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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Society will be held on Monday, February 24, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson, N.J.

PROGRAM: Our program chairman, Charles Gibbs, has promised a speaker from one of the patriotic societies. We cannot give specific information as the details had not been finalized. We are sure it will be of interest especially during this month of Presidents and the Bi-Centennial year in the offing.

HOW TO READ THE OLD RECORDS: The Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin of May 1974 contains a very interesting article titled How to Read the Old Records by Anna M. Cartledge. Anyone interested in reading this will please speak to Edna Falter. There is one hint to aid in the reading of microfilm: "In reading microfilm you will find it helpful to place a piece of white paper over the glass. The picture will be reflected on the paper and be much darker and plainer."

TUTTLE CATALOGUE: We have received from Charles E. Tuttle co., Inc. a new catalog #380 titled Genealogy and Local History. This contains hundreds of genealogies and historical reference. (In Library cabinet.)

Again we would like to bring to your attention: If you order anything from any of our catalogs, please be sure to mention that you are a member of P.G.S. These bulletins are expensive and we are on the free mailing list. It should be known that we take advantage of them.

1975 DUES: Just a reminder to those who were not at the January meeting -- Annual dues of \$3.00 each are now being collected.

N.Y. FEDERAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS CENTER: We have been waiting for this facility to move from downtown New York to Bayonne, N.J. which would be much more convenient. The last check-up became quite a project. There was no answer to the New York number. Information had no Bayonne listing. However, the operator was most helpful and gave a number which you might want to note for future reference. The Bayonne number was called and the information was that part of the Archives have already moved but not the microfilm section. The New York number for this section is 212-620-5837 or 5755. The number referred to above is 645-3600. All Federal Bureaus may be located through this Newark Office.

CENSUS RECORDS: 1850 and 1880 Census Records of New York and New Jersey are available at the New York Federal Archives & Records Center in New York and may be obtained from them free of charge on an inter-library loan basis.

D.A.R. If there are any interested in establishing eligibility to become a member of the D.A.R., Dot Moos will gladly share her experience in present procedures.

ATTIC TREASURES: Those of us who have unearthed old photographs and daguerreotypes find many without identification. A lesson we should all learn is to identify and date every photo we take today. But don't throw away those old unknowns. Harry Trimborn, of the Los Angeles Times, reports that "old photographs, according to experts at the London auction houses of Christie's and Sotheby's, are bring/~~ing~~ prices despite the currently depressed state of the art market." This is a new market and some of the prices being paid are fantastic. So be patient and perhaps the old photos may bring you a fortune. Most of the buyers are Americans.

AFTERNOON INFORMAL MEETINGS: Several of our members have suggested that there might be interest in having an informal discussion group during an afternoon. This would in no way replace or compete with our regular monthly meeting. Some of the girls are willing to open their homes for such a purpose. Please indicate your reaction on the form below and return at the next meeting or mail to the secretary.

NEW BOOKS: We still await publication of the two books we ordered some time ago: Migration, Emigration, Immigration and Locating your Immigrant ancestor.

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NAME _____
PREFERRED TIME _____ DAY OF WEEK _____

ARE YOU IN A POSITION TO HOSTESS (OR HOST) SUCH A GATHERING _____
(This is entirely voluntary; do not let it deter you from attending if such a program is started.)

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April 1975

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Society will be held on Monday, April 28, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson.

PROGRAM: Our program chairman, Charles Gibbs, has scheduled no speaker for this meeting, giving us an opportunity to discuss with each other problems of mutual interest and for our new eighth cousins to climb higher up their common tree. We plan to bring in our library books and folders so that our new members may have a better idea of just what we have to offer.

SPEAKERS BUREAU: Two engagements this month! Dot Moos and Ann Beck spoke at the meeting of the Philanthropical and Educational Association in Spring Valley on the 17th. The general subject of Genealogy was the subject. We hope to have a report at our meeting.

During the afternoon of the 28th Gardner Moyer will speak to the general meeting of the D.A.R. at the West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood. The suggested title is Genealogy Can Be Fun. Joe Svenson will probably go along for support.

FIELD TRIP: Not an organized one, but Dot Moos, Peggy Lindauer, and Adah Tewes visited the Genealogical Library in Short Hills during the past month. Unfortunately, there is a limited number of microfilm readers and the girls had limited success.

A PERSON OF IMPORTANCE: One of our members has been keeping his light under a bushel basket, but it was revealed in the March 9 issue of the Record in the column written by James R. Sutphen. Howard Rose is the celebrity and his subject the early history of Bergen County. Howard must indeed have a wealth of information and perhaps at some future date he will share it with us.

BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT: Our project of compiling a list of all cemeteries in Bergen County is beginning to take shape. There have been several meetings since our last issue and considerable work has been accomplished. Much more to be done.

HILLSDALE LIBRARY: Joe Svenson reports that the Hillsdale Library has the following book on its shelves:

Gillon, E.S. Early New England Gravestone Rubbings. Published by Dover Publishing Company. Call letters 736.5G

LIBRARY ADDITION: Locating Your Immigrant Ancestor by James C. and Lila Lee Neagles has been received.

Do you have any suggestions for material you would like to see added to the Library? Please submit them to Edna Falter.

THE MOUNTAIN PEOPLE: There appeared in the Bergen Record recently two articles concerning the so-called Jackson Whites. A well received book has been written by David Steven Cohen, published by Rutgers University Press, with photographs by Robert Goldstein and titled The Ramapo Mountain People. Mark A. Stuart, of the Record, reviews this in some detail; it would seem to be of much interest both historically and genealogically.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES AND PUBLICATIONS: Ted Obal has sent in several which he has acquired and which might be of interest to those searching special areas.

Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, 600 Chatham Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220

Ohio Genealogical Society, 454 Park Avenue West, P.O. Box 2625, Mansfield, Ohio 44906. (Has its own master card file)

Genealogical Reference Builders Newsletter, P.O. Box 248, Post Falls, Idaho 83854.

The Maryland Genealogical Society publishes an excellent quarterly which lists (in small doses) old church records among other news. There is a complete file in the New Jersey Historical Society in Newark.

Yesteryears Magazine is a quarterly for New York State Historical and Genealogical Research. This is published at 120 Fernpark Drive, Camillus, New York 13031.

A recent copy of a catalogue from the Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. should be of interest to those researching Pennsylvania.

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: The next meeting of the Pascack Genealogy Society will be held on Monday, September 22, at 7:30 P.M. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 840 Soldier Hill Road, Emerson. At this meeting the vote will be taken as to whether we remain at our present meeting place or move back to the Westwood Library. Please be present.

PROGRAM: Our program chairman, Charles Gibbs, announces that the speaker this month will be Mr. Joel Buckwald, of the New York Federal Archives and Record Center at Bayonne, N.J. This is the center which was formerly in lower Manhattan. Mr. Buckwald will give us information as to the materials available at the new location.

BI-CENTENNIAL PROJECT: Since our last issue, several meetings have been held and much work has been accomplished. However, because of other commitments during the summer, the pace has slowed, but it is hoped to get going again very shortly.

LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS: A supplementary list of new additions to the Library has been prepared and will be given out at the meeting. Please attach this to the previous list for your future reference. The maps of Old Bergen (1663-1693) are of particular interest.

LISTING OF GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETIES IN THE UNITED STATES AND ABROAD: In one of the Spring issues of the Genealogical Helper the names of genealogical and historical societies were listed by states and areas. Recently a call was received by our secretary from a woman in Hackensack asking for some information in reference to Everton. After talking for some time, curiosity prompted the question as to where the name had been secured. It seems that when this woman had made an inquiry of Everton, a list of the names pertaining to New Jersey was sent to her. So we are getting some publicity.

ADULT COURSES. Plans are now being formulated for the Ridgewood Adult Education Course in Genealogy to be given by our Society. This will be a team effort and is being co-ordinated by Joe Svenson and Charles Gibbs. Charles also informs us that the Westwood Adult School has included the course in its bulletin. The conduct of these courses, of course, will be contingent on there being at least the minimum required number of registrants.

FIELD TRIPS: With the moving of the New York Federal Archives to their new location in Bayonne, many of us are anxious to hear Mr. Buchwald. With the background thus afforded, we will probably make this one of our first trips. Listen for announcement. If you have any other suggestions, please get in touch with Barbara, Ernestine, and Ethel. We are also waiting for the New Jersey Historical Society to reopen its doors for the year. Adah will keep us informed as to the expansion of the library in New York. At the present time the Short Hills Branch probably has a greater amount of material.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Joe has received an announcement from the Sons of the Revolution, of Pearl River, that at their meeting on September 18, 8:00 P.M., at the Midland Bank, there will be a guest speaker. The general subject of genealogy will be discussed by Claire Ward, a professional genealogist. This meeting is open to all those interested in this subject. The Bank is on Middletown Road (304) and may be distinguished by the clock and weather sign.

PERSONAL NOTES: We thank Ted Obal for the following interesting notes from his own "digging."

1. Recently discovered that one of the other Obal branches in New Jersey traces back to the same small village in southern Poland that was my father's birthplace. One couple was going to visit Poland this past summer and we're hoping for more clues.
2. Have located and corresponded with a second cousin in Argentina. He is a priest building a church in the rural areas of the province of Buenos Aires. He doesn't know English and I don't know Spanish. We correspond in Polish.
3. Have just been informed that the family tree now is represented in Australia. A 22-year old girl second cousin to my children moved with her husband from England to Australia. Both were born in Poland.

Let us have more of these personal findings.

We trust you have all had a pleasant summer whether at home or abroad and are now ready to become involved again in our Society. Let us have your suggestions as to trips, books which you would like us to have for your use, and just the every day conduct of the Society. Remember, it will be as successful as you make it.

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