

# GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND CO.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As an introduction to the first newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County, a brief summary would be in order.

At the Historian's Roundtable of September, 1985, John Scott, Vice-President of the Historical Society, and Isabelle Savelle, Senior Historian, suggested the founding of a Genealogical Society to be affiliated with the Historical Society. The first meeting of the new society was held in Oct., 1985. After a series of organizational meetings, the first election of interim officers was held in January; membership applications were ready for the February meeting and dues are now being collected for charter members until August 31, 1986.

In addition to the formation of the society, we have experienced a series of very interesting, lively, and informative speakers. At the time of this release, we are looking forward to our March meeting, which will be held in Blauvelt at the Johannes J. Blauvelt house on Western Highway. Mrs. Jo Anne Oldenburger will present a tour and history of the house to members and guests.

The success of an organization is equal to the contributions of its membership. Won't you join us by sharing your time and experiences to ensure the success of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County?

Marie Koestler, President

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FOURTH TUESDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF  
ROCKLAND COUNTY, ZUKOR RD., NEW CITY. MEETING  
TIME IS 7:45 P.M.

## TITLE CONTEST

FEELING ORIGINAL AND INVENTIVE ? ? ? Do you have a "catchy" and meaningful title for our newsletter? We are anxious to hear from you. Please write your proposed title; and a brief explanation of why you think it would be appropriate, on an index card or piece of plain paper. Be sure to include your name and address.

Bring your entries to the April meeting, or mail them to P. Kerner or M. Koestler. The newsletter staff will choose the five best suggestions, and present them for a membership vote at the May meeting.

The contest winner's name will appear in our next newsletter. In addition, the winner will be awarded 4 "bonus" free queries in upcoming newsletters.

START THINKING ! ! !

THERE'S STILL TIME....

You too can have the opportunity to become a Charter Member of the newly formed Genealogical Society of Rockland County. Thus far there are an estimated sixty members plus, who show an interest in genealogy and its pursuit.

Just clip the coupon and send check or money order to: Genealogical Society of Rockland Co.,  
c/o Historical Society of Rockland Co.,  
20 Zukor Rd., New City, N.Y. 10956

This charter membership opportunity expires  
September, 1986. - C.B.

## 3.2 MEETING NEWS

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### OCTOBER

Dr. William A. Owens, Professor and  
Dean Emeritus at Columbia University  
"Search for Ancestors Through Nine States"

### NOVEMBER

Yvonne Yare  
New City Library  
"Description of the Holdings of the  
Rockland Room at New City Library"

### DECEMBER

Joyce Altieri,  
Deputy County Clerk of Rockland Co.  
"Overview of Records Maintained by the  
County Clerk's Office"

### JANUARY

Howard Durie, Author of "The Kakiat  
Patent in Bergen County, N.J."  
submitted a letter "Land Records as a  
Genealogical Source."

### NATIONAL ARCHIVES

NAVY PENSION APPLICATIONS NOW ON MICROFICHE  
- OTHERS TO FOLLOW

The National Archives is changing its method of  
reproduction for Civil War and later pension  
application files.

As of November 1, 1985, the first of several  
series of Navy pension files from the Civil War  
and later will be available on microfiche.

The file of only one veteran has been reproduced  
on each microfiche. The name and any aliases that  
he may have used will appear at the top of each  
fiche.

In response to requests received on NATF Form 80  
for a pension file in a microfiched series,  
the National Archives will now send the entire  
microfiche file. The cost of each microfiche  
will be \$10.20. National Archives will no longer  
send paper copies of a portion of these files.  
If a paper copy of the file is desired, the  
requestor must pay \$10.20 for a copy of the whole  
file, which will be a copy of the microfiche.

### FEBRUARY

Maria Hopper, of the  
Bergen County Genealogical Society  
"The Dutch in Bergen and Rockland Counties"  
& "The Dutch Naming System"

### MARCH

(proposed at press time)  
Jo Anne Pedersen Oldenburger,  
member of GSRC  
"Tour and History of the Johannes J.  
Blauvelt House"

## COMING UP...

APRIL 22, 1986

Isabelle Savell, Senior Historian of  
the Historical Society of Rockland Co.  
"Perils and Pitfalls of Genealogy"

MAY 27, 1986

Gloria Wannamaker, Member of the Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
"LDS Records at Branch Libraries"  
and accompanying film

JUNE 24, 1986

Bob Burghardt, Stony Point  
Historian

The National Archives is recommending that  
researchers obtain the microfiche version of the  
pension files, and obtain access to a reader or  
reader printer in their local areas.

As additional series of Civil War and later pension  
files are copied to microfiche, they too will fall  
under these new availability restrictions.

It is the intention of the National Archives to  
eventually eliminate the availability of paper  
copies of these pension files, because of the  
expenses incurred with the present photocopying  
system.

For more information, contact the Military Service  
branch, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408  
-C.A.

LONG-TERM PROJECTS

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County has begun several long term projects, in keeping with the aims and goals of the Society. They are as follows:

-Committee to index "South of the Mountains" through December, 1985. This will be a name index only, compiled with the intent of future publication and sale. Chairperson- Ruth Morris

-Committee to compile a list of all available church records in print. After determining the dates of the latest published church baptismal, marriage and death records; all churches in the county will be surveyed to determine what additional genealogical records are open to the public. If possible, this information will be recorded and prepared for publication.

-Committee to survey the genealogical records at town and village Clerk's offices. A list will be made of records, dates available, areas covered, when available for public use, and how a copy may be obtained. Chairperson- Jo Pedersen Oldenburger

-Committee to record all printed genealogies and other source materials of genealogical interest to be found in local libraries.

-Committee to coordinate the lists of genealogies and source materials found in local libraries and prepare a composite to be distributed to each library, the Historical Society of Rockland Co., and the Genealogical Society.

Chairperson- Marie Koestler

-Committee to catalog the existing files at the Historical Society of Rockland Co.

Chairperson- Pat Kerner

-Committee to survey local funeral homes to determine what genealogical information is available through their records, to record this information if possible, and prepare for publication.

If there is a committee on which you would like to serve, please contact the chairperson or Pat Kerner for further information. -P.K.

SURNAME INDEX PROJECT

All members are invited to submit up to 15 surnames for inclusion in our surname directory. This index will be available to all members, and updated periodically as new members are added.

We plan to sort not only alphabetically, but also by places and time periods. This will allow members who are interested in a particular locale to join efforts, even though they may not be working on the same family.

In addition, this information will be helpful in planning future programs and projects.

Please submit surnames in this format on an index card:

MEMBER NAME  
ADDRESS  
PHONE

SURNAME YEARS OF INTEREST STATE, CITY  
(OR COUNTRY)

Bring them to our regular meeting, or mail the cards to C. Adams.

Target date for publication of the surname index is May 15, 1986.

INTERIM OFFICERS

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## QUERIES (CONT)

- MARGARET, REBECCA, ISABEL, AND JOHN. (3B)
- ECKHERT, CHRISTINA. (see HOWELL)
- FORSHAY, MARY. Seek parents. Died 1854 (age 58). Bur. Brick Church Cem, Spring Valley, N.Y. (2A)
- FREDERICK, ABRAHAM. Seek par. and wife. Died Rkld. Co. 1810 (age 48). Bur. Island Church Cem., Mahwah, N.J. (2A)
- GARRETSON, Seek info. par. of STEPHEN GARRETSON, b. 19 Sept. 1808, d. 6 Sept. 1890. Resided Somerset Co, N.J. Married ELEANOR MARIA BUSH, b. Sept., 1825, d. 29 Oct. 1900. (3B)
- HALDEMAN, Seek info. par. of ANNA M. HALDEMAN, b. 9 Dec. 1889 in Bellefonte, Pa; d. 2 Jan 1951 in Orlando, Fl. Married ARTHUR KNOX DOUG, MD, b. 11 Feb. 1875; d. 10 Aug. 1928. Par. of ROBERT, MARY, GERALD, and ARTHUR. (3B)
- HALL, LUTHER. Rev. ancestor. Seek his father. He was b. ca 1750; m. ZILPHA RANDALL, b. 1750. They had dau. ZILPHA HALL. (2M)
- HALL, ZILPHA. (See WHEELER)
- HOWELL, SAMUEL. Seek parents of this man, d. 1832 (age 32) in NYC; and parents of his w. - CHRISTINA ECKHERT, d. 1837 (age 35). (2A)
- JONES, (see CRUM)
- JONES, JOSEPH. (4 April, 1772-2 Feb., 1809) Where did he come from, and who were his parents? (1B)
- KNOX, MARGARET. (see DOUG)
- LANSING, Information needed on SARAH DORCAS LANSING, b. ca. 1790; relative or ward of REV. NICHLOS LANSING and w. DORCAS SARAH DICKINSON LANSING, m. JOHN T. BLAUVELT. Blauvelt Genealogy in error. (Sally Dewey)
- MACKAY (IE), Seek info. CHARLES MACKAY, b. ca. 1810 Ulster Co., and wife MARGARET WALDRON. Settled in Rkld Co. ca. 1830. Par. of JACOB (ca. 1829-1907) and others. (3B)
- MATHERS, MARY ANN (see SCOTT)
- MATTHEWS, JEREMIAH. B. 1766, m. MARTHA SLOAT, b. 1767. Seek father of Jeremiah. (2M)
- MEYER, ANNE. (see BELL)
- OSBORNE, JOHN. Seek parents. Died 1832 (age 83). Bur. Brick Church Cem., Spring Valley, N.Y. (2A)
- PERKINS, THOMAS M. B. 1812, m. SUPPLINA WHEELER, b. 1815. Seek father of Thomas. (2M)
- RANDALL, ZILPHA. (See HALL)
- SCOTT, Seek info. WILLIAM SCOTT b. ca 1812, d. after 1880; and w. MARY ANN MATHERS, b. ca. 1818. Res. Ladentown, N.Y. Par. of CATHERINE, WILLIAM, ELIAS, MARY JANE, EMMA, JAMES HAMILTON. (3B)
- SLOAT, MARTHA. (See MATTHEWS)
- WALDRON, MARGARET. (see MACKAY)
- WHEELER, JOHN WHITTIER. B. ca. 1788; m. ZILPHA HALL, b. 1791. They had dau. SUPPLINA WHEELER. Seek father of J.W. Wheeler. (2M)
- WHEELER, SUPPLINA. (see PERKINS)
- YOUNG, DORCAS. (see BROOKS)



IS YOUR NAME HERE ???????

*Bulson*  
*Halstead*  
*Jice*  
*Mapes*  
*Haring*  
*Baisley*  
*Coe*  
*Gunn*  
*Fent*

IF SO, COME TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GSRC, AND MEET RESEARCHERS WHO ARE WORKING ON THIS FAMILY.

## CHARTER MEMBERS

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1 A ADAMS D CHRISTINE  
104 HIGH AVE  
NYACK NY 10960

2 A ANDERSON FRANCES E  
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STONY POINT NY 10980

1 B BAISLEY LESLIE  
158 N LIBERTY DR  
STONY POINT NY 10980

2 B BERG CHARLES E  
47 SHERWOOD DR  
MANUET NY 10954

3 B BROOKS BARRY & JOAN  
157 WASHBURN LANE  
STONY POINT NY 10980

6 B BABCOCK LORETTA  
492 VIOLA RD  
SPRING VALLEY NY 10977

1 C CONKLIN KENNETH W  
82 SO AIRMONT RD  
SUFFERN NY 10901

2 C CONKLIN WILLIAM B  
RD1 BOX 200A, ROCKCUT RD  
WALDEN NY 12586

1 D DERMODY MARGARET (PEG)  
18 SHADYSIDE RD  
HEWITT NJ 07421

3 D DEMOVELLES DANIEL  
1 PINE DRIVE  
THEILLS NY 10984

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42 PRAIRIE AVE  
SUFFERN NY 10901

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26 MARION ST  
NYACK NY 10960

3 K KRELL PETER  
24 S PARK AVE  
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BLAUVELT NY 10913

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STONY POINT NY 10980

3 S SCOTT JOHN  
37 STRAWBERRY HILL LANE  
WEST NYACK NY 10994

1 T TELLER EDWARD  
107 BRAUNSDORF ROAD  
PEARL RIVER NY 10965

## EDITOR'S NOTE .....

This first edition of the GSRC newsletter was made possible by the combined efforts of the newsletter committee:

Charles Berg, Pat Kerner, Marie Koestler, and Henry Rennie.

Several other members contributed articles or ideas.

Special thanks are due Henry Rennie, since he arranged printing of address labels and the newsletter at no cost.

We have tried to set the standard with this first edition, and hope to maintain it in future newsletters. We welcome ideas, articles, criticism, and production assistance from any interested

members. Thank you.

-C.A.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF RECORDS MAINTAINED BY  
ROCKLAND COUNTY CLERK

(Courtesy of Joyce T. Altieri, Deputy County Clerk)

Assignments of Mortgage	Marriage Records (1908-1935)
Registered Business Names	Earlier than 1908 with State Librarian
Assignments for Benefit of Creditors	Later than 1935 with Town or City Clerks
Atlas (1876)	where license was first obtained
Bonds (bail, conservators, etc.)	Mortgages (1798 to date)
Certificates of Incorporation	Maps (subdivisions, annexations, railroad,
Census Records (N.Y. State Census)	highway, fire district)
1855: Ramapo & Haverstraw	Mechanic's Liens
1860: Clarkstown & Orangetown	Military Discharges
1865, 1875, 1880, 1892, 1905, . . .	Notaries Public
1915, 1925: Clarkstown, Haverstraw,	Naturalization Records
Orangetown, Ramapo & Stony Point	Oaths (town & county officials and
Convictions - Justice Court	employees of county)
Court Actions - Supreme and County Court	Powers of Attorney
Deeds (1798 to date)	Public Welfare Liens
Divorce Records (sealed)	Release of Estate Tax Lien
Executions against income and property	Releases of Mortgages
Federal Tax Liens	Religious Corporations
Homestead Exemptions	Satisfactions of Judgements
Indictments (accusation by grand jury)	Satisfactions of Liens
Judgements (money) - good for 10 years	Satisfactions of Mortgages
on personal property & 20 years on	Separation Agreements (sealed)
real property	State Tax Warrants
Justice Returns	Transcripts of Judgements
Lis Pendens	Wage Assignments
Limited Partnerships	

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER AND SUPPORT THE ACTIVITIES  
OF THE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND COUNTY.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00 FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_ \$5.00  
 \_\_\_ (INTERESTED IN LIFE MEMBERSHIP @ \$100.00

MY SPECIAL INTEREST OR CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT IN  
GENEALOGY IS: \_\_\_\_\_



# BOOKS

The Slovaks of Haverstraw is a welcomed addition to the history of Rockland County. It is the first attempt to present a history of this little known but important group in the county. Basing his work on oral interviews as well as original records and documents, Dr. Sutherland presents a factual account of the Slovak community in Haverstraw, their lives and the activities of the various Slovak societies that existed in the village at one time or another. A unique feature of the work is a comprehensive list of the Slovak pioneers in Haverstraw. Their birthplace, date of birth, and arrival in Haverstraw are given when known. The book is recommended to anyone seeking information about the Slovaks in Rockland County or about Slovak life in America in general.

The author, Anthony X. Sutherland Ph.D. is a European historian specializing in Eastern Europe. In addition to the Slovaks of Haverstraw, Dr. Sutherland has published: Jozef Tiso and Modern Slovakia (Cleveland: Jednota, 1978), The Fathers of the Slovak Nation (Rome: The Slovak Institute, 1981), The Canadian Slovak League: A History, 1932-1982 (Toronto: The Canadian Slovak League, 1982), as well as several articles.

The preceding review was supplied by the author. This book is in paperback form, and is available from the Historical Society of Rockland Co. The price is \$4.00.

## RECOMMENDED READING FOR GENEALOGISTS

- Beard, Timothy. How To Find Your Family Roots. New York, McGraw Hill, 1977.
- Eakle, Arlene. The Source. Salt Lake City, Utah, Ancestry Publishing, 1984.
- Everton, George. The Handy Book for Genealogists. 7th ed., Utah, Everton Pub., Co., 1981.
- Greenwood, Val. D. Researcher's Guide to American Ancestry. Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1981.

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