

## Cultural Heritage & ESLN

The Empire State Library Network (ESLN) supports the following cultural heritage resources in New York State:



### NYS HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS

The NYS Historic Newspapers project provides free online access to a wide range of newspapers chosen to reflect New York's unique history.

<http://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/>



The Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative project collects and indexes the finding aids of New York State's libraries archives and museums in one place.

<http://empireadc.org/>



A collaborative project of the Empire State Library Network, eight of the nine regional councils contribute member content, including:

- Capital District Library Council
- Central New York Library Resources Council
- Long Island Library Resources Council
- Northern New York Library Network
- Rochester Regional Library Council
- South Central Regional Library Council
- Southeastern New York Library Resources Council
- Western New York Library Resources Council

<https://www.nyheritage.org>

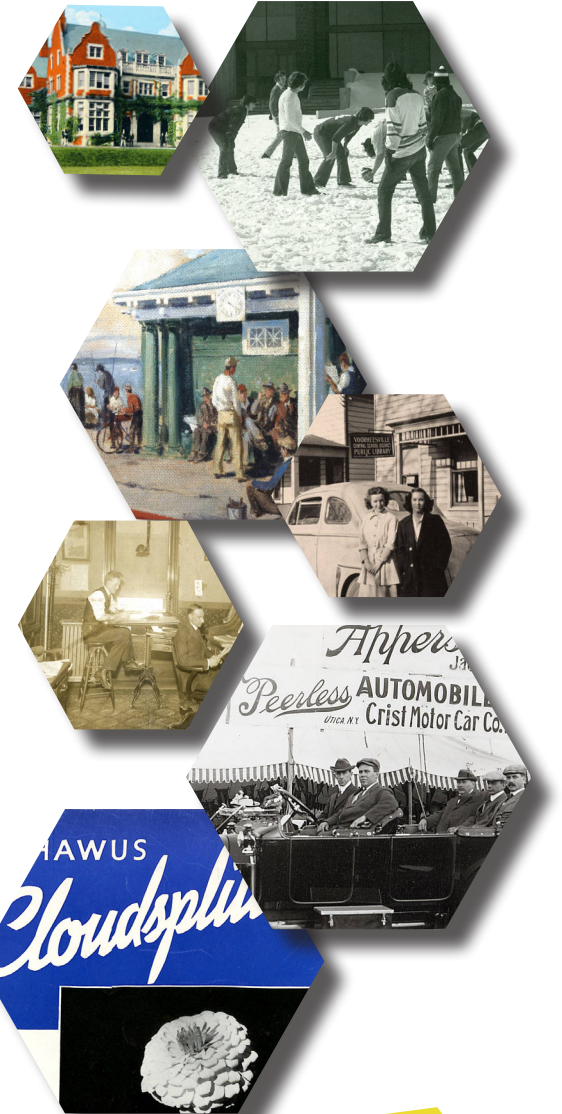


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<https://esln.org>

## DISCOVER OUR SHARED HISTORY



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"Social Studies directly equips students with the foundational knowledge and skills that are necessary to understand and ask important questions in a rapidly changing world. Social Studies can inspire the minds and hearts of young citizens to deeply engage in their local, state, national, and global communities as agents of change. In this way, Social Studies supports the moral imperative of our schools to prepare educated and engaged citizens, which is at the heart of a healthy democracy."

- New York State K-12 Social Studies Field Guide, p. 3.



### RESOURCES FOR EDUCATORS



Through its primary source materials and lesson plans, New York Heritage Digital Collections offers educators resources to augment their social studies curriculum in foundational problem-solving, communication, and collaboration.

The images and information contained in New York Heritage Digital Collections can inform the shift from fact to concepts, from breadth to depth, and from rote memorization to critical transfers and connections between topics.

Students may also use New York Heritage Digital Collections' content to further develop projects for initiatives like the National History Day competition, where local interpretations of national themes can build local relationships and reinforce learning.

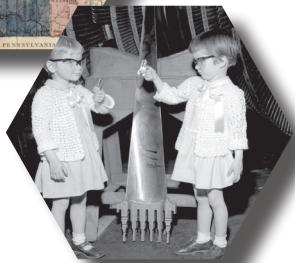
## THOUSANDS OF IMAGES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS



New York Heritage is a research portal for students, educators, historians, artists, genealogists, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about the people, places and unique events that have contributed to the making of New York State.

The site features locally-held content and provides immediate, free access to more than 750 distinct, digital collections contributing from more than 250 libraries, archives and museums across New York State.

Beyond photographs, the site provides an assortment of formats including yearbooks, correspondence, maps, city directories, postcards, scrapbooks, and oral histories. Each digital item contains important historical and contextual information allowing for powerful keyword searching of materials.



## PARTNERING TO BRING YOU MORE



New York Heritage Digital Collections helps its local contributors push their digital content even further, expanding New York State's stories and reach to users across the nation and around the world via the Digital Public Library of America (<https://dp.la>). This service is rendered through New York Heritage Digital Collections' partnership with the Empire State Digital Network (ESDN), which serves as New York State's DPLA service hub and is administered by the Metropolitan New York Library Council.



## COLLECTING LOCAL CONTENT



New York Heritage Digital Collections provides a platform, tools, and training for local organizations to share their unique historical resources with the people of New York State and beyond.

Organizations work through their regional Empire State Library Network (ESLN) council to get help in selecting and organizing materials, using effective scanning techniques to create high-quality images, and creating descriptions that ensure users find relevant content.

Local councils provide critical support in a collaborative environment to assist organizations in their digitization efforts. Working together, ESLN and its partners make New York State history accessible to everyone.