

to Albany afterwards, their pre-Albany stories are far more challenging. In the days before the World Wide Web, searching for origins and backgrounds of newcomers was a far more arduous task when accessibility to a comparative handful of printed family-based resources, actual legwork for research, or what I still recall as tedious and frustrating correspondence, made origins research a veritable "needle-in-a-haystack" experience. Newcomers came into the community on a regular basis (true then as well as now). A small percentage of those who entered the city limits stayed on for a year, a decade, or a lifetime. Finding the answer to the marquee question on this page is part of every biographical initiative. We now start with an Internet search under a range of spellings and identity terms. That initial search invariably leads in so many interesting directions. Stay tuned for much more on this task.

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When determining the best planting dates in the spring for seeds, the date of the last spring frost is important to your success. NOTE: Our chart calculates U.S. frost dates only, based on historical data. Other factors can also influence planting dates, including soil temperature, altitude