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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Regular meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month except July, August, and December, in the lower level meeting Room in the History Center, Historical Society of Rockland Co., 20 Zukor Road, New City, NY.

Meetings start at 7:45 PM

For information regarding meeting cancellations due to bad weather, call Marie Koestler, (914) 623-4046 or Sally Dewey, (914) 359-5490.

PROGRAMS

- March Stewart Gates will speak
about his experiences studying Rockland History
- April Robert Goldberg will
present a program about Valley Cottage
- May Genealogical Garage Sale
See notice on this page for additional information.

If you have an idea for a program, or know of someone who might do a program, or if you would like to do a program yourself, please contact Florence Anderson, the Program Chair, at (914) 356-8573.

PLEASE NOTE

DUE TO THE SNOW STORM OF JANUARY 25th, THE G.S.R.C. MONTHLY MEETING WAS CANCELED, AND THE GENEALOGICAL GARAGE SALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE MAY 23rd MEETING. SEE YOU THEN !

GENEALOGICAL GARAGE SALE

At the May, 2000 meeting, we will have a genealogical garage sale!

Bring your cast offs, castaways, flotsam, jetsam, and orphans of the storm.

Anything genealogically related

Books Record Copies MAPS

Manuscripts Notebooks

E-Mails Forms CD-ROM's

ETC. ETC. ETC.

If you used it, or thought you might, it could be just the thing that someone else in the Society would be interested in. Bring all those "too good to discard", but not so necessary as to keep items, help the club and maybe make a buck or two for cleaning out your closet. Set your own prices for things, or put them out for trade or adoption. Prize donations left over from the 1999 Gathering will also be available.

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The Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County is published four times a year, in the month of September, December, March and May, and is mailed to members of the Society. The deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the Newsletter is the 20th of the month preceding the issue date. Send items and articles to: Richard Peterson, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 290 S. Middletown Rd, Pearl River, NY. 10965

TOMPKINS COVE HIGH SCHOOL

GSRC Member Susan Meyers Sanders has sent a copy of the 1924 graduation program from the Tompkins Cove High School. That program is reproduced here as faithfully as possible.

*Commencement Exercises
of the
Tompkins Cove High School
Saturday Evening, June 28, 1924
at
Tompkins Cove Social Club*

PROGRAMME

1. Overture Orchestra
2. Invocation Rev. Walter Hoffman
3. Chorus Class of 1924
4. Salutatory (from "As You Like It") Grace Wenzel
5. Essay - "A Boy Who Was Prepared) ... Bernard Caffrey
6. Violin Solo Jack Faccio

7. Essay - "The Duty of Public Service" ... Matthew Clark
8. Essay - "Red and White" Clifford MacMinn
9. Song - "When Irish Eyes are Laughing Chorus
10. Recitation "His Mothers Son" Dorothy Muise
11. Essay - "The Sunny Side" Edwin Springstead
12. "June's the Time for Roses" Class of 1924
13. Recitation - "Faultless" Dorothy Demming
14. Essay - "The Constitution" Thomas Kenney
15. Orchestra King Tut (?)
16. Recitation - "A Brave Deed" Emma Jackson
17. Essay - "Saluting the Flag" Hazel Blanche
18. Class Gifts Irene Stalter
19. Class Prophecy Mercy Robbins
20. Valedictory from "Macbeth" Katheryn Skinner
21. Orchestra
22. Presentation of Diplomas Mr. Ambrose James
23. Response to Presentation Marjorie Franck
24. Awarding of Prizes Loretta Coons
25. Address Bishop Shipman
26. Senior Dance

CLASS COLOR - Red and White

CLASS FLOWER - Rose

MOTTO - We Finish to Begin

CLASS OF 1924

HIGH SCHOOL

Marie Benson	Clifford McMinn
Dorothy Connor	Spencer Rider
Russell DeGroat	Mercy Robbins
Marjorie Franck	Irene Stalter
Thomas Gibney	Edythe Yungfert

GRAMMAR DEPARTMENT

Hazel Blanche	John Kalber Matten
Bernard Caffrey	Thomas Kenney
Matthew Clark	Dorothy Muise
Anthony Conero	Anna Newell
Dorothy Demming	Walter Rose
Jack Faccio	Edwin Springstead
Emma Jackson	Wilson Springstead
Harry June	Grace Wenzel

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

We wish to thank our faithful contributors, Marie Koestler, Bob Protzmann, Marjorie Stevenot, Christine Szermer and Joan Brooks for sending material for this issue. Great Work !

We rely on our membership for the information in the newsletter. If YOU find something that may be of interest to our readers, please send it, or a copy, with name & date of publication it appeared in so we can give proper credit. Mail your contributions to:

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OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES

Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ

PO Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432

Meetings every fourth Monday of the month (except holidays & December) at 7 p.m. sharp at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood, NJ. Visitors welcome. Programs free. For information call (201) 670-8106 or (201) 652-1171. *The Archivist*, the Society newsletter, is published quarterly and mailed to members.

Orange County Genealogical Society is located in the 1841 Court House, 101 Main Street, Goshen NY 10924, where it maintains an ever expanding research room. Dues are \$10.00 annually, from May 1st to April 30th. Meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 9 am, usually followed by a speaker at 10:30 am. Call for details about speakers (914) 562-2749, hours are Monday & Friday, 8:30 am to Noon, 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m., 1st Saturday of month after speaker, noon to 4:00 p.m., third Saturday of month 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m..

Westchester Co. Genealogical Society

PO Box 518, White Plains, NY 10603.

Annual dues are \$20.00 for individuals. Newsletter is printed monthly. Meetings from September through June at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway (Route 9) Dobbs Ferry, NY on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 am. Lectures are given at meetings. The WCGS Research Collection is located at the LDS Family History Library, 801 Kitchawan Road, (Rte 134) Yorktown, NY 10598 (914) 941- 9754 Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 am to noon and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on those days.

Web Site: <http://pages.prodigy.com/HFBK19A.wcgs.htm>

Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey

The Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey meets on the third Thursday of every month, at the YM-YWHA of North Jersey, 1 Pike Rd, Wayne, NJ

Programs begin at 8:00 PM, open to all.

Thursday March 16. Sharon Cohen, Turning your Family Tree into a Forest;

Sunday, April 23. Gary Mokotoff, Preview of the July, 2000 IAJGS conference in Salt Lake City.

Thursday, May 18. Open discussion. Bring your problems to the experts.

Thursday, June 15. Mort Lenrow, Closet Skeletons and Reluctant Relatives.

For information or directions call: Paul, (914) 357-5567, Evan, (973) 595-0100, ext. 236, or Susan (973) 564-8522, or visit their web site at:

<http://community.nj.com/cc/jgsnorthjersey>

Information Sought on Ellis Island Wall Names

The Statue of Liberty - Ellis Island Foundation is seeking to add Family History information for people named on the American Immigrant Wall of Honor at Ellis Island. Information sought includes city or province of origin, year & port of entry and ships name.

There is no charge for submitting or adding to this information. Contact:

SOLEIF Inc.,
PO Box 5200
New York, NY 10163-5191

NEW CITY LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, March 11, 11 am - 2:30 pm

Bare Limbs- Identify trees without the help of leaves! Palisades Park Ranger, Andy Smith, will offer tips for identification during a walk leaving from St. John's in the Woods. Call Sally Pellegrini, 634-4997, Ext. 137 to reserve.

Saturday, April 15, 10 am - 11:30 am

A New York City Experience- Genealogists who have New York City researching tales and experiences come and share in an informal setting in the Rockland Room. Learn from each other! This is also ideal for inexperienced NYC researchers just beginning the process.

Tuesday, April 25, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

National Archives - The Real Thing- Travel by chartered bus to New York Regional Office of the National Archives located on Varick Street, NYC. Departure time from NYC is 3:00 pm. Limited to researchers new to the Archives. Volunteers will be on hand to help research. Call Sally Pelligrini, 634-4997, Ext. 137 for more information and to register. Fee of \$15.00.

Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

A Forgotten Mine - Palisades Park Ranger Andy Smith will locate an iron mine which has gone unnoticed on the Suffern - Bear Mt. Trail in the Palisades Park. Intermediate hikers are welcome for the outing. Appropriate gear needed. Call Sally Pelligrini, 634-4997, Ext. 137 to reserve.

THE ROCKLAND MESSENGER

Marriage and Death notices as found on the microfilm of the Rockland Messenger. All entries were copied as accurately as possible, using spellings, abbreviations, etc., as found in the original.

9 October, 1851

Died- At North Haverstraw on Saturday evening October 4th, Mr. Richard **DeLaMontanya**, aged 25.

Died- In North Haverstraw on the 4th inst., Mrs. Adelia Ann, wife of Mr. Samuel **Knapp**, aged 46 years, 3 months, 5 days.

Died- At Ramapo on the 4th inst., of Cholera Infanta, Albert, son of Nelson & Johanna **Blauvelt**, aged 7 months, 2 weeks, and 6 days.

16 October, 1851

Married- On Sunday morning the 12th of October, by Rev. Peter **Allen**, Mr. Richard **Lake** to Miss. Julia **Crum**, daughter of Tunis **Crum Esq.**, all of Ramapo.

Died- In Clarkstown on the 14th inst., Helen Mar, daughter of Jacob & Maria **Stagg**, aged 3 years, 7 months, 25 days.

23 October, 1851

Married- On the 2nd. inst., by the Rev. S.D. **Lougheed**, Mr. John D. **Wilcox** of NY City, formerly of Westtown, Orange Co., to Miss. Anna Mary **Corwin**, daughter of David **Corwin Esq.**, of Spring Valley, Rockland Co., N.Y.

Married- At Farmer, Seneca Co. N.Y., on Tuesday September 30th by the Rev. B. **Bassler**, B.F. **Coleman**, MD, of Haverstraw, to Sarah Celeste, eldest daughter of Mr. Lockwood **Hinman** of the former place.

30 October, 1851

Died- In Clarkstown on the 28th of September, Mr. David **VanDolsen**, aged 28 years.

Married- On Monday morning the 27th inst., by the Rev. James **Ayars**, Mr. Joseph **Demarest** of Nyack, to Miss. Elizabeth **Benson** of Haverstraw.

Married- At the New City on the 23rd. inst., by the Rev. J.P. **Quick**, Mr. Denton **Fowler** to Miss. Catherine E. **Hogencamp**, both of Rockland Co.

6 November, 1851

Died- On Thursday morning Oct. 30th after a lingering illness, Barbara **Glass**, wife of Henry M. **Peck**, aged 34

Died- In this village on the 1st inst., of typhus fever, Abigail, wife of Epenetus **Jones**, in the 22nd year of age.

20 November, 1851

Died- In this village on the 6th. inst., Mary **Walsh**, wife of Richard **Murphy**, aged 43 years, 3 months.

27 November, 1851

Married- On the 12th. inst., by the Rev. James **Ayers**, Mr. Samuel **Rose** to Miss. Sarah M. **Robinson**, all of Haverstraw.

Married- In North Haverstraw on the 12th. inst., by the Rev. Mr.. **Trowbridge**, Mr. Richard **Marks** to Miss. Catherine **Marks**, both of North Haverstraw.

Died- In the city of New York on the morning of the 26th inst., after a protracted illness, Mr. Elisha **Peck**, in the 64th year of his age.

11 December, 1851

Married- On the 27th inst., by the Rev. S.D. **Lougheed**, Mr. James **Baird** to Miss. Phebe E., daughter of the Rev. John. **Lougheed**, all of Minisink, Orange Co. N.Y.

Married- On the 4th inst., by the same, Mr. Abram J. **Youmans** to Miss. Matilda **Smith**, all of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., N.Y.

Died- In this village on Sunday morning the 7th inst., Mr.. George **Miller**, aged 34 years.

18 December, 1851

Died- At New York City on the 9th inst., Catherine, wife of James H. **Stephens**, and daughter of David **Pye** Esq., in the 50th year of her age.

6 May, 1852

Married- At New York on Thursday, Apr. 29th, by the Rev. Mr. **Chalker**, Samuel L. **Coe** Esq., of this place to Mrs. Maria **Forsaith** of New York.

13 May, 1852

Died- At this place Thursday, May 6th, Daniel H. **Blauvelt**, in the 88th year of his age.

3 June, 1852

Married- At Blauveltville on Tuesday evening, May 25th, by the Rev. Isaac **Cole**, Thunis **Depew** of Nyack to Miss. Catherine A. **Huyler**.

Died- In this village on Friday the 28th ult., Richard A., son of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. **Briggs**, aged 14 months.

Died- At Nyack on Thursday, May 27th, at the residence of Charles **Humphrey**, son-in-law, Jacob **Dutcher**, in the 80th year of his age.

Died- At the same place on Friday May 28th, at the residence of Mr. John I. **Felter**, Mrs. Margaret **Hoffmire**, in the 94th year of her age.

10 June, 1852

Died- In this village on Thursday the 3rd inst., Minnie, adopted daughter of Dr. Caleb H. and Lois **Austin**, aged 4 years and 3 months.

17 June, 1852

Married- On Monday, the 14th inst., by the Rev. Mr. **Quick**, George Baxter **Kendell** to Sophie **Youmans**, both of this place.

Died- At this place Tuesday, the 15th inst., of scarlet fever, George C. and Catherine, son and daughter of Isaac **Redfield**, the former aged 1 year 7 months, and the latter 3 years 5 days.

1 July, 1852

Married- June 23rd, by the Rev. Mr. C. **Stokes**, Mr. Edward **Gurnee** of Haverstraw, to Miss. Matilda **Marks** of North Haverstraw.

8 July, 1852

Married- July 1st, 1852 by Rev. T.K. Witsil, Mr. William **James** to Miss. Olive **Conaway**, all of Haverstraw.

15 July, 1852

Died- July 11, 1852 of pulmonary consumption, in the 23rd. year of his age, Mr. Ezra **Mead Jr.**, of this place, leaving a young and deeply afflicted wife, etc.

Died- At New York, July 11, 1852, Mary Catherine, daughter of Charles and Rebecca **Clark**, and niece of the above Mr. Ezra **Mead Jr.**, aged 9 months, who was interred in the same time and place with her deceased uncle.

22 July, 1852

Abstract of a news article.. On Wednesday morning, July 21st, a boy by the name of Owen **Lynch**, age 11, was drowned while bathing in a pond of this place, called Gillis Pond.

Died- In North Haverstraw on the 18th inst., Mr. Levi **Wilson**, in the 50th year of his age.

29 July, 1852

Married. On Monday evening, the 26th inst., by the Rev. James Ayars, Mr. Matthew **Rose** to Miss. Josephine **Gardner**, all of Haverstraw.

Died- At Nyack, 17th inst., Eliza, wife of Henry **Hart**, in the 44th year of her age.

Died- Also, on the 22nd inst., Amanda C., wife of Sylvester **Wadsworth**, aged 31 years, 12 days.

5 August, 1852

Married- On Monday evening, the 20th inst., by the Rev. James Ayars, Mr. Charles **Ward** to Miss. Sarah **Penny**, all of Haverstraw.

Married- At Haverstraw, Tuesday morning, August 3rd, by the Rev. A.S. Freeman, Mr. F.E. **Ford** to Miss. Mary J. **Sherman**, both of Saratoga, NY

Died- On Saturday last, July 31st, Alonzo **Elting**, age 28 years, a native of Rhinebeck, NY.

Died- At Grassy Point on Thursday July 29th, Mr. John **Wiles**, aged 62 years.

12 August, 1852

Died. At North Haverstraw, August 8th, 1852, Mr. Harrison **Waldron**, aged 28 years.

Died. At Williamsburg, Long Island, August 10th, 1852, Rev. Bartholomew **Creagh**, Pastor of the South Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church in that city. [no age was given]

26 August, 1852

Married. On the morning of the 18th inst., at eight o'clock, by the Rev. Dr. **Johnson**, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Henry J. **Ensign**, of South Carolina, formerly of Ulster Co., NY, to Miss. Sarah C. **Lawson** of Haverstraw.

Married. On the 22nd inst., by the Rev. T.K. **Witsil**, Mr. Richard **Brewster** to Miss. Rachel **June**, both of North Haverstraw.

Died. In this village on the 25th inst., James **Wilson Carson**, son of Johnson **Carson**, aged 10 years, 4 months and 9 days.

Died. At Peekskill on the 20th inst., of Typhoid Fever, Rev. Daniel **Bond**, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, aged 25 years.

Contributed by Richard Peterson

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AT THE NEW CITY LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions (as of February, 2000) at the Rockland Room of the New City Library, 220 N. Main St., New City, NY 10956, compiled by Sally Pellegrini, Local History Librarian. These and other new works can be found on the top shelf of the bookcase against the center wall in the Rockland Room. Please return these books to the red shelving cart when you are finished with them. Thank You.

- 317. The Census Book: A Genealogist's Guide to
47 Federal Census Facts
Dol William Dollarhide
(Heritage Quest, 1999)
- 728. The Hudson Valley Dutch and Their Houses
37 Harrison Meese
Mee (Purple Mountain Press, 1998)
- 770. Through a Woman's Eye: Pioneering
Photographers in Rural Upstate
Gal Diane Galusha
(Black Dome, 1994)
- 799. Gone Fishin: The 100 Best Spots in New
1 York
Ber Ron Bern
(Rutgers University Press, 2000)
- 917. Paths Along the Hudson: A Guide to
47 Walking and Biking
Per Jeffrey Perls
(Rutgers Press, 1999)
- 929. Jewish Roots in Ukraine and Moldova
1 Miriam Weiner

Wei (YIVO Institute, 1999)

929. Descendants of Thomas Mapes'
2 Descendants & Sandra Purrier 3 volumes
Des Edited by Joseph Boyle, M.D.
(Tennessee Valley Publishing, 1998)

929. Hastings Family
2 Mabel Hastings Monk
Mon (1999)

929. The Ships Locator
373 Robert M. Jackson
Jac (Higginson Book, 1998)

929. The Celtic Book of Names: Traditional
4 Names from Ireland, Scotland and Wales
Cow D. J. Conway
(Carol Publishing, 1999)

929. Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery
5 Jeffrey Richman
Ric (Greenwood Cemetery, 1998)

973. The Encyclopedia of the Irish in America
04 Michael Glazier
Enc (Notre Dame Press, 1999)

973. New York Soldiers in the Civil War V.2
342 Richard A. Wilt
Wil (Heritage Books, 1999)

974. Connecticut Historical Collections
603 John W Barber
Bar (University Press of New England, 1999)

974. Pioneer Days in the Catskill High Peaks
73 Leah Showers Wiltse
Sho (Black Dome Press, 1999)

MAPS: I have purchased the following maps. They are currently stored in Sally Pellegrini's office.

6 photographed sections of the 1859 Beers Atlas of Rockland And Orange County.
Davis Atlas, 1876, Map of Stony Point and Tappan.
A Portion of Piermont, Watson & Co., 1891,
Portion of Rockland County.

ACKERMAN FAMILY MEMBERS NAMED IN REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Contributed by Phillip O'Leary

While abstracting Revolutionary War pensions of soldiers from Bergen Co., NJ, I came across the following information concerning our Ackerman cousins. All of the following Ackermans are not mentioned as Revolutionary Soldiers in Barbara Tobey's, "The Ackerman Family", Vol. I, 1980, and Vol. II, 1988.

James L. Ackerman, (#5.43, Ackerman Family, Vol. I, pp. 58) Testifies as a "fellow soldier" in the Revolution on 22 Oct., 1832, age 68, of Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, in the Rev. War pension application of John VanHouten. (W2027)

Johannes (John) Ackerman. (#4.31, Ackerman Family, Vol. I, pp. 26). In the Rev. War pension application of John H. Post, (W866), Post stated in the Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, on 31 Oct., 1832; "I was in the service with my brother-in-law, John Ackerman." This John Ackerman was married first to Elizabeth Post, "probably" the sister of John H. Post.

Johannis (John) D. Ackerman. (#5.223, Ackerman Family, Vol. I, pp. 95) Although he does not state that he was a "fellow soldier" in the Revolution, John D. Ackerman gives detailed testimony, that indicates he was indeed a soldier, in Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 10 Jul., 1854, age 90, of Hohokus, on behalf of the Rev. War pension applications of George Dearman (R2818), Garret A. Hopper (R5219), and John A. Hopper (R5220).

Galyn Ackerman (#5.261a, Ackerman Family, Vol. II, pp. 98). Testified as a "fellow soldier" in the Revolution, (as "Goline Ackerman") of Bergen Co., NJ, in Bergen Co. Common Pleas Court, in the pension application case of Abraham Parkhurst (S34465). Parkhurst gives Goline Ackerman's age as 68 on 15 May 1828. Although the Ackerman Family Genealogy states Galyn's birth year as circa 1763, and Parkhurst's testimony would indicate Galyn was born circa 1760, they are probably one in the same. Because of the dates, he could not be

Gelyn Ackerman, (#4.46, Ackerman Family, Vol. I, pp. 30, 1722 - 1800) Gelyn Ackerman, (#5.250, Ackerman Family, Vol. I, pp. 100, 1760 - 1824) or Guilian / Geleen Ackerman (#6.160, Ackerman Family, Vol. II, pp. 30).

GERMAN GENEALOGY

**A Program presented by Frank Poole at the
October 26, 1999 GSRC Meeting.**

When working on German Genealogy, it helps to understand that the country went through many revolutions. It has been estimated that more than of Americans have German ancestry. There were even some German settlers in the Jamestown Colony. In the 1790 census, 6% of the population spoke German, predominantly in Pennsylvania.

Before the 1850's, ships took eight to twelve weeks to cross to America. The people had good reasons for leaving their country. After the Thirty Years War, which resulted in the Treaty of Westphalia, the country was almost totally destroyed. Near the end of the eighteenth century, Napoleon's Army occupied the land west of the Rhine. During WW II, many places were bombed out. Fortunately, most of the damage had now been repaired and buildings restored.

Other reasons they left were to get their own land, get fair pay, and have political independence. Ship's Agents came into being, recruiting people to go to America. Reaching the ports of embarkation, however, was very difficult, especially from the south of Germany. By the time many people got to Rotterdam, they had no money left, and if they wanted to embark on a ship, they were "sold" as indentured servants to work off their passage. Many traveled in steerage, which was very uncomfortable. If they elected to stay in Rotterdam, the Queen of England at that time offered them free land in Ireland, and many took advantage of that offer. For the other Germans in the country, it wasn't easy to get to England, since they had to travel through all the small, independent principalities, which all had their own laws. In fact, each principality even had it's own passports, and

most emigrants had to prove they had served in the military, or a passport wouldn't be issued.

Not all Germans emigrated to America. They also went to other lands, including the devastated Hungary. Catherine the Great and Tsar Alexander offered free land, which attracted the Germans. Later, that privilege was revoked, and they emigrated elsewhere.

Most of the Germans who settled in Jamestown in 1608 were glass makers and carpenters. In the 1700's, Germans from the Palatinate settled in Germantown, Pennsylvania. In fact there was a great migration of Germans to Pennsylvania between the years 1683 and 1820. From 1820 to 1871, they traveled to the Midwest and Texas. After 1871, they came to the large cities, such as New York, Chicago, and St. Louis. In almost every town in which they settled, a brewery was started.

The northern German emigration ports were Bremen and Hamburg, and the southern port was LeHarve, France. There are lists for these ports, which are available on microfilm at the LDS libraries. Unfortunately, in 1875, Bremen decided not to keep passenger lists that were more than two years old, so they were destroyed. It wasn't until 1907 that they decided to keep the lists. Some duplicates of the destroyed records were found, but most of them were then lost in World War II. The information on these lists included last residence.

Be careful when using the reference, "Germans to America" series. It has many mistakes. Those who copied the records did not distinguish between the number "zero" and the letter "o". These books can be helpful, but one must be aware of the possibility of errors, and use other sources. From the references in these books, you can then look for the particular list in the National Archives. Germany itself does not have a "national archives." All the records are kept in their particular localities.

Frank Poole has traveled to Germany on a three week Elderhostel trip. He had studied high school German, and could get by with the language. He stayed on an extra week to visit the towns where his family had lived. The Church of Latter Day Saints Library has many German church records, but most of them are in the German language. In Catholic Germany, the records are written in Latin, and, in some places, they are in French with a

different calendar. If you are not sure of the religion of your ancestor, and if there was a "mixed" marriage, the male children were usually baptized in the fathers religion, and females in the mother's. Baptism, marriage, and confirmation records sometimes give dates of birth. The Mormons are beginning to film East Germany records, and also Russian records. The German records microfilmed by the Mormons are filed by principality as they were in 1871.

Be aware of changes in spelling of names; i.e., Foth, Voth. People often had two or three names. There are many dialects, which can also affect reading the records. Until this century, a man didn't necessarily keep his surname. If the wife had property, the husband might take the name of her family farm. If their son married a woman who had property, he might also take a different name.

Concerning burial records, unless you were wealthy, after thirty years, your grave plot was reused for someone else.

A wonderful resource is "Meyers' Gazetteer", which is on microfilm in the LDS libraries in both Mahwah and Emerson, NJ. This gazetteer describes many of the old towns and localities. Unfortunately, it is written in the old Gothic, and is very difficult to read. There are also many abbreviations. If what you are looking for is not in Meyers, then it might be found in Mueller's, which is also on microfilm.

This includes many towns that were given to Poland.

Frank handed out the following information.

Map of Modern Germany (1918 - 1990)

Map of German Empire (1871 - 1918)

Sources for German Research Assistance

Localities in the Family History Library Catalog

German Script Alphabet

Contributed by Joan Brooks

WORLD WAR II VETS SOUGHT

The U.S. Army Military History Institute is seeking information from those who served during WW II in order to preserve information about their experiences.

Contact : Army Services Experiences Questionnaire, U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, 22 Ashburn Dr., Carlisle, PA 17012-5008 or call (707) 245-3611 or <http://carlisle-www.army.mil/usamhi/>

Taken from Myra Gormleys Missing Links, V2, #17

QUERIES

Queries will be published in the newsletter as space permits. It would be helpful if querists would submit their queries beginning with the surnames concerned in the query listed alphabetically. Please keep queries clear and concise, and provide identifying data including names, dates and locations whenever possible. Address queries to: Richard Peterson, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 290 S. Middletown Rd, Pearl River, NY 10965, or e-mail to repete290@juno.com. When answering someone else's query, please send a copy to this editor for our files and for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Many thanks.

**UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL
LOCATIONS ARE IN ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY**

368- Smith - Lake.

Searching for any **Smith/Lake** connections in the form of 19th Century marriages between these two families.

Maryann Smith
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Central Nyack, NY 10960

369 - Smith - Youmans.

On November 15th, 1873, in the Sloatsburg Methodist Church, Elizabeth **Smith** was married to Jacob **Youmans**. Witnesses were Daniel **Smith** (brother) and Henrietta **Babcock**. Who were the families of Elizabeth and Jacob, and what happened to this couple after their marriage.

Maryann Smith
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370 - Smith.

Looking for any information concerning Daniel **Smith**, born circa 1841, NY, (age 19 in 1860 census) son of Malcom **Smith** and Mary _____.

Richard Peterson
290 S. Middletown Rd.
Pearl River, NY 10965

371 - Smith.

Looking for any information concerning George A. **Smith**, born circa 1851, NY, (age 9 in 1860 census) son of Malcom **Smith** and Mary _____.

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373 - Smith.

Looking for any information concerning James **Smith**, born circa 1832 or 1837, NY, (age 23 or 28 in 1860 census) son of Malcom **Smith** and Mary _____.

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374 - Walker - Hill.

Seek parents, ancestors of Mary/Molly **Walker**, sometimes spelled **Wacker**, born ca. 1730-50, NJ, and Roeland(t)/Rowland **Hill**, both of Bergen Co., NJ, in the 1760's, married ca. 1760-65. This couple was probably of English/Scot/Irish descent, living in the predominately Dutch neighborhood of New Barbadoes, Bergen Co., NJ, they were members of the Hackensack Ref. Dutch Church. Two of their known children baptized there were: (1) Margaret (Peggy) **Hill**, bp. 1 Sep 1765, married John Cornelius **Lozier**. (2) Jeems (James) **Hill**, bp. 14 May 1769, d. 23 Oct 1838, bur. Hackensack RDC, married Sarah _____, who d. 1 Jun 1838.

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375 - Starr / Stor / Stur.

Seek info on the **Starr, Stor, Stur** families of NY & NJ. Children of Johan Michael **Storr/Stor**, born ca/1672, Bohl, Germany, and first wife Margaretha _____?

1- Elizabeth Cath., born Bohl, Germany, married Lukas **Mattheman**, children baptized at NYDC.

Children of Johan Michael **Storr/Stor** and 2nd wife Ottlila **Pfeffer**.

2- Lorentz, bp 28 Aug, 1701, Germany

3- Anna/Annetie Margaretha, b. 30 Oct 1702, Germany Married, Second River RDC, Johannes **Corte/Courter**

4- Margaretha/Margridt Elizabeth, b. 9 Aug 1704, Germany, married 2 Mar 1723, Hack. RDC to Johnannes/Hannes **Pulis(velt)**.

5- Johan Daniel, born 11 Jul 1706, Germany.

6- Anna Maria, born 24 Jul 1708, Germany

7- Anna Kunigunda, born 31 Jul 1711, West Camp Lutheran Church, NYC

8- Johannes, married Maria Catharina _____?

9- Conrad, born 10 Feb 1714/15, bpt Hack. RDC.

Married Magdalena/Lena _____? Children of Conrad and Magdalena:

Catharine Stor, bp 1741 Pompton Plains, NJ
Michael Stor, bp 1743, Pompton Plains, NJ,
Married Dorothea _____?
10- Jacob, born 21 Mar 1718, bpt Ramapo Luth.
Church, Bergen Co., NJ, married Margaret
Wannamaker. Children:

Klaartje Stor, bpt 1745, Pompton Plains RDC
Michael Stor, bpt 1747, Pompton Plains RDC,
Married Margrieth _____?
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376 - Messaker / Masker.

Seek info on the **Messaker/Masker** families of NY/NJ,
probably all descendants of Johannes Machgielzen
Mesecar/Masker and Neeltje **Coeten/Courter**:
Abraham **Mesecar**, born ca/1680, married Amelyntje
Herte; Harman **Mesecar**, born ca/ 1682, married
Martytje **Rycke / Riker**; Michiel Johannes **Mesecar**, bpt
23 Nov 1684, Flatbush, NY; Evert, **Mesecar**, born ca/
1709, NY, married Antje (Jannetje) **Riker**; Hendirkje
Messeker, married Apr, 1743 Catharine **Riker**;
Abraham **Messeker**, bpt 19 Oct 1714, Staten Island,
married 16 Aug 1735 Annatje **VanDerHoef**; Mattheus
Mesecar, bpt 19 Apr 1715 Staten Island Dutch Church,
married 26 Jul 1736 Mareytje **VanZile/VanZeyl**;
Hendrick **Mesecar**, born ca/ 1710, Staten Island;
Lodowick **Mesecar**, b 1721 Staten Island, married Lena
VanZile.

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377 - VanZile.

Seek info on the **VanZile** families of NY & NJ.
Egbert Stevense **VanZile** married Annatje **Dutrois**.
Children: (1) Jannetje, bpt 17 Apr 1692, NYDC, mar.
31 Mar 1716 Johannes **VanBlarcom**. (2) Johannes, bpt
23 Jul 1793, NYDC, married Elena **VanBlarcom**. (3)
Abraham, bpt 26 Sep 1695, Hack. RDC, mar. 4 Jun
1715 Rachael **VanBlarcom**. (4) Steven (?), married
Neeltje **Messeker/Masker**. (5) Dirck, mar. 22 Jun
1717, Tryntje **VanBlarcom**. (6) Isaac ? (7) Elizabeth ?,
mar. Isaac **Vanderhof**. (8) Marytje ?, mar. Hendrick
Messeker/Masker. (9) Rachael, mar. 6 Dec 1728,
Pieter **VanBlarcom**. (10) Lea ?

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378 - Conklin

Zephariah **Conklin** was born 1801, Haverstraw,
died 1886 Ramapo. Can anyone confirm the names
of his parents and grandparents?

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379 - Strickland

Catherine **Strickland**, born 1811 in Ramapo, died 1888
in Ramapo. Her parents were Caleb **Strickland** and
Polly **Babcock**. Who were the parents of Caleb
Strickland and Polly **Babcock**?

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380 - Conklin

David **Conklin**, born 1845 in Ramapo, died 1921 in
Bergen Co., NJ. He was the son of Zephariah **Conklin**
and Catherine **Strickland**. David married Elizabeth
Fagan, an Irish Catholic, about 1870. She was the
daughter of Thomas **Fagan** and Mary ____? Does
anyone have any record of this marriage, or of the
Fagans?

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381 - Conklin

Zephariah **Conklin** and Catherine **Strickland** had the
following children: Matthew, Orville Dean, Deborah,
Elizabeth, Martha, David and possibly Josiah. I am a
descendant of David, and would be interested in hearing
from descendants of his siblings.

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ANSWERS TO QUERIES

364 - **VanHouten**. (Karen Lamberton asked for info on
the parents of Greta **VanHouten**).

Answer

My father, David H. **Spear**, b. 1909 Oakland,
NJ, was first cousin to Greta **VanHouten** and her
brother Lester **VanHouten**. They lived in Wycoff, NJ.
As a small child I remember visiting their parents home,
(my great aunt and uncle) Grace Bush **VanHouten** and
Peter **VanHouten**. I have vivid memories of my great
Aunt Grace, but My great uncle passed away in 1930.
Grace **Bush** was born July 31, 1870, in Crystal Lake,

Franklin Lakes, Bergen Co., NJ. She died 16 July 1963 in Wyckoff, NJ. Her parents were Henry Wanamaker **Bush**, born 16 Sep, 1850, died 27 Feb 1926 in Franklin Lakes, and Ann Jeanette **Demarest**, b. 10 Jan 1855, Franklin Lakes, NJ, died 12 May 1934 at Franklin Lakes, NJ. Grace **Bush** also had brothers and sisters: Cornelius Henry Bush, b. 22 Aug 1874, d. 28 Jul 1965, married to Carrie **Ackerman**, b. 29 May 1875, d. 29 Aug 1926; Mame **Bush Ainley**, b. 21 July 1876, d. 9 Jan 1932, married Henry W. **Ainley**, b. 30 Oct 1870, d. 8 Feb 1941; Linda Bush Spear (my grandmother) b. 4 Feb 1881, d. 15 Feb 1925, married Andrew I. **Spear**, b. 15 Oct 1877, d. 12 Dec 1951; Roy Bush, b. 26 Oct 1891, d. 24 May, 1976, married Ethel **Crown**, b. 16 Aug, 1890, d. 18 Apr 1970; and Pearl Bush Payne, b. 26 Jan 1894, d. 10 May 1982, married John Howard **Payne**, b. 3 Jun 1891, d. 10 Jun 1972.

Grace **Bush** was married to Peter **VanHouten**, b. 1875, d. 1930 in Crystal Lake, Franklin Lakes, NJ. She is buried in Wyckoff Reformed Church Cemetery, and Peter **VanHouten** is buried in the VanHouten Cemetery, also located in Franklin Lakes, just off Ewing Ave. Their children were: Lester, b. 29 Oct 1898, d. 1995, married Doris **Sellick**, b. 22 Oct 1907; and Greta, b. 8 Mar 1906, d. 4 Apr 1973, married Henry W. **Schreiber**, b. 4 July 1906.. Lester and Doris **VanHouten** had no children, but Greta and Henry **Schreiber** one daughter, Carol Grace, b. 1 Nov 1937, married to Walter George **Bollinger**, b. 19 Jan 1938... They also have one daughter, Anna Grace, b. 4 Apr 1972, and last known were living in Washington DC.

This information is from family records that were given to me by my great aunt, Pearl **Payne**, (sister to Grace) many years ago. I also have further info on further generations of the **Bush** family, and also on the **Wanamaker's** and **Demarest's** if you are interested. Hope this information is of some help to you.

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93 - Sheridan

Phelix **Sheridan**, born 1808, Parish of Kilbride, County Cavan, Ireland, d. 7 Aug 1976, Haverstraw. Married 16 May 1839, Honora **Smyth**, from Parish of Castlerahan, Townland of Lismachanican, County Cavan, Ireland, b. 1815, d. 1877, Haverstraw. Witnesses were Patrick **Sheridan** (brother) and Anne **Lynch**. Children of Phelix and Honora:

- 1) Mary, bpt 8 Apr 1846, Kilbride Parish, witnesses Thomas **Lynch** and Mary **Galligan**.
- 2) Thomas, bpt 30 Jul 1847, Kilbride Parish, d. 21 Jun 1874, Haverstraw.
- 3) James, bpt 3 Jan 1850, Kilbride Parish, witnesses Philip Reilly and Anne **Lynch**.
- 4) Ellen, b. 9 Jul 1857, Haverstraw, bpt at Saint Peters by Rev. Terence Scollon. Sponsors, Thomas **Boyle** and Ellen **Doofan**. Ellen d. 27 Feb 1900, St Marys Hospital, Hoboken, NJ.

Honora arrived in New York, 29 Dec 1851, from Liverpool, on the ship Panola. On the ships passenger list it reads "Going to meet her husband." Phelix, Honora, Thomas and Ellen are buried in St. Peters Cemetery, Haverstraw, Plot 103, Section "I". Honora bought this plot from F. Baxter. Deed transferred to her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Bailey, in 1877.

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POETRY CORNER

Dear Ancestor

Your tombstone stands among the rest;
Neglected and alone.
The name and date are chiseled out ,
On polished, marbled stone.

It reaches out to all who care,
It is too late to mourn.
You did not know that I exist,
You died, and I was born.

Yet each of us are cells of you,
In flesh, in blood, in bone.
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse,
Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor, the place you filled,
One hundred years ago,
Spreads out among the ones you left,
Who would have loved you so.

I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew,
That someday I would find this spot,
And come to visit you.

Author unknown

ANCESTOR TABLES

In order to increase interaction between members, the society will continue to publish Ancestor Tables, which are brief listings of the ancestry of members. These tables will be printed in expanded versions of the Newsletter, and the Board will evaluate member response. While response remains positive, publication will continue. It is hoped that members will find distant cousins who share common lines, which will further the research efforts of all. All members are encouraged to submit their Ancestor Tables to Bob Protzmann, 4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956. Bob will assist in their preparation for publication.

PLEASE NOTE: The Genealogical Society of Rockland County, and its editor, are not responsible for the accuracy of the Ancestor Tables. Please do not submit names that are not well documented. If there is any uncertainty, then the listing should be preceded by a "?". Anyone interested in a particular ancestor, or ancestral line, should contact the submitter for details and documentation

The numbering system used is as follows. The submitter is #1. The father's number is double that of the child. Each wife's number is one more than the husband. Even numbers are always male, odd numbers always female except for # 1, which is always assigned to the subject of the table. If you have comments, corrections, etc., to a published Ancestor Table, please send them, (referencing the Ancestor Table, name and date of issue) to Bob Protzmann at the address above. We will publish these comments and corrections, etc., in a continuing dialogue in the Ancestor Table Forum.

Ancestor Table of Linda Jordan Huerta 3805 Rogers Rd, #1, Spring Valley, CA 91977

- 1- Linda Jordan, m. _____ Huerta
- 2- Bruce Donald Jordan, b. 28 Jun 1919, HoHoKus, Bergen Co., NJ, d. Apr, 1989, Franklin, Sussex Co., NJ. M. 24 Dec 1939 Niagara Co., NY
- 4- James Jordan, b. 9 May 1894, Orangetown, Rockland Co., NY d. 12 Aug 1945, Haworth, NJ, m. 27 Aug 1917, Haworth, Bergen Co., NJ
- 5- Daisy May Jennings, b. 14 Jan 1896, HoHoKus, NJ, d. 15 Jun 1983, Bergen Co., NJ
- 8- James Jordan, b. Oct 1865, Alpine, NJ
- 9- Jane Allen, b. 20 Apr 1869, NY
- 10- Henry Abraham Jennings, b. 20 Sep 1865, Minthorpe, Kendal, Westmoreland, England, m. 1890, Florida.
- 11- Mary Jane Cunningham, b. 5 Dec 1867, Dalrymple, Scotland, d. Jan 1938, NJ.
- 20- James Jennings, b. 9 May 1822, West Ward, Parish of Clifton, Westmoreland, England.

21- Ruth Collin

22- James Cunningham, b. C/1845, Ayrshire, Scotland, m. 17 May 1863 or 1864

23- Isabella Dryburgh, b. C/ 1847, Ayrshire.

44- James Jennings

88- John Jennings, b. 1784

89- Mary _____

Ancestor Table of Karen Brendel Lamberton 18 Bon Aire Rd, #603, Suffern, NY 10901

1- Karen Thelma Brendel

2- Adolph Philip Brendel, b. 22 Oct 1913, Hoboken, Hudson Co., NJ; d. 17 Mar 1984, buried Church of the Good Shepherd Cemetery, Lakewood, NJ; m. 9 Jan 1941

3- Thelma Marie Muhl, b. 30 Jul 1914, d. 10 Aug 1993, buried Church of the Good Shepherd Cem., Lakewood, NJ

4- George Frederick William Brendel, b. 29 Oct 1889, Hoboken, NJ; d. 8 Apr 1962, Miami, FL.

5- Catherine Irene Brasch, b. 17 Feb 1893, NYC, d. 21 Jan 1926, Hoboken, NJ.

6- Conrad John Muth, b. 21 Jul 1865, Chicago, IL; d. 19 Nov 1925, NYC, buried Hoboken Cem., North Bergen, NJ; m. 26 Aug 1905

7- Emma Caroline Daug, b. 22 Sep 1877, Hoboken, NJ; d. 24 Jun 1966, Paramus, NJ. Buried Hoboken Cemetery, North Bergen, NJ

8- George Peter Brendel, b. ? Nov 1848, Germany d. 21 Jul 1928, Hoboken, NJ, *Immigrant*.

9- Carolina Augustina Fredrika Mussman, b. ? May 1853, Germany, d. 1942, Hoboken, NJ

10- Adolph Brasch

11- Cecelia Brennan

12- Conrad John Muth, b. Germany, d. Hoboken, NJ *Immigrant*.

13- Anna Elizabeth Koch, b. Waybern, Pfaltz, Bavaria.

14- Frederick Daug, b. 7 Sep 1837, Germany, d. 1 May 1910, Hoboken, NJ, buried Hoboken Cem., North Bergen, NJ *Immigrant*.

15- Marie S. Wessendorf, b. 24 Nov 1843, Germany, d. 21 Jul 1921, Hoboken, NJ, buried Hoboken Cemetery. *Immigrant*.

BERGEN PENSION ABSTRACTS

Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Applications relating to Bergen Co. NJ and Rockland Co. NY. *Contributed by Philip O'Leary*

John G. HUYLER *(This abstract is reprinted here due to transcription errors in the Dec. 1999 issue)*

John G. Huyler, Sgt., NJ Militia and Continental Line, Revolutionary War Pension # W1775

Tioga Co., PA, Common Pleas Court, 26 Dec 1832, John G. Huyler, age 69, a resident of Potter Co., PA, which does not have a court. Born 04 Oct 1763 Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ

"I served under my Uncle, Capt. John Huyler, who also had a son named John. I also had a cousin named John Huyler, which is why I use the letter G in my name. Also served as a substitute for Roloff Demarest. My father, George Huyler. I also served with Samuel Demarest, Lt. Brockaway, (we called him "Brockleface"), Sgt. Joseph Demarest, and James Blauvelt, who was wounded in the arm. In the spring of 1797 I moved to Greenfield, Saratoga Co., NY; then in 1804 to Union, Broome Co., NY; then in June 1820 to Shippen Twp., Tioga Co., PA; then on 20 May 1831 to Harrison, Potter Co., PA. I also served in the war of 1812.

3 May, 1853, Phebe Hyler, age 65, a resident of Westfield, Tioga Co., PA, widow of John G. Huyler, who died 10 Sep 1846 at Westfield, m. 10 May 1807, Burlington, Otsego Co., NY. My sister, Sally Butler, another sister, and two brothers who are all younger than me, are living in Painesville, Lake Co., Ohio.

Others mentioned in pension, George Huyler, son of John G. Huyler, age 62, a resident of Clymer, Indiana Co., (PA ?) As of 05 Jul 1853. Benjamin B. Smith, age 62, a resident of Millsboro (?) As of 03 May 1853. Ansel Purple, Israel Greenlief, Ebenezer Jackson, Simeon Babcock.

Contributors note: From information supplied by Helen Stevenson [hsteven899@aol.com], the 4th great granddaughter of John G. Huyler, son of George Huyler and Maria Simonson; m.1) Hannah Whitney, m.2) Phebe R. Slocum.)

Peter S. VAN ORDEN

Peter S. VanOrden, Sgt., NY / NJ Militia, Rev. War Pension #S11160. Rockland Co., NY, Common Pleas Court, 28 Nov, 1832, Peter S. VanOrden, age 69, a resident of Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY, born 14 Aug 1763, Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ, record at Schraalenburgh RDC.

Served under Lt. Barnes, who was taken prisoner, Lt. Barrows, Lt. David Demarest, Lt. Campbell. I served as a substitute for Benjamin Westervelt and Daniel Peak. I was taken prisoner to NYC. After the British had stripped my family of the necessities of life, I moved with my mothers family from Schraalenburgh, Bergen Co., NJ , to Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY. Returned to Schraalenburgh in April 1781. Our company was quartered at the house of Peter VanHouten in Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY, under the command of Lt. Resolvert VanHouten. Our company, under the command of Capt. Jonathan Lawrence, consisted of 200 men and 60 Oneida Indians. Johnson and Brandth (Brandt?), with some British Indians and Tories, were burning and pillaging the neighborhood. I know the following men who can testify as to my war service; Matthew Demarest, Jacob Tallman, Cornelius Blauvelt, Samuel VanValen (Vervalen), Peter Smith, John _____ (blurred, possibly Jersey), John VanOrden.

Others mentioned in pension: "In the matter of the pension application of Maj. General Peter S. VanOrden, formerly a Sgt., in the American Revolution", the following testify as fellow soldiers in the revolution, 20 Nov., 1832. Peter Stephens/Stevens, age 72, Abraham VanHouten, age 72, both of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY. 31 Oct., 1832, James Brinkerhoff, age 74, of Lodi, Bergen Co., NJ. 30 Nov., 1832, Benjamin Romaine, of NYC, my brother was Capt. Elias Romaine, 27 Nov., 1832, Abraham G. Haring, age 77, John VanOrden, age 66, both of Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY and both formerly of Bergen Co., NJ, Samuel VerValen, age 71, of Orangetown, Rockland Co., NY.

Contributors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy, by Louis L. Blauvelt, 1957, # 973, pp 143, for further information on this Peter/Petrus Van Orden, son of Steven VanOrden and Maria Konig, married (1) Merregrietje Haring, (2) Maria Blauvelt, (# 682))

Abraham ACHERSON

Abraham Acherson, Pvt., NY Militia, Rev. War Pension # R17. Washington Co., Ohio, Common Pleas Court, 24 Sep, 1834, Abram Ackerson, Bram Acker in English (sic), age 87, resident of Wesley, Washington Co., OH, born 13 Mar 1747, Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY, record at the Presbyterian Society, Rockland Co., NY. Lived at Clarkstown for 58 years, then to Bergen Co., NJ for 10 years, then to Slitter, OH, for 5 years, then to Morgan Co., OH for 13 years. Served under Captains Robert Johnson, Gilliam Cooper, Thomas Blanch, and Lt. William Martin. I have been blind for 7 years. I know the following men who can testify as to my war service: Jonathan Wilson, Thomas Ackerson, George Ray.

Others mentioned in pension: Jonathan Wilson, on 20 Jun 1804 (sic) I was in the same company as Abraham Ackerson at Hortons Hill, Haverstraw, and both sides of the North River in NY and NJ.

Contributors note: See Ackerson/Eckerson Family in America, by Ethel Konight Kolenut, 1993, # 5-157, pp 61, for further information on Abraham Eckerson, (2 Mar 1747 - 1834), son of Thomas Eckerson (#4-43) and Elizabeth Meyer. Married Dirkie Westervelt.

Abraham GOUTCHES

Abraham Goutches, Pvt., NY / NJ Militia, Rev. War pension # R 4164. Rockland County, NY, Common Pleas Court, 24 May, 1845. Rachael Goutches, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY, widow of Abraham Goutches. Passaic Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 8 Oct, 1855, Lydia A. Bell, age 56, daughter of Abraham Goutches, who died 15 Mar 1829, Clarkstown, intestate, and Rachael (no maiden name given), who died 9 May 1847, Clarkstown, married 10 May 1789, Clarkstown

Lydia A. Bell, Letty Ann Housewell (Howell ?), Hannah Blackett (Blauvelt ?) And Phebe Knapp are the only living children of Abraham and Rachael Goutches. A Sarah Goutches is mentioned in this testimony, but can't make out the relationship.

Others mentioned in pension: 8 Oct, 1855, John Wrigley and Benjamin D. Doremus, both of Passaic Co., NJ, are well acquainted with Lydia A. Bell. June, 1845, J. B/R. VanHouten, of Rockland Co., NY, was well

acquainted with Abraham and Rachael Goetchus, recalls Abraham telling him of his Rev. War service while in Teaneck, Bergen Co., NJ, as a guard and scout, smuggling cattle and supplies for the army. He also states that Rachael is the second wife of Abraham Goutches. Edward Pye, Surrogate Judge of Rockland Co., NY, states that Abraham and Rachael are dead, and the only living children are Lydia A. Bell, Letty Ann Howell, Hannah Blauvelt, and Phebe Knapp.

Letter to pension office, dated 27 Aug, 1856, from Daniel D. T. Benedict, of Gallipolis, Ohio, "enclosed you will find evidence of the claim (bounty land ?) of Rachael Goutches, widow of Abraham Goutches."

Contributors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy, by Louis L. Blauvelt, 1957, # 20.061, unidentified, for further information on Abraham Goetschius, son of Rev. John Henry Goetschius and Rachael Zabriskie, married Rachael Feister. Their daughter Hannah Goetschius married Daniel Blauvelt, (#20.061)

To be continued

How Big is the Garden, Dear ??

An acre of land is supposed to be the area that could be plowed by an ox in a day.

A hide of land, about 120 acres, is the amount of land an ox could plow in a year.

A Hundred hides was the original subdivision of a county in England, called a Hundred.

A virgate is another measure of land, not well defined, but between 25 and 35 acres. A farmer with a virgate of land would be able to produce a surplus of food and thus build wealth. Half a virgate was considered subsistence farming.

The ox was used for plowing until about 150 years ago when horses became more common.

The Romans never learned how to harness a horse to pull a plow, a skill that was not learned until about 1200 Cows were originally kept only as breeding stock to produce oxen; milk came from goats and sheep.

Makes you wonder what those folks would think of our modern supermarkets??

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Contributed by Marie Koestler

ORIGINS OF IRISH NAMES

COFFEY: Derived from an ancient Celtic sept (Irish clan) recorded in Ireland as early as the 12th century. They were descended from Ith, the royal family of Spain, and through the female line, from the royal family of Gaul. The original sept, "Cobhthaigh", meaning victorious, included a number of kings and lords with castles in southern Ireland, especially County Cork. Genealogical and family records collected by H.A. Coffey in 1836 included princes, poets, sages, even a druid. Through the centuries the name was modified as O'Cowhig, then anglicized to Coffee. By 1768 the family had been deprived of their large properties.

*Coffey Cousins Clearinghouse
Jefferson City, MO*

O'BRIEN: This royal family originated with the grandson of Brian Boru, who became high king of Ireland in 1002 AD and died at the Battle of Clontarf in 1040 AD - the end of Viking power in Ireland. Brian was born a prince of Tormond, and later became High King and Monarch of all Ireland. He had at least four wives. It is estimated there are over 200,000 O'Briens worldwide.

*The Irish Link, South Melbourne
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O'DONNELL: Niall, one of the Nine Hostages, was High King of Ireland from 308 to 405. One of his many sons settled in Tir Conail, "Connell's Territory" (now Donegal). From him descend the O'Donnells, numerous in Clare, Limerick and Tipperary Counties. In Kilmacrenan, north of Letterkenny, Godfrey O'Donnell (died in 1258) was made chief of his sept. He was continuously engaged in tribal warfare with his sept kinsmen, the O'Neils. Red Hugh O'Donnell (1572 - 1602), whose father relinquished his chief ship to his son, continued the war against the English. In 1601 he was involved in the defeat of Irish forces at Kinsale, which saw the end of the old Gaelic order, and the tribal system, in Ireland. His brother Rory, (1575 - 1608) joined in the flight of the Earls to Spain in 1607. From that time on, many of Irish descent became prominent in continental Europe.

Matt Furlong, The Irish Link

O'DOHERTY: (Daugherty, Dockerty). The name is from "Dochartach", son and heir of Maongal, and grandson of Fianan, Lord of Inishowen, third son of Ceannfaola, Prince of Tir Connell. He was 12th in lineal descent from Conall Gulban. Gulban was a Milesian prince of the royal house of Heremon, who won possession of the area now called Donegal in the early 5th century. The name "Dochartach" means hurtful, or disobliging. It has been anglicized in many ways. In 1890, O'Doherty was the 15th most common name in Ireland- about 20,800 in a total population of 4,717,959. The name is now common in Scotland, due to Irish immigration.

Anthony Matthews, The Irish Link

ELLIOT Descended from M. Aliot, who came to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror in 1066, and held distinguished rank in his army. Tradition says that when William set foot in England he slipped and fell. He sprang up immediately and said it was a happy omen- he had embraced the land of which he was to become the sovereign. Elliot vowed he would maintain, with his blood, the right of his lord to sovereignty over the land. From this family ancestor are descended Eliot of Port Eliot, Elliot of Minto, and Elliot of Stobbs- the last two in Roxburgh County.

The Irish Link

TAYLOR: While Taylor was an English occupational name, (the 5th most common in England) it stems from the Norman "Tailloir"- a tailor. The name was early in Ireland. Jordan Scissor, alias Taylor, was among the freeholders in Finglas, County Dublin, in 1228. Nicholas Taylor, a grandson of Edward Taylor, chief falconer to King Henry III, was in Ireland in 1273. Many of the Taylors who came to Ireland became titled persons. There were Taylors in counties Louth, Dublin, Kildare, Leitrim, Wexford, Mayor and Galway- the great majority (800) in the Dublin area, about 200 in the rest of the country.

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