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## Foreword



THE Rochester Historical Society presents this General Index of the fourteen volumes of its *Publication Fund Series* as a fitting memorial to the late Edward R. Foreman. The Index supplies the tool that will open these volumes to convenient use and thus facilitates that scholarship which the Society's distinguished editor did so much to foster. It was during his editorship that the city outlived the last of its founders and first sons and began to grapple with the problems of a second century; Mr. Foreman early saw that our historiography must likewise outgrow its reminiscent stage and acquire the technique and assume the responsibilities of critical research. In so doing, it need lose nothing of the color and flavor that make history interesting; but it ought to fulfill the highest canons of scholarship.

Never has the opportunity for the scholarly study of Rochester's history been so great as it is today. The gathering together of the several collections of local historical materials—those of the Reynolds Library, of the old Central Branch of the Public Library, and of The Rochester Historical Society—into the Local History Division of the Rundel Memorial Building—makes readily available in a single repository a large body of important data. The project of the National Youth Administration for the indexing of early newspapers, a project now in course of execution under the able direction of Mrs. Florence C. Van Slyke, will render an incalculable service to the student. Hardly less useful are several Works Progress Administration undertakings—the indexing of the City Council Proceedings, and the survey of Court Records, not to mention the Writer's Project, which, under the energetic leadership of Mrs. Henry F. Burton, will inevitably turn up new historical material and supply manuscripts for our Local History Division that will have an increasing value as years go by. Finally the editors can but feel that this General Index will bring within easier reach than ever before the information already gathered by students of our history.

In the preparation of this Index the editors have given careful consideration to the type of service it has been designed to render. Assuming that its major importance would be as a tool to make accessible materials on local history, they have given relatively cursory treatment to articles dealing with subjects foreign to this locality. It is hoped, however, that interested students will find the references to the authors, titles and subjects of such articles a not insufficient guide. In determining which matters are of local interest, the word *local* has been given a generous interpretation. During the French and Indian period and the first decades of English settlement all of Western New York has been regarded as within its scope. Indeed because of the number and scholarly character of the articles dealing with these early years—approaching more nearly to a definitive treatment than has been accorded to any other era—care has been taken to include even the barest mention of individuals active in this part of the country during that time. Early place names have received a like attention. In contrast, where articles dealing with various aspects of the city's later growth include lists of officers, members of committees, and the like, without any special characterization of the individuals, no specific references have been made unless such persons have been mentioned in other connections. Many names have thus been eliminated, but students interested in determining whether any person was named in any connection, however slight, will still be able to consult the master file that will be kept in the Local History Division. Part of the space thus saved in the printed index has been utilized for an increased number of cross-references which the consolidated character of the index renders desirable. In the attempt to make this feature as useful as possible a fresh study has been made of all the articles in the fourteen volumes, and careful notes have been taken of every mention of such local institutions, movements, activities, and ideas as escaped former indexing and in which scholars may be expected to show some interest in the future. Another feature is the inclusion of references to the many illustrations which have contributed so much to the value of the *Publications*.

For the convenience of the student a list has been inserted, in the rear of the Index, of those articles which, because they are, in themselves, catalogues of names or events, have not lent themselves to an exhaustive indexing in such a volume as this.

In the form of the index the editors have sought to follow as closely as possible the latest *Manual of Style* issued by the University of Chicago Press. A Style Committee of the American Historical Association has tentatively designated this *Manual* for preferred use until the move to formulate a standard for printers throughout the country shall reach a conclusion. The major deviation from the form of the *Manual* has been the use of italics for the titles of articles appearing in our own *Publications* as well as for the titles of newspapers and published books. Indian terms and place names not in use today and foreign terms and names of coins have likewise been set in italics. In order to provide a further classification, the names of boats, of musical numbers, poems, art works, and the like, have been placed in quotes, as have articles cited but not published in our volumes. The only arbitrary abbreviations used are R. H. S. for Rochester Historical Society.

It may be desirable to note that the volume numbers of the four Centennial books are given as part of the entire *Publication Fund Series*; thus, Volumes I, II, III and IV of the *Centennial History* read Volumes X, XI, XII and XIII of the *Publication Fund Series*, and the latter designation has been used in the index. It has been considered sufficient, when referring to tipped-in illustrations, to give the number of the page the illustration faces, without adding in each case the word *facing*.

In conclusion the editors wish to express their gratitude to the Works Progress Administration for the provision of a small staff, and to the workers themselves for their painstaking assistance, without which the preparation of this index could scarcely have been undertaken by the limited staff of the City Historian.



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