

# The Archivist

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#### **Society Meetings**

Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month (except holidays and December). The meetings start promptly at 7:15 p.m. at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, 125 N. Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ. Tel. (201) 670-5600

**February**—Our Vice President, Program Chair, Art Simpson, will present his talk on "The Three New Yorks."

March—Mr. Bill Cotgreave will speak on "Scottish Research."

April 28, 2003—Speaker Matthew A. Knutzen, Asst. Chief, Map Division, The Humanities and Social Sciences Library, The New York Public Library. He will be discussing the Map collection of the New York Public Library including some Bergen County, NJ references.

May 2003—No Meeting.

June 23, 2003—Ken Franz will be speaking to the Society on "Colonial Research."

#### Dates to Remember ...

Italian Genealogical Group announces its seventh annual seminar to be held at Molloy College (Rockville Center, Long Island, New York), on Saturday, March 22 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Featured speaker will be John COLLETTA, celebrated author of "They Came in Ships." The conference is cohosted by the Sons of Italy. Advance registration for members of IGG or OSIA is \$50, for non-members \$55. This includes a boxed lunch. Walk-in registration will be \$60.

To register or find out more information about the seminar, e-mail <alagil10105@aol.com>.

Ridgewood Historical Society—February 15, 2003

-Annual historical and President's Day programs. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The GSBC will have a table for those interested in genealogy.

National Genealogical Society—March 22, 2003The NGS will hold a regional conference in New
Brunswick hosted by Monmouth County Genealogical
Society and the Central Jersey Genealogical Club. The
seminar will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Two Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Registration
will be from 8 am to 9 am. The speakers will be
Sheila Benedict and Cyndi Howells. The topics will
be "The Importance of Collateral Research," "E-mail:
How to communicate Easily and Effectively with the
World,":Learn to Love Maps, County Histories, and
City Directories," "The World Wide Web-Quit Surfing
and Start Researching," "Newspaper Research Beyond
Obituaries," "Evaluating Web Sites," "Collecting, Re-

cording and Evaluating Data," and "Conquering Internet Search Engines." The registration fee is \$50 for NGS Members and \$60 for nonmembers. Saturday luncheon is \$28.

Sheila Benedict is a Certified Genealogist Record Specialist, full-time genealogical and historical researcher, and regular lecturer at NGS and FGS national conferences. As an associate faculty member at Allan Hancock College, she teaches and specializes in research methodology, oral history, and California research. With a BA and postgraduate studies in history and humanities, Sheila pursued her interest in genealogy, completing certificate courses in Advanced Methodology and Irish Studies at Samford University and NIGR, as well as the NGS American Genealogy: A Basic Course. She is an NGS and CSGA Board Member; and past officer of GSG and APG.

Cyndi Howells is the owner and "webmaster" of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, an award-winning web site that receives more than two million visits each month. She has authored numerous articles and two best-selling books for genealogy online. A popular lecturer, Cyndi has appeared on ABC News, NBC News, and was featured in articles on genealogy in Time, Newsweek, and USA Today. Cyndi is a member of the MGS Board of Directors and is an active member of the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogy Society in Washington State.

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The Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NI, is an organization of people interested in educating others in family and local history preservation. The various ancestral trails of its members span much of the U.S., Canada, most Eastern and Western European countries as well as other parts of the world. Some members trace back to this country's first settlers, while others are the children of recent immigrants. Our purpose is to bring together family tree researchers for mutual assistance and a sharing of research experiences and to encourage the preservation of family history by the public through educational programs and classes.

Membership in the Genealogical Society of Bergen County is open to all those interested in genealogy. Annual dues are \$15 (Individual membership), \$17 (Family membership), and \$18 (Outside of the

The Genealogical Society of Bergen County is a tax-exempt organization as described in sections 501 (c) (3) and 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers or gifts to the Society are deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes as provided by the I.R.C.

The Archivist is published four times a year and mailed to members about the 15th of February, May, August, & November. Members are encouraged to submit queries, articles, hints, suggestions, etc. for publication. The deadline for submissions is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Send material to: Genealogical Society of Bergen County, PO Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432

While we strive for accuracy, the Society assumes no responsibility for typos, errors of fact, or opinions expressed or implied by contributors. Errors brought to our attention will be corrected.

#### **New Members**

Welcome to all of our new members. If there is anything you need help with, let your fellow members know. We are all here to help each other. Don't forget to check the website at <www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc> for up-to-date Patron Assistant schedules, classes and programs. The Society hopes that you will all become active members and consider joining a committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of our officers or Patron Assistants. We look forward to hearing from you. Good luck in your research.

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#### **Update Membership Information and Summary**

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   <tlyons@columbus.rr.com>
- Carol THOMSEN DALLAS of Fullerton. Email <ninebobs@yahoo.com>
- Christine SZERMER of Suffern. Add O'BRIEN, DELORENZO to surname list.

#### Deceased Member:

Linda L. PEAR, Died Sept. 29, 2002.
 Age 53 years. Any queries to William PEAR (570) 788-8940

## Summary Jan 26, 2003 Total membership 278 Present Type Last Yr.

212	Individual Members	259
44	Family Members	51
21	Courtesy Members	23
1	Organizational Members	S
0	Canadian Member	1
0	English Member	1
0	Provisional Members	
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## Donations by members above cost of dues:

Elaine TUCKER \$5.00
Tom & Helen WICKS \$8.00
Did you renew your membership.

Don't miss a single issue of The Archivist.

#### Dates to Remember ...

New York Genealogical & Biographical Society—March 8, 2003.8:45 am—4 pm. All-day German genealogical conference. Three lectures by Richard Haberstroh, Amelia Schiller and Meldon J. Wolfgang III: "Finding the Ancestral Home & Obtaining Records from Germany," "German Church Records in NYC," "Reading Old German Script," and "The Great Disappearing Act: Tracking Germans in 19th and Early 20th Century New York." Leslie Corn will give demonstrations on using the ProQuest New York Times and Heritage Quest Online databases during the breaks.

April 7, 2003 5:30 pm—7 pm. Dr. George Redmonds will present "Surnames, Genes, and Genealogy." For information call (212) 755-8532, ext 36 or 21. Attention Director of Education. Email <education@nygbs.org>

#### **Oueries**

**Queries should be sent to:** 

Genealogical Society of Bergen County Editor - The Archivist P.O. Box 432 Midland Park, NJ 07432

<u>Members</u> of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County may submit queries for publication in *The Archivist* (Free to Members).

Non-member queries will be published if accompanied by a payment of \$5.00.

Be brief and concise, but give as much clearly written information as possible to help identify an individual (dates, places, relatives, etc.) The more information you give, the more likely someone will be able to connect with your ancestor.

- To avoid confusion, limit queries to one or two requests about the same individual or family. If you need information about more than one individual or family, write separate additional queries.
- Use common, clear abbreviations. If you're not sure of an abbreviation, use the complete word or term to avoid misunderstanding.
- Use CAPITAL letters for SURNAMES ONLY
- Please include contact information for answers. When space permits and the Editor is advised, the answers to queries will be reprinted in the Archivist.
- All queries will be kept on file for a limited time in the Local History Room of the Ridgewood Public Library in the vertical file of the GSBC.

Q2003-001–Surnames researching: MONROE, WANNAMAKER, BYARD. I am seeking the parents of my great-great-grandparents. They are Stephen MONROE, b. abt. 1801 and Martha BYRAD MONROE, b. abt. 1815. Both are buried in Valleau Cemetery, plot #193. She died in 1882 and he died in 1861. I believe both were born in N.J., perhaps around Mahwah. Also need parents of my great grandmother, Mary Levina WANNAMAKER, b. 6 May 1845 and died 8 Mar 1918.

Respond to Janice **AASLAND** at aasland4@aol.com.

Q2003-002-Seeking parents and any associated information on Christopher CALL or CAUL. Christopher b. 1800 in NJ, believe in Bergen County, probably Paramus or Compton. Father believed to be a Jacob CALL or CAUL, member of a Reformed Church, not certain which denomination. Wife's name was Elizabeth **SIMMON(S).** They had six children: Jacob, Lea, Henry, Mary Ann, Charlott, and Charles. All lived in NYS. Christopher died in 1830, probably in Kent, CT. He is buried in Pulvers Corners, NY. I would also appreciate information on how to contact the Bergen County Historical Society. Respond to Alan COOK, 3 Music Hill Road, Brookfield, CT 06804. Tel. (203) 775-9579

Q2003-003—Requesting a birth record for my great grandmother. Anna May (Maria) HOP-PER, B. 1864 in Wyckoff, NJ. I do not know anything else about her except that she married Issac I. WINTER. Please respond to Maureen DOWLING, 27 Jefferson landing Circle, Port Jefferson, NY 11777.

Q2003-004—Need parents of Sarah GRID-LEY. Bpt. 1792, Hackensack, NJ, Dutch Ref. Church. Married Thom LEFFINGWELL abt 1812, NYC. Respond to Olivia PATCH, 83 Cedar Swamp Road, Tolland, CT 06084. Tel. (860) 871-2650. <olivia42539@aol.com>

Q2003-005 - While researching the SASHER Family in the 1860's census, I found a Jacob SASHER of Bergen Township, Hudson County, New Jersey. My goal is to be able to place Jacob in with the rest of the family. To do this, I am requesting your help. Who was Jacob? Who were Jabob's parents? Did he have any brothers or sisters? Did Jacob ever marry? If so, who was his wife and her parents' names, siblings, etc.? Please respond to David G. SASHER, 33 Alabama Avenue, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849, So-

#### Queries Cont'd

Q2003-006 - I am requesting a birth record for my great grandmother and her information is as follows: Anna May (Maria) HOPPER. Born 1864 in Wyckoff, NJ. I do not know anything else about her except that she married Issac I. WINTER. Please respond to Maureen DOWLING, 27 Jefferson Landing Circle, Port Jefferson, NY 11777.

#### NGS Conference—Pittsburgh, PA 2003

The National Genealogical Society will hold its 100th Anniversary Conference in Pittsburgh, PA at the David Lawrence Convention Center May 28th—31st, 2003. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will be hosting the conference. For complete details and information contact www.ngsgenealogy.org or www.wpgs.org or phone 1-800-473-0060.

This is a great opportunity for you to participate in a National Conference close to home. The expected attendance is between 2000-2500 participants. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will also be having a Society Fair during the conference with exhibitions and dealers. The NGS Conference is worth the trip.

There will be special trip in a vintage, private railcar to the conference via AMTRAK. Those interested may contact Lucille Siebold at (973) 267-4300 during the day for more information or brochure. Space is limited, so reserve early.

#### Misc.

Those who have passed from this world, die only when we, whom they loved, forget them.

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#### FGS/FSGS Conference—Orlando, 2003

The 2003 FGS/FSGS Conference "Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures" will be held 3-6 September 2003 at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World in Orlando, Florida. Hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Society, this conference will offer over 175 lectures and an exhibit area for browsing and shopping. For details, visit the FGS web site at www.fgs.org or email them at <fgs-office@fgs.org>. You can also subscribe to the conference ezine at http://www.fgs.org/2003conf/conf-ezine.htm.



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#### **Annual Report Fiscal Year 2002**

This year has been a very active year for the Society consisting of programs, genealogy classes, talks, and exhibits at various functions, trips, and other activities. These accomplishments could not have been made possible without the help of many of our members. While these activities were generally organized by the committee chairmen, many other members have helped out. The names of some of these members appear below, however, a number of other members who have provided a considerable amount of help are missing from this report. I would like to thank all of them for their efforts. Please see the details of the following significant FY 2002 events and other activities in the committee reports below:

7 Monthly Programs & 3 Workshop Sessions Annual Picnic - May

Held first New Member Social -September

Four issues of The Archivist have been published

10 week Genealogy and Family History Class held

4 week Genealogy Class at the Institute for Learning in Retirement held

18 Technology Classes held

GSBC Tables set up at 4 Genealogy Fairs and Conferences

17 Talks/Presentations made by GSBC Members at other locations 43 books and other items added to the GSBC Library

Library Patron Assistants logged 290 hours and assisted 83 patrons, 36 queries were answered Contributed to annual subscription to AncestryPlus

Significant progress made on cataloging and inventoring of Library records

GSBC total membership was 358 at the end of the fiscal year

NOTE: The following reports, which were furnished by the committee chairs to the president, were partially edited by the president for inclusion in this combined Annual Report.

## Education & Outreach -Joe Doyle & Ken Franz Education Genealogy and Family History Class

The major effort of the Education Committee is to organize and administer the Genealogy and Family History Course through the Ridgewood Adult School. The course was organized by Joe and Patti Boyle and ran from Feb. to Apr. 2002 with 9 students in attendance. The lecture topics and instructors are listed as follows: Feb 26, 2002 -Introduction: Terminology, Genealogy Reports, Soundex: Joe and Patti Boyle March 5, 2002 -Where do you find information: putting flesh on the bones: Edna Franz. March 12, 2002 -Courthouse Records: birth, marriage, death, wills, probate, etc.: Maria Hopper March 19, 2002 -Immigration and Passenger lists: Arnie Lang. March 26, 2002 -National Archives and LDS Sources: census, military records, IGI: Barbara Flurchick April 2, 2002—Genealogy Computer Programs and the Internet: Joe Boyle

April 9, 2002 - Preservation of Family Artifacts: photos, news clippings, clothes, etc.: Patti Boyle April 16, 2002 - Maps, Migration Patterns and Bounty Lands: Ken Franz April 23, 2002 - Tour of Ridgewood Public Library Facilities: Peggy Norris April 30,2002 - Panel Discussion: All Instructors. Most of the students are attendees at the regular meetings of the GSBC and one of the students has been nominated to the post of Trustee for 2003.

#### **Institute for Learning in Retirement**

Extended basic course "Genealogy and Family History" held by Ken and Edna Franz at the Institute for Learning in Retirement at Bergen Community College (affiliated with the Elder Hostel Institute).

A four week class (April 4, II, 18 & 25) available to any student who registers in that program at Bergen Community College, Paramus. 23 students attended.

<u>Technology Classes</u> -(at Ridgewood Public Library Technology Training Room) Instructors- Peggy Norris, Joe Suplicki, Arnold Lang. Jan 19- Using the on-line Ellis Island Database, Jun 22- Basic Family Tree Maker, Jan 26- Basic Family Tree Maker, Sep 16- Introduction to Internet Genealogy, Feb 9- Advanced Family Tree Maker, Sep 28- Using the on-line Ellis Island Database, Mar 2 - AncestryPlus, Oct 19 -Basic Family Tree Maker

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#### **Outreach Tables at Fairs and Conferences**

Feb 16- "Presidents' Day Celebration" for the Ridgewood Historical Society at the Paramus Reformed Church -Ken & Edna Franz organized the table with the "GSBC Crew." Apr 13 -- "Hands Across Generations" Conference at the LDS Family History Center, Mahwah, NJ -Lucile Siebold organized table with others. Jun 8- "Rockland Gathering" Conference at the New City Library, NY -Nancy & Ben Groo organized table with others. Oct 6- "Family History Fair" -sponsored by the NY Archivists Round Table in Manhattan -Art Simpson organized table with others.

#### Talks/Presentations made by GSBC Members (at other locations)

Mar 14- Arnold Lang: "Researching Ship's Passenger Lists" -for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Rockland Co, NY. Mar 25- Joe Boyle: "Computer Assisted Genealogy" -for the Fairlawn Computer User's Group. Apr 1 -Ken & Edna Franz: "Where do you Find Your Ancestors?" -for the Harrington Park Historical Society at the Harrington Park, NJ Library. Apr 3- Ken & Edna Franz: "Places for Research: NARA, State Archives, County Courthouse, and Town Hall" -for the Wednesday matinee program at the Ridgewood Public Library. Apr 13 -Arthur Simpson: "The Three New Yorks" -for the "Hands Across Generations" Conference at the LDS Family History Center, Mahwah, NJ. Apr 24 -Joe Boyle: "Comparison of Computer Genealogical Programs" for the Hobbyists, Ridgewood, NJ. May 5 - Arnold Lang: "Naturalization and Immigration Records" - Monmouth County Genealogical Soc. at Red Bank, NJ. May 14 -Ken & Edna Franz: "Border Crossings and Name Changes" -Morris Area Genealogical Society at Madison, NJ. May 21- Ken & Edna Franz: "Where do You Find Your Ancestors?" -for Saddle River Valley Lions Club at Mahwah, NJ. Jun 8- Arnold Lang -"1930 Census Records" -for the Rockland Gathering at the New City, NY Library. Jun 8- Joe Suplicki -"Researching with Old Newspapers" -at the Rockland Gathering -New City Library, NY. Sep 7- Barbara Flurchick: "Trouble Shooting Genealogy" -for the Genealogy Club of Passaic Co. Historical Society at the "Castle", Paterson, NJ. Nov 2 -Arthur Simpson: "The Three New Yorks" -for the Genealogy Club of Passaic Co. Historical Society at the "Castle", Paterson, NJ. Nov 8 -Ken & Edna Franz: "Where do You Find Your Ancestors?" for the Seniors Group at the Teaneck, NJ Library. Nov 9-Ken Franz -"Colonial American Research" for the "In Quest of Our Ancestors" Conference at the LDS Family History Center, Morristown, NJ. Nov 9- Arnold Lang- "Little Known Records in Family History Centers" -for the "In Quest of Our Ancestors" Conference at the LDS Family History Center, Morristown, NJ. Nov 19- Ree Hopper -"14 Ways to Begin Research for your Family Roots" -for the library program at the Upper Saddle River, NJ library.

<u>Trips</u> Apr 9- Ken Franz & 5 GSBC members for "Civil War Research" program of the Morris Area Genealogical Society at Madison, NJ. Feb 27 & June 7- Art Simpson to the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Library. Each group consisted of about 8 members.

<u>Library</u> Nancy Groo completed duties of the Library chairman for the year 2002, including: Pick up and distribute mail from the PO Box in Midland Park, NJ Books, etc. -Processed and shelved the following items: (See separate list for details) 26 purchased books, 11 donated books, 4 purchased CDs, 1 purchased microfilm, & 1 donated map. AncestryPlus -Contributed to yearly subscription (in conjunction with Ridgewood Library and a member donor). This has been a very popular feature as shown by a typical monthly report (August, 2002). <u>Sessions: Connect time (min.): Avg. Session Time (min.): Total Page Views: 79 3,138 40 1,908</u>

Patron Assistants -Prepare and post the monthly Patron Assistant Schedule and plan two Patron Assistant meetings. Patron Assistants logged 290 hours and assisted 83 patrons as well as shelf reading and answering queries. Our Patron Assistants are: Marion Armstrong, Loretta Matthews, Ruth Bauer, Peggy O'Hagen, Patti & Joe Boyle, Lucille Siebold, Afina Broekmam, Joe Suplicki, Beth DeHaven, Carol Tynan, Edna & Ken Franz. Substitutes: Joan Hagel, Keith Borland, Jean Hildebrandt, Arnie Lang, Ree Hopper.

Queries Sub Committee -Chairperson -Afina Broekman, 36 queries answered Special Project -GSBC Library Records Cataloging & Inventory. A plan was established and significant progress was made to prepare an up-to-date record of the GSBC Library books and other items to

meet the following goals:

1 -Provide a record of the GSBC Assets -(This is a fiscal responsibility to the members of the Society).

- lA.- Provide a record to conduct a periodic (e.g., yearly) physical inventory of the GSBC library holdings. 2. -Provide a searchable database of both the GSBC and RPL Genealogy Reference and Local History books for: A. Printing a "catalog" for use at the library, use at booths at genealogy fairs, etc. B. Searching at the Library (see goal 4).
- C. Possibly putting on the web page (with a search engine) to allow GSBC members to search the records on line. 3- Provide information to publish periodic listings/articles in the Archivist and/or handouts to highlight information about the library resources to our members (probably arranged by topic).
- 4- Update the BCCLS records (which include part of the combined GSBC/RPL library books in the genealogy reference and local history sections). Establish a database of those books that are not in the BCCLS catalog (Non-BCCLS database) and enter in the RPL's PastPerfect program.

Significant progress was made by a team comprised of Marion Armstrong, Lily and Keith Borland, Nancy Groo, Joan Hagel, Arnold Lang, Peggy Norris, and Diane Winters worked at the library during July through October to complete the first four steps of the plan. Some work remains to be completed this coming year. The inventory of the Genealogy Reference and the Local History Section of both the RPL and GSBC books have been completed. The BCCLS listing has been updated as appropriate and the listing of the NON-BCCLS books have been entered into a spreadsheet database. The NON-BCCLS records have also been imported into the PastPerfect Program, however, the "Subject" field information must be entered (by Peggy Norris) before the PastPerfect catalog can then be made available for use by the public. Additionally, the listing of the GSBC books that are in storage was entered

into a "GSBC-Stored Books" spreadsheet. The inventory of these books against this listing remains to be done. Other remaining tasks include: Add all of the CD-ROM's to the database

Combine updated files to print a "catalog" for use at the library, use at booths at genealogy fairs, etc., and prepare a record of GSBC library assets

Total hours for this project were approximately 111 on 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 10/3, 10/10.

#### Membership -David Asman

Membership Totals as of October 31 2002 (Fiscal Year 2002) 259 Individual Members, 51 Family Members.

23 Courtesy Members 3 Organizational Members (paying dues) Alexandria Library -Rutgers New City Library

Family History Library -LOS I Canadian Member (Colwell) 1 English Member (Yeoman) 20 Provisional Members

5 new members enrolled in Genealogy Class 2 members included to correct past clerical errors 13 new members enrolled in the BCC course 358 Total members for fiscal year ending October 31 2002

<u>Newsletter</u>- *The Archivist* Lucille Siebold, Circulation -Barbara Johansson, Proofreading -Lauren Maehrlein & Robin Ogilvie.

Four issues of *The Archivist* have been published this year. The last issue had over 300 mailed. The last two issues are being submitted to the National Genealogical Society for their 2002 Newsletter Competition.

#### Hospitality -Peggy O'Hagan

Prepared coffee and refreshments, and other goodies for all of our meetings. This committee deserves special thanks for arranging for the refreshments at our first annual New Member Social in September . We also had our annual Society Picnic in May on a damp cold day. 26 members braved the cold, the rain, and the wind on May 18 to attend the picnic at Dunkerhook Park. I believe that they all had a great time

#### Computer Interest -Keith Borland

Computer interest is being well satisfied by members Peggy Norris, Joe Boyle, and Arnold Lang through instructional courses on Family Tree Maker and Internet Access to enormous genealogy data banks at Ancestry and LOS.

#### Program -Art Simpson

2002 has been a good year for GSBC programs. In addition to the outstanding programs by several of our own members, including Peggy W. Norris, Joe Suplicki and Arnie Lang, distinguished lecturers such as Norman J. Brouwer and Roger Joslyn, FASG, CG, have graced our auditorium. The Joslyn lecture drew 112 attendees. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our president for bailing me out last November when through my own negligence I failed to confirm our scheduled speaker, John Celardo. For an entire rundown of this year's schedule please see the list of programs below.

In addition to the programs listed, the Program Committee has facilitated the society's attendance as an exhibitor at the annual "Family History Fair," sponsored by the NY Archivists Round Table for the fourth straight year. This event has been held on the second or third Sunday in October for many

years and is good exposure for the society. The committee also brought two groups of members to the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society Library, the first on February 22nd and the second on June 7th. Each group consisted of about 8 members. The committee also co-sponsored the First Annual New Member Social on September 30th, along with the Hospitality Committee of which I would like to thank. Without the hospitality committee this event would not have worked so well. Thanks again to all involved. 2002 Programs: Jan 28, 2002 Catherine S. Medich, Archivist - "Genealogy Sources at the N J State Archives", Feb 25.2002 Workshop Session, Mar 25, 2002 Peggy W. Norris -"Learn AncestryPlus," Apr 22,2002 Roger Joslyn -"A Sibling is a Small, Crawling Animal: Help Among the Collaterals', May No Meeting due to the Memorial Day weekend, Jun 24,2002 Norman J. Brouwer- "The Immigrant Maritime Experience," July 22,2002 Summer Workshop I, Aug 26,2002 Summer Workshop II, Sep 23,2002 Joe Suplicki -"Using Newspapers as a Genealogical Resource," Oct 28,2002 Roger A King -"Tombstone preservation," Nov 25,2002 Chad Leinaweaver, - "NJ Historical Society's Genealogically Relevant Holdings"

<u>Publicity -Pat Van Steyn</u> Reports of upcoming meetings have been submitted on a regular basis to the Bergen Record, Herald News and several Bergen County local & shopper type newspapers. The Bergen County Arts Connection and the Bergen County Heritage Newsletter have also been informed of the club's activities. Several area genealogy clubs have also been notified and I have recently added the NJ Gen Web Calendar of Events to my list.

Once or twice a year I bring a flyer of upcoming events to a meeting of the Passaic County Genealogy Club.

#### **Publications - Ree Hopper**

My report consists of the good news and the bad news: First the bad new -due to my health (3 major surgeries since Dec l0th of 2001) nothing got published this year. The good news is that I have been given a clean bill of health and returned to work last month. The even better news is that I will be retiring from teaching on February 1, 2003 and can devote more time to the Society's projects and to my personal genealogical projects. Plans are being formulated for the republishing of the three Bergen County Diaries (Martha Ann Zabriskie's/Charity Ackerman Achenbach's and Lizzie Campbell's) previously published in the Archivist. Before they can be republished they need to be scanned and indexed. Another project is publishing the list of ratables for Bergen Co. for the years 1815 or 18 16. Similar lists for the entire state were published in the Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey for 1794, As there are no census records for NJ from 1790 to 1820, this would be an excellent reference for Bergen County researchers. In order to do this we would need volunteer typists. We are looking for volunteers for these projects. We also need to look into the cost of publishing these records.

Web Site -Arnold Lang GSBC Web Site <a href="http://www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc">http://www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc</a>. The web site is updated and maintained on monthly basis. Monthly e-mail updates are sent to all e-mail members To date, we have had over 15,000 "hits" on our web page.





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#### **Society Meetings**

Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month (except holidays and December). The meetings start promptly at 7:15 p.m. at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, 125 N. Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ. Tel. (201) 670-5600

May 2003—No Meeting.

June 23, 2003—Ken Franz will be speaking to the Society on "Researching Colonial American Records"

July 28, 2003—Workshop Session. Come with your questions for our "in-house" experts or research in the library.

August 25, 2003—Workshop Session. If you have any preferences on topics you need help with, let the program committee know. He will try to have an expert on hand.

**September 22, 2003**—"Genealogical Resource in the GSBC and Ridgewood Public Library Collection." Present by Peggy Norris, the Ridgewood Public Library Reference Librarian & GSBC member.

#### Dates to Remember ...

#### ANNUAL GSBC PICNIC

WHEN:

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2003

TIME:

10:00AM to 3:00PM

WHERE:

RIDGEWOOD WILD DUCK

POND PAVILION

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, as well as assorted soft drinks, coffee & tea.

Contributions accepted at the picnic to cover costs. You can bring the salads and desserts to share.

If you plan to attend, PLEASE CALL either

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by **June 11th.** so that plans can be made for purchase of supplies.



National Genealogical Society 100th Conference of the States—May 28th through June 1, 2003; Pittsburgh, PA. The National Genealogical Society will hold its 100th Anniversary Conference in Pittsburgh, PA at the David Lawrence Convention Center May 28th—31st, 2003. The Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society will be hosting the conference. For complete details and information contact www.ngsgenealogy.org or www.wpgs.org or phone 1-800-473-0060.

June 9, 2003, 7:00 pm—Lecture and Book Signing with Megan Smolenyak (author and genealogist), "Honoring Our Ancestors in Creative and Unexpected Ways" at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium.

eGenConference: Internet Conference <www.egenconference.com> to be held June 10 to July 10, 2003. A tremendous training program is scheduled designed for beginners to advanced genealogists. For more information on the program and speakers go to <a href="http://www.familyhistoryradio.com/fhr\_sp//program.php">http://www.familyhistoryradio.com/fhr\_sp//program.php</a>>

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While we strive for accuracy, the Society assumes no responsibility for typos, errors of fact, or opinions expressed or implied by contributors. Errors brought to our attention will be corrected.

#### **New Members**

Welcome to all of our new members. If there is anything you need help with, let your fellow members know. We are all here to help each other. Don't forget to check the website at <www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc> for up-to-date Patron Assistant schedules, classes and programs. The Society hopes that you will all become active members and consider joining a committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of our officers and Patron Assistants. We look forward to hearing from you. Good luck in your research.

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- Family Tree Maker May 17, 10:00 am. A basic class to use a genealogy program to record your ancestral records.
- Searching the New York Times: 1851-1999 June 3, 7:00 pm - Introduction to using this on-line resource available at the Ridgewood Public Library
- Searching the New York Times: 1851-1999 June 21, 10 am - Introduction to using this on-line resource available at the Ridgewood Public Library

#### Message from a dear friend ...

While I can't make the walking tour of Old Calvary, if any members who still remember me are going, I'd like to point out to them that just about the tallest monument in the cemetery is that of Patrick Lavelle and his wives and children (my husband's immigrant ancestors). It's in Section 3, Range 28, plot N. Ironically, while some of the much more humble graves give the town and parish in Ireland where the deceased originated, Patrick's monument was undoubtedly put up by his oldest son Msgr. Michael, who was the rector of St. Patrick's Cathedral at the time and who apparently didn't think that sort of thing was of much interest. Took me years to find out where Patrick actually did come from (Fork Hill, County Armagh). I hope those who go on the tour have better luck. My husband and all of his Potato Famine relatives are buried in various plots of the Old Cemetery which were purchased by assorted ancestors in the 1800's. Some had to be moved to larger plots within that area as more infant children, etc. died.

Wish I could join the group - it's a great cemetery with a beautiful view of the New York skyline.

Louisa Lavelle

NOTE: Louisa, a long-standing and very active member of the Society and great a friend, sent the above email to Arnie Lang, our President.

#### FYI

Genealogy.com is offering an exclusive, limited-time 20% discount on all World Immigration Census CDs through the month of May. To access your special FGS memberonly offer, please visit <a href="http://www.genealogy.com/FGS">http://www.genealogy.com/FGS</a>, or call 1-800-548-1806 and mention code 9020302. These CDs can easily narrow your search in the 1870 US Federal Census. Search for your immigrant ancestors British, Canadian, Irish, German, Scandinavian, European, African American, Mexican, Latin American, Asian, Australian, Middle Eastern or African.

#### **NYPL Access Cards**

Hello folks,

Received this news in an email list today. Note that this applies only to the 4 research libraries. Apparently, you will need to have a photo taken to use these facilities (perhaps on-site?). Access card will be valid for 3 years. If any one of you can elaborate on this or happen to visit the NYPL perhaps you can share whatever is pertinent on this new policy. Wonder if the Access card is required when using shelved microfilms and books from the stacks you grab yourself or if only when call slips are required (call slips are required when you request microfilms which are not shelved).

"Dear Listers, The NYPL research libraries will require the use of an Access Card when submitting call slips beginning June, 2003. People can go to <a href="http://catnyp.nypl.org/screens/accesscat.html">http://catnyp.nypl.org/screens/accesscat.html</a> for introductory comments and to the hyperlinks that have the details. Joy Rich, NY"

#### FGS/FSGS Conference—Orlando, 2003

The 2003 FGS/FSGS Conference "Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures" will be held 3-6 September 2003 at the Renaissance Orlando Resort at Sea World in Orlando, Florida. Hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Society, this conference will offer over 175 lectures and an exhibit area for browsing and shopping. For details, visit the FGS web site at www.fgs.org or email them at <fgs-office@fgs.org>. You can also subscribe to the conference ezine at http://www.fgs.org/2003conf/conf-ezine.htm.

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#### Queries

Queries should be sent to:

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<u>Members</u> of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County may submit queries for publication in *The Archivist* (Free to Members).

Non-member queries will be published if accompanied by a payment of \$5.00.

Be brief and concise, but give as much clearly written information as possible to help identify an individual (dates, places, relatives, etc.) The more information you give, the more likely someone will be able to connect with your ancestor.

- To avoid confusion, limit queries to one or two requests about the same individual or family. If you need information about more than one individual or family, vrite separate additional queries.
- Use common, clear abbreviations. If you're not sure of an abbreviation, use the complete word or term to avoid misunderstanding.
- Use CAPITAL letters for SURNAMES ONLY
- Please include contact information for answers. When space permits and the Editor is advised, the answers to queries will be reprinted in the Archivist.
- All queries will be kept on file for a limited time in the Local History Room of the Ridgewood Public Library in the vertical file of the GSBC.

Q2003-007- HARRIOTT (HARRIOT, HERRET, HERROT), WILLIS. David HARRIOT & his wife, Helen CAMPBELL, came to NJ from Edenburgh, Scotland in 1683-1685. I am attempting to find the missing links to tie my great grandfather, Christopher HARRIOT, HARRIOTT, born NY-NJ abt. 1825 and Rachel WILLIS, his wife born NJ abt. 1829 to 1st David HARRIOTT & Helen CAMPBELL. This family lived in Wayne, Pompton, Pompton Lakes and there

abouts. Might Christopher have been a William Christopher since he named two children with that name? He died a young man apparently from diabetes as it has been prevalent in family and descendants since. Grandfather said his father was young, healthy and handsome and all of a sudden quickly faded away. Left the mother with tremendous burden as there were eight children, all born in NJ. He died before 1870 census. Children as to age and sequence: Isaiah B. b. 1848 (called Isaac); David William, b. abt. 1850; Christopher, b. 1851-1852 married a WILLIAMS and moved to Connecticut; Mary Elsie, b. 1852 (called Elsie, for whom my mother was named, and married an older man, FRANCISCO); William Henry (my maternal grandfather) b. 14 Oct. 1855; Emma, b. 1856; Edward, b. abt. 1860; and George, b. abt. 1866. I had hoped the surname WILLIS might help in tracing the HARRIOTT roots which I have sought since 1950. Any help would be most appreciated. Will gladly share information. Contact Mrs. William H. ECKERT, Sr., 126 Lyndale Drive, Rome, NY 13440-4524.

Q2003-008—PEAY, PENNELL, DEMOTTE, HARRIOTT. Joseph Preston PENNELL, my great grandfather, who descended from Robert **PENNELL**, Quaker, who came from England with William PENN to Philadelphia, PA., had an import-export business in NYC, just called PENNELL. While going to Louisville, KY on business he met & married Mildred Ann PEAY. They then came to NYC where all children were born. Just after the Civil Was they went back to KY where they lived until my grandfather, b. 1864, was 21 years old. Grandfather William Lee was the youngest boy. Sister, Mildred Eliza, 1 year younger, married an OVERMAN, and lived in So. Orange. Grandfather married Florence Ada **SPEER** of Upper Montclair, NJ. They also had a colony of summer cottages (PENNELL's Grove), Greenwood Lake, NY. My father, their son, William Henry Austin

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#### Queries (Continued)

PENNELL married Elsie HARRIOTT, daughter of William Henry HARRIOTT & Genevieve VAN WINKLE of Little Falls, NJ. November 1914. William Henry died 25 Dec. 1918, left one child who celebrated her 2nd birthday, 8 Dec. 1918. According to book entitled Pompton Plains Reformed Church Cemetery, published by Passaic Co. Historical Society, Austin PENNELL, my grandfather's oldest brother, 1st wife Ida DEMOTTE PENNELL died 22 Nov. 1884, age 22 years, son John died 8 Sep 1885, age 10 mos. In meantime, Austin remarried M.L. and had a daughter, Elizabeth O. **PENNELL**, b. 9 Feb 1892, d. 28 May 1896. All are buried in Pompton Plains Reformed Church Cemetery, Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, NJ at which time Austin moved to Tallahassee, FL. A few years back recognition was given in the newspapers a young man named **PENNELL**, of Tallahasse for high jumping. Should anyone have any information about this family, please contact Mr. William H. ECKERT, Sr., 126 Lyndale Dr. Rome, NY 13440

Q2003-009—Seeking information on COR-NELISON, Samuel Andrew. 1700-1800. Please contact: Charles D. CORNELISON, 25675 Hwy. N, Lebanon, MO 65536-6229. E-mail <corneli@jobe.net>.

Q2003-010—Would anyone happen to know whom the Garret J/I ACKERMAN is who appears in the Franklin Twp., Bergen County marriage entries for 17 May 1865? He is aged 66, widower, and is marrying Rachel MILLER, aged 56, widow. His residence is Godwinville and hers is New York. Married New York by Rev. DEMAREST. His father is listed as John ACKERMAN and hers is listed as William. (If a widow, the surname is other than MILLER). I am primarily interested in this Rachel MILLER—would like to know which MILLER she was married to, as I am trying to

move forward with my **MILLER** line, and they lived for a time in NYC. Email <DRistenbatt@dejazzd.com>

Response by J. BOYLE: Identified Garret as son of Johannes. Garret is listed in "The AC-KERMAN Family" Vol. II., Page 88, 6.684. Garret married Elizabeth WATSON, 25 Dec 1824, Totowa, NJ. No information on Rachel MILLER found.

Q2003-011— Searching for information regarding burial of Catharine ABEL at Berry Lawn Cemetery. Particularly interested in locating the grave site. I have the following information: Mr. PATAK, the Carlstadt Historian informed that she was buried at the age of 51 and in grave 11, tier 2. I do not understand what the reference to tier 2 means. Could there be someone else buried there with her? If so, who? Catharine ABEL was the wife of Henry ABEL, Grandmother to my wife, Betty ABEL MCSWAIN. Catharine's maiden name was DAUM, b. 1850-1851 in Germany. Died 8 Jan 1900 in Carlstadt, NJ. Contact Earl MCSWAIN, 6010 Winding Ridge Drive, Windcrest, TX 78239.

Q2003-012— Looking for any information of APELS Butcher Store, located on Hackensack Street, on the east side (possibly in Carlstadt)? APEL appears in the 1920 census as the spelling for the ABEL family. Contact Earl MCSWAIN, 6010 Winding Ridge Drive, Windcrest, TX 78239. Email <EmcSwain@satx.it.com>.

1890 SPECIAL SCHEDULE SURRVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORSAND MARINES AND WIDOWS, ETC. S.D.1 E.D. 91 MINOR CIVIL DIVISION: N. J. Persons who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States during the war of rebellion (who are survivors), and widows of such persons, in Washingon Township, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, enumerated in June 1890 A.C.Holdrum, enumerator.

House and Family Numbers for Schedule #7 which no longer exists were not copied.

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Vanderbilt, Cornelius V		G	1 NJ Inf.			3 y	Westwood	
Ottignon, John C,	Private	С	22 NJ Inf		62~6-25-1863		Westwood	
Ottignon, Nicholas	Private	С	22 NJ Inf	9-2-18	62~6-25-186	3 9 m	Westwood	
Blauveit, Lucas C.	Private	D	22 NJ Inf	9-2-18	62~6-25-1860	3 9 m	Westwood	shot in the leg
Blauvelt, William J.	Private	D	22 NJ Inf	9-2-18	62~6-25-1863	3 9 m	Westwood	
Blauvelt, John J.	Private	D	22 NJ Inf	9-2-18	62~6-25-1863	3 9 m	Westwood	
Heeman, Constan	Private	G	48 NY Inf	12-22-1	863~9-1-186	5 3 v*	Westwood	shot in arm
(could be Herman?)								
Bross, Abram J.	Private	C	22 NJ Inf	9-2-18	62~6-25-1863	3 9 m	Westwood	
Blauvelt, Angeline								
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Vandalinda, Jacob	Private	D	22 NJ Inf		62~6-25-186		Closter	
Pierce, Frank W.	Private	D	4 NY Rif		now1860		Etna*	
Wescomb, James P.	Private	Α	2 Mass Inf	2-1861			Etna*	shot in head
Martinot, Williliam A.	1st. Lt.Col.	-	158 NY Vol		862~ 6-31865		Etna*	
Felter, Alexander	Private	Α	22 NJ Inf		62~6-25-1863		Etna*	
Smith, Benjamin	Landsman		Steamer		864~4-20-166		Westwood	
			Newberry(?)			-,		
Demarest, Thomas	2nd Sarg't	D	22 NJ Inf	9-2-18	62~6-25-186	3 9 m	Etna*	
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Submitted by Ree Hopper

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#### President's Message

Our Society is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. In 1973, 14 members of the Pascack Genealogy Workshop held their first official meeting at the Westwood Public Library, and the first issue of The Archivist, a one page newsletter, was handed out. This small group grew to a membership of 100 by 1981 when the name was changed to the Genealogical Society of Bergen County. Today, the Society is still growing and we now have over 350 members.

It seems like only a short time ago when we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At that time, Lucille Siebold, who was president of the GSBC, didn't hesitate to step in to help with the publishing of *The Archivist* when an emergency condition developed. She subsequently graciously stayed on as editor of *The Archivist*. Since then, she did a yeoman's service as both president and editor for most of these past five years. Lucille is now moving on and has relinquished her position as *The Archivist* editor. We all owe Lucille a hearty vote of thanks for all of her efforts.

Starting with this issue of *The Archivist*, Afina Broekman takes over as editor. We welcome Afina, and wish her the best in her new position. Also, remember, your support is needed to help produce this newsletter. Why not write about your genealogical

research experiences and share them with other members.

Another thing of note is that the GSBC trustees recently voted to help pay for a subscription to HeritageQuest online. This service, which is now available on the computers at the Ridgewood Public Library, provides online access to the US census records, and it is particularly valuable for having an index to the 1910 census. It also provides online access to HeritageQuest's Genealogy & Local History Collection of 25,000+ family and local history books, every word searchable. This new service compliments AncestryPlus, which the GSBC has already been helping to sponsor and which also provides online access to the census records and many other genealogical records.

I would also like to remind you that the society continues to provide services to its members and the Bergen County community with an expanding library collection, patron assistance, genealogy and technology classes, query responses, outreach, and special projects. Please remember, the GSBC needs volunteers to continue to provide these services. Volunteering enables you to acquire skills and knowledge by working with others. Members who can give only a small amount of time are welcome to participate in an activity of interest.

#### **Society Meetings**

Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month (except holidays and December). The meetings start promptly at 7:15 p.m. at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, 125 N. Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ. Tel. (201) 670-5600

August 25, 2003—Summer Workshop II. Different groups will meet to discuss topics of interest.

September 22, 2003 "Genealogical Resources in the GSBC and Ridgewood Public Library Collections" Peggy Norris - Reference Librarian - Ridgewood Public Library - & GSBC member

October 27, 2003 "Probing into Probate Records - Researching Wills, Administration, and Estate Records" Ree Hopper - GSBC Member, Teacher, Montvale Historian

Probate records, including wills, administrations, and other estate records, are often a key to solving stubborn genealogical problems. Learn how to locate and use these detailed documents to uncover clues to your ancestors.

**November 24, 2003 "Tracing Your Germanic Ancestor"** Thomas A. Peter - CGRS - Specialist in German, Slovak, and Carpatho-Rusyn ancestry research.

Also, the GSBC Annual meeting will take place on 24 November including the election of GSBC Board of Trustees members and Officers.

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The Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ, is an organization of people interested in educating others in family and local history preservation. The various ancestral trails of its members span much of the U.S., Canada, most Eastern and Western European countries as well as other parts of the world. Some members trace back to this country's first settlers, while others are the children of recent immigrants. Our purpose is to bring together family tree researchers for mutual assistance and a sharing of research experiences and to encourage the preservation of family history by the public through educational programs and classes.

Membership in the Genealogical Society of Bergen County is open to all those interested in genealogy. Annual dues are \$15 (Individual membership), \$17 (Family membership), and \$18 (Outside of the US). The Genealogical Society of Bergen County is a

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The Archivist is published four times a year and mailed to members about the 15th of February, May, August, & November. Members are encouraged to submit queries, articles, hints, suggestions, etc. for publication. The **deadline** for submissions is the 10th of the month preceding publication. Send material to: Genealogical Society of Bergen County, PO Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432

While we strive for accuracy, the Society assumes no responsibility for typos, errors of fact, or opinions expressed or implied by contributors. Errors brought to our attention will be corrected.

#### From the Editor

I would like to thank Lucille for the years of effort she put into the Archivist, and hope I will prove worthy to step into her shoes.

However, as stated by our president, Arnie Lang, this is your newsletter, and it will only be a success, if the members contribute to it. So, if you have a favorite method, a funny story, a great link, or if you want to write a regular column on your area of genealogical expertise, I urge you to submit it. You can contact me by e-mail at afinab@hotmail.com or by writing to the P.O. Box (see above).

#### E-Mail Addresses - Do we have your latest address?

There are now 299 e-mail addresses in our address book, which represents about 85% of our membership. We try to keep you informed of the latest happenings in the Society, updates to our web page, and web sites of interest.. However, every month at least a half-dozen e-mails are returned as undeliverable.

If you have e-mail and you have not been receiving any messages from the Society, it probably means that we have an incorrect or outdated e-mail address, or we never received an address. If that is the case, please send your latest e-mail address to arnielang@att.net

#### The GSBC Web Page - http://www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc

Have you visited our Society's **web page** recently. It has recently been updated to show all of the events for this year. In addition, some significant changes have been made including:

- The **Surname Index** has been completely updated to include the latest additions and the elimination of obsolete references, thanks to Joe Boyle.
- Some cemetery listings have been added to our site and links to other Bergen County cemetery databases have been added.
   These have now all been consolidated on one page to make it easier to find them.
- A number of appropriate links, including some to other genealogical societies, have been added.
- Of particular interest is a link to, "Jack and Caro Kaiser's Genealogy Web Site", on the page of new GSBC members. Ancestors of John M. KAISER include ACKERMAN, BOGERT, BUSH, GOETSCHIUS, HOPPER, and many more. Ancestors of Caro Jane DEAVER (Kaiser) include her family who arrived in 1659 and goes back to ancestors in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England.

#### **New in the Library**

Genealogical Resources in New York: The most comprehensive guide to genealogical and biographical resources in New York City and Albany. 2003. Genealogy Ref 929.107273 New York GUZ

This important book is published by the Jewish Genealogical Society, but is widely applicable to those researching non-Jewish ancestry as well. The geographic coverage is the five boroughs of New York and their predecessors and several State agencies in Albany. The book is organized by place making it possible to zero in on the most specific repository available as well as being helpful for planning visits to several nearby locations.

Information provided for each facility is practical-address, web site, accessibility, public transportation, directions for use—as well as providing descriptions of resources and finding aids.

For example, there are two pages describing the "Surrogate's Court—New York County (Manhattan) Record Room." We find such details as cross streets, hours for each room, fees for copying, and restrictions on use (e.g., cases prior to 1964 are stored off-site and require one week for retrieval—nice to know before you go!). There is a detailed description of the types of records and their dates as well as the location of records one would expect to find which are located elsewhere (inventories of estates, 1783-1844, are at the NYC Municipal Archives, which has its own descriptive pages). The description of the facility is detailed enough to get you started without consulting a staff member or researcher. We even find that the Liber Room is "dusty and there is no place to sit."



This book is a must for anyone doing New York City research. Find out more about the facilities you know exist and browse to find new treasures in the Big Apple.

Additional Resources on New York City in Genealogy Reference:

Guide to Records in the New York State Archives, 1993. Genealogy Ref 929.107273 New York UNI

Gordon L. Remington. New York State Probate Records: a Genealogist's Guide to Testate and Intestate Records, 2002. Genealogy Ref 929.107273 NY REM

**HeritageQuest Online** is now available on the Library computers!

The Genealogical Society of Bergen County and the Ridgewood Public Library have joined together to subscribe to HeritageQuest Online--a database including the US Federal Census Records and access to 25,000 family and local histories. The census records are indexed for years 1790-1820, 1860-1870, 1890, 1910, and part of 1920. Images are available for all census years. The books are full-text searchable.

HeritageQuest can be accessed in the Library from ANY of the public computers; you do not need to sign up for one of the Genealogy computer stations. Access to HeritageQuest is provided by starting at the library's home page (if required, click "Home" or type in www.lib.ridgewood.nj.us). Select Reference Desk/Web Resources/Genealogy

HeritageQuest Online is a valuable addition to our AncestryPlus subscription. For the census, it provides indexing of different years and different search and display choices. Of particular interest may be the 1910 census where no other index exists for most of the states. The full-text books available online are a unique resource unavailable at AncestryPlus.

Thanks to Peggy Norris for arranging this service!

### Genealogy Tips by Steve Gabai

- 1. Use a free Internet based E-mail account such as Yahoo or Hotmail
  - Since you'll be sending and receiving a lot of email, especially if you join newsgroups, you'll want to separate your genealogy email from your personal email.
  - Message board posts and emails to newsgroups are archived and someone might come across one of yours years after you wrote it. But if you used your ISP's address (AOL) and got rid of it since then, they won't be able to contact you (message board web sites do allow you to change your email address however).
  - If you're using an AOL address you don't want strangers sending you IM's.
- 2. Don't overwhelm yourself with "How-to" books.
  - If you want to find a particular record simply ask someone who knows how to find it (thanks, Arnie!).
- 3. Go to the library or Archives *prepared*The more you prepare at home, the easier your research will be.
  - Write a plan separate pages for your mother's and father's side, which is how everything should be divided anyway - of the things you want to do, and in the proper order. Personally, I do the easy things first.
  - Write it in one color ink and your notes in another color (this also goes for talking to an old family member questions in one color ink, answers in another it'll help).
  - Get your soundex codes, and if possible, ED's and microfilm numbers before you go.
  - Try to have an understanding as to how to go about finding the records you're looking for (after a few trips, you'll learn). Because you don't want to waste time learning once you're there.
  - Write extremely detailed notes, and not just microfilm numbers. Mark down the specific dates you searched because months later, you're going to ask yourself, "when I scrolled through May and June's passenger lists did I search July's too?" therefore...
  - When you get home, you might want to write

- down *exactly* what you did and did not accomplish. Because when you're planning your next visit, you won't remember what you did and did not get done the previous time, especially if your notes aren't clear. If you don't have a particular record you planned to search for, it could mean you looked for it and wasn't there or you just didn't search for it. So...
- Understand what your notations mean. If you circled or put a check mark next to a microfilm number, does it mean you did it or just scrolled *part* of what you planned to scroll through? Or does it mean it needs to be done?
- You might decide to check a different time frame on your next visit. If so, don't assume you'll remember what that is. *Mark it down!*
- Notes can never be specific enough!
- 4. Use Google.com to find people
  - Search uncommon last names in Google's "web pages" and "newsgroup" Archives. You'll find email address's and who knows, one of them might be your grand uncle's grandson.
  - Search names matched with parts of information; i.e. Smith "Troy, NY" tailor
- 5. Save the full name, address and info of contacts researching the same surname(s) you are
  - You don't know who your great grandparents (or grandparents) siblings were, so how can you say for sure you're not related? Until then, you might as well save their info.
  - Set up E-mail "Groups" in your address book so when you receive someone's information regarding a surname you share, you can send that person's info to everyone else you're in contact with who are also researching that same name with one click of the mouse. Then add that person to that particular group.
  - Save the full name of your contacts. Because if they change their email address without telling you, it'll be easier to find them with a full name.

#### **Upcoming Events**

The annual "**Family History Fair**" held in NY City will be at the Graduate Center CUNY, Fifth Ave & 34th St on Sunday **October 12, 2003** between 12-5. We will **need a few volunteers to man the table**, so let Art Simpson ((201) 261-7114) know if you would like to volunteer.

GSBC member, Lauren Maehrlein, will be speaking at the joint conference of the **NYG&B** and **WNYG Societies in Buffalo** on Sep 26-27

The topic at that conference is "HeritageQuest Online's Remote Access Tricks & Techniques for Successful Searching." Additional Information about the conference will be available at both societies' websites: www.wnygs.org or www.nygbs.org or contact June P. Zintz (1L) at (716) 649-1129 or by email at: JPZintz@aol.com. Registration may also be done by credit card at the NYGBS website.

The **Association of Blauvelt Descendants** holds its 77th Annual Meeting and Reunion on the campus of St. Thomas Aquinas College, Sparkill, NY, on Sep 20. The theme, "Putting It All Together," will help attendees in their genealogical searches. Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG, CGL, will present the seminar. Contact George Blauvelt, 3367 W. 113th Ave., Westminster, CO 80031; phone: (303) 438-7267; e-mail: GABlauvelt@aol.com.

### **225th Anniversary, The British Grand Forage,** Bergen County, New Jersey, October 11 & 12, 2003

This fall will mark the 225th Anniversary of a significant event in the history of the American Revolution, and Bergen County.

On September 22nd, 1778, approximately 5,000 British & Loyalist troops under Lieutenant General Charles Lord Cornwallis entered Bergen County.

The Bergen County Historical Society (BCHS) is pleased to host a weekend commemoration of some of these important events in our history. The event will take place the weekend of October 11th & 12th (Columbus Day Weekend) and center around Historic New Bridge Landing (HNBL.) The Brigade of the American Revolution (BAR,) an international living history association, will hold an encampment on the site, recreating some of the events that took place during this incursion, including the attack on the Liberty Pole picket, the American attack on Brower Hill, the British Forage (including the use of boats and carts) and a refugee camp. In conjunction with this event,

the Township of River Vale will mark the anniversary of the Baylor Massacre at their burial site. The BAR will lend assistance to this ceremony as well.

#### **Queries**

If you answer a query, please send a copy of the answer to the Archivist, so we may publish the reply.

**Q2003-11**. Looking for the date and place the marriage of Karl WAMBACH and Christine CHRIST, between 1831 and 1935, in either Philadelphia, PA, Trenton, NJ, or New York City.

George B. Sutton, 20 Blanch Ave #108, Harrington Park, NJ 07640. E-mail: gbs@iopener.net

**Q2003-12**. Looking for information about the farm of George and Elizabeth KIEL, in Lodi. How could I get a copy of the deed?

Maria Spera, 161 Southern Blvd., E. Patchogue, NY 11772. E-mail: baysquad@peoplepc.com **Note**: The 1876 Atlas of Bergen County, NJ (pg 135,

Lodi Township) shows the farm, and that map has been mailed.

**Q2003-13**. Looking for information on the German Presbyterian Church, and the Dutch Reformed Church

Maria Spera, 161 Southern Blvd., E. Patchogue, NY 11772. E-mail: baysquad@peoplepc.com

**Q2003-14**. Looking for information on

- 1. the children of Mary Frances "Mamie" KYLES, (b. 10 Dec 1894, Southfields, NY., d. 1977 in Paterson, bur. in the Monroe Community Cemetery (NY)). Mamie was 1st married to Lawrence Abbott O'BRINE in Tuxedo, NY. She is a sister of my grandmother Phebe KYLES DOWLING WRIGHT 2. her 2nd husband Harry CAYWOOD (d. in the
- 2. her 2nd husband Harry CAYWOOD (d. in the 1940's of TB). He had a daughter Beatrice, who married Mamie's brother John Henry KYLES
- 3. her nephew Samuel J. WRIGHT, a policeman in Paterson during WW2
- 4. Thomas KYLES, married to Mary HAYDEN, of Southfields. He was killed in a car accident around 1923

Christine Szermer, 17 West Park Place, Suffern, NY 10901

#### P.O. Box 432, Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

#### **Special Projects at the GSBC**

Members of the Society have been working on a few projects that will help GSBC members and others in doing genealogical research in Bergen County. One project is essentially complete. However, help is needed for two other projects that are in progress. You can either work at home using your own computer, or at the library working with others --- the choice is yours! Please consider helping in either of these projects.

- •GSBC/RPL Genealogy Library Cataloging
- •1817 "Census Substitute"
- •GSBC Family File

#### **GSBC/RPL** Genealogy Library Cataloging

A number of GSBC members worked last year to complete the Inventory and Cataloging of the combined GSBC and Ridgewood Public Library genealogy and local history library collections. Now, access to all of the genealogy and local history books and other material is readily available to GSBC members and library patrons in searchable databases at the library's computers. A printed copy of this catalog should be available this year.

#### 1817 "Census Substitute"

Anyone searching for ancestors in Bergen County prior to 1830 may be frustrated since no census records for New Jersey have survived for that period. Maria (Ree) Hopper is coordinating a project to transcribe the 1817 Bergen County Tax Records into a searchable computer database. This would then serve as a substitute for the missing census and would be very useful for finding those early Bergen County residents. She is looking for members to enter information from original hand-written tax records into a computer database. This could be done at home as time permits. Please contact Ree Hopper at reetree@aol.com or 201-391-7386 if you could spare some time and wish to participate in this project.

#### **GSBC Family Files**

Before the widespread advent of computers for genealogy, Society members were asked to submit an ancestry or descendant report on the lineage they were studying. The Society has accumulated 8 file drawers of information from these submissions.

which we are calling Family Files. There is a wealth of information in these files involving early (and some later) Bergen County families The information in these files varies widely. Some files contain scribbled family group sheets; others, pedigree charts; some have pamphlets and newsletters of a family organization, etc.

Many of these files represent the surnames of the early families of Bergen County. These families tended to intermarry so that many members may be distant cousins of each other, but these relationships are difficult to research with the files in the present condition. The objective of this project is to enter the genealogical information from the Family Files into a genealogy database. This database could then provide easy access to the information with every name searchable, thus being a valuable resource to members and others researching Bergen County families. Once data entry is completed, the present plans call for generating a CD that will be made available to GSBC members and researchers at the Ridgewood Public Library.

The project is being coordinated by Joe Boyle with help from Arnie Lang and Keith Borland. We have been entering data for about six months and we are only through Surnames beginning with "A" and "B". At this rate, it will take almost 6 years to finish. Additional volunteers are needed to help enter information into a genealogy program. If you use a genealogy program, and are able to spend a few hours a week entering information, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Joe Boyle (jboyle3@aol.com) or 201-444-0439 for more information.

## Do you already have your information in a genealogy program?

If you have information in a genealogy program that you would like to provide to supplement the GSBC Family File, please contact Joe Boyle (jboyle3@aol.com) for details on how to submit our files. For privacy reasons, you may want to either omit the names or vital data of any living persons from files that you submit. Submission of information in this form gives the GSBC permission to publish and utilize this information as it sees fit.

Along this line, we recently received this mes-

sage from Barbara Roth/Bleitzhofer.

"I would like to give you my family tree of the ROTH family from Englewood, NJ. They came here in 1866 from Germany & settled on Green Street in Englewood. I have their records; Birth, deaths, marriages & news clippings, & photos. I have been researching them for over 16 years & would like to share this with you & anyone else looking for the Roth's and other families including ZIMMERMAN from Hackensack & SCHWAEBLE from NJ. I am still looking for other's in these families -- as you know, family search is an on-going work. I hope to hear from you soon. My family was a good part of Englewood, & I really would love to share this with your Society.

Thank You,

Barbara Roth/Bleitzhofer"

After contacting Barbara, she indicated that she had entered her family information into the Family Tree Maker computer genealogy program. Therefore, rather than sending paper copies of her family tree, she readily agreed to send the computer file on a CD-Rom. Thus, the GSBC now has her file with over 500 names that can be readily combined into the GSBC Family Files.

By the way, Barbara is still looking for information about her ZIMMERMAN family. Let us know if you can help!

#### Queries, cont.

**Q2003-15**.Looking for parents and marriage location of Rachel WILCOX Van Blarcom (b. 26 Aug 1787, d. 3 Apr 1825, Paterson, NJ). Husband: William VAN BLARCOM (b. 20 Apr 1773, d. 24 Oct 1852, Passaic, NJ). Married 27 Apr 1806. Their oldest child Orpha (b. 3 Apr 1808, d. 2 Apr 1870, Short Tract, Granger, NY) married Rueben H. SMITH on 16 Nov 1821.

Mel Smith, 681 S. Oakland Ave, Pasadena, CA 91106. e-mail: melbury@earthlink.net

Note: The question has been answered, but anyone who wants to share more information, is encouraged to do so.

**Q2003-16.** Looking for information to connect John KIPP (b. 9 Feb 1810, d. 28 Feb 1860, buried in

#### Queries, cont.

Spring Valley, NJ Cemetery), married to Eleanor Weaver (b. 6 May 1818 in Poughkeepsie, NY, d. 18 Apr 1840) to Hendrick Hendricksen Kip and Tryntje Lubberts.

Richard M. Anderson, 7916 Winston Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19118 email: randers@comcast.net

Note: "Hackensack Reformed Church Records,
1801-1886", by Herbert Stewart Ackerman and Arthur J. Goff, (Bergen Historic Books, Inc. Robert D. Griffin, Publisher, 1996, 1999) pg. 57: John, born 9
Feb/bapt. 8 Mar 1811, son of Albert Kipp and Rachel Beam. Sponsors are John Kipp and wife. This is the only John/Jan born around this time. If anyone has more info about Albert Kipp and Rachel BEAM, please contact Mr. Anderson.

**Q2003-17.** Searching for the Bergen County military record of my gggggrandfather Philippus RYCKMAN. Philip was baptized May 04, 1755 at Hackensack. He married Rebecca Nagel (b. October 4, 1761, died 1792) before 1783 at the Schraalenburg Dutch Church. Philip died after 1847 in Sophiasburg, Prince Edward County, Ontario.

References: "In a Prince Edward County paper; Philip Ryckman, age 92, lives in Sophiasburgh, Prince Edward County, Served first under Captain Garret Lydecker, served also under Captain Ward and Lieutenant Ary Westervelt. Served five weeks at Amboy Point, and throughout the war in the Militia at Bergen County, of New Jersey."

A Philip Ryckman, a Tory, was captured in Bergen County, June 25th 1777 (Public Papers of George Clinton as referenced in <u>Reflections of Our Ryckman Past Vol. 2 p.226</u>, by Sharon Marshall)

I have checked with NARA, now checking with NY State but I understand the military records were burned in a fire. I have found no Loyalist claims for him or his family. The Ryckman family did split during the War & some went to Canada & Philip did also about 1799. However there seems to be a contradiction in that he could be serving in the Bergen County Militia & be a spy & not tried for treason. I am trying to solve this riddle

Al Ryckman, 4044 Wellington Parkway, Palm Harbor, Fl. 34685 email: WARyckman2@msn.com

#### **Websites of Interest**

Although 2 of these have appeared on the Website, I thought it would not hurt to repeat them once here.

1.Index to Naturalizations from the Kings County Clerks Office 1907-1924. This database includes 253,403 names of individuals (including 162 military records) who were either naturalized or filed Declarations of Intention to become naturalized citizens in State Supreme Court, Kings County. The Jewish Genealogical Society, together with the Italian and German Genealogy Groups have indexed these.

#### http://www.jgsny.org/brooknats.htm

**2.US Army Military Historical Institute** - Frequently Asked Questions

Find answers on how to get information about that relative that was in the military. There are many FAQ's such as:

How can I obtain copies of U.S. Army personnel records for myself or for family members? How do I find information about what my relative did in the Army?

I have a relative that was killed during the war and is buried overseas, where can I find information about the cemetery and burial site? and more!! http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/1frequentlyaskedhistoricalquestions.html#Historical

#### 3.Bergen County Deeds -

## ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nj/bergen/land/

Recorded 12-Sep 1803 - 10 June 1813
This "difficult to find" web site contains abstracts of Bergen County Deeds recorded in the early 1800's and on file in the Bergen County courthouse in Hackensack.. These were abstracted by Pat Wardell (a member of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County). Pat Wardell abstracted the deeds from deed-books R through X, plus selected deeds from deed-books Y, Z, G2, H2, I2 (Includes those deeds recorded from 1803 - 1813). You will find deeds from Ackermann to Zabriskie

**4.http://userdb/rootsweb.com/alumni** is a database containing alumni listing from numerous schools through the US. 3 NJ schools are represented so far: Cresskill High: 1966 and 1967, and Roosevelt Junior High, 9th grade 1955.

5.Searching the Social Security Death Index (SSDI) in ONE-STEP - Stephen Morse, who created the web site Searching Ellis Island Records in one-step has added a portal to search the SSDI at any one of the four sites that presently have the SSDI databases online --- including: Ancestry.com, Genealogy.com, Lineages.com or RootsWeb. His site is located at:

#### http://www.stevemorse.org/ssdi/ssdi.html

As you may know, the information in each of those databases are exactly the same, so it may be worth while to check each of them by filling in the form once and then trying each of the different sites.

Also check out Stephen Morse's FAQ page which gives a good comparison of the options at the four sites, thus allowing you to make an informed decision as to which search engine to use based on the known information.

**6.1890-1891** New York Immigrants from Austria, Poland and Galicia: This is an index to all of the immigrants who arrived at the port of New York by ship in the years 1890 and 1891, for whom the ship's records indicated that they were citizens of Austria, Poland, or Galicia. There are a total of 96,699 such records extracted from the ships' passenger manifests.

Thanks to JewishGen for this database of immigrants for 1890 and 1891 - the years before Ellis Island opened.

http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/1890ny.htm

7. "A Guide to Interpreting Passenger List Annotation." an article by Marian L. Smith, Historian of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/manifests/ Includes explanation and examples of

- + In the Left Margin (Letters, Stamped words, Numbers, Checkmarks . . .)
- + In the Name Column (corrected names, Cryptic numbers . . .)
- + In the Occupation Column (Numbers, dates, Cryptic letters and words . . .)

#### Websites (cont.)

+ In Other Columns (Head Tax, Read and Write, Medical and Visa Matters,

Discharges, and Much Much More . . .)

- + Cross-Reference Annotations (See also, Transferred to . . .)
- +Nationality and Citizenship (USB, USC, Naturalized . . .)
- +Record of Detained Aliens (An explanation of each column . . .)
- +Lists of Aliens Held for Special Inquiry (A case study . . .)

#### 8. The Jewishgen InfoFile Index

A collection of great sites, including one of my favorite sites, Ellis Island Database One-Step Search Tools. Other articles/sites of interest include WW1 Draft, Registration Cards (USA), a list of Hungarian-English Occupation Translations, and much more.

http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/

**9.Looking for a County somewhere?** S-K Publications has a list of all counties in the US, with date of creation, and the counties it was created from. There is also a map of the current day situation. Although it is a sales tool, it is still a useful site.:

### http://www.skpub.com/genie/census/index.html

Thanks to Art Simpson for #2, Margaret Kaiser for #4, 7 and 8, Arnie Lang for #3, and Steve Gabai for #5 and 6

#### **Notable Members**

"GSBC member John Konvalinka has been giving talks at a number of genealogical societies and other events, but here is something new: He had given an Audio-Teleconference from the National Genealogical Society on July 23rd. His topic was "Discovering London's Genealogical Treasurers". Interested researchers could register and then call to join in on the first British Isles Forum audio conference. In this teleconference, forum leader, John Konvalinka described the various records groups that are available for British Research and how you should go about finding them. "

#### **Other Genealogical Societies**

Passaic County Historical & Genealogical Society—The library is open Wed. and Fri. afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month (same times). The library is located in Lambert Castle, Valley Road, Paterson, NJ. Visit their website for more information:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpchsgc

The next meeting of the Genealogy Club is Sep 6, 2003 at 10 am.

Orange County Genealogical Society—Located at 1841 Court House, 101 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. The OCGS meets the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the 1841 Court House. Note that the Research Room is *not* open during the meetings. For more info check their website:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~nozell/ocgs/

POINTers In Person, Chapter 15. Northern NJ Pursuing Our Italian Names Together Meetings are held on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November, 10 A.M. to about 12 noon, at the Elmwood Park Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ. Check their webpage: http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpoint/

German Genealogy Group. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month, Sep—June, at the Family History Center, 160 Washington Ave., Plainview, New York. A "First Timers" orientation starts at 7PM. Meetings usually feature an interesting and informative speaker, Q & A periods, workshops and experience sharing. Visitors are always welcomed. Check their website for more information http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/info.html

P.O. Box 432, Midland Park, New Jersey 07432

#### **New Members**

Welcome to the following new members:

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#### **Second Annual New Member Social**

The GSBC's **Second Annual New Member Social** is tentatively scheduled for either Sep 29 or Oct 20. Art Simpson should be finalizing this date shortly. All members are encouraged to attend this affair, to meet and mingle. A great chance for new members to get to know others, and for old members to find out what new talents are joining us.

#### Talk about Frustration: An Anecdote

#### By Steven Gabai

The only way I could find my great grandfather's mother's maiden name, was to get his New York City death certificate. But since he died after 1948, the record wouldn't be on microfilm at the Muni Archives. It would be at the NYC Dept. of Health. So I filled out the form and sent it with a \$15 check.

A month later, I got my canceled check back, but no certificate. So I wrote them a letter with a copy of the canceled check. No response. So I tried it again. Still, no word.

Over the course of five months, I must have sent them a half a dozen letters. But still, no word, no phone call and no certificate.

It was around this time that I took a trip to the NYC Muni Archives to look for vital records. So after I was done there, I walked up the street to the Health Dept.

I told the clerk what the story was and showed her the canceled check. She got up from her chair and didn't return for 20 minutes. When she came back she said the certificate "was mailed yesterday."

The next day, nothing. The day after, nothing. Never came.

I had to go back to the Archives the following week, so I went back to the Health Dept. Same window, same woman. I explained that I was there last week, what she told me, but I didn't get the certificate.

She leaves her chair and doesn't come back for 15 minutes. When she finally returns, she hands me the form to fill out, the same one I had filled out five months before.

I scratch in my great grandfather's information, but by this time, I had had enough, so for "age" I just wrote "old!"

She takes the form and disappears for 10 minutes. But when she comes back this time, she has the certificate in hand. *Hallelujah!* 

She hands me a form to sign to confirm that I received the certificate. So I scribble my name, put the form back through the slot - *give me the darn certificate!* - and she slides it thru the slot. I look at it...

Mother's maiden name..."Unknown"

A month later I got another certificate in the mail.

My great grandfather's mother's maiden name is still a mystery.



# The Archivist

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#### President's Message

Greetings:

2003 is just about over and we have been busy planning our activities for the next year. In addition to the regular Monthly meetings, the Program Committee is now finalizing plans for an all day seminar to be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. John Konvalinka has agreed to entertain and enlighten us with two morning sessions and one afternoon session on how to better use the computer and the internet for our genealogical research. John, a very popular speaker and a member of the GSBC, has been lecturing on this and other subjects at both the local and national level. Mark your calendar for this event and keep posted for further details.

The GSBC Trustee meeting was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of David Asman, our membership chairman, who resigned due to health and personal reasons. David has done an outstanding job as membership chairman for the last two years and we all thank him for his efforts. Keith Borland had agreed to take over the membership duties. The trustees then elected Keith to serve the remainder of the term as membership chairman. We thank Keith for stepping

in when needed and ask for your cooperation as he "learns the ropes".

The reports of the various committee chairmen will be highlighted at the annual meeting on November 24th. Also at this meeting, the approval of the yearly budget and the election of the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and three Trustees will take place. Please come out to vote on the 24th.

There is no meeting in December. Enjoy the holidays!

Arnold Lang - President

## Remember to Renew your Membership Now!!

An envelope is provided in this issue for your convenience!

#### **Society Meetings**

Meetings are held every fourth Monday of the month (except holidays and December). The meetings start promptly at 7:15 p.m. at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, 125 N. Maple Avenue, Ridgewood, NJ. Tel. (201) 670-5600

October 27, 2003 "Probing into Probate Records - Researching Wills, Administration, and Estate Records" Ree Hopper - GSBC Member, Teacher, Montvale Historian

Probate records, including wills, administrations, and other estate records, are often a key to solving stubborn genealogical problems. Learn how to locate and use these detailed documents to uncover clues to your ancestors.

**November 24, 2003 "Tracing Your Germanic Ancestors."** Thomas A. Peter - CGRS - Specialist in German, Slovak, and Carpatho-Rusyn ancestry research.

Also, on that date the GSBC Annual meeting will take place, including the election of GSBC Board of Trustees members and Officers.

February 23, 2004 John W Konvalinka will speak on "Researching in London."

March 22, 2004 Sally Pellegrini, Reference Librarian from the New City Library will be reviewing the Library's genealogically relevant collection.

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While we strive for accuracy, the Society assumes no responsibility for typos, errors of fact, or opinions expressed or implied by contributors. Errors brought to our attention will be corrected.

#### From the Editor

Thanks to Barbara Flurchuck, we start in this issue "Lady Robinson's Recollections." We will publish the 38 pages over the course of the coming year. I choose to publish it as pictures because it leads to a better appreciation of the original. However, the original typescript was copied in such a way that sometimes the right edge was cut off slightly, so this comes over too. The quality of the copy, and the indentations made OCR an almost impossible task. I hope you all will enjoy the story!

Please send your comments and submissions to: afinab@hotmail.com

#### E-Mail Addresses - Do we have your latest address?

If you have e-mail and you have not been receiving any messages from the Society, it probably means that we have an incorrect or outdated e-mail address, or we never received an address. If that is the case, please send your latest e-mail address to arnielang@att.net

Check our website **http://www.rootsweb.com/~njgsbc** for up-to-date information

#### **GSBC Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers are the heart of an organization. All our officers, committee members and others serve without compensation. We need volunteers to continue to provide our services. If you can give even a small amount of time, you can participate in an activity of interest. Volunteering will increase your skills and knowledge by working with others. Here follow a few of the possibilities:

**Library Committee**: become a Library Patron Assistant. Time commitment 2 hrs per month. Training will be provided, and you learn more about the library and doing research by working with others. If there are no patrons, you can research and answer queries, that come into the GSBC. You can help maintain the surname files or help order and catalog the books that come in.

**Program Committee**: Help with meeting arrangements or make a presentation! Tell us about your research interests or teach us about your area of expertise.

**Membership Committee**: Help maintain membership records and nametags.

**Computer Interest**: Participate in the Computer Special Interest Group or help maintain the GSBC webpage.

More opportunities will be highlighted in the next issue of the Archivist.

#### **Notes from the Library**

#### PastPerfect Database.

by Peggy W. Norris, Librarian

Are you wondering if your family appears in somebody else's genealogy? After all, genealogies have a new surname for every generation. Even if the maternal lines are not traced, you may find the parents and groom of the bride. To improve access to these "other surnames" Afina Broekman is entering the *most common* surnames found in each of our family genealogies into the PastPerfect database. Enter a keyword search and see if your surname appears.

PastPerfect is a database that we are using for local history and genealogy. It is available on the Genealogy 2 computer (the same one as AncestryPlus) but is not available from outside the library. Sign up at the Reference Desk and use the handout to learn how to search the database.

PastPerfect is also your access to books that do not appear in the BCCLS catalog (<a href="www.bccls.org">www.bccls.org</a>). For various reasons some books are not added to the BCCLS database. We have entered them into Past-Perfect and they can be searched by keyword and subject heading. This is especially necessary when looking for family genealogies and cemetery and church records. Explore the excellent collection of the Society using both BCCLS and PastPerfect.

For those of you interested in Ridgewood ancestors, PastPerfect indexes our photograph and postcard collections and provides a thumbnail image. This is a rich resource for 20<sup>th</sup> century material. If you do not have Ridgewood ancestors, look for similar databases at the public library or historical society in the towns where your ancestors lived. To find libraries, use the directory at <a href="http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Libweb">http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Libweb</a>. Societies may be found at Society Hill (<a href="http://www.daddezio.com/society">www.daddezio.com/society</a>) or with a "google" search at <a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a>.

Members from a distance may send queries to the Society and we will be glad to check PastPerfect for you. Happy hunting!



From the Library Committee:

#### NYG&B Records now on the library shelves

Anyone using our genealogy collection in the past few weeks has noticed the expanded shelf space. Thanks to the Ridgewood Public Library for allocating more space, these less crowded conditions are certainly a positive change for our researchers. If you haven't been there recently, please stop by, and make sure you look in the next aisle to find the rest of the genealogy books.

Because of this additional shelf space, we have been able to put out the rest of our collection of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Records dating from 1874 - 1936. We are presently awaiting protective supplies before shelving these fragile quarterlies. Due to their age, they are very fragile, we ask that you take extra care when using these records.

The society has purchased the "Worden's Index to the NYG&B - 1870 to 1998". This index, which is on a CD-Rom disk, facilitates searching all of these records. This CD-Rom is at the Reference Desk - Ask for CD # 32.

Thanks to Nancy Groo, our Library Committee Chairman

#### Note from Peggy Norris:

"AncestryPlus continues to be a very popular subscription. In July we averaged use of over 7 hours per day. Over the last year we averaged 100 sessions per month and 3.3 hours per day. These figures show a very high return on the investment we have made in this program. Thank you for your continued support."

#### Ridgewood Historical Society Bibles, by Nancy Groo

The Ridgewood Historical Society has a collection of Bibles that they are trying to return to related families. As a courtesy to them we are publishing a list. If you have an interest, please contact us in writing at **The Genealogical Society of Bergen County, PO Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432** and we will make further arrangements. Most are quite old, in extremely poor condition and ,with the exception of a few, information is very limited.

- #1. Bible donated by Helen Taylor 3 newspaper obituaries: 1. William J. Brundred (b.16 Nov 1825; d. 12 Aug 1889); 2. Rachel Brundred widow of above; both in Oil City,PA; Mrs. Brundred originally from Paterson; 3. Jane B. Van Wagoner widow of Isaac Van Wagoner; resided in Paterson all her life; sister-in-law of W.J. Brundred. Newspaper clipping-memorial donation of oak altar to Christ Church in memory of William J. Brundred by his son Benjamin F. Brundred; two brass
- #2. Bible presented to Isaac Wortendyke by Reformed Church Sunday School, Paramus 7 Feb1879. No other information.

made by the Rev. Mr. Brooks.

chancel lights by Mrs. B.F. Brundred. Presentation

- #3. Robert House m. Lucy Goff 12 Sept 1843 Goff births 1786-1836; House births 1796-1854.
- #4. Bible presented to \_\_\_\_\_\_Haring by Pastor G. Talmage, Reformed Church of Paramus Family names-Haring, Voight, Baggs, Pendarris, Snyder, White, Ackerman, Laidley, Griswold, Barnett, Peck, Kessler; mid 1800's mid 1900's.
- #5. Bartolette: deaths 1844-1914; George, Clara, Arthur, Peter, John, Agnes.
- #6. Newspaper obituary- Mr. Halstead, funeral Wyckoff Reformed Church by Rev. S.S. Searle (undated). Also Handwritten deaths: Carolyn Zabriski 30 Nov 1883; Jane Marie Halstead 22 Sept 1895; John Halstead 23 Jul 1906.
- #7. Goff-marriages, births, deaths dating from 1781; most from Houseville, NY, Brooklyn, NY, Chatham CT. last entry: "Margaret Isabelle, wife of Arthur James Goff died Jan 14,1928 at Goshen, NY. Bur. in Ridgewood, NJ.
- #8. Inside cover W. F. Johson, Jr. Ridgewood, NJ. No other information.

- #9. Label on front S. J. Zabriski, MD Westwood. (given by him to his nephew-1910). Jacob Zabriski (b.1734) m. 1760 Jannetje Brevoort (b.1740,d.1817); Children's births 1761-1780; Maria Brevoort (d.1775).
- #10. Marriages Lewis Hopper (b.1800) m.1824
  Maria Salyer (b.1806); Henry Goetchius m. 18\_7
  Loisa Hopper; \_\_\_Hopper m. 1850 Elizabeth
  Storms; \_\_\_Terhune m.1853\_\_\_Hopper;
  \_\_\_Goetchius m. 1855 \_\_\_Hopper; \_\_\_Debaum m.
  1861 \_\_\_Hopper; -\_\_Hopper m. 1859 \_\_\_Conklin;
  John P. Hopper m. 1872 Margaret Van Emberg
  Deaths- Anna Marie Hopper 1826; Henry Hopper
  1835; Maria Salyer 1846; Julia Hopper 1855;
  Rachael Emily Hopper 1860; Elizabeth Storms
  Hopper 1870; Lewis Hopper 1880.
- #11. Thomas Gardner 27 Dec 1780 . Family names Belfast, Robinson, Gardner; marriages, births, deaths 1729-1851.
- #12. John Van Buskirk m.11 Oct 1857 Harriet Ann Quackenbush; John A. Terhune m. 25 Jan 1882 Katie Van Buskirk; John Van Buskirk m. 26 Jun 1803 Margaret Brinkerhoff. Other names – Huyler, Guildersleive(?), Walter\_I\_\_; 1800's.
- #13. On cover- David D.A. Wortendyke, Eliza Ann Wortendyke no other information.
- #14. Marriages John Westervelt (b.1800) m. 1824 Hannah Blauvelt (b.1803); John Westervelt m. 1829 Betsy Pressey (b.1801); Jacob Y. Turse (b.1822, d.1916) m. 1843 Caroline Westervelt (b.1825, d.1899). Also some children's births.
- #15. On cover William Roush No other information
- #16. Inside front cover John Lemmon Paterson no other information.
- #17. Inside front cover John\_\_\_\_\_; Anna M. VanDien; Reformed Church, Ridgewood,NJ no other information.
- #18. Psalms and Hymns inside front cover D. Godwin 1862 no other information.
- #19. Gibbs no other information.
- #20. Minnie G. Barston, Fred A. Gibbs Christmas 1873 no other information.
- #21. Inside front cover Presented to Reformed

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Church of Paramus by Aletta Van Dien (no date) Marriages – Isaac Van Voorhis m. 1772 Peinda Ackerman; John Zabriski m. 1796 Hannah Van-Voorhis; Paul Terhune m. 1921 Hannah Zabriski; John VanDien m. 1828 Hannah Terhune; Richard Terhune m. 1841 Maria Brinkerhoff Some births, deaths of above as well as others; Last death listed – Aletta Van Dien 1925.

- #22. Inside back cover "This Bible is a New Year's gift from Cap Joseph Moseley to his daughter Abigail in the year 1801"

  Cap Joseph Moseley of Glastenbury(?) m. 1761

  Mary Robbins; Births Abigail 1763, Mary 1764, Abner(?) 1766, Joseph 1768, John 1769, Elizabeth 1771, Benjamin 1772, Robb 1775.
- #23. On sheet of paper inside Bible Douglas Wayne Shaw Jan 13,1953; Audrey E. Roman; James P. Shaw. No other information.
- #24. Pictorial Sunday Book presented to Miss Hattie Courter From her friend Minnie C. Decker, Sept. 23, 1912.

#### Websites of Interest

1.Newspaper Archives.com. This is a division of Heritage Microfilm, Inc This database includes scanned images of historical newspapers, some going back as far as 1820. It covers the US, Canada, UK, and Jamaica. It is not free, but you can get a free pass. The search results appear with partial citation and full dates, and frequently a thumbnail of the context of the hit. If you buy a paid pass (available for 1 day to a year), you will also be able to view the full page. A copy of the full page can be ordered. The site has its problems, not all thumbnails are online all the time, and I couldn't order anything when I tried, but it seems like a promising site

www.newspaperarchive.com (contr. by Margaret Kaiser)

**2.Internet Public Library**. Organized by the University of Michigan, this web site provides links to reference information around the world. It has a special section for links to Genealogy references. You can find links to many varied subjects, such as where to find vital records, a genealogy beginner's guide, where to find The Asso-

ciation for Gravestone Studies, and many others. http//www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/ ref40.00.00/

Of particular interest to me are links to most any newspaper around the world. For example to see a listing of all NJ Newspapers, and links to existing newspaper web pages go to http//www.ipl.org/div/news/browse/US.7007565/(contr. by Arnie Lang)

3.Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System Online (contr. by Margaret Kaiser) has very basic facts about servicemen who served on both sides during the Civil War. The initial focus of the CWSS is the *Names Index Project*, a project to enter names and other basic information from 5.4 million soldier records in the National Archives. They are being entered from records that are indexed to many millions of other documents about Union and Confederate Civil War soldiers maintained by NARA.

You can search by name, regiment. Cemeteries are also being indexed, with a gravestone photo. Information on battles, by state or by campaign round out this interesting site. http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/

**4.**Newsday had recently 2 articles on cemeteries in Brooklyn. These are only available through the pay database. However

**Evergreens**: http://theevergreenscemetery.com/gives the same information as the article. Click on history.

**Prospect**: Time has not been kind to the four-acre Prospect Cemetery -- founded in the 1660s and wedged between the Long Island Rail Road viaduct and the Medical Center of York College -- final resting place of Nostrands, Brinkerhoofs, Van Wycks and Sutphins - a veritable roll call of Queens history.

The Greater Jamaica Development Corp. and the New York Landmarks Conservancy have secured several grants to spruce up the site, including \$150,000 from the city's capital budget to erect an iron fence, and a \$300,000 grant from the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation to repair the modest chapel, built in the 1850s.

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### LADY ROBINSON'S RECOLLECTIONS.

This document comes to us with sincere gratitude for the kindness of Mr. John Muller and Mr. Todd Bialstead, pre-eminent 18th century researchers of the Bergen County Historical Society. The document has great value for all the genealogical information contained within. The original source of the document is in the National Archives in Scotland. It was printed in 1842 by Barrett and Sons in London, but probably recorded earlier. Lady Robinson was born in 1768 and died in June 1843.

MY DEAR CHILDREN,

I have often observed when people are young thesare seldom anxious about family history, and think any mention of times and things as far back as grandmothers abore. When getting old themselves a hope to be remembered naturally arises, and more interest is felt in those who are gone. I will therefore detail, as far as I know, who and what were your ancestors, both on the side of your lamented father and myself. You may, probably, some futured day wish to trace some member of your family when no one is left to explain; but bear in mind the writer of this is approaching seventy-five, and, as I have somewhere before said, the mind, like the body, is prone to decay: this must excuse errors.

Your affectionate Mother,

C. ROBINSON.

WESTHORPE HOUSE, BUCKS.

November, 1842.

#### NOTICES

OF THE

#### ROBINSON FAMILY.

THE ROBINSONS are a very old Yorkshire family. Their principal seat was Rokeby, and it continued in the family till sold by the late "Lord Primate of Ireland" (ROBINSON), Lord ROKEBY, to Mr. Moritt, in whose possession it now is. I remember seeing the Primate, a most venerable looking person.

Dr. John Robinson was Bishop of Bristol, and translated to London. He was a remarkably clever man; he was Lord Privy Seal to Queen Anne, and sent by her with Lord Stafford to Utrecht, where he signed the famous Treaty. I saw his picture at Fulham when dining with my friend Dr. Howley.

Dr. J. Robinson had a nephew, Mr. Robinson, who married Catherine Beverley, daughter of Colonel Beverley, of Yorkshire. He went to Virginia when it was first colonised, and had large tracts of land, both by purchase and grant. He had seven sons and several daughters. All married and had children. The names of the daughters' husbands were Randolph, Wagner, Fairfax, and Beverley. The last was a cousin, and ancestor of William Beverley, of Beverley, Yorkshire. All the sons married. The eldest, John, was President of the Council. One of the sons was grandfather of John Beverley Robinson, now (1842) Chief Justice of Upper Canada, who is married to a niece of Mr. Merry, late of the War Office.

The youngest of the seven sons above mentioned was Beverley, named after his mother's family. It is with him and his de-

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scendants we are now to proceed. When two- or three-and-twenty he went to New York, I believe merely on a visit, and there met Miss Susanna Phillipse, whom he married, and had a large family. Mr. Beverley Robinson did not return to Virginia, but concentrated all his property (which was considerable) to that part of the States. Miss Phillipse was co-heiress with her sister Mrs Morris.

Before speaking of BEVERLEY ROBINSON'S family I will notice

## Phillipse Kamily,

VREDERICK PHILLIPSE (so written in the old Records) was native of Friezland, and went to New York, then called the New Netherlands, in 1658. It was then in the possession of the Dutch and he went with the first Governor, Van Stuyvonsart. He had th consent of the Prince to remain if he chose in the new country He had a great deal of plate and valuable jewellery (an order of gold Deer, set with a few stones, is now in the possession of m daughter Elizabeth: it was worn with a ribbon across the shoulder). He (FREDERICK PHILLIPSE) was married to MARGARE DACRES, and had (in 1658) two sons, "PHILLIP, aged two years," an "ADOLPH, four months." He must have been rich, for he made larg purchases of land in New York, and also in the country. One larg estate was called "Phillipseburgh," another "Fredericksburgh. another "Upper Flower Patent." He had many houses in the cit and land laid out for streets and afterwards built upon; he als built large houses on his estates. His eldest son, PHILLIP, ha

\* Elizabeth Robinson died 1876, and left the Order of the Deer to her husbane nephew, John Morris Robinson.

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delicate health, and was sent to Barbadoes, to reside for a time at Springhead Plantation, the property of his father. At this period he was nearly nineteen. As soon as he was of age he married Mary Sparkes, the daughter of the Governor of the island. A son was born the first year of their marriage, and named Frederick, after his paternal grandfather. When this son was six months old his father died, and within the year his mother. His grandfather sent for him to New York, and to prevent his return ordered Springhead to be sold, which it was for £10,000. This so displeased his mother's relations that they left him only £10,000, and all the rest to distant relations.

When I was in Barbadoes, in 1796, Springhead was the property of Sir Philip Gibbs, and he frequently sent me fruit and flowers.

FREDERICK PHILLIPSE married, secondly, CATHERINE VAN CORTLANDT, and had no children by that marriage. He died in 1692, leaving a very large property to his grandson and his second son Adolph, who never married: and eventually the whole centered in Frederick Phillipse, who at twenty-eight years of age married Joanna Brockhurst—or, as in some of the old papers, Brocas—youngest daughter of the then Governor, the fourth after the country was ceded to Great Britain. The Brocas were from Lancashire, and an old Roman Catholic family. Mrs. Brocas was Susanna, daughter of Paulus van Schrecht (pronounced Skreck), from West Friezland. He had large estates in New Jersey, North America, and some portion, from some cause, could not be confiscated. It was the Pumpton estate. Frederick Phillipse had a large family: six only lived to grow up.

- I. FREDERICK, married ELIZABETH RUTYERS.
- 2. SUSANNA, married BEVERLEY ROBINSON, Esq.
- 3. PHILIP, married MARGARET MARSDEN.

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- 4. MARY, married Colonel Roger Morris.
- 5. MARGARET, died unmarried at ninetcen.
- 6. ADOLPH, died unmarried.

FREDERICK PHILLIPSE left his property as follows :-

Phillipsburgh, with the chief of his houses in New York, to his son Frederick, then unmarried; if he remained single the estates went to the other two sons in rotation; should they have only daughters, all went to Susanna Robinson and Mary Morris; the remainder of his property was divided equally.

The eldest of this family, as I have stated, married ELIZABETI RUTYERS. She was the daughter of CHARLES WILLIAMS, Esq., and had been married very young; for at little more than eighteen shows a widow with three children (two died early, and the third before he was thirteen). At twenty-one she married "Mr. Phil LIPSE." She died at Bath, aged eighty-four.

Their issue were :-

- I. FREDERICK, married HARRIET GRIFFITH, of Rhy Wales, and had issue.
- 2. MARIA, married LIONEL, Viscount Strangford, and ha issue.
  - 3. SARAH, married Colonel Mungo Noble, and had issue.
- 4. CHARLOTTE, married Major-General WEBBER, and hathree sons.
  - 5. ELIZABETH, died unmarried.
  - 6. PHILIP, in the Artillery, unmarried.
  - 7. HENRY, in the Army; killed in America.
- 8. Charles, Captain 70th Regt.; drowned in the Bay Fundy.
  - 9. JOHN, Captain in the R.N., married, no family.

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The children of FREDERICK PHILLIPSE and HARRIET GRIFFITH, of Rhyl:-

- I. FREDERICK, Lieut.-Colonel, married Miss Palliser, and has issue five children.
- 2. CHARLOTTE, married Sir HENRY ALLEN JOHNSON, Bart., and has issue—(1) HENRY, (2) VILLIAM, (3) GEORGE, (4) EDWIN, (5) FREDERICK, (6) CHARLES, (7) ALLEN, (8) ALURED, (9) ATCHESON, (10) LOUISA, (11) HARRIET, (12) OLIVIA, (13) MILICENT, b. 26 Dec., 1840.

The children of MARIA PHILLIPSE and LIONEL, Viscount Strangford:

- I. PERCY SIDNEY, married Mrs. Brown, dau. of Sir T. Burke, who died whiist he was Ambassador to the Court of Russia, leaving four children—
  - 1. GEORGE, unmarried.
  - 2. PHILLIPPA, married CUNNINGHAME, Esq.
  - 3. Lionel, and (4) Frances.
  - II. ELIZA MARIA, married Dr. SULLIVAN; no issue.
  - III. Louisa Sidney, married J. Eld, Esq.; one son.

The Children of SARAH and Colonel Mungo Noble:—(1) ELIZA, d. unmarried; (2) a son, FREDERICK.

PHILIP, the next brother, who married Margaret Marsden, left one son, who married his cousin Margaret; and, secondly, Maria Kemble.

By his first marriage there was a daughter, married to Mr. Gour, and has a family.

· Second son of Frederick Phillipse and Catharine Van Certlandt.

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## Çol, Peverley Pobinson, und his Son, Çol. Peverley Pobinson,

#### Of the 104th Regiment.

At the commencement of the American Rebellion, Col. Beverles Robinson joined the British army; he raised two battalions, principally from his own tenantry, and held an important staff situation the greater part of that disastrous war, by which he lost his immense property. (B. 1722, d. 1792, m. 1748.)

His children by Susanna Phillipse (b. 1727, d. 1822) were-

- I. BEVERLEY, Colonel of the routh Regt. (d. 1816), m. Ann. DOROTHEA BARCLEY, and had fifteen children.
  - I. BEVERLEY (d. 1857), m. ELIZABETH, daughter of Mr. and Lady CATHERINE DEWER, and has issue—
    - (a) BEVERLEY, in the Law.
    - (b) WILLIAM, a Banker.
    - (c) ELIZABETH, married, has four children.
    - (d) CATHERINE, not married.
    - 2. Morris, married HARRIET DEWER, and has five children
    - 3. HENRY CLINTON, 60th Regt., died in Antigua, 1804.
    - 4. DELANCEY BARCLEY, 104th Regt., drowned 1804.

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- 5. John, late of the 10th, married Miss Allate, and has five or six children.
- 6. FREDERICK, married Miss JANE PEDDOCK, and has four sons and one daughter.
- 7. WILLIAM HENRY, late in the Dragoons, married Louisa Millage; no family. (D. 1849.)
  - 8. Susanna Maria, married Capt. G. LEE.

Seven other children, who died.

The second, third, and fourth children of Col. B. Robinson having died of small-ox, we proceed to the fifth, Morris.

- V. Morris, Lieut.-Col. in the Army, died at Gibraltar, 1815. Married Margarer, daughter of Dr. Waring, and had fifteen children; eight survived him.
  - Beverley, Capt.R.N., married Charlotte, daughter of — Sheel, Esq., and has two children, Beverley and MARGARET.
  - 2. Margaret, married, first, Major Shearman, and had issue—
    - (a) MARGARET, married FARR, Esq., Solicitor; left two children.
    - (b) EDWARD, married Miss FARR.
    - (c) HESTER, unmarried.
    - (d) FRANCES, unmarried.

Mrs. Shearman, married, secondly, the Rev. Mr. Cross, and had two children by the last marriage.

- 3. Frances, married Hopkins, Esq.
- 4. FREDERICK ADOLPHUS, 5th Regiment, m. Miss Johnson; one child.
  - 5. Susanna, married R. Parker, Esq., Judge, N.S.

6. OLIVER, Major 2nd Regt. (D. 1865, aged 64.)

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( 12 ) 7. JOHN DELANCEY, R.N., married his cousin, Miss Scot; several children.

8. JOANNA, married ROBERT HAGEN, Esq., N.B.; has a large family. The other seven children died young. VI. JOHN, married ELIZABETH, daughter of Judge Ludlow, and had issue, five sons and one daughter. -(D. 1823.)

1. WILLIAM HENRY, Deputy Commissary-General, married ELIZABETH, his cousin, daughter of Commissary-General Sir W. H. ROBINSON, K.C.H.; no children. (D. 1879.) 2. Beverley, married Isabella Millage, daughter of Major MILLAGE; no family. (D. 1875.) 3. GEORGE DUNCAN, married — MILLAGE; one son, BEVERLEY. (D. 1859)

4. LUDLOW, married Miss SMITH; issue ELIZABETH and CATHARINE; several children died young.

5. JOHN MORRIS, m. CELIA MILLAGE; three children.
(D. 1867.) 6. Frances, married Col. J. Wilson (d. 1837); six 6. FRANCES, married Col. J. WILSON (d. 1837); six children, namely:— Children, namely:— Children, namely:— Children, namely:— Children, namely:— (a) George, in the Army, m. Miss Arkhoson, and took her name. in all them, the state of the plant of the pl (6) adaysters (c) I dow 4 langthers 21.381 (f) FRANCES MARIA (d. unmarried 1880).

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VII. SUSANNA MARIA, died unmarried. (B. 1761; d. 1833, VIII. JOANNA, married the Rev. R. SLADE, of Thornbury no issue. (B. 1763; d. 1852).

IX. FREDERICK PHILLIPSE, married, first, Miss GRACI Bowles, and had issue—

- I. Annie, married the Rev. W. Wilson; no issue.
- 2. MARIA, married HAMILTON HAMILTON, Esq.; no issue
- 3. JANE, married twice, both CAMPBELLS; no children
- 4. FREDERICK-PHILLIPSE, in the Army, married Miss MEARS; left one daughter, FREDERIKA.

FREDERICK PHILLIPSE married, secondly, Miss FERNYHOE, or Stafford; no children. He is a Lieut.-Gen. and G.C.B. (d.1853)

X. Sir WM. HENRY, K.C.H., a Commissary-General, married Catherine Skinner\* (b. 1745; d. 1834), issue—

- 1. HENRY BEVERLEY, died an infant, at Bath, 1795.
- 2. WILLIAM HENRY, died an infant, at Barbadoes, 1796.
- 3. CATHERINE BEVERLEY, married Major-General WILLIAM SMELT, C.B., 1814; d. 1859. No issue.
- 4. ELIZABETH, married her cousin, W. H. ROBINSON, 1824. (D. 1876). 04-57
- 5. WILLIAM HENRY, married Georgiana, daughter of Admiral Buckle. (He died 1858.) Two sons and four daughters—
  - (a) WILLIAM HENRY (d. 1856, Bermuda).
  - (b) GEORGIANA CATHARINE JANE.
  - (c) HENRIETTA CHARLOTTE (m. A. W. SURTEES, Esq., and has seven children).
- . See Attorney-General Skinner's family. She is the writer of these pages.

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- (d) BEVERLEY (d. infant at Dublin).
- (c) FANNY MATILDA (d. 1875).
- (f) ELIZABETH BEVERLEY.

Col. BEVERLEY ROBINSON (father of Sir W. H., and the above-mentioned family), died at Bath, 1792, and was buried in St. James's Church, where there is a stone with his name. His wife, Susanna, died at Thornbury, aged 96, a monument erected by her children is in the church; there also her daughter Susanna Maria was buried, aged 71; and there is a tablet to the memory of Sir W. H. Robinson, K.C.H.

N.B.—In the course of this book I shall give some little sketch of your father's early life, and other odd things just as they arise in my mind—they may amuse a half-hour.

The children of Colonel Roger Morris and Mary Phillipse.\*

1. Joanna, married Thomas Cooper Hincks, Esq., and

had two sons-

I. THOMAS COOPER, married a daughter of Colonel PULLAINE, and has several children.

- 2. JOHN, married a sister of the above lady. No issue.
- 2. AMHERST, R.N., died unmarried.
- 3. MARIA, died unmarried.
- 4. HENRY GAGE, Captain R.N., married the daughter of Dr. Orpin, of Cork; a family of 10 children, but I do not know their names.

By some accident in wording the marriage settlement of Mrs. (Colonel Roger) Morris, a small part of her property could not be

 See Phillipse Family, for Mary, youngest daughter (who married) of Frederics Phillipse, the grandson of VREDERICK PHILLIPSE, the first settler of that family in A trica.

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confiscated for her life, and, some years before the death of the clady, a lawyer was sent from America by Mr. John Jacob Astor (t Rothschild of America), to offer her children £20,000 sterling, pain London, for their right in her Dower, which could not be covered till after her death, and then suits-at-law would be necessated dispossess the persons holding the property by purchase. It was accepted, and an American gentleman told me Mr. Astor had ceived a million of dollars, the value of the estates having so i creased. The old lady lived till within a few months of 96, near the age of her sister, Mrs. Robinson. It was singular the siste were both widows thirty years. Each had two daughters, one each family married, the other remaining with her mother to the last.

A first cousin of my mother married Andrew Elliot, Esc then Governor of New York. He was a brother of the late Loi Minto. She had a large family; all are dead except her eldedaughter, the present Lady Catheart. I have not met Lad Catheart for many years.

We are related to the Southampton and Abingdon family throug the Delanceys. Lady Peter Warren was Miss Delancey, an my father's first cousin. Her three daughters were co-heiresses the eldest married Lord Southampton, brother of the Duke c Grafton, the second Lord Abingdon, father of the present Lord, and the third my uncle, Col. Wm. Skinner, and was the mother of Lady Gage.

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#### SINGULAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

Two singular incidents occurred in our family: a little girl o nearly cleven years of age, was taken by her attendant to walk or the Battery at New York, contrary to her mother's orders. Soldiers were trying some guns. A cannon burst, and the poor child was killed on the spot. The servant hid herself, and was not found for several days.

A little boy unfortunately fired a musket in a room when his mother was nursing an infant; the shot went through the poor lady's nose, but did no further injury to herself, and none to the baby. This lady was my great-aunt.

Your Grandmother Robinson had an aunt, the sister of her mother, and who never married. She was Miss Mary Brockhurst, and died upwards of 80 (p. 7). Ten or twenty years before her death, she one Sunday morning awoke whilst the bell was ringing for church, and told her maid she must dress quickly. The maid left the room for a few minutes, and on her return found the old lady asleep, and so she continued, though every means was used to rouse her, till Wednesday at the same hour, when the church bell was again ringing, and she made the same observation, "or she should be too late for church." Nothing seemed to convince her of the circumstance, but her feet being in mustard poultices. No bad effect whatever arose from this long sleep.

#### Genealogy Tips – By Steve Gabai

#### 1. Get Help:

- You'll be overwhelmed with all the information that will come in from a variety of sources. It would be easier if you had someone (a cousin?) helping you trying to make sense out of it.
- He/she would point out obvious things that you will overlook (I know from experience).
   It will also cut down on the inevitable mistakes you'd make doing this alone (I know from experience).

#### 2. Interview older family members:

- Have a list of questions prepared. And use different color ink for the answers.
- For older family members who have "memory problems," repeat the same question at different times during the conversation. And then ask it in different ways, i.e. "There's something I don't understand, why did/didn't…"
- Don't shift from a train of thought. If you're getting information about your granduncle's children, don't ask about his mothers immigration.
- Take *specific* notes because months later you won't understand what you meant when you wrote "he was her father's niece."
- Just because you interview someone once, it doesn't mean you can't go back and ask the same questions again months later, especially if they have "memory problems" (heck, they might not even remember you called the first time...or the second time...or the third time).

#### 3. The small details:

- You might learn of an old address where your grandfather lived and plan on using it to search for a census record. But you may have looked up this particular address and forgot all about it. I saved myself a bunch of time when I went back to my old notes and realized I did in fact already check out a particular address.
- Go through your records and notes on a regular basis. A bit of information you pick up might not mean much until you match it up with an old piece of information you had gotten and totally forgot about years ago.

#### **Other Genealogical Societies**

**Jewish Genealogical Society**—Monthly meetings are held at the YM-YWHA of North Jersey, 1 Pike Drive, Wayne, NJ. See their website for more information: http://community.nj.com/cc/jgsnorthjersey The library is open before the meetings.

Passaic County Historical & Genealogical Society—The library is open Wed. and Fri. afternoons from 1 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. and on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month (same times). The library is located in Lambert Castle, Valley Road, Paterson, NJ. Visit their website for more information:

#### http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpchsgc

**Orange County Genealogical Society**—Located at 1841 Court House, 101 Main Street, Goshen, NY 10924. The OCGS meets the first Saturday of every month at 9:00 a.m. at the 1841 Court House. Note that the Research Room is *not* open during the meetings. For more info check their website:

http://www.rootsweb.com/~nozell/ocgs/

POINTers In Person, Chapter 15. Northern NJ Pursuing Our Italian Names Together Meetings are held on the first Saturday of February, May, August and November, 10 A.M. to about 12 noon, at the Elmwood Park Municipal Building, 182 Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ. Check their webpage: http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpoint/

German Genealogy Group. Meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the first Thursday of each month, Sep—June, at the Family History Center, 160 Washington Ave., Plainview, New York. A "First Timers" orientation starts at 7PM. Meetings usually feature an interesting and informative speaker, Q & A periods, workshops and experience sharing. Visitors are always welcomed. Check their website for more information http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/info.html

- Check your same-surname contacts information a couple of times a year. You might have picked up something that matches one of them. You wouldn't know until you checked.
- Make note of each email contact you have.
   When you go through your address book years later, you'll look at an address and wonder who the heck it is.

#### **News from other Libraries**

The New Jersey State Archives has recently made a major expansion of its holdings of estate records. They now have the wills from 1901-1952 formerly on file with the Superior Court of New Jersey. This consists of 2,239 reels of microfilm and 371 drawers of index cards. The collection is fully accessible for in-person use in the Archives' public research rooms. They have also recently accessioned later records of the Prerogative Court (up to 1948) and the Chancery Court (up to 1886).

Look for more information at the Archives' website: www.njarchives.org

(contr. by Lucille Siebold)

For The New York Public Library you now need an Access Card. Starting June, 2003, researchers need to present an ACCESS card with a call slip to request materials and use items held in Special Collections at the Main Branch of the New York Public Library. The Library has introduced this policy for security purposes and to ensure greater accountability when researchers use library materials. You get the Access card at the library, An application is available online at http//catnyp.nypl.org/screens/applycat.html Bring a photo ID (e.g. driver's license w/photo), get photo taken at library & get the card.

The ACCESS card will be good for 3 years. It is NOT valid in The New York Public Library Branch Libraries, the Brooklyn Public Library and the Queens Borough Public Library.

(contr. by Arnie Lang)

#### Websites of Interest (cont.)

The Prospect Cemetery Association has started an index of the cemetery, but this still very fragmentary. http://www.geocities.com/ prospectcemeteryassociation/listofburials.html (original Newsday links contributed by Margaret Kaiser, from the NYC-ROOTS Mailing List)

#### Murphy's Laws for Genealogists

by Steve Gabai

- 1. The public ceremony in which your distinguished ancestor participated, and at which the platform collapsed under him, turned out to have been a hanging.
- 2. When at last, after much hard work, you have solved the mystery that you have been working on for two years, your aunt says, "I could have told you that."
- 3. You search ten years for your greatgrandmother's maiden name only to eventually find it on a letter in a box in the attic - and it turns out to be Jones.
- 4. You never asked your (grand) father or (grand) mother about their family when they were alive because you weren't interested in genealogy then.
- 5. The will you need is in the safe on board the Titanic.
- 6. Old newspapers clippings have holes occurring only on the surnames.
- 7. John, son of Thomas the immigrant whom your relatives claim as the family progenitor, died on board ship at the age of 10.
- 8. Your great grandfather's newspaper obituary states that he died leaving no issue of record.
- 9. Another genealogist has just insulted the keeper of the vital records you need.
- 10. The relative who had all the family photographs gave them all to her daughter who has no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share.
- 11. The only record you find for your great-great-greatgrandfather is the names of the men who sat on the inquest of his death (and the fact that they were each paid one dollar for it.)
- 12. The one document that would supply the missing link in your dead end line has been lost due to fire, flood or war.

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#### The 2003 Family History Fair

#### A Major Area Genealogical Event!

by Margaret Kaiser

Arnie Lang, Diane Winters, Margaret Kaiser, and new GSBC member Debra Sumberg, represented the GSBC at the 2003 Family History Fair (FHF). The FHF is sponsored by the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York. The FHF was held at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (located in the former B. Altman building at 34th Street and Fifth Avenue, NYC). The GSBC staffed an exhibitor table where visitors asked questions about Bergen County and NJ ancestor searching. This year FHF hosted more than 600 attendees, and included over 40 exhibitors and 16 workshops.

One of these workshops was Jordan Auslander's presentation on New York's "Mall of Records" at the Municipal Archives at 31 Chambers Street. This beautiful, historic building is modeled after the Paris Opera House. Movies and TV shows use this building for settings. Inside, genealogists will find a variety of holdings, including marriage indexes for marriages more than 50 years old (Room 103). Can't find your ancestor's NYC birth certificate? Try the geographic birth index sorted by specific address by 5year intervals. Can't find your ancestor's naturalization records? Voter registration ledgers include naturalization dates. Presidential election years are particularly fruitful. Find an ancestral address during a presidential election year (1900, 1904, years evenly divisible by 4) in a city directory, and then cross the hall to Room 102 and find the Election AD/ED. With AD/EDs, you can search the voter registration ledgers, which for New York County are located at 200 Varick Street.

A popular feature at the FHF was the "Ancestors Road Show." Free, one-on-one, 15-minute sessions with professional genealogists are offered for attendees to discuss a specific genealogical problem.

Free copies of "Reunions" magazine and the New England Historic Genealogical Society magazine, "Ancestors," as well as countless informational brochures were available to take home and read. Books, maps and related materials are available for purchase.

Here is an opportunity to talk with various societies and learn of their endeavors. Don Eckerle, Vice

President of the German Genealogical Group (GGG), advised that the GGG's project of indexing two Brooklyn German-language church records on-line has been a tremendous success, and that another two churches have approached the GGG to put their records on line (see www.germangenealogygroup.com) The GGG worked cooperatively with the Italian Genealogical Group (IGG) and other groups which are part of the Genealogy Federation of Long Island to place naturalization indexes on line (click on Naturalization Indexes from the GGG site). The IGG will soon be placing the New York City 1891-1911 death index on line (see www.italiangen.org).

The FHF is held on the Sunday nearest to the Columbus Day weekend. Information is posted at www.nycarchivists.org/fhf.html. One can't beat the value offered at the FHF as there is no charge to explore the FHF. Perhaps you'll enjoy trying 3-4 genealogy software programs in the Computer Room, that is, if you remember to mark your calendar for the 2004 FHF.

#### **Oueries**

If you answer a query, please send a copy of the answer to the Archivist, so we may publish the reply, and learn from it.

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Jarvis PEARSALL and Rachel KELLY
These married in Acquackanonck on March 6, 1800
(Essex County Records #1301979/80). I'm trying to
determine, whether this is the same Jarvis Pearsall
who is baptized Jan 20, 1782 at St. George (Episc.)
Church in Hempstead, NY, as son of Uriah Pearsall
and Catharine Roebuck, daughter of Jarvis Roebuck,
who married there on Aug 9, 1781. I am also interested in any information on **Rachel Kelly**.

NOTE: Uriah, son of Jarvis Pearsall and Rachel
Kelly, was bapt. (Dutch Reformed Church in Hack-

Kelly, was bapt. (Dutch Reformed Church in Hackensack) on 27 Nov 1800. Rachel Kelly appears once as a sponsor at the baptism of John Brouwer Evertse, the son of John Evertse and Sarah Kelly.

If anybody has more answers, please contact: Glenn Pearsall, 1187 Garnet Lake Road N., Johnsburg, NY 12843. Glenn.Pearsall@USB.com

#### **New Members**

Welcome to the following new members:

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#### **Second Annual New Member Social**

The GSBC's **Second Annual New Member Social** was a great success! About 30 new members and 30 longstanding members attended.
Two new members signed up on the spot. Arnie Lang gave a clear overview of the benefits of membership, and of the opportunities for learning and research through the Society. There was copious and delicious food and drink, and many new contacts were made.

Many thanks to Art Simpson for arranging the evening, and to Diane Winters and Barbara Flurchuck for providing the delicious food.

#### **Society Statistics**

#### Membership Totals as of Sep 3, 2003:

	2003	2002
Individual Members:	271	259
Family Members	61	51
Courtesy Members	21	23
Organizational Membe	rs 3	3
Canadian Member	0	1
English Member	1	1
<b>Provisional Members</b>	26	20