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### HELP WANTED

Your newsletter is presently operating without a full-time Editor! The vacant position is being held on an interim basis by a volunteer, J. Douglas Leith. Doug does not live in Rockland County, and does not have the time to take over the position permanently. He has volunteered as the editor for a short time to keep the Newsletter going. A FULL-TIME EDITOR is needed! If you have an interest in the position of Newsletter Editor, or if you know of someone who might, now is the time to speak up. Your society is in need! Contact GSRC President Maryann Smith, PO Box 444, New City, NY 10956

***This is YOUR opportunity!***

### HAVERSTRAW BRICK MUSEUM

The program presented at the September 2002 meeting of the Genealogical Society at the New City Library dealt with the Haverstraw Brick Museum and the families involved.

Mrs. Patricia Gordon, director of the Brick Museum, as well as the guiding inspiration was our guest speaker for the evening. Pat outlined the history of the brick industry and the many families associated with its development.

A collection of 80 slides was shown of the Haverstraw area and the early brick yards located there. Pat spoke of an educational program being developed to introduce the younger school children to the art of producing bricks as they did at the turn of the century.

Pat Gordon suggested that she would welcome post cards, photographs and family history from those families around the country who experienced growing up in the Haverstraw area.

The Haverstraw Brick Museum is a growing institution, with new ideas being implemented and many volunteers being utilized to broaden the scope of the museum.

The Brick Museum is open on Sundays and Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m., and at other times by appointment.

The Museum phone is (845) 947-3505

Pat Gordon's home phone is (845) 359-1663

*Contributed by D. Renud*

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Many thanks to all our members for their many continued contributions. The GSRC Newsletter is greatly enriched by your willingness to share. Without you we cannot continue to put together the kind of newsletter you want and enjoy. All members are

invited to submit material for publication. Original work is desired and encouraged. When sending information from another source, please give proper credit. The Genealogical Society of Rockland County, and its Editor, will assume no responsibility for typographical or factual errors, or for the opinions expressed or implied by its contributors. *All submitted material will be published at the discretion of the Editor, without verification, and as space permits. Submissions may be edited for length, content and accuracy.* Readers comments are welcomed. The Newsletter is published quarterly, at the beginning of September, December, March and June. **The deadline for all submitted material is the first of the month preceding the month of publication.** Send material, articles and comments to:

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**Dues and Membership** Annual Society dues are now \$15.00 for both individuals and organizations. The Society dues year is September 1st to August 31st.

### Meetings and Events

Regular meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month except July, August, and December, in the all purpose meeting room in the New City Public Library, 220 N. Main St., New City, Rockland Co., NY. (845) 634-4997

**All meetings will start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted**  
For information regarding meeting cancellations due to bad weather, call Marie Koestler, (845) 623-4046 or Sally Dewey, (845) 359-5490

### PROGRAMS

**December, 2002** No Meeting. Happy Holidays !!!

**January 28, 2003 ...** Ira Burke will lead a discussion with and for newer members and genealogy beginners on the Easy, the Hard, and the Ugly of Starting Genealogy. This should be a fun evening of learning and exchange of ideas and success stories from some new points of view.

**February 25, 2003 ...** (not yet confirmed) A program on the Tallman family of Rockland County by a family member. More details to follow.

**March 2003-** (Exact date to be decided- probably Sat. 22nd) a carpool trip to Passaic County genealogy Society's headquarters in Lambert's Castle, Paterson, NJ, for a tour of their research library.

**April 2003- Either Saturday 19th or 26th-** a cosponsored trip with the New City Library to NYC- details to follow

**May 2003- Sat. May 31st.** Britta Arendt will present a program on Civil War Nurses; Who were they? How did they receive a commission? Why did their families disown them? And how to research them.

**June 14th, 2003- THE 5TH ANNUAL ROCKLAND GATHERING-** Much is being planned to make this a gala occasion! The Society for Creative Anachronisms will be with us for the day. They will set up a medieval fair on the lawn and show us what life was like on Market Day in the middle ages. Arts, crafts, games, and armament will be demonstrated. These folks are not re-enactors (like civil war re-enactors) who must follow the historical details of how a particular event occurred. Rather they are re-creators who have immersed themselves in a fascinating period of history and can give valuable insights into how our ancestors lived, loved, fought, and died. Susannah Bensen will be back with her Creative Memories scrap booking Table and she will lead a day of scrapping in the library for anyone who cares to come and work on their projects; Beth Potter, from Bergen County, will speak on "How to do a House History" which is also her business; Remembering Our Ancestors Author Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak (yes, that's her real name) will share amusing, amazing and touching stories of the many creative ways people have paid tribute to those who came before us. And for those of us who have reached an impasse in our research, she'll share another collection of tales that show that our ancestors want to be found as much as we want to find them. As ever, the pot luck lunch should be a special treat as will the new cousins and contacts we discover. Come for an hour, come for the day and let a little family history rub off on you.

**June 24th-** This will be our last meeting before the summer break. Program still to be decided.

**If you know someone who might do a program, or if you would like to do a program yourself, please contact Maryann Smith at (845) 358-2145.**



## **OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES**

### **Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ**

PO Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432. Meetings the 4th Monday of the month (except holidays & Dec.) at 7 p.m. at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood, NJ. Visitors welcome. For info. call (201) 670-8106 or (201) 652-1171. *The*

*Archivist*, the Society newsletter, is published quarterly.

#### **Future Programs:**

**January 27, 2003** "Resources of the Bergen County Historical Society" will be the topic of a talk by Bob Griffin of the society.

**February 24, 2003** "New York Research- City, State and County" will be discussed by Art Simpson of the society.

**March 24, 2003** Scottish Research will be the topic of a talk by Bill Cotgreave

**Orange County Genealogical Society** is located in the 1841 Court House, 101 Main Street, Goshen NY 10924, where it maintains an expanding research room. Dues are \$10.00 annually. Meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., usually followed by a speaker at 10:30 a.m. Call for details about speakers (845) 562-2749. Library hours are Monday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. 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.; 3rd Saturday of month 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Westchester County Genealogical Society**

PO Box 518, White Plains, NY 10603. Dues are \$20.00. Monthly Newsletter. Meetings Sept. through June at Aldersgate United Meth. Church, 600 Broadway (Route 9), Dobbs Ferry, NY on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. 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 a.m. to noon & 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **The Westchester County Genealogical Society has released its 2002 Surname List, containing 3837 surnames submitted by 209 society members. The Surname List can be purchased for \$8.00. Purchase and/or information can be had by writing W.C.G.S. PO Box 518, White Plains, NY, 10603 or visit their web site listed below.**

**Web Site:** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs>

### **Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey**

The Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month, at the YM-YWHA of North Jersey, 1 Pike Rd, Wayne, NJ. Programs begin at 8:00 p.m., and are open to all. For information call: Paul (845) 357- 5567, Evan (973) 595-0100, ext. 236, or Susan (973) 564-8522

### **Dennison Genealogical Society**

Searchers and providers of Dennison and other family photos and documents. Family names include Defreese, Mann, VanDunk, Peterson, Morgan, Degroat, Powell and Suffern. All information and photos are exchanged free of charge. Our mission is to collect and preserve our family history through photos and documents and to organize them into binder form. Interested parties should contact Wallace Edward Dennison III, 8 Estate Dr, Middletown, NY 10940 (845) 342-9205.

### **Passaic County Historical Society**

The Passaic County Historical Society Library is once again open and available to researchers. The library is located at the Lambert Castle, Valley Road and Highway 19, Paterson, NJ. Hours are Wednesday and Friday, 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM, and the second and fourth Saturday of each month, 1:00 PM to 3:45 PM. There is ample parking. The library is on the lower floor and is staffed by volunteers.

### **National Archives Records Administration**

N.A.R.A. Web Site has been changed from <NARA.gov> to <Archives.gov> When last visited, NARA.gov automatically forwards you to the new web site.

**When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from.**

*Carl Sandberg*

**His family album indicates that his ancestors went west in a covered wagon. And when I saw pictures of them, I realized why the wagon was covered.**

*Contributed by Curt Shuart*

## PETER REED and MARIA KROM

by D. Reid Ross

### Peter Reed (Reid) (Ridt)

Son of John Ross and Margaret Hyman

Born October 8, 1735, Islay, Scotland

Married about 1763

### Maria Krom (Crom)

Daughter of Dirck and Cataryn Crom

Born: December 26, 1735

Died: After 1811

Maria Krom, daughter of Dirck and Catryn Crom, and great granddaughter of Floris Willemse Krom, married Peter Reed (Reid) (Read) (Ridt) about 1763. Peter's place of residence before his marriage was probably at Scotland Hill, in the Precinct of Haverstraw [*now in the Village of Chestnut Ridge*]. There is no record of their marriage since there is a break in the Tappan Church records from 1754 to 1784 due to a fire. The Tappan [*Dutch*] Church was the Krom family church. Their four daughters and three sons were all baptized in this church. They were: Maria (Mary) b. 1765; Catherine, b. 1767; Margaret, b. 1767; John, b. 1772; Jane, b. 1774; Peter, b. 1777; and Daniel Reed [*my ancestor*], born 5 August, 1779. Daniel Reed married Betthaiah (Metthia) Johnson in 1804, in Cambridge, Washington Co., NY.

Peter Reed was a weaver as early as 1767, when he bought a loom, a cow, and all household goods from Arthur Johnson, a weaver living at Haverstraw. Peter's wife Maria Kom was born and raised in Haverstraw. Peter served as constable and collector in 1764 in Haverstraw, as well as a road master and highway master in 1772, 1781, 1787, 1791 and 1792.

In 1776 he enlisted in the Kakiat Company of the 2nd Regiment of Orange County Militia which saw action as shore guards and scouts along the west bank of the Hudson River. Later he served in a detachment of levies under Lt. Col. Gilbert Cooper.

By 1782 he had moved from Scotland Hill, and was living in New Hempstead when he mortgaged seventeen and one half acres, containing three parcels adjacent to and owned by the New Hempstead Presbyterian (English) Church, also known as the English Meeting House. Its mother church was founded in 1644 in Hempstead, Long Island, and is probably the oldest continuing Presbyterian Church in the United States. Like all early Presbyterian churches in the U.S., it had its origins in the emigration of Scots and Ulster Scots of Northern Ireland.

New Hempstead (earlier known as Kakiat, since 1829 as Ramapo) was settled in 1713 by a company of

English colonists, largely from Hempstead, Long Island. The church was founded in 1754 in the Kakiat Patent. It was located on the Old Kings Road about midway between Scotland Hill and the Kings Ferry on the Hudson River. A north-south road intersected the Old Kings Road, adjacent to the church and a log schoolhouse.

When the British occupied Long Island in 1776, a number of patriots, mostly Presbyterian, abandoned their homes. Some who were living in the original Hempstead town on Long Island moved to New Hempstead to escape British rule.

Among the first deacons and elders of the church were Jonah and Timothy Halstead, and Samuel Coe. Coe donated the land on which the church was built. The Clarkstown Town Clerk records indicate that in 1791 Peter Reed was road master "from John Coe's property (his neighbor and grand nephew of Samuel Coe) to the head of the mountain," toward Scotland Hill. In 1794 Peter Reeds property was assessed at 63 pounds for tax purposes.

Elections were held at town meetings at his house to vote on establishing a poor house in 1796 in Clarkstown; in 1797 to authorize the raising of 300 pounds to finance it; and in 1798 to raise an additional 300 pounds for poor relief.

Peter Reed was an "organizing member" of the New Hempstead Church in 1785 and was listed seventh on its membership roll of only twenty-three that year. He rented its parsonage from 1791 to 1797 when there was no resident pastor and while the church was being rebuilt. John D. Coe served as clerk and treasurer of the church for fifty years beginning in 1785.

Peter Reed and John D. Coe (his friend, fellow church member, neighbor and executor of his estate) were two of the three trustees of the Clarkstown School in 1796-1797 near their church. State legislation passed in 1795 provided partial funding of schools providing local communities raised one-half of the state appropriation. It also provided for local election of school commissioners.

John Coe also had served as an ensign in Peter Reed's militia regiment. He also kept a tavern and store on the northwest corner of the road opposite the church, on Lot 4 of the 100 acre lots in the Kakiat Patent. During the revolution the tavern was a convenient way station for officers and couriers passing through. On at least two occasions troops camped in the immediate vicinity. Major John Andre had dinner there on his way to Tappan to be tried for treason. During the revolution the county supervisors sometimes convened their meetings in the tavern or the church.



John D. Coe was a member of the Provincial Congress in 1775, and a judge of the county court at that time. In 1775 and 1778-1780 he was a member of the New York State Assembly, and was a State senator from 1795-1798. John D. Coe also served as Chaplain in the 2nd Regiment, Orange County Militia, Captain Johnson's Company. His wife was Mary Halstead. Peter Reed served in a different company of the same regiment.

The Reed children attended the Clarkstown School. The log schoolhouse was built about 1774 near the church, and the church was undoubtedly responsible for running the school. The teacher was George Douglas, presumably an Englishman. After 1795 the school received state aid as a common school.

Peter Reed appears as head of household in the 1790, 1800 and 1810 census of Rockland County. His immediate neighbors in 1800 were Benjamin Halstead and Jonas Halstead. In 1784, Thomas Halstead posted a bond on the mortgage against property that Peter Reed purchased in 1782.

On November 9, 1807, Peter sold sixty acres of land he owned in Washington County, NY, to his son Daniel (who lived there) for \$1.00. Daniel died in the war of 1812. The deed was witnessed by John D. Coe. Peter had inherited this land from his father John, who had been awarded Lot 70 of the Argyle Patent that was granted to Lachlan Campbell by the NY Colonial government.

Peter's will, probated January 10, 1811, in New Hempstead, left his estate to his wife Mary (Maria); his two daughters, Mary and Margaret; and the minor children of his deceased son John (who had died by July 20, 1810). By 1811, John's widow (Thankful) had married Abraham Jones and was recorded as a member of the New Hempstead Church.

No record has been found as to when Maria Reed died, or where she is buried, but she obviously survived him, since she was named in his will. There are no burial records for whether Peter Reed or his wife Mary. It is possible, however, that they are buried in an unmarked grave in the Coe family cemetery about 1/2 mile north of their church.

Peter's daughter Margaret, who had married David Halstead, was undoubtedly the namesake of Margaret Halstead Reid (b. 8 November 1805), who was one of Peter's grandchildren, the daughter of his son Daniel. Margaret Halstead Reid married Charles Wesley Ross on 19 September, 1830, and continued our line of descent.

According to family legend, Margaret Reid Ross kept a "patch-work quilt" made of pieces of woolen

uniforms worn in various wars by soldiers in her family, beginning with the French and Indian War. It also included pieces of uniforms worn by her four sons who fought in the Civil War. At least two of Peter's grandchildren fought in the War of 1812, and at least four of his great grandchildren in the Civil War.

This lends credence to the family legend that a member of her family fought with General Wolfe in Quebec, who was killed in 1759 on the Plains of Abraham. Margaret also was as rock-ribbed a Presbyterian of her day as she could be, and maintained family discipline as strictly as a mother of six could possibly do. This included allowing no card playing in her house and no dancing. No cooking was allowed on Sunday.

Margaret Reid Ross died on 25 March, 1892, in Hedgeville, West Virginia, at the home of her son, Dr. Daniel Reid Ross, where she had lived as a widow for twenty five years. She was 84 years old, blind, and partially paralyzed. She was known in the community as "Mother Ross," according to the *Martinsburg Herald*, which carried a front page story on her death.

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## MORE ABOUT WILLIAM CONKLIN

Last month's newsletter carried an abstract of the Bergen Co., NJ, Rev. War Pension application of William Conklin. GSRC member M. Smeltzer Stevenot provides us here with more information about this early Rocklander.

Williams first Rockland ancestors were Mathias Conklin, b. c/1698, will proved Orangetown 1776, and Sophia Mabie, b. New Rochelle, d/o Casper Mabie. They were married in Hackensack RDC, NJ. He was head of a family in Orangetown in 1771.

Mathias was the son of Deliverance Conklin and Angeltie Buckout, d/o Mathias Buckout and Eleanor Ellsworth, and great grandson of John and Helena Conklin of Rye, NY. William's father, Abraham, was b. 1725, married Margrietje Bell, b. c/1727, d/o William Bell and Lea Blauvelt, in 1750 in Schraalenburg, NJ. Their son William was a freeholder from 1786 to 1794, moved to Franklin Township, NJ, in 1797. His son Benjamin, b. 1791, married Jemima (Dater?), b. 1795. They had children William J., b. c/1817-1820, and Elsie Jane who married William Holmes of NYC in 1852 at Zion Lutheran Church, Saddle River, NJ. William married Ann Eliza Dater, d/o John Dater and Maria Bush. Ann Eliza inherited a large farm in Tallman, NY, from her great grandfather Derrick Bush. Conklin descendants still live on the family property in Tallman.

## AT THE NEW CITY LIBRARY

*Recent acquisitions (as of Nov. 1, 2002) 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 bookcase against the center wall in the Rockland Room. Please return these books to the shelving cart by the entrance door when you are done with them. Thank You*

- 974 Brooklyn: A State of Mind 125 Original Stories  
from America's Most Colorful City
- 723 Michael W. Robbins  
Bro (Workman Publishing Company, 2001)
974. Rockland County: Century of History  
728 Linda Zimmerman  
Rockl (Historical Society of Rockland County, 2002)
974. Images of America: Newburgh  
731 Kevin Barrett  
Bar (Arcadia, 2000)
974. Images of America: Middletown  
731 Marvin H. Cohen  
Coh (Arcadia, 2001)
974. Images of America: Port Jervis  
731 Martha Osterberg  
Ost (Arcadia, 2001)
974. Images of America: Montgomery, New York  
731 Robert Williams  
Wil (Arcadia, 1999)
508. Changing Tides: Tivoli Bays: A Hudson River  
7473 Wetlands Esther Kiviat  
Kiv (Purple Mountain Press, 1999)
728. Discovering the History of Your House and Your  
37 Neighborhood Betsy J. Green  
Gre (Santa Monica Press, 2002)
917. The Long Path 5<sup>th</sup> edition  
4738 Edited by Herb Chong  
New (New York New Jersey Trail Conference, 2002)
929. A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your  
1 Scottish Ancestors Linda Jonas & Paul Milner  
Jon (Betterway Books, 2002)
929. Records of George M. Holt Funeral Home  
3 1864-1953 Genealogical Society of Rockland  
County, 2002

940. Uncle We Are Ready: Registering Men  
4 1917-1918 John J. Newman  
New (Heritage Quest, 2001)
973. Lieutenants of the Navy: 1832  
524 Mountain Press  
Lie
973. Letter From the Secretary of the Navy U.S.  
524 Naval Pensions 1828 Secretary of the Navy  
Usn (Washington, 1828)
974. Florida, New York: An Early Look at its Faces,  
731 Places and Winding Staircases  
Flo Florida Historical Society 2002
974. The Hudson River: From Tear of the Clouds to  
73 Manhattan Jake Rais  
Rai (Monacelli Press, 1995)

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**Surnames of interest to these New Members can be found in the 2002 Surname Index included with this Newsletter.**

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### A Genealogist's Christmas Eve

Twas the night before Christmas when all through  
the house Not a creature was stirring, not even my  
spouse.

The dining room table with clutter was spread  
With pedigree charts and with letter which said ...

"Too bad about the data for which you wrote  
Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."

Stacks of old copies of wills and the such  
Were proof that my work had become too much.

Our children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugarplums danced in their heads.

And I at my table was ready to drop,  
From work on my album with photos to crop.

Christmas was here, and of such was my lot,  
That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot.

Had I not been so busy with grandparent's wills,  
I'd not have forgotten to shop for such thrills.

While others had bought gifts that would bring  
Christmas cheer,  
I'd spent time researching those birth dates and  
years.

While I was musing about my sad plight,  
A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great  
fright.

Away to the window I flew with a flash,  
Tore open the drapes and I yanked up the sash.

When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
but an over stuffed sleigh and eight small reindeer.

Up to the house top the reindeer they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys, and ole Santa Claus, too.

And then with a twinkle, I heard on the roof,  
The prancing and pawing of thirty-two hoofs.

The TV antenna was no match for their horns,  
And look at our roof with hoof-prints adorned.

As I drew in my head, and bumped it on the sash,  
Down the cold chimney fell Santa -- KER-RASH !

"Dear" Santa had come from the roof in a wreck,  
And tracked soot on the carpet [ I could wring his  
short neck ! ]

Spotting my face, good old Santa could see,  
I had no Christmas spirit you'd have to agree.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the stockings, [ I felt like a jerk ! ]

Here was Santa, who'd brought us such gladness  
and joy,  
When I'd been too busy for even one toy.

He spied my research on the table all spread.  
"A Genealogist!" he cried [ My face was all red ! ]

To night I have met many like you, Santa grinned  
As he pulled from his sack a large book he had  
penned.

I gazed with amazement - the cover it read,  
"Genealogy Lines for Which You Have Pled"

"I know what it's like as a genealogy bug,  
He said as he gave me a great Santa hug.

While the elves make a sleighful of toys I now  
carry,  
I do some research in the North Pole Library !

A special treat I am thus able to bring,  
To genealogy folks who can't find a thing.

Now off you go to your bed for a rest,  
I'll clean up the house from this genealogy mess.

As I climbed up the stairs full of gladness and glee,  
I looked back at Santa who'd brought much to me.

While settling in bed, I heard Santa's clear whistle,  
To his team, which then rose like the down of a  
thistle.

And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight,  
"Family History is Fun ! Merry Christmas !  
Goodnight !"

*Contributed by Bob Protzmann*

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### 471 Waldron / Weiant

Requesting information on Cornelius Waldron, b. about 1770, and lived in Stony Point. Married first wife and had son Jacob born 4 Feb 1791. Would like parents Cornelius' parents names, first wife name and when they were married.

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### 472 Waldron / Weiant

Cornelius Waldron married second Nancy Weiant. They had four sons: George, b. 15 Sept. 1794; William, b. 1802; Richard, b. 1798; and Jonas, b. 1815. They were all in Delaware County, Ohio, 1815-1820. Would like Nancy Weiant's maiden name or if married before. Could she be the daughter, Nancy West, in Jurey (George) Weigant's 1878 will?

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### 473 Haring / VanHouten

Seeking parents of Garret A. Haring, 1829 - 1906 born in Rockland. Minister of True Reform Church. Married Lavinia VanHouten 1833 - 1896

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### 474 Conklin / Secor

Seeking parents and grandparents of Hannah Conklin, 1777 - 1810, born Newburgh, NY  
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### 475 Krom

Seeking parents of Stephen Reuben Krom, 1837 - 1913. Born NY, married M. Francesca [last name unknown, 1844 - 1900

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### 476 Snedeker Cemetery / Felter Cemetery

Prior to 1963 there was a cemetery in northern New City that has been variously identified as the *Felter Family Cemetery* & the *Snedeker Cemetery*. In 1936 the RC Planning board identified this cemetery as #47, on the Frank Jones Farm, west of Paul Kliebers, at Congers. The 13 graves in this cemetery were moved to Oak Hill Cemetery in 1963 to make way for the widening of Route 304. Can anyone show or tell me exactly where this cemetery was located prior to demolition?

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### 477 Smith Burial Ground

In 1942 Mr. F. J. Peterson of Suffern located a small family burial ground which he described as somewhere east of Preston Smith's place on Buena Vista Road in New City. Only one stone was copied, that of Anna Smith, wife of John Smith, died 15 June 1812, but the indications are that there were more stones. Can anyone show or tell me where this burial ground is or was?

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## **BERGEN PENSION ABSTRACTS**

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

#### **Harmanus and Rachel Bogert VanHuysen/VanHousen**

Harmanus VanHuysen, Captain, NJ Militia, Revolutionary War Pension #W16772. Albany County, NY, Common Pleas Court, 4 Aug 1832, Harmanus VanHuysen, age 79, a resident of *Bethlehem, Albany Co., NY*; b. 23 Oct 1752, Tappan, NY, record at Tappan RDC. Lived in Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ, when entered service in 1775, age 22.

I served with Lt. James Bogert, Ens. Peter Vreeland. My commission as a Captain was signed in 1776, by Jacobus Demarest, then the President of the Committee to Grant Commissions. I commenced the study of divinity in 1783 under Rev. Solomon Froeleigh and was licensed and resided in Bergen Co., NJ. In 1794 I was called to the Bethlehem RDC, in Albany Co., NY.

I knows the following men who can testify as to my war service.: Samuel G. Verbruyck, of Rockland Co., NY, Rev. Thomas Holiday, of Minisink, Orange Co., NY, John Ward Jr., of Bethlehem, Samuel Demarest, of Waterford, NY, Samuel Vervalen, of Orange, Rockland Co., NY, Rev. Abraham Fort (Ford?), and John Taylor, both of New Scotland, Albany Co., NY.

Albany Co., NY, Common Pleas Court, 4 May 1837, Rachael VanHuysen, age 76, formerly Bogert, the d/o James Bogert, of Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ, a resident of Albany Co., NY, widow of Harmanus VanHuysen, who died at 1:00 am on 26 Nov 1833, age 82 years, 1 month and 3 days, at New Scotland, Albany Co., NY, married 27 Dec 1778 by Rev. Benjamin Vanderlinda at Paramus RDC.

Children of Harmanus & Rachael Bogert VanHuysen:

1] Harmanus, b. 12 Sept 1779

2] Christianna, b. 23 Feb 1782, died NYC (no date)

3] Levina, b. 28 Aug 1785

4] Sara, b. 16 Jan 1792

5] Christianna, b. 29 Aug 1794

6] Jacobus, b. 23 Oct 1799

Others mentioned in pension: Rudolph VanHuysen, age 68, of Schenectady, Schenectady Co., NY, brother of Harmanus, on 3 Oct 1832. Rachael Smith, age 71 last May, Providence, Saratoga Co., NY, wife of Abraham Smith and sister of Harmanus VanHuysen, on 2 Sept 1833. Joseph Lewis, Paymaster, Bergen Co., NJ, Militia. Joseph C. Yates of Schnectady, Schnectady Co., NY, former Governor of NY State. Testifying as a fellow soldier in the Revolution, on 17 June 1833, Samuel Demarest, age 88, of Waterford, Saratoga Co. *Contributor's note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy, "Revised Edition," by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987 for further information on Harmanus VanHuysen and Sara Blauvelt.*

#### **Derick/Dirk and Leah (Bell) Ackerson/Eckerson/Ekkerson/Acker**

Derick Ackerson, Pvt., NY Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # W15750. Rockland Co., NY, Common Pleas Court, 29 Nov 1832, Derick Ackerson, age 75, a resident of Orange, Rockland Co., NY.

Record of my age from my fathers bible, now in the possession of Andries Onderdonk. Served under Colonels Graham, A. Hawkes Hay, and Samuel Drake, Captains Gilbert Cooper, John Blauvelt, John Bell, Lt. John Seeker/Secher. Served as a guard and scout in Bergen Co., NJ. Encountered Col. Buskirk and Bartley's men. Taken prisoner by British soldiers on a barge from one of the British ships near Nyack, NY, to the prison ship "Jersey."

Rockland Co., NY, Common Pleas Court, 21 Sept 1838, Leah Ackerson, age 72, a resident of Orange, Rockland Co., NY, formerly Leah Bell, widow of Derick Ackerson, also know as Ekkerson or Acker, who died 20 Nov 1836, married 23 Nov 1785, by Rev. Nicholas Lansing at the United Congregation of Tappan and Clarkstown (marriage record states Dirk Ekkerson).

Others mentioned in pension (no relationship stated); 21 Sep 1838, Catherine Ackerson, of Orange. Rev. Isaac D. Cole, 21 Dec 1833, Samuel G. VerBryck, Isaac T. Blanch, both of Orange, Adolphus L. Mabie, *Justice of the Peace*, Rev. John Demarest of NYC, formerly of Orange.

Testifying as fellow soldiers in the revolution, 29 Nov 1832, John Hutton, of Clarkstown, and Abraham Conklin, of Orange, 07 Dec 1833, Abraham VanHouten, John VanHouten, age 76, both of Clarkstown, John G. Bogert, age 78, of Orange. Mentioned in court papers, the pension case of Elizabeth Hendrickson. Copy of a transcript from the pension office, dated 6 Jul 1928, "send copies of pension record to (unnamed), also see receipt of Israel Aber, W16800".

*To be continued.*

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*Contributed by Robert Protzmann*

## BIBLE RECORDS

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### The Bible of Abram B. Gurnee

#### **Births:**

Abram B. Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
April 29th, 1790

Catharine Bogert was born in the year of our Lord  
December 5th, 1795

Leonard A. Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
March 7th, 1815

Serventus D. Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
March 7th, 1817

Harriet Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
March 15th, 1821

Nelson Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
October 26th, 1823

Palmer J. Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
March 20th, 1829

Anna Vermilyea Gurnee was born in the year of our  
Lord March 2nd, 1833

Elmira Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
February 15th, 1838

Louisa Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
March 7th, 1845

George H. Gurnee was born in the year of our Lord  
August 30th, 1847

Martha Matilda Hauptman born in the year of our Lord  
February 18th, 1823

Andrew Jersey was born January 10th, 1847

Willis A. Jersey was born June 18th, 1869

Elma M. Jersey was born September 30th, 1877

#### **Marriages:**

Abram B. Gurnee and Catharine Bogert was married in  
the year of our Lord December 24th, 1812

Leonard A. Gurnee and Martha Jane Owen was married  
January 11th, 1837

Nelson Gurnee and Margaret Benson was married  
November 6th, 1845

Palmer J. Gurnee and Jane Vandebilt [*sic*] was married  
November 19th, 1850

John H. Tallman and Anna Vermilia Gurnee was  
married June 3rd, 1854

Serventus D. Gurnee and Martha Matilda Hauptman  
was married January 6th, 1841

Andrew Jersey and Louisa Gurnee [*daughter of S.D.  
Gurnee*] was married March 14th, 1866

Spencer Wood and Elmira C. Gurnee was married  
August 9th, 1859

Willis Andrew Jersey [*son of Andrew Jersey*] and  
Harriet Fayne Miller was married Sept. 1st, 1902

#### **Deaths:**

Harriet Gurnee died October 27th, 1822

George H. Gurnee died June 29th, 1857  
[*son of S.D. Gurnee*]

Ada Gurnee died January 27th, 1862  
[*daughter of P.J. Gurnee*]

Catharine Gurnee, wife of Abram B. Gurnee, died June  
13th, 1862 aged 66 years, 5 months and 29 days.

Abram B. Gurnee died April 5th, 1874

Nelson Gurnee died February 17th, 1874 [*in Texas*]

Elmira C. Wood died March 3rd, 1896, wife of Spencer  
Wood.

Spencer Wood, husband of Elmira C. Gurnee Wood  
died June 4th, 1893



Margaret Benson Gurnee, wife of Nelson Gurnee, died March 7th, 1884

Serventus D. Gurnee died April 2nd, 1901

John H. Tallman died October 3rd, 1901  
Anna V. Tallman died November 9th, 1921

Jane Vanderbelt, wife of Palmer J. Gurnee, died May 3rd, 1905

Palmer J. Gurnee died December 11th, 1908

Martha M. Gurnee died April 11th, 1912

Louisa Gurnee Jersey died May 8th, 1936

Andrew Jersey died August 24th, 1920

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### The Bible of Patrick Hunt

#### Marriages:

Patrick Hunt married Ann Hanahen Dec. 4th, 1852

Patrick Hunt married Mary Hart March 9th, 1864

Francis X. Clark married Julia Ryan June \_\_\_\_\_ at  
Tompkins Cove, NY

Thomas V. Clark married Agnes Coonan \_\_\_\_\_ at  
Haverstraw, NY

#### Births:

Patrick Hunt born March 17th, 1827

Ann Hunt born July 12th, 1833

Thomas Hunt born September 8th, 1853

Margret [sic] Hunt born September 28th, 1855

Owen Hunt born August 23rd, 1859

Mary Ann Hunt born September 23rd, 1860

Peter J. Clark born October 16th, 1882

Anna L. Clark born September 18th, 1884

Thomas V. Clark born January 21st, 1887

Francis X. Clark born December 12th, 1887

#### Deaths:

Ann Hunt died February 18th, 1863

Owen Hunt died October 17th, 1860

Patrick Hunt died January 18th, 1878

Thomas Joseph Hunt died September 3rd, 1922

Margaret C. Hunt Clark died February unreadable

Mary Hunt McCabe died blank

Regina M. F. Clark died August 31, 1909

Patricia Clark died July 9th, 1943

Frank Clark died August 1, 1891, age 43 - Born 1848

Anne Lynch died Nov. 12th, 1899

James J. Grady died December 26, 1914, born  
September 26, 1861

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### Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library

The Haverstraw King's Daughters Library is seeking the descendants of the 12 original Library Trustees, who were instrumental in starting the library in 1903. The library hopes to contact family members of those 12 trustees and have them participate in a celebration planned for May, 2003, which will commemorate both their 100th anniversary and the construction of a new library building. The new library will be located in the Rosman Center Shopping Plaza in Garnerville.

If your roots trace back to *Mary A. Stalter, Mabel L. Lewis, Frances M. Masker, Margarete Meyers, Kate L. Gillies, Adelaide R. Newton, Carrie A. Reynolds, Lois M. Kinney, Mabel W. Reynolds, Anna S. Fowler, Jane C. Brennan or Amelia Zundel*, the Library would like to hear from you. Contact Haverstraw King's Daughters Library at Main Street, Haverstraw NY, 10927, or call the library's director, Joanne Ginsburg Sininsky at (845) 429-3445.

## FLESHING OUT THE BONES

I bet that at one time or another someone asked you why you do genealogy? Why do you care? I think that this poem expresses my feelings perfectly. Do you feel the same way?

We are the chosen. My feelings are that in each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again.

To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

To me, doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before.

We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called as it were by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves.

How many graves have I stood before now and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors you have a wonderful family you would be proud of us?

How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who am I and why do I do the things I do? It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying I can't let this happen.

The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that they fought to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us.

That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do.

With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are them and they are us.

I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take their place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and put flesh on the bones.

*Contributed by Kathy Kopacz*

## GENEALOGIST'S PRAYER

God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find, the courage to find the ones I can, and the wisdom to document thoroughly.

Author unknown

## THE FAMILY TREE OF DAVID JAMES CARLOUGH and MARIA MAY

[SEE CHART ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

This illustrates a method of showing an entire family on a single sheet of paper.

Remember that each vertical column is a separate generation, with the oldest generation on the left.

The first column shows the parents of David James Carlough and his wife, Maria May, or the grandparents of the ten children in column three.

At the top of the second column is shown David J. Carlough and Maria May, the progenitors of this Carlough family.

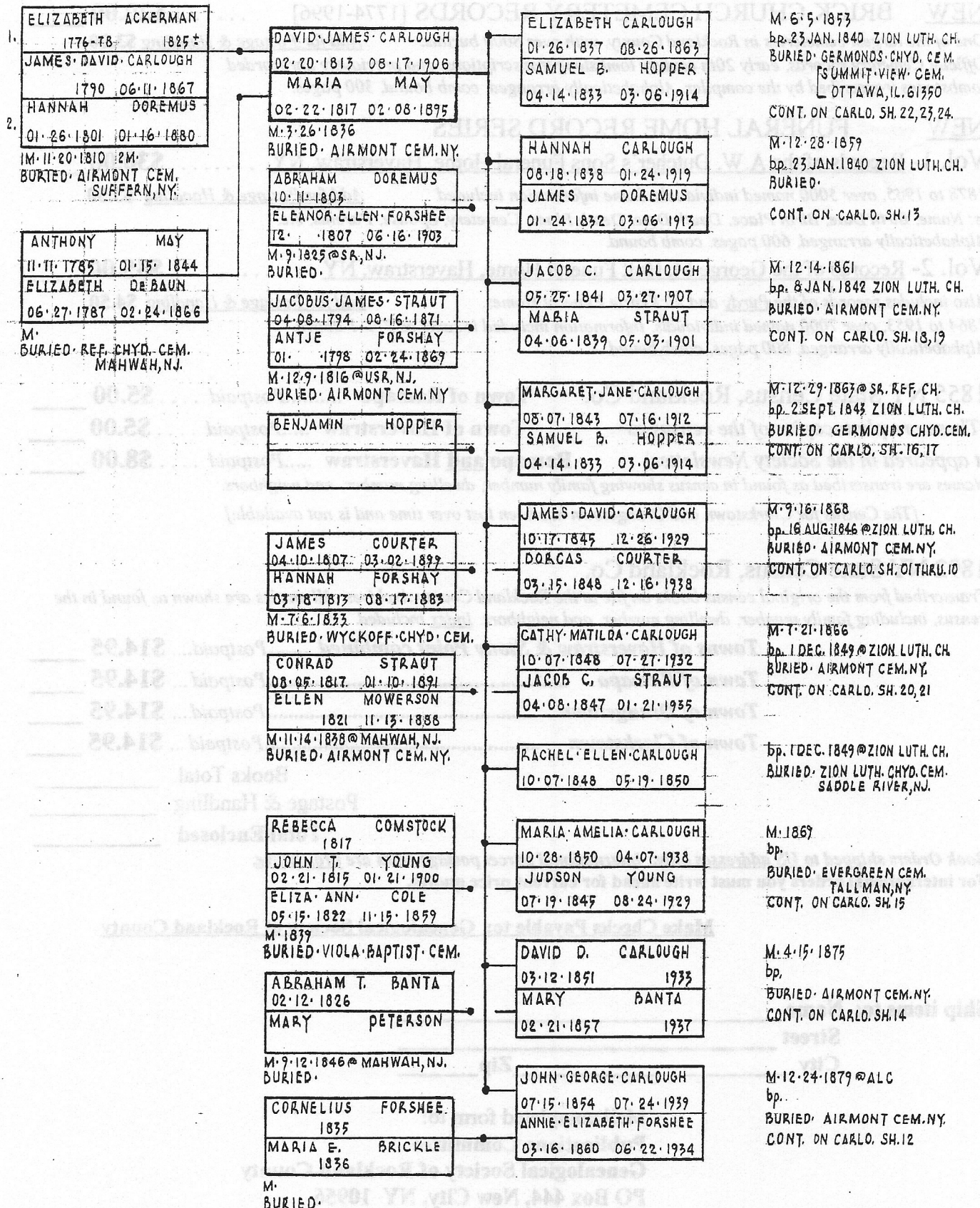
The third column shows the 10 children of David and Maria (marked by a black dot) in the order of their birth, with the top of the box for the direct descendant, and directly below their spouse. The horizontal line indicates the union of the two. Their birth and death dates are shown in each box.

The fourth column is for miscellaneous info such as their marriage, baptism, burial etc., and where to obtain further information on their children and grandchildren.

To the left of each of these children are the parents of the marriage partner, called in-laws. They are shown in the second column, as an older generation.

*Submitted by D. Renud*





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