Part I. About the Members Who Responded

Questionnaire Responses as a Percentage of Total Members, September 2006

Item	CNY	Rest of	Outside	Total
		NYS	NYS	
Members	130	91	210	431
Responses	79	48	123	250
Percent	60.8%	52.7%	58.8%	58.0%
Responded				

Approximate Length of Membership in CNYGS

Length of	CNY	Rest of	Outside	Total
_	CNI			Total
Membership		NYS	NYS	
In Years				
]	Number	of Memb	ers	
1-2	16	5	15	36
3-5	26	12	27	65
5-10	16	10	29	55
11+	20	19	47	86
na	1	2	5	8
Total	79	48	123	250
Percenta	age Dist	ribution o	f Member	S
by	Length	of Memb	ership	
Wi	<u>thin</u> a G	eographic	: Area	
1-2	20.3	10.4	12.2	14.4
3-5	32.9	25.0	22.0	26.0
5-10	20.2	20.8	23.4	22.0
11+	25.3	39.6	38.2	34.4
Na	1.2	4.2	4.1	3.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Some Characteristics of Responders

Item	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total
		of NYS	NYS	
Professional Genealogist	2	1	5	8
Professional Librarian	7	2	8	17
Has a Genealogy Focused	5	1	9	15
Website				
Would Like Website	2	0	7	9
Mentioned in Newsletter				

Part II. Member's Geographic, Records, Ethnic and Time Period Interests

Active Research Interest by Geographic Areas

Active Research Interest by Geographic Areas					
Region	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total	
		of NYS	NYS		
Number Responding					
England	48	27	80	155	
Ireland	43	17	51	111	
Germany	31	23	48	102	
Scotland	18	14	47	79	
Canada	25	12	39	76	
Western Europe	10	2	18	30	
Eastern Europe	11	2	10	23	
Other Central Europe	11	2 2	8	21	
Scandinavia	4	2	10	16	
Italy	7	3	1	11	
Other So Europe	2	0	1	3	
Central & So. Am.	0	0	1	1	
Africa	0	0	0	0	
Total	210	104	314	628	
Perce	ntage Di	istribution			
England	22.9	26.0	25.5	24.7	
Ireland	20.5	16.3	16.2	17.7	
Germany	14.8	22.1	15.3	16.2	
Scotland	8.6	13.5	15.0	12.6	
Canada	11.9	11.5	12.4	12.1	
Western Europe	4.8	1.9	5.7	4.8	
Eastern Europe	5.2	1.9	3.2	3.7	
Other Central Europe	5.2	1.9	2.5	3.3	
Scandinavia	2.0	1.9	3.2	2.5	
Italy	3.3	2.9	0.3	1.8	
Other So Europe	1.0	0.0	0.3	0.5	
Central & So. Am.	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	
Africa	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
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Specific areas mentioned: Australia, Austria, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Slovakia, Switzerland, and Wales.

One-Quarter of New York State Counties Account for Two-Thirds of Counties Identified as the "Five Most Important Counties" for Members Research

County	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total	
		of NYS	NYS		
Onondaga	40	13	40	93	
Oneida	21	12	31	64	
Herkimer	18	9	23	50	
Oswego	24	6	21	51	
Jefferson	14	10	19	43	
Chenango	6	10	19	43	
Washington	6	6	19	31	
Cayuga	18	3	19	40	
Ontario	2	3	16	21	
Albany	6	7	15	28	
Erie	7	2	15	24	
Otsego	3	12	14	29	
Madison	19	10	14	43	
Montgomery	12	6	14	32	
Cortland	8	4	14	26	
Genesee	1	4	14	19	
Total top	211	123	300	634	
12 counties					
Total all 48	268	198	482	948	
Counties					
% top 12	78.7%	62.1%	62.2%	66.9%	
Counties					
Respondents Mentioning a CNY County as One					
of the Five Mos	t Importa	nt Counties	for Their I	Research	
Number	79	48	123	250	
Percent	72.2%	58.3%	58.5%	62.3%	

Oneida County was mentioned by sixty-one members or 24.5%

Interest in Researching New York State Records

Interest in R				
Record	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total
Type		of NYS	NYS	
Number Respo	onding "Hig	gh, Mediun	n, Low Inte	rest"
Birth, death & cemetery records	70/7/3	41/4/0	112/5/1	223/16/4
Marriage & divorce records	60/13/3	30/9/4	107/9/1	197/31/8
Church records	53/23/2	27/14/4	92/16/4	172/53/10
Census records	58/15/5	30/13/2	64/26/17	152/54/24
Land & Tax records	42/22/8	14/23/7	85/25/4	141/70/19
Court records	42/19/13	18/17/8	87/19/6	147/55/27
Newspaper records	45/21/12	14/16/3	68/24/13	127/61/28
Military records	39/19/18	15/20/5	54/33/16	108/72/39
Immigration Records	44/18/13	12/24/3	41/28/26	97/70/42
City county Directories	27/23/19	10/21/11	43/29/27	80/73/57
Interest in	Research R	anked from	One to Te	n
Birth, death & cemetery records	1	1	1	1
Marriage & divorce records	2/3	4	2	2
Church records	4	3	3	3
Census records	2/3	2	7	4
Land & Tax records	7	6	4	5
Court records	8	5	5	6
Newspaper records	5	10	6	7
Military records	9	8	8	8
Immigration Records	6	7	10	9
City county Directories	10	9	9	10

Items mentioned include adoption records, name change records, personal diaries and journals, photographs, and tables of deaths and marriages from NYS Censuses

Significant Interest in Ethnic Origins or Immigration Research?

Area	Number of	Number	Number	Percent
Research	Responses	Yes	No	Yes
Native American	203	23	180	11.3%
Family History				
African American	198	3	195	1.5%
Family History				
Hispanic	199	2	197	1.0%
Family History				
Jewish	197	5	192	2.5%
Family History				
Immigration	204	155	64	76.0%

Difference between geographic areas are insignificant.

Time Period Members are Primarily Researching in NYS

ime Periou Mien	iders ar	e Frimar	ny neseai	renning n
Time	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total
Period		of NYS	NYS	
	Nι	ımber		
1900-2000	40	17	22	79
1800-1850	68	40	104	210
1851-1899	76	37	79	192
1700 & earlier	35	22	51	108
Total	217	116	256	589
	Pe	ercent		
1900-2000	18.4	14.7	8.6	13.4
1800-1850	20.4	34.5	40.6	35.7
1851-1899	35.0	31.9	30.9	32.6
1700 & earlier	16.1	19.0	19.9	18.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Eleven wrote in 1700-1800 and one Mentioned Rhode Island in 1600.

Part III. Member's Involvement in Other Genealogical/Historical Societies in New York State

The 146 respondents maintain 174 memberships in 101 genealogical/historical societies, an average of 1.4 memberships per member. Some respondents included national organizations, which are included in the totals.

Membership in NYS Genealogical/Historical Societies

	CNY	Rest of	Outside	Total
		NYS	NYS	
Respondents	79	45	121	245
to Questionnaire				
Respondents to	58	29	59	146
Involvement in				
Other Societies				
Percent Answering	73.4	64.4	48.9	59.6
Question				
Memberships	93	37	78	208
Organizations	47	21	36	104
CNY Organizations	24	3	11	n/a
Memberships	47	4	20	71

Note: given the nature of the hand-written responses, these numbers are close approximations.

Central New York societies include many historical societies as well as several number genealogy societies.

Three other genealogy societies in New York State accounted for the largest number of memberships: NYG&BS, 31 members, WNYGS, 19 members, and Oswego Genealogy Society, 13 members—a total of 63 memberships.

Part IV. Member's Interest in 2005-2006 Society Programs

Importance of 2003-2006 CNYGS Programs to the Members' Genealogy Interest Whether or Not the Member was able to Attend

Interest whether of Not the Member was able to Attend					
Average Number of Members Responding					
and					
Average Rating for All Programs					
Members Responding 70 31 86 187					
Average Rating	5.4	4.8	4.9	5.1	
Average Rating for Individual Programs					
Programs	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total	
		Of NYS	NYS		
What's New in the OCPL	7.3	6.1	9.1	7.9	
Tips & Tricks on Finding					
Female Ancestors	6.8	6.3	6.2	6.6	
Researching the Net	6.9	6.1	6.1	6.4	
Using Census Records	6.9	5.4	5.6	6.1	
Irish Genealogy	5.5	5.0	5.4	5.4	
Using Digital Cameras	5.9	5.2	5.1	5.4	
Finding NYC Records	4.9	4.5	5.7	5.2	
Writing About Your Ancestors	5.0	4.2	5.2	5.0	
Oneida County Resources	4.8	5.0	5.2	5.0	
Research in Madison County	4.2	6.8	4.5	4.8	
Allen County Library	4.5	3.3	4.6	4.3	
Historical/Genealogical Resources					
Who's Your Most Interesting Ancestor	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.3	
Plant Your Tree on the Web	4.2	3.1	3.7	3.8	
Genealogical Research Using Patents	3.6	3.3	2.6	3.1	

Tabulation Note: Members rated each program on a scale of one (high) to ten (low). The results are weighted 9 for each 1, 8 for each 2 and so on down to a weight of 1 for each 9. The resulting score was divided by the number of members rating the program resulting in an average for each program.

Part V. "Tree Talk" Related Information

County Abstracts in the Last Three Tree Talks Issues Most Frequently Accessed and Least Frequently Accessed

(Central New York Counties in Bold)

CNY	Rest	Outside	Total
	of NYS	NYS	
	Nine of the		I
	Most Frequen		
Onondaga, 24	Onondaga, 78		
Oswego, 21	Otsego, 14	Oneida 31	Oneida,57
Madison, 14	Madison, 11	Cayuga, 28	Oswego, 47
Cayuga, 13	Chenango, 11	Herkimer, 24	Madison, 46
Herkimer, 11	Oneida, 11	Chenango, 23	Cayuga, 46
Cortland, 11	Cortland, 10	Ontario, 22	Herkimer, 42
Oneida, 9	Broome, 9	Madison 21	Otsego, 41
Montgomery, 9	Schoharie, 9	Otsego, 21	Chenango, 41
		Genesee, 21	Jefferson, 38
	Nine of the	Counties	
	Least Frequen	tly Accessed	
Wyoming, 0	Clinton, 2	Essex, 0	Essex, 6
Allegany, 1	Essex, 2	Franklin, 3	Clinton, 7
Clinton, 1	Greene, 2	Fulton, 3	Franklin, 8
Fulton, 1	Niagara, 2	Clinton, 4	Fulton, 9
Genesee, 1	Schenectady, 2	Orleans, 4	Greene, 9
Niagara, 1	Franklin, 3	Yates, 4	Orleans, 9
Orange, 1	Lewis, 3	Greene, 5	Orange, 11
Orleans, 1	Washington, 3	Orange, 6	Warren, 11
Warren, 1	six counties	Schuyler, 6	Yates, 11
	tied for ninth, 4	Warren, 6	aigt vylka alkaalvad

Note: these figures include one out-of-state genealogist who checked all counties, one librarian from Central New York who checked many counties, and one genealogist from "rest of NYS" who checked practically all counties.

Relative Interest in Recent Tree Talk Articles Ranked by Area

Article	CNY	Rest of NYS	Outside NYS	Total		
	Number (Yes, Maybe, No)					
Bible Records	44/15/14	28/10/3	86/19/12	158/44/30		
19 th Century	48/22/7	23/14/3	72/24/14	143/60/24		
Gazetteers OCPL Acquisitions	48/12/2	24/8/5	51/33/36	123/53/43		
Early	42/9/26	31/6/5	61/18/41	134/33/72		
Madison Co Doctor Benedict	2/4/55	2/10/23	8/21/72	10/35/150		
	Ranked in (Order of P	reference			
Bible Records	3	1-2	1	1		
19 th Century	1	3	2	2		
Gazetteers OCPL	2	4	3-4	3-4		
Acquisitions Early	4	1-2	3-4	3-4		
Madison Co						
Doctor Benedict	5	5	5	5		

The responses were weighted (two for yes and one for maybe) and a ranking given for each geographic area.

Frequency of Use of Abstracts by Members in the Last Three Issues of Tree Talks

Abstracts	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total	
Used		of NYS	NYS		
	Number				
None	34	9	20	63	
1-2	15	5	16	36	
3-4	12	9	19	40	
5-6	10	13	23	46	
7-8	5	1	13	19	
9+	8	2	22	35	
Total	84	42	113	239	
Percent					
None	40.5	21.4	17.7	26.4	
1-2	17.9	11.9	14.2	15.1	
3-4	14.3	21.4	16.8	16.7	
5-6	11.9	31.0	20.3	19.2	
7-8	5.9	2.4	11.5	7.9	
9+	9.5	11.9	19.5	14.6	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	

Interest in Helping to Index Published Articles

Abstracts Used	CNY	Rest of NYS	Outside NYS	Total
	Nı	ımber		
Interested	6	2	6	14
Not Interested	45	29	83	157
Maybe	29	16	21	66
Total	80	47	110	237
	Pe	ercent		
Interested	7.5	4.2	5.5	9.3
Not Interested	56.2	61.7	74.5	64.5
Maybe	36.3	34.0	19.1	25.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Interest in Helping to Transcribe Records for Inclusion in Tree Talks

Abstracts	CNY	Rest	Outside	Total
Used		of NYS	NYS	
Number				
Interested	10	3	9	22
Not Interested	46	29	78	153
Maybe	25	18	18	61
Total	80	50	105	236
Percent				
Interested	12.3	6.0	8.6	9.3
Not Interested	56.8	58.0	74.3	64.5
Maybe	30.9	36.0	17.1	25.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Part VI. Central New York Member's Preferences Regarding Meeting Times, Special Interest Groups, Field Trips, Workshops, and Newsletter Content

Preferences of Central New York Members to Member Generated Discussion

Preference	Number	Percent
Devote one entire meeting a year	17	24.3
to member discussions		
Devote a half-hour before each regular meeting	53	75.7
to Member Discussions		
Total	70	100.0

Interest of CNY Members in Participating in Group Canvasses of Cemeteries in Onondaga and Nearby Counties to Transcribe Monumental Or gravestone Inscriptions Leading to the Publication of a Report

Degree	Number	Percent
Degree of Interest		
Interested	26	30.2
Maybe	32	37.2
Not Interested	28	32.6
Total	86	100.0

Comments

Research this further, many on-line and found at other sources; prefer Oswego, Jefferson, Oneida; Cortland has pretty much done this already; Knows of someone with databases for several cemeteries including Oakwood; depends on time and travel involved.

Meeting Preferences of Central New York Members

Number			
Saturday Morning	23		
Saturday Afternoon	33		
Weekday Evenings	15		
Either Saturday	7		
Morning or Afternoon			
Total	78		
Percent			
Saturday Morning	30		
Saturday Afternoon	42		
Weekday Evenings	19		
Either Saturday	9		
Morning or Afternoon			
Total	100		
Comments			
Saturday is better in winter; doesn't like to dr Saturday meeting conflicting with SU football ga	•		

Interest of CNY Members in Participating in "Special Interest Groups"

Degree	Number	Percent		
of Interest				
	earch on Internet			
Very Interested	21	34.4		
Some Interest	22	36.1		
None	18	29.5		
Total	61	100.0		
Genealogy/Co	omputer Programs			
Very Interested	19	34.4		
Some Interest	17	29.8		
None	21	36.8		
Total	57	100.0		
Brit	ish Isles			
Very Interested	18	28.6		
Some Interest	30	47.6		
None	15	23.8		
Total	63	100.0		
German Research				
Very Interested	12	18.8		
Some Interest	24	37.5		
None	28	43.7		
Total	64	100.0		
Canadia	an Research			
Very Interested	14	25.0		
Some Interest	16	28.8		
None	26	46.2		
Total	56	100.0		
Italian Research				
Very Interested	4	7.8		
Some Interest	7	13.7		
None	40	78.5		
Total	51	100.0		
Comments				

Others listed: Irish 11, Scotland 2, 1 each for Slovak Republic, Aragon Region, Spain, Austria, and local such as Oswego, Manlius, Marcellus, Fabius, Tully & etc. Interest of CNY Members in Participating in a Genealogical Field Trip

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	53.5		
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Internet Sites			
19	32.2		
19	32.2		
21	35.6		
59	100.0		
Evaluating Genealogy Programs			
13	22.0		
24	40.7		
22	37.3		
59	100.0		
Putting the Family Tree Online			
12	19.0		
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Interest in Various Newsletter Topics by Geographic Area, Ranked Based on Total Weighted Score

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Newsletter Topics	CNY	Rest	Outside	Weighted	of Top	Α
		of NYS	NYS	Score	Ranked	N
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Queries	8	1	1	567	100	1
CNYGS Website	7	9	2-3	507	89	2
Albany State Libraries	6	3	6-7	502	88	3
OCPL Acquisitions	2	4	9	500	88	4
Member's Brick	4	7	6-7	500	88	5
Walls & Successes						
Descriptions of Out-of-	3	2	2-3	500	88	6
Print Publications						
Interesting Websites	9	6	4-5	495	87	7
19 th Century Extracts	11	5	4-5	491	87	8
Summary of	3	12	8	470	83	9
Society Meetings						
Other Historical/	10	8	11	390	69	10
Genealogical Societies						
CNYGS Meeting	1	10	15	373	66	11
Announcements						
Book Reviews	15	13	10	372	66	12
CNYGS Annual Report	12	14	12	346	61	13
Meeting Notices	5	11	17-18	317	56	14
Related Societies						
List of New Members	16	15	13-14	287	51	15
About Individual Members	19	16	13-14	267	47	16
About Members	14	17	16	226	40	17
of the Board						
CNYGS Annual	17	19	17-18	204	36	18
Financial Report						
Volunteer Opportunities	18	18	19	189	33	19

Tabulation Note: the numbers of members with high, medium, and low interests were multiplied by three, two, and one respectively. The scores were then tabulated and the items ranked accordingly.

#14 We Strive to continually update and enhance the membership benefits for all our members. What suggestions do you have for improving them?

Individual Comments from CNY Members

General Comments

- * What do you have for the disabled
- * Keep up the good work!
- * Survey is fine idea
- * I enjoy the Society just as it is informal and friendly
- * I'm impressed with your quality of meetings within the past 2 years
- * I think the organization is great & all the people do a great job & service to anyone interested in research.
- * I very much like your 1-day workshops

Ideas for the future

- *I have no computer, no internet, please give alternatives when available. I.e. phone
- * More advertising
- * More focus on CNY counties like Onondaga, Madison, Cortland, etc since it is the CNYGS
- *Hold all meetings in same location members like familiar -- would help attendance
- * Develop a mentor program for young people to learn research
- * Society offer to do "look ups" take photos of gravestones for out-of-state members through Website or Tree Talks
- * Reciprocal memberships with other Genealogical and Historical Societies

Ideas for programs

- * Explore 8 meetings a year
- * More 2-session meetings
- * Improve the caliber of programs similar to the "NYC Records" program last year definitely professional, education type.
- *Have the programs chair develop criteria to provide presenters, including use of audio equipment, handouts, overheads
- * If presentation handouts are more than just an outline, it might be helpful to post them on the Society's website afterwards.
- * I would pay for a good video of some of the speakers
- * Pay for a written paper or summary or speaker's material would be an alternative
- * The most helpful has been informal "mentoring" or buddy system by kind members, sharing tips on your area of interest.
- * Maybe do a social program sometime with a limited agenda
- * Tell of brick walls people have encountered and various ways to attempt to solve
- * "Ask the Experts" Hand out index cards as members enter
- * Membership (6 members, not Board) give 10 min. talk with visuals on one aspect of their research & successes.
- * GPS Program
- * A "Brick Wall" meeting
- * Have group discussions to help members become better informed to research records available Onondaga Public Library one of the best in USA
- * Have a special workshop for 5th and 7the graders with the adults attending another group class on same date, different room
- * Am sorry I had a conflict with your SLC trip. I'd like to hear about the participants experiences.

Suggestions from "Rest of NYS" 14

Cont Website and Tree Talks

- * Improve access to NYS census via website and Tree Talks
- * More on-line (I'm limited as to travel so must do much fro home
- * Please consider those who do most of their research without computers
- * While US census records are quite accessible now, libraries tend to have only local/regional schedules.
- * Site your benefits and services regularly in your writings with names, addresses and phone numbers of contacts
- * The historical/genealogical records that appear in TT are alphabetical. If any ancestors names began with "A, B or C: that would be great, but mine are "K-S-T". I realize there is no easy solution to this.
- * I'll add more bible records
- * I love TT it is a wonderful NYS genealogical reference. I use it mostly for NY surname searches for others.
- * Try to find and publish more early church records, especially marriages 1800-1850

Other

- * More information on what is available at CNYGS (available for our use, a CNYGS facility)
- * Probably more beneficial if I could get help in my counties' of interest
- * A program of mutual research Genealogy Pen Pal one researches home records in exchange for research in another county.
- * Better programs ones that grip us -- outstanding presenters

Suggestions from Members Out of NYS

About 40% of those outside NYS offered no suggestions

Membership

- * When a "Family Membership" is paid ALL members should receive their own membership card and correspondence should be addressed jointly.
- * None I can think of it's a bargain as it is
- * Wish I could visit (OR)
- * Wish I lived closer.
- * Stick to what you do. I've been a member since probably 1975 or earlier. I have a complete run of "Tree Talks" as gifts from Helen Emery. Pages have been divided into counties, etc.

Tree Talks

- * More on Binghamton, NY
- * More data from Wayne County
- * Publish more colonial period records
- * Would like to be selfish have more on Cortland and Onondaga counties. Enjoy your magazine.
- * Focus not on information for each county, but completion of a particular record within a reasonable time - ie. it now can take years to complete probate records and etc.
- * One page/County/issue is very frustrating. Ned to get a section done faster!
- * Revolutionary War from Montgomery Co. locating pension records of 1820 who werve in Rev. War

(local county sources after exhausting National resources)

* I would especially like vital records of late 1700's - 1850, as well as church, legal, etc of same time period.

#14

* I would like more state census volumes, more cemetery records. I have bought your county Cont packets.

- * Just keep publishing the abstracted records. TT is the best!
- * Eliminate (to be continued) and have complete listings
- * Reprint or index more NYS census records which aren't available as US census records
- * Solicit articles or abstracts of records from members (maybe an answer to # 6 and #7.
- * Cut down on number of counties, do more pages on each of the remaining counties.

WEBSITE

- * Put more information of all kinds on your website
- * As a member from afar I'd appreciate: computer SIG group if there is a remote feedback; email address for officers or officer with remote members, interest in remote members vs local members. I appreciate your website and the willingness of many to respond to correspondence.
- * TT name index on the website including Volume and page number
- * How about a "chat" site
- * More genealogical information on line at website
- * Put a copy of meeting handouts on website so out-of-state members can have access.

OTHER

- * List material we can purchase from society such as cemetery readings, the census that take place between regular census I.e Steuben Co. has 1865-1875; also books on vital statistics
- * Perhaps have tapes, CD's or videos of meeting speakers (Tips and Tricks, Researching the Net, Using Digital Cameras,, Oneida County Resources) for sale or rent to long-distance members.
- * Would like the ability to order seminar handouts to be sent would pay extra to have them sent. (I'm from out-of state and unable to attend meetings)
- * Maybe I need an Oneida County specialist?
- * Not much interested in a newsletter, as I'm out-of-state.
- * I would like these success published or brick wall take 1/2 1 -2 pages, not more O-o-State
- * Do you have a library. Bing out-of-state would like to visit any genealogies filed in libraries. Name the place.
- * The next time I visit the area, I will try to get to the library I live in Austin, TX and visit family 1/yr.
- * How to find genealogical resources in other NY counties
- * People who are willing to research for out-of-state members

General TT Comments

- * I hope this questionnaire is not designed to reduce services. You have an obligation to maintain and protect all kinds of information, especially information not available elsewhere.
- * I like that you have actual records or indexes in TT. That is why I became a member.
- * I am happy to get your quarterly publications
- * Of all the genealogical societies in which I have belonged yours is the most organized and consistent—in offering genealogical information. Thank You!

* I have enjoyed your publication and look forward to receiving it. I have discovered many clues over the years that I would have overlooked without you. Keep up the good work. Thanks!

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- * Since I live in CA I really appreciate the abstracts you publish. I found a will information for Chautauqua Co. and was able to get a copy from 1870. Wonderful!
- * You do a great job for I am finding NY a brick wall.
- * Tree Talks is a wonderful resource!
- * Keep up the good work!
- * You have a FANTASTIC magazine

Membership List, September 13, 2006

Members	431
Institutions	_75
Lines in Excel membership list	506

Paid and Complementary

Paid members	429
Paid institutions	68
Total Paid	497
Complementary members	2
Complementary institutions	_7
Total Complementary	9

Family members include twenty-one lines, which is a line with two persons mentioned.

Complementary members H. J. Witter, Editor and Beth Montague, Membership (H. J. Witter is also a paid member)

Complementary institutions

West Valley Genealogy Society, 12222 North 111th Avenue, Youngstown, AZ Library of Congress (2)

OCPL (3)

Onondaga County Historical Association (1)

Distribution of Total Members by Area

Total members	431	100%
Members in NYS	221	51%
Member's out of state	210	49%
Members in 13 Zip Code	174	40%
Members in 5 CNYGS counties	141	33%

Distribution of New York Members by Area

Total New York Members	221	100%
NY members in 13 zip code	174	79%
NY members outside 13 zip code	47	21%
NY members, 5 CNYGS counties	141	64%

CNYSG five-counties appeared on Society letterheads and included Onondaga, Oswego, Madison, Cayuga, and Cortland Counties. They are also the counties defined by NYS Department of State as the Central New York Counties.

New York State membership by counties

Onondaga	106	
Oswego	16	
Madison	12	
Monroe	7	
Oneida	7	
Cayuga	6	
Ontario	5	
Tompkins	5	
Green	4	
6 counties	3	(18 members)
7 counties	2	(12 members)
12 counties	1	(12 members)
14 counties	0	
8 NYC area		
counties	9	

Institutional Members

Total	75
Out of State	50
In New York State	25
In 13 Zip Area	14

Institutional Members in the 13 Zip code area

Cayuga County Historian
Cortland County Historical Society
Dryden Historical Society
Cayuga Owasco Lakes Historical Society
OCPL (3)
NYSHA Library
Herkimer County Historical Society
SYNY Morrisville College
Jervis Public Library (Rome)
Ogdensburg Public Library

Guernsey Memorial Library (Norwich)

Members with Email Address

Total membership	431	100%
With Email address	340	79%
With no Email address	91	21%

Comparisons with WNYGS

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Members	410	
Out of State Members	189	46%
NYS Members	221	54%
Members in 14 Zip Code	202	49%
Percent of NYS		
members in 14 Zip	202	91%
Members with Email	302	74%