

**Introduction by Pat Wardell to The Archivists transcription of the extracts of:**

**Martha Ann Zabriskie's Memorandum Book**

**(published 1990-1994 in The Archivist)**

Martha Ann Zabriskie (1814-1838) of Saddle River, N. J. (dau. of Garret A. L. Zabriskie and Catharine Westervelt) kept this diary of local events from 1829 until her death, after which her sister, Adaline (who m. in 1855 Gorge Esler) continued it until 1849.

The diary is a running account of mostly local births, deaths and Marriages, with an occasional reference to (usually extreme) weather, unusual local happenings, and national or worldwide events.

The following transcription was made by Pat Wardell from a typescript transcription of the diary (a copy of which is on deposit with the Bergen County Historical Society).

Some (but not all) of the remarks in parentheses probably were interpolated by the person who made the typewritten transcript. Bracketed comments have been interpolated by this editor.

Events listed should be used with care, as clues, and verified wherever possible by church or other records. It is the editor's experience that while some dates are correct as compared with Church records, other dates are off by a few days (perhaps the listings reflects the date of entry in the memorandum book.

**Additional Information:**

Martha was born 23 May 1814 and baptized 26 June 1814 at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church in present day Upper Saddle River, Bergen, NJ. She died of consumption and dropsy (Memorandum Books) on 19 Dec 1838 aged 24 years - 6 months and 26 days and was buried in the Paramus Reformed Dutch Churchyard in present day Ridgewood, NJ (g.s. #367). It would appear from the diary that Martha's last entry was November 30th, as there was a gap in the entries after that and the next in December were out of sequence.

Adaline Zabriskie, was born 28 Apr 1828 and was baptized 7 June 1828 at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church in present day Upper Saddle River, Bergen, NJ. She died 26 May 1870 of "debility," bur. in the Zion Lutheran Churchyard, Saddle River, Bergen, NJ. On 8 Apr 1855 at Zion Lutheran Ch., Saddle River, she m. George Esler, son of Andrew Esler and Rachel Achenbach. He was born 29 Sep 1815 and bap. 29 Oct 1815 at the Saddle River Reformed Dutch Church. He was a carpenter and farmer and they lived in Saddle River at West Saddle River Rd., and East Allendale Avenue. He m. second Ursula Duryea. He d. 25 May 1882 and is bur. with both wives in Saddle River.

Children of George ESLER and Adaline Zabriskie (b. in Saddle River and bap. Zion Lutheran Church there:

Andrew - b. 12 Jul 1856, bap. 26 Oct 1856, d. 1939 bur. Valleau. m. Elizabeth O'Brien;  
No Children

Garret Zabriskie - b. 11 Nov 1858, bp. 30 Apr 1858; d. 10 Aug 1864 aged 5y-9m-0d; bur. S.R.  
Luth. Churchyd.

References: Zabriskie, George Olin, The Zabriskie Family, (1963). #901, #907; 1870 Mortality Schedule, Hohokus Twp., Bergn Co., NJ; Martha Ann Zabriskie Memorandum Book, and Charity Ackerman Memorandum

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**Charity Ackerman's Memorandum**

**(published 1994-1995 in The Archivist)**

Charity Ackerman was born in Saddle River, NJ and lived there all her life. She was born 12 Jan 1819, the daughter of Gerrit Ackerman and Charity Hopper, and married 24 Dec 1839 Henry A. Achenbach (of "Mount Pleasant").

They are listed in the 1850 Federal Census, Bergen Co., Washington Twp. (Saddle River area), Dwelling #739, Family #809, living with the family of John Achenbach, 54 (prob. Henry's father). \* Henry is listed as a farmer.

Her father left her the old homestead with mill.

She kept a memorandum/diary "containing a brief sketch of all the Births, Marriages and Deaths, Remarkable events, etc." which at one time was owned by Mrs. John G. Berdan of Saddle River. The following transcript was copied by Pat Wardell from two different typewritten manuscripts, one mimeographed and one a typewritten original, of diary entries. The typewritten original seems to be a reproduction of the wording of actual entries and has been used here for the primary entry (the mimeographed version ~ to be a distillation of entries reworded in more modern idiom). Where they differ in fact or data, the differing item or words will be inserted in brackets. Some of the dates overlap with those recorded by Martha Zabriskie in her diary (previously printed in The Archivist), and it is interesting to compare.

Events listed should be used with care, as clues, and verified wherever possible by church or other records.

**Additional Information:**

Charity died in Jan 1906 and was buried 14 Jan 1906 at the Zion Lutheran Churchyard in Saddle River, NJ. Her husband Henry Achenbach was the son of John R. Achenbach and Catharine (Tyne) Hopper, born 10 Feb 1820 in the Mount Pleasant section of Saddle River (present day Chestnut Ridge Rd. in Saddle River) and baptized 13 Feb 1820 at the Lutheran Church in Saddle River. He was a farmer who died 14 Sep 1858 aged 38 years-7months-5days, and is buried with his wife. After her husband's death in 1883 she inherited additional land from her father-in-law.

Children of Henry ACHENBACH and Charity Ackerman (All b. Saddle River and baptized at the Lutheran Church there:

John Raimond - b. 5 Nov 1840, bap. 14 Jan 1841; d. 1912; m. Anna Terhune (b. 23 Mar 1842, d. 17 Apr 1875); both bur. Lutheran Churchyard, Saddle River; 1 child

Mary Louisa - b. 30 Mar 1844, bap. 18 Sep 1844; d. 4 Jan 1923; m. Jasper J. Westervelt (b. 10 Jun 1844, d. 3 Aug 1844); both bur. Valleau Cem., Ridgewood, NJ; 2 children

Catharine (Cassie, Kate) - b. 14 Aug 1850, bap. 30 May 1851; d. 11 Feb 1920; m. John V. Berdan ( b. abt. 1851-52, d. ?? no date on gravestone); both bur. Lutheran Churchyard, Saddle River; Two children. \***Their son John G. Berdan's widow Christina Blauvelt was the last owner of Charity Ackerman Achenbach's Memorandum Book.**

References: Tobey, Barbara The Ackerman Family #6.574; Records of the Zion Lutheran Church, Saddle River, NJ (Ackerman and Goff); Martha Ann Zabriskie's Memorandum Book; John Achenbach will (1883), Bergen County Will Book N: 309,

**Introduction by Pat Wardell to the Bergen County Historical Society transcription of the excerpts of:**

**Maria Ferdon Journal**

**(Published online on the Bergen County Historical Society web page  
<http://www.bergencountyhistory.org/Pages/ferdon1.html>)**

**Excerpts of items of genealogical interest from journals or memorandum books kept by Maria Ferdon of Closter, NJ. Transcribed by Pat Wardell 1997.**

**Transcriber's Notes:**

Maria Ferdon was born 25 September 1827, the daughter of John A. Ferdon and Elizabeth Nagle (Naugle). She apparently never married and lived most if not all of her life in the Closter area of Bergen County, NJ [\*]

The children born to John A. Ferdon and Elizabeth Nagle/Naugle were:

- Magdalena Ferdon ("Lany" in the journals, born 17 July 1808; baptized 5 August 1808 at the Tappan (NY) Reformed Dutch Church; married 9 December 1826 (recorded at the Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church), David Durie, son of Cornelius Durie and Margaret Brinkerhoff.
- Maria Ferdon, born 15 August 1813, baptized 15 September 1813 at the Tappan (NY) Reformed Dutch Church. She died young
- Barent Ferdon ("Barney" in the journals), born 7 November 1822; baptized 11 December 1822 at the Tappan (NY) Reformed Dutch Church; married 4 January 1853 Elsie Ermina Verveelen.
- Maria Ferdon, born 25 September 1827. She did not marry. [\*]

Throughout her adult life Maria Ferdon kept journals which contain some narrative description of her trips, visits to family, friends and neighbors, real estate transactions, noteworthy events in her life and other activities, but which are, for the most part, listings of births, marriages, and deaths of people who lived in the vicinity. This transcription focuses mainly on the items of genealogical interest, although some non-genealogical entries have been retained in this transcription because they add insights into daily life at the time the journals were written.

The Bergen County Historical Society has, in its collection, six of these journals, covering the time period of July 1863 to October 1891. Judging from the numbers Miss Ferdon assigned to the books there were very likely others that preceded these.

Maria Ferdon's separation of dates into categories of births, Marriages and deaths has been retained.

This transcription was made from Xeroxed copies of pages from the 6 original journal/memorandum Books owned by the Bergen County Historical Society.

Questionable interpretations of handwriting are in square brackets as are any explanatory interpolations by the transcriber. Any words, phrases, numbers, etc. in parentheses are Maria Ferdon's own remarks in parentheses. Unusual or remarkable dates, comments, spellings have been underlined to alert the reader that these are as they appear in the journals, and not a typographical error in the transcription.

Original spellings have been retained. The reader should be aware of some of Miss Ferdon's orthographic eccentricities in order to keep an open mind while reading the transcription. She formed the lower case "a" by leaving it open at the top, which can cause the reader to interpret it as a "u." In several instances a number in brackets has been interpolated by different, apparently later hand (i.e. [#1237]). These are probably identifications from a family genealogy (perhaps

Demarest) added at a later date. Because they are obviously not part of the original journals, they have been omitted from this transcription.

[\*] Additional Information:

The extracted Books are #4-#9.

Her father was a very well-off farmer who in 1860 had \$15,000 in real estate and \$50,000 in a personal estate. They were living in Harrington Twp. (what is now Closter was part of Harrington Twp. in 1860).

Maria was living in Harrington Twp. when the 1850, 1860, 1880 and 1900 censuses were taken; living alone in 1900 in her own mortgage free home. In 1910 she was living with her niece Elizabeth Durie on Main St. in Hackensack, NJ.

Maria died 7 December 1912, buried Aureyansen Graveyard, Closter, NJ with her parents.

References: Harrington Twp., Bergen County Censuses: 1850 (p. 283B), 1860 (post office Schraalenburgh p. 517), 1880 (p.304A ), (1900 (p.21A, e.d. 19), 1910 - Hackensack (p.2B, e.d.40): Moos, Dorothy, *The Blauvelt Family Genealogy, Revised Edition Volume I*, (1987) #7-4503.

**Introduction by Maria Hopper to The Archivists transcription of the extracts of:**

## **The Diaries of Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Campbell**

**(published 2000-2002 and 2006 in The Archivist)**

Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Campbell, was the daughter of John A. Campbell and Hannah Demarest. She was b.14 Sep 1849 (from diary "14 Sep 1868 today is my nineteenth birthday) , in Park Ridge. She was bap. as Elizabeth Ann, daughter of John and Hannah Campbell, at Pascack Reformed Dutch Church. [Church Records give only one date that of 4 Sep 1849.]

She d. 29 Jan 1931, unmarried at her home on Main Street in Park Ridge, and is buried with her parents in the Pascack Reformed Cemetery. She never married. Her obituary said her death "closed the career of the last surviving person to be engaged in wampum making." Her father and his three brothers, and their firm the Campbell Brothers made wampum in a mill at Park Ridge using a drilling machine invented by her Uncle James. The process was a closely guarded family secret. The only existing wampum drilling machine is on exhibit at the Pascack Historical Society in Park Ridge, NJ. The obituary also stated, " Miss Campbell who was 81 years old, one of the oldest residents of Park Ridge, had long been without the use of her lower limbs, but had a happy disposition."

References: The Campbell Family Some of the Descendants of William Campbell of Bergen County 1718 to 1969 compiled by Harlan Rodgers Campbell 1969, #4-61; The Demarest Family Vol. I edited by Voorhis D. Demarest (1964) #7-342a; The Bergen Record 30 January 1931 Obituary "Last Wampum Maker Dies in Park Ridge; Elizabeth Campbell Succumbs at Age of Eighty-one" [which had her mother in error as Ellen](Obituaries 1914-1943 Vol. I p.8 Bergen County Historical Society) Pascack RDCh. and Cemetery Records, Park Ridge, NJ. copied and checked by Herbert S. Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, privately printed, 1946 p. 40 (baptism) p. 89 (cemetery)

Extracts from the Diaries of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ann Campbell daughter of John A. Campbell of Park Ridge. He was one of the makers of Wampum, as used by the Indians-Loaned to me by her great great nephew Howard Durie copied by Alpha A. Hatch. Entries range from from 1865 until 1890

From the Extracts from the Diaries of Elizabeth (Lizzie) Campbell, a complete copy of which is in the Rutgers Library.

## DIARY OF LAVINIA HOPPER DATER - 1864

Transcribed and edited by Joan Dater  
To be Published ??

### Lavinia Hopper Dater

Lavinia Hoppe, the daughter of William G. Hopper and Bridget Christie, was born 9 May 1819 (gs.) probably in Ramapo [now Mahwah] and died 20 Mar 1903, buried with her husband, and children in the Union Cemetery Darlington Ave., Ramsey, NJ. On 25 May 1836 (Rev. Demarest's record & Diaries, recorded at Kakiat Reformed Dutch Church.), "Mr. John Young Dater of Ramapo to Miss Levina Hopper." (CAA "Daty" also MAZ, both of Ramapough). He was the son of Adam Dater Jr. and Mary Young, born 6 Jun 1818 (gs.) probably in Ramapo and died 4 Jun 1894 (gs.).

They lived on a farm in what is now Mahwah and later in a house in Ramsey (Dater), which were then part of Hohokus, Twp. In 1850 he was a farmer age 33 with \$5,000 in real estate, with Lavinia 32 and two children, and Hannah Swin 17 (no occupation). Living next door was his brother Jacob, a miller, with \$5,000 in real estate. In 1860 there were 10 people living in the house: John Y. 43, a merchant (real estate -\$12,000, personal estate \$21,000), Lavinia 41, son William 17, and Caroline Mann 16, a servant, and George Ryerson 23, merchant (\$1,000 personal), Mary Ryerson 21 [their daughter and son-in-law], Blanchard Hamper 21, a male clerk, Jane Thayer 18, servant, Mary Doremus 59, widow, and Rich'd Graham 23 a R. Road Agent. All were white and born in NJ. In 1870 John 52 was a lumber and coal dealer (real estate \$30,000 and personal \$15,000) living with him were Lavinia 51 keeping house (personal estate \$4,000), George J. Ryerson 34 a retail grocer (personal \$4,000) and Mary Ryerson 32. In 1880 John Y. *Dayter* (sic) 62 was listed as a retired farmer with Lavinia 61 and son in law George Ryerson 44 and Mary Ryerson 41 and Abbe Jones a 14 year old black servant and Mary Williams a 16 year old white laborer (all b. NJ). In 1900 Lavinia was 81 (b. May 1819), the head of the household. She and her dau. Mary D. Ryerson 61 (b. Jul 1838) were both widows, boarding with them was George Benson (black) (b. Feb 1873), a 27 year old laborer. They were living on the "Road Leading from Ramsey R.R. Crossing to D.R. [Dutch Reformed] Cemetery." Lavinia had borne 2 children 1 of whom was living and Mary had borne none.

John Y. Dater I served in the NJ State Assembly from 1863-1865, and in the Senate from 1866-1868.(Dater)

References: #1038 in soon to be published *The Hopper Family Genealogy* vol. II; Censuses of Hohokus Twp., Bergen, NJ (1850) p. 232 dwelling #411-family #451, (1860) Hohokus post office p. 100 and 101, #728-#800; (1870) Ramseys post office, p. 332, #382-#425; (1880) e.d. 5, p. 42B, #394-#406; (1900) e.d. 23, p.2B, #45-#48; Research of Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenoot, Sloatsburg, NY; Martha Ann Zabriskie & Charity Ackerman Achenbach Memorandum Books; Clayton p. 333; Research of Tom and Joan Dater, Mahwah and 1864 Diary of Lavinia Hopper Dater.; See Findagrave.com for photo of Dater Monument Union Cem. Ramsey (gs = gravestone)

#### Children of John Y. DATER and Lavinia (Wyne) Hopper:

- 1038-1 Mary - b. 25 Jul 1838 (MAZ Diary & bap. rec.), bap. no date at True Reformed Ch. Ramapo (p. 3)(par. "Wyne Hopper (member) wife of John Dater (No member);" (12 in 1850); She d. 7 Dec 1910; m. George Ryerson, b. 16 Dec 1835, d. 11 June 1896; Both bur. with her parents; No children
- 1038-2 William J. - b. 22 Nov 1842 (bap. rec.)/g.s.), bap. no date at Tr.R.Ch. Ramapo (p. 3)(par. "Wyne Hopper (member) wife of John Dater (No member);"(7 in 1850). He d. 23 June 1877 of consumption, aged 34y-7m-1d, bur. with parents. He m. Jane Ellen Hopper dau. of Abraham M. Hopper and Maria Priscilla Wortendyke, was b. 27 Dec 1844 (gs. & Zabriskie Diary). She d. 28 Mar 1928, bur. with husb.  
Three children: Mary Lavinia (1867-1913) never married; bur. with parents.  
John Y. II (1870-1950), m. 1) Anna Vanderbeek and 2) Daisy Blauvelt; bur. Valleau  
Emma Hopper (1876-1877); bur. with parents

## 1882 Deaths Elizabeth A. Campbell Diary/NJ Death Records (NJ Archives online Index)

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/databases.html>

Only 15 of 27 found in NJ VR

- Jan 3 John I. Blauvelt [John I. Blanvelt (sic), Jr. Washington, Bergen, 75y]  
Jan 3 Samuel De Baun [Paterson, Passaic, 85y]  
Jan 22 Cassie Blauvelt, dau Jacob P. Hopper. [Cassie Blanvelt (sic), Paterson, Passaic, 24y-7m]  
Feb 1 \*David B. Naugle in his 79th year. [David B. Naugle, Washington, Bergen, 78y]  
Mar 23 Mrs. Henry Gardneer. [Henry A. Gardineer, Paterson, Passaic, 26y]  
Mar 25 Mr. Duey died very suddenly. [23 Mar, Thomas Duer, Hohokus, Bergen, 23y-3m]  
Apr 4 Abraham W. Peterson died. [Abram Peterson, Washington, Bergen, 48y-6m]  
Apr 21 Mr. Cornealus Kent died. [Cornelius Kent, Washington, Bergen, 78y-8m]  
May 28 George Esler At Saddle River. [ 25 May, Saddle River, Bergen, 66y]  
Jun 4 Mrs. James Hall died. [Sarah Hall, Washington, Bergen, 73y-4m]  
Jun 2 Rinear A. Wortendyke died. [Rynear A. Wortendyke, Washington, Bergen, 90y-9m]  
Jun 9 John Johndson, the old stage driver. [7 June, John P. Johnson, Washington, Bergen, 62y-9m]  
Jul 7 Little Maggie Terhune died. [Paterson, Passaic, 3y]  
Jul 16 Mrs. Cornealus Blauvelt, Oradell. [Letitia Blanvelt (sic), Palisade, Bergen, 75y]  
Aug 15 Fred Boom died. [16 Aug, Frederick Bomm, Washington, Bergen 54y-11m]

\*Also in Maria Ferdon Journal

## 1882 Deaths Maria Ferdon Journal/NJ Death Records (NJ Archives online Index)

<http://www.state.nj.us/state/darm/links/databases.html>

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- Jan 27 - Mr. John Naugle died [John J. Naugle Trenton, Mercer Co, 63y.]  
- Mrs Rachel Westervelt [Rachel Westervelt 27 Jan 1882 - Englewood, Bergen, 77y-7m]  
\*Feb 1 - Mr. David Naugle [David B. Naugle, Washington, Bergen, 78y]  
Feb 2 - Mrs. Susan Westervelt [3 Feb - New Barbadoes, 65y-6m]  
Feb 3 - Child of Mrs. Lyons [? 19 Feb - Kate A. Lyons - Jersey City 2 days]  
----- Mrs. White [23 Feb 1882, Margaret E. White, Bergen Co., 46y]  
Feb 25 - Mrs. Emma Bogart died 16 [Emma Bogert, Harrington, Bergen 16y]  
Mar 11 - Emma Huyler died [Emma C. Huyler, Palisade, Bergen, 31y]  
Mar 24 - Cornelius Zabriskie (26?) [? Cornelius J. Zabriskie, Ridgewood, Bergen, 78y-5m]  
-----Child of Jacob Van Wagoner [Lena Van Wagoner, Midland, Bergen, 3y 8m]  
Apr 4 - Mrs. Maria Johnson 55 [Maria C. Johnson, Harrington, Bergen, 54y-11m]  
Apr 23 - Mrs. Henry Powless [24 Apr - Henry Powles, Jersey City, Hudson, 65y]  
Jun 7 - John Johnson died 62 [John P. Johnson, Washington, Bergen, 62y-9m]  
Jun 8 - Mrs. Lany Van Wagoner died 94y [Eleanor Van Wagoner, Midland, Bergen, 93y, 10m]  
Jun 29 - Mr. G. W. Demarest killed by accident Long Branch railroad [George W. Demarest Sayerville, Monmouth, 55y-7m]  
Jul 2 - Mrs. Ellen Van Bryke died [Ellen Van Duyne, Montville, Morris 77y-2m]  
Jul 8 - Dr. Henry A Hopper 58y [New Barbadoes, Bergen 57y-11m]  
Jul 8 - Dan Herring baby died [Jacob P. Haring, Washington, 10m]  
Aug 17 - Mr. Edward Palmer died [19 Aug, Edwin P. Palmer, Harrington, Bergen, 48y-6m]  
Aug 22 - Rev. Alexander Warner 79 [Alexander H. Warner, New Barbadoes, Bergen, 78y-9m]  
Sep 23 - Mrs. Maria Anderson [Palisade, Bergen age unk]