listed below.

- Public records (birth, marriage, and death certificates, etc.) may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk at the number above, extension 23.
- A great resource for research is www.fultonhistory.com. This website contains a searchable database of over 7.5 million newspaper pages in PDF format from throughout the state, including Utica. When you type in the web address, you will see a post card of Fulton, NY. Click the green "Enter." The left side of the page is the searchable database, and the right side is dedicated to the history of Fulton. For best results you may want to select "Boolean Search" from the drop-down list and enter the "Family Last Name and Deerfield" (ie: Smith and Deerfield). Be sure to include the word "And" in between. Years ago, a lot was published in the newspaper (family trips, awards, sports highlights, obituaries, etc.).
- The Utica Public Library has multiple research sources, such as census records, cemetery lists, and newspaper on microfilm. A new feature at the library is free access to www.ancestry.com. Their website is www.uticapubliclibrary.com. The library is located at 303 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501, and the telephone number is (315)-735-2279.
- The Oneida County Historical Society is a great place to research families and various aspects of the town and community. Their website is www.OneidaCountyHistory.org and they are located at 1608 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502. The telephone number is (315)-735-3642. A fee may apply for research services and/or use of their research library.
- The County of Oneida maintains historical deeds dating back to 1798. The historical deeds are filed by last name of the owner. The county charges a small fee for copies. Their website is www.ocgov.net.

Upon the completion of your research, you may want to consider donating a copy of your research to the Town of Deerfield. We would gladly accept the donation and add it to our family history files.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Historian.

Best regards in your research!