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# Rochester's Neighborhoods

## Research Guide

### SCOPE

This list is intended to assist in researching the histories of Rochester's neighborhoods currently available in the Local History & Genealogy Division of the Central Library. For more of the library's holdings on Rochester's neighborhoods, check with other divisions.

Note: Some of these items may be available for checkout from other library divisions – check the library's catalog.

### INTRODUCTION

Not all Rochester neighborhoods have a written history. Also, while neighborhoods were formerly divided into wards, today, they are divided into sectors, quadrants, and neighborhoods. For maps of these areas, go to the City of Rochester Geographic Information System Maps Web site: <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589936674>.

If you visit the Local History & Genealogy Division, you can do original research on an area using resources such as city directories and plat maps. There is material on some neighborhoods in our Ready Reference card file as well as in our clipping, photo, and pamphlet files, under **Localities and Neighborhoods** (or for houses, **Architecture, Domestic**). The quarterly-published *Rochester History* journal and the Rochester Images database may provide additional material, as well as the Rochester Historical Society's Publication Fund series index.

Look under "Neighborhoods" and "Subdivisions" for more information about specific neighborhoods. Also, see area-specific subject headings following each section below.

In addition to the titles found below, it might also be helpful to look at documentation of different ethnic groups as neighborhoods were often defined by them. For example:

L/H  
Rr325.24771  
B824h  
Bratush, James D. *A Historical Documentary of the Ukrainian Community of Rochester, NY*. [s.l. : s.n.], c1973.

L/H  
Rr974.789  
P523p 2007a  
Pfäfflin, Herman. *A 100-Year History of the German Community in Rochester, New York (1815-1915)*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Rochester Museum & Science Center, c2007.

## NORTHWEST

The following books contain information about neighborhoods north of Main Street, and west of the Genesee River.

- L/H  
Rrq974.789  
B261b  
Barnes, Joseph W. *Bridging the Lower Falls*. 1974. Also available online: [http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/%7Erochhist/v36\\_1974/v36i1.pdf](http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/%7Erochhist/v36_1974/v36i1.pdf)
- L/H  
Rrq307.1416  
B881b  
*Brown Street Neighborhood Five Year Plan 2000-2005*. [Rochester, N.Y.: Neighborhood United Association, 1999?].
- L/H  
Rfr929.5097  
C479b  
Charlotte Cemetery Association. *Book of Records of the Charlotte Cemetery Association*. [Charlotte, N.Y.: The Association, 19--].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
C479c  
*Charlotte in the War of 1812: An Account Based on the Words of the Local Pioneers Who Were There, Containing an Annotated Bibliography of Sources*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
D532c  
De Zafra, Dorothea M. *Charlotte's Lighthouse and Its River: How They Came to Be*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society, 1984.
- L/H  
Rrq974.789  
E23e  
*The Edgerton Neighborhood*. Rochester, N.Y.: Department of Community Development, [1985?].
- L/H  
Rr388.4  
G655m  
Gordon, William Reed. *Manitou Beach Trolley Days, 1891-1925*. [Rochester, N.Y., 1957].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
G816h  
1999  
Greer, Emma M. Pollard. *History of Charlotte*. [1999].
- L/H  
Rrq929.5097  
C479c  
year 1987  
Halsey, Richard T. *Charlotte Cemetery, Rochester, N.Y.* [Rochester, N.Y.?: The Author, 1987].
- L/H  
Rrq917.4789  
D611d  
year 2002  
Harbor Merchants' Association. *Discover the Harbor District: Port of Rochester, New York*. Rochester, NY: Harbor Merchants' Assn., 2002-.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
L439rd  
Leavy, Michael. *Rochester's Dutchtown*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, 2004.

- L/H  
Rr974.789  
L831m Logan, Lorna. *Maplewood History*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rrq974.789  
L984L *Lyell-Otis History*. [Rochester, N.Y.: Lyell-Otis Neighborhood Association, 2010].
- L/H  
Rqr373.7478  
M167L McMahan, Richard A. *A Little Piece of Ourselves: A History of John Marshall High School and the Maplewood Neighborhood*. Interlaken, NY: Heart of the Lakes, 1992.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
M912s Mosholder, Jerry. *The Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 1 *Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 1 Action Plan: Charlotte, A Community That Cares*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 2 *Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 2 Action Plan: Historic Maplewood, A Family Place*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 3 *Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 3 Action Plan: A Place Where Generations Grow, Come Grow With Us*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
P766d Policicchio, Sandy. *Dutchtown: Changing Faces and Places*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rrq974.789  
P946t Price, William M. *Triphammer Forge: Archaeological Documentation & Historic Resource Survey, Brown's Race Historic District, City of Rochester, New York: Final Report*. Rochester, NY: City of Rochester Engineering Bureau, Dept. of Environmental Services, c1994.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
W177w Research and Educational Development Committee of the Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Preservation Society. *A Walk In the Village: Charlotte, 1902 and Today*. [Rochester, N.Y.?: Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse Historical Society?, 1984?].
- L/H  
Rqr323.352  
R676m Rochester Bureau of Planning. *Maplewood Neighborhood Study*, 1970.
- L/H  
Rqr323.352  
R676uf Rochester Department of Urban Renewal and Economic Development. *Upper Falls: Renewal of a Neighborhood*. [Rochester, N.Y.: The Dept., 1972].
- L/H  
Rrq974.789  
S271b Sawnor, Thomas J. *The Biography of a Neighborhood and a City: Lake Avenue, and Rochester, New York: Circa 1880-1920 and 1980 To the Present*. 2002.

L/H  
Rrq333.7831  
S475s                      *Seneca Park Master Plan: Including Seneca Park, Lower Falls Park, and Maplewood Rose Garden.* Monroe County Department of Parks. [Rochester, N.Y.]: County of Monroe, 1990.

L/H  
Rr974.789  
S634k                      Slocum, Helen E. *King's Landing: A History of the First White Settlement West of the Genesee River In the State of New York, 1797.* Rochester, N.Y.: Special Committee of the Rochester Historical Society, 1948.

L/H  
Rr974.789  
S653b                      Smith, Kathryn. *Brown Square: A Neighborhood for People and Industries.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].

Barnes, Joseph. "The Annexation of Charlotte." *Rochester History*, vol. 37, no. 1 (January 1975). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v37\\_1975/v37i1.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v37_1975/v37i1.pdf)

McKelvey, Blake. "Indian Allan's Mills." *Rochester History*, vol. 1, no. 4 (October 1939). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v1\\_1939/v1i4.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v1_1939/v1i4.pdf)

Rosenberg-Naparsteck, Ruth. "Frankfort: the Birthplace of Rochester's Industry, *Rochester History*, vol. 50, no. 3 (July 1988). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v50\\_1988/v50i3.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v50_1988/v50i3.pdf)

See also "Beach Street," "Charlotte," "Dutchtown," "Maplewood," "Edgerton," "Browns Race," "Lyell," "Ontario Beach," "Upper Falls," "Middle Falls," "Lower Falls," "Seneca Parkway," and "Summerville, NY" in the Rochester History index (<http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/indexa.htm>).

## NORTHEAST

The following books contain information about neighborhoods north of Main Street, and east of the Genesee River.

L/H  
Rqr711  
R676cb                      *The "Baden-Ormond" Area* [City Planning Commission]. [Rochester, N.Y.: The Commission, 195-?].

L/H  
Rr974.789  
B853b                      *A Brief History of Marketview Heights.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].

L/H  
Rr974.789  
B882b                      Browncroft Neighborhood Association History Committee. *A History of the Browncroft Area.* City of Rochester, New York: Sesquicentennial History Project, 1984.

L/H  
Rqr338.9747  
C734c                      *Commercial Development in the Group 14621 Area: An Overview.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Dept. of Community Development, 1979.

L/H  
Rqr974.789  
D392r                      Dengler, Dorothy J. *The Rise and Fall of White City, Windsor Beach and Summerville.* Rochester, N.Y.: [s.n.], 1945.

- L/H  
Rqr323.352  
R676ur  
*Department of Urban Renewal and Economic Development Final Relocation Report: Baden-Ormond Urban Renewal Project.*
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
E37s  
Eldred, Thomas G. *A Star Winked Out – Carthage.* 1949.
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
G799r  
Greenberg, Robert. *Rochester's Lewis Street: An Immigrant Working Class Neighborhood in Transition, 1880-1930.*
- L/H  
Rqr361.8097  
H673h  
*Hispanic Alternatives: A City Industrial and Economic Neighborhood Development Analysis: Final Report of the HACIENDA Project, A Study of Rochester's Marketview Heights Neighborhood.* New York: The League, 1980.
- L/H  
PBRr360  
L673f  
*Lewis Street Center Fiftieth Anniversary, 1907-1957: Fifty Years of Service to Our Neighborhood.* [Rochester, N.Y.: The Center, 1957?].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 8  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 8 Action Plan.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996]. [Browncroft, Beechwood, Culver-Winton, Homestead Heights, and Durand Eastman Park].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 9  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 9 Action Plan: 14621, a Rochester Neighborhood Celebrating Diversity and New Beginnings.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 10  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 10 Action Plan: Many Cultures, One Community = Muchas Culturas, Una Comunidad.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
N948b  
Nowell, Robin. *Beyond the Other Side of the Tracks: a Brief History of C.O.N.E.A. (the 5<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Wards).* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
P111p  
*The P.A.C.K. Neighborhood — Prince-Alexander-Champeney-Kenilworth.* Rochester, N.Y.: Department of Community Development, [1985?].
- L/H  
Rr381.4109  
R821h  
Rosin, Nancy. *The Hands That Feed Us: 100 Years At the Rochester Public Market.* Rochester, N.Y.: The City, c2005.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
W793w  
*Winton-Atlantic Neighborhood: Reliving the Past: A History of Our Neighborhood.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- Barnes, Joseph W. "The Annexation of Brighton Village." *Rochester History*, vol. 35, no. 1 (January 1973). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v35\\_1973/v35i1.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v35_1973/v35i1.pdf)

Lempert, Ruth. "Growing Up in the Old Neighborhood: A Memoir of Joseph Avenue, Parts One & Two." *Rochester History*, vol. 64, no. 2 & 3(Spring and Summer 2002). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v64\\_2002/v64i2.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v64_2002/v64i2.pdf)  
[http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v64\\_2002/v64i3.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v64_2002/v64i3.pdf)

McKelvey, Blake. "Rochester's Near Northeast." *Rochester History*, vol. 29, no. 2 (April 1967). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v29\\_1967/v29i2.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v29_1967/v29i2.pdf)

See also "Atlantic Avenue," "University Avenue," "Browncroft Boulevard," "Culver Road," "Winton Road," "Public Markets," "Carthage," "Norton Street," "Seneca Park," and "Clifford Avenue" in the Rochester History index (<http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/indexa.htm>).

## SOUTHWEST

The following books contain information about neighborhoods south of Main Street, and west of the Genesee River.

- L/H  
Rrq974.789  
B978h  
Bush, Mim. *A History of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association, 1965-1979*. [New York]: 19th Ward Community Association, [1979].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
C655c  
Cober, R. LaRue. *Genesee Baptist Church Presents Castle Town: An Historiette of Southwest Rochester*. [Rochester, N.Y.: Rapp & McGill], 1935.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
H6733h  
*A History of the Chocolate City Neighborhood* [Area bounded by Ford, Jefferson, Troup, and Tremont Streets]. [Rochester, N.Y.: Neighborhood History Project, 1984].
- L/H  
Rqr711  
R676k  
Kling, Christian Garrett. *The Economics of Rehabilitation in the Third Ward, Rochester, New York*. [Rochester, N.Y.] 1972.
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
S678L  
*The Landmark Society Views the Third Ward*. [Rochester? N.Y.: Landmark Society? 1965].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
L439r  
Leavy, Michael. *Rochester's Corn Hill: The Historic Third Ward*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, c2003.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
M482n  
Meadows, Doris M. *Neighborhood as Community: The Nineteenth Ward in Rochester, New York*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, c1984.
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 4  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 4 Action Plan: A Community which Celebrates Diversity*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rrq304.6097  
O22d  
Oddleifson, Christina. *A Demographic Study of a Block in the Third Ward: Rochester, New York 1850, 1875, 1905, 1925*.

- L/H  
Rrq304.6097  
O22c                      Oddleifson, Christina. *The Continuation of a Demographic Study of One Block in the Third Ward, Rochester, N.Y.: Including Oral Histories for the Years 1925, 1960, 1977.*
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
R658t                      Robinson, Charles Mulford. *Third Ward Traits.* Rochester, N. Y., Genesee Press, 1899.
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
S662r                      Smith, Virginia Jeffrey. *Reminiscences of the Third Ward.* Also available online: [http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/~rochhist/v8\\_1946/v8i2.pdf](http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/~rochhist/v8_1946/v8i2.pdf)
- L/H  
Rrq728  
S678t                      Society for the Preservation of Landmarks in Western New York. *This Is Rochester—The Third Ward Today.* [Rochester, N. Y., 196-?].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
S77s                      *South West Area.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rr914.789  
T443t                      *The Third Ward and Its Corn Hill Historic Preservation.* [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rfr711  
R676ct                      *Third Ward Pilot Study.* City Planning Commission, Rochester, N.Y. [Rochester, N.Y.]: The Commission, [1961?].
- L/H  
Rrq363.6909  
W735p                      Willis, Wayne Carr. *Preservation, Social Conflict, and the Future of Rochester's Old Neighborhoods: Corn Hill & Beyond.* [Rochester, N.Y.?: Landmark Society of Western New York], 1980.
- Rosenberg-Naparsteck, Ruth. "At the Rapids on the Genesee: Settlement at Castletown." *Rochester History*, vol. 54, no. 3 (Summer 1992). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v54\\_1992/v54i3.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v54_1992/v54i3.pdf)

See also "Nineteenth Ward," "Castletown," "Third Ward," "Plymouth Avenue," "Exchange Street," and "Genesee Street" in the Rochester History index (<http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/indexa.htm>).

## SOUTHEAST

The following books contain information about neighborhoods south of Main Street, and east of the Genesee River.

- L/H  
Rr811  
B328m                      Bateman, Kenneth. *Monroe Avenue Promenade.* [s.l.]: Bateman, c1979.
- L/H  
Rqr974.78  
B435L                      Bellamy, Rachel. *Lindsay Park to Barrington Park: A Happy Ending.* [Rochester, N.Y.?: The Author, 1968?].

- L/H  
Rr974.789  
C222i  
Canfield, David "Josh." *An Introduction to the South Wedge and Its History*. Rochester, N.Y.: Sesquicentennial History Project, 1984.
- L/H  
Rr634  
G218g  
*The Garden of the Genesee*. [Rochester, N. Y.: Rochester Historical Society], 1940.
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
L434wp  
League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metropolitan Area. *A Walking Tour of the Park Avenue Area*. Rochester, N. Y.: The League, 1978.
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
L439ro  
Leavy, Michael. *Rochester's Historic East Avenue District*. Portsmouth, NH: Arcadia Publishing, 2003.
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 6  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 6 Action Plan: A Beautiful Place to Share the Pleasures of City Living*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 7  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 7 Action Plan: Vital Avenue for Living*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
O41r  
O'Keefe, Rose. *Rochester's South Wedge*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, c2005.
- L/H  
Rfr974.789  
R375m  
Reisem, Richard O. *Mount Hope, Rochester, New York: America's First Municipal Victorian Cemetery*. Rochester, N.Y.: The Authors, 1994.
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
S726s  
*The South Union Neighborhood*. Department of Community Development, City of Rochester. [Rochester, N.Y.: Department of Community Development, City of Rochester, 1983].
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
W125w  
*The Wadsworth Square Neighborhood*. Department of Community Development, City of Rochester. [Rochester, N.Y.: Department of Community Development 1984?].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
W793w  
*Winton-Atlantic Neighborhood: Reliving the Past: A History of Our Neighborhood*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].

Heckle, Kathryn R. *East Side, West Side: The Development of East and West Avenues In Rochester*. Rochester, N.Y.: Rochester Public Library, 2003. Available online:

<http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/architecture2/eastwest/eastwestpathfinder.html>

McKelvey, Blake. "East Avenue's Turbulent History." *Rochester History*, vol. 28, nos. 2 & 3 (April and July 1966). Also available online: [http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v28\\_1966/v28i2-3.pdf](http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/v28_1966/v28i2-3.pdf)

See also "Atlantic Avenue," "Clinton Avenue/Street," "East Avenue," "Mount Hope Avenue," "Elmwood Avenue," "Monroe Avenue," "Highland Park," "Park Avenue," "South Avenue," "Union Street," and "Winton Road" in the Rochester History index (<http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/indexa.htm>).



## DOWNTOWN

- L/H  
Rr974.789  
A545L  
Anderson, C. Andy. *Liberty Pole Square Area*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
C6493h  
Clutz, Lois R. *History of the Grove Place Association, 1968-1978*.
- L/H  
PBRr974.789  
D751d  
*Downtown Rochester at One Hundred Fifty Years*. [Rochester N.Y.: Rochester Downtown Development Corp., 1983].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
G883g  
*Grove Place, 1827-1984: A Quiet Neighborhood of Renaissance*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: Neighborhood History Project, [1984].
- L/H  
Rqr974.789  
L434w  
League of Women Voters of the Rochester Metropolitan Area. *A Walking Tour of Downtown Rochester*. Rochester, N. Y.: The League, 1977.
- L/H  
Rrq381.1097  
M629m  
*Midtown Plaza: The Nation's First Urban Shopping Plaza In the Heart of Downtown Rochester, N.Y.* [S.l.: s.n., 1962?].
- L/H  
Rrq307.1216  
N397n no. 5  
*Neighbors Building Neighborhoods. Sector 5 Action Plan: Downtown, Living Room*. [Rochester, N.Y.]: City of Rochester, [1996].
- L/H  
Rqr917.4789  
O58o  
*170 Years in One Square Mile: A Strolling Tour of Downtown Rochester Landmarks*. [Rochester, N.Y.: City of Rochester, Bureau of Public Information: Landmark Society, 1982].
- L/H  
Rr974.789  
S556ro  
Shilling, Donovan A. *Rochester's Downtown*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, 2001.

See also "Broad Street," "Buffalo Street," "Carroll Street," "Chestnut Street," "Clinton Avenue/Street," "Gibbs Street," "Grove Street," "Liberty Pole," "Liberty Pole Triangle," "Magne Street," "Main Street," "North Street," "Rochester, City of," "St. Paul Street," "South Street," and "State Street" in the Rochester History index (<http://www.libraryweb.org/~rochhist/indexa.htm>).