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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. Mailing address at top of page 2.

### 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

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Rockland Gathering**  
at the New City Public Library  
June 14, 2003

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The Rockland County Genealogical Society will be hosting its fifth annual ROCKLAND GATHERING on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003. This free all day event, will be held on the grounds of New City Library, New City, New York from 10 AM to 4 PM. (As some of you may know, New City Library has one of the best genealogy and local history collections for Rockland County and the surrounding region). This event is an unparalleled opportunity to compare notes and research techniques with other genealogists from the Hudson Valley and northern New Jersey. Each year, the Gathering has attracted local history / genealogy authors who generously brought databases on laptop computers so anyone interested in their areas of expertise could do lookups and compare notes!

This year, there will also be a Heritage Scrap Booking session. If interested, please reserve space early! Space is limited. We will have three speakers; **Beth Potter** on "How to do a House History"; **Susannah Benson** on "Using Photographs Effectively in Heritage Scrapbooks"; and **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak** (at 3 p.m.) on "Remembering Our Ancestors", hints, tips, and chuckles along the road to a family history. If her name is familiar, it is probably because she has written several books on researching genealogy and is often seen in the columns of national publications. She will be autographing books after 1 p.m.

The following competitions will again be judged: President's Prize for a project in genealogy not over 50 pages; the Most Creative/ Artistic Presentation of a Genealogical Project; and the Best Documented Recipe in Family History. We invite all of our members to participate; show us what you have done! Each year a variety of vendors donate prizes which are given to the winners with award certificates (the winners pick their own prizes) - what the prizes will be is always a surprise, but always something good!

The Rockland Gathering will also host its now famous "pot luck" lunch for any club member who cares to participate. Bring a covered dish of 4-6 servings, and feel free to sample any or all of the

goodies on the table. Cups, plates, and utensils will be provided, but NOT serving utensils or drinks.

So, come and enjoy! Bring your notebooks, laptops, etc. We can't wait to see you!

New City Library is located at 110 North Main Street in New City and is easily reached from the Palisades Interstate Parkway and the New York Thruway.

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**Important Program Notice  
for GSRC, June 24, 2003**

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The speaker for the **June 24th GSRC meeting** will be **Sharon Sargent of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council**. She will bring us up to speed on recent events in the Mass. state legislature of concern to genealogists. This is an important topic even if we do not live in this neighboring state. We already wait over seventy years for "public records" to become public - what if we had to wait well over 100 years, or were totally excluded from being able to request a copy of any vital record, such as a birth certificate? What if it was your own birth certificate? These possibilities have been brought up in several states. If New York decided to follow suit, what could we do? Do we have the "clout" to be heard? These questions and more will be discussed. This is an important meeting, please plan to attend.

*Please read bill summaries on page 13.*

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**The Rumor Mill...**

An item said to be from the *Suffern Historical Society Souvenir (Rockland County Sesquicentennial, 1798 - 1948)* is quoted as saying, "The central portion of the Village of Nyack is built upon land that in the beginning was Patented by Claus Jansen Van Purmarent. Claus sold 100 acres to his friend Dowe Talman, and Dowe became the first settler of the 'North End of Tappan'." Someone raises a question about the recipient: *Was it Dowe Harmenson Talman or Harmen Dowsen Talman?*"

Readers are invited to send evidence supporting a correct name - *Ed*.

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**GSRC MEETING NOTES**

at New City Library, 25 Feb 2003

(from Minutes sent by Joan Brooks  
<jcbrooks@spyral.net>)

*Ed. note: these extracts give an idea of the Society's health and some volunteer activities*

**Rockland Gathering:** Karen Lamberton noted that three speakers have been lined up for the June 14 Gathering, and three or four vendors so far, including "Life History Books." Susanna Benson will be back from last year on "Scrapbooking." Letters will be sent out shortly. Maryann suggested that we purchase some small tables so we have enough for displays. On motion by George Trigg, Bob Protzmann, the purchase of three tables was approved.

**Website:** Bruce Hamilton, our webmaster, had sent a memo asking if we would consider putting indexes or other databases on our website, as other sites have done, or possibly putting our books out on CD, since some people don't have the room to store books. Discussion concerned the fact that a CD, once purchased, could be passed around or shared, which would cut down on the profits we need to continue copying old records. It was suggested that we could offer lookups for a fee, but we would need volunteers to do this. Finally, it was suggested that the Publications Committee discuss these items and present a recommendation. It was also noted that we need some new people to become involved in volunteering.

**Indexing:** Les Baisley reported that Mike Secora is still entering data. White Funeral Home is still being copied. Shankey Funeral Home is being entered by Les; it was noted that there are a couple of books missing. The third proofing of Stevenson and some of White has been completed. Maryann will give Les a printout of Tasman Funeral Home burials at Oak Hill. Marie stated that Wyman Funeral Home records are being proofed. The Ramapo Cemetery book is still not published, and Marie Koestler will send another e-mail to Craig Long to see what the status is. Les noted that the Mt. Repose computer records are being "resurrected." Dick Peterson is working on Nyack Rural Cemetery transcriptions.

*(Ed. note: examples of our volunteers at work!)*

**Digital Camera:** Handouts of an article on purchasing a digital camera were distributed, following which there was some discussion. George Trigg mentioned that Dick Eastman recommended the Nikon CoolPix 2400, which he, himself, had purchased.

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**GSRC MEETING NOTES**

at New City Library, 25 Mar 2003

(from Minutes sent by Joan Brooks  
<jcbrooks@spyral.net>)



**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Protzmann reported a balance of \$7,729.49 in our checking account.

**Membership:** Bob Protzmann reported a total membership to date of 229.

**Publications:** Dick Peterson reported net income of \$585.71 from publications sold in March. The balance in the publishing budget is \$4,002.81.

**Indexing:** Les Baisley reported that the Stevenson Funeral Home entries are done. The only holdup is the "missing" book that Keith Taylor at Hannemann might have. White Funeral Home Records are still being copied, and 8 Shankey Funeral Home books have been entered in the computer.

The Orange County Genealogical Society is arranging another **trip to the National Archives in Pittsfield, MA, on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**, and they are inviting our Society as well as Bergen County to attend with them. If you want to go, contact Marie Koestler at [marie\\_koestler@juno.com](mailto:marie_koestler@juno.com)!

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**Program Notes** from the March 25 GSRC meeting  
contributed by Joan Brooks <[jcbrooks@spyril.net](mailto:jcbrooks@spyril.net)>

**A Novel Approach to a Genealogical Problem**  
**Researching the Lewis Family**

Presented by Robert Protzmann

Bob's quest for the Lewis family started with a few family stories, some true, some not so true. His Lewis family came from Wales, were involved with photography, including stereopticons, in Greenpoint, Brooklyn, and were Methodist. The main problem was that their given names were all common ones, such as William, Henry, and John; and the surname, Lewis, is the 5<sup>th</sup> most common name in Wales, and the 10<sup>th</sup> most common in the U.S., plus there are other Lewises not related to the Welsh families. Using the standard genealogical sources produced too many names to figure out which family was his.

His approach was to read every history on photography he could and pull out bits and pieces that referenced any Lewises. They owned a family business in New York City and a factory for about three years (c1851-1854) in Daguerreville, between Newburgh and New Windsor, on the Quassaick Creek, in Orange County, NY. Then Bob wrote letters to photography historical societies to get what

information he could on the family. Through one of these he found someone who actually owned a Lewis camera and wrote to him, Matthew Isenberg. He didn't receive a reply, but one New Year's Eve he received a phone call from Mr. Isenberg, who mentioned that he had information on the Lewis/Drummond family. Mr. Isenberg stated that the Lewis family had received more photographic patents than anyone else in history. He promised to send Bob some additional information which has not yet arrived. The Lewis family invented the Jenny Lind table, several different types of photographic stands, and the Lewis buffing wheel for daguerreotypes. Bob noted that the U.S. Patent Office has an official website also, but it is indexed only from 1976 on; previous to that you have to know the patent number. One advantage to obtaining a copy of the patent is that the original signature of the owner is on the patent. One of the Lewises also invented a grooved checker so that, when one was put on top of the other for king, they wouldn't slip off.

In addition, Bob found a book written about the Anthony family, who were also heavily involved in photography. This book contained a chapter on the Lewis family, including a list of entries for several years for William H. Lewis in the Brooklyn directories. The book also included a photograph of the immigrant Lewis and his wife, and a picture of the "Satchel Camera" (perhaps an original spy camera?) and the "Fairy Camera."

Since Bob didn't know where his Lewises were buried, he wrote to Cypress Hills Cemetery and Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn; the cemetery clerk in Cypress Hills first told him there were no Lewises buried there. About four years later, Bob wrote again, and the clerk found many Lewises, including Bob's great grandfather, and sent him all the information. He also discovered a Richard Lewis, who was the photographer of the family.

Armed with dates of death, Bob contacted the New York City Municipal Archives and obtained death certificates. If you don't know exact dates of birth, marriages and death, you can visit the Archives yourself, and pay \$5 for the day to search the records.

Through city directories and old photographic journals perused at the New York Public Library, he discovered that the Lewises not only invented and patented cameras, but also photographic supplies and equipment, as well as other materials. The New York Public Library also has a Fine Arts Collection, which

includes anything photographic, and there is another branch called the SBIL (Science, Business and Industry Library), which has an index of inventors. The Brooklyn Public Library's main branch has a huge local history and genealogical collection, as well as an excellent microforms reading room. They have the "*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*" on microfilm, but it is indexed only for the current years.

Since they owned a factory at Daguerreville, he went to the Newburgh Public Library, looked at old newspapers and found articles pertaining to the opening of the factory, in addition to advertising done by them.

Also, the New City Public Library has *Heritage Quest* online for censuses and Ancestry.com, which also has census information, as well as other databases. Bob noted that he searched the Internet using the "Google" search engine and found many websites concerning photography, including the George Eastman Museum, and a website that lists every Daguerreotype photographer. He entered "W.H. Lewis" and "Daguerreotype," and got many "hits."

Bob showed a photograph of the Lewis family taken at their home in Huntington, Long Island; he still hasn't found the house, since he doesn't know the address. Most of the people in the photo are identified, but a few are not. He is continuing to work on his Lewis line, and suggests that sources other than the standard ones be utilized if possible, since it worked for him.

(A member noted that another excellent source on the Internet for photography is Rochester Institute of Technology: <www.rit.edu>

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### QUERIES

**483 Onderdonk** - A question about **Jacob Onderdonk**. See page 15 in the March 2003 **GSRC Newsletter**, where we have the following -

"(\*) Contributor's note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy 'Revised Edition', by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987: #5-488, for information on Jane DeClark, m. Daniel Blauvelt (#5-488), and Anne/Aliche DeClark, daughters of Dirck DeClark and Effie Turneur; **Jacob Onderdonk was the s/o Garret Onderdonk and Sarah Hageman.**"

Mrs. Carole Masotto <ottosam@swbell.net> asked about this: "My records show a **Jacob Onderdonk born April 20, 1718**, while Garret was born October

11, 1709. This Jacob could not have been the son of Garret. I believe that Jacob was the brother of Garret. Am I correct?"

Ralph Blauvelt responds:

"**Jacob Onderdonk**, s/o Garret Onderdonk & Sarah Hageman, was **born 2 Mar 1745** and baptized 24 Mar 1745 at the Reformed Church in Tappan, NY (Tappan Baptisms, No. 1344). Jacob died 19 May 1795, age 50 years, 2 months, 7 days. His widow, **Anna [DeClark]**, then in 1796 married **Johannes Remsen** (1745-1813). 'Anna [DeClark] Remsen' is buried next to Jacob in the Martinus Hogenkamp Cemetery, New City, Clarks-town, NY (Budke Tombstones, No. 3423 and No. 3424).

"Jacob's father, Garret, may have had a brother Jacob, b. 20 Apr 1718, but the burial information seems to confirm that *The Blauvelt Family Genealogy* has the right Jacob Onderdonk married to Anna/ Annetje DeClark."

*Ed. comment:* Apparently the Blauvelt records do not have a Jacob b. 20 Apr 1718 as a brother of Garret Onderdonk. His parents need to be found!

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### OTHER QUERY REPLIES

**#478 - Hannah Conklin (March '03)**

(from M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 2/14/03)

Hannah Conklin, wife of Jonas D. Secor, was the daughter of Gabriel Conklin Sr. and Esther or Elizabeth --. His will probated 4/11/1816 names children: Gabriel Jr., Daniel, Joshua, Philip, Isaac and "heirs of my deceased daughter Hannah."

Gabriel Sr. wa the son of Joshua Conklin and Mary Secor, a Huguenot family from Westchester, and gr-son of Nicholas Conklin and Sarah Hunt who moved to Rockland from Westchester with their family ca. 1719.

Children of Jonas Secor and Hannah Conklin, named in his will probated 8/20/1817 were Timothy, Mary Ann, Walter and George J. Another daughter Rosanna who may have died before 1817 is added by Mrs. Richey. Jonas had a sister Elizabeth who was one of the executors of his will.

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"**Conklin Family Records**, comp. by Jonathan D. Conklin, contain two errors:"

(from M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 2/14/03)

(1) "G-g-grandfather Edmond came from England." In fact, Edmund was the son of Nicholas of Eastchester. The family came to Rockland in 1719. Nicholas gave his son 100 acres in Pine Meadow. (Edmund error is corrected in Cole's *History of Rockland County*). \*



\* *Ed. note:* I could not find this in Cole, who says all 4 sons were born in East Chester before 1708 (p. 310).

(2) Descent is in error: Joshua omitted. Should be Jonathan [\*] William Jr., William Sr., Joshua, Edmund, Nicholas.

\* *Ed. note:* Not clear if there should be a comma here.

### **Bergen Revolutionary War Pension file abstracts involving Rocklanders**

*Contributed by Philip O'Leary*

(continued from March, 2003, issue)

#### **John and Elizabeth (Sickles) Hutton:**

##### **John Hutton; Pvt, NY Militia,**

##### **Revolutionary War Pension No. W18071**

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 29 Nov 1832, John Hutton, age 72, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, b. 1760 NYC, "I have no record of my age other than what was told to me by Jacob Quackenbush, whom I resided with from the time I was fifteen months old until I was age sixteen." Served under Capt'n's Gilbert Cooper, John Blauvelt, Hendrick Tenure and Gardner, Lt's James Rumsey/Ramsey, Walter Cure, Walter Van Houten and Thomas Blauvelt, Col's Drake and A. Hawkes Hay. I was ordered to serve under Maj. Lee as an express rider. Served as guard and scout in Bergen Co. NJ. ♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 07 Feb 1842, Elizabeth Hutton, age 85, formerly Sickles, widow of John Hutton, who d. 15 Sep 1841, m. 27 Mar 1780 by, Rev. Samuel Verbryck at the house of Andries Onderdonk, where Rev. Verbryck was preaching after he left Tappan and came to Clarkstown. Children of John/Jan Hutton and Elizabeth Sickles/Sicklesen (provided by Rev. Peter J. Quick, Clarkstown RDC, 1842):

1) Maria, b. 16 Jan, bpt. 10 Feb 1782, witnesses: Jacob Quackenbush and Lee Christie.

2) Hendrick, b. 10 Aug, bpt. 20 Aug 1789, witnesses: Hendrick Tenure and Marretje Tenure.

3) William, b. 28 May, bpt. 17 Jun 1792, witness, William Sicklesen and Marretje Sicklesen. ♦ Others mentioned 07 Feb 1842, Anna Van Orden, age 82, of Clarkstown, "lived within one mile of Elizabeth Hutton while growing up in Clarkstown, present at marriage. Elizabeth and John Hutton had several children, the oldest daughter is now about age 61. My first husband was Jacob Sickles (no relationship stated), m. 19 Jun 1780, he was also a Rev War soldier. My uncle, Henry Cooper, was wounded in the knee and later lost his leg." ♦ 07 Feb 1842, Jacob Sickles (no relationship stated), no age, "lived within

one mile of John Hutton for thirty-three years." Rev. Isaac D. Cole, Minister of the Tappan RDC, "there are no marriage records from 1754-1784 at the United Congregation RDC of Tappan and Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY." ♦ 1837?, P.S. Van Orden of Scotland Post office, Rockland Co. NY. ♦ Dec 1833, Rev. Alexander H. Warner and Jacob D. Clark, both of Clarkstown. All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution. ♦ 14 Dec 1833, Abraham Van Houten, no age, testimony taken in Bergen Co. NJ, Derick Acker, age 76, of Orange, Rockland Co. NY, signed "Derick Ackerson", John J. Blauvelt, age 82, Garret Oblongs, age 73, Tunis Van Houten, age 72, all of Rockland Co. NY. ♦ 01 Aug 1837, John House, age 76/78?, served for my father (no name) and brother, Reynard House, Jacob Van Orden, age 70/78?, both of Clarkstown.

(\*) *Contributor's note:* See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987: #5-1458, for information on John Hutton, whose daughter, Maria Hutton, m. Johannes Van Dales.

#### **Cornelius and Ann (Van Orden) Vervalen/Van Vale: Cornelius Vervalen; Pvt, NJ & NY Militia, Revolutionary War Pension No. W18212**

♦ NYC Marine Court, 07 Mar 1839, Ann Vervalen, age 80, a resident of the 9th ward, NYC; b. 27 Jun 1758, formerly Van Orden, widow of Cornelius Vervalen, who d. 19 Apr 1820, m. 25 Mar 1783, by Rev. Samuel Verbryck. My husband was the s/o Bernardus Vervalen. Cornelius Vervalen was living at Closter, Bergen Co. NJ in 1776 when he enlisted in Capt'n. Thomas Blanch's company. After 9 months Bergen Co. NJ Militia duty, moved to Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, where he enlisted in Capt'n. Hendrick Tenure's NY Militia. Children of Cornelius Vervalen/Van Valen and Ann Van Orden:

1) Margery, b. 23 Jun 1784.

2) Andrew, b. 24 Oct 1786, m. 07 Jun 1806, Hester Little.

3) Jane, b. 24 Jul 1789, m. 10 Apr 1813, Nathan Layman.

4) James, b. 26 Aug 1791, m. 25 Sep 1813, Maria Betts.

5) Sally, b. 19 Jul 1794, d. 06 Feb 1795.

6) Elizabeth/Betsey, b. 29 May 1796, m. 10 Oct 1818, Samuel Fosdick.

7) Sally Ann, b. 09 Apr 1805, m. 24 Jan 1824, Archibald Scobey.

♦ Others mentioned in pension: Jane Stevens, age 71, wife of Resolvert Stevens, of Rockland Co. NY on 14 Apr 1840. ♦ Richard B. Fosdick and wife, Elizabeth, of NYC on 07 May 1839. Rev. Isaac D. Cole. ♦ Testifying as fellow soldiers in the

Revolution, James J. Blauvelt, age 76, of Franklin Twp, Bergen Co. NJ; Abraham Blauvelt, age 75, of Manchester, Passaic Co. NJ, both on 24 Jan 1839; ♦ Cornelius Mabie, age 80, of Orange, Rockland Co. NY, on 20 Aug 1840.

**Peter and Margaret/Peggy (Dempsey/Dempshe) Vreeland/Vreland:**

**Peter Vreland; Sgt, NJ Militia,**

**Revolutionary War Pension No. W18226**

♦ Bergen Co. NJ Common Pleas Court, 05 Sep 1848, Margaret Vreland, late of the 16th ward of NYC on 10 Nov 1841, age 96, formerly Dempsey/Dempshe, a resident of Lodi, Bergen Co. NJ. Widow of Peter Vreland, d. 28 Nov 1827, m. 10 Dec 1780 Hackensack, Bergen Co. NJ by Rev. Richard Romaine, at the home of Isaac Vangesen. My husband served in Captn. John Outwater's Bergen Co. NJ Militia. Children of Peter Vreland and Margaret/Peggy Dempsey/Dempshe:

- 1) Hassel, b. ca. 1781, bpt. Hackensack RDC?
- 2) Mark, bpt. Hackensack RDC?
- 3) John, bpt. Hackensack RDC?
- 4) Peter, bpt. Hackensack RDC?
- 5) Nicholas, bpt. Hackensack RDC?
- 6) Isaac, b. 07 Nov 1794, bpt. 14 Dec 1794 Schraalenburgh RDC?
- 7) Samuel, b. 20 Feb 1797, bpt. 24 Mar 1797 Schraalenburgh RDC?

♦ Others mentioned in pension, in court papers the pension case of Mrs. Hannah Jenkins (NY), and Ebenezer Belknap (NY). Rev. Cornelius J. Blauvelt. Peter Wilson, paymaster of Bergen Co. NJ Militia. Elizabeth Earl, age 85, John M. Earl, age 53, both of New Barbadoes, as of 03 Nov 1841. Albert Van Voorhees. Isaac Vreeland and wife, Jane, of Hackensack as of 1841. Catherine Wilson, age 80, of New Barbadoes, the widow of Peter Wilson, as of 03 Jan 1842. Jacob Outwater, age 72, s/o Captn. John Outwater, as of 08 Nov 1841, at wedding of Peter Vreland and Peggy Dempsey, "a fight broke out between the bridegroom and Christopher?/ Christian? Pope." John J. Demarest, age 58, of Hackensack as of 03 Nov 1841. A letter dated 22 Feb 1780, from Mr. Van Wagenen to the Representatives of the NJ Council and Assembly, recommending that Captn. John Outwater, Lt. David Demarest, and Ens. Codirus Hoagland form a company to guard Bergen Co. NJ. Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution on 03 Nov 1841, John C. Post, age 80, Henry Barden, age 90, both of New Barbadoes, Samuel G. Verbruyck, age 80, of Orange, Rockland Co. NY.

(\*) *Contributor's note: See the Vreeland Genealogy, by Louis B. Vreeland, 1956, #229, p.52, for further information on this Peter Vreeland, b. 08 May 1757.*

**Benjamin and Mary (Brower) Romain:**

**Benjamin Romain; Sgt, NJ Militia,**

**Revolutionary War Pension No. W18839**

♦ NYC; NY Co. Common Pleas Court, 27 May 1834, Benjamin Romain, age 71, a resident of NYC; b. 24 Sep 1762, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co. NY, at time of enlistment, age 15yrs3mo, lived at Hackensack, Bergen Co. NJ, lived at Schraalenburgh with my mother after my father died. Served in my brother's, Captn. Elias Romain, company, under Sgt. Marius. "I was under the command of Col. Dey, when the whole county of Bergen was summoned to dislodge the enemy from Ft. Lee. The attack was made at day break and the enemy fled and never again attempted to form a station at that place." "While a prisoner at Sugar House prison in NYC; I was pierced in the arm and Elias Day was pierced in the thigh from a bayonet, by Captn. William Arden, Chief of the Guards, for harassing Samuel Cole, the Tory, from Closter. Elias Day, myself, Cornelius and Benjamin Westervelt, and Daniel Vervalen, who were also wounded, were in a prisoner exchange.

Children of Benjamin Romain (d. 21 Jan 1844), m. 12 Dec 1784, NYC DC, Mary Brower (d. 14 May 1844, NYC):

- 1) Samuel B; an attorney of NYC as of 05 Jan 1847.
- 2) Ann, w/o Charles Nichol, Counsel of the USA at Amsterdam.
- 3) Hannah, w/o Henry M. Western.

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. John Demarest, James Hopson. ♦ All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution: Daniel Vervalen, of NYC - ♦ 10 Jul 1841, Samuel Vervalen, of Rockland, Co. NY; ♦ 05 Mar 1834, Elias Day, Sylvester Marius, of NYC; ♦ 27 May 1834, James Riker and John A. Haring, both of NYC; ♦ 28 May 1834, Peter Vanorden, of Rockland Co. NY; ♦ 27 Oct 1836, Philip Demarest, of Sodus, Wayne Co. NY; ♦ 03 Apr 1833, Samuel Helm, of Closter, Bergen Co. NJ.

(\*) *Contributor's note: See the Romain Genealogy, by Mildred A. McDonnell, 1966, book 1, p. 51, 57, 64.*

**Thomas and Sarah (Van Houten) Onderdonk:**

**Thomas Onderdonk; Pvt, NY Militia,**

**Revolutionary War Pension No. W19254**

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 10 Jan 1843, Sarah Felter, formerly Van Houten, a resident of Ramapo, Rockland Co. NY; age 78, widow of Abraham Felter, who d. Sep 1833, and the former



widow of Thomas Onderdonk, who d. 10 Oct 1801, age 41, m. to Thomas Onderdonk, 28 Aug 1784 at Saddle River Twp. Bergen Co. NJ, by Rev. Vanderlinda. Thomas Onderdonk was a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, when he entered the service. Children of Thomas Onderdonk, b. 28 Apr 1760? and Sarah Van Houten, b. 01 Feb 1765:

- 1) Willimpye, b. 13 Aug 1785.
- 2) Peter, b. 26 Dec 1786.
- 3) Garret, b. 09 Jul 1788.
- 4) Elizabeth, b. 21 Oct 1790, as Elizabeth Young, of Ramapo, NY on 13 Jan 1843.
- 5) John, b. 17 Dec 1795.

Others mentioned in pension, testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, both of Rockland Co. NY; John House, age 83, of Clarkstown as of 07 Jan 1843. Peter Van Orden, age 79, of Ramapo, NY as of 07 Jun 1832.

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**Abraham and Alletta/Aeltje (Snedeker/ Snediker) Storms:**

**Abraham Storms; Pvt, NY State Troops, NY**

**Militia, Revolutionary War Pension No. W19402**

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 13 Nov 1832, Abraham Storms, age 73, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, b. 06 Jun 1759 Philips Manor, Westchester Co. NY. Informed of my age by Jacob Van Vart/Van Wart, sexton of the Tarryton church. Enlisted Jun 1776 at NYC, where I resided with my father (no name), in Captn. Jeremiah Wool, Col. Malcom's NY Troops. Enlisted Feb 1777 at New City, Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, where I resided with my father, under Captn. Abraham Onderdonk, Lt. Isaac Coe. Also served under Captn. Arie Smith, Col. Gilbert Cooper, Lt. Tunis Tallman. While on picket duty at Closter, Bergen Co. NJ, Sgt. Carpenter Kelly, Abraham Masseco (Massacer?/Masker?), Jost Voorhees and myself were taken prisoner by Col. Buskirk and Bartly's men. We were confined at the Sugar House Prison in NYC, where Masseco and Voorhees died in the prison hospital. ♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 13 Nov 1838, Aletta Storms, age 79, formerly Snedeker, b. 02 Mar 1759, widow of Abraham Storms, who d. 27 Jun 1838, m. 28 Dec 1779, by Rev. Samuel Verbryck, at the home of Isaac Blauvelt and Elinor his wife. The wedding was delayed a few days because of my brother's, John Snedeker, illness and death. Present at the marriage were John Felter, Polly Storms, sister of my husband, William Stevens, and my sister, Sarah Snedeker. The only person living today that was present at the marriage is Elinor the wife of Isaac Blauvelt, and now the wife of John Van Houten.

Children of Abraham Storms and Aletta Snedeker (all bpt. at Clarkstown RDC):

- 1) Abraham, b. 06 Apr, bpt. 20 May 1781.
- 2) John, b. 08 Aug, bpt. 14 Sep 1783.
- 3) Maria, b. 11 May, bpt. 13 Jul 1788
- 4) John, b. 05 Jun, bpt. 03 Jul 1791.
- 5) Elizabeth, b. 25 Jun, bpt. 15 Jul 1798.
- 6) Garret Snediker, b. 06 Mar, bpt. 10 Apr 1803.

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. Peter J. Quick, Clarkstown RDC. 13 Dec 1839, George Myers, age 71, of Clarkstown. 20 Feb 1839, Garret Snedeker, age 75, of Clarkstown, brother of Aletta Storms. Edward L. Cornelison and David Pye, both of Clarkstown. Rev. Isaac D. Cole, Minister of the Tappan RDC, "there are no marriage records from 1754-1784 at the United Congregation RDC of Tappan and Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY." ♦ Letter to the court, 01 May 1843, mentions pension case of Mary Carson. "Hager" John Smith, Clerk of the Clarkstown RDC. Rev. Alexander H. Warner. 13 Dec 1839, Dowah T. Tallman, age 67, of Clarkstown. ♦ Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, all of Rockland Co. NY; 13 Nov 1832, Peter Stevens, age 72, Tunis Tallman, age 84, was 1st Lt. under Captn. Arie Smith, both of Clarkstown. 05 Mar 1834, John Felter, age 76, of Haverstraw. ♦ Letter to the pension office, dated 23 Aug 1923, from Mrs. Helen T. Cornell, Long Island, NY, requesting information on John Ten Broeck, b. 1757, d. 1798, m. Mary Lauder Webster, who was living at Raritan's Landing, NJ. Also requests information on Johannes Snedeker, who d. 28 Sep 1779 at the Sugar House Prison, wife's name was Affie Martyne (Martin?), dau. Aeltje Snedeker, m. Abraham Storms, and was living at Waldberg, Orange Co. NY. Letter to pension office, dated 08 Jun 1963, from Mrs. Mary E. Yntema, Grand Rapids MI, requesting pension records of Abraham and John Storms.

(\*) *Contributor's note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987: #6-5615, for information on Alletta/Aeltje Snedeker Storms, d/o Johannes Snedeker and Aeffe Martine. Abraham Storms, Jr; s/o Abraham Storms and Alletta/Aeltje Snedeker, m. Elizabeth Myers (#6-5615).*

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**William and Susanna (Elsworth) Covenhoven:**  
**William Covenhoven; Sgt, NY Militia,**  
**Revolutionary War Pension No. W20913**

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 27 Nov 1832, William Covenhoven, age 74, b. 17 Sep 1758 NYC, record at the Middle Dutch church in NYC, a resident of Orange Twp. Rockland Co. NY, was Sgt. in 1775 ready to march from Hackensack, Bergen Co. NJ, where I lived, to NY. When young moved to

Hackensack, then to Tarrytown, Westchester Co. NY; then to Rhineback, Dutchess Co. NY; then to NYC for 7 yrs, then to Pompton, Bergen Co. NJ for 1 yr, then to Orange Twp. NY. In 1777 moved with my father's family to Rhineback, Dutchess Co. NY. I served under Lt's Gershome Sherwood, Daniel Martling Ostrander, Andrew Heermance. Helped build fortifications at West Point, under a French engineer and an American engineer named James Gilliland. Found in the pocket of some British prisoners the name of the person who was recruiting for the British, his name was \_\_\_\_? Maby. I know the following men who can testify as to my war service, all neighbors, Abraham Blauvelt, Garret Blauvelt, John C. Smith, Cornelius Sickles, Garret Haring, James Smith, Cornelius Lydecker.

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 14 Aug 1838, Susanna Covenhoven, age 79, formerly Elsworth, a resident of Orange Twp. Rockland Co. NY; widow of William Covenhoven, who d. 18 May 1836, m. 31 Dec 1783, by Rev. John Livingston, at the Middle Dutch church NYC. ♦ Others mentioned in pension: Rev. Andrew Thompson, Cornelius J. Blauvelt, both of Orange Twp. Edward Covenhoven, Aaron Remson, Garret C. Bogert, Isaac M. Dederer. All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution in 1833, Peter S. Van Orden, age 70, James Ternure, both of Ramapo, NY; Jacob Van Tassel, age 89, of NYC; was Lt.

**Joseph and Elizabeth (Stevens) Van Cleeve/Van Kleif:**

**Joseph Van Cleeve; Pvt, NY Militia,**

**Revolutionary War Pension No. W211**

♦ Bergen Co. NJ Common Pleas Court, 31 Oct 1832, Joseph Van Cleeve, sometimes spelled Van Kleif, age 67, a resident of Franklin Twp. Bergen Co. NJ; b. 02 Mar 1765 Clarkstown, in that part of Orange Co. NY that is now in Rockland Co. NY. Enlisted at Clarkstown in 1781, moved to Bergen Co. NJ in 1787. I know Henry Cooper, who was a fellow soldier in the Revolution and can testify as to my war service.

♦ Bergen Co. NJ Common Pleas Court, 19 Aug 1840, Elizabeth Van Cleeve, age 75, formerly Stevens, a resident of Franklin Twp. Bergen Co. NJ, widow of Joseph Van Cleeve, who d. 24 Mar 1837, m. 05 Mar 1787. Others mentioned in pension: Rev. Isaac Cole, Rev. Zachariah H. Cooper, Rev. Wihelimus Etting, Benjamin Bertholf. Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, 31 Oct 1832, James J. Blauvelt, age 69, Henry Cooper, age 71.

(\*) *Contributor's note:* See "The Archivist", the newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Bergen Co. NJ, Feb 1984,

p.6. "Burial Ground at Crooked Pond, Franklin Twp. Bergen Co. NJ", #9, Joseph Van Cleve, b. 02 Mar 1765, d. 04 Mar 1837, age 75y00m02d; #10, Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Van Cleve, d. 16 Nov 1850, age 85y07m02d. See also "The Van Cleef Family" by Wilson Ledley, C.G., 1976, for further information on Joseph Van Cleve, s/o Garret Van Cleve and Wilmyntje Meyer, m. Elizabeth Stevens, "probably" the d/o Abraham Stevens and Elizabeth Van Houten.

**Elias and Caroline (Mabie) White:**

**Elias White; Pvt, NJ Militia; NJ State Troops,**

**Revolutionary War Pension No. W22614**

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 03 Dec 1838, Caroline White, age 83, formerly Mabie, a resident of Orange, Rockland Co. NY, age 87 on 17 Apr 1843, and a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY. Formerly the widow of Matthias Eckerson, and now the widow of Elias White, who d. 12 Jan 1820, m. 04 Jul 1784, as Caroline Eckerson at Hackensack RDC, Bergen Co. NJ; by Rev. Warmuldus Kuypers (other testimony states was m. on the last day of Jun or the first of Jul 1784). In 1779, Elias White was living in the jurisdiction of, and served under Capt'n. Cornelius Speer, Col. Courtland's NJ Militia, and served at Newark, Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown Point, Second River, and Springfield NJ. He also served as a substitute for others (not mentioned), under Captn's Henry Geralman (Jeraloman), Amos Dod (Dodd), Lt. John Crane, Col. Courtland's regiment. He was wounded by a bayonet in an engagement with the British and Tories near Hackensack in Sep 1778, while serving under Captn. Elias Romaine. In Mar 1782, Elias White enlisted in the NJ State Troops under Captn. Peter Ward, Col. Samuel Hays regiment. Others mentioned in pension.

♦ 03 Dec 1838 Rockland Co. NY, Cornelius G. Bogert, age over 70(72?), and Sarah, his wife, of Orange, Rockland Co. NY, present at marriage of Elias White and Caroline (Mabie) Eckerson, widow of Matthias Eckerson. ♦ 27 Nov 1838, Rev. Alexander H. Warner, minister of the Hackensack RDC, "Rev. Warmuldus Kuypers was pastor of the Hackensack RDC during the Rev. War, and until 1797, and marriage records for that time period, and for some time after Peace was declared, were not recorded." ♦ Mentioned in Rockland Co. NY court papers 05 Oct 1839, the pension case of Mary Vervalen, widow of Samuel Vervalen, who were m. at Rhineback, Dutchess Co. NY. ♦ Rockland Co. NY (19 Apr 1843) pension cases of Vrouchye Oblenis, Sarah Coe, Elizabeth Williamson, Jane Stephens (Stevens), Jane Van Houten, Rebecca Brower, and Harriet Ramsey. ♦ 28 Sep 1838 Passaic Co. NJ, John Brower and



Cornelius Norwood, both of Acquanonck, said Co. were well acquainted with Elias White. ♦ All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution: 08 Oct 1838, Henry Roster?/Rouner?/ Borner?, age 74, of Manchester Twp. Passaic Co. NJ, saw Elias White wounded at Hackensack in Sep 1778, while serving under Captn. Elias Romine. ♦ 18 Sep 1838, Isaac Pier, age 79, of Caldwell, Essex Co. NJ, served under Captn. Cornelius Speer. ♦ 14 Sep 1838 Rockland Co NY, Samuel G. Verbyrick, age 77, served as Ens. under Captn. Peter Ward's NJ State Troops.

(\*) *Contributor's note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987, #4.318, for information on Caroline Mabie, d/o Jeremiah Mabie and Sarah Blauvelt (#4.318).*

**Isaac and Henrietta (Poulis) Blanch:  
Issac Blanch; Pvt, NJ State Troops,  
Revolutionary War Pension No. W23632**

♦ Rockland Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 05 Feb 1839, Henrietta Blanch, age 73, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY; widow of Isaac Blanch. Marriage at the United Congregation of Rockland Co. NY and Franklin Twp. Bergen Co. NJ; record states: Isaac Blanch, Jr, m. 15 Jul 1785 Hendrikje Poulinse, of Tappan. In 1776, Isaac Blanch was a resident of Harrington Twp. Bergen Co. NJ when he entered the service, he d. 04 Nov 1830. Others mentioned in pension: Captn. Thomas Blanch, Lt. David Demarest, Ensign Jacobus Bogart, all with the Bergen Co. NJ Militia. Mentioned in court papers is the Rev War pension claim of Ann Vervalen, widow of Cornelius Vervalen. Joseph Blauvelt and Margaret, his wife of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY. Rev's Nicholas Lansing and Isaac Cole. ♦ Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, James J. Blauvelt, age 75, of Franklin Twp. Bergen Co. NJ; Abraham Blauvelt, age 75, of Manchester, Passaic Co. NJ; both as of 24 Jan 1839.

**John and Sarah (Vanderbilt) Magie/McKie:  
John Magie; Pvt, NY Militia,  
Revolutionary War Pension No. W23924**

♦ Orange Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 03 Dec 1832, John Magie, age 70, a resident of Warwick, Orange Co. NY, b. 26 May 1762 Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY. In 1796 moved to Warwick. Volunteered in 1779 under Captn. Jacob Onderdonk, Col's. John Gardiner and Gilbert Cooper. In 1780 served under Captn. Johnathan Lawrence and Lt. Richard Lawrence. Served at Closter, Bergen Co. NJ and other places along the Hudson River. I was one of a party who took Captn. Moody and two of his men captive, and

delevered them to the American Army. I know the following men, all Rev War soldiers, who can testify as to my War service: James Burt/Brent?, Edward Welling, John Pulman/ Palrma/ Palmer? ♦ Orange Co. NY Common Pleas Court, 06 Mar 1846, Sarah Magie, age 75 on 11 Sep last, formerly Vanderbilt, widow of John Magie, who d. 21 Sep 1845 at my father's (no name) house in Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, m. 28 Feb 1791 Tappan/ Clarkstown RDC, by Rev. Lansing. Marriage record states: Sarah Van Derbilt van New Hemstead. Others mentioned in pension: 06 Mar 1846, Abraham Forshee, age 42, of Warwick. Rev. Isaac D. Cole. Rev. F.H. Van Duren?/Van Buren?/Van Orden?, of Warwick. Rev. John Christie, of Warwick. Lt. Levi Van Auken, Captn. John Groot. Mentioned in court papers the pension cases of: Mary Holbock, widow of John Halbock/Holbock, Phebe Wood, widow of John Wood, invalid pension case of Edward Webb.

♦ Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution on 29 Nov 1832, Tunis Tallman, Richard Dikens, Abraham Van Houten of Clarkstown, Peter Stevens of Clarkstown, all of Rockland Co. NY.

(\*) *Contributor's note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987: #6-1327, for further information on John Magie, s/o John McKie/Magie and Cornelia Vorese, m. Sarah Vanderbilt (#6-1327), d/o Jacobus Vanderbilt and Brechje Tallman (5-415).*

(to be continued)

**ADDITIONS TO  
"FAMILIES OF THE RAMAPOS"  
(rev. ed. 1999, by M. Smeltzer-Stevenot)  
submitted by M. Smeltzer-Stevenot**

(Ed. note: Some editing done, including removing dates from probably living persons. Please contact Ms. Smeltzer-Stevenot for details.)

(1) **From:** James R. Hogencamp:

(Guybert HOGENCAMP & Frances Coquillett)  
additional children HOGENCAMP:

Margaret or Lea b 1760.

Margaret or Lea b 1762.

(daughter) b 1771.

(daughter) b 1774.

(John HOGENCAMP & Phoebe Post) child:  
David HOGENCAMP, who m Catherine Terry -  
their children HOGENCAMP:

Mary b 1843.

Emily b 1847.

+ Daniel b 1/17/1854 Jeffersonville, NY;  
d 3/19/1937 Orange Co. Farms, Goshen,  
NY;  
m Elizabeth Keesler d/o George Keesler and  
Alice.  
Fanny b 1854.  
George W. b 1856.  
(*stet* other children)

(Daniel HOGENCAMP & Elizabeth Keesler);  
children HOGENCAMP:

Albert Elmer b 3/15/1873.

Daniel Thorpe b 4/1880 Damascus, Wayne,  
PA; d 1916-20; m 12/26/1904 Clara Merry.  
Grace b 1883.

+ Dewey Leo 10/2/1884; d 12/7/1947,  
Binghamton, NY; m Kathryn McCormack.  
Idia F. b 1886.

Golen E. b 1887.

Charles b 9/5/1888 Jeffersonville,  
Sullivan Co., NY; d 12/11/1967 Port Jervis,  
NY; bur St. Mary's Cem., Port Jervis;  
m Anna Bosong.

Mary O. b 1891

Roy Hogencamp b 1894.

(Dewey Leo HOGENCAMP b 10/2/1884; d  
12/7/1947

Binghamton, NY; m Kathryn McCormack  
b 10/16/1889 d 10/18/1976 Lourdes Hospital,  
Binghamton, NY) children HOGENCAMP:

+ Charles Preston (Sr.) b 5/3/1912  
Callicoon, NY; d 11/26/1985 Vestal, NY;  
bur 11/28/1985, Calvary Cemetery; m  
9/15/1949 Eleanora McMahon Lawsville,  
PA.

Madlyn.

Margery Elizabeth; m Carl RURY.

Kathryn Frances 7/27/1924;  
d 6/30/2000 Endicott, NY. bur Vestal Hills  
Cemetery, Vestal, NY 7/7/2000.

John (Jack) Earl b Hancock, NY;

m Beverly Ann Bulger, Binghamton, NY.

Theresa Deloris b 3/16/1931 Hankins, NY;  
d Lourdes Hospital, Binghamton, NY;  
m Donald Edward BURCH.

Elenor Joyce; m. Frank BIANCO.

(Charles Preston HOGANCAMP, Sr., m Eleanora  
McMahon, d/o Joseph Raymond McMahon & Mary  
Josephine Ruddy); children HOGENCAMP:

Judith Ann McMahon b Binghamton, NY;

m Donald Owen Youells.

Kathryn Marie b Johnson City, NY;

m1 Douglas Anthony Fredrick;  
m2 Gordon Packer, Apalachin, NY.

Raymond Leo b Binghamton, NY;

m Gail Carpenter, Dryden, NY.

+ Nancy Elen b Binghamton, NY;

m David Brian LAINHART, Apalachin,  
NY

Barbra Jean b Binghamton, NY;

m Thomas SISSON, Vestal, NY.

Mary Louis b Endicott, NY;

m Thomas Joseph KOHOUT, Elmira, NY.

Noreen Elizabeth b Johnson City, NY;

m Nelson Wade ZELESNIKAR,  
St. Margaret Mary's, Apalachin, NY.

Charles Preston, Jr., b Johnson City, NY;

m Michelle Leigh Patterson.

Theresa Deloris b Johnson City, NY;

m Charles SANSUI, Endicott, NY.

(David Brian LAINHART b Johnson City NY s/o

Keith Vaughn Lainhart & Helen Mochinal

m Nancy Elen Hogencamp d/o Charles Preston  
Hogencamp, Sr., & Eleanora McMahon);

children LAINHART:

James Robert Hogencamp b Endicott, NY.

Valerie Elizabeth Kellogg b Johnson City,  
NY;

m Paul Lois Bernardini, Vestal, NY.

(2) **From:** Kathryn Nelson; 10215 Racquet Circle,  
Manassas, VA 20110:

(Henry HOGENCAMP {not placed, m. Josephine  
Rhodes) children HOGENCAMP:

+ Josephine May b. 4/1881, Elmira, NY.

William B. b. 2/1883.

Bessie J. b. 12/1884.

(Josephine Hogancamp m 2/24/1903, Elmira, NY  
Harry Verne STAGE)

children STAGE:

Vera Viola b 6/25/1903, d 3/8/1972 (lived  
with

her gr-mother Catherine Rhodes).

Theodore V. b 1904.

Linden C. b 1905.

Richard G. b 1909.

Catherine G. b 1912.

Edith L. b 1914.

Francis E. b 1916.



(3) **From:** Sandra Terwilliger; 53 Jacqueline St.,  
New Windsor, NY:

(Samuel CALL and Ellen Bacock);  
child CALL:

Charlotte Call b ca 1832, d 1916;  
m 4/13/1829 John David O'DELL, d 3/17/1900.

Child O'DELL:

+ Harriet Ida

Harriet Ida O'Dell; m. James BABCOCK s/o Jeremiah  
& Jennie Stalter Babcock;

Children BABCOCK:

Arthur Leon; m. Sadie --, Charlotte, VA.

Mary Bertha; m Reed Rose.

Anna Mildred; m Charles Lixfield.

+ Gladys Dromond b 4/22/1906; in 1999 lvd  
Montgomery Nursing Home; m Homer  
Terwilliger.

James Howard (d infancy).

Arnold Edgar; m1 Dorothy Moore Raymond;  
m2 Ruth --.

(Gladys Babcock & Homer TERWILLIGER);  
children TERWILLIGER:

Helen Arlene; m1 Borrell; m2 -- Booth.

+ Homer Robert; m. Sandra Lewis.

(Homer Robert TERWILLIGER & Sandra Lewis);  
children TERWILLIGER:

+ David ; m Maureen Slattery.

+ Tracy B.; m Christopher William BURNETT.  
Tara B.

(David TERWILLIGER & Maureen Slattery);  
children TERWILLIGER:

Robert William.

Matthew David.

(Tracy Terwilliger & Christopher William BURNETT);  
children BURNETT:

James, adopted s/o William & Linda Burnett,  
born James Rust HILLARD, Burlington,  
VT.

Casey Ryan.

Dailey Tee.

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### ANCESTOR TABLE

for

John Douglas Cullen

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*Data in italics added by Robert L. Protzmann*

1. John Douglas CULLEN, b. May 7, 1926, Manhattan,  
NY, bp. Jun 1926, St. Paul's Methodist Church; m. Sep 5,  
1953, Grace Episcopal Church, Nyack, NY, Joan Constance  
Moritz, (b. May 29, 1927, Englewood, NJ; d. Aug 16, 1999,  
West Nyack, NY, bur grace Church Columbarium, Nyack,  
NY.

2. John CULLEN, b. Mar 29, 1891, Centenary, Rockland  
Co., NY; d. Apr 22, 1955, Orangeburg, NY, bur Apr 27,  
1955, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY; m. Jul 1, 1923,  
Methodist parsonage, South Nyack, Rockland Co., NY.

3. Dorothy Mae "Dot" TERPENING, b. Feb 19, 1899,  
Slatesburg, NY; d. Oct 4, 1999, Branchville, NJ, bur Jun 9,  
2000, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.

4. John CULLEN, b. 1861, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY;  
d. Oct 15, 1934, Nyack Hospital, bur Oct 17, 1934, Oak  
Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY; m. ca. 1881.

5. Martha TRUMPER, b. Jun 8, 1860, Centenary,  
Rockland Co., NY; d. Nov 27, 1941, Orangeburg, Rockland  
Co., NY, bur Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.

6. Wilfred VanEtten "Terp" TERPENING, b. Jun 22, 1874,  
Port Ewen, NY; d. Apr 16, 1966, Nyack, Rockland Co.,  
NY, bur Apr 22, 1966, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY; m.  
Feb 14, 1894, Kingston, NY.

7. Mary Geanette "Mamie" FINCH, b. Oct 9, 1872,  
Windham, NY; d. Apr 4, 1971, Nyack, Rockland Co., NY,  
bur Apr 11, 1971, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.

### **FOURTH GENERATION**

8. Eugene CULLEN, b. 1825, County West Meath, Ireland;  
d. Jun 12, 1898.

9. Martha ABBOTT, b. 1830, Bloomfield, NJ.

10. John Samuel TRUMPER, b. Nov 27, 1826, Centenary,  
Rockland Co., NY; bur Trumper/Van Orden Family  
Cemetery, Centenary, NY; m. 1851.

11. Josephine COMEDINGER, b. Jul 18, 1831, New York  
City, NY.

12. Burdette TERPENING, b. ca. 1837, Ulster Co., NY; d.  
Feb 11, 1888, Port Ewen, NY.

13. Melissa ELTING-SCHRYVER, b. 1841, Ulster Co.,  
NY; d. Sep 6, 1923, Glen Spey, Ulster Co., NY.

14. Revilo FINCH, b. Jun 28, 1846, Lexington Heights,  
NY; d. Jul 7, 1893, Windham, NY, bur Pleasant Valley,  
Ashland, Green Co. NY; m. Jan 26, 1868.

15. Julia Catherine JOCELYN/JOSLIN, b. Nov 21, 1841, Roscoe, NY; d. Mar 6, 1928, Honesdale, PA, bur Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland, Green Co., NY.

#### **FIFTH GENERATION**

16. William CULLEN, b. County West Meath, Ireland.

17. Julia \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Isaac ABBOTT.

19. Mary Ann \_\_\_\_\_.

20. Abram TRUMPER, b. Apr 30, 1799, *d. Sep 18, 1849*  
*Ed. note: Contact me for more Trumper ancestry*

21. Mary YOUMANS \*, b. Sep 29, 1803; d. Jun 21, 1863, bur Trumper/Van Orden Family Cemetery, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY.

*\* Ed. note: Needs checking; I have Mary Van Orden*

24. George W. TERPENING, d. ca. 1850.

25. Hester \_\_\_\_\_.

26. Ezekial ELTING.

27. Margaret DeLameter HOUGHTALING.

28. Abram FINCH, b. Mar 8, 1792, Dutchess Co., NY; d. Oct 23, 1874, Windham (Ashland), NY, bur Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland, Green Co.; m. Nov 6, 1821.

29. Laura MERWIN, b. Sep 13, 1802, Jewett, NY; d. Jun 7, 1876, Windham (Ashland), NY, bur Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland, Green Co.

30. Joseph B. JOSLIN, b. Aug 1809, New York City, NY; d. 1883; m. 1840.

31. Maryann SPRAGUE, b. Nov 6, 1822, Delaware Co., NY; d. 1911, MD.

#### **SIXTH GENERATION**

48. Sylvester TERPENNING, b. 1776, Ulster Co., NY; d. Jul 4, 1861, Esopus, NY; m. Feb 10, 1800, Kingston, NY.

49. Elizabeth TERPENING.

56. Amos FINCH, b. 1751, Crum Elbow, NY; d. 1845, Lexington Heights, NY, bur Beacher Corners Cemetery, Greene Co., NY.

57. Martha PARKS, b. 1760; d. May 1, 1831, Lexington Heights, NY, bur Beacher Corners Cemetery, Greene Co., NY.

58. Samuel David MERWIN, II, b. Mar 22, 1767, Wallingford, CT; d. Apr 4, 1841, Lexington Heights (Jewett Heights), NY; m. Feb 10, 1794, North Branford, CT.

59. Thankful PARKER, b. Jun 16, 1769, Wallingford, CT; d. Jun 10, 1850, Jewett, NY.

60. David JOSLIN, b. Aug 24, 1760, New Haven, CT. Revolutionary War Soldier. Grocery business, Greenwich Street, NYC, NY.

61. Catherine SNELL, b. Abbeville, SC.

#### **SEVENTH GENERATION**

96. Henricus TERPENNING, b. Aug 4, 1751; d. Feb 8, 1827, Esopus, NY; m. Sep 4, 1778, Kingston, NY.

97. Margriet Van AKEN.

112. Benjamin FINCH, b. 1695, Stamford, CT; d. Crum Elbow, NY; m. Dec 3, 1750, Sharon, CT.

113. Sarah KNAPP.

114. Lt. Jonas PARKS.

116. Thomas MERWIN, b. Jun 22, 1737, Wallingford, CT; d. Dec 7, 1814, Lexington Heights, (Jewett), NY; m. Feb 18, 1762, Wallingford, CT.

117. Esther IVES, b. Jul 13, 1740, Wallingford, CT; d. Feb 24, 1811, Jewett, NY.

118. Bethel PARKER, b. Apr 22, 1727; m. Jul 19, 1746, Wallingford, CT.

119. Tabitha HITCHCOCK, b. Feb 26, 1730; d. Mar 13, 1778.

#### **EIGHTH GENERATION**

192. Abraham TERPENNING, b. Feb 4, 1727, Hurley, NY; d. Jul 10, 1791, Esopus, NY; m. Oct 21, 1850.

193. Maria SCHMID.

224. Isaac FINCH, b. 1702, Stamford, CT; m. Oct 1658, Stamford, CT.

225. Ann \_\_\_\_\_, d. Nov 1703.

232. Daniel MERWIN, b. Nov 9, 1713, Wallingford, CT; d. ca. 1790; m. Apr 22, 1736.

233. Mehitabel TWISS.

234. Stephen IVES.

235. Sarah HART.

236. Eliphabet PARKER, b. 1681; d. 1757.



237. Hannah Staples BEACH, b. 1684.

#### **NINTH GENERATION**

384. Theunis TERPENNING, b. ca. Feb 7, 1697, Kingston, NY; d. ca. 1747, Ulster Co., NY.

385. Margarieta De GRAAF.

448. John FINCH, b. ca. 1609, York, Yorkshire, England; d. Sep 5, 1657, Stamford, Fairfield Co., CT.

449. Martha BRETT. *She m2. 1658, John Green.*

464. Daniel MERWIN, *bp. Mar 15, 1691, First Church, Milford, CT; d. bur Oct 30, 1761, Wallingford, CT; m. ca. 1712.*

465. Johanna STEVENS, *b. Feb 9, 1685, New Haven, CT; d. Jan 1, 1730.*

466. Thomas TWISS.

467. Abigail HOW.

#### **TENTH GENERATION**

768. Gerrit LAMBERTSE (TERPENNING).

769. Ante HOOGLAND.

896. Abraham FINCH. b. ca. 1585, Yorkshire, England.

928. Samuel MERWIN, *b. Aug 21, 1656; Milford, CT; d. Jan 22, 1706, Milford, CT; m. Dec 13, 1682, New Haven, CT.*

929. Sarah WOODING. *WOODEN, b. Sep 13, 1654, Milford, CT.*

930. Henry STEVENS

931. Joanna LEEK.

#### **ELEVENTH GENERATION**

1856. Miles MERWIN, *b. Apr 1623, Wales, UK (or b. ca. Feb 1, 1624, Clewer, Berkshire, England, bp. Feb 1, 1624, New Windsor, Berkshire, England); d. Apr 23, 1697, Milford, CT; m. ca. 1648, prob Windsor, Hartford Co, CT,*

1857. Elizabeth POWELL, *b. ca. Aug 29, 1630; d. Jul 10, 1664, Milford, New Haven Co, CT*

1857. Elizabeth Baldwin CANFIELD.

1858. William WOODEN

1859. Sarah OLARD

#### **TWELFTH GENERATION**

3712. Walter MERWIN, *b. ca. 1594; d. ca. 1643.*

3714. William POWELL.

3715. Dorothy SEARLE.

#### **THIRTEENTH GENERATION**

7424. Nicholas MERWIN, *b. ca. 1555.*

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#### **Re: Sharon Sargent of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, an article we received on Mass. Legislative Bills:**

(Ed. note: I condensed this a bit.)

The 2002 Massachusetts legislative activities presented a challenging environment for genealogists. The Massachusetts Genealogical Council (MGC) managed to prevent several end-run efforts to close vital records and initiate more awareness of the genealogical community within the legislature. Some legislators are beginning to understand that genealogists represent a large number of their constituents - and are more likely to be voters than the general public.

While Identity Theft and Fraud concerns were stated goals for vital records closing measures in 2002 - despite numerous studies that point to other, much more effective fraud techniques - there was a backroom myth circulating in the legislature about Federal funds being tied to such measures. The impending crisis of 2002 budget issues made this myth quite appealing - lending credibility without source citations and proof - a problem that genealogists are quite familiar with.

The 2003 Massachusetts budget crisis has brought the financial difficulties into focus. A special Mass. Senate committee issued "A Report of the Special Committee to Recommend Mitigation for Local Aid Cuts" with the following recommendation:

(**HD 2428**) Relating to Birth, Marriage, and Death Records - This bill relating to birth, death and marriage records would permit the development of a statewide database to serve the needs of the public.

- Through a surcharge on certified copies of vital records, the state projects income of \$1.28 million in the first year, rising to \$2.09 million in the seventh year, with surpluses ranging from \$327,000 to \$663,000.

(see <http://www.stanrosenberg.com/mitigation.html>)

Newspaper reports suggest that this "surcharge" is actually a simple doubling of the certified vital records copy costs - but we have no reports that the fee changes have actually been implemented yet.

However, bills filed in the 2003 legislature session present a murkier picture. The MGC has found 14 bills affecting vital records so far. Several would close vital records! Come to the MGC annual Meeting and Seminar or join MGC to receive newsletters for details of this complex legislative session - see <http://massgencouncil.home.attbi.com/index.htm>

The following is a list of pending vital records bills based on the efforts of several Massachusetts genealogists - each of whom got only some of the bills from State House and representative sources:

The MGC created Senate Bill 405 AN ACT RELATIVE TO BIRTH, MARRIAGE AND DEATH RECORDS a petition of Susan C. Fargo, Charles E. Shannon, Susan W. Pope, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/bills/st00405.htm>

Senate Bill 408 RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN RECORDS a petition of Guy W. Glodis, Bruce E. Tarr, Brian A. Joyce, Anthony J. Verga and John P. Fresolo for legislation relative to the management of adoption records by city and town clerks. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/bills/st00408.htm>

Senate Bill 443 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED VITAL RECORDS a petition of Michael W. Morrissey most notably mentions: "Special certified copy", may include, but are not limited to, professional, personal or genealogical research. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/bills/st00443.htm>

Senate Bill 533 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELIMINATION OF RESEARCH FEES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S VITAL RECORDS DEPARTMENT a petition of Irving R. Murstein and Robert L. Hedlund. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/bills/st00533.htm>

House Bill 143 Petition of William M. Straus for legislation to regulate the use of social security numbers for identification purposes in the Commonwealth. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h00143.htm>

House Bill 545 Petition of Thomas P. Kennedy and Robert S. Creedon, Jr., relative to the issuance of certified birth records to Native Americans (to correct the race listed on their birth certificates at no charge when proof is presented). <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h00545.htm>

House Bill 1085 Petition of Elizabeth Poirier, Jo Ann Sprague, Michael J. Coppola, Scott P. Brown, Martin J. Walsh and Shirley Gomes relative to access to birth records of certain persons born out of wedlock (opens records in those cases where the father's name is listed). <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h01085.htm>

House Bill 1321 of J. James Marzilli, Jr. relative to the treatment of vital records of certain non-marital children. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h01321.htm>

House Bill 1465 Petition of Daniel E. Bosley relating to birth, marriage and death records. [This is a resubmission of the onerous July 2002 version of the H5158 bill which last year passed the House and was blocked in the Senate.] <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h01465.htm>

House Bill 1656 Petition of Peter V. Kocot relative to the issuance of certified birth records to Native Americans. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h01656.htm>

House Bill 1661 Petition of Anthony J. Verga and Christopher P. Asselin relative to disclosure of information concerning certain birth, marriage and death records - closes all birth records after 1913 and all marriage and death records after 1953, such that only immediate family or representatives may access either the indices, the records or the certificates at the discretion of the custodian. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h01661.htm>

House Bill 2233 Petition of Thomas J. O'Brien, other members of the House and another relative to birth, marriage and death records [also closes vital records]. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h02233.htm>

House Bill 2459 Petition of Paul C. Casey relative to the issuance of certain birth and marriage records - exempts vital records recorded before 1 Jan 1841 [that is, before reporting to the state was required] and those for which volunteer waivers were registered from Section 2A of chapter 46 of the General Laws. <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h02459.htm>



House Bill 3147 Petition of Brian S. Dempsey for legislation to further regulate the issuance of death certificates.

<http://www.state.ma.us/legis/history/h03147.htm>

Only the Senate bills' text is available online. You must contact a legislator for copies of the House bills.

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