

# HALF-SHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## William G. Pomeroy Family History Research Library

This room is located in the original coal storage room in the NE corner of the 1st floor. From 1997 until 2019 the room was used by the Town of Richland for inactive record storage. When the town relocated their records, the room was gutted and completely renovated with a 2nd entry created into the main hall.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation of Syracuse sponsored much of the work and in gratitude for this gift the Society dedicated the room to Mr. Pomeroy, a noted philanthropist and active researcher and historian. Six shelving units with five shelves each house the bulk of the society's genealogies. Collection of family histories was begun by Mary White, Eloise Grant Jones and Phyllis Grant in the early 1970s. The collections of these early half-Shire researchers were augmented over the years by Shawn Doyle, Penny Schutt, Goerge Widrig, Julie Litts Robst, Roberta Cleveland, Sharon Turo, Glenna Gorski, Anne LaDuke, Greg Monette, Marlene Cronk White and many others.

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The collection on the shelves, as well as the four-drawer file cabinet (for smaller files) is considered "organic" and is added to and updated by Librarian Sharon Turo and her volunteers who manage the room including Trustee Venita Ackely of Parish and Treasurer Betty Warren Assist Sharon Turo.

Some of the active files can also be found on the databases of several of our members, and certain files are updated annually as additional information is gathered and verified. Published genealogies from the early 1800s through the current time are found here along with many compilations by our members. Also in this room is a massive 8 foot tall, cherry factory cabinet donated by Mark Fruce of Fulton. This cabinet came from the former Fulton Woolen Mill, and contains the Half-Shire Diary collection, scrapbooks and old photo albums.

A large oak cabinet with double glass doors also is in the room and houses the Revolutionary War research collection that belongs to the Kayendatsyana-Fort Oswego (Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter (DAR). This extensive collection is one of the best for the topic in the region.

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