

The Library and Archives are open by appointment only. Please call ahead so we can be prepared to assist you.

For more information or to schedule and appointment, please contact:

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The Spencer Cram Collection of Adirondackana

This special collection was donated to the Essex County Historical Society by the owner in 1975.

The Cram Collection is housed separately from the regular research library, and contains rare books and documents relating to Adirondack history, as well as a small but significant number of titles relating to Native American culture and history.

The Cram holdings also include:

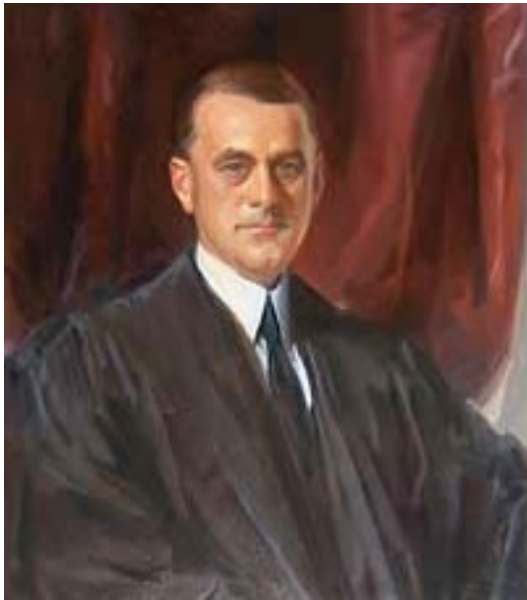
- Rare pamphlets
- Postcards
- Advertising circulars
- Realia that relate to Adirondack history



O.B. Brewster Memorial Library and Archives



**The Essex County
Historical Society
Research Library located at
the Adirondack History
Museum in
Elizabethtown, New York.**



Portrait: *Judge O.B.. Brewster* by Wayman Adams

About the Library

The research library is named for the Honorable Osceola Byron Brewster. Dedicated in 1959 by James Rosenburg, ECHS board member and artist, the library is located on the top level of the Adirondack History Center Museum. Judge Brewster was a well known and respected Essex County citizen and according to legend, a fantastic story teller.

Throughout the years, numerous volunteer librarians have dedicated their time and effort to making the Brewster Library a vital resource for the citizens of Essex County. Today, our library is open to anyone looking for information regarding history where the people and/or places of Essex County are concerned. The O.B. Memorial Brewster Library & Archives fosters research through access to its special collection and archives.

About the Collection

Our core collection houses books, pamphlets, maps and newspapers dating back to the 1700s. Highlights include:

- Family genealogies focusing on old North Country individuals and their descendants
- Accounts of the region's geography and industry, including VerPlanck Colvin's land surveys as well as numerous mining ledgers/records
- Papers and documents associated with early settlers such as the Brewsters and Gillilands
- School and town records, civil war accounts, transcriptions of oral histories, sports history and regional tourism
- Obituaries and cemetery records
- The Spencer Cram Collection of Adirondackana



The library's holdings are not digitally reproduced. There are many unique items which our library staff will help you locate. The library also has a devoted work station to assist with genealogy research.

Research Fees

Members and students under 18 have free on site access to the library.

Non-member on site Research Rates:

- 25 Cents per Page for Copies
- \$4 per hour of research time

Remote Research Rates:

- \$12 an hour/per request for members
- \$25 an hour/per request for non-members
- \$35 an hour/per request for non-profits
- \$50 an hour/per request for commercial researchers

How to make a research request

Researchers will need to submit a request form, which is available on our website. Requests take two to four weeks to be processed. Contact us at research@adkhistorymuseum.org for additional information.