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### NEWS & NOTES

**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. Our mailing address is at the top of page 2. Have you renewed yet?

#### 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

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#### Correction

In the September Newsletter, page 2, col. 1, is a reference to "farmable family tree charts" offered by the Palisades Interstate Historical Society. This should be put as "family tree charts suitable for framing".

#### Correction on correction!

Eleanore Keenan Logan writes us, *again!*, on her family name -- "Everything under my name was correct except where families being researched spells my family name incorrectly." Here's the right version, with apologies:

Logan, Eleanore Keenan - [ellyklogan@earthlink.net](mailto:ellyklogan@earthlink.net)  
(DeRonde, Dolan, Keenan, Lent, Sliney, Van Tassell)

She adds: "Practically all Keenans, if not all, that live [in Rockland Co.], or did live there, are descended from Thomas Keenan and Clara Lent, who were mar. in 1847."

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**Correction** to ADDITIONS TO "FAMILIES OF THE RAMAPOS" for **Samuel Call & Ellen Babcock**. In the June 2003 **GSRC Newsletter**, p. 11, is written that **Charlotte CALL** was born abt. 1832 and married John David O'DELL "4/13/1829"! In a note dated 10/23/2003 M. Smeltzer-Stevenot thinks this might be "a typo." Yes, your ed. had misintepreped a typed line in Ms. Smeltzer-Stevenot's contribution.

The entry for Charlotte **CALL** should read:

Charlotte Call b ca 1832, d 1916;

m ca 1849 John David **O'DELL**,

b 4/13/1829, d 3/17/1900.

*ed. note:* See the US census for 1880 for the Tn. of Highlands, Orange County, NY (ser. T9, roll 901, ED 19, p. 321c, fam. 214), where Charlotte is "41" and David is "51." *The oldest child is age "30"* suggesting a marriage date of *about 1849*.

In the 1870 census (Orange Co.), she is "38" and he is "41." This fits her estimated 1832 birth year, as Ms. Smeltzer-Stevenot had intended originally. Your ed. apologizes, and thanks her for pointing it out!

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**Volunteers**

In September, 8 volunteers recorded 195 hours of service to the Society. Also, Marie Koestler is doing a special project on a Marriage Index from 1926-1935.

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**MINUTES & PROGRAM NOTES**

Joan C. Brooks, Secretary, jcbrooks@spyril.net  
[extracts, by your editor]

Meeting of Tue 23 Sep 2003, at New City Library

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Protzmann reported a balance of \$7,100.47 in our checking account.

**Publications:** Dick Peterson reported gross sales since our last meeting in June of \$506.50.

**Indexing:** Les Baisley reported that one more correction on the Martine Funeral Home Records has to be done. The Shankey and White records are still being copied, and others are being proofed. George Fee will check once more with Keith Taylor of Hannemann Funeral Home to see if they can find the one missing Stevenson book.

**By-Laws:** Dick Peterson distributed copies of the proposed revised By-Laws to each member in attendance. These will be voted on at next month's meeting.

The business meeting was adjourned in order to proceed with the program (below) --

**Program Presented at the September 23, 2003,  
Meeting of the GSRC**

**"The Waldron and Allison Families—Immigrants to  
New Amsterdam  
(in particular, Teddy Roosevelt's connection to the  
Waldron family)"**  
By William G. Klein

The following notes are taken from the preface of Mr. Klein's book, "The Allison and Waldron Families of Rockland County," which includes (1) The Ancestry of Hannah Allison; (2) The Ancestry of Elizabeth Waldron; and (3) The Waldron Ancestry of Theodore Roosevelt. Mr. Klein presented a copy of his book to the New City Library Rockland Room and the Genealogical Society of Rockland County.

**"THE ANCESTRY OF HANNAH ALLISON—**  
Hannah Allison was the daughter of Joseph Allison and

Elizabeth Benson. The historian, Leonard Allison Morrison, has traced the Allison Family back to Lawrence Ellison who immigrated to Colonial Massachusetts. He was born c. 1600, and was reported to have been a part of the colony which came to America with John Winthrop and Sir Richard Saltonstall 1630 (1).

"One of his descendants was Joseph Allison, a large landowner in the Haverstraw, NY, area, of what is now Rockland County, NY. Joseph served in the Second Regiment of the Orange County Militia during the American Revolution. Hannah Allison was a daughter of the first marriage to Elizabeth Benson. She was born 14 Feb 1750. Hannah Allison married Adrian (Edward) Waldron. Their daughter was Elizabeth Waldron."

**"THE ANCESTRY OF ELIZABETH  
WALDRON—**Elizabeth Waldron was the daughter of Hannah Allison and Adrian Waldron. Douglas Richardson, in an article captioned 'The European Origin and Ancestry of Joseph and Resolved Waldron' (2), noted that John Waldron, the progenitor of the Waldron Family, was born c. 1560 at the start of the reign of Elizabeth I of England. John was a clothworker, and lived in Hampshire, England. He had a son named William (bpt. 20 Sep 1589) who emigrated to Amsterdam in the Netherlands after the death of his parents. In 1615 William married Ruth Walker and had at least two sons, Joseph (b. 1617) and Resolved (b. 1620). Both these brothers married, and after the deaths of their parents, immigrated to New Amsterdam with their families c. 1654. The 'History of Harlem' gives an extensive genealogy of the Waldron Family (3). The material on the ancestry of Elizabeth Waldron is principally based on these two sources."

**"THE WALDRON ANCESTRY OF THEODORE  
ROOSEVELT—**To my surprise, while preparing these notes, I discovered that almost a hundred years ago Theodore Roosevelt was traveling down these same paths with his own ancestry. Whether he was doing the work entirely by himself or was using research assistance, he was a Renaissance man interested in many areas of research. It would appear almost a certainty that he was familiar with the work of the historian, James Riker, published in 1904. Roosevelt's pedigree charts trace his Waldron ancestry to Resolved Waldron who came to New Amsterdam with his brother, Joseph, and their families c. 1654 while Peter Stuyvesant was Director General (4).

"What is certain is that Theodore Roosevelt did have some knowledge of his early Waldron ancestors prior to



Resolved Waldron. Roosevelt writes in his *Autobiography* that 'My paternal ancestors were of Holland stock: except that there was one named "Waldron," a wheelwright, who was one of the Pilgrims who remained in Holland when the others came over to found Massachusetts and who then accompanied the Dutch adventurers to New Amsterdam" (5).

"Theodore Roosevelt didn't give us this 'Waldron's' first name or any dates except that we know from other sources that some of the Pilgrims emigrated from England to Holland c. 1608, and that while a number chose to remain in Holland, some chose to seek refuge in the New World. It was 1620 when the Pilgrims landed to found a colony in Plymouth, Massachusetts. In January, 1995, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society published an article by Douglas Richardson. This article identifies the Waldron mentioned by Theodore Roosevelt as William Waldron (6). What seems certain is that since Theodore Roosevelt gave no precise details such as the first name of his Waldron ancestor, his parentage, the date when he came to America or the reason why his Waldron ancestor did not go with the others to found the Plymouth Colony, he was basing this information on an oral tradition handed down in the Roosevelt family that they had a Pilgrim ancestor, rather than on documented research.

"The second point is that Theodore Roosevelt's *Autobiography* was probably largely completed by 1913, but not published until 1923, four years after his death. We can only surmise that the *Autobiography* was in manuscript form at the time of his untimely death a few months after his sixtieth birthday in 1919. Had he lived, he might have discovered his early Waldron ancestry for which he had been searching."

**Sources:**

- (1) Leonard Allison Morrison, "The History of the Alison or Allison Family." (Published by Damrell & Upham, Boston, Mass., 1893), Chapter XIII.
- (2) Douglas Richardson, "The European Origin and Ancestry of Joseph and Resolved Waldron. (New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol 126, Jan, 1995, pp. 12-24).
- (3) James Riker, "History of Harlem." (New Harlem Publishing Co., New York, 1904), pp. 691-778.
- (4) "New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (NYG&B Society, New York, 1954), Vol LXXXV, 1954.

(5) Theodore Roosevelt, "An Autobiography." (Charles Scribner & Sons, New York, 1923).

(6) Richardson, op. cit.

Mr. Klein also spoke of the rivalry between the two Roosevelt lines:

"Peter Collier, in his book, "The Roosevelts, An American Saga, writes of the rivalry of the two branches of the Roosevelt family: the Hyde Park Roosevelts and the Oyster Bay Roosevelts. One of the aspects of this rivalry, perhaps of minor importance but nevertheless one of interest, was related to genealogy and ancestry. Looking at the two branches we find that the patriarch of the Hyde Park Roosevelts was James Roosevelt (1828-1900). He married twice. His first wife was Rebecca Howland. After her death, he married a second time to a woman one half his age, Sara Delano (1854-1941). Their son was Franklin Delano Roosevelt (1882-1945). Sara has been described as a controlling woman who dominated her daughter-in-law, Eleanor, and doted on her son, Franklin. When Sara married James Roosevelt, she made it quite clear to James that "the Delanos were just as rich as the Roosevelts and had bloodlines that were even better" (1).

"She liked to talk about her own family, the Delanos, and while the Roosevelts discussed their Dutch heritage, 'she was apt to note dryly that one of her ancestors on her mother's side, Isaac Allerton by name, had come over on the Mayflower'" (2).

"Isaac Allerton was born in England in the 1580's, and was a member of the English Separatist Church. He later immigrated to Holland where he became a merchant in Leyden. In 1614 he became a freeman of the city. Six years later, in 1620, he immigrated to Plymouth on the first voyage of the 'Mayflower,' and was a signer of the Mayflower Compact. During the first year at Plymouth about one-half of those who made the voyage on the Mayflower died. Of the forty-one men who signed the Mayflower Compact, only eighteen survived. Only six of these were from the Leyden congregation: Bradford, Brewster, Winslow, Allerton, Fuller, and Cooke. Isaac Allerton was left a widower with three small children. With the death of the first governor, John Carver, William Bradford was chosen to replace him, although Allerton was some four years older. Isaac Allerton was chosen as Bradford's assistant and as agent for the colony. In this latter position Allerton made himself master of the colony's

commercial affairs. Allerton has been described as a shrewd business man motivated by his own self interest. He was one of the most enterprising members of the colony, and took a prominent part in the conduct of the colony's early affairs, making several voyages as an agent for the colony, but which also provided profit to himself. By 1633 he was one of the richest members of the colony (3). Allerton later left the colony and moved to New Amsterdam where in 1643 he was a member of the council. His later years were spent in New Haven, Conn., where he died in 1659.

"Theodore Roosevelt, the patriarch of the Oyster Bay Roosevelts, was less successful in discovering his 'Pilgrim' ancestor. He knew his name was 'Waldron,' that he immigrated to Holland, but did not go with the other Pilgrims to found the Plymouth Colony (4)..."

"It should be noted also that since Eleanor Roosevelt, Theodore's niece, married her cousin, Franklin, that not only does William Waldron become the ancestor for all Theodore's children, but also for all of Franklin and Eleanor's children, as well."

**Sources:**

- (1) Peter Collier with David Horowitz, "The Roosevelts, An American Saga." (Simon & Schuster, New York, London, etc., 1995), p. 54.
- (2) Idib., p. 19.
- (3) Bradford Smith, "Bradford of Plymouth." (J.B. Lippincott Company, Philadelphia and New York, 1951), passim.
- (4) Theodore Roosevelt, "An Autobiography." (Charles Scribner & Sons, New York, 1923).

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(Editor's extracts from:)

**MINUTES OF GSRC MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2003**

**New City Library**

**Membership:** Bob Protzmann reported 153 paid members so far, including 8 new members.

**Indexing:** Les Baisley stated that the Martine Funeral Home Records will be printed out within the next two weeks. Maryann Smith will contact a Martine descendant to ask for photos or a narrative that can be included. Stevenson is almost done, and a narrative is needed for that. Les will try to contact John Stevenson.

**Sally Pellegrini:** Sally mentioned several items.

- She may try to put in some time in the Rockland Room to acquaint people with Ancestry and Heritage Quest on the computer.
- She asked for recommendations of books to be purchased for the Rockland Room. Along with this, a suggestion was made by a member that all the books pertaining to the Rockland Room should be placed in the Rockland Room and not out in the Library.

**Visitors:** Maryann welcomed several visitors: Bob and Gertrude Kiepora (surnames—**Kiepora; Langenfeld**); Barbara Lima [surname—**Snellback; Burke (St. Dominic's Home); O'Connell**]; JoAnne Potanovic (**Radley; Carpenter; Phillips; Mandigo; Hunt; Brown; Gamsby**); Marilyn Schauder (**Leo Freitag, Tappan**).

**By-Laws:** The revised By-Laws that were presented to the membership last month were adopted as presented.

**"Independent Advertiser:"** Maryann reported that there are a few issues on microfilm at the Nyack Library.

**Website Committee:** A listing of Rockland County place names that had been published in several issues of our newsletter some years back will be placed on our website after some editing and additions.

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Following is a multipart update on membership, received 21 Nov 2003 from Bob Protzmann, Membership Chairman

**NEW MEMBERS**

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M-51 Mr. James K. McCue



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## **ADDED SURNAMES -**

Not included in December 2002 SURNAME Index  
(See SURNAME Index for Addresses)

B-03 Mr. and Mrs. Barry Brooks: **Buckley, Stopafeldt.**  
B-15 Mrs. Jean Marks Brodrick: **Vanderbilt.**  
B-37 Ms. Elizabeth Bisig: **Jansky, Yonsky, Yonskie, Zelenka, Zelinka.**  
B-42 Mr. Robert F. Boreman, III: **Simmons, Tompkins.**  
C-29 Mr. John Cullen: **Tallman, Trumper.**  
C-30 Miss Kari Call: **Ayers, Call, Wakeman.**  
D-07 Doris Douglas: **DeBow.**  
D-18 Ms. Michelle Hull Drain: **Hunter.**  
F-09 Mr. and Mrs. George Fee: **Merritt, Osterhoudt.**  
F-17 Ms. Marjorie Fioriti: **Jacob, Rose.**

F-21 Gertrude I. Farber: **Howard, Post, Sisco, Wanamaker.**  
H-05 Rev Janice Conklin Hesselink: **Conklin, Starr.**  
H-07 Miral A. Haubner: **Floyd, Nelson.**  
H-16 Mrs. Leota J. Hosler: **Oblenis, Prindle.**  
H-19 Mrs. Marguerite Holmes: **Snyder.**  
H-22 Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hoffman: **Pforte, Rosenbluth, Steinberg.**  
H-33 Suzanne Pollock Hough: **Blauvelt, Dikins, Fagerstrom, Fisher, Guenther, Lamb, Lott, Olds, Palmer, Pollock, Soule, Sparf, Springstead, Springsteen, Thorburn.**  
K-21 Col. Daniel A. Kile: **Conklin, Kile, Kingsland, Onderdonck, Smith.**  
K-22 Ms. Lorraine Kocen: **Ackerman, Hill, Pinckley, Smith, Storms.**  
L-29 Mrs. Barbara Lima: **Burke, Clarke, Kramer, McKenna, McPhillips, Murray, O'Connell, Schnellbach/Schnellback, Wiebel, York.**  
M-35 Mrs. Carole Miller Masotto: **Bates, Dobbs, Gesner, Onderdonk, Remsen, Snedecker, Sneden, Waldron.**  
M-42 Bernard J. Maguire: **Dolan, Horton, Maguire, Sliney.**  
M-44 Mr. Richard E. MacFadden: **Jennings, Joyce, Macfadden, McFadden, Mahoney, Newell.**  
M-49 Mrs. Janet McGovern: **Mackey**  
N-12 Ms. Ellen Nicholls: **Bush/Bosch, DeGraw.**  
O-06 Mr. Philip O'Leary: **Masker.**  
O-08 Ms. Peggy Osborn: **Wanamaker.**  
P-02 Mr. and Mrs. Severin Pulis: **Kinsella, Kinslow, Whaley.**  
P-17 Mrs. Mary Ethel Pringle: **Allison, Ellison.**  
R-08 Mrs. Merna Roche: **Cunningham, Evans, Howe, Nicholson, Phillips.**  
R-23 Mr. Robert H. Rheinlander: **Hauptman.**  
S-45 Mr. Thoms F. Sullivan: **Fitzpatrick**  
S-46 Ms. Christine Szermer: **Caywoody, DePalma, Morgan, O'Dell, Osborne, Sproule, Van Zile, Wright, Youmans.**  
S-52 Ms. Margaret (Peggy) Stoffel: **Dwyer, Golander, Gray, Niehergall, Stoffel.**  
T-11 Mr. Normand E. Thomas: **Bleeker, Chatterson, Hutchings.**  
T-18 Mr. Robert Trumper: **Bienbusse, Blauvelt, Cooper, Garrabrandt, Gurnee, Heller, Quirsfeld, Robinson, Smith, Trumper, White.**  
Z-03 Ms. Rachel Sheets Zook: **Rider, Rogers, Waldron, Weiant, West.**

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## > Notes from Members

26 Sep 2003 - From Peggy Osborn:

"Hi, I just wanted to say Thank You for all the help that I received from the members I met at the Archives. You were all a great help and I look forward to see you again when I get back at the end of November."

> Two notes from the Treasurer, Bob Protzmann:

A Special Thank You to those members who have recently made contributions to the Society - Sally Dewey, John DeRonde, Rosemary Cataldi and Barbara Egtvedt. Thank you also to non-members who have also made contributions for work done for them by GSRC members. Contributions enable us to fund special projects and purchase special items to support our projects. A significant contribution made last year has enabled us to purchase a digital camera and related software, which will be used for cemetery and church pictures to enhance the GSRC Webpages, as well as for copying and digitizing documents.

Thanks also to members who suggested that our mailing address be printed on the Membership Renewal Notices. Yes, it should have been done, as it has been in the past. Unfortunately, in the rush to get the September NEWSLETTER mailed before going on vacation, a return address was deleted from the Notice before printing. My apologies for any inconvenience which this caused members.

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## **LIBRARY ACCESSIONS**

These and other works can be found on the top shelf of the bookcase located on the dividing wall in the Rockland Room of the New City Public Library.

from Marie Koestler

### **List for August 2003**

Donated by: SUSAN SCHWINN:

"DAR Patriot Index - Vol. II" 1980.  
Daughters of the American Revolution,  
1776 D Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 2006

"DAR Patriot Index" - The 1982 Supplement.  
Daughters of the American Revolution,  
1776 D Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 2006

Donated by: RICH & KAREN SECOR, 5049W 1600S,  
Ogden, UT 84401:



**"Ambroise Sicard and the Long Line of Secor Descendants."** 16-page genealogy, undated.

Donated by: **ANONYMOUS:**

Some proofs for a DAR application for **RETA CONKLIN GRIPPO**. Undated.

**List for September 2003**

Donated by: **JOAN BROOKS:**

"A Genealogist's Guide To Discovering Your Immigrant & Ethnic Ancestors"  
by: Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG., 2000. Betterway Books, Cincinnati, OH

Donated by: **RUTH KRELL – BOOKS FROM PETER KRELL'S COLLECTION:**

"Revolutionary War Soldiers, Rockland County, New York" December, 1976. Published by: Shatemuc Chapter 1-149, N.Y. Daughters of the American Revolution, Spring Valley, N.Y., Chapter No. 1687, organized 1925.

"Atlas of Bergen County, 1876" Reprinted 1992, Bergen Historic Books.

"History of Rockland County" by Frank Bertanguie Green, MD, 1886. Reprinted 1989 by HSRC, The Historical Society of Rockland County.

"Oh, What A Grand View" by Terry Talley, 1987.

"The Political History of Rockland County, NY" by John H. Bennett, Editor, March, 1970.

"Within These Gates" by Daniel DeNoyelles, 1982. A signed copy.

"Camp **Shanks** and Shanks Village" by Scott E. Webber, 1991. Autographed to Peter Krell

"We Deliver. A History of the U.S. Postal Service" by Tom Riley. Undated.

"Haiti on the Hudson" by The Historical Society of Rockland County, 1993.

"Indians of the Lower Hudson Region. The Munsee" by Julian Harris Salomon - Autographed copy.

"A Short History of Rockland County, New York" by HSRC, Bicentennial Year, 1976.

"Let School Bells Ring. A History of Schools in Rockland County, New York" by Sylvia Salomon and Irene Shur, 1978

"Woodsmen, Mountaineers & Bockies: The People of the Ramapos" by Ralph Sessions, HSRC, 1985

"Now and Then and Long Ago in Rockland County" by Cornelia F. Bedell, HSRC, 4<sup>th</sup> reprinting, 1992.

"Civil War Letters of the **Tenure** Family. Rockland County, 1862-1865" by Larry H. Whiteaker and W. Calvin Dickenson, HSRC, 1990.

"Stony Point in Words and Pictures. Bicentennial 1776-1976"

by Maryellen Gonyea, Editor; Maps by Robert P. Burghardt.

"Gleanings from Rockland History" by HSRC, 1980.

**List for 15 Oct 2003**

"History of Rockland County, 1884" by David Cole, D.D. Reprinted with index by HSRC, 1986

"Atlas of Bergen County, NJ, 1976" Reprinted 1992, Bergen Historic Books.

"Indians of the Lower Hudson Region. The Munsee" by Julian Harris Salomon - Autographed copy. 1982.

"Now and Then and Long Ago"  
[first printing was 1941]

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**QUERIES**

**#488a** (additional info 25 Aug 2003 for query seen in our prior Newsletter). **Sarah ---** married abt. 1778 John **Allison** b. 1754 of Haverstraw. Oral family tradition says that her name was **Sarah Noyell or Noll**. As this sounds like a contraction of **De Noyelles**, a very prominent family in Haverstraw in 1700s, we think she prob. is connected to them. Also, the Allison farms were adjacent to the De Noyelles land in that period. A study of the De Noyelles Family by Daniel De Noyelles in the 1970s does not list her. She is also shown as

"Sally" in a land record. John was a Rev. War soldier 1775-1783. John and Sarah moved to Monroe abt. 1800. *My query is, what was Sarah's last name and parentage, and can anyone supply more info on her?*

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**#491 YOUNG/ISERMAN/BEAR MT. MUSEUM.**

Minnie E. (YOUNG), widow of Ralph ISERMAN (d. 1937), died 1 Mar 1945 at Tallman, Rockland Co. She willed antiques, stuffed birds, deeds, wills, etc. to the "Bear Mt. Museum" (Rockland Co. wills, book 50, p. 130). Around 1990 the director of the Bear Mt. State Park Museum, Jack Focht, found no record of these gifts- thought them unsuitable. **Was there another museum in 1945? What happened to these articles?**

**#492 BOUDINOT/CONOVER.**

Elias BOUDINOT, a Huguenot merchant, was one of the purchasers of the Ramapock Tract. Where did he go? What relation was he to Elias B. CONOVER, b. ca. 1817? CONOVER was listed in the Saddle River census as "free negro" - later mulatto, black, white. Did Conover have an Indian or free negro background?

*both rcvd 6 Sep 03 from:* M. Smeltzer-Stevenot  
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**#493 "ELIZABETH"** (a location) Where was ELIZABETH? It was noted in the Sloatsburg Methodist register in the 1890s as a birthplace and place of baptism. The register includes Southfields and Scott Mine churches and hamlets along the western corridor from Sterling to Sloatsburg.

**#494 CONCKLIN.** WILLIAM CONCKLIN of Kakiat was a Tory marauder during the Revolution. He was probably a gr-son or great gr-son of Nicholas (1661-1751). His Tory companions on raids were John HARING, John JOHNSON, Elisha BADCOCK, John DOBBS and others in the Clove (Leiby). Who were William's parents?

**#495 EVERETT/CONKLIN.** JOHN EVERETT & Elizabeth Lloyd of Orangetown had a daughter in 1721 (Hogencamp genealogy). Another John Everet was a Tory in the Revolution (Leiby). John W. Everett of Ramapo served in the 112th NY Regiment in the Civil

War (Cole). Were they related to Elizabeth Everett (b. 1844) wife of William Conklin of Ladentown?

**#496 CONKLIN/EVERETT.** WILLIAM CONKLIN (b.ca. 1849) of Ladentown & Elizabeth Everett had children Abraham L. (1866-1946), George W. (b. 1870), William (1876-1904), Caroline (1870), Phoebe (ca. 1877), Jane (ca. 1887, Josephine (ca. 1890). Who were William's parents? Were they of Orangetown? (census).

*these 4 rcvd 29 Sep 03 from:* M. Smeltzer-Stevenot  
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**#497 CONKLIN/BLANCHARD/SERVEN** (Cf. our Newsletter March 2003, page 9, "Marriages.")

Lavenia Conklin married John Blanchard 1875. Who were her parents?

Mary Conklin married Oliver J. Serven 1900. Who were her parents? Where did they live?

M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 17 Nov 2003

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**#498 REAGAN.** My great grandfather John F. Reagan was born in Haverstraw on Sept. 19, 1845. In 1884 as Frank Regan (J.F.R. changed the spelling of his name when he was married in St. Louis in 1871) he was appointed postmaster of Terre Haute IN by President Grover Cleveland. [ed.: in the 1880 census, Terre Haute, Vigo Co., IN, Other Twps., (NARA film T9-319, ED 209, sh. 32D, fam. 248) - Frank is age 34, b. NY, saloon keeper, with wife & 2 ch. ages 2, and 1/12.]

Got any good ideas as to how I can get additional information on his birth, and family? Thanks for your help. I am sort of a novice at this so anything your can tell me will help. Can't find him in Haverstraw records!

Frank Regan  
Carmel, IN  
<Kellco4017@aol.com>

**#499 WARNER, SNYDER** (Cf. #487 in Sep. '03, p. 7)

The Surrogate Court affidavit of 15 Dec 1830 names Emeline and Sarah Ann Warner as the only heirs of Daniel Warner, and later also adds Thomas. It states that Thomas, Emeline and Sarah Ann are above the age of 21 years. Thomas V. W. Warner was born about 16 Feb 1804. (I'm descended from Thomas V. W.) Am confused about Sarah Ann as have conflicting info. And what was meant in 1830 by "a soldier in the army of the United States in the *late* war"? What war could this mean? Need more info on this family.  
Marguerite Holmes



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**Response to QUERY**

**#485r: Hannah CONKLIN's mother.**

Brian Belanger <bmbel@optonline.net>, 9/9/03

Hannah Elizabeth\* Conklin (1830-1916)\*\* was the daughter of [ --?--] Conklin and Elizabeth Mann\*.

Hannah married George J. W. **Anderson** (1819-1880)\*\* who was the son of William Anderson (d. by 1840)\*\*\* and Frances W. **Foster** (1797\*\*\* -1879\*\*\*\*).

===== sources =====

\* name provided by Cindy Barnhart, whose grandmother, Grace Barnhart (a genealogist), recorded the information in her personal notes in 1954.

\*\* Elizabeth and George J.W. Anderson are buried in Bower of Rest Cemetery in Ladentown, Rockland Co., NY. Birth and death dates are from their tombstones.

\*\*\* William Anderson and Frances Foster's dates came from Rockland County censuses.

\*\*\*\* Frances' death date is from an Anderson Family Bible.

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**OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Addition to "DESCENDANTS OF BAILEYTOWN"**

by M. Smeltzer-Stevenot (1996):

Margareta Elaine **Bailey** (5-114) d/o Samuel G. Bailey Jr. & Florence Robins, married Kenneth R. **Baisley** s/o Sylvester & Elizabeth Baisley. Their son Gary Lee Baisley (6-97) was b 1957, lives Augsburg, Germany. His son Thomas Anthony Baisley (7th generation) was born in 1976.

(From Gary L. Baisley)

M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 17 Nov 2003

**ADDITIONS TO "FAMILIES OF THE RAMAPOS@"**

by M. Smeltzer-Stevenot Rev. Ed 1999

**CALL**

**3-18 Children of Marietta Call & David Doremus**

**DOREMUS**

1. Deborah Ann
2. Mary Ann
3. Josiah Pierson
4. Emeline
5. Martha m. Edward E. **Suffern** of Suffern, NY (Doremus Genealogy)

3-26 & Ko William Call s/o Samuel Call & Nellie **Babcock** m. Anna Maria **Ackerson** s/o Peter Ackerson & Jannetye **Doremus**: br Ramapo Presbyterian (Doremus Genealogy)

5-106 Children of Edna Call & Kenneth Rose d/o Charles Call & Edna Wells

**ROSE**

1. Donald d. 3/3/2002 age 47, Suffern, NY br. Brick Church
2. Kenneth Jr. m. Betty --
3. Shirley lvd Pomona
4. Howard d 1997; m Bernice—of Stony Point (obit, Funeral Home Edward Finn, Stony Point)

6-45 Children of Wilfred Call & Caroline Palmer

**CALL**

1. Sheila Jean b 5/11/1933 Pomona, NY d age 63, Valhalla, NY - lvd White Sulphur Springs, m. Benjamin H. Conklin

Children: **CONKLIN**

1. Timothy m Donnella-- of Walkill, NY
2. Benjamin H. Jr. m Tammy-- of Hartsville, SC
3. Nora Jean of White Sulphur Springs m -- **Myers**
4. Kelly E. of Loch Sheldrake m -- **Conklin**
2. Wilfred Jr., Stony Point, NY
3. Harriet m. -- **Valentine**
4. Shirley m. -- **Youmans**, Stony Point
5. Linda m. -- **Deligny**, Stony Point
6. Fay m. -- **Parker**, Stony Point
7. Lavern, Liberty, NY m -- **Hoyle**
8. Carolyn of Walkill m -- **Meyers**
9. Regina d before 2001
10. Lorrane "
11. Grace " m. **Tibbets** (obit, Journal News Jan 2002)

**PITT**

5/24 Spencer V. Pitt m Loretta **Conklin** 8/17/1912 #1211

5/22 Nellie Pitt m Charles **Edwards** (#2) 6/27/1914 #17899

**BAILEY**

4-16 Martha Bailey m Henry Swim. He d 1924

Child: **SWIM**

Mabel m -- Pavek

Child: **Pavek**

Nina m. -- **Brush**

(submitted by Nina P. Brush)

from M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 2/15/03

**ABSTRACTS OF SELECTED  
WWI DRAFT REGISTRATION CARDS**

**For Rockland County, NY**

**Surnames: ABRAMS, BROOKS, MATHER, SCOTT**

The following were abstracted [with some notes in brackets by abstracter] October 18, 2003, by Joan Brooks from NARA Record Group 163, Microfilm Series M1509, rolls #381 and #382 (Rockland Co, NY), at the National Archives Branch, 10 Conte Drive, Pittsfield, MA: [also available at NARA in NYC]

*ed. note:* The "Roll List" for the entire country is at:  
[http://www.archives.gov/research\\_room/genealogy/military/wwi\\_draft\\_registration\\_cards.html#mfilm](http://www.archives.gov/research_room/genealogy/military/wwi_draft_registration_cards.html#mfilm)

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**ABRAMS, BURDETT**—a. 25, Caucasian, single; residence-Stony Point, NY; b. 28 May 1892 Stony Point; occupation-Laborer for Claude ?Bauer?, Pomona, NY. Tall; medium build; brown eyes and hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**ABRAMS, EVERETT**—a. 22, Caucasian, single; residence-Thiells, NY; b. 31 Oct 1894 Thiells; occupation-Farm Laborer for Isaac Bedford, Thiells. Tall; medium build; dark blue eyes; light brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**ABRAMS, FRED S.**—a. 28, Caucasian, married; residence-Mt. Ivy, NY; b. 30 Jan 1889 Mt. Ivy; occupation-Blacksmith, Belmont-Gurnee Stone Co, Mt. Ivy. Medium height and build; dark brown eyes; black hair—slightly bald. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**ABRAMS, HOWARD**—a. 28, Caucasian, married; residence-Thiells, NY; b. 14 Feb 1889 Thiells; occupation-Laborer for William Gagan, Thiells. Nearest relative: "Wife and 1 child." Tall; medium build; light blue eyes; light brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**ABRAMS, WALLACE**—a. 20, white, married; residence-Church St, Garnerville, NY; b. 13 Jan 1898; occupation-Laborer, NYS. Letchworth Village. Nearest relative: "Wife Charlotte." Tall; slender build; blue eyes; light brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**BROOKS, CHARLES BENJAMIN**—a. 20, white, single; residence-99 Hudson Ave, Haverstraw, NY; b. 27 Aug 1898; occupation-Clerk & Draft Teller, U.S. Food Administration Grain Corp., 42 Broadway, NYC. Nearest relative: Capt. Charles Brooks, same address. Tall; medium build; gray eyes; light hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**BROOKS, EDWARD**—a. 30, Caucasian, married; residence-Stony Point, NY; b. 17 Mar 1887 Stony Point; occupation-Farming for Charles Miller, Stony Point. Nearest relative: "Wife and 2 children." Tall; medium build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**BROOKS, FRANK KINGSLAND**—a. 24, Caucasian, single; residence-99 Hudson Ave, Haverstraw, NY; b. 20 May 1893, Haverstraw; occupation-Asst. Accountant, Remington Typewriter Co, NYC. Tall; slender build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 8 Jun 1917.

**BROOKS, FREDERICK AKERS**—a. 28, Caucasian, single; residence-Valley Cottage, NY; b. 22 May 1889, New York, NY; occupation-Chauffeur, self, Valley Cottage. Medium height and build; brown eyes and hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**BROOKS, HARRY OLIVER**—a. 37, white, married; residence-RFD Stony Point, NY; b. 9 Oct 1880; occupation-Carpenter for Peter Keeler & Co, Thiells, NY. Nearest relative: Carolyn Kelly Brooks, same address. Tall; slender build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**BROOKS, JAMES NIEMAN**—a. 25, Caucasian, single; residence-Valley Cottage, NY; b. 23 Jun 1891; occupation-Chauffeur for E. \_ Anderson, Valley Cottage. Medium height and build; blue eyes; dark brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**BROOKS, JOHN SPENCER**—a. 34, Caucasian, married; residence-Stony Point, NY; b. 4 Dec 1883; occupation-Helper, Peter Keeler & Co, Thiells, NY. Nearest relative: Minnie Brooks, same address. Tall; slender build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**BROOKS, NORMAN**—a. 26, Caucasian, married; residence-22a Sharp St, Haverstraw, NY; b. 8 Dec 1890 Haverstraw; occupation-Clerk, NY Central RR, Weehawken, NJ. Nearest relative: "Wife & children." Medium height and build; grey eyes; light hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.



**BROOKS, RUSSELL H.**—a. 22, Caucasian, married; residence-Stony Point, NY; b. 1 Nov 1894 Highland Falls, NY; occupation-Coal Business, self-employed, Stony Point. Nearest relative: "Wife and 2 children." Tall; stout build; brown eyes and hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**BROOKS, THOMAS**—a. 30, Caucasian, single; residence-Stony Point, NY; b. 21 Aug 1886 Sloatsburg, NY; occupation-Laborer for Calvin T. Allison, Stony Point. Nearest relative: "Partial support of mother." Medium height; slender build; brown eyes; light brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**BROOKS, WILLIAM**—a. 35, white; residence-Thiells, NY; b. 19 Mar 1883; inmate; Disability—"Feeble-minded." Dated 12 Sep 1918. [Note: He was probably a resident of Letchworth Village.]

**BROOKS, WILLIAM**—a. 44, white, married; residence-RFD#1, Stony Point, NY; b. 29 Jul 1874; occupation-Farmer. Nearest relative: Anna, same address. Tall 6'1"; medium build; blue eyes; light hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**BROOKS, WILLIAM EDWARD**—a. 26, Caucasian, married; residence-New City, NY; b. 30 Mar 1891 Garnerville, NY; occupation-Milkman, by himself, New City. Nearest relative: "Wife and 2 children." Tall; medium build; blue eyes; light hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**MATHER, BYRON**—a. 23, Caucasian, single; residence-Pomona, NY; b. 29 Jan 1894 Ladentown, NY; occupation-Laborer for S. Baskin?, Beacon, NY. Short; medium build; brown eyes and hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**MATHER, GAVIN**—a. 26, Caucasian, single; residence-West Spring Valley [could possibly be West St, Spring Valley]; b. 23 May 1892 Ladentown, NY; occupation-Not employed since "I am a confirmed invalid." Struck by train 2 years ago. Note by examiner: "This man is not able to get out at all."

**MATHER, IRVING FELTER**—a. 44, white, married; residence-Pomona, NY; b. 12 Jan 1874; occupation-Laborer, State Highway Dept, Monsey, NY. Nearest relative: Mrs. Elizabeth Mather, same address. Medium height and build; brown eyes; grey hair. Disability: "Defective Arm (Sept)." Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**MATHER, LOOMIS KNAPP**—a. 41, white, married; residence-Pomona, NY; b. 16 Jul 1877; occupation-Iron worker, Ramapo (Hillburn) Shops, NY. Nearest relative: Mrs. Flora Mather, same address. Short; stout build; black eyes and hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, CHARLES EDWIN**—a. 36, white; residence-42 Jackson Ave, Nyack, NY; b. 25 Aug 1882; occupation-Yardman, Erie RR, Franklin at Nyack. Nearest relative: Marion Scott, same address. Tall; slender build; blue eyes; dark hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, CLARENCE**—a. 44, white, married; residence-High Ave, Nyack, NY; b. 17 Sep 1873; occupation-Foreman, Oak Hill Cemetery. Nearest relative: Wife, Nellie E. Scott, same address. Tall; slender build; grey eyes; brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, CLARENCE LEXOW**—a. 24, Caucasian, married; residence-Orangeburg, NY; b. 10 Jan 1893 Sparkill, NY; occupation-Steam & Electric Engineer, Rockland Light & Power Co, Orangeburg. Nearest relative: "Dependent wife and child." Medium height and build; grey eyes; light hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**SCOTT, ELIAS**—a. 40, white; residence-24 Lydecker? St, Nyack, NY; b. 25 Apr 1878; occupation-Laundry owner, Lydecker St, Nyack. Nearest relative: Carrie B. Scott, same address. Medium height; stout build; blue eyes; slightly gray hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, FRANK JOSEPH**—a. 20, white; residence-Piermont, NY; b. 29 Apr 1898; occupation-Chauffeur for Henry Boss, Sparkill. Nearest relative: Rose Scott, same address. Medium height and build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, FREDERICK**—a. 34, white; residence-Monsey, NY; b. 9 Sep 1884; occupation-Painter, ?Julian ?Pitman, Nyack, NY. Nearest relative: Matilda Scott, same address. Medium height; slender build; blue eyes; grey hair. Signed Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, GEORGE PHILIPP**—a. 27, Caucasian, married; residence-41 Cedar Hill Ave, Nyack, NY; b. 11 Oct 1889 Nyack; occupation-Carpenter for M.W.& H. DeBaun, Nyack. Nearest relative: "Wife and child (or children)." Medium height; slender build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**SCOTT, GRENVILLE WILLIAM**—a. 21, white; residence-High Ave, Nyack, NY; b. 10 Sep 1897; occupation-Accountant, NY Central RR, NYC. Nearest relative: Clarence Scott, same address. Medium height; slender build; dark grey eyes; light brown hair. Signed 10 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, ICHABOD**—a. 48, white, married; residence-Greenbush Rd, Orangeburg, NY; b. 20 Apr 1875; occupation-Foreman, Fibre Conduit Co, Tappan Rd, Orangeburg. Nearest relative: Wife, Catharine Scott, same address. Tall; medium build; blue eyes; brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, HARVEY HUDSON**—a. 41, white; residence-93 Piermont Ave, Nyack, NY; b. 8 Dec 1877; occupation-Plumber for E.O. McElroy, 100 Main St, Nyack. Nearest relative: Susannah Scott, same address. Short; medium build; grey eyes; brown hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, HARVEY**—a. 38, white; residence-Monsey, NY; b. 18 Sep 1879; occupation-Carpenter for Peter Keeler, Thiells, NY. Nearest relative: Mrs. Annie \_\_\_\_\_, same address. Medium height; slender build; grey eyes; red hair.

**SCOTT, JOHN**—a. 36, white; residence-Monsey, NY; b. 9 Aug 1882; occupation-Carpenter for Stephen A. Shuart, Suffern, NY. Nearest relative: Anna Belle Scott, same address. Medium height; slender build; brown eyes and hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, JOSEPH LEWIS**—a. 38, white; residence-Main St, Spring Valley, NY; b. 5 Dec 1879; occupation-Painter for Charles E. DeBaun, Spring Valley. Nearest relative: Wife, Nellie. Medium height and build; gray eyes; black hair. Signed 12 Sep 1918.

**SCOTT, JOSEPH DEMAREST**—a. 28, Caucasian, married; residence-Blauvelt, NY; b. 19 Feb 1889 Sparkill, NY; occupation-Foreman, Fibre Conduit Co, Orangeburg, NY. Nearest relative: "Wife and child (or children)." Medium height; slender build; grey eyes; light hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**SCOTT, LESTER ALFRED**—a. 29, Caucasian, married; residence-Orangeburg, NY; b. 4 May 1888 Blauvelt, NY; occupation-Asst. Purchasing Agent, Fibre Conduit Co, Orangeburg. Nearest relative: "Wife." Medium height and build; brown eyes; dark hair. Signed 26 Sep 1917.

**SCOTT, MALCOHN**—a. 24, Caucasian, single; residence-Orangeburg, NY; b. 13 Dec 1892 Blauvelt, NY; occupation-Machinist, Fibre Conduit Co, Orangeburg. Nearest relative: "Mother." Tall; slender build; grey eyes; black hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917. [Note: He signed his name "Malcohn."]

**SCOTT, WILLIAM A.**—a. 28, Caucasian, married; residence-North Franklin Ave, Nyack, NY; b. 18 Feb 1889 Nyack; occupation-Toolmaker, Metropolitan \_\_\_\_\_ Co, Nyack. Nearest relative: "Wife and 2 children." Tall; medium build; blue eyes; light brown hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

**SCOTT, WILLIAM CLEVELAND**—a. 30, Caucasian, married; residence-Orangeburg, NY; b. 28 Jan 1887 Sparkill, NY; occupation-Machinist, Fibre Conduit Co, Orangeburg. Nearest relative: "Wife and child (or children)." Medium height and build; blue eyes; light hair. Signed 5 Jun 1917.

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1919 Rockland County Board Of Supervisors  
Herman M. Purdy, Chairman - John Ducey, Clerk-  
Child Welfare Reports  
Reports Of The Supervisor  
For The Poor Of Rockland County -  
--Deaths

Feb 1, 1919 Susan **Boyd** Ramapo Charge  
Sept. 2, 1918 Patrick **Condon** Haverstraw Charge  
Dec. 31, 1918 - James **Decker** Orangetown Charge  
Nov. 11, 1918 Mary **Donlon** County Charge  
March 15, 1919 Owen **Dougherty** County Charge  
Sept. 23, 1918 Thomas **Fee** Haverstraw Charge  
Feb 21, 1919 Philip **Schwartz** Orangetown Charge  
Aug. 30, 1918 Charles **Slawson** Clarkstown Charge  
May 30, 1919 Sarah **Slawson** Ramapo Charge  
Feb 10, 1919 Regina **Wills** Clarkstown Charge  
(contributed by Christine Szermer)

### **The End of Sandyfields**

*from M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 6 Sep 03*

The little hamlet of Sandyfields fought valiantly to save itself from being devoured by the State Park, but ended with a whimper.

By the late 1930s thirteen families had given up the fight. The census counted 35 families, with 125 members, including Odell, Baisley, Benson, Jones, Champeon and other old families. "PIPC" planned 1000 vacation cottages for city campers on the sites.

Twenty two families refused to sell and organized the HOME DEFENSE COMMITTEE chaired by Fred



Odell. Thirteen families held out. The fight went on for another two and a half years. Wearied by the battle, the remaining families settled for \$42,713. By the time court and counsel fees were deducted, they received about \$710 on every \$1000 the State had offered originally. The end came in March 1942.

Source: *NY Herald Tribune* April 1, 1942.

Researched by Robert P. Wallace, 8/31/02.

### ON LAST WORDS

*rcvd 9/11/03 from M. Smeltzer-Stevenot*

*180 Johnstontown Road*

*Sloatsburg NY 10974-1104*

Write your own obituary now while events and dates are fresh in your mind. Your relatives may not know your whole story. Update it from time to time. Specify the daily and weekly papers in which you would like it to appear. Try a shorter version for those with expensive line rates.

\* If you have a family plot, consider erecting your own gravestone. Choose the style and inscription you want and double check your birthdate. Date errors, especially on older stones, are not uncommon. Well intentioned inscriptions of "father" or "mother" tell nothing about you. If you are a woman, don't settle for being lost under your husband's name. Maiden names are often hard to find.

Leave a note of your father's name and mother's maiden name with your important papers. If a doctor signs a death certificate he may not know the family and simply write "parents unknown." Relatives may make errors.

Don't leave your genealogical record to others.

### COUNTRY SAYINGS

*M. Smeltzer-Stevenot*

"She sat herself in a tub of butter." (She married money.)

"Enough blue to make a Dutchman's pantaloons." (The sky will clear.)

"I wish he were six feet under." (I wish he were dead.)

### MOUNTAIN LANGUAGE

*M. Smeltzer-Stevenot*

Some old-time mountain residents say they used different words and phrases when talking with their kinfolk. Were they old English or early Dutch words or country corruptions? If true, can anyone compile a vocabulary of this dialect?

*(oops! - your ed. failed to note the source of this interesting contribution!):*

### Essential Web Bookmark — D'Addezio.com

In 1997, computer programmer Illya D'Addezio of New Providence, New Jersey, started [D'Addezio.com](http://www.daddezio.com) ([www.daddezio.com](http://www.daddezio.com)), which over time has significantly expanded to be the launching point for several offshoot websites of great value to genealogists. His mission is clearly stated: "To provide a quality site containing original material, and valuable links to other information on the Internet, in a well-organized manner. The site has grown gradually, keeping the quality of our information as the highest priority."

Beginning with his "Italian Genealogy? Start Here!" site, D'Addezio went on to create seven additional sites in six years, each relying on contributions from visitors, materials from linked websites, and his skillful programming talents. What follows is an overview of the various areas that comprise this incredibly ambitious and valuable website.

Italian Genealogy? Start Here!

([www.daddezio.com/italgen.html](http://www.daddezio.com/italgen.html))

German Genealogy? Start Here!

([www.daddezio.com/germgen.html](http://www.daddezio.com/germgen.html))

Greek Genealogy? Start Here!

([www.daddezio.com/grekgen.html](http://www.daddezio.com/grekgen.html))

Irish Genealogy? Start Here!

([www.daddezio.com/irshgen.html](http://www.daddezio.com/irshgen.html))

These sites include

- Searchable lists of over 2,000 passenger ship arrivals from Europe between 1609 and 1960. Also includes passenger lists, when found on the Internet.
- A searchable heraldry database of over 500 sites with coat of arms information about particular surnames
- Database of Italians serving in the Barbary Wars
- Naturalization records of German nationals who immigrated to New England
- Many useful links to research articles, historical information, databases, items for sale, and more.

Society Hill, ([www.daddezio.com/society/index.html](http://www.daddezio.com/society/index.html)) is a directory with addresses and websites (when available) for over 4,000 historical and genealogical societies in the United States, listed alphabetically by state, plus hundreds more in Canada and Australia.

Cemetery Junction, ([www.daddezio.com/cemetery/index.html](http://www.daddezio.com/cemetery/index.html)) provides addresses for over 40,000 U.S. cemeteries and links to volunteer transcriptions of many of the cemeteries listed. The database also includes over 2,000 Canadian cemeteries and over 400 in Australia. All are searchable by cemetery name. The [Family Cemeteries page](#) includes information for over 25,000 cemeteries and can be searched by surname (family cemetery name

only). There are also many links to transcriptions here as well. D'Addezio claims this to be the largest collection of active and retired United States cemetery addresses and links.

Obituary Depot, ([www.daddezio.com/obituary/index.html](http://www.daddezio.com/obituary/index.html)) encourages volunteers to submit basic information gleaned from obituaries listed in their local papers to the site. There is a convenient online form available for this purpose. This effort is known as the Regional Obituary Index Project, which currently has over 240,000 citations spanning hundreds of newspapers. Over 500 new citations are added daily, all searchable by surname.

The Records Room, ([www.daddezio.com/records/index.html](http://www.daddezio.com/records/index.html)) is probably the most comprehensive collection of vital records links and information on the Internet. It includes addresses and provides lists of online and offline public records for each county and at the state level. All counties are displayed with both the year of establishment and county seat clearly identified, and links to state/county web sites are included where available. There is also an abundance of useful links and information about other types of records.

There is so much more to discover at D'Addezio.com, it would take an entire newsletter to fit it all in. Intuitive and easy to navigate, it is a gem of a website that has been recipient of many well-deserved "Best of the Internet" awards.

Visit [www.daddezio.com](http://www.daddezio.com) today!

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### **Cemetery Transcriptions from the NEHGS Manuscript Collections**

The NEHGS has added transcriptions from the New Paltz Rural Cemetery in New Paltz, New York. Search Cemetery Transcriptions from the NEHGS Manuscript Collections at [www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/cemeteries](http://www.newenglandancestors.org/research/database/cemeteries).

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### **Subic Bay and more**

*ed. note:* Karen Lamberton forwards the following and says, "While this is not specifically genealogy in the strictest sense, I thought it might be worth a note in the newsletter for anyone looking for Filipino relatives or US servicemen. As you know sometimes working in the 20th century is the worst, for some searches this might help."

From: Randy Anderson <[pogi@mchsi.com](mailto:pogi@mchsi.com)>  
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2003 5:18 PM  
Subject: Subic Bay

During the almost one hundred years that the U.S. Navy was at Subic Bay, thousands of sailors, Marines, soldiers, airmen and U.S. civilians were stationed there or passed through on port visits. In addition, there were countless Filipinos who either worked on the base or in other areas related to the base.

The Subic Bay Registry Project is an effort to permanently record the participants in this great adventure that was Subic Bay!

The project's website came on-line the first of this month - <http://www.subic-history.org>. Over the next few months this site is expected to have several thousand members registered.

The great thing about this site is that it is built on a database which is searchable. For example, you can type in a name and hit "search" and it will return any records with that name.

There are dozens of categories covering all the units at Subic Bay as well as other bases in the Philippines (i.e., Sangley Point, Clark, San Miguel, etc.) where you can post your picture and links to your own websites.

Soon this will be a great resource for preserving these memories and also finding old shipmates, friends, and others, with an organized, searchable database. You can quickly zero in on your area of interest without going through dozens or hundreds of emails or listing.

If you want to find out how to get registered (it's free, of course) and make an entry, just go to <http://www.subic-history.org>. If you have an interest in Subic Bay, please register and post an entry.

Please help get this great project going!

Thanks,  
Randy

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### **Irish Origins**

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**Poetry Corner**

**"The Storming of Stony Point"**

By J. L. Fenton

An army of the brave,  
Their Liberty to save,  
Or sink in glory's grave,  
By the foe;  
Are gathering by night,  
'Neath the arch of Heaven's light-  
It is a glorious sight-  
Noble show!

Now see that gallant band-  
Around their chieftain stand,  
Awaiting his command,  
Clear and low.

Mid silence as of death,  
They move o'er marsh and heath,  
Nor echo of a breath,  
Is there heard;

The route they still pursue,  
With fortress still in view-  
They hear the sentry true,

Give the word;  
Hark, to the warning gun,  
Upstarting every one,  
To work that must be done  
By the sword.

No more in whispers low,  
But shouting to and fro,  
They charge upon the foe  
Up the height;  
Though cannons loudly roar,  
And iron hail doth shower,  
They flinch not from the power,  
Of its might.

On, they firmly tread,  
By their brave chieftain led,  
O'er dying and the dead,  
To the fight.

Now Britons soon shall feel,  
That they must fall and reel,  
Before the rending steel.

Of the free.

The work of death is done,  
And sound of the last gun,  
Tells they have nobly won,  
Victory.

Each foeman put to route-  
Free voices now ring out  
In one long pealing shout,  
Liberty !

*Rockland County Journal, Nyack, NY, July 12, 1851*

**"A Genealogist's Christmas Eve"**

by Sandra Devlin

'Twas the night before Christmas and inside my house  
Little was stirring, except my computer mouse.  
Our descendants were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of ancestors danced in their heads.

So I at my laptop, near trusty old printer  
Put the finishing touches to the project of winter,  
The gift I had promised for under the tree  
A product of love, the family genealogy.

My table with clutter galore was aspread  
with pedigree charts of the living and dead;  
old yellowed photos, letters of yore,  
wills and diaries chronicling days from before.

While others bought gifts at Wal-Mart or Sears,  
I'd spent my time searching birth dates and years.  
No need for ribbons or fancy gift wrappings,  
This gift had a way of transcending the trappings.

While surveying the charts with one final proof,  
I must have missed the sound on the roof.  
For what to my wondering eyes did appear,  
But the jolly old elf, replete in his gear.

Searching my face, old Santa could sense  
My Christmas spirit was extremely intense.  
He spied my research on the table spread out,  
"A genealogist!" he exclaimed, "That removes any  
doubt."

As I climbed up the stairs feeling quite in the pink,  
I looked back at Santa and shared a sly wink.  
For he and I know that the gift of oneself,  
Beats anything bought from a department store shelf.

*Contributed by Bob Protzmann*

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