

# What is a Record?



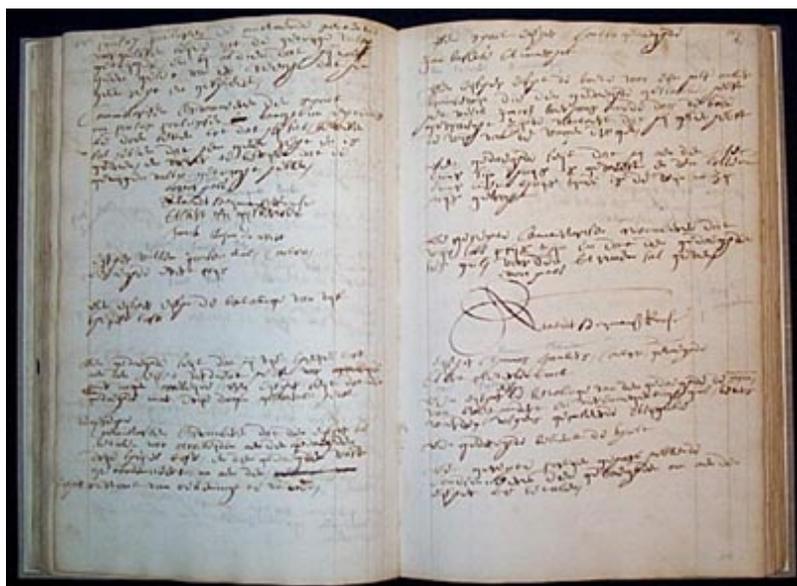
Your collections of letters, postcards, posters, stickers, pictures, videos, souvenirs are all records.



They tell a story about who you are. When historians and researchers look at them some time in the future, they will learn what life was like for you.



**The records of the Ulster County Clerk tell a story too. It's a long story because the earliest record was made in 1658 when the Stockade wall was built around uptown Kingston. And because records are still being filed with the County Clerk, that story continues.**



**The official New York State legal definition of a record is “any book, paper, map, photograph, microphotograph or any other information storage device regardless of physical form or characteristic which is the property of the state or any state agency, department, division, board, bureau, commission, county, city, town, village, district or any subdivision thereof by whatever name designated in or on which any entry has been made or is required to be made by law, or which any officer or employee of any said bodies has received or is required to receive for filing.”**



Sounds complicated, doesn't it? But it really isn't. Just think of a record as anything that tells the story of what your life is about. Do you have pictures, videos, souvenirs, postcards, letters, scrapbooks, awards, stamps, report cards? These then are your records! 😊

# Your Records

