

PASCACK GENEALOGY WORKSHOP BULLETIN

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VOLUME II No. 1

February 1974

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Workshop will be held on Monday, February 25th, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, N.J. Mr. Voorhis Demarest, a member of the Workshop, will speak on the methods he used to compile and publish the Demarest Genealogy.

YEARLY DUES: Dues for year 1974 are now being collected. For new members there is a one time initiation fee of \$5.00. (This covers all members of a family.) The yearly dues are \$3.00 for each member. Please take care of this matter at the next meeting or mail a check to Mrs. Anne Angeloni, 716 Soldier Hill Road, Oradell, New Jersey 07649.

ANCESTOR INDEX: A compilation of all names being searched by the members is being done under the chairmanship of Harvey Forrest. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from him. Volunteers will be needed to type these lists. Each member will be furnished with a copy.

BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: This committee, under the co-chairmanship of Jennie Storms and Spence Newman, is making good progress. Members of the committee are: Ann Beck, secretary; Edna Falter, records custodian. William Amerman, Barbara Adams, Voorhis Demarest, and Kathy Frasco. More volunteers are needed; please contact Jennie Storms, chairman. On Monday, February 11, the committee met at the Johnson Library and started the tedious task of compiling cemetery records.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Again we ask for a volunteer to head this important committee. There are members but no one to head it.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS: Kathy Frasco would like to contact other Genealogy workshops for the purpose of mutual exchange of information. If any members know of the existence of such a workshop - in any State - please phone Kathy at 666-8198.

WORKSHOP HISTORIAN: At the suggestion of Edna Falter we have added a Workshop historian to our staff. Dorothy Moos has volunteered to accept this position - she has all the necessary information concerning the Workshop from its inception as an informal group to the present status as a formal organization. Thanks, Dot.

LIBRARY HOURS: Books are available for borrowing on any meeting night. As the weather becomes more settled and the gas situation eases, Edna Falter will be available to open the library on Monday afternoons between 1:00 and 3:00 P.M. by appointment.

GENEALOGY COURSES: Mrs. Virginia Mosley, town historian of Tenafly, will conduct a course in Genealogy from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, for four weeks beginning March 14. The fee is \$10.00. Advance registration is requested at the Tenafly Adult School, 27 West Clinton Avenue, Tenafly.

GENEALOGY COURSES (cont.) Charles Gibbs is planning to conduct a spring course at the Pascack Hills Adult School. Because of the energy crisis this course which is usually held on Monday evenings will not start until sometime in March.

NEW MEMBERS: We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Dorothy Brown  
136 Lenox Avenue  
Maywood, N.J. 07607  
845-5960

Hazel Lampe  
28 Rustic Drive  
Waldwick, N.J. 07463  
444-2745

Ernestine Wark  
139 Glen Road  
Woodcliff Lake 07675  
391-7802

Jeffrey S. Aronsky  
719 Stevens Court East  
Paramus, N.J. 07652  
652-3007

NEW JERSEY STATE LIBRARY: The Reference Librarian has stated that, because of its limited staff, the Library cannot comply with requests for information that involve extensive genealogical research. They are, however, most happy to place the necessary books and records at the disposal of those seeking information. Our Library has on file the names of three persons suggested by the State Library to do this work; no evaluation of qualifications, however, can be made.

BOOK ENDS: If you have a spare pair of book ends, our books would appreciate some needed support!

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY: The two latest issues of the Genealogical Helper have been received and are available. Ann Beck has donated a beautifully illustrated book on Braunschweig, Germany. Considerable historical information is included. The Atlantic Bridge to Germany by Hall has been received from Everton.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCES: We should like to include in our Bulletin one or two interesting experiences you may have had in your climbup the ancestral tree.

Our newest member, Jeff Aronsky, learned from his cousins in Los Angeles that there might be some family in Zurich, Switzerland. No addresses were known. Jeff contacted the Swiss Government. He received in reply a cable from the Secret Police that "Aunt Sena is alive and well. She is in her 80's and has her own home." Jeff wrote and is now anxiously awaiting an answer from his Aunt Sena. Keep us up to date, Jeff.

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VOLUME II No. 2

April 1974

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:** The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Workshop will be held on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, N.J. Mrs. Virginia Mosley, town historian of Tenafly, will be the guest speaker. Her subject will be the role of the town historian in Genealogy. Members of the Pascack Historical Society have been invited to attend this meeting.

**FIELD TRIPS:** With the approach of better weather, we would like to plan field trips. Places under consideration are the New Jersey Historical Society, Newark; the New York Public Library, and the Federal Archives Center in New York City. However, a Program Chairman and Co-Chairman are needed to make the necessary plans as well as to make meeting program plans. Any volunteers?

**NEW CHAIRMAN NEEDED:** In addition to the above, we are without a publicity chairman due to the resignation of Kathy Frasco. Kathy is tied up with other commitments. Also, "The Archivist" would like to have a reporter to interview members for the purpose of obtaining human interest stories or amusing anecdotes which have occurred in their search for ancestors.

**FORMS TO BE COMPLETED:** At the present we have three inquiry forms in circulation and it would be to all our advantage if these are completed and returned as soon as possible: (1) Ancestor Index Form - to be sent to Harvey Forrest. Include all allied families on which you have information as well as direct lines. (2) Inquiry form in reference to books and programs which would serve as an ordering and planning guide. (3) The enclosed form indicating areas in which you could serve. Dot Moos wishes to emphasize that frequently only a small amount of help is needed and, very often, only on certain occasions.

**BOOKS:** These books have been added to the Library: Gifts from Charles Gibbs-Sims--The origin and signification of Scottish surnames and Williams--Know your ancestors. From Everton-Norton--New Jersey in 1793 (Due to the destruction of the 1790 New Jersey Federal Census this is an invaluable substitute.) At our request Goodspeed has sent a new catalogue. Mrs. Ethel Zott, a new member, has submitted a list of personal holdings which she is willing to share. These will be catalogued, together with former lists we have published in "The Archivist." Our card catalogue index should be consulted in order to become familiar with material available. Books and other materials are listed according to author, title, and subject.

**JEWISH IMMIGRANT ANCESTORS:** For information write to: Hebrew Immigration Service, 200 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. Records are available as far back as 1800 as all Jewish immigrants had to register with the service. The approximate year and port of entry should be given.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to our new members:

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Rose  
545 Ryeside Avenue  
New Milford, N.J. 07646  
261-4460

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Swenson  
22 6th Avenue  
Westwood, N.J. 07675  
664-2718

Mrs. Ethel Zott  
64 Akers Avenue  
Montvale, N.J. 07645  
391-5651

TRANSLATORS: The following have agreed to translate any materials you may wish. Financial arrangements should be made personally:

DANISH \* Gerda Hoiem, 174 Third Avenue, Westwood 664-7828  
SWEDISH - Ellen Stafko, 22 Fairview Avenue, Park Ridge 391-4111  
GERMAN - Agnes Stebner, 12 Josephine Court, Hillsdale 391-2625

POSTMASTER AIDS GENEALOGIST: In the September 1973 issue of the Genealogical Helper there appeared an article by an Edna L. Wiggins, of Boys Town, Nebraska. Briefly, like all of us, she had reached an impasse in her search for ancestors in France. In desperation she tried the following: "I penned a letter addressing the envelope as follows: 'To the Family of Le Duc, etc. Postmaster: For genealogical purposes I am searching for the progeny of the name Le Duc. Would you be so kind as to post this envelope on your bulletin board for two months. If, at the end of that time it has not been claimed, return to sender.'" After two months of silence Mrs. Wiggins was elated to find a letter from progeny of the family of Le Duc. In this way she has successfully followed five lines, many times having only the name of a town the same as progenitors.

Not to be outdone, Ann Beck decided to try her luck following the above instructions. In January 1974 she had a letter and envelope translated into German and mailed them to two different villages in Germany. She reports:

"On February 19, 1974 I received a response from an Evangelical Minister tracing my family tree back to 1681 and 1691 and adding six additional surnames to my genealogy. The Pastor informed me that while there are no longer any persons with my family names living in his village, the letter was passed on to him and he spent many hours searching the church records for me. For payment he asked that I send \$10 worth of uncanceled U.S. stamps as he is a philatelist. His letter was most cordial and after complying with his request for stamps I am eagerly awaiting further details about my ancestors as he promised to furnish. "Indeed I am so heartened by this turn of events that I hope other Workshop members will be encouraged to do likewise. Good luck!"

ANOTHER MEMBER'S SUCCESS STORY: Jeff Aronsky, about whom we wrote in the last "The Archivist" writes that he continues to add to his knowledge of Aunt Sena. He has located other relatives here and they hope to have Aunt Sena visit the states soon. Relatives from Los Angeles and Cleveland would then come East to visit with her. "This whole day has been very exciting and for my encouragement I can thank the Workshop for telling me you may hit dead locks but the door will open and it DID!"

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VOLUME II No. 3

June 1974

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascaack Genealogy Workshop will be held on Monday, June 24, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, N.J. The program will consist of a discussion panel, moderated by Ted Obal, on the use of letters as a research tool.

IMPORTANT At this meeting a copy of the proposed revision of the By-laws will be given to you for your study during the month and will be presented for discussion and vote at the July meeting. It is, therefore, urgent that you be present at these two meetings.

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to our new members - Lola Crandall and Mary O'Connell.

FIELD TRIPS: If you have suggestions for a field trip, consult with Barbara Adams, Ernestine Wark, or Ethel Zott. Arrangements might be arranged.

A very successful trip was made to the Short Hills Library of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Nine members, in two cars, spent the evening of June 4 investigating the resources the Library has to offer. Dorothy Brown and a volunteer worker explained the contents of the Library and the procedures for use of the card catalogue, use of the microfilm readers, and the ordering of reels of interest. A notice is sent when the microfilm arrives from Utah and it is kept for two weeks. It is, unfortunately, necessary to make a return trip to the Library to read it.

PERIODICALS: Ted Obal, one of our reporters, informs us that the following article of interest appeared recently:  
Catholic Digest, April 1974. "The Roots of Your Family Tree Lie Under Granite Mountain" - an article on "world's largest collection of genealogical records" in Salt Lake City.

PUBLISHERS' CATALOGUES: There is a folder in the library cabinet containing many catalogues and announcements. We are on the mailing list of several publishers, without cost. If, as individuals, you buy any of these books, please comment that you saw it advertised in the catalogue filed at the Pascaack Genealogy Workshop.

CARD CATALOGUE: It might be of considerable interest to members to consult the card catalogue. This is arranged - alphabetically - according to author, title, and subject. It is divided into three areas: The Workshop's own holdings, those to be found at the nearby area libraries, and those books belonging to members who are willing to make them available subject to their own restrictions.

GENEALOGIC = GENEALOGICAL + LOGIC  
 CENDEX = CENSUS + INDEX

An explanation of CENDEX IS ON FILE IN THE LIBRARY. A list of the material available appears in the card catalogue. The 1830 Massachusetts Census will soon be added.

IRELAND: An excellent modern map of Ireland is on file.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED:

Johansson, Carl-Erik - Cradled in Sweden. This would seem to be an excellent tool. Starts with a brief study of the language - alphabet, markings, and contains a wealth of specific information.

Kirkham, E. Kay - The Handwriting of American Records for a Period of 300 Years. Fascinating and a must for those searching old documents. This would offer a wonderful project for someone with time to make a study of Handwriting and give a mini-course to other members interested. Would require study; just reading would be of no use. Any volunteers?

MARYLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY receives several thousand requests for genealogical assistance each year. But inasmuch as it is a private organization (not a state organization) and receives no support other than dues and gifts of members, they are unable to maintain a staff large enough to render assistance to all those who request it. Genealogists with Maryland families are urged to seek help from professional researchers and to use standard reference works such as Index to Source Records of Maryland by Eleanor Phillips Passano; Genealogical Research in Maryland: A Guide by Mary K. Meyter; and County Courthouses and Records of Maryland, Volume II, The Records by Morris Radoff as an introduction to research in Maryland.

PROBLEM CORNER: This is an innovation we would like to include each issue. Perhaps you have a problem which you have been unable to solve. Send it to the Editor. It will be included in one of the future issues and, if answered, it will be printed. Here's one to start on:

Our inquirer states: "I understand that if a birth certificate is not readily accessible, one may still exist. It may mean that a de-layed Birth Certificate has been filed in later years. If the date of birth is known but the date of filing is unknown, is there any way this certificate could be located?"

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE: Spence Newman reports that the members are busy trying to gather the necessary information. Sometimes it is a waiting game to get responses.

Good luck if your vacation plans include some "digging."

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September 1974

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Society will be held on Monday, September 23, 1974, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, N.J. Due to the lack of a majority at the August meeting it was necessary to postpone the vote on the adoption of the newly revised By-Laws until this meeting. The program will be a talk by Mrs. Sidney Moritz, of Tappan, on gravestone rubbings.

TRUSTEES ELECTED: In accordance with the new By-Laws, Bill Amermann and Ted Obal were elected trustees to serve until the next election.

FIELD TRIPS: Before the weather gets unpredictable and the roads slippery, we should like to plan a couple of trips. The committee has planned one to the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark for September 24. If you are interested, please call, after dinner, one of the following: Barbara Adams, Ernestine Wark, or Ethel Zott. Also please indicate whether you are willing to drive. The deadline is September 20.

PERIODICALS: Ted Obal informs us that "Women's Circle" carries a page titled Family Seekers. Might be worth looking at.

NEW YORK STATE: Jeff Aronsky came across this item in Yankee Magazine which might be of interest to those searching in the northern New York Counties only. Write: Northern County Research Service, Box 126, Malone, New York 12953. No mention of fees.

And the Times-Union, of Rochester, New York, had an article which concerns Monroe County, New York, and may apply to other counties also. A certificate of Registration is no birth certificate. Check this difference if your interests are up that way.

REVOLUTIONARY LOYALISTS: There are on file three copies of Relics, the publication of the Pascack Historical Society. These list the names of loyalists from the Pascack area and, it is thought, on their trek to Canada may have picked up others from the New England area. If you are interested in this area, please consult them.

NEW BOOKS RECEIVED:

Kirkham, E. Kay - A handy guide to record searching in the larger cities of the United States  
Germany - Die Postleitzahl (ZIP Code directory)

GRAVESTONE RUBBINGS: This is the subject of our program this month. To most of us, I think, it is an unknown art. Your editor visited the Portobello Road antique show in New York on Sunday and saw some of these. I was astounded to see how beautiful they can be. The program should be most interesting.

**OBITUARIES:** The Ridgewood Library has an index of all obituaries which have appeared in the New York Times. The complete obituary is available on microfilm. This covers dates from 9/18/1851 to date.

**LIST OF OUR HOLDINGS:** It was suggested by Dick Kelting that we distribute to members a list of our holdings. Members could then at their leisure decide which might be of value to them and be ready to sign them out at the meeting. We have so little time to use the library that this might prove more convenient. The list will be distributed at the meeting. Please file and keep current as the new books are announced in The Archivist.

**GENEALOGY'S GROWING IMPORTANCE:** The increased number of articles appearing in the news media demonstrates the increased interest in genealogy. The Record had an article by Dr. Joyce Brothers on July 14, the U.S. News and World Report in the July 29 issue, and, of course, the feature article the latter part of July in the Record. This article was an interview with Voorhis Demarest and Dot Moos, in which Dot spoke of our Society.

The U.S. News titles its article Quest for Identity. It states that the National Archives in 1969 opened regional branches in eleven United States cities including New York. Some of our members have used this - the holdings are mostly of New York. The office is moving to Bayonne in the Fall and it is hoped will increase its materials. We are keeping in touch and will announce when the change is made. It will be much more convenient to visit at the Bayonne location.

Dr. Brothers' article includes a statement by Brian Brooks, a professional genealogist, who feels that those who trace their ancestry in hope of inheriting money or property are barking up the wrong tree. "They will probably find that their forebears are far less educated than they imagined. The fact is that most of us come from very modest backgrounds."

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November 1974

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Society will be held on Monday, November 25, 1974, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, N.J. The officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate to be voted upon:

President: Joe Svenson  
Vice-President: Kathy Frasco  
1st Trustee: William Amerman

Treasurer: Gardner Moyer  
Secretary: Edna W. Falter  
2nd Trustee: Spence Newman

PROGRAM: The program for the November meeting will be a talk by Charles Gibbs. Charlie recently spent some time in England and will give us the benefits of the information he acquired while trying to solve Problems in Searching in England.

ADDITION TO HISTORY RECORD: At the June 24th meeting Ted Obal chaired a panel discussion of Letters As a Tool in Genealogical Research. Dick Kelting took several pictures and has presented two - one of the panel and one of the present officers - to be added to the History. Thank you, Dick.

FIELD TRIPS: There were two field trips conducted since our last Bulletin. The first, on September 24, was taken by four members to the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark. The second, on October 15, saw four members travel to the New York Public Library. This latter trip was by bus. On Tuesday, November 12, four members will drive to Trenton to work in the Archives and History Bureau of the New Jersey State Library. Thanks to Barbara and the committee for arranging these.

SPEAKERS BUREAU: Our President has been receiving requests from various organizations as to the possibility of having one of our members appear as the featured speaker on Genealogy at one of their meetings. One very definite request came from The Rosary Society of St. Andrews Church in Westwood. Dot spoke to Dorothy Brown who most graciously consented to take on this assignment. Along with the Society's thanks, Dorothy received a check which she turned over to our treasury.

To pursue this subject further, the Executive Committee discussed the feasibility of establishing a panel of members who could speak at organization meetings. Perhaps two could share a program. If you are able and willing to take part in this project, please contact the President.

CANADIAN RESEARCH: Ernestine Wark was interested in Canadian census records. She wrote to the Archives Bureau of Canada, Ottawa, giving as much information as possible. Three rolls of microfilm were located and the numbers given to her. She was instructed to contact a local library, a member of the inter-library loan group, and had the library send a request for the three rolls. This she did and the three rolls were forwarded to the library for her use. The Park Ridge Library was the branch used and when they notified Barbara the film was there, she picked it up. Park Ridge has no reader so Barbara went to Ridgewood where there is also a print-out attachment. The film could be kept for a month, read at her convenience, and returned to the Park Ridge Library for return to Canada, all without cost to her. Wouldn't it be convenient if this service were available from all states. If anyone hears of similar cases, please let us know.

COPIER REDUCER: It was drawn to our attention that the copier at the Hillsdale Library has a reducer and works great!

METHODIST RECORDS: If you are searching for old Methodist records you may find them in the Rose Memorial Library at Drew University, Madison, N.J. There are thousands of uncollated documents kept by the University for the northern New Jersey Conference of the United Methodist Church.

CENDEX: The Cendex Division of the Genealogic Company has added the 1830 Massachusetts census record. This may be secured at a cost of \$10.00.

THE GENEALOGICAL HELPER: The semi-annual exchange registration deadline is January 1, 1975. If you are interested in registering for the March edition, please see form in the library.

BOOK DELAY: We regret to inform you that the book which we ordered some time ago titled Immigration, Emigration, and Naturalization will not be published until after January 1.



THE PASCACK GENEALOGY SOCIETY'S newly elected officers are left to right, Kathy Erasco, vice president, Edna Falter, secretary; Joseph Svenson, president; and Gardner Moyer, treasurer. Persons interested in tracing their family lineage are welcome to attend the Feb. 24 meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, or contact Mrs. Anne Angeloni, 716 Soldier Hill Road, Oradell.