



# Genealogical Society of Rockland County Newsletter

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## PROPOSED SLATE

The Nominating Committee — Les Baisley, Barry Brooks, and Marie Koestler, Chairman — has forwarded the following proposed slate of officers for the 1994-1995 society year:

President — Roy Scheulin  
Vice-president — George Fee  
Treasurer — Peter Krell  
Recording Secretary — Joan Brooks

Program Chairman — Sally Dewey  
Membership Chairman — Bob Protzmann

Election of officers will take place at the May meeting. New officers will take charge at the June meeting.

## NOTICES

✓ **NYC Dutch Reformed Church Records** — An article on "Dutch Reformed Records of New York City in the NYG&BS Library" by Harry Macy, Jr. appears in the Spring 1994 issue of *The NYG&B Newsletter*. The article gives a brief history of Dutch Reformed churches in the city. It also lists the types of records available in the library of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society and the dates they span for individual churches. Other articles in the informative newsletter issue are "Kings County Records from the St. Francis College Collection Now at the Municipal Archives of the City of New York" by B-Ann Moorhouse, and "New York State Census Microfilms in the NYG&B Library" by Michael Marrone. The NYG&B Library, at 122 East 58th Street, NYC (212-755-8532) is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30-5:00 except for legal holidays. It is closed on Mondays and will be closed from August 16 through September 3 in 1994. NYG&B members have full access to the library collection. Non-members may examine published works in the Library's book collection (but not manuscripts or microforms) for a suggested donation of \$5 per visit.

✓ **1891 English Census Records** — According to an item in the March 1994 *Castle Genie*, the newsletter of the Genealogy Club of the Passaic County (NJ) Historical Society, The Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints recently acquired the 1891 census

of England, Wales, Channel Islands and Isle of Man. The set of 15,000 fiche has been distributed to English-speaking family history centers. To help researchers find the correct microfiche number(s) for a specific parish or town, the British census register has been updated to include the 1891 census.

✓ **Coffey Cousins** — Coffey Cousins is a family association based in the midwest. A majority of its members live in the southeast or midwest. The association holds an annual convention and publishes a quarterly newsletter, "Coffey Cousins Cupboard." For further information write Bonnie Culley, Coffey Cousins Cupboard, 1416 Green Berry Road, Jefferson City, MO 65101.

Best known in this area is John Coffey, who began a family cemetery on his farm in Central

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## 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.

May 24.....Regular Meeting  
June 28.....Regular Meeting  
Sep 27.....Regular Meeting  
Oct 25.....Regular Meeting  
Nov 22.....Regular Meeting

## OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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|--------------------------------|--|
| President.....                 | Michael Secora                           |
| Vice President.....            | Richard Peterson                         |
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| Newsletter Editor .....        | Pat Wardell                              |
| Society Telephone Contact..... | Pat Kerner,<br>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.

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Valley, Orange Co. (now in Woodbury Common), died in 1818. Prior to settling in Orange Co., he lived in Lee, MA with his wife and children, was an assessor and surveyor there in 1781. In 1805 he was supervisor of Monroe Township. His son, John Jr., founded the Southfields ME Church in 1848. The Coffey Celtic sept has been traced back to 12th century Ireland, descended from Ith, a royal family of Spain and the royal family of Gaul. The original sept was "Cobhthaigh" meaning "victorious," later modified to O'Cowhig, then Coffey.

The Rockland County phone book lists 25 Coffey subscribers; the Bergen County (NJ) phone book 16! — contributed by Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot

✓ **Nicknames** — Do you find different English given names for the same individual? Sometimes a baptismal name was used, sometimes a nickname. Christine Rose, C.G., of the Rose Family Association (CA) has published a book of frequent nicknames that might help you in your searches. For example, Patsy was popular for Martha, Nabby for Abigail. Willie could be any name beginning with Wil. Peter was sometimes used for Patrick. Dolph might be Adolphus or Randolph. Ramapo Mountain families (not in the Rose book) had some favorites — Rette for Loretta, Muz for

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## AT THE NEW CITY LIBRARY

*Recent acquisitions (as of April 24, 1994) at the Rockland Room of the New City Library, compiled by Bob Devino, Local History Librarian.*

- 016. Guide to Records in the New York State  
974 Archives, State Archives and Records  
New Administration, (University of the State of  
New York, 1993)
- 929. Holdsworth and Ohlinger. Tree of Life,  
2 researched by Sarah and Joseph Ohlinger,  
Ohl compiled by Joseph Ohlinger (Pine Tree  
Print Shop, 1993)
- 929. Haverstraw, NY. Tax Assessment roll, 1845  
3747 (Town of Haverstraw, 1945)  
Hav
- 929. A New Jersey Biographical Index, David  
3749 Sinclair (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993)  
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- 929. Genealogist's Handbook for New England  
1 Research (3rd Edition) Marcia Wiswall  
Lin Lindberg (New England Historical  
Genealogical Society, 1993)
- 386. Sailors. Waterways and Tugboats I Have  
48 Known: The New York State Barge Canal  
God System. Capt. Fred G. Godfrey (Library  
Research Associates, Inc., 1993)
- 929. Handy Guide to English Genealogical  
342 Records, Phyllis P. Pierce and Floren S.  
Pie Pierce (The Everton Publishers, Inc., 1978)
- 813. The Arnold/André Transcripts: A  
54 Reconstruction. Daniel Marder (Library  
Mar Research Associates, Inc., 1993)
- 929. The Whig Press: Marriage Notices 1851-1865  
3747 (compiled by Virginia H. Gardner (Orange  
Gar County Genealogical Society, 1986)
- 929. Old Gravestones of Ulster County, New York.  
574 Collected and edited by J. Walso Pouchir and  
734 Byron Terwillger (Ulster County Historical  
Old Society, 1931)
- 942 The Lives and Times of our English  
Sm Ancestors. Frank Smith (The Everton  
Vol. I Publishers, Inc., 1969)
- 942 The Lives and Times of our English  
Sm Ancestors. Frank Smith (The Everton  
Vol. II Publishers, Inc., 1980)
- 929 Handbook for Genealogical Correspondence.  
1 Rev. Ed. prepared by the Cache Genealogical



- Cac Library, Logan, Utah (The Everton Publishers, Inc., 1994)
333. Proceedings to Determine Boundaries of the  
16 Wawayanda and Cheesecocks Patents. From  
Pro Official Records in Orange County Clerk's  
Office, Goshen, NY (Independent Republican  
Printing Co., 1915)
929. The Book of Snedekers. Walter C. Snedeker,  
2 Sne 1992.
973. History of Sullivan County. James Eldridge  
735 Quinlan (G. M. Berbe and W. T. Morgan,  
Qui 1873
929. The Whig Press: Death Notices, 1850-1865.  
3747 Compiled and edited by George and Virginia  
Gar Gardner, c. 1978.
929. Voices in Your Blood: Discovering Identity  
1 Through Family History. C. G. Vandaglif  
Van (Andrews and McMeel, 1993
929. The Blondhead Family: The Story of Captain  
2 Daniel Blondhead, His Wife Anne Tye and  
Bro Their Descendants Edited by Anne Goodwill  
and Jean M. Smith (Blondhead Family  
Association, 1986)
912. Genealogical Atlas of the United States of  
73 America. Compiled by George B. Everton, Jr.  
Gen (The Everton Publishers, Inc., 1966)
016. An Index to Some of the Bibles and Family  
9291 Records of the United States. Vol. II E. Kay  
Kir Kirkham (The Everton Publishers, Inc.,  
1984)
929. The Vital Record Compendium. Compiled by  
373 John "D" and E. Diane Stemens (The  
Ste Everton Publishers, Inc., 1979)
929. Professional Techniques and Tactics in  
1 American Genealogical Research. E Kay  
Kir Kirkham (The Everton Publishers, Inc., 1973)
929. Immigrants to America Appearing in English  
341 Records. Frank Smith (The Everton  
Smi Publishers, Inc., 1976 ■

## LETTERS

We thank our correspondents for their kind words about the newsletter. Mrs. Myrtle Smith Edwards wrote: "I want you to know I think you have one of the best newsletters that we get. Thank you for all your efforts." Eleanor F. Winnett wrote: "I am a member of several other societies in New York State but your newsletter is by far the very best."

Thank you! It's nice to know our work is appreciated!

## 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 provide identifying data — including names, 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 this editor for our files and for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Many thanks.*

33. **TRENCHARD** — Searching for information on the Trenchard family in Rockland County or surrounding areas: John, James, Francis, Samuel. — M. Koestler, 56 New Holland Village, Nanuet, NY 10954-2439

34. Is anyone familiar with the expression: "I'll bring you something from 'Ahemus!'" Often told to children when a parent or grandparent was going to town or away in general.

— M. Koestler, 56 New Holland Village, Nanuet, NY 10954-2439

35. **ALLEN, BALL, MORRIS** — Adna Allen, born 11 Feb 1796 in Suffield (Enfield), CT; died 4 August 1849 in Sloatsburg. Is he same Adna Allen living in Essex County, NY in 1820, 1830 censuses? He settled in Sloatsburg in 1837. Desire any information on Adna and family, especially daughter Sarah Hathaway Allen, married first to a man named Ball and later to Charles Morris, Ringwood, NJ. Sarah and Charles parents of my maternal grandfather Adna Allen Morris.

— Elizabeth Olmstead Carroll, 1254 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

36. **SMITH, McINTIRE** — Have family records, but seek confirmation of the birth of Jeannie Huldah Smith, 24 Mar 1868 Nanuet, NY. Mother Mary Crosby McIntire Smith. Father Andrew George Smith. Grandmother Huldah Huyler Smith.

— Mrs. George R. Leslie, 229 Chestnut Street, Englewood, NJ 07631

37. **McINTIRE** — Have family records, but seek confirmation of the death of Huldah Huyler McIntire, b. 1 Jan 1817 NJ (probably Bull's Ferry, NJ), d. 3 April 1868 Nanuet, NY. Undertaker James Seton Huyler, also owner of house.

— Mrs. George R. Leslie, 229 Chestnut Street, Englewood, NJ 07631

38. **McCALL, DOWLING, CONKLIN, STORMS** — John McCall, b. 1837 married (poss) Sarah Dowling, Almeda Conklin, and Mary Elizabeth Storms. Need dates of those marriages.

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John McCall spent the last years of his life in Passaic Co., NJ. He was married to Elizabeth Storms at the time. He was buried in Sloatsburg, NY. Why was he buried in NY instead of NJ? Who put the head stone there? John's death certificate lists his parents as John McCall and Susan McCall.

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

39. **HOWELL, LATTIMORE** — Levi Howell, b. 1832, married 1866 Elizabeth Lattimore (b. 1847). Their children were Melvin, b. 1867; Ervin Cass, b. 1869; Susan, b. 1874; Lottie, b. 1877, and Ann, b. 1879. Who were Levi's parents? Was Levi from Orange County, where he reported (in Civil War pension records) that he was from?

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

40. **BENSLEY, SIMPSON, LATTIMORE** — Adam Bensley (b. c. 1800) married Anna (S)impson. Daughter Hannah Bensley (b. 1822) married Joseph Lattimore (b. 1844, d. 1886). Who were Adam's and Anna's parents?

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

41. **LATTIMORE, CRAIG** — Robert Lattimore (b. c. 1750) married Margaret Craig (b. c. 1755). Their children were John, George (b. 1778), William, Hugh (b. 7 June 1793), Elizabeth (b. 15 May 1772), Millie, and Nancy. Who were Robert's and Margaret's parents?

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

42. **ENNIS, VIERVANT, KORTREGHT** — William Ennis (b. c. 1673) married Cornelia Viervant. Their child Jannetje Ennis (b. 1706) married Hendrick Cornelis Kortreght. They had 7 other children. Who were William's and Cornelia's parents?

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

43. **DAMEN, MARTENSE, VAN AKEN** — Jan Cornelissen Damen (b. 1638) married 21 May 1662 Sophia Martense (b. c. 1643). Their children were: Elizabeth (b. abt. 1658), Martha (b. abt. 1661), Cornelia (b. abt. 1666), Aeltie (b. abt. 1668), Russia (b. abt. 1670, m. Peter Van Aken), and Sophia (b. 19 Aug 1674). Need parents of Jan Cornelissen Damen and Sophia Martense.

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

44. **SLY, COURTRIGHT, LATTIMORE, GILL, DICKISON** — Elizabeth Sly (b. c. 1770) married Joseph Courtright (bapt. 4 July 1765). Their children were Mary (b. 5 Dec 1798/1800, m. Hugh Lattimore), Hannah (m. J. H. Gill), Jerusha (m.

Cornelius Dickison). Need parents of Elizabeth Sly.  
— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

45. **VAN WIE/VAN WHY, BENSLEY** — Catherine Van Wie/Why (b. c. 1780) married Israel Bensley (b. x. 1780). Their child was Adam Bensley. Need parents of Catherine Van Wie/Why.

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

46. **VOLKERSON, VIGNE, ROSENKRANZ, CUVEILLE** — Dirck Volkerson abt. 1575/1609 married 1630 Christine Vigne (b. 1610). Their children were Magdalena (m. Harmon Hendrick Rosenkranz), Jacob, Jannetje, Sarah, Grietje, and Arientje. Need parents of Dirck Volkerson. Christine Vigne's parents were Julian/Gulian Vienne/Vigne and Adrianna Cuveille. Need their parents.

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

47. **RELJE/RELYEA, LE ROY, VAN AKEN, OSTROM** — Dennis Relje/Relyea (b. c. 1675) married Jannetje Le Roy (b. 28 Mar 1679). Their children were Hester (b. 1708, m. 1735 Cornelis Van Aken), Marie (b. c. 1703, m. Roelof Ostrom). Need Dennis' parents.

— Mildred Taylor, 5928 Firestone Rd., #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES

❖ From Annette L. Burke, 43 Summit Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660:

I noticed the name Mabie in the section (Answers to Queries.) I wonder how many people know that if their name is Mabie, Mabile, etc., they are Van Ordens. The Van Orden (Van Norden) family was founded in Holland by Seigneur Pierre Mabile of France in Naarden, Holland in 1572. Of the six children who eventually came to this country in 1623, only one decided to keep the name Van Naarden — the rest retained Mabile when it was ordered that the Dutch must start to use last names.

I would like to know if there are any others doing Van Norden research. I would be willing to share any information I have for information I need. I work a lot through the [computer] genealogy bulletin board on Prodigy and have connected with Van Nordens in Oregon, California and Texas, to name a few sources. For anyone interested in the Prodigy service, my number is GBRM81A.

❖ To Query No. 46 (this issue) From Robert Protzmann, 4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956 (excerpts from 5 page reply):

I do not believe that anyone knows the parents of Gulian Vigne. The origin of the name Vigne comes from the business of making wine, including the growing of grapes. Its meaning in Old French is



simply, "vine," a vinedresser would be "vigneur."

Jean De la Vigne was the Walloon Domine from 1585-1622 in Amsterdam.

Guleyn (Guylen, Gulyn, Guillaume, Gulian, Willem) Vinge (or Vigne/Vienje/Vinje/De la Vigne/de Vigne) d. < Apr 30, 1632; m. Adrianna (Ariantje, Ariaentje, Adrienne) Cuvilje/Cuilyie/Cuvel/Cevelyn/Couverille/Cuville(r)/Cuvelier/Cuvellier (d. 1655). They were originally from Valenciennes, in French Flanders (Belgium), but today, part of France, near the Belgian border. They were Protestants, known as Walloons. The names De la Vigne and Cuvelier appear on the lists of the victims of the Spanish Inquisition in Valenciennes, and this accounts for the family's flight to the Netherlands. They were in Amsterdam in 1613. They could have been in Manhattan as early as 1614, with trappers and fur traders, and this is favored by David Vernoot Bennet in *The Record*, Vol. 90, #1, 1959, p. 2. However it is more likely that they arrived with the first group of colonists, in 1623, on the "New Netherland," under the auspices of the Dutch West India Co. Unfortunately, the records of that voyage have long since vanished.

He had a farm and cabin, on the East River strand, where Wall St. intersects Pearl. This peice of land went to his son, Jan.

They had a small farm above the wall, east of Broadway, bounded on the south by the King's farm, and on the north by the present Canal St. and on the east by the Vresche (Fresh) Water, later called the Collect Pond, and on the west about the present line f Church St., by the farm of Jan Jansen Damen. This was the well-known Chalkie (or Calk/Kolk) Hook farm, near the site of the Tombs Prison, today.

She was reputed to have played football with an Indian's head, which was brought to New Amsterdam during the Indian War in 1643.

She m. 2 ca. Apr 1632, Jan Jansen Damen/Dam (b. ca. 1607, d. June 18, 1651), son of Jan Cornelisse (Damen) and Fytie/Sophia Martens, of Bunick, on the Rhine, Prov of Utrecht. Damen may be derived from Demen, a hamlet in North Brabant, or may mean son of Adam. He lived first in Brooklyn, before moving to Manhattan, where he was elected one of the Eight Men. He became wealthy. Owned Privateer, "La Garce." He had three brothers, Cornelis Jansen Cuyper, Cornelis Jansen Damen (same?), Willem Jansen Damen, and 3 sisters, Neiltje and Hendrickje. ■

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Edward.

*Nicknames: Past and Present*, by Christine Rose is available from the Rose Family Association, 1474 Montelegre Dr., San Jose, CA 95120-4831. The cost is \$4.50 plus \$1 postage.

— contributed by Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot

## ✓ Locating Ship Information —

Joan Springwaldt explained in the March 1994 issue of *The Castle Genie* how she went about getting information about a particular ship. She obtained a copy of her great-grandfather's ship manifest and wanted to get a picture of the vessel. She wrote to the Mystic Seaport Museum. Her letter of inquiry included the date on the manifest, the port and shipping line, and variations of the ship's spelling.

In return, she received a letter not only identfyng the ship, but a page filled with every kind of information about the ship. No fee was requested, but she sent a donation in appreciation. Her query was addressed to: G. W. Blunt White Library, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, CT 06355-0990.

## ✓ Ontario, Canada Seminar —

The Ontario Genealogical Society is planning *Seminar '94 — Rail Links and Other Ties*, to be held in North Bay, Ontario June 10-12, 1994. The conference will be held at Nipissing University/Canadore College on the shore of Lake Nipissing, about 330 kilometers north of Toronto. Speakers will include Dr. Robert Surtees on "Ontario Northland History," Barry Penhale on "Oral Histories as Research Tools," Glenn Wright on "North West Mounted Police Records," Althea Douglas on "Canadian Railway Records," and Brian Gilchrist on "Family Links to the Homeland." For information write Ontario Genealogical Society, 40 Orchard View Blvd., Suite 251, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4R 1B9. ■

## GSRC ACCESSIONS

• "Verveelen. Living in Rockland County, NY and in Bergen County, NJ" compiled by Robert L. Protzmann, April 1994. 95 pp + index. Donation.

## OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES

### Genealogical Society of Bergen County

The Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ (P.O. Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432) meets every fourth Monday of the month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Midland Park, NJ Library (downstairs). The Society publishes a newsletter, *The Archivist*, which is sent to members four times a year.

Upcoming Society Meetings are:

□ May 23, 1994 — Regular Meeting. The speaker will be George Cooke, who will discuss "Guided Auto-biographies, an Exciting New Path to Genealogy."

□ June 27, 1994 — Regular Meeting. GSBC member Barbara Flurchick will discuss "Preserving Your Old Documents and Pictures."

□ July 25, 1994 — No business meeting, but an informal workshop meeting. Come, share info with members, and use the Society's library for your research.

□ August 22, 1994 — Informal Workshop Meeting. ■



## GSRC JOTTINGS

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

At the suggestion of Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot, in a future newsletter we'd like to publish a list of family associations with local ties (Blauvelt, Ackerman, Demarest, etc.) along with their current contact people (names, addresses and telephone numbers). Members: please help us collect this information by sending it to the editor. Many thanks.

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.

The deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the newsletter is the 25th of the month preceding issue date. Issue dates are September, December, February and May.

♦ **Surname Index Update** — Members may submit additional names for the Surname Index at any time. They will be published in the GSRC Newsletter when received, and will be printed in the next publication of the Surname Index.

*The following members have submitted additional names for the Surname Index. (Codes in parentheses are Surname Index identifiers)*

♦ Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Winter, P.O. Box 989, Roswell, GA 30077-0989

(W-8) New names — Coe, Smith, Wanamaker

♦ Mr. and Mrs. David Morales, 311A College Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603-3317

(M-28) New names — Burr, de Bures, Fiske, Johnson, Mead, Millsbaugh, Von Melsbach

*The following members have moved since the printing of the Surname Index:*

♦ Mrs. Grace D. Carmichael, 517 W. 3rd Street, Gilman, IL 60938-1112 (C-4)

♦ Mr. John Kay, 979 Antilles Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 (K-14)

♦ Mrs. Ellen McGuire, 8 Spring Drive, Tmkins Cove, NY 10986 (M-25)

♦ Mrs. Carol W. Miles, 3316 S. Park Avenue, Joplin, MO 64804 (M-29)

♦ Mrs. Martha B. Neese, 82 Lackey Lane, Asheville, NC 28804 (N-5)

♦ Mrs. Catherine G. Strake, P.O. Box 350016,

## NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome the following new members (since Sep. 1993) to the Genealogical Society of Rockland County:*

♦ Ted Bogert, 5301-7 White Cliff Lane, Orlando, FL 32812

♦ Ms. Annette LeBeau Burke, 43 Summit Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660

♦ Mr. Leslie B. Conklin, 27221 N. 71st Place, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

♦ Mrs. Sarah B. Congdon, 39 Northwoods Road, Radnor, PA 19087

♦ Ms. Charlotte E. Falkowski, 1348 Pleasant Grove Rd., SW, McDonald, TN 37353

♦ Mrs. Carol Drake Friedman, 14902 Kamputa Drive, Centreville, VA 22020

♦ Mrs. Dorothy Judson Krizek, 91 Cortwood Village, Orangeburg, NY 10962

♦ Mr. Robert Law, 39 Powderhorn Drive, Ridgefield, CT 06877-4214

♦ Ms. Carol Miles, 3316 South Park Avenue, Joplin, MO 64804

♦ Mr. and Mrs. William (and Joan) Rose, and Beth Anne, Highview Avenue, P.O. Box 92, Tallman, NY 10982 (Research Interests: Rose, Schultz)

♦ Mr. Donald Asbury Sanborn, 94-654 Hikianalia Place, Mililani, HI 96789-2102

♦ Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Sheridan, 183 N. Franklin Street, Nyack, NY 10960

♦ Mrs. Mildred H. Taylor, 5928 Firestone Road, #245, Jacksonville, FL 32244

♦ Ms. Joan Weiner, 6 Salem Court, Suffern, NY 10901

*Change of address:*

♦ Mr. Michael Secora, 25 Dunwoodie Road, Glenmount, NY 12077

♦ Mr. John Kay, 979 Antilles Court, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 ■

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

## How to Prepare, Organize, and File a Genealogy

*Program presented by Douglas Renud at the November 23, 1993 meeting of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County*

Notes by Joan Brooks, Recording Secretary, GSRC

Mr. Renud is currently working on a genealogy. He has lived in Suffern for 26 years and is an



electrical engineer. Both of his parents came to this country from Sweden in 1909. He speaks Swedish fluently, making it easy for him to get information from relatives in Sweden. In May, a friend of Helen Hayes asked if she could hire him to do some research; this lady was 94 years old. Her family name was Lofgren, and she really knew very little about her family. He took the following steps:

1. He created a pedigree chart with the information she gave him. This chart is used as a work sheet.
2. She had told him that she and her brothers and sisters had all attended the same college, so he wrote to the college asking for information. He put a copy of this letter, with the reply, back to back in a plastic sleeve. It was noted that when writing to colleges or universities, the letter should be addressed to the Alumni Office.

He has written to many historical societies, etc., with great results, and also keeps this information in plastic sleeves.

3. Since there were five children in the family, he used a looseleaf binder with dividers for each child. In this binder, he also keeps a list of pertinent addresses, phone/fax numbers, etc., so they are always at hand.
4. It is a good idea to keep in the binder a log of whom you call or write to, phone calls from someone else to you, how much you spent for mailings, etc.
5. Since Ms. Lofgren had two children, Mr. Renus created a sheet (8-1/2 x 11) which contained four generations (pedigree).
6. When he discovered where her parents and grandparents died, he wrote to the Hall of Records in Stockholm to obtain death certificates. He kept them all together in one plastic sleeve.
7. Ms. Lofgren's husband was born in Germany. Mr. Renud read through a diary she had given him and discovered he was born in Bremerhaven. Mr. Renud and his wife traveled to Germany, visited Bremerhaven, and obtained quite a bit of information. During the early 1940s, it was necessary that all Germans had to prove they were Aryans. They had to complete a special form showing their descent; these forms show a great deal of information. All documents were in German, which he had to translate.
8. He then created a 6-generation pedigree chart (8-1/2 x 17). When the family is so large that it won't fit on this size sheet, you can only put the names on, not other information.
9. He then created a gigantic chart on blueprint paper (36 x 24). He sent copies of the charts to relatives to make sure the information is correct.
10. Last, but not least, keep a small notebook for daily work — no loose scrap paper. ■

## 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 place names and further information to these usages. —Pat Wardell, 78 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401

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### Piermont

A community in Rockland County, N.Y., incorporated as the Village of Piermont in 1850. Earlier called Taulman's Landing, Tappan Landing, and Tappan Slote. Named about 1839 (with the building of the N.Y. & Erie Railroad) for the long pier built for the railroad. It was from this very important point on the Hudson River that the produce from the surrounding vicinity, including Tappan, was shipped to the New York markets. Sloops entered the Sparkill at high tide through the Slote, so called from its resemblance to a ditch. Starting about 1827, steamboats took the place of the earlier sloops.

- 20 September 1856, "Piermont" — *The Rockland County Journal*, quoted in Howard I. Durie, *The Durie Family*, 1985, p. 127.
- "Piermont" — Green, Frank B., *The History of Rockland County*. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 358.
- "Piermont" — Cole, *History of Rockland County*, p. 220.
- 1977, "Piermont" — in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen and Rockland Counties

### Pierson's Depot

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y., near Sloatsburg. Also called The Y (because the Erie Railroad built a Y here to turn their locomotives), Sterlington, and Sterling Junction.

- "Pierson's Depot" — Green, Frank B., *The History of Rockland County*. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 396.

### Pleasant Valley

In Rockland County, N.Y., a locality near Sloatsburg. Abram Dater established an iron works here about 1800.

- "Pleasant Valley" — Green, Frank B., *The History of Rockland County*. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 396.

### Pomona

A community in Rockland County, N.Y.

- 1977, "Pomona" — in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen and Rockland Counties.

### Pomona Heights

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y., in or near Pomona.

- 1977, "Pomona Heights" — in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen and Rockland Counties.

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# 1855 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS, ROCKLAND COUNTY

Transcribed by Pat Wardell

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## TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT (Continued from February 1994 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 |
|-----------|------|------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|----------------------------|------------|-----|---------|-------------------------------|------------|
| 333       | 371  | Thomas Keenan                      | 37   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 8       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Catharine Keenan                   | 27   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 7       |                               |            |
|           |      | James Keenan                       | 7    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 7       |                               |            |
|           |      | Elizabeth Keenan                   | 2    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 2       |                               |            |
| 334       | 372  | Michael Carney                     | 35   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 12      | None                          |            |
|           |      | Mary T. [or L.] Carney             | 30   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 9       |                               |            |
|           |      | Martin Carney                      | 7    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 7       |                               |            |
|           |      | Margaret Carney                    | 5    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | Elizabeth Carney                   | 4    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 4       |                               |            |
|           |      | Mary Carney                        | 2    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 2       |                               |            |
| 335       | 373  | Casper Yegal                       | 42   | M   |     |                            | Germany    | W   | 16      | None                          |            |
|           |      | Tracy Yegal                        | 13   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 13      |                               |            |
|           |      | Andrew Yegal                       | 11   | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 11      |                               |            |
|           |      | Barbary Yegal                      | 10   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 10      |                               |            |
|           |      | Eliza Yegal                        | 8    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 8       |                               |            |
|           |      | Mary Yegal                         | 5    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 5       |                               |            |
| 336       | 374  | Thomas Murphy                      | 46   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 5       | Carpenter                     |            |
|           |      | Julia Murphy                       | 50   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | Philip Reily [or Kelly?]           | 29   | M   |     | Son of wife                | Ireland    |     | 7       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Thomas Murphy                      | 20   | M   |     | Son                        | Ireland    |     | 5       | None                          |            |
|           | 375  | Henry Pyre                         | 30   | M   |     |                            | Germany    | M   | 2/12    | None                          |            |
|           |      | Elena Pyre                         | 29   | F   |     | Wife                       | Germany    | M   | 2/12    |                               |            |
|           |      | Henry Pyre                         | 3    | M   |     | Son                        | New York   |     | 2/12    |                               |            |
| 337       | 376  | Peter Delana                       | 35   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Elizabeth Delana                   | 24   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 3       |                               |            |
|           |      | Andrew Delana                      | 1    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 1       |                               |            |
|           | 377  | George Snyder                      | 27   | M   |     |                            | Germany    | M   | 1       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Catharine Snyder                   | 35   | F   |     | Wife                       | Germany    | M   | 1       |                               |            |
|           |      | [blank] Snyder                     | 3/12 | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 3/12    |                               |            |
| 338       | 378  | George Gore                        | 38   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 4       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Mary Gore                          | 32   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 4       |                               |            |
|           |      | Margaret Jane Gore                 | 10   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Ireland    |     | 4       |                               |            |
|           |      | Mary Gore                          | 1    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 1       |                               |            |
|           |      | James Blocksome                    | 80   | M   |     | Father to wife             | Ireland    | W   | 4       |                               |            |
| 339       | 379  | Edward Boner                       | 38   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 9       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Mary Boner                         | 40   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 9       |                               |            |
|           |      | Thomas Boner                       | 5    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 5       |                               |            |
| 340       | 380  | Wm. Ryan                           | 35   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 6       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Catharine Ryan                     | 28   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | [?]     |                               |            |
|           |      | John Ryan                          | 2    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 2       |                               |            |
| (page 47) |      |                                    |      |     |     |                            |            |     |         |                               |            |
|           |      | James Ryan                         | 1/12 | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 1/12    |                               |            |
|           | 381  | William Grossener [or Grosperen]   | 28   | M   |     |                            | Germany    | M   | 1       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Christiana Grossener               | 29   | F   |     | Wife                       | Germany    | M   | 1       |                               |            |
|           |      | Frederic Grossener                 | 7    | M   |     | Son                        | Germany    |     | 1       |                               |            |
|           |      | Caroline Grossener                 | 1/12 | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 1/12    |                               |            |
| 341       | 382  | Thomas O'Conner                    | 44   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 12      | None                          |            |
|           |      | Ellen O'Conner                     | 44   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 12      |                               |            |
|           |      | Catharine O'Conner                 | 20   | F   |     | Daughter                   | New York   |     | 12      |                               |            |
|           |      | Maria O'Conner                     | 15   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Indiana    |     | 12      |                               |            |



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|           |      | John O'Conner                      | 14   | M   |     | Son                        | Indiana    |     | 14      |                               |            |
|           |      | Ann O'Conner                       | 12   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 12      |                               |            |
|           |      | Hellen O'Conner                    | 10   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 10      |                               |            |
| 342       | 383  | Morris Sullivan                    | 50   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Johanas Sullivan                   | 50   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | Michael Sullivan                   | 27   | M   |     | Son                        | Ireland    |     | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Timothy Sullivan                   | 21   | M   |     | Son                        | Ireland    |     | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | James Sullivan                     | 19   | M   |     | Son                        | Ireland    |     | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Ann Sullivan                       | 28   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Ireland    |     | 5       |                               |            |
| 343       | 384  | Daniel Tomkins                     | 49   | M   |     |                            | New Jersey | M   | 17      | Manufacturer                  | Owned      |
|           |      | Phebe Tomkins                      | 47   | F   |     | Wife                       | New Jersey | M   | 17      |                               |            |
|           |      | Watson Tomkins                     | 25   | M   |     | Son                        | New Jersey | M   | 17      | Brickmaker                    |            |
|           |      | Amanda Tomkins                     | 26   | F   |     | Daughter in law            | Rockland   | M   | 26      |                               |            |
|           |      | Elizabeth Tomkins                  | 21   | F   |     | Daughter                   | New Jersey |     | 17      |                               |            |
|           |      | Frederick Tomkins                  | 18   | M   |     | Son                        | New Jersey |     | 17      | None                          |            |
|           |      | Theodore Tomkins                   | 15   | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 15      |                               |            |
|           |      | Phebe Tomkins                      | 8    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 8       |                               |            |
|           |      | Nelly Mead                         | 15   | F   | B   | Servant                    | Rockland   |     | 12      |                               |            |
|           |      | Catharine [blank]                  | 12   | F   |     | Servant                    | Rockland   |     | 12      |                               |            |
| 344       | 385  | Henry D. Goetschius                | 32   | M   |     |                            | Rockland   | M   | 32      | Farmer                        | Owned      |
|           |      | Adeline Goetschius                 | 31   | F   |     | Wife                       | Orange     | M   | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | Sarah L. Goetschius                | 7    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Sullivan   |     | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | Abram Goetschius                   | 5    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | Henry [E.?] Goetschius             | 3    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 3       |                               |            |
|           |      | Samuel Goetschius                  | 40   | M   |     | Brother                    | Rockland   |     | 40      | Miller                        |            |
| 345       | 386  | James Statter [or Statler]         | 44   | M   |     |                            | Rockland   | 44  | None    |                               |            |
|           |      | Mary Jane Statter                  | 43   | F   |     | Wife                       | Rockland   | M   | 43      |                               |            |
|           |      | Sarah Eureka Statter               | 12   | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 12      |                               |            |
|           |      | James K. Statter                   | 10   | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 10      |                               |            |
|           |      | Ann Augusta Statter                | 7    | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 7       |                               |            |
| 346       | 387  | John Peterson                      | 65   | M   |     |                            | New York   | M   | 16      | Farmer                        | Owned      |
|           |      | Frances Peterson                   | 63   | F   |     | Wife                       | England    | M   | 16      |                               |            |
|           |      | David Peterson                     | 23   | M   |     | Son                        | Weschester |     | 16      | None                          |            |
|           |      | Benjamin Peterson                  | 21   | M   |     | Son                        | Weschester |     | 16      | None                          |            |
|           |      | Samuel Peterson                    | 19   | M   |     | Son                        | Weschester |     | 16      | None                          |            |
| 347       | 388  | John Adams                         | 65   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 40      | None                          | Owned      |
| (page 48) |      |                                    |      |     |     |                            |            |     |         |                               |            |
|           |      | Emoline Adams                      | 20   | F   |     | Wife                       | Rockland   | M   | 20      |                               |            |
| 348       | 389  | Jacob Dunstaff                     | 28   | M   |     |                            | Germany    | M   | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Rosina Dunstaff                    | 27   | F   |     | Wife                       | Germany    | M   | 3       |                               |            |
|           |      | Catharine Dunstaff                 | 5/12 | F   |     | Daughter                   | Rockland   |     | 5/12    |                               |            |
| 349       | 390  | John Reiley                        | 26   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 7       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Bridget Reiley                     | 25   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 10      |                               |            |
|           |      | James Reiley                       | 5    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 5       |                               |            |
|           |      | John Reiley                        | 3    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 3       |                               |            |
|           |      | Thomas Reiley                      | 1    | M   |     | Son                        | Rockland   |     | 1       |                               |            |
| 350       | 391  | George Blossom                     | 30   | M   |     |                            | Ireland    | M   | 5       | None                          |            |
|           |      | Sarah Blossom                      | 22   | F   |     | Wife                       | Ireland    | M   | 3       |                               |            |

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**Rockland County (NY) Items  
from Bergen County (NJ) Newspapers**  
From The Bergen County Democrat, April 19, 1878:  
SPRING VALLEY—Mrs. William Wood and her four children started for Dennison, Texas on Tuesday, to join her husband who is already located there.

From The Bergen County Democrat, Dec. 21, 1883: PIERMONT—The officers of St. John's Temperance Society for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Rev. Wm. L. Penny; Vice-President, John Shields; Secretary, Henry Cassidy; Treasurer, John Hickey.

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