



Genealogical Society of Rockland County Newsletter

Volume 8, No. 2
December 1993

Genealogical Society of Rockland County, c/o The Historical Society of Rockland Co., 20 Zukor Rd., New City, N.Y. 10956

NOTICES

✓ **Ramapo Sunday School Attendance Record Book** — A Ramapo Sunday School Attendance Record Book 1874-1881 is owned by Mrs. Robert B. Wood of Suffern. It has been transcribed and indexed (over 200 names) by Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot of Sloatsburg. Copies have been donated to local libraries and to the Genealogical Society of Rockland County. Also owned by Mrs. Wood is a pamphlet published by the Hillburn Presbyterian Church in the early 1940s. It includes a brief history of the Ramapo Presbyterian Church (Route 17) and dozens of advertisements by local advertisers. Xerox copies of the pamphlet are in local libraries.

✓ **Upcoming events at the New City Library** — The following events of interest for genealogists and local historians have been scheduled at the New City Library:

- Saturday, January 15, 1994, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., computers and video recorders as genealogical research tools will be discussed by Homer L. Butler. Bring along three blank computer disks (1.2 or 1.4 meg) and a self-addressed mailer with correct postage and Mr. Butler will make copies of the genealogical software program *Brother's Keeper* which he will be demonstrating.

- Saturday, February 12, 1994, 1 p.m.-3 p.m., "Up From the Struggle: History Not to be Denied" — A discussion of African-American history and genealogy, including a video presentation and comments from a panel of experts from Rockland County's African-American community.

- Saturday, April 23, 1994, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.,

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month (except July, August, and December) at the History Center of the Historical Society of Rockland County, 20 Zukor Road, New City, N.Y. (except where otherwise noted).

Meeting time is 7:45 p.m.

Dec. No Meeting.
Jan. 25 Regular Meeting
Feb. 22 Regular Meeting
Mar. 22 Regular Meeting
Apr. 26 Regular Meeting

GSRC Dues were due September 1993

(Our fiscal year runs from
September through August)

\$10 individual

\$15 family

Send to Genealogical Society of Rockland County,
20 Zukor Road, New City, NY 10956

- The Surname Index will be mailed in January to those whose dues are paid.
- If dues are not received, no newsletter will be sent in March. Send dues now!

Tentative, a seminar on state, county and local government document resources of value to anyone doing genealogical research in New York. Speakers include: Bill Evans, New York State Archives; Ray LaFever, New York State Local Government Records Bureau; and Peter Scheibner, Rockland County Archivist.

All of the events are free of charge and will be held in the New City Library's Meeting Room, 220 North Main Street, New City, NY 10956 (914-634-4997). Further information will be available as the events draw nearer. Direct any questions to Bob Devino, Local History Librarian, at the library.

✓ **New Bergen County History Available** — A set of seven books describing Bergen County's history from the earliest prehistory to 1993 is now available in both hard or soft-cover editions. Written by leading local historians, Bergen County, New Jersey, History and Heritage monographs include the titles The Land and Its First People, The Colonial Days, 1630-1771, The

(Notices continued on page 2)

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Letters.....	page 2
GSRC Accessions.....	page 2
Queries.....	page 3
New City Library Acquisitions.....	page 4
GSRC Jottings.....	page 5
RC Surrogate Court	page 5
American Revolution Classifications	page 6
Dictionary of RC Place Names	page 6
1855 State Census, Haverstraw, 2nd ED.....	page 8

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

President.....	Michael Secora
Vice President.....	Richard Peterson
Recording Secretary	Joan Brooks
Treasurer	Peter Krell
Archivist.....	Pat Kerner
Genealogical Research	Marie Koestler
Indexing Committee.....	Les Baisley, Joan Brooks, Mike Secora
Librarian.....	Marie Koestler
Membership	Bob Protzmann
Publicity.....	Ruth Fee
Programs.....	Sally Dewey
Surname Index	Bob Protzmann
Newsletter Editor.....	Pat Wardell
Society Telephone Contact.....	Pat Kerner, 914-357-1355

The Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County is published four times a year, in mid-month of September, December, February and May.

The deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the Newsletter is the 25th of the month preceding issue date. Send items and articles to Pat Wardell, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 78 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401.

NOTICES

continued from page 1

Revolutionary Years, 1776-1783; Federalist and Antebellum Years, 1784-1860; From Civil War to the Roaring 20s, 1860-1920; Farmland to Suburbia, 1920-1960; and Our Era, 1960-Present. The complete set of seven books is available for \$55 in a hardbound, slip-cased edition. Paperback sets are \$30. Make check payable to "County of Bergen" and mail, with written order, to the Bergen County Division of Cultural and Historic Affairs, County Administration Building, Court Plaza South 203W, 21 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 97601-7000 (or come in person between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.).

✓ **New York Historical Society Library** — According to an item in the Fall 1993 *NYG&B Newsletter*, New York University has taken over management of the library of the New York Historical Society, following months of uncertainty as to the future of the financially-troubled Society, whose library holds many materials of value to genealogists. The new arrangement is for one year, but may be extended.

The Historical Society will retain ownership of all the materials in its library, which once again is open five days a week. The University will incorporate the Society's catalog into its own library's computer database. Of the Society's 700,000 volumes and 3,000,000 manuscripts, maps, and photographs, about a third are reported to be uncataloged. The

task of cataloging those items will be tackled immediately.

✓ **NYG&BS and NEHGS to Co-Sponsor 1994 Conference** — The New York Genealogical & Biographical Society and the New England Historic Genealogical Society, the nation's two oldest genealogical societies will co-sponsor a two-day genealogical conference at the Westchester Marriott Hotel in Tarrytown, NY on Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, 1994. Brochures and registration forms will be mailed to members of those two societies about January, 1994. The NYG&B Society will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 1994, and the NEHG Society will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 1995.

LETTERS

From Jerry Hatch, 657 West Melrose Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657-3415, 13 Nov 1993:

...a short note [of thanks for responses] to query #20 (Yeomans, Bush, etc.) in the September newsletter. There were four responses to the query...I was quite pleased to learn so much.

Since that time I spent a vacation research week in the East in an attempt to dig out all the Yeomans names (any spelling) that I could locate for the time period 1700s up to about 1830 or so, in Rockland and Orange Counties, NY and Bergen Co., NJ. It, like most vacations, went ever so quickly.

Several Gen. Soc. representatives were generous with their time and help in getting me to the right places to search. I came home with 30-40 pages of notes from visiting court houses in the three counties mentioned, plus several libraries. The project now is to alphabetize the names (and reference material) recently gathered along with that gathered over 15 years to see if any sense can be made. Not much authentic genealogy has been done for the name. I wish there were more complete data, but am not certain any of us knows the totality of what exists. Hopefully, I'll scratch the surface.

Re: the Bush family, Judy Courter Ullman sent me a copy of the "Colonial Dutch Bush Family" article by David M. Riker in *de Halve Maen*, vol. 64, #3, fall 1991. Perhaps you are aware of that article, I was not.

Again, thanks [to all who took time] to reply to the query in the Newsletter. Keep up your excellent work with local and family history in your area. Many of us "out there" do very much appreciate your efforts!

— Jerry Hatch

ACCESSIONS

Recent acquisitions of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County, compiled by Marie Koestler

1. "The Celebration of the Fourth of July 1876 in the Methodist Church at Palisades," 1976, Historical Committee of Palisades Free Library. (Anonymous)
2. "Politics in the Gilded Age" by Isabelle K. Savell,

New City, NY 1984. Historical Society of Rockland County. (Anonymous)

3. "Directory Information Material for New York City Residents 1626-1786" by John H. Moriarity, New York, 1942. (Anonymous)

4. "Long Island Genealogy. Source Material" by Herbert F. Seersmith, Ph. D., F.A.S.G. and Kenn Stryker-Rodda, Litt. D., F.A.S.G., Washington, D.C., 1962. (Anonymous)

5. Photocopy of "Overseers of the Poor," original ledger is in the possession of the Mahwah Police Department, Bergen Co., NJ. Presented by Ethel K. Kolenut, Midland Park, NJ.

6. Photocopies of records from the Record — NYG&B from Greater Ridgewood Historical Society, Queens: (a) "Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in the City of New York — Baptisms July 1874" in the Record NYG&B. (b) From vol. XI, nos. 1-3: "The Palatine Immigrant"; "The Waldensian"; "The Huguenots and others" (c) "The Brethren". vol. XII, no. 1, (d) "Moravian Church History — An Overview" vol XIII, no. 1, (e) "Moravians in North America. A List of Published Materials Helpful for the Genealogist."

7. "Where to Write for Vital Records" June 1990 (Anonymous)

8. "Irish Passenger Lists 1847-1871" compiled under the direction of Brian Mitchell. Genealogical Publishing Company, 1988. Gift of George Miller, Queens, NY.

9. "Meyer's Directory of Genealogical Societies in the USA and Canada" 1990. Mary K. Meyer, Ed. 8th Ed.

10. "Bonded Passengers to America" by Peter Wison Coldham. Vols. I-IX 1663-1775. Genealogical Publishing Company, 1983. (Anonymous)

11. "Families of the Past...The Stone Family of Congers" by Charles E. Holbrook, Congers Civic Association Newsletter, June 1993. Copy presented by Harriet Hasbrouck, Nyack, NY.

12. Pedigree Chart from W. Jerome Hatch. (Hatch, Yeomans, Youmans, Hopper, Woods, Van Horn).

13. Pedigree Chart from Rob Felter — Felter family.

14. Pedigree Chart from Mrs. Barbara F. Randall — Sneden.

15. Pedigree Chart from Mrs. Dorothy Avery — Howell.

16. "Jersey Family Data" from James S. Jersey.

17. "History of Westchester County" by Scharf. Picton Press, Camden, ME, 1992. 2 vols. and index purchase

QUERIES

Queries will be published in the newsletter as space permits. It would be helpful if querists would submit their queries beginning with surnames concerned in the query listed alphabetically. Please keep queries clear, but concise, and include dates and locations whenever possible. Send queries to Pat Wardell, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 78 Edgewood Road, Allendale, NJ 07401.

When answering a query, please send a copy of the answer to the Genealogical Society of Rockland County for our files and for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Many thanks.

28. VAN ORDEN — Hendrick Van Orden, b. 1763, m. 1st Hilletje Vanderbilt; m. 2nd Elizabeth Akkerman of Haverstraw on 30 Mar 1797. Children are listed in Clarkstown DR Church records: Peter 22 Sep 1785; Dirck 9 Mar 1789; Johannes 20 Feb 1792; Jacob 4 April 1795; Hendrick 31 Mar 1799. Where was Dirck (Senior) born in 1763? When and where did he die? What became of the children? I am a direct descendant of Peter, b. 1785. Would like to know where he was born, and more about his father and brothers.

— Mrs. Jean Marks Brodrick, RR 2, Box 801, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

29. MARKS — Where could I find a record on Daniel Marks who drove a munitions cart in the Revolutionary War, probably in New Jersey (or possibly, PA or NY)? Will welcome correspondence from other Marks descendants and anyone with knowledge of where Rev. War records might be on file for this area.

— Mrs. Jean Marks Brodrick, RR 2, Box 801, Wolfeboro, NH 03894

30. CONKLIN, MABIE, POST, ECKERSON — Seeking children of Abraham Conklin and Wyntie Mabie who married 10 Nov 1808; also seeking parents and siblings of Peter Post, b. 19 Feb 1789, d. 11 Dec 1858, m. Annatje Eckerson.

— Joan Turnure, 7 West High Street, Valhalla, NY 10595

31. LADENTOWN CEMETERY — Ladentown Cemetery (Bower of Rest/Secor) has a number of unmarked graves. Does anyone know of a plot plan that might identify the occupants or owners?

— Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

32. GALLOWAY — Robert Fowler Galloway (b. 1823) moved from Harriman to Ramapo Twp., Rockland Co. in 1866 where he became a hotel keeper. Where was the hotel located? He was also a charter member and treasurer of Ramapo Lodge F & A M in 1869.

— Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

continued on page 4

Queries, continued from page 3

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

❖ To Query No. 27 (September 1993 issue), re MYNDERT as a Dutch given name, from Bob Protzmann, 4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956:

...[The name Myndert as a given name] was not uncommon in the Dutch families of the Albany region from the time of the early immigrants. It was also found as a patronymic (as Mynderts or Myndertse) at the time when family names were not yet fixed in America, and as such, became a family name. It was also used for some time as a patronymic middle name, after family names had become fixed.

• It is a name found early among the patrician Schuyler family of Albany and their descendants —

S# 18 MYNDERT Schuyler, b. 16 Jan 1872, bp. 16 Jan, 1872, d. 18 Oct 1755, m. 26 Dec 1693 NYDRC Rachel Cuyler, dau. of Hendrick Cuyler & Anna

S# 195 MYNDERT Schuyler, bp. 4 Oct 1738 NYD There was a MYNDERT Harmense Van Der Bogaerd who m. Helena Schermerhorn, dau. of Jacob Janse Schermerhorn and Jannetje Egmont (Van Voorhout). He was son of Harmen MYNDERTSE Van der Bogart and Gillisje Claese Schouw.

• MYNDERT Van Woert, bp. 25 May 1746, son of Jacob Van Woert and Hendrickje Oothout.

• MYNDERT Van Buren, b. ca. 1805, son of Lawrence Van Buren and Harriet Vosburgh.

• MYNDERT Rooseboom, son of Tryntje (Catherine) Janse and Hendrick Janse Rooseboom (d. Nov 1703), widr. of Gysbertie Lansing.

• MYNDERT Van Schaick, bp. 12 May 1751, son of Sybrant Van Schaick and Alida Roseboom.

• MYNDERT Schuyler Ten Eyck, b. 9 Feb 1753; m. 1 Elsie Sanders, dau. of John Sanders; m. 2 Margaret Vissher, dau. of Harman Vissher and Cathrina Brouwer, wid. of John C. Van Everen. He was son of Tobias Ten Eyck and Rachel de Peyster (she was dau. of Johannes de Peyster and Anna Schuyler).

• MYNDERT Schuyler Douw, b. 12 Dec 1746, d. 4 Aug 1747. He was son of Anna Bancker and Volckert P. Douw, g-son of Petrus Douw and Ann Van Rensselaer, gg-son of Capt. Volckert Janszen Douw.

• MYNDERT Veeder, son of Jannetje Van Eps and Vrooman Veeder. His brother, Pieter Veeder, bp. 26 Mar 1775; d. 1811-12; m. Maria MYNDERTSE, dau. of Barent MYNDERTSE.

• A Barent MYNDERTSE, b. 20 Jan 1800.

• Helena Van Eps, bp. 6 Sep 1778; m. MYNDERT Swart.

• MYNDERT Van Bergen, bp. 17 Jan 1767 Cossackie, son of Maria Salisbury and Anthony Van Bergen.

• MYNDERT Schuyler Ten Eyck, b. 3 Apr 1800 Florida; d. 3 July 1801; son f Johannes Sanders Ten Eyck and Eliza Wemple

• Catherine Ten Eyck, daul. of Barent Ten Eyck and Annatie Hoffman (b. 7 Apr 1791) m. Barent MYNDERTSE of Schenectady. She m. 2 Dr. McClelland.

• Nicholas Van Rensselaer, b. 4 Sep 1781, m. 16 Jan 1802 Anna/Nancy Ten Eyck (b. 20 Feb 1780), dau. of MYNDERT Ten Eyck and Elsie Sanders.

• MYNDERT Schuyler Douw, b. 12 Dec 1746; d. 4 Aug 1747. Son of Volckert P. Douw and Anna De Peyster, g-son of Johannes De (eyster and Anna Schuyler.

• Elizabeth Douw, bp. 24 Oct 1711; m. 19 Dec 1733 MYNDERT Veeder. She was dau. of Hendrick and Neeltje MYNDERTSE Van Yveren, wid. of Capt. Marten Gerritsen Van Bergen, dau. of MYNDERT Frederickse Van Yveren.

• MYNDERT Veeder, b. 5 Jul 1793. He was son of Neeltje Schuyler and Abraham Veeder, g-son of MYNDERT Veeder and Elisabeth Douw.

[As can be seen,] many of the MYNDERTS trace back directly or indirectly to the Schuyler family, through descent and intermarriage.

AT THE NEW CITY LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions (as of Oct 1993) at the Rockland Room of the New City Library, compiled by Bob Devino, Local History Librarian.

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 929.
5
Sil | <u>Tombstones of the Irish Born: Cemetery of the Holy Cross, Flatbush, Brooklyn</u> Joseph M. Silinote (Published by the Author, 1992) |
| 973.
2
Doy | <u>The English in America: The Middle Colonies</u> J.A. Doyle (Longmans, Green and Co., 1907) |
| 929.
1
Dra | <u>In Search of Family History: A Starting Place</u> Paul Drake (Heritage Books, Inc., 1992) |
| 929.
373
Col | <u>The Complete Book of Emigrants 1751-1776</u> Peter Wilson Coldham (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993) |
| 387
Glu | <u>Lighthouses and Legends of the Hudson</u> Ruth R. Glunt (Library Research Assoc., Inc., 1990) |
| B
Cole | <u>The Life and Works of Thomas Cole</u> Louis Legrand Noble (Harvard University Press, 1964) |
| 973.
04 | <u>Haiti on the Hudson: The Formation of the Haitian Communities of Rockland County</u> |

- Mar Morton Marks (Historical Society of
Rockland County, 1993)
623. Boating on the Hudson River (Hudson River
8 Valley Commission, 1967)
Hud
398. Teacup Tales: Folklore of the Hudson Valley
21 Pauline Hommell (Hope Farms Press &
Hom Bookshop, 1992)
- Jones Spooks of the Valley: Stories for Boys and
Girls Louis C. Jones (Hope Farms Press &
Bookshop, 1992)
974. Dutch Village Communities on the Hudson
73 River Irving Elting (John Hopkins
Elt University Press, 1886)
929. The Seaman Family in America Mary
2 Thomas Seaman (Tobias A. Wright, Inc.,
Sea 1928)
974. History of Orange County, New York Russell
731 Headley (Van Deusen and Elms, 1908)
Hea
974. History of Bergen and Passaic Counties, New
92 Jersey W. Woodford Clayton (Everts & Peck,
Cla 1882)
929. The Family of Muriel Olga Peterson
2 Compiled by Mary A. Kaucher
Kau
285. History of the First Presbyterian Church in
Fen Nyack, New York Vols. I and II Robert H.
Fenton
277. Unity Without Uniformity... The Rhinebeck
47 Church Community: 1718-1918 Thea
Law Lawrence (Library Research Assoc., Inc., 1992)
929. The Wuertemberg Emigration Index Vol.
373 Six Trudy Schenk and Ruth Froelke
Sch (Ancestry Incorporated, 1992)
929. The Conger Family of America Vol. II,
2 Compiled by Helen Maxine Crowell Leonard
Leo

GSRC JOTTINGS

❖ **Notes from the Editor** — Many thanks to Marie Koestler, Marjorie Smetltzer Stevenot, Bob Devino, Les Baisley, and Joan Brooks for contributing information for this issue of the newsletter.

We really appreciate those members who collect and share information with us! You can make your newsletter more useful by submitting material for

publication — your own research, tips or compilations, or items you find in other publications or sources. If you find something that may be of interest to our readers, please send it or a copy (with name and date of publication it appeared in so that we can give proper credit) to : Pat Wardell, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 78 Edgewood Road, Allendale, NJ 07401. You can also fax info to me, but since at present the telephone, modem and fax are all sharing one telephone line, you must telephone me first to tell me you're faxing something, so that I can turn the fax on. The phone number is 201-327-0605.

— Pat Wardell

Resumes of Past Programs at Meetings of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Rockland County Surrogate Court

Program presented by Judge Alfred Weiner and Virginia Athens at the June 22, 1993 meeting of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Notes by Joan Brooks, Recording Secretary, GSRC

Judge Alfred Weiner and Virginia Athens, law clerk, presented a program concerning the purpose of the Surrogate Court and the records contained therein.

Judge Weiner stated that basically there are two main functions of the Surrogate Court:

- (1) To probate a will.
- (2) To file administration papers (in the case of no will).

He defined "probate" as the transmission of property after death. In the probate of a will, sometimes there are disputes, where people are saying that the will was not properly drawn, or the person was not legally competent to make the will, and the Court has to resolve these disputes. There can even be a jury trial. He noted that every will does not have to be probated, especially if they are in joint tenancy (i.e., husband and wife).

New York State gives an order of priority to who should administrate. When fees and taxes are paid, the estate has to be closed out by the fiduciary, who makes an accounting. A fiduciary can be an executor, guardian, or administrator. Occasionally, someone objects to that accounting, in which case, the dispute would have to be resolved by the Court. In between, there are other proceedings, such as a discovery proceeding (trying to locate property), or a question of title.

Two other major aspects of the Surrogate Court are:

- (1) Guardianship of property, minors, or persons over age 18 who may be handicapped.
- (2) Adoptions.

The Court has obligations to preserve all of these records. Judge Weiner stated that he started almost ten years ago, at which time he noticed that the paper on the wills was coming apart. They discussed how to preserve the wills with the County Archivist and other experts. The wills have now been micro-filmed from 1798 through 1989. Unfortunately, the Court does not have a reader to read the film.

The other purpose of microfilming is to be able to put the master films away in a separate geographical location in case of fire, or other disaster. The wills are stored in acid-free boxes on acid-free shelves. Copies of the original wills are also bound in books in the Surrogate Court. They are all hand-copied.

Another source of records is the files with original petitions for probate, which date back to 1798. There are also inventory books, which include the value of an estate, in a separate place. The Surrogate Court recognizes the value of all of these documents.

Virginia Athens is Judge Weiner's chief law clerk and has been there for over ten years. The Court is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day, except holidays. After one looks in the will index books, requisition forms have to be filled out in order to have a file box looked up. The staff do ask that the requisitions be filled out all at once, instead of piecemeal, so that many trips do not have to be made to the file room. One may request five files at a time. There is a copy machine, but no change machine, and the staff cannot give change. Ms. Athens stated that there is a dollar bill changer in the lounge.

In the index books, there is a special column for inventories, and the inventory reference numbers should be put on the requisition so the staff can locate them. In the very early wills, rather than listing the value in dollars and cents, it is listed in pounds and pence (English monetary system). Unfortunately, some of the very oldest records are missing.

When a will is probated, many times, the executor does not know who the relatives are. The Court requires a family tree and an affidavit for someone to prove who he/she is. They have to account for every person who has an interest in the estate and where they reside, since they have to sign papers. If they do not know where to locate relatives, their names have to be published to try to find their whereabouts. It would be very helpful if every family had a family tree to help establish relativity.

Ms. Athens states that about 300 cases a year are probated in Rockland County Surrogate Court. Lately, people seem to be establishing more living trusts, which will tend to reduce the number of probates. ■

American Revolution Classifications

From New York in the Revolution by James A. Roberts, Comptroller, Albany, NY 1898. Submitted by Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot, Sloatsburg, NY

1. THE LINE. In the U.S. service under Gen. Washington. There were also regiments of artillery.

2. THE LEVIES. Drafts from different militia regiments and from the people direct. They could be called to serve outside the State during their enlistment term.

3. THE MILITIA. Could be called out of the State for only three months at a time. When called out, men often served in different organizations. Most regiments were designated by the colonels' names.

NAVAL SERVICE. Manned privateers in the service and pay of the State.

ASSOCIATED EXEMPTS. Authorized in 1778: persons under the age of 60 who had held civil or military commissions and not reappointed; also all persons between fifty and sixty. They could be called out only in time of invasion.

LAND BOUNTY RIGHTS. A "right" (400 acres) was offered to officers and men for regiments to be raised. By 1782 and "class" (35 men) or person who furnished a man to serve for three years or the duration was entitled to 600 acres — 350 for a 2-year reenlistment. If he reported within 20 days, 200 acres extra.

ENROLLMENT. Every man between 16 and 50 (later to 60) was required to enroll. When "warned" to serve, a man could pay a substitute. Quakers, Moravians and United Brethren were exempted from service on payment of a specified amount. ■

Dictionary of Rockland County Place Names

Compiled by Pat Wardell

This started as a personal project for my own information and it is certainly far from complete. I hope that even in its incomplete form it might be helpful to others, and at least a start for a more complete listing. I hope that members will add to (and correct, if necessary) the information given in this alphabetized series. References are cited. If you find place names in deeds, records, and other documents, I would like to know so that I can add time frames, geographic placements and further information to these usages. —Pat Wardell, 78 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401

(continued from September 1993 issue)

Ladentown

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y., in or near Pomona. Its name comes from that of Michael Laden

who started a store and tavern here about 1816. At one time the locality was infamous for the lawlessness and rioting that occurred here when it was the stopping (and drinking) place on the road to Haverstraw.

- "Ladentown"—Cole, History of Rockland County, p. 284.
- 1977, "Ladentown"—in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen & Rockland Counties.

Lakeside

Area in Doodletown, Rockland County, N.Y., on a bluff overlooking the south side of a Palisades Interstate Park reservoir. The June family cemetery called Clarksfield is on this site (called Lakeside by the Park).

- 1871, "Clarksfield"—described in Caleb June's will.

Masonicus

A section of the Mahwah, N.J.-Tallman, N.Y. area, near Airmont Avenue, on the Rockland County, N.Y.-Bergen County, N.J. border. Also called Airmont. It was named for an Indian named Masanakers, who held this territory. From about 1800 to 1820 Cornelius Wanamaker kept a store in this neighborhood. See other early spellings below.

- 1765, "Messanekes"—Last Will & Testament of Jan Zabriskie (Zaborowski), quoted in George Olin Zabriskie, The Zabriskie Genealogy, 1963, p. 22.
- 1829, "Masonakes"—Martha Ann Zabriskie Diary, 15 December 1833, "Masonahcas."
- 8 November 1883, "Masonicus"—*Hackensack Republican*
- 13 June 1884, "Masonicus"—*Bergen County Democrat*
- "Masonicus"—Green, Frank B., The History of Rockland County. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 407.
- 1962, "Masonicus"—Map, Tholl, Claire K., "Early Days of Upper Saddle River." 1962; revised 1968.
- 1977, "Masonicus"—1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen County, shown in Mahwah, near Airmont Avenue, near the Rockland County, N.Y. border.
- "Airmont"—Howard I. Durie, The Durie Family, 1985, p. 168, "...Airmont (formerly Masonicus) area of Suffern, Town of Ramapo in Rockland County, N.Y."
- "Masonicus"—Adrian C. Leiby and Frederick W. Bogert, "When Bergen Was Young" in *In Bergen's Attic*, a publication of the Bergen County Historical Society, Vol. I, No. 1, Early 1965.

Mauritius

"River Mauritius" was a very early name (c. 1630) for the Hudson River.

Mechanicsville

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y. Later called

Viola.

- "Mechanicsville"—Green, Frank B., The History of Rockland County. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 404.

Middletown

Early name for an area in Rockland County, N.Y., just north of Bergen County, now known as Pearl River. It acquired its name from the fact that the tavern that was established here as early as 1720 was the midway point between the two settlements at Tappan and on the Kakiat Patent.

- 17 October 1839, "Middletown"—Martha Ann Zabriskie Diary
- "Middletown"—Green, Frank B., The History of Rockland County. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 334.
- "Middletown"—Howard I. Durie, The Kakiat Patent in Bergen County, 1970, p. 142, "...now Pearl River."

Monsey

A community in Rockland County, N.Y., near Spring Valley. In 1841 the Erie Railroad drained the Bear's Nest Swamp at this locality. It is said to have been named for an Indian chief by the name of Munsie, or Monsey.

- 14 August 1847, "Mansey"—Martha Ann Zabriskie Diary [does this refer to Monsey, N.Y.?], 21 February 1848, "Monsey."
- "Monsey"—Cole, History of Rockland County, p. 279.
- 1977, "Monsey"—in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen & Rockland Counties.

Mount Ivy

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y., in or near Pomona. Earlier called Gurnee's Corners.

- "Gurnee's Corners"—Green, Frank B., The History of Rockland County. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 386.
- 1977, "Mt. Ivy"—in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen & Rockland Counties.

Mount Moor

A locality near Nanuet, in Rockland County, N.Y. Also called Clarksville and Nyack Turnpike.

- "Mount Moor"—Cole, History of Rockland County, p. 121.

Nanuet

A community in Rockland County, N.Y. near Spring Valley. A station on the Northern Railroad soon after 1839, by the name of Clarkstown; its name was changed in 1856 to Nanuet, a name suggested by James De Clark, after an old Indian chief.

- 1977, "Nanuet"—in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen & Rockland Counties.

(To be continued next issue)

1855 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS, ROCKLAND COUNTY

Transcribed by Pat Wardell

Please see December 1990 issue (p. 6) for general information about this census and about this transcription.

TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT (Continued from September 1993 issue)

Dwel.	Fam.	Name of every person...1 June 1855	Age	Sex	Col	Relation to head of family	Where born	M/W	Yrs Res	Profession, Trade, Occupation	land owner
279	310	John Caffry	40	M			Ireland	M	16	None	Owner
		Margaret Caffry	30	F		Wife	Ireland	M	10?		
		Mary Caffry	9	F		Daughter	Rockland		9		
		James Caffry	8	M		Son	Rockland		8		
		Peter Caffry	7	M		Son	Rockland		7		
		Thomas Caffry	5	M		Son	Rockland		5		
		John Caffry	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
		Edward Caffry	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
280	311	George Phillips	51	M			Rockland	M	51	Mason	Owner
		Semantha Phillips	43	F		Wife	Orange	M	21		
		Robert Phillips	18	M		Son	Rockland		18	None	
		Harrison Phillips	16	M		Son	Rockland		16		
		Hannah Harriet Phillips	13	F		Daughter	Rockland		13		
		Charlotte Phillips	12	F		Daughter	Rockland		12		
		George Martin	1	M		Grandson	Rockland		1		
281	312	Elinor Lent	44	F			Rockland	W	44		
		Jeremiah Lent	9	M		Son	Rockland		9		
		Wm. Lent	7	M		Son	Rockland		7		
		Malinda Lent	4	F		Daughter	Rockland		4		
		Bridget Hogan	26	F		Boarding	Ireland	M	1/12		
		John Hogan	2	M		Boarding	New York		1/12		
282	313	Wm. James	23	M			Rockland	M	23	None	Owner
		[Alleina? Allvira?] James	18	F		Wife	Rockland	M	18		
		Wm. Calvert James	1/12	M		Son	Rockland		1/12		
283	314	James Conoway	41	M			Orange	M	34	Brick Manufacturer	Owner
		Hannah Conoway	40	F		Wife	Rockland	M	40		
		Ambrose Conoway	16	M		Son	Rockland		16	None	
		Electa Conoway	14	F		Daughter	Rockland		14		
		Margaret A. Conoway	13	F		Daughter	Rockland		13		
		George W. Conoway	12	F[Sic]		Son	Rockland		12		
		Adelaide Conoway	11	F		Daughter	Rockland		11		
(40)											
		Isabella Conoway	9	F		Daughter	Rockland		9		
		Uriah Conoway	8	M		Son	Rockland		8		
		Allison Conoway	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
		Leevander Conoway	2	M		Son	Rockland		2		
		Ann Conoway	2/12	F		Daughter	Rockland		2/12		
284	315	Hannah J. Brown	26	F			Orange	M	4		
		Caroline Brown	11	F		Daughter	Orange		4		
		Matilda Brown	9	F		Daughter	Orange		4		
		Charles Brown	6	M		Son	Orange		4		
		Joseph Brown	5/12	M		Son	Rockland		5/12		
285	316	Wm. H. Hoyt	30	M			Rockland	M	30	Farmer	
		Hannah E. Hoyt	28	F		Wife	Rockland	M	28		
		[Maria?] Hoyt	1	F		Daughter	Rockland		1		
	317	Baxter June	66	M			Rockland	W	66	None	
		Leah Ellison	72	F		Sister-in-Law	Rockland		72		
		Peter June	24	M		Son	Rockland		24	None	
286	318	Thomas Ellison	45	M			Rockland	M	45	Waterman	

Dwel.	Fam.	Name of every person... 1 June 1855	Age	Sex	Col	Relation to head of family	Where born	M/W	Yrs Res	Profession, Trade, Occupation	land owner
		Mary Ellison	34	F		Wife	Rockland	M	34		
287	319	Jacob Rose	30	M			Rockland	M	30	None	
		Hannah Jane Rose	29	F		Wife	Orange	M	4		
		Ann E. Rose	8	F		Daughter	Orange		4		
		Caroline Rose	6	F		Daughter	Orange		4		
		[Bruster?] Rose	4	M		Son	Rockland		4		
		George A. Rose	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
288	320	Henry Bulson	62	M			Rockland	M	12	None	
		Hannah Bulson	62	F		Wife	Rockland	M	62		
		Phebe Bulson	16	F		Daughter	Rockland		16		
	321	Wm. Henry Bulson	30	M			Rockland	M	30	None	
		Hannah Ann Bulson	23	F		Wife	Rockland	M	23		
		Malinda Bulson	3	F		Daughter	Rockland		3		
		Harriet Bulson	9/12	F		Daughter	Rockland		9/12		
289	322	James Bulson	21	M			Rockland		21	Farmer	
		Daniel Bulson	19	M		Brother	Rockland		19	None	
		Willmina [surname overwritten]	17	F		Sister	Rockland	M	17		
290	323	Abram Bulson	56	M			Rockland	M	56	None	
		Elizabeth Bulson	55	F		Wife	Rockland	M	55		
		Hiram Bulson	30	M		Son	Rockland	M	30	None	
		Sylvester Bulson	18	M		Son	Rockland		18	None	
		Amelia Bulson	14	F		Daughter	Rockland		14		
		Adelia Bulson	14	F		Twin Daughter	Rockland		14		
291	324	Jonas Bulson	33	M			Rockland	M	33	None	
		Mary Bulson	24	F		Wife	Rockland	M	24		
		Wm. F. Bulson	8	M		Son	Rockland		8		
(41)											
		Anthony Bulson	65	M			Rockland	M	65	None	Owner
292	325	Phebe Bulson	59	F		Wife	Rockland	M	59		
293	326	Henry Hoyt	61	M			Westchester	M	32	None	Owner
		Abigail Hoyt	57	F		Wife	Connecticut	M	32		
		Dennis M. Hoyt	19	M		Son	Rockland		19	None	
		James [B.-?] Hoyt	17	M		Son	Rockland		17		
		Hiram H. Hoyt	14	M		Son	Rockland		14		
		Catharine M. Hoyt	12	F		Daughter	Rockland		12		
		Ann Elizabeth Hoyt	27	F		Daughter in law	Rockland		27		
294	327	Wm. Armstrong	33	M			Ireland	M	10	None	
		Margaret Armstrong	34	F		Wife	Ireland	M	10		
		Annabella [Henderson?]	18	F		Niece	Ireland		3		
295	328	Paul H. Keesler	49	M			Rockland	M	49	None	
		Gemima S. Keesler	44	F		Wife	Westchester	M	1		
		Adelia Keesler	70	F		Mother	Rockland	M	70		
		Harmonus Keesler	75	M		Father	Rockland	M	75	None	
296	329	Cornelius Keesler	40	M			Rockland	W	40	None	
		Abram Keesler	14	M		Son	Rockland		14		
		Adelia Ann Keesler	12	F		Daughter	Rockland		12		
		Catherine Keesler	8	F		Daughter	Rockland		8		
		Wm. H. Keesler	20	M		Son	Rockland		20	None	
		Caroline Keesler	5	F		Daughter	Rockland		5		

to be continued next issue

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND COUNTY
c/o The Historical Society of Rockland Co.
20 Zukor Road
New City, N.Y. 10956

☐ I wish to become a member and support the activities of the
Genealogical Society of Rockland County.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

☐ INDIVIDUAL (\$10.00)

(Membership year runs from
September 1 to August 31.)

☐ FAMILY (\$15.00)

MY SPECIAL INTEREST(S) OR CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT(S) IN GENEALOGY ARE:

THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND CO.
c/o The Historical Society of Rockland Co.
20 Zukor Road
New City, N.Y. 10956

