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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:

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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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President's Corner

Introduction

There has been a thread running through the Dutchess County list about the history of the corner of Main and Catherine Sts in Poughkeepsie. At the same time, the Connecticut list has had a thread of reminiscences about life in a small Connecticut town in the 1950s. When sitting down to write this, it struck me that my reply to these threads with my reminiscences of Dutchess County in the 50s contains an important moral for those of you who have lived in Rockland all your lives, as well as for those who have moved to or from here. My reminiscences start out with a discussion of Poughkeepsie stores.

Reminiscences

Our annual trip to Lucky Platt and Wallaces, usually with an aunt in Salt Point, was a high light of my teenage years. I drove down Main Street in Poughkeepsie a few months ago and wasn't even sure where then stores had been. Nothing looked like the buildings--of course I was driving and my 20 year old niece who was with me couldn't identify the buildings as she never even heard of them.

I was in Poughkeepsie that day because the day before I had scoured Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery looking for ancestors and chatting with my niece. In the course of our conversation I realized that she knew nothing about the Dutchess County area in general and the hamlet of Salt Point in particular. I panicked at the thought that I was probably the only one of my generation with genealogical interest who would remember the town where my grandparents had lived and of which I have many happy childhood memories. Most members of the next generation never even heard of Salt Point. I determined to remedy this situation.

The next day my niece and I drove through Poughkeepsie and took pictures of the theater my mother used to frequent when she cut classes in High School (cell phone call to her confirmed the correct theater). Once in Salt Point we went all around town taking pictures of everything I remembered: my paternal grandparents house on Hibernia Road, my uncle's house next door, De la Verge's store and their house across the Street, the Presbyterian Church and my paternal grandparents headstones in the churchyard, the house on Cottage St. my maternal grandparents lived in for a couple of summers (they had given their oldest son their farm, and wintered in Florida), my grandparents big house on Allen Road which subsequently belonged to my aunt and uncle, the house macros Allen Road my uncle built for my grandparents, the one-room school house my mother and her siblings attended, then back down Allen Road past Hazel Roger's house, Ethel Timmer's house, Doc Allen's house. I also tried to photograph the hill where we went tobogganing with our cousins, and Allen Road itself where we would sled until the sand truck came. In my mother's day there were no sand trucks or snow plows, so they could make it all the way down Allen Road from Broadview (my grandparent's

original farm) to Clifford Buck's house in the village. Then we went over the parkway to Clinton Corners to see the Grange Hall where my maternal grandparents met and the cemetery where they are buried.

On the way back to New Jersey we stopped in Beacon where my great-aunt had lived with her parents while teaching school there. Now I was really stretching my mind and memory. My great-aunt had moved in with us in 1953, the end of third grade for me. We found the old high school without much trouble, and St. Luke's Church which she attended is right on Route 9D through town. I had my laptop computer with me which had the address on Verplanck St. where she lived when my great-grandmother died in 1945. As soon as I saw it, I knew it was the house I had visited as a young child. In those days we had to take the ferry across the River; there was no bridge. The only house we found to have been torn down in the whole weekend adventure was the Beacon house on South Cedar Street where my great-aunt lived when her father died in 1931.

Getting all these pictures taken made me feel much better; I knew that to some extent these memories weren't lost and gone forever. My 20 yr old niece wrote down my commentary as I snapped the camera. Now she is going to do a Power Point show. We just have to learn how to put the dialogue with the power point presentation. My nostalgic journey will then be preserved so that my grandchildren and theirs will have some concept of what life was like in the mid 20th century.

Moral

Those of you who have always lived in Rockland County have seen great changes. But has it occurred to you to preserve something of your old homes and other places holding special childhood memories by photographing what remains? You newcomers, have you gone back to your home towns to document your childhoods there? And those of you who have left Rockland, have you returned to preserve memories for future generations? I was lucky that little has changed in the part of Dutchess County where my grandparents lived. I was also lucky when I made a similar trip to Pottsville, Pennsylvania, where many ancestors lived. However I got to my 3G grandfather's house and medical office in Pottsville literally as the wrecking ball brought it down. I was a day late for that picture! Don't be a day late for your memories!

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For Your Information - Ancestor Tables

Ancestor tables and/or corrections, additions &/or deletions to same should be sent to:

Genealogical Society of Rockland County
c/o Robert Protzmann, Membership Chairman & Treasurer
4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956-6328

or by e-mail at: ProtzyGSRC@optonline.net
Please make the subject: For the GSRC newsletter.

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Rockland Images Project
presented by Sally Pellegrini
and
Historical Content of Post Cards
presented by Robert Knight

Program Presented at the September 26, 2006,
Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Due to technical difficulties, Sally Pellegrini, Local History and Community Relations Departments of the New City Library, was unable to show slides of various post cards, so this will be done at our November meeting.

Instead, she spoke about the Rockland Images Project sponsored by the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC). A very large collection of post cards, photographs, diaries, documents, etc., concerning the Hudson Valley area is now up on the web site of Hudson River Valley Heritage, www.hudsonvalleyheritage.org, and is increasing in size every day.

These digital images, for which most include a description, have been contributed so far by twenty-three libraries, museums, and colleges in the Hudson Valley. In addition to a full image, there are also thumbnail images, and they are very easy to search.

The Library Association of Rockland County, which joined the project about two years ago, has contributed over one thousand images. They have had a few problems, ie., copyright, but have been able to surmount them. One good feature of this site is that one can make comments on images, or even identify people or houses. If someone wishes to view the post card itself, he or she can come in to the Library to view it.

Sally noted that LARC is paying the tab for this project.

Robert Knight, Clarkstown Town Historian, and avid post card collector, especially of Rockland County, spoke about his very large collection (15 to 20,000 post cards of Rockland County), which he has accumulated over the past forty years. These post cards present a pretty good snapshot of each community, and date between 1905 into the 1970's, when they started to decline. Stores don't offer post cards for sale any more as they used to; if there are any, they are mostly of the generic variety, not of specific communities.

Bob belongs to the Bergen-Rockland Club, and attends meetings and post card shows, where cards are traded and bought. He noted that at meetings there is a lot of trading going on, so much so that it is difficult to get through the business meeting. There is usually at least one post card club in every county of the U.S.

Dexter Press, the largest post card manufacturer in Rockland County, went out of business in the 1970's. They had specialized in local views. Unfortunately, after the business had been sold many times, all of

the original files of every post card they had produced were dumped in the landfill, which was a swamp. Most libraries, historical societies, and museums have post card collections in the hundreds, and, of course, there are individual collectors.

Post cards have recently gone up in price. They used to be one cent apiece, and then went up from there. Today, they could be \$5 or more. "Real Photo" cards, which are now very pricey, can go for \$25 to \$30 each. Some are even hundreds of dollars. Real Photos are black and white and glossy, look like a real photo, and have the manufacturer's name (i.e., Kodak, Ansco, etc.) on the reverse side. If one is printed by hand from a negative, usually only about 15 to 20 are made, which makes them scarce. Bob made the observation that many post card collectors were also stamp collectors when a child. The height of post card collecting was during the 1920's and 1930's.

Some of the Real Photo cards are of groups, such as pre-WWI Army camps, with Camp Bluefields being one of them, which Bob collects. So far, he has about one hundred of these. Some groups are numbered and some are not, which makes it difficult to tell if one is missing any. Bob noted that Burke Photography in Nyack numbered all of them, and there are still about fifty more to collect.

When people contact him with historical questions, he is able to use some of his post cards to answer their questions. The Historical Society of the Nyacks and the Friends of the Nyacks have joined together to do walking tours of Nyack. During the winter months, they are called "Armchair" tours, and Bob Goldberg presents slide shows at various locations using Bob's post card collection.

To answer a question about how to keep the post cards in good condition, Bob stated that there are Mylar sleeves for multiple and also for single post cards. These are normally for sale at post card shows. In the old days, there were special books that had several groups of slits on a page in which to slip the post cards. The problem was that, if one wanted to look at the back of the card, it had to be taken out of the slits, and, over time, the slits would tear. In addition, the paper was not archival.

To answer another question regarding whether there are any catalogs of post cards published, such as there are for stamp collecting, Bob noted that there weren't. At one point, there was a person who decided to computerize and index every post card of Rockland County. This project ended up being too overwhelming and so was abandoned.

A photographer, Frederick E. Crum, whose specialty was Real Photo cards, took photos of almost every house in the Viola area of Rockland County, including families on the porches of the homes, that they could mail to their friends and relatives.

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Ramapough Indians

By Wallace Dennison

Program Presented at the October 24, 2006,
Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Wallace, a member of the Ramapough Tribe, formed the Ramapough Family Genealogical Society, and began to gather information, photographs, documents, and artifacts concerning the Ramapough Indians, who are members of the Ramapo Lenni-Lenape (descendants of the Delaware Nation), encompassing the Southeastern New York-North-eastern New Jersey area (Suffern, Mahwah). Wallace resides in Hillburn, and was originally elected to the Tribal Council in 2003, and just recently re-elected to the Council. The Tribe consists of three clans (Eastern Woodland): Wolf, Turtle, and Deer. He noted that they have a big Pow-Wow in Ringwood, usually every September.

The new Chief of the Tribe will be Dwayne Perry (to be officially elected in January), who hopes to start reaching out to the community. The past Chief Walter Van Dunk, and current Chief Anthony Van Dunk, have worked to have the Tribe recognized



as an official tribe. A professional genealogist has researched the group, and so far they have obtained recognition by New York State, but not the Federal Government.

He started the Genealogical Society because he had questions about his heritage. Over the past few years, he has done research in libraries and asked questions of his relatives and other members of the Tribe. The Society now has many documents, photographs, etc., that he has collected, which are shared at no cost. In the future, it is planned to apply for non-profit status, obtain grant money, and open a museum. Another of his long-term goals is to write a book about the Tribe. He noted that there is currently quite a bit of material "out there," but some of it may not be accurate, or doesn't tell the "whole story."

Some of the current members of the Tribe are "traditional" and some are "modern." Wallace noted that they don't have an official historian, but the past Chief Walter Van Dunk knows much of the history of the natives of the area. He mentioned that, unfortunately, some of the elders have not passed their traditions on to the younger people, but, in 2002, they started having sessions to learn their language again. They are going to try to change the image that people have of the Ramapough's. They hope to have a web site through www.tribalpages.com, where one needs a password to enter to share family information, etc. For more information on the Delaware Tribe, the web site is www.delawaretribeofindians.nsn.us.

To contact The Ramapough Family Genealogical Society, there is no current phone listing, but one can write them at: 115 Franklin Tpke, #342, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

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Project Coordinator's Report – December 2006

Status of ongoing projects:

- 1) 1925 Rockland Co. State Census, Henry Rennie & Joan Brooks: in progress
- 2) Clarkstown & Tappan Baptisms in Cole's History for posting to GSRC website. Arlene Goff: in progress.
- 3) Funeral Home Books: White, Shankey, Indexing Committee, Completed.
- 4) Cemetery books: Ramapo, Mt. Rest and Mt. Repose all in progress.
- 5) "So That All May be Remembered" by Peter Krell, in progress.
- 6) Oak Hill Cemetery Obituary Index, Vol. II, being prepared by Jack Cullen: in progress.
- 7) Travis Monument Records, being prepared by Pat Gianotti: in progress, near completion.
- 8) Church locations, see website.
- 9) Vital Records, Albany, Index 1881-1908. Chairman Maryann Smith and others.
- 10) Oak Hill Cemetery Records prepared by Maryann Smith: in progress and a copy to date, has been added to the GSRC database.

Report by Marie Koestler and Florence Anderson

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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
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Coats, Felter, Haring, Moll,
Hoagland, Hopper, Polhames,
Smith, Stephens, Stevens,
Vanderbilt, Vredenburg

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Rockland County Images On-line

If you are interested in the Hudson River Valley for genealogical &/or historical research, please make sure to visit the Hudson River Valley Heritage website: www.hudsonvalleyheritage.org. Click on the Collection Directory link and you'll find the Library Association of Rockland County's (LARC) Rockland Images Project - a collection of the postcard and photographic images from the participating Rockland County libraries.

The beautiful images from the New City Library collection are digitally available for viewing, as well as those from the Pearl River, West Nyack and Palisades Free Libraries and the Orangetown Historical Museum & Archives.

There are also contributions from Bard College, the Historical Societies of Chester (Orange Co.), Somers (Westchester Co.), Columbia County, Dutchess County, the Tuxedo Park Library, among many others.

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Calendar of Events

Saturday, January 20, 2007 - 1:00 p.m.

The New City Library

220 North Main Street, New City, NY

The New City Library will hold its **Annual Genealogy Workshop** for new and experienced family historians.

In case of snow, the workshop will be held on the following Saturday, January 27.

The workshop will consist of several tables manned by volunteers from the Genealogical Society of Rockland County. Each table will focus on one topic, such as first steps in genealogy, etc. Come for one or spend time at each table. Learn something new or ask for help with a problem, it's up to you!

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

The New City Library

220 North Main Street, New City, NY

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County invites you to join us for our monthly meeting at which time **Rudy Hansen**, a resident of Pearl River, NY, will speak about the **Pearl River Cemetery**. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 - 7:00 p.m.

The New City Library

220 North Main Street, New City, NY

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County invites you to join us for our monthly meeting which will include a presentation on the topic: **The Mountain Hamlets from Their Inception to Their Demise**. The evening's speakers will be **John Perrotta, Jr.**, Chairman, and **Harry Meisner**, Vice-Chairman, of the Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region.

Many Rockland County residents are surprised to discover that much of the park system was created by the takeover of the scattered hamlets that once dotted the area. Today, little more than a few gravestones here and there remind the summer hiker of the communities that once thrived among the mountains. Mr. Perrotta and Mr. Meisner will also have a brief question & answer period following their presentation. Refreshments will follow.

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In Memoriam

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County is saddened to learn of the death on November 9, 2006 of **G. Roland Mills**.

Roland was an original and organizing member of the GSRC.

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In Memoriam

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County was saddened to learn of the death of **Charles E. Berg** on Saturday, September 30, 2006 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern, N.Y.

Charles was an organizing member of the Genealogical Society in 1985 and served as the first Membership Chairman, until he became ill.

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**Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pensions
Applications Relating to Rockland Co., NY
and Bergen Co., NJ.**

Edited by Philip O'Leary, III
(E-mail: pobox_1404@hotmail.com)

Abraham Blauvelt

Pvt. NJ Militia, Pension No. S2080.

Bergen Co., NJ Common Pleas Court, 31 Oct 1832, Abraham Blauvelt, age 68, a resident of Franklin Twp., Bergen Co. b. 27 Nov 1763, at Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY., twin brother of James J. Blauvelt, a fellow soldier in the Revolution, s/o Isaac Blauvelt.

Helped take prisoner, John Berry, the outlaw Refugee and murderer. Wounded by horse thieves and Refugee's near New Bridge, Bergen Co., in fleshy part of hip, brother, James, also wounded. Escorted Gen. Washington from Tappan to Ft. Lee and back. After War returned to Tappan, NY then in 1791 moved to Bergen Co.

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. Wihelmus Ettinge, John Ackerson (Ackerman?).

All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, Daniel Van Horn, age 73, of Paterson, Passaic Co., NJ as of Oct 1832. Daniel Van Sciven, age 78, Cornelius Westervelt, age 73, John P. Post, age 72, John J. Hopper, age 71, Cornelius Quackenbush, age 71, Samuel Vervalen, age 72, of Rockland Co. all as of Jul 1833.

Editors note. See the Blauvelt Genealogy, by Louis L. Blauvelt, 1957, #349, p. 61, for further information on this Abraham Blauvelt, s/o Isaac Blauvelt and Gertje Blauvelt, m. Elizabeth Haring, d/o Peter Haring and Maria Blauvelt?

John J. Blauvelt

Pvt. NY Militia, Pension No. S22649.

Rockland Co., NY Common Pleas Court, 28 Nov 1832, John J. Blauvelt, age 80, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. b. 06 Mar 1751/1752 Clarkstown.

Served under Capt. Hendrick Tenure, Lt. Walter Van Orden, Lt. Thomas Blauvelt. Acted as guard and scout in Bergen Co., NJ.

Others mentioned in pension: All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, Jacob Tinkey, age 88, of Ramapo, John Ackerson, age 91, of Clarkstown, both of Rockland Co. on 10 Oct 1832. Claus Van Houten, age 87, of Ramapo, Garret Sarven, age 77, of Ramapo, John House, age 74, of Clarkstown, all of Rockland Co., on 07 Dec 1833.

See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987, #5-581, for information on John J. Blauvelt, s/o Johannes Blauvelt and Helena Pullen, m. Margrietje Smith, d/o Arie Smith and Maria Clark.

Harmanus Blauvelt

Sgt. NY Militia, Pension No. S22653.

Rockland Co., NY Common Pleas Court, 14 Dec 1832, Harmanus Blauvelt, age 91, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co; b. 16 Apr 1741 at Ramapo, Orange Co., NY. Living at Clarkstown when entered service, served under Lt. Walter Van Orden, marched to Wehawken, Bergen Co., NJ under Capt. Robert Johnson, where Garret Oblenis was wounded. Served in scouting parties in Bergen Co; served with Joseph Blauvelt and took Jacob Acker prisoner. I know the following fellow soldiers who can testify as to my war service, John Hutton, Garret Oblenis, Garret Sarven, Jacob Tallman, Andrew Onderdonk.

Heirs (children) of Harmanus Blauvelt, who d. 28 Feb 1833:

- 1) Daniel H.
- 2) Margaret, widow of Cornelius A. Blauvelt.
- 3) Lany/Leah, m. ____? Demarest, had son Peter Demarest, jr.
- 4) Annie, w/o Cornelius Onderdonk.
- 5) Sarah, widow of David B. Demarest.
- 6) Bridget, w/o Abraham Sarvent/Sarven?

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. James D. Demarest, Peter P. Demarest. All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution; Garret Oblenis, age 74, mentions, Sgt. Jacob Eckerson and Pvt. Jacob Tinkey, Claus Van Houten, age 82, John House, age 74, mentions William Keirs/Heirs as commasary, all as of 23 Apr 1834. Peter S. Van Orden, age 69, Aug last, of Ramapo, NY, Cornelius Blauvelt, age 82, of Orange Twp., both as of 14 Dec 1832.

Editors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy, by Louis L. Blauvelt, 1957, #422, p. 73 for further information on Harmanus Blauvelt, (s/o Isaac Blauvelt (#102), m. Rachael Van Orden, b. 09 Apr, bpt. 07 May 1738 Schraalenburgh RDC, Bergen Co., NJ, d/o John Van Orden and Rachael Van Schyven. Also, in a letter dated 03 Apr 1925 to the Pension Office, from Mrs. Paul Clerke, is mentioned the following:

James G. Demarest, b. 28 Apr 1760, d. 06 Jun 1842, m. 15 Jul 1798 Sarah Smith, d/o Capt. Arie Smith. Peter Van Orden, Sr, b. 19 Mar 1715, m. Margaret Nagel, b. 19 Mar 1723. Peter Van Orden, jr., b. 19 Aug 1752, d. 1816, m. Marretje Onderdonk, b. 29 Dec 1765. Haramanis Blauvelt, b. 12 Mar 1740, m. Rachael Van Orden. Johannes Blauvelt, b. 16 Jun 1719, m. Jannetye Talama. 3rd Sgt. Abraham A. Johnson, b. 18 Jul 1781, d. 28 Oct, 1815, m. Maria Van Orden, d/o Peter Van Orden, jr.

Abraham P. Blauvelt

Sgt. NY Militia, Pension No. S22654.

Rockland Co., NY Common Pleas Court, 27 Nov 1832, Abraham P. Blauvelt, age 78, Dec last. Born 1752 Haverstraw (now the town of Clarkstown, in Rockland Co., NY), Orange Co., NY. My neighbors and I met together in late 1775, or early 1776, and signed Articles of Association, or Confederacy, as it was called at that time, and volunteered in the local militia. I served under Col. A. Hawkes Hay, Maj. John Smith. In spring of 1782, I was appointed Sgt. under Capt. Jacob Onderdonk's Militia, Resol-

vert Van Houten and Andries Onderdonk were Lt's. I performed guard duty and served as a scout in Bergen Co., NJ.

As a guard I was stationed at the house's of Michael Cornelison, near the banks of the North River, and at Philip Sarven's house, at the Hook above the village of Nyack. At a place called, in the Dutch language (sic) "Dwas Brook" in NJ, my company pursued a party of horse thieves as far as the dwelling place of one Cornelius A. Haring. I know the following men who can testify as to my War service: Lt. Resolvert Van Houten, and James Vanderbilt, both of whom were in the same company as myself. Also Maj. John Smith, Maj. John L. Smith, and Maj Gen. Lee, who was taken prisoner at Basking Ridge, NJ.

Other mentioned in pension: All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution:

27 Nov 1832, Resolvert Van Houten, age 88, James Vanderbilt, age 75, also served in Westchester Co., NY Militia, both of Clarkstown. 10 Feb 1834, Abraham Van Houten, of Rockland Co.

Editors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987, #5-976, for information on Abraham P. Blauvelt, s/o Petrus Blauvelt

and Maria Blauvelt, m. Annatje Tallman, d/o Douwe Tallman and Annetje Blauvelt.

Samuel G. Verbruck

Ens. NJ Militia, Pension No. S23049.

Rockland Co., NY Common Pleas Court, 29 Nov 1832, Samuel G. Verbruck, age 71, a resident of Orange, Rockland Co., NY b. 07 Mar 1761 Orange, record at Tappan RDC. Served with Lt. Caterline, and Ens. Riker. Enlisted Mar 1777 under Capt. John Outwater's regiment at Totway, now Paterson, NJ. Served 12 days when I was permitted to go home and assist my father to move to a place near Hackensack. My brother and I were captured by the regiment of the noted Refugee, Col. Buskirk. Taken to Provost prison in NYC, which was under the command of Capt. Cunningham. I applied for parole to my fellow prisoner? (sic), W. Skinner, then the Commissary of Prisons. Drafted in 1780 in the Militia, commanded by Henry Verbryck (no relationship stated). During the war, I resided at (New) Barbadoes, Bergen Co., NJ, after the war moved to Orange. I have held a seat in the NY State Convention, Assembly, and Senate.

Others mentioned in pension: Isaac Blanch, George Onderdonk. Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, Johannes (John) G. Bogert, age 77, Ralph Verbryck, age 67, of Orange, Daniel Van Horn, of Harrington, Bergen Co., NJ all as of 29 Nov 1832, John A. Blauvelt, age 71, of NYC, Rev. John Demarest, of NYC, was a Pvt. under Ens. Verbryck, both as of 07 Jul 1833, Sylvester Marius, age 75, of NYC, as of 20 Nov 1833.

Editors note: Col. Abraham Buskirk, of the 4th

Battalion of NJ Loyalists.

Ralph Verbryck

Pvt. NJ Militia, Pension No. S23468.

Rockland Co., NY Common Pleas Court, 29 Nov 1832, Ralph Verbryck, age 66, a resident of Orange, Rockland Co., NY b. 25 Feb 1766 Orange, record at Tappan RDC. Enlisted Apr 1781 at (New) Barbadoes, Bergen Co., NJ, where I resided, in Capt. John Outwater's Bergen Co. Militia, under Lt. James Van Beuran, and my brother, Ens. Samuel G. Verbryck. British and Tories drove off all of my father's horses and cattle, and took my brother, Bernadus, prisoner. Moved to Orange in spring 1790.

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. John Demarest, of NYC, Cornelius Doremus, of Orange. Letter to pension office dated 14 Apr 1853, from John S. Verbryck, of Rockland Co., NY, s/o Samuel G. Verbryck, who d. 03 Oct 1849, mentions that his father was held prisoner at the Provost Prison in NYC, under Capt. Cunningham, Chief of the Guards. He also mentions his uncle, Ralph Verbryck, who d. 03 Mar 1846, has a daughter named Sarah Mabie.

Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, Samuel G. Verbryck, age 81, of Orange, as of 19 Aug 1842, who was an Ens; and brother of Ralph Verbryck. Henry Bardan, and Abraham Vanderbeek, both of New Barbadoes, Bergen Co., NJ as of 14 Apr 1833.

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The following item was in the Orange County
Genealogical Society quarterly, Vol. 36, No. 3,
November 2006.

WARNING: POST-IT BAN

The following message was received at OCGS. We think it is worthwhile to pass it on.

The California State Library system has banned Post-It Notes because testing by the National Archives has shown that they can leave a residue, which can damage books. Don't take them to the Library!

Moreover, the narrow ones sold in sets of five colors [bright ones] can pull the printed word right off the page. So, if you choose to use them in your personal books, be sure that the sticky part does not cover any ink.

Sources: CSGA Newsletter, Vol. 18, #2, March 2000; San Joaquin Gen. Soc. Newsletter, 21:1, Jan-Feb 2000; CCC Gen. Soc. Diable Descendants, 15:2, p. 13; SLOGS 33:2, Summer 2000.

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A Note from your editor... Once again, I'd like to thank Mr. Press (Suffern) for the fine job he does printing our newsletters and to the GSRC membership for all the items they give me to use for the newsletters. - Joanne

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Remember to back-up your computer files often.

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For Your Information - Newsletter

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Thank you. Joanne.

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Historical Society Requests Nominations for the 2007 Historic Preservation Merit Awards

At the risk of repeating myself each year, Rockland County is small in size but large in historic and architectural significance. With the current trend of building so-called McMansions on increasingly smaller lots, super-sizing existing homes and the scarcity of undeveloped land, historical preservation becomes an even greater challenge. This includes, for instance, the widening of a road -- a current proposal by the New York State Department of Transportation would involve the demolition of the historic Malloy's Pharmacy Building on Route 9W to ease truck traffic while the James Farley Bridge is replaced.

In 1991, the Rockland County Executive's Historic Preservation Merit Awards Committee was formed to encourage the preservation, restoration and, when necessary, the rescue of private homes, professional buildings and historically significant sites in Rockland County by acknowledging these actions publicly. The Committee also supports those individuals and agencies who have demonstrated leadership in preservation, as well as craftsmen who use traditional methods and materials in the preservation restoration process in Rockland County. Our own Genealogical Society of Rockland County won the Preservation Leadership award in 2006 .

The nomination form and guidelines are available on our website:

http://www.rocklandhistory.org/merit_awards.htm

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either Erin Martin, Executive Director, The Historical Society of Rockland County at 845-634-9629 or me by e-mail at: gatehilljo@optonline.net .

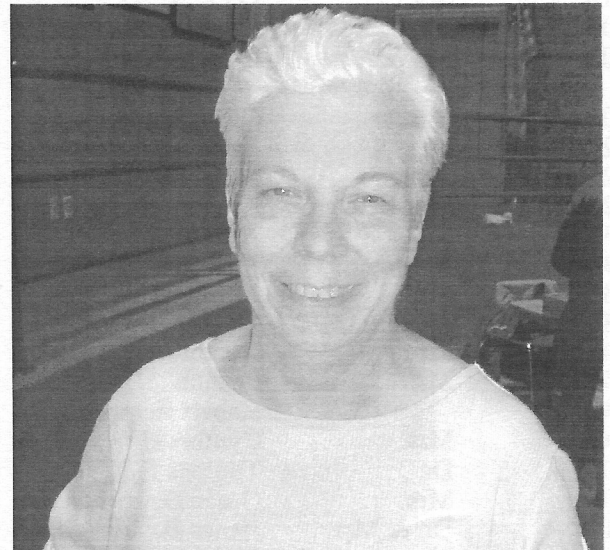
Please support the Historical Society's continuing efforts to preserve local history. Thank you.

Joanne Potanovic, Co-Chairperson
Historic Preservation Awards Committee

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New & Noteworthy

GSRC member Karen Lamberton was guest speaker at the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society in October when she talked about her new book, *Angels in the Gate, New York City and the General Slocum Disaster*.



Karen has done extensive research on the tragic events surrounding the June 15, 1904 fire aboard the steamboat General Slocum -- which is the largest maritime disaster and, until the events of September 11, 2001, was the most deadly fire in the history of New York City.

It was through Karen's family history research that she learned about the General Slocum tragedy and that she had 15 relatives aboard the boat that day... only 3 survived. Many families lost members of several generations and some entire families were lost. The passengers were the families -- mostly women and children -- of the Sunday school of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New York City. These families were headed to a day long picnic on the Long Island Sound when a carelessly tossed cigarette butt caused a fire that caused the death of over 1,000 people and left the largest German population in the United States devastated.

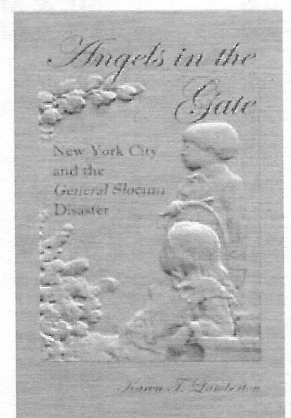
Angels in the Gate looks at this disaster from the individuals who were involved with it from the reports of the survivors to their descendants own words. It also includes the most complete listing of victims, survivors and their families ever compiled.

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