

Village of Voorheesville, New York and Town of New Scotland Local History Books to Read and Research

If you live in or are interested in the history of the Village of Voorheesville, New York, the Voorheesville Public Library has a good selection of books that you will enjoy reading and using for research about the village and its history. Some cookbooks by local cooks are included in this bibliography because foodways are part of the local history of communities. Some local history books circulate, while others because of their condition or heavy use must be used in the library and do not circulate. There is a photocopy machine available in the library if you need to make copies. Here are some books you might like to read or research.

Sullivan, Dennis, *Voorheesville, New York: A Sketch of the Beginnings of a Nineteenth Century Railroad Town*, Voorheesville, NY: Village of Voorheesville, 1988? This book has a bibliography of related books, an index, and many photographic illustrations. Some topics covered include railroads, village beginnings, agriculture and manufacturing, tourism, local stores, social life and sports, government and public services, and religious organizations. Anyone researching the history of the village should consider starting with this book. (974.742 SUL)

Bennett, Allison P., *More Times Remembered: Chronicles of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland*, Delmar, NY, 1987. Short articles about houses, people and places in the two towns. (974.742 BEN)

Child, Hamilton, *Gazetteer and Business Directory of Albany & Schenectady Co., N.Y. for 1870-71*, Syracuse, Hamilton Child, 1870. Detailed history and description of the county with names of residents in Town of New Scotland. (338.7 GAZ)

Christman, Henry, *Tin Horns and Calico: A Decisive Episode in the Emergence of Democracy*, New York, Henry Holt & Co., 1945. A history of the anti-rent wars that occurred in the Hilltowns of Albany and Rensselaer County and in the Catskills in the 1840s. (333.53 CHR)

Clayton A. Bouton Junior/Senior High School, *Torch, 1942-present*, Voorheesville, NY, the High School. Annual yearbook of the school. (373 CLA)

First Methodist Church of Voorheesville, NY, *1815-1965, 150th Anniversary, First Methodist Church, Voorheesville, New York*, Voorheesville, the Church, 1965. History of the church with photos of members and list of pastors (287.174 FIR)

Gregg, Arthur B., *Old Hellebergh: Historical Sketches of the West Manor of Rensselerwyck, including an Account of the Anti-Rent Wars...*, Altamont, NY, Altamont Enterprise, 1936. Short chapters about the history of Altamont, and surrounding hilltowns. (974.742 GRE)

History Commission of New Scotland Presbyterian Church, *Our Heritage: The Presbyterian Church in New Scotland, New Scotland, New York 200th Anniversary, 1787-1987*, Slingerlands, NY 1987. History and chronology of the church with illustrations. (285.174 OUR)

Howell, George R., Tenney, Jonathan and Munsell, Joel, *Bicentennial History of Albany County*, Albany, W.W. Munsell, 1886. Massive history of Albany County with a chapter about the Town of New Scotland and Village of Voorheesville, NY. (974.742 HOW)

New Scotland Historical Association, *Images of America: New Scotland Township*, Charleston, SC, Arcadia Publishing, 2000. Several hundred photographs of people and places in New Scotland with descriptions for each photograph and a brief history of the town. Photos of topics including homes, community scenes, businesses, transportation, schools, churches, organizations and recreation. (974.742 NEW)

New Scotland Historical Association, *Times of Our Lives: New Scotland Memories*, Voorheesville, NY, New Scotland Historical Association, 2011. A book of memories of long-time residents of New Scotland about daily life and interesting events in their lifetimes in the town. (974.742 NEW)

Parker, Amasa J., ed., *Landmarks of Albany County*, 2 vol., Syracuse, D. Mason, 1897. General history of the county with a chapter about the Town of New Scotland. (974.742 PAR)

Shaughnessy, Jim, *Delaware and Hudson: The History of an Important Railroad...*, Berkeley, CA, Howell-North Books, 1967. (385 SHA)

Sullivan, Dennis, *Charles Bender and the Bender Melon Farm: A Local History*, Slingerlands, NY, New Scotland Historical Association, 1990. Story of the farm and the famous Bender melons and seeds. (974.742 SUL)

Voorheesville Cookbooks:

Here are some cookbooks from Voorheesville, NY that are “food for thought” for local historians.

First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, *Recipes from the Heart*, Voorheesville, NY, 2011. (641.5 REC)

St. Matthew’s Church, *Community Cookbook, 1997*, Voorheesville, NY 1997. (641.5 COM)

St. Matthew’s Catholic Church, *Table of Plenty: Celebrating 50 Years of Faith*, Voorheesville, NY, 2012. (641.5 TAB)

Voorheesville Public Library, *From Your Neighbors’ Kitchens, Voorheesville, New York, Celebrating 100 Years of History, 1899- 1999*, Voorheesville, NY, 1999. (641.5 FAV)

Voorheesville Public Library and Friends of the Library, *Smalltown Favorites*, Voorheesville, NY 2010. (641.5 SMA)