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Annual GSRC 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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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.

Genealogical Society of Rockland County meetings have interesting and informative guest speakers -- please visit our website to see our Calendar of Events.

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JUNE 2007 NEWSLETTER CORRECTION

Please note that the headers *Baptized* and *Born* are reversed for the UME Baptisms.

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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 continues to have new features and information!

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Palatine Roots: The 1710 German Settlement in New York

by Nancy Wagoner Dixon

Program Presented at the September 25, 2007, Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Nan Dixon is a noted Palatine historian, who resides in Watertown, NY, and is the author of *Palatine Roots: The 1710 German Settlement in New York as Experienced by Johann Peter Wagner*. Ms. Dixon is Vice President of the New York Chapter of Palatines to America.

The Palatines came from all over Europe, but primarily from the lower Rhine area known as the Palatinate. They eventually made it to America, staying a few generations in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and England, after Queen Anne had promised free passage and riches in America to all who would emigrate.

Unfortunately, when they arrived in the Hudson Valley, it wasn't as they had been promised. They ended up as "indentured servants," with no ending date of time to be served, to patroons, but particularly to Robert Livingston. The settlements were on either side of the Hudson River—East Camp and West Camp (later Germantown). Eventually, some of them ran away to the Schoharie Valley, some continued on to the Mohawk Valley, and a few went down into Pennsylvania.

Ms. Dixon's family name, Wagoner, later became Wagner. She listened to stories that had been handed down to her by her grandmother, who was born in 1863, and had the equivalent of a fourth grade edu-

cation. Her grandparents later divorced. While Ms. Dixon was researching at the New York State Library, she discovered a pamphlet on the Wagoner family, which listed her father's great grandfather. When she first started working on her genealogy (before the online craze), she neglected to source information, and, as a result, had to try to find the sources later on, which wasn't easy. In addition, at the New York State Archives, the State Archivist located a book of dates and names of ships carrying some of the early Palatines to America; it had been misfiled.

The Palatines started their voyage in December of 1709 and arrived in July of 1710. Only two-thirds of them survived the voyage. When they worked for Mr. Livingston, their job was to make tar from the pine trees for the British Navy, and Livingston was the only person to profit from them.

Ms. Dixon next spoke on the sources she used for each chapter of her book. She used all types of sources, such as books (including genealogies), periodicals, atlases and maps, collections of papers (i.e., the William Johnson papers), Doctorate and Master's theses, church records, paintings, and both public and private manuscripts. A few are: Translation of, *Drei Hundert Jahre Pfälzer*, Roland Paul; *Embarkation lists*, Knittle; *Colonial Manuscripts, Documents Relative to the History of New York*; *Livingston Papers*; *Brief Sketch of the First Settlement of Schoharie*, Judge Brown; *Mohawk Valley*, various account books -- Robert Sanders, Butler; *Rufus Grider's watercolors*; *Travels in Pensilvania and Canada*, Bartram; *Colonial Laws of New York*; *Fort Wagner -- Forts and Firesides of the Revolution*, Vrooman.

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The Silent Woman: Bringing A Name to Life

by Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, CG

Program Presented at the October 30, 2007, Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Sharon is a partner in the Salt Lake City-based research firm Warren, Carmack & Associates. She specializes in writing, mentoring, and editing narrative family histories, as well as Irish/Irish-American family history research. Sharon is the author of sixteen books, including "Discovering Your Female Ancestors," and many articles that have appeared in genealogical journals and publications. She has a B.A. in English from Regis University and a Diploma in Irish Studies from the National University of Ireland, Galway. Sharon also "appears" online on <www.rootstelevision.com>.

Sharon stated that tracking women's lives is much

more difficult than tracking men's. She used a case study of a female immigrant to demonstrate how to accomplish this. First, all genealogical and biographical research should be done on her spouse, and other members of her family (i.e, parents, siblings), as well as friends and neighbors. One should also try to formulate a social history of the times and location in which she lived and her social status, to get a picture of how she might have dressed, activities in which she may have participated, etc. This can be done by reading books that describe the times, making sure to document sources completely. Sharon suggested that one then write a summary of the topic and insert the female ancestor's genealogical information into the summary.

Following her talk, Sharon presented an extremely funny interview with "Ole Smirnoff Bernatelli" (played by James Warren, Sharon's business partner), a most unusual senior citizen. This sketch had appeared on Primetime's 20/20 Dateline. She noted that Ole had been around since 1897, but it wasn't until his column, "Bringing Up the Rear," appeared in the NGS NewsMagazine in 2004 that he really shot to fame.

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Post, Rickli, Schaedler, Walters
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Prohaska, Yonsky, Yonskie, Zelenka,
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The following surnames were previously listed under M-35, by my error. My apologies to all concerned. Bob Protzmann:

New Surnames: Babcock, Blake, Bulson, Call, Crom, Hogencamp, Johnson, Lamb, Lent, Manning, Rose, Secor, Smith, Youmans

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New Surnames: Scott

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New Surnames: Acome.

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New Surnames: Friedrick, Hopper, King, Perry, Previdi, Ryer, Wanamaker, Weymer, Williams

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BECRAFT FAMILY BIBLE

Letter from Kenneth R. Rose

MARRIAGES

John Becraft and Eliza Weymer - 05 Oct 1844

Adam H. Becraft and Sarah - 14 Dec 1867

BIRTHS

(John & Eliza's and their children ?)

John H. Becraft - 30 May 1822

Eliza Becraft - 23 Nov 1825

Maryette Becraft - 05 Oct 1845

Adam H. Becraft - 02 Nov 1847

Leah Becraft - 14 Jan 1850

Amy J. Becraft - 07 Feb 1855

Eliza Becraft - 29 Aug 1857

(Children of Adam H. and Sarah Becraft ?)

Sarah Becraft - 04 Aug 1849

Hatti Becraft - 28 Dec 1868

Joel Becraft - 01 Jul 1872, (d. in San
Francisco CA)

Blanche Becraft - 22 Jun 1874

William T. Becraft - 14 Dec 1878, (d. young)

DEATHS

Maryette Becraft - 14 Mar 1847, 01y 05m 14d

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Some 1908 Marriage Records at the Rockland County Archives, Bldg S, Pomona, NY

Abstracted by Joan C. Brooks

CALL—JONES. Marriage Record, Reg. #41, Vol 1, p. 9 (also on Microfilm), 26 Apr 1908: JOHN CALL, a. 30, white, b. Thiells, NY; residence-Thiells, NY; occupation-Farmer; parents-Hiram Call and Harriet Youmans, both b. US; m. 26 Apr 1908 at Airmont, NY, License 25 Apr 1908, by B.Q. Hallenbeck, Minister; HATTIE AMELIA JONES (adopted), a. 18, white, b. "don't know;"

residence-Thiells, NY; occupation-Domestic; parents-Edward DeGraw, b. US; mother "don't know." This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Mrs. B.Q. Hallenbeck; I.M. Hallenbeck. NOTE: In addition, marriage affidavit shows "adopted daughter" handwritten in right margin by Edward DeGraw and mother. McKIM—MACKEY. Marriage Record, Reg. #81, Vol 1, p. 17 (also on Microfilm): JAMES HENRY McKIM, a. 29, white, b. St. Louis, MO; residence-Union Hills, NJ; occupation-Manager; parents-Alexander McKim, b. Scotland; Jennie McKimney, b. US; m. 11 May 1908, License 6 May 1908, at Haverstraw, NY, by Rev. J.J. McMahon, Minister, LILLIAN SARAH MACKEY, a. 19, white, b. Haverstraw; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-none; parents-James Henry Mackey and Margaret Allison, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: William Allison; James Henry Mackey.

CONKLIN—McATEE. Marriage Record, Reg. #71, Vol 1, p. 15 (also on Microfilm), 3 Jun 1908: HERSEL CONKLIN, a. 39, white, b. Blauvelt, NY; residence-Blauvelt; occupation-Horse Trainer; parents-Charles P. Conklin and Mary E. Hill, both b. US; m. 3 Jun 1908 at NYC, License 2 Jun 1908, by Allan MacRossie, Minister; ANNA McATEE, a. 28, white, b. NYC; residence-Blauvelt, NY; occupation-Bookkeeper; parents-John McAtee, b. Ireland; Mamie Armstrong, b. Yonkers, NY. This was the 2nd marriage for Hersel, he being divorced 3 Jun 1907 at Nyack, NY; and the 1st for Anna. Witnesses: Mary F. Wrase; James Vankirk.

TERHUNE—ALLISON. Marriage Record, Reg. #90, Vol 1, p. 18 (also on Microfilm), 7 Jun 1908: HARRY EDWARD TERHUNE, a. 34, white, b. Hoboken, NJ; residence-Haverstraw, NY; occupation-Photography; parents-John Henry Terhune and Emma Spiess, both b. US; m. 7 Jun 1908 at Haverstraw, License 19 May 1908, by John R. Wright, Minister; MABEL N. ALLISON, a. 23, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-None; parents-Frank S. Allison and Jennie Goetschius, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: George W. Taylor; Anna Allison.

JONES—CALL. Record of Marriages, License date 20 Jun 1908, Registration #84, Vol. 1, p. 17: JACOB JONES, a. 23, b. Haverstraw; res. Haverstraw; occupation--Farmer; Parents: William L. Jones and Margaret Ann Rose, both b. U.S. m. 20 Jun 1908 in Haverstraw by James Hartt, Justice of the Peace, JULIA CALL, a. 18, b. Haverstraw;

res. Haverstraw; Parents: Hiram Call and Harriet Youmans, both b. U.S. Witnesses: John Call and Hattie Call. This was the 1st marriage for both. CONKLIN—TAYLOR. Marriage Record, Reg. #94, Vol 1, p. 19 (also on Microfilm), 24 Jun 1908: GEORGE WOOLLEY CONKLIN, a. 38, white, b. Walden, NY; residence-Hillburn, NY; occupation-Bookkeeper; parents-William H. Conklin and Amelia C. Reynolds, both b. US; m. 24 Jun 1908 at Suffern, NY, License 20 Jun 1908, by R.S. Mansfield, Priest; BESSIE BLANCHE TAYLOR, a. 29, white, b. Bernardsville, NJ; residence-Suffern, NY; occupation-Kindergartner [sic]; parents-George H. Taylor, b. Union Co, NJ; Ida McMertry, b. Morris Co, NJ. This was the 2nd marriage for George, he being widowed; and the 1st for Bessie. Witnesses: Nan Taylor; Fred J. Seymour.

BALLARD—BABCOCK. From Rockland County Archives, Bldgs S, Pomona, NY. Marriage Certificate: Registration #83, Vol 1, p. 17. License Date 20 Jun 1908: FRANK BALLARD, age 23, res. Sloatsburg; occupation--plasterer; b. St. John's, s/o William G. Ballard and Mary Jane Johnson, both born US; m. 28 Jun 1908 in Garnerville, NY, MARY JANE BABCOCK, age 21, res. Haverstraw; b. Stony Point, d/o John H. Babcock and Mary D. Baisley, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both.

HOPPER—WANAMAKER. Marriage Record, Reg. #105, Vol 1, p. 21, 29 Jul 1908. WILLIAM HOPPER, a. 27, white, b. Mahwah, NJ; residence-Mahwah, NJ; occupation-Painter; father-Frank D. Hopper, b. Mahwah, NJ; mother-Minnie C. Campbell, b. NYS; m. 29 Jul 1908, License 28 Jul 1908, by B.D.? Hallenbeck, Clergyman, at Airmont, NY, GUSSIE WANAMAKER, a. 28, white, b. Airmont, NY; residence-Airmont, NY; occupation-Home; parents-James H. Wanamaker and Rachel Ann Fox, both b. NYS. Witnesses: Mrs. B.D.? Hallenbeck and I.M. Hallenbeck. This was the 1st marriage for both.

BRENTNALL—CONKLIN. Record of Marriages, Reg. #0129, Vol 1, p. 026: OSCAR J. BRENTNALL, a. 34, white, born Tuxedo, NY; residence--Sloatsburg, NY; occupation--carpenter. Parents: William Brentnall and Caroline Smith, both b. US, m. 6 Sep 1908 at Sloatsburg, NY, license 22 Aug 1908, by Justice of Peace Wm. F. Finch, SELINA E. CONKLIN, a. 18, white, born Sloatsburg; residence--Sloatsburg; occupation--home. Parents: William Henry Conklin and Sarah E. Conklin, both b. US. Witnesses: Alice Brentnall and Bessie Brentnall.

This was the 2nd marriage for him; he was divorced in Nyack, NY, 27 Apr 1908. This was her 1st marriage.

STALTER—JAESCHKE. Marriage Record, Reg. #190, Vol 1, p. 38 (also on Microfilm), 7 Sep 1908: RICHARD STALTER, JR., a. 20, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence- Tomkins Cove, NY; occupation- Boatman; parents-Richard B. Stalter and Abbie Cosgrove, both b. US; m. 7 Sep 1908 at Stony Point, NY, License 7 Sep 1908, by Robert I. MacBride, Minister; TILLIE S. JAESCHKE, a. 25, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove; occupation-None; parents-John Jaeschke and Caroline Jones, both b. Germany. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Conrad Waechter and Louise W. MacBride.

BROOKS—NIX. Marriage Record, Reg. #188, Vol 1, p. 38 (also on Microfilm), 7 Oct 1908: WILLIAM BROOKS, a. 58, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-Green Grocer; parents-Walter Brooks and Dorcas Youmans, both b. US; m. 7 Oct 1908 at Stony Point, NY, License 7 Oct 1908, by William H. Burley, Minister; JANE NIX, a. 43, white, b. New Jersey; residence-Stony Point, NY; occupation-House-wife; parents-George Nix and Margaret Brown, both b. NJ. This was the 4th marriage for William, he being a widower; and the 2nd for Jane, she being a widow. Witnesses: Anna T. Burley; Tillie Barton.

STARR - WENDEL. Record of Marriage, Reg. #160, Vol 1, p. 32, Microfilm Roll #1, 14 Oct 1908, License 14 Oct 1908. LUBERT STARR, a. 20, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Farmer; parents-John I. Starr and Ellen Conklin, both b. US, m. 14 Oct 1908 at Haverstraw by Justice of Peace James Hartt,

KATHARINE WENDEL, a. 18, white, b. Brooklyn, NY; residence-Mt. Ivy, Haverstraw, NY; parents-Frederick Wendel and Ellen Modair, both b. US. Witnesses: Irene Hartt; Ellen Moder. This was the 1st marriage for both.

SCOTT - SMITH. Marriage Record, Reg. # 210, Vol 1, p. 42 (also on Microfilm), 2 Dec 1908: JAMES SCOTT, a. 45, white, b. Scotland; residence-Piermont, NY; occupation-Paper Maker; parents-James Scott and Margaret Furgson, both b. Scotland; m. 2 Dec 1908 at Nyack, NY, License 2 Dec 1908, by Franklin Babbitt, Clergyman; ELIZABETH SMITH, a. 28, white, b. Piermont, NY; residence-Piermont; occupation-Household Duties; parents-John Smith and Elizabeth Liberman, both b. Germany. This was the 1st marriage

for both. Witnesses: Mrs. E. Jamieson; J.S. Jamieson.

TOMLINS - GALLAGHER. Marriage Record, Reg. #277, Vol 1, p. 56 (also on Microfilm), 23 Dec 1908: GREER M. TOMLINS, a. 22, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove; occupation-Farmer; parents-Newton Tomlins and Mary E. Dykens, both b. U.S.; m. 23 Dec 1908 at Stony Point, NY, License 8 Jul 1908, by Charles C. Cain, Clergyman; MARIE C. GALLAGHER, a. 21, white, b. Thiells, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation- Shop Girl; parents-John Gallagher and Sara Secor, both b. U.S. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: William Ten Eyck and Florence M. Tomlins.

STARR - CRUVER. Record of Marriage, Reg. #228, Vol 1, p. 46, Microfilm Roll #1, 27 Dec 1908, License 24 Dec 1908. CHARLES F. STARR, a. 20, white, b. New City, NY; residence-Ladentown, NY; occupation-Stone Crusher; parents-Charles H. Starr, b. Ladentown, and Jennie L. Fenner, b. Pennsylvania, m. 27 Dec 1908 at Ladentown M.E. Church by S. Rechmitzer, Pastor, MAGGIE E. CRUVER, a. 18, white, b. Jones Point, NY; residence-Ladentown, NY; occupation-Home; parents-John F. Cruver, b. Ulster Co, NY, and Lovinia Laforge, b. NYS. Witnesses: J. Cruver; C.H. Starr. Consent by parents: Charles H. Starr and Jennie L. Starr. This was the 1st marriage for both.

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Genealogy Story - 60 Minutes

On October 7, 2007, CBS News correspondent Lesley Stahl did a story about genetic genealogy on 60 Minutes.

Thanks to DNA testing, the director of the Mama Foundation for the Arts in Harlem found her cousin, Missouri cattle rancher Marion West.

This interesting story and a discussion about DNA testing can be watched online at:

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1. Hiram Phillips. According to Paragraph II of the complaint, the plaintiff Hiram Phillips was "entitled to an equal undivided one-fifth interest in the fee of said lands." No one else received a one-fifth or larger interest, thus demonstrating that Hiram was the only surviving sibling after the death of Nelson, but that four other siblings had predeceased Nelson leaving issue alive on the date of his death. This is known because the share of the land to which each such sibling is entitled has to be the same share as that to which Nelson is entitled, or one-fifth.

Sarah Phillips. According to the second Paragraph V, nine listed persons are "each entitled to an equal undivided 1/45th interest in the fee of said premises." As the male surnames in the paragraph are all Knapps, it is evident that these nine persons were the children of a deceased daughter who had married a Knapp. Tombstone readings had demonstrated that sister Sarah Phillips had married Col. Robert Knapp. As the 1/45th shares to each the nine named children equals a full one-fifth share of the Homestead, it can be concluded that no children of Sarah had died before that date leaving issue.

2. Daniel Phillips. According to paragraph III of the complaint, John D. Phillips, Samuel Phillips, and Hannah Phillips were each entitled to a 1/25th interest in the Homestead. As the males are surnamed Phillips, the deceased sibling most likely was a male. This paragraph only disposes of 3/25th of the Homestead, not a full one-fifth interest. Thus it is necessary to look for another paragraph disposing of 2/25ths of the property to find all the surviving heirs of a deceased male sibling. This can be found in the following paragraph, number IV, which names four persons and states that each is entitled to a 1/50th share of the Homestead. This is where the meaning of per stirpes becomes very clear. The persons entitled to a mere 1/50th each must be grandchildren of the deceased sibling of Nelson, i.e. children of predeceased children of the sibling who parented the three persons who each received a 1/25th interest according to the prior paragraph. In order for 4 people to each receive a 1/50th interest, there most likely were two such children, each of whom left surviving two children. The surnames show this to be the case. The family of Daniel Phillips as shown in census returns and other sources reveals that his issue match the given names set forth in paragraphs III and IV of the complaint.

3. Catherine Phillips, who married Stephen March. Paragraph VI of the petition names seven persons, each of whom is entitled to a 1/35th portion of the Homestead. This appears at first blush to indicate that Catherine had seven living children on the date of death of Nelson. However her

children as identified in the 1850 and 1860 census returns do not include a Hannah. One explanation is that a daughter of Catherine who had married a Thompson was deceased leaving only one child, Hannah. Confirmation of this requires further research.

4. George Phillips. The dispositive paragraphs remaining are the first number V and number XIII. The males listed in the first paragraph V are surnamed Phillips, meaning that the remaining sibling leaving issue was a male. This paragraph names five persons, each of whom is entitled to 1/30th of the Homestead. The names of these six match the names of the children of George. Paragraph V, however, does not dispose of an entire 1/5th interest in the Homestead; 1/30th is still remaining. Paragraph XIII names seven legatees, each of whom are legatees of 1/210th of the Homestead. As 7/210 equals 1/30, the names of all the heirs of George Phillips, and hence all the heirs of Nelson Phillips on the date of his death have been identified.

The remaining paragraphs name the spouses of the various parties, as under the law at the time this document was drawn, a spouse had an interest in the property of her husband known as a dower interest. Assuming that we started perusing this document knowing only the names of the siblings of Nelson, nearly fifty additional descendants of Daniel Phillips and Hannah Osborne have been identified. These can be summarized as follows:

Summary of Heirs of Daniel Phillips and Hannah Osborne
Living on February 22, 1889, the Date of Death of their Son Nelson Phillips

As Determined from the Complaint for Partition of the Phillips Homestead

III 3 living children of Daniel Phillips (1/25th each; see IV for rest)

IV children of Sarah Abrams and Richard Phillips, the predeceased children of Daniel Phillips and Sarah Blanchard who each left 2 heirs surviving him and her (1/50th each)

V 5 surviving children of George Phillips (1/30th each; see XIII for rest)

V 9 surviving children of Sarah (Phillips) (1/45th each)

VI Six surviving children of Catherine (Phillips) March plus a seventh unidentified person (Hannah Thompson) who must be either an only child of a predeceased child, or a child not named in the census returns (1/35th each)

XIII 7 children of predeceased child of George Phillips (1/210th each)

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