RESEARCH REQUEST FORM

The fee for Research Requests is $60 for non-members and $45 for members of the Hart Cluett Museum. Our current response time to Research Requests is 6-8 weeks. All responses will include a list of sources that have been searched, whether we find the information requested or not. In the event that we cannot find the information sought, we will provide you with a list of local researchers who may be able to help.

Please note that we cannot guarantee that we will find the information you request, as it may not exist in our collections, or at all.We do not research outside of our collections, although we may be able to point you toward other repositories and resources.

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Research Requests

Hart Cluett Museum

57 Second Street

Troy, NY 1218

Describe your request (please include as much information as possible, and attach pages as needed):

I authorize the Hart Cluett Museum to undertake a basic search relative to my research request. My check for is enclosed. I understand that I will be billed for all photographic reprints, photocopied materials, and postage/handling.

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Signature Date

HART CLUETT MUSEUM  
Research Information & Fees

HCM has reference materials and books on:

* Local History - including personal papers, business and organization records
* Decorative arts and fine arts - furniture, cabinet makers, etc.
* Genealogy research, City directories, Architecture
* Maps, photographs, slides, and post cards

**Research Fees:**

**Research Request** **Surrogate Court Record Request** (per file)

Non-Member | $60 Non-Member | $30

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HCM holds Rensselaer County Surrogate Court Records, 1791-1915 – later records are at the Surrogate Court. On-site researchers can have up to 2 files pulled as part of daily admission fee, additional files pulled at $5/file. The index to this collection is available online at our research partner, the Troy Irish Genealogical Society website: [www.troyirish.org](http://www.troyirish.org).

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HCM does not have birth records, obituary notices, census information or local newspapers. This  
information may be available at Troy Public Library.

Land Records, deeds, etc. are at the County Clerk's Office. Online searches of Rensselaer County land records can be made at [www.nylandrecords.com](http://www.nylandrecords.com) for a fee. Naturalization records are available by mail at Rensselaer County Clerk’s Office. Wills, etc. after 1915 are at the County Surrogate Court Office.

Rensselaer County was founded in 1791, so records before 1791, if they exist, may be available through  
Albany County at the Albany County Hall of Records. You may also wish to contact the appropriate Rensselaer County Town Historian – a current listing is at the HCM website: www.hartcluett.org.