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All photos: Joanne Potanovic, unless otherwise noted.

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Dues & Membership

Annual Society dues are \$ 15.00 for both individuals and organizations. The Society dues year is September 1st to August 31st. Have you renewed yet?

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For information regarding meeting cancellations due to bad weather, call:

Joan Brooks	845-942-0577
Marie Koestler	845-623-4046
Maryann Smith	845-358-2145

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Meetings

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

All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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GSRC Officers & Chairpersons 2006

President	Michael Secora
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The Genealogical Society of Rockland County
P.O. Box 444, New City, NY 10956

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**Minutes of Meeting of
Genealogical Society of Rockland County
Tuesday, April 25, 2006 - New City Library**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Mike Secora.

A motion was made by Les Baisley to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting, seconded by Dick Peterson.

Committee Reports:

Indexing: Les Baisley reported that he is close on the Shankey records. One book has to be proofed one more time and one has to be proofed two more times. White ones are all done except one has be done three more times. Then decide what years to print. He is working on the Stony Point Cemetery and also an 1891 book on people who lived near the railroad. Wyman books are at the Archives and should be on sale soon. Have to come up with a price. Will be put out on the website when it is available. Marie Koestler reported that on the Ramapo Cemetery books she did the last of the corrections that Margaret did (excellent job done on those). Corrections have to be printed out and double checked. Book should be ready by the fall.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Protzmann reported on the month of March 2006 with a starting balance of \$11,605.27. No dues, disbursed \$323.28, outstanding checks of \$16.17 leaving a closing balance as of March 31, 2006 of \$11,343.16.

Membership: No new members last month, have a total paid membership of 193.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee (Les Baisley, Barry Brooks and Mary Marino) has come up with a slate of officers to be voted on at the next meeting (May).

President	Barbara deMare
Vice President	Leslie Baisley
Treasurer	Bob Protzmann
Secretary	Joan Brooks
Board Member	Marie Koestler
Board Member	Mary Marino

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the May Meeting.

With no further business motion to adjourn was made by Henri Rennie and seconded by Barry Brooks at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Marino
Substitute Secretary for Joan Brooks.

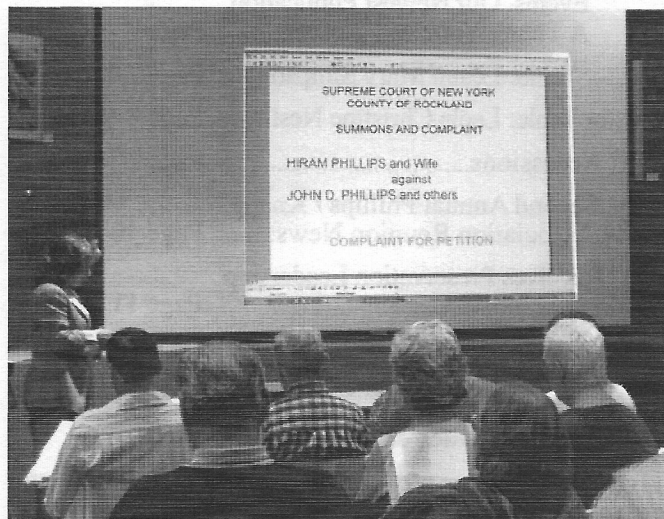
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"Petitions for Partition: Genealogical Gold"

presented by Barbara DeMare, Esq.
Attorney, Genealogist and Historian

Program Presented at the April 25, 2006, Meeting of
The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Bob Protzman introduced Barbara deMare, attorney, long standing genealogist and a member of many societies. Her practice involves estate and real estate law. Barbara spoke regarding a Phillips family Petition for a Partition that she had received from Joan Brooks along with some other information. A Partition is how you divide land in a variety of ways. In this particular instance there were nine siblings in the family and the property in question belonged to the youngest child. By the time he died some of his siblings had predeceased him and therefore the proceeds from the sale of the property would be divided among their heirs. The person who wants to purchase the property has to "proof" the family tree before the court and get the court seal that all the heirs have been located and notified of the sale and are entitled to their share. It is the responsibility of the plaintiff to gather all the information and determine the heirs. In this Partition Hiram Phillips and his wife filed a Summons and Complaint against John D. Phillips and others March 22, 1889. The entire research for this partition was done in a few months.



John Phillips and Sarah Knapp came to New York (Rockland County) from Connecticut and they had three sons, Gilbert, Daniel and Eli (Barbara's line is through Eli). Daniel had seven children and his son, Daniel married Hannah Osborne – they had nine children (Sarah, Daniel, Richard, Mary, George, Catherine, Charlotte, Hiram and Nelson). Hiram was the plaintiff in this action, the one who died was Nelson (he owned the land in the partition). There

were 19 acres in one parcel of land and 8 acres in a second parcel of land that Hiram wanted to buy. Nelson Phillips did not have a wife or children who survived him. Since he had no heirs his share of the proceeds reverts to his parents who are deceased and therefore down to their heirs (their children). If Nelson had a wife or children this would never have been an issue. Without a will this is how the distribution takes place. Of the original nine children Hiram is the only surviving child so he is entitled to 1/5th interest in the property. Some of the information was obtained through census records. From 1850 on the census lists individuals by given name not just sex. Makes research much easier. A wife of a deceased man had "dower" rights to the land (1/3 interest for life). Land could not be transferred without the wife signing the deed, however prior to 1868 a woman couldn't own property. Through all of this research and this one document Barbara was able to add 50 people to her genealogy.

Mary Marino

Substitute Secretary for Joan Brook.

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Tuesday, May 23, 2006 - New City Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by President Michael Secora.

The reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with on motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by Karen Lamberton, passed.

Concerns: Dick Peterson announced that Maryann Smith is a patient at Nyack Hospital.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Protzmann reported a balance in the checkbook of \$11,136.88.

Membership: Bob reported 194 paid members to date.

Election of Officers/Trustees: At our last meeting, the Nominating Committee, consisting of Les Baisley, Mary Marino, and Barry Brooks, presented the following slate of officers:

President:	Barbara de Mare
Vice President:	Les Baisley
Treasurer:	Robert Protzmann
Recording Secretary:	Joan Brooks
Trustees:	Marie Koestler
	Mary Marino

There were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Dick Peterson, seconded by Henry Rennie, that the secretary cast one ballot for the slate as presented. Motion passed.

Indexing: Les Baisley stated that the last two Shankey

books are being proofread, as are the White records. The Wyman-Mock Funeral Home records book has been printed; a price for the book will be determined shortly. Ramapo, Stony Point, Orangetown, and Clarkstown cemeteries are in progress. Les is also currently working on computerizing an 1891 Rockland County Directory. Marie Koestler reported that the Krell cemetery book has been computerized by volunteer Vicki Baker, and is being proofed to be put up on our web site.

Announcements: In the absence of Sally Pellegrini, New City Library, Joan Brooks read the following announcements:

- Trip to New York or Albany: On June 6, 2006, at 2 p.m., there will be a planning meeting to talk about going to Albany by bus or to New York Public Library for research. This would be a group effort, using public transportation.

- Trip (Informal) to Lower New York City: On June 20, 2006, there will be an informal trip to lower NYC for a 2-hour walking trip of Revolutionary sites, with a park ranger as a guide. We will go to Battery Park to start and end up at the Federal Building. No cost for this. Meet at the Library to car pool to NJ for the ferry and then take a bus to Battery Park. The rest of the day will be on your own, either to continue sightseeing or head home.

- Trial Subscription to Database for Obit and Death Notices: Sally will be obtaining this database on a trial basis after Memorial Day. She is looking for volunteers to try it out to see if it is worth keeping.

Award: On May 21, 2006, at the Historical Society of Rockland County, our Genealogical Society was presented with the 2006 Rockland County Executive's Historic Preservation Merit Award for Preservation Leadership. Our Society was also presented with the Town of Clarkstown Certificate of Merit, signed by Alexander J. Gromack, Supervisor, Town of Clarkstown. Marie Koestler and Robert Protzmann represented our Society at the Awards dinner.

Editor's Note: photos on page

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Marie Koestler, seconded by Dick Peterson.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2006, 7 p.m., New City Library.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. on mo.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan C. Brooks
Secretary

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Trace Your Roots With DNA presented by Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

On Saturday, May 6, 2006, the GSRC and the New City Library sponsored a talk by noted researcher, speaker and Genealogist, Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak on Family DNA.

Genealogy Lecture
Sponsored by the
New City Library
and the
Genealogical Society of Rockland County (NY)

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2006
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Auditorium of the New City Library
220 N. North Main Street
New City, NY 10956
845-634-4987

Speaker: **Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak** – noted lecturer, author & expert genealogist.

Subject: Family DNA

What is Family DNA?
How does one do it?
What information can it provide?
How much does it cost?

We are very pleased that
Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak
will be here to discuss this new wave
in family history research.

The meeting is **FREE** & open to the Public – please join us!
<http://rocklandgenealogy.org>

Megan introduced the term, “genetealogy,” meaning DNA testing for learning one’s heritage. DNA testing was introduced to the genealogy community near the end of the year 2000. About 61 % of the tests performed are Y-Chromosome DNA tests, with mt-DNA representing 22 % and SNP testing coming in third.

Y-DNA is used to determine if individuals with the same surname are closely related. Since the Y-chromosome is passed, intact, directly from father to son to grandson, it follows the inheritance of the fixed surname. If slight differences exist, due to mutations (about once every 500 years), it signifies a distant common ancestor. Larger differences indicate separate origins of the surname among distinct families. Because surnames were not always fixed (i.e. passed from father to son), Y-DNA can be used to show a common origin of these surnames (e.g. RUTGERS, RUTSEN and Van WOERT) share a common ancestor, while some Van WERTs and Van WARTs are from separate families.

mt-DNA (mitochondrial DNA) is passed from a mother to her children, but her sons do not pass it to their children. It is useful for tracking the female line of descent, from child to mother to maternal grandmother, to her mother, etc. It is less useful because the trail does not follow the surname.

The SNP test is being used to trace man’s migration patterns from pre-historic, hunter-gatherers to the final peopling of the earth. The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF) (www.SMGF.org/) is conducting a free study along the lines, but individual results are not returned to the submitter. Participation also requires the submission of a 4 to 6

generation genealogy (to show family origins and migrations). A number of audience members received free kits for participation in this study. Others can participate by going to the SGMF website. Further information about can be read in “Journey of man” by Spencer Wells, or on www.genographic.com. Other DNA tests can be used to estimate the percentages of Indo-European (Caucasian), Sub-Saharan African, Native American or East Asian blood in an individual. The greatest difficulty is in determining the difference between Native American and East Asian, since the Native Americans originated in Eastern Asia.

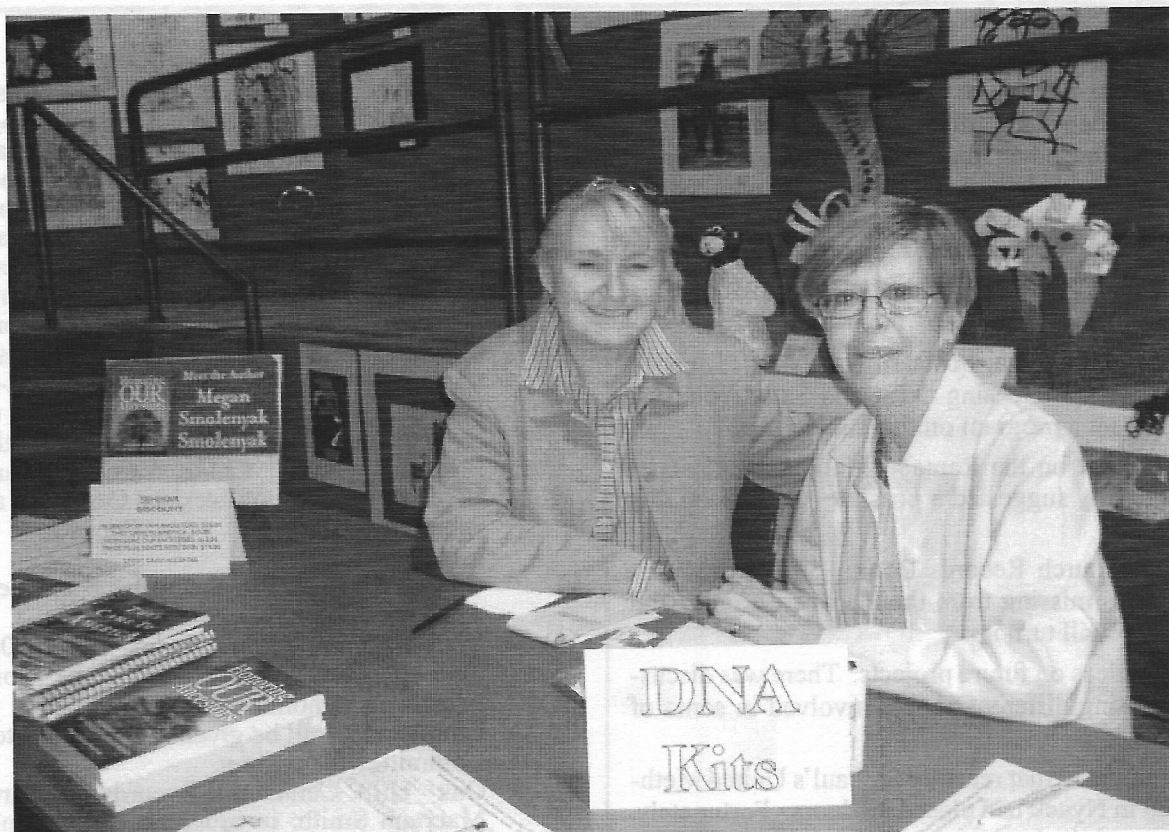
The largest testing laboratory is Family Tree DNA (www.familytreedna.com), which has performed more than 60,000 tests, to date. They are followed in size by Relative Genetics and DNA Heritage (UK). Tests are available for 12-markers, 25, 36, and the latest, and most expensive 59- markers. The cheapest, 12-marker test is most commonly used to determine if there is any relationship between two or more people with a common surname. The higher marker tests are used to determine if a link found in the 12-marker test goes further back in time. If a complete match is obtained, the results can be upgraded for an additional fee. If there are more than 2 differences (in the 12-marker test), then there is likely a separate origin of the surname. 25-marker tests are the most common for Surname studies.



DNA testing has been used for a number of years to confirm the identity of the remains of missing or otherwise unidentified servicemen, so that their remains can be returned to their families for burial.

Several GSRC members, including Barry Brooks, Dick Ten Eyck and Bob Protzmann are already participating in Y-DNA studies. Additional information can be obtained by subscribing to the GENEALPOGY-DNA MailList at rootsweb.

- Robert Protzmann



Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak & Sally Pellegrini, Local History Librarian/Community Relations, New City Library.

Editor's Note: Megan is a highly respected genealogist and sought after lecturer. Megan is also a frequent contributor to Ancestry Daily News, as well as being the author of *They Came to America*: (the companion to the PBS *The Came to America* special); *In Search of Our Ancestors* (the companion book to the PBS *Ancestors* series); *Honoring Our Ancestors* and co-author of *Trace Your Roots With DNA*. Please visit her websites: <http://www.honoringourancestors.com> and <http://www.genetealogy.com>.

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Minutes of Meeting of Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Tuesday, June 27, 2006 - New City Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Michael Secora.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Protzmann reported a balance in the checkbook of \$10,530.51.

Membership: Bob reported 195 paid members to date.

Indexing: Les Baisley stated that the last Shankey book is out for proofing. He noted we need to get more White books. He is now working on St. John's Church-in-the-Wilderness Cemetery. The Wyman-Mock Funeral Home records book has been printed, and the price is \$12 each. The book will be added to the order form included in the

Newsletter. Mt. Rest Cemetery will be soon in the first proofing. Ramapo, Stony Point, Orangetown, and Clarkstown cemeteries are in progress. Les has finished computerizing the 1891 Rockland County Railroad Directory, and Mike will import it into the database. Marie Koestler reported that the Clarkstown cemetery book will be put on our Web site when proofing is completed.

Projects: Jack Cullen noted that he is working on indexing the 2004 obituary book. Marie stated that the various projects being worked on will be in the next issue of the Newsletter.

At this time, Mike turned the meeting over to our new President, Barbara de Mare, and Vice President, Les Baisley. The Society extended its thanks and appreciation for Michael Secora and Richard Peterson's service as President and Vice President during the last two years.

Announcements:

- Marie Koestler read a letter from the County Executive inviting a representative from our group to attend a meeting regarding the 400th anniversary of the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain explorations and voyages. It was noted that a book on the 300th anniversary is in the Rockland Room.

From Sally Pellegrini:

- Trips to New York or Albany and to Lower New York City were canceled due to scheduling problems. They will be rescheduled for fall.

- On-line Databases: There's a new database online,

<Jewishdata.com>, which encompasses much of New York State, from Brooklyn to Albany to Rochester. It includes all kinds of information, such as photographs of tombstones and other miscellaneous records. Information is being added frequently, and there are various ways of searching. In addition, the Mt. Zion, Maspeth, Queens, Jewish Cemetery burials are now online.

β New York Times Column, "Atlantic 1908-1930:" This lists passenger arrivals and departures.

β Hudson River Regional Postcard Database: The size of this database is increasing daily, and Sally would be willing to present a program on this subject.

β October Exhibit on the Ramapo Mountain Indians at the Library: Sally suggested a possible program on this subject also.

β Ladentown Church Records Book: Sally noted that this book is still missing from the Rockland Room, and she is hoping it will turn up.

Les asked for ideas on future projects. There was discussion about getting different people involved in some of these projects.

Henry Rennie stated that recently St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Nyack had closed its doors. Fortunately, before the records had to be transferred to the Archives at Drew University, we were able to copy the vital parts of these records, which date from c1820 to the present, i.e., marriages from 1840-1870, which wouldn't be available anywhere else. Once the records are at Drew, access to them would be by appointment only.

Bob Protzmann stated that he had spent a day and a half with Elizabeth Hitchman from Washington state, and some of her relatives, looking at the old homesteads of the Haring, Bogart, DeClark, etc., families.

Barbara de Mare noted that she is working on a Knapp/Phillips web site and is looking for more information to put up, especially on the Knapp family.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Barry Brooks, seconded by Florence Anderson.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2006, 7 p.m., New City Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan C. Brooks
Secretary

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Project Coordinator's Report - June 2006

Status of ongoing projects:

- 1) 1855 NYS Rockland County Census, Charley & Josephine Keesler: in progress.
- 2) 1925 NYS Rockland Co. Census, Henry Rennie & Joan Brooks: in progress.
- 3) Clarkstown & Tappan Baptisms in Cole's History is in progress.
- 4) Funeral Home Books: White, Shankey in progress. Wyman-Mock book has been printed and

- is ready for sale.
- 5) Cemetery books: Ramapo, Mt. Rest, and Mt. Repose – all in various stages of progress.
 - 6) "So That All May Be Remembered" has been computerized and is currently being proof read and will be prepared for the Web Site Committee.
 - 7) Travis Monument Records, being prepared by Pat Gianotti: in progress, nearing completion.
 - 8) Web Site Committee Chairman, Karen Lamberton has been working with Bruce Hamilton, Web master. The site has Houses of Worship, Past and Present, Cemeteries, Rockland-Related Family Organizations (all three are updated on a continuing basis). Other postings are the 1892 Rockland County Census, and Signatures of Deceased Residents of Rockland County. For additional information, check the Committees updates in the newsletter.
 - 9) Church locations on the website are being updated by Robert Protzmann.
 - 10) Vital Records, Albany Index 1881-1908. As time permits, members will be going to Albany to continue recording; when a year is completed it will be given to the Web Site Committee for posting.
 - 11) Oak Hill Cemetery Records prepared by Maryann Smith: in progress. A working copy has been added to the GSRC database.

Report by Marie Koestler and Florence Anderson

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If you have some time to help with any of the above mentioned committees, the GSRC would welcome it.

Please contact Marie Koestler:

c/o the Genealogical Society of Rockland County
P.O. Box 444 New City, NY 10956

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Have You Renewed Your Membership?

The GSRC offers a single class of annual membership at \$ 15.00 per year. The Dues Year runs from September through August. Members receive our quarterly newsletter. The membership form is available on the GSRC web site where it may be downloaded:

<http://rocklandgenealogy.org/membership.htm>

Fill it out, print it and send it in with your payment along with any questions you have about membership to:

Genealogical Society of Rockland County
c/o Robert L. Protzmann, Membership Chairman & Treasurer

4 Ethel Drive New City, NY 10956-6328

e-mail: ProtzyGSRC@optonline.net

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New Members

A-15 M-58 Mrs. Judith A. McConville
1291 N. Wampam, Circle # A
Wasilla, AL 99654-5740

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Surnames: Hartwick, Knapp, Jones, Odell, Turner

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M-57	Margaret McCollough	margaret.mccollough@usa.net
M-07	Priscilla McElvein	mcelvein@earthlink.net
R-22	Susan Roedder	sroedder@msn.com
V-05	Loyola Vuolo	Bauv10@aol.com

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New Surnames

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Surnames: Acker, VanZile

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The GSRC Web Site

Please remember to visit the Genealogical Society of Rockland County's web site:

<http://rocklandgenealogy.org>

This web site has many features including membership forms in both Microsoft Word format and PDF format that can be downloaded. An updated publications order form is also available for downloading. Take a look at the GSRC web site which will continue to have new features and information.

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Rockland County Images On-line

Please visit the Hudson River Valley Heritage web site at: www.hudsonvalleyheritage.org. Click on the Collection Directory link and you'll find the Rockland Images Project - a collection of the postcard and photographic collections of the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC). The beautiful postcard images from the New City Library collection are digitally available for viewing.

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Upcoming Events

September 13, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a meeting to organize a research trip to New York City at the New City Library, 220 North Main Street, New City, NY.

Wednesday, October 4, 2006

The New City Library invites you to join them for a local trip to the Haverstraw Brick Museum and then for a tour of the Stony Point Battlefield. There is a \$ 15.00 fee. For further information, please call the New City Library or visit: <http://www.newcitylibrary.org>.

October 19, 2006 -

The New City Library
220 North Main Street, New City, NY
Arthur Gunther and Jim Leiner will reminisce about Rockland County - audience members will be asked to share their memories, too.

Please send items for our calendar to:
c/o Joanne Potanovic - GSRC Newsletter
597 Old Gate Hill Road, Stony Point, NY 10980
or by e-mail at: gatehilljo@optonline.net.

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Our Newest Publication

Vol. 5 NEW. Records of the Wyman & Mock Funeral Homes, Nyack and Pearl River, NY. 1919-1942. Over 850 persons. 86 Alphabetical pages. Comb bound. \$12 (Postpaid). Please mail your payment along with your name and address to:

Genealogical Society of Rockland County
Publications Committee

Post Office Box 444, New City, NY 10956

Make check(s) or Money Order(s) payable to:

Genealogical Society of Rockland County

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Marie Koestler Would Like to Share This With The GSRC:

Hello Marie, some time ago, back in October, you helped me track down my great great grandmother who was buried at the Brick Church Cemetery. This was a knotty problem for some time and locating her was really exciting for me. Just wanted to let you know that about two weeks ago I came up from Virginia and took my niece and grand niece over to the Brick Church. The caretaker, Paul Neil, took us out to the old marble stone. What a special moment watching my grand niece help clean off the stone of her great great great grandmother! That is what family history is all about. Hope you are well and again many thanks for helping me close off this chapter of my genealogy. Sincerely, Art Schultz,

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Ancestor Table of Leeann Mary Simpson B-46 - Ms. Leeann Berry

1. Leeann Mary SIMPSON, b. 1964, Nyack, NY; m. 1989. St. Mary's Church, Haverstraw, NY, James Edward Berry, (b. 1963, NYC, NY), son of Daniel Joseph Blake and Margaret O'Dwyer; divorced.
 2. Robert Sidney SIMPSON, b. 1941, Rockland Co, NY; m. 1962, St. Mary's Church, Haverstraw, NY, divorced.
 3. Kathryn Irene KEENAN, b. 1943, Suffern, NY.
 4. Robert McClelland SIMPSON, b. Aug 28, 1907, Pittsburgh, PA; d. Apr 1981, East Meredith, NY; m. ca. 1938.
 5. Matilda Gabrielle VEROSKI, b. Sep 12, 1916, Haverhill, Essex Co, MA; d. Feb 1995, East Meredith, NY.
 6. Albert Edward KEENAN, b. Apr 28, 1923, Yonkers, NY; d. Apr 26, 1998, MI; m1. Jun 21, 1942, St. Mary's Church, Haverstraw, NY, divorced; m2. Kat ____; divorced; m3. Mary Louise ____.
 7. Mary Ann FRISCOE, b. Jan 1, 1924, Haverstraw, NY; d. May 24, 1995, Sacramento, CA.
- Generation 4
8. Sydney Robert SIMPSON, b. Feb 16, 1878, Little Sutton, England; d. May 8, 1950, Garnerville, NY; m. 1899.
 9. Carrie E. MILLEN, b. Jan 23, 1876, Sloatsburg, NY; d. Jun 20, 1942, Suffern, NY.
 10. John VEROSKI, b. Lithuania; d. bef 1930; m. 1907. ♦
 11. Pauline Mary MACEY, b. Jan 24, 1889, Lithuania; d.

Jan 1978, Haverhill, Essex Co, MA.

12. Albert Patrick KEENAN, b. Mar 31, 1895, Tomkins Cove, Rockland Co, NY; d. Nov 24, 1973, Nyack, Rockland Co, NY; m1. 1922, divorced; m2. Jun 17, 1944, First Methodist Church, Stony Point, Rockland Co, NY, Pearl Baisley, (b. Jan 8, 1917, Stony Point, NY; d. Jun 16, 2002, Stony Point, NY.

13. Irene McEWEN, b. 1906, NY.

14. Michael FRISCOE, b. Nov 11, 1892, Rockland Co, NY; d. Feb 16, 1975, Haverstraw, NY; m. 1920 Rockland Co, NY. ♦

15. Katherine KIRKMAN, b. Nov 4, 1892, Rockland Co, NY; d. Apr 27, 1973, Rockland Co, NY.

Generation 5

16. Robert SIMPSON, b. ca. 1843, Bromborough, England; d. May 18, 1892, Rock Ferry, Cheshire, England; m. Oct 29, 1873, The Parish Church, Bromborough, England.

17. Eleanora R. MEADOWS, b. Aug 22, 1848, Rock Ferry, England; d. aft 1901, England.

18. John M. MILLEN, b. Feb 2, 1847, Ireland; d. Jan 19, 1929, Garnerville, Rockland Co, NY; m. Jul 22, 1871, Sloatsburg M.E. Church, Rockland Co, NY.

19. Mary Elizabeth BABCOCK, b. Jun 1852, NJ; d. 1920. ♦

22. Michael MACEY, b. Lithuania. ♦

23. Josephine TRUSKA, b. Lithuania. ♦

24. Edward KEENAN, b. Nov 26, 1863, Tomkins Cove, Rockland Co, NY; d. Aug 5, 1941, Stony Point, Rockland Co, NY; m. 1886, Immaculate Conception R.C. Church, Tomkins Cove, NY.

25. Elizabeth GALLAGHER, b. Sep 1867 NY; d. Jan 26, 1910, Tomkins Cove, Rockland Co, NY.

26. William McEWEN. ♦

27. Lillian MERRITT, d. 1918, Rockland Co, NY. ♦

28. Juraj SELESNAK, b. 1864, Kis Ruska, Austria; d. bef 1910, Rockland Co, NY; m. ca. 1886. The Family name was changed to FRISCOE. ♦

29. Anna RUSNAK, b. ca. 1870, Austria; d. ca. 1950, Rockland Co, NY. ♦

30. Louis KIRKMAN, b. Oct 1856, Rockland Co, NY; d. Apr 15, 1946, Rockland Co, NY; m. 1883, Rockland Co, NY.

31. Mary A SEEGER, b. Jul 1856, Germany. ♦

Generation 6

32. John SIMPSON, b. ca. 1803, Mold, Flintshire, Wales; d. ca. 1874, Cheshire, England. ♦

33. Catherine _____, b. ca. 1799, Mold, Flintshire, Wales; d. Jan 9, 1879, Bromborough, Cheshire, England. ♦

34. Thomas MEADOWS, b. ca. 1813, Aintree, Lancashire, England; d. 1899, Cheshire, England. ♦

33. Eleanora Jane LEWIS, b. 1816, Liverpool, England; d. 1873, Cheshire, England. ♦

36. James MILLEN, b. Ireland. ♦

48. Thomas KEENAN, b. ca. 1814, Ireland; d. Aug 31, 1878, Tomkins Cove, Rockland Co, NY; m. Nov 23, 1847, St. Pat-

rick's R.C. Church, Verplanck, Westchester Co, NY. ♦

49. Clarissa E. LENT, b. 1826, Haverstraw, Rockland Co, NY; d. May 20, 1882, Stony Point, NY. ♦

50. Michael GALLAGHER, b. ca. 1820, Ireland; d. 1883-1900, Rockland Co, NY. ♦

51. Mary DUNN, b. Jul 1843, Ireland. ♦

60. Friedrich KIRCHMANN, b. May 1821 Hessen, Germany; d. 1900-1909, Rockland Co, NY; m. 1856, Rockland Co, NY. ♦

61. Elizabeth S _____, b. Apr 1830, Damstadt, Germany; d. 1911-1920, Rockland Co, NY. ♦

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Ancestors of Leela Christine Nestle (A-16) 297 Indian Point Road Redwood, NY 13679

(Hauptman Line)

1. Leela Christine NESTLE, b. 1929, Yonkers, NY; m. 1957, First Westminster Presbyterian Church, Yonkers, NY, David Harold Aitcheson (d. Jan 29, 2005, Alexandria Bay, NY), son of Charles Wilson Wallace and Mary Kathleen Aitcheson.

2. Leland Howard Schuyler NESTLE, b. Jun 11, 1894, St. Johnsville, NY; d. Jul 8, 1965, Hammond, NY; m. Aug 17, 1928, Washington, DC.

3. Christine Rose HAUPTMAN, b. Oct 26, 1903, NYC, NY; d. Feb 6, 1973, Yonkers, NY.

4. William Henry NESTLE, b. Mar 17, 1845, Stone Arabia, NY; d. Mar 10, 1903, St. Johnsville, NY; m2. Mar 10, 1887, Fort Plain, NY.

5. Mary Anna DELL, b. Apr 25, 1863, St. Johnsville, NY; d. Jan 31, 1948, Newark, NY.

6. Arthur B. HAUPTMAN, b. Apr 23, 1873, NYC, NY; d. Jul 2, 1937, Yonkers, NY; m. Jul 2, 1898, NYC, NY. Operated a paint/wallpaper store in the Bronx (Morrisania Section) which he inherited from his father. Later, a painting contractor.

7. MaBelle C. CHAPMAN, b. Mar 18, 1879, Corning, NY; d. Aug 4, 1967, Yonkers, NY.

Fourth Generation

8. William NESTLE. ♦

9. Margarete DOXSTADER. ♦

10. Nicholas Herkimer DELL. ♦

11. Amanda SCHUYLER. ♦

12. William Lawrence HAUPTMAN, b. Apr 3, 1841; d. Oct 13, 1923; m. Sep 15, 1871, Brooklyn, NY, by Justice Buckley.

13. Rosanna McGregor EMMONS, b. Feb 14, 1849, Mt. Vernon, NY; d. Aug 5, 1931, at 1313 Washington Ave. Bronx, NY.

14. Francis Westcott CHAPMAN. ♦

15. Christina TAYLERSON. ♦

Fifth Generation No. 5

24. Arthur B. HAUPTMAN, Sr., b. 1808, Rockland Co, NY; d. Sep 29, 1885, NYC, NY, age 78, bur. Woodlawn Cemetery, Bronx, NY. Justice of the Peace and Chief of Police for the Melrose Section of Morrisania, Bronx Co, NY, for almost 20 years.

25. Catherine E. DRUMMOND, b. July 1811; d. Apr 5,

1886, age 74-9-. Housekeeper. ♦

26. William EMMONS. ♦

27. Jane SCHERWOOD. ♦

Sixth Generation

48. Jacob HAUPTMAN. 1835, Supervisor of Haverstraw. ♦

49. Catherine. ♦

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Recent Accessions of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Gift from Henry Rennie

- 1) St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Nyack.
1812-1987

Gifts from Maryann Smith

- 1) David Smith's Coffin Books
- 2) The Descendants of Caspar Pieterse Meby,
A Chronology of Mabie/Mabee/Maybee/Mabey
Records, 05/29/2005.
Prepared by Steve Mabie (printed from
rootsweb.com)
- 2) Rev. Johannes Theodorus Polhemis and Some
of His Descendants.
Compilation of records, 1961
- 3) New Jersey Historical Manuscripts
Compiled by Mary R. Murrin, 1987
- 4) Gage Families of Massachusetts
Compiled by Clyde V. Gage, 1965.

Gifts from Florence Anderson

- 1) Valteau Cemetery Records by
Ackerman & Goff, 1944.
- 2) Paramus Reformed Dutch Church Baptisms,
1740-1850; Gravestone Records, 1935.
- 3) Quaker Meeting House, Pomona
Notes and pictures

Gift from Rockland County Archives

- 1) Eighteenth Century Orange County Deeds,
1703-1798. Index
Compiled by Rockland County Archives

Gift from Les Baisley

- 1) Nineteenth Century NY Genealogy & History:
A Marriage Made in Heaven.
NY G&B Conference, May 2001, Saratoga
Springs.

Gift from Joan Brooks

- 1) History of Kings County and Brooklyn, NY,
1683-1884.
Volumes I and II.
by Henry R. Stiles, A.M., M.D.,
Editor -in-Chief

Gift from Robert A. Mayers

- 1) Mayers-Allison Family History
by Robert A. Mayers, 2005.

Gift from Phillips-Knapp Family Association

- 1) Phillips-Knapp Family Cemetery 1795-1905
Photographs & articles.
Redidication 09/18/2005.

Gifts from Curtis Shuart

- 1) Johnson Family, Alfred X. 5th gen. (Includes
Babcocks and Shuarts)
Curtis Shuart, Compiler, 2005
- 2) Shuart (Sjoert), Some Descendants of Olfoerts
Claessens. Notebook
Curtis Shuart, Compiler, 2005
- 3) Hemion, Stephen & Ellen, Some Descen-
dants of in Orange (Rockland) & Bergen
Counties
Curtis Shuart, Compiler, 2005
- 4) Blizzard of 1899. A Brief Biography of
by Lorys Elton Rogers, 1999, and.
Curtis Shuart, Compiler, 2005
- 5) The Redmen. A Brief History of the
Improved Order of Redmen.
Curtis Shuart, Compiler, 2001
- 6) East Rockland County. Articles and Post-
card Pictures
Curtis Shuart, Compiler
- 7) West Rockland County, Articles and Post-
card Pictures
Curtis Shuart, Compiler.
- 8) Suffern, 1773-2002, Vol. 1 & 2. Articles,
Pictures, Postcards
Curtis Shuart, Compiler
- 9) Suffern: 200 years 1773-1973
Village of Suffern Bicentennial Committee

Gift of ?

- 1) VanNurden/VanNurdon/VanOrden & VanNorden
Family, 1650-2005
by Susan (VanNurden) Iliff

Gift of Douglas & Priscilla Leith

- 1) Tremper Family (work in progress) - October 2005

Gift from Susan Schwinn

- 1) New York - A Chronological and Documentary
History, 1524-1970
Compiled by Howard B. Furer, 1974
- 2) Somerset, England. Ninth Edition, 1933
(includes a map)
by G. W. Wade, D.D. & J. H. Wade, M.A.
- 3) Tales of the Old Dutch Graveyard - A
Walking Tour.
Sleepy Hollow, ca. 1985

Books from New City Library

- 1) The Tonetti Years at Snedens Landing
by Isabelle K. Savell, 1977
- 2) Mary Lawrence Tonetti
by Barry Faulker, 1996
- 3) Little Ferry, NJ, Borough Directory, 1964.
Fourth Annual Report

Purchases

- 1) Orphan Train Riders
by Thomas Riley, 2005
- 2) Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Assn.
42nd Annual Convention & Parade
September 10 & 11, 1954, Tappan
- 3) Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Assn.
53rd Annual Convention & Parade

- September 10 & 11, 1965, Nanuet
4) Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Assn.
57th Annual Convention & Parade
September 5 & 6, 1969, Haverstraw
5) Rockland County Volunteer Firemen's Assn.
60th Annual Convention & Parade
September 8 & 9, 1972, Garnerville

Gifts from Denzil Klippel

- 1) McVeigh Family Genealogy, 2006
- 2) Taggart Family Genealogy, 2006

Gift from Marie Koestler

- 1) Home Kids, The Story of St. Agatha Home for Children
by Nancy Canfield
- 2) The Blauvelt Family Genealogy, Rev. Edition, Vol. I
Association of Blauvelt Descendants, 1987
- 3) City & Country newspaper columns
compiled by Emma P. Comes, c. 1886
(E. R. Langer gave a copy to Marie Koestler in 1966.)
(added to Pearl River, NY (1865-1900)
compiled by C.R. Comes.)

Gifts from Rockland County Historical Society

- 1) Clarkstown Graveyard on Myers Farm and Others. (copy of a notebook)
- 2) American History of the Monsey Cemetery.
by Mariruth Campbell, 1977
- 3) Pearl River, N.Y. (1865-1900)
Compiled by C.R. Comes, 1968

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Query

I am currently researching my family history for our first family reunion this summer. In the past, I researched my mother's side: the SNIDER family. My g g g grandfather, John SNYDER was born in Rockland, County, abt 1764, and I found a source for his marriage to Jannetje QUACKENBOSCH, at the DR Church in Tappan, Rockland Co, Feb 9, 1792. They were listed on the Adolphustown Census on Ontario, Canada for several years around the 1800s and eventually, John ended up in Prince Edward Co, Ontario, Canada. He is listed on the 1822 Prince Edward Militia, along with several of his sons. Further research shows that there was a Johann Wilhelm SCHNEIDER and a Johann SCHNEIDER on a ship's list from London to New York in 1710. These same SCHNEIDER's were at Livingston Manor in the winter of 1710 and summer 1711. I am trying to trace the movement of the SNYDER family in their settlement in Rockland County. Do you have information on the early Palatine settlers in Rockland Co.? Could the SCHNEIDER's at Livingston Manor be the ones who settled in Rockland County?

Thank you in advance for your reply.
Janet Skinner, Victoria, BC.

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Second Annual Phillips/Knapp
Family Association Reunion

The Second Annual Phillips/Knapp Family Association Reunion will be held the weekend of **September 9-10, 2006**, in Rockland County. All persons descended from a Rockland County Phillips and/or Knapp are invited to attend. Most of our members are descended from Daniel, Eli, or Gilbert Phillips, the three sons of John Phillips and Sarah Knapp, or from Lebbeus Knapp and Rachael Storms. Daniel, Eli, Gilbert and Lebbeus were all patriots who served their new country in the Revolutionary War. Lebbeus is reputed to have had three brothers, Silas, Jonas, and Jared Knapp who also settled in Rockland County and have descendants. All are reported to have come to Rockland County from Horseneck (Greenwich), Connecticut.

In an effort to locate more Phillips/Knapp descendants, we have established a website. It can be perused at www.tribalpages.com/tribes/phillipsknapp/. This site is still in the building stages; more names are being added every day. Anyone with information regarding a Phillips or Knapp family line not represented is asked to e-mail the reunion chairperson, Barbara de Mare (an Eli Phillips descendant) at BarbaradeMare@yahoo.com - she can tell you if your line is missing solely because of the time restraints in adding names, or due to lack of information. Please put Phillips/Knapp in the subject box.

Descent is all that is required to join our group; present surname is not important. Neither is it necessary to present proof of descent. We are a group who gathers for fellowship and community betterment; credentials are not checked! Last year the group with the help of the Town of Haverstraw, the SAR and the DAR restored and rededicated the old and abandoned Phillips/Knapp Cemetery on Birch Drive in Thiells where many of our forebears are buried. The project for this year is still under discussion.

The reunion weekend will commence with a barbeque to which attendees are invited to bring a dish to pass. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. There will be a pavilion in which family members may display their family trees, memorabilia, pictures, and anything else they wish to bring. Nothing is required except your presence. Come to the reunion and meet many cousins you never knew you had!

For more information contact either the reunion chairperson Barbara de Mare at the address given above or Vicki Miller, membership chairperson, at avmofm@aol.com. For those who prefer snail mail, write to Barbara de Mare at Harwood Lloyd, 130 Main Street, Hackensack, New Jersey 07601. We will be sending out more information in mid-July. Remember, we need your name and address (snail mail or e-mail) to send you information!

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If anyone has any information on any queries past or present or if you have queries of your own, please send them to:

Genealogical Society of Rockland County
c/o Joanne Potanovic, Newsletter

597 Old Gate Hill Road, Stony Point, NY 10980

or by e-mail at: gatehilljo@optonline.net.

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~ Remember to back-up your computer files often. ~



Photo: George Potanovic, Jr.

The 2006 Rockland County Executive's Historic Preservation Merit Awards Dinner - Sunday, May 21, 2006

On a beautiful Sunday evening during National Historic Preservation Month (May), the Genealogical Society of Rockland County received the Rockland County Executive's Historic Preservation Merit Award for Preservation Leadership.

Rockland County Archivist & GSRC member, Peter Schreiber, joined Erin Martin (Executive Director, Historical Society of Rockland County) and Thomas F. X. Casey (President, HSRC Board of Trustees; Rockland County Historian; Town of Haverstraw Historian as well as a founding & current member of the GSRC) in congratulating Marie Koestler and Robert Protzmann, who accepted the award on behalf of the GSRC.

For over 20 years now, the Genealogical Society of Rockland County has been a leading force in the preservation of the county's historical records. And much to the benefit of genealogists and historians, these records are available to the public through GSRC publications and the GSRC website.

For many years now, GSRC volunteers have also been working with the County Archivist and his office to, among other things, inventory County Clerk records that go back to 1798.

(Editor's note: more will be written about the Rockland County Archives in a future issue of this newsletter).

Awards were presented to: (from left to right) Paulo Rlookibero & Walter Cain - owners of Ferdon Hall, Piermont, which received the Preservation / Restoration Award.

Eli Josephs, owner of the Josephs House (the Sheden's Landing cottage) which received the Rescue Award.

Jo Machinist - she was the architect for the Josephs House.

Alex Gromack - Supervisor, Town of Clarkstown - accepted the award for The Congers Railroad Station, which received the award for Adaptive Use.

Rebecca Fellerman Lauer (in front of Mr. Gromack)- Architect for the Congers Railroad Station.

Robert Protzmann (Membership Chariman & Treasurer, GSRC) & Marie Koestler (a founding member of the GSRC; member -Board of Directors; researcher; GSRC Librarian, among the many hats she wears) - accepting the Preservation Leadership Award for the Genealogical Society of Rockland County.

Joni Anger - recipient of the Commendation in Recognition of Preservation Efforts on behalf of the Ladentown Methodist Church.

Daniel Mulvey - Executive Vice President, Ginsberg Development Corp. Homes - formerly the Executive Project Manager for GDC in charge of the River Stone Antiques Building's (Haverstraw village) renovations which received the award for Continuing Use.

Web Sites of Interest

Genealogical Databases for New Jersey & New York

New Jersey Marriage Records

The New Jersey State Archives announced the posting of their index to the state's marriage records, 1848-1867, at their website:

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/marriagedb1867.html>

Projects of the Genealogy Federation of Long Island

Those who attended the GSBC meeting in February heard John Martino describe the volunteer work of the Genealogy Federation of Long Island (which include representatives from the Italian Genealogical Group and the German Genealogy Group) in extracting and placing on-line databases including:

9 million names from the New York City Brides Index, New York City Grooms Index, and New York City Death Index

2 million Naturalization records in the Eastern District, Southern District, Bronx, Suffolk, and Nassau Counties, plus military naturalizations. Also, they are continually adding other records.

Present databases include:

New York City Death Index 1891-1948
New York City Groom Index 1909-1936
Suffolk County Marriage Index
New York City Brides Index

Consisting of:

Kings County 1891-1937
Bronx County 1899-1937
Queens County 1904-1937
(New York County to be done)

Naturalizations including:

Eastern District 1865-1957
(Consisting of Kings, Richmond, Queens, Nassau, & Suffolk Counties)
Southern District 1907-1959
(Consisting of Manhattan, Bronx & Westchester Counties)
Nassau County Supreme Court 1899-1989
Suffolk County Supreme Court 1865-1981
Bronx County Supreme Court 1914-1952
Military Naturalizations: at Camp Dix, Camp Mills & others

They are also presently working on the following databases:

Manhattan Brides 1866 to 1937
Queens County Naturalizations 1906 to 1941
Brooklyn Grooms 1866-1906

These databases are available at the German Genealogy Group website:

<http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>

& the Italian Genealogical Group website:

<http://www.italiangen.org/>

ALSO

The Jewish Genealogical Society of NY has a database of Naturalization Records for Brooklyn for 1907 to 1924 at:

<http://www.jgsny.org/kingsintro1.htm>

Rockland County, NY Naturalization Records 1836 - 1991

<http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/ny/rockland/court/naturalizations>

Westchester County, NY Naturalization Records, 1808-1927

http://www.westchestergov.com/wcarchives/Naturalization_Records.htm

Bergen County Naturalization Records -

Alas, there are no known on-line naturalization records for Bergen County. These are available at the Bergen County Courthouse and some are on microfilm. Recent information from the Bergen County Courthouse indicates that digitization of these records is in process and may be completed by the summer. However, they apparently will still only be available at the courthouse.

Other Bergen County Records -

You may want to check the various Internet links for online information on the GSBC website at:

<http://www.njgsbc.org/gsbclinks.html>

Many Bergen County cemetery databases are included on the Bergen Counties Cemeteries page at:

<http://www.njgsbc.org/gsbccemeteries.html>

Thanks to Marie Koestler for this submission which originated from Arnold Lang, Genealogical Society of Bergen County (NJ) in his Thursday, April 20, 2006 newsletter.

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F.Y.I.

If you want a Death Certificate from the state of Illinois, for genealogical purposes, you must file by mail only; send the usual name, date of birth, city & county of death; this is all pretty normal. You must declare your relationship to the deceased and may only obtain a certificate if you are a direct relation.

What is surprising is that you must also send a copy of your photo id. The fee is a reasonable \$10.00, however; the suggested wait will be 8-10 weeks by regular mail. If instead, you wish to hasten the procedure and file on-line, then you may only request a certified copy for \$17.00 plus a handling fee of \$8.50 plus a UPS delivery charge of \$14.50 AND you must sign for the package in person, no substitutes! That's a whopping \$40.00! What's more, Illinois states on its site that vital records ARE NOT PUBLIC RECORDS.

Thanks to Karen Lamberton for this submission .

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