

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND COUNTY NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year! We trust you will be pleased with the exciting schedule of programs which Pat Kerner has ready through November.

In another mailing, you will receive a "Membership Renewal Card" which will be your notification of dues payable with a section as a receipt. Included will be a flyer announcing two Saturday programs, and the slate of officers for the election which will be held at the September meeting.

In reference to the long-term project inquiries: Both the Library and South of the Mountains projects are progressing nicely. It has been suggested that we index the New York State Censuses for Rockland County. The church records

availability project has not commenced. Anyone having time and interest to work on these, please call Pat, (357-1355). These projects are worked on at one's own time schedule with a minimum of meetings to compare progress, problems or questions.

We are looking forward to your participation at meetings, or with written communications; expressing comments, ideas, etc. to help make our organization a greater success. Marie Koestler

SURNAME INDEX

The 1987 GSRC Surname Index is complete as of this writing, and will be available for distribution at the September meeting. We try to personally deliver as many of these as possible, since they are expensive to mail. Those members who do not live locally can expect their copy to be mailed during the month of September.




Members are invited to submit information on up to 15 surnames that they are researching. This information is then compiled in index form, so that members working on similar family lines can exchange information, and so that researchers for the society can have additional resources in answering queries, etc.

In addition to an alphabetical sort, we also sort the submitted information by places and time periods, so that members who are interested in a particular locale can work together, even though they may be working on the same family.

This information is also considered to be an indicator of the interests of our group, and hopefully will be helpful in planning future programs and projects.

Members who have not submitted surnames are invited to submit such information to be held for the next issue of the index. Some members did not specify region or time frame on their original submission. If you would like to add information to your entry in the next issue, please forward additional information to me, and mark it as such. If you would like surnames deleted or revised, please plainly mark those cards "deletion" or "revision". Please submit surname information in this format on index cards:

MEMBER NAME
ADDRESS
PHONE
SURNAME YEARS OF INTEREST LOCALITY
Submit to Christine Adams c/o GSRC

		
DUES		
DUES FOR SEPTEMBER 1987 - AUGUST 1988 ARE PAYABLE <u>BEFORE</u> DECEMBER 31, 1987		
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$15.00		
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$10.00		
*SEND PAYMENT TO: MRS. MARGARET DERMODY 18 SHADYSIDE ROAD, HEWITT, N.J. 07421		

MEETING NEWS.....

September 22, 1987 -

Presentation of tape:
"Wringing It All Out Of The Census"
from the National Genealogical Society

October 27, 1987 -

Meeting will be held at the County Clerk's Office, 27 New Hempstead Rd., New City, N.Y.
Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M.
Conducted by Joyce Altieri, First Deputy County Clerk
She will provide an overview of the records in this office, and allow for "hands on" participation from the group.

November 24, 1987

Meeting will be held at the Surrogate's Office, Main St., New City, N.Y.
Meeting will be at 7:30 P.M.
Mrs. Virginia Athens will conduct the meeting, with an agenda similar to the October meeting.

OTHER SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

September 26, 1987

Trip to National Archives Record Center in Bayonne, N.J.
Facility has been reserved from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for the exclusive use of GSRC members.
This use is limited to the microfilm records of the facility.
Car pools will be arranged at the Historical Society.
Please notify Jo Oldenburger at 359-4567 if you plan to attend.

November 14, 1987

Genealogical Workshop
at the Historical Society.
10:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Featuring Barbara Smith Buys
Certified American Lineage Specialist, specializing in Hudson Valley.
There will be a fee for participation, which will be announced in a future mailing.

REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ROCKLAND CO., ZUKOR RD., NEW CITY.

REGULAR MEETING TIME IS 7:45 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETINGS ARE HELD OFF SITE FROM TIME TO TIME, PLEASE READ SCHEDULE CAREFULLY.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS - GSRC

From Frank Grippo, Cuddlebackville, N.Y.:
Copies of Federal Census Records of the Conklin Family 1800-1900.
Now in GSRC file cabinet.

Purchased:

"Connecticut Researcher's Handbook"
by Thomas Jay Kemp

GENEALOGICAL NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

As announced in a previous issue, the GSRC submitted two issues of our newsletter to the 1986 National Genealogical Society Genealogical Newsletter Competition. One hundred and twenty-eight genealogical societies from thirty states and Ontario entered this competition. These one hundred twenty-eight entries were evaluated in four areas: (1) the interest, variety, and originality of the material published (2) the quality of the writing and editing, (3) the attractiveness and readability of the pages, and (4) the overall make-up of the publication. This newsletter received a score of 26.75 points out of a possible 40. Our highest scores were in the first two areas. Many suggestions were made to improve the readability and layout of our publication. Some of these suggestions were adopted in the last issue, partially because of the demands of our new software. The most frequent suggestion was to move to a standard letter or legal size format, which was done. More generous margins were recommended, and we hope to achieve those in this issue.

It was strongly suggested that we adopt the practice of printing the names and addresses of persons submitting queries along with the query, so that persons seeking to reply do not have to search membership lists to match numbers with names. This seems to make sense, and so we will try that method.

If we are able to make significant improvements in the quality of our newsletter before the next newsletter competition, we may re-enter in hopes of improving our scores.

Member Henry Rennie was present at the Genealogical Convention at which the competition was held, and had an opportunity to examine some of the entries. He noted that most of the entries, and all of the winners had been professionally printed.

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

FROM NANCY SAUNDERS - SARATOGA SPRINGS,
N.Y.

For those researching the Springsteen family the best information I found on my Springsteen line was in Early Settlers of Bushwick, Vol 2, by Andrew J. Provost, Jr. I researched this book at the State Library in Albany, but I imagine copies could be found in NYC libraries as well. For those researching the Brower data, I found a gentleman in California to be most helpful. He charges a small fee for the information, but I have found it to be well worth the cost. I believe he is in the process of writing a book on the Brower Bogardus families. He is: William Brower Bogardus, 1313 Granada Way, Modesto, CA 95355.

ELIZABETH LEFKOWITZ OF NEW YORK, N.Y.

writes that the newsletters she has received are "very interesting and full of information." She also reports that she hopes to get out to some of the regular meetings (although that would be) "a bit difficult as I must come by bus."

(More letters on page 18)



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NOW EXCHANGING NEWSLETTERS WITH ULSTER
COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY. WE NOW HAVE
TWO ISSUES OF THE "ULSTER GENIE."

OBTAINING GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION FROM SSA

The following information was submitted by one of our members, with permission to publish in the newsletter:

Having seen references in several genealogical periodicals about how to get certain genealogical information from the Social Security Administration, I decided to attempt it. It was successful but the articles I had read and followed provided outdated and misleading information. Here is how it is done.

One writes a letter to the following address:

Dept. of Health and Human Services
Social Security Administration
Attn: Freedom of Information Officer
4-J-9 West High Rise Building
6401 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, MD 21235

The current FIO is Mr. Charles Mullen. His office symbol is SXN.

No particular form is necessary. However, if you wish, Social Security form SSA-L997 may be used, one for every individual you may be inquiring about. The form makes it easier to present the information you have about an individual, but must be somewhat modified because it does not have the proper block to check for reason or basis for inquiry. Simply note somewhere on the form that the person you are inquiring about is deceased and that the request is being made under the Freedom of Information Act. What you are seeking is a photocopy of the SS-5 that the individual filled out when applying for a Social Security Number. This item can provide full name (including elusive middle names), address at the time of application, employer and employer's address, date and place of birth as stated by the individual, father's full name and mother's maiden name.

There is a fee schedule. \$6.00 per name without a Social Security # and \$2.00 per name if you supply the number. You pay whether or not they find the person, and you pay postage. I was billed after they sent the information, so don't send money up front. I got my answer in 90 days.

The SSS-L997 forms may be obtained from Social Security Administration
SSN Process Branch
300 N. Greene St.,
Baltimore, MD 21201

INDEX OF OBITUARY NOTICES

FROM ROCKLAND COUNTY NEWSPAPERS - COLLECTED BY DAN DENOYELLES
INDEXED BY MARIE KOESTLER

ORIGINALS AND INDEX ON FILE AT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

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LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF DEATH/NOTICE	AGE	PAGE
Howard	Emma Treadway	11 November 1904	49 yrs.	H-17
Howarth	George H.	21 December 1925	no age	H-18
Hoyt	Earle S.	10 March 1979	85 yrs.	H-18
Hoyt	Ina	25 March 1904	8 yrs.	H-18
Hoyt	Lucy	2 April 1936	64 yrs.	H-18
Hubbard	Adelia H.	b. 9/5/1839- d 1908	69 yrs.	H-19
Hubbard	Henry P.	d. 20 August 1911	71 yrs.	H-19
Hudson	Hannah Demarest	2 January 1919	no age	H-19
Hudson	Maude Adams	1 May 1982	71 yrs.	H-19
Huffman	William	9 May 1932	54 yrs.	H-19
Hughes	Arthur P.	no date	72 yrs.	H-19
Hull	Silas	21 December 1925	28 yrs.	H-19
Hummel	Honor J.L.	31 August 1921	78 yrs.	H-19
Hunt	Ann	4 August 1977	89 yrs.	H-20
Hunt	Bessie B.	12 February 1979	83 yrs.	H-20
Hunt	Hillary R.	d. 13 May 1919	45 yrs.	H-20
Huott	Joseph	23 June 1911	17 yrs.	H-20
Huott	Juanita Gertrude	no date	4 m.	H-12
Huott	Winifred	18 August 1980	74 yrs.	H-20
Hurd	Susan	21 April 1912	87 yrs.	H-20
Hurley	William	29 June 1911	46 yrs.	H-20
Hutton	Henry O.	d/ March 1906	81 yrs.	H-20
Huyck	Charles	d. June 1913	no age	H-20
Hyatt	Elizabeth W.	d. 4 September 1911	no age	H-20
Israelson	Lillian K.	25 November 1980	70 yrs.	I-1
Itzel	Charles	3 October 1908	45 yrs.	I-1
Jaeschke	Alfred	17 November 1939	no age	J-1
James	Ambrose	6 November 1939	82 yrs.	J-1
Jansen	daughter	2 December 1904	8 yrs.	J-1
Jauntig	Thomas F.	7 July 1978	78 yrs.	J-1
Jaycox	William H.	no date	72 yrs.	J-1
Jenkins	Dorette	d. 11 February 1971	81 yrs.	J-2
Jenks	Arthur E.	24 April 1911	no age	J-2
Jersey	Abram B.	d. October 1873	no age	J-2
Jersey	Ann N. Benson	b.6/27/1836- 4/14/1919	83 yrs.	J-2
Jewett	Marion C.	6 April 1974	79 yrs.	J-3
Jobson	Arthur Roy	25 May 1972	61 yrs.	J-3
Jobson	Charles B.	3 December ?	no age	J-3
Jobson	George H.	no date	67 yrs.	J-4
Jobson	Ida A.	22 September 1976	65 yrs.	J-3
Johnson	Emily M.	10 February 1932	95 yrs.	J-4

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Johnson	Emma L.	4 May 1932	77 yrs.	J-4
Johnson	Harrison	d. 2 April 1911	74 yrs.	J-4
Johnson	Riley M.	7 March 1974	78 yrs.	J-4
Johnson	Walter	11 June 1860	45y.10m.	J-6
Johnston	Frank E.	d. 1932	no age	J-7
Johnstone	Marcella	22 April 1979	78 yrs.	J-4
Joliffe	George, Dr.	24 October 1980	94 yrs.	J-5
Joliffe	John S.	d. January 1933	75 yrs.	J-5
Joliffe	Mary H. Lyon	24 December 1982	86 yrs.	J-5
Joliffe, Jr.	George Beach	4 December 1980	no age	J-7
Jones	Charles	19 December 1925	85 yrs.	J-5
Jones	Cordelia	d. 22 September 1908	61 yrs.	J-5
Jones	Henrietta	24 February 1982	57 yrs.	J-5
Jones	Jacob J.	31 August 1979	77 yrs.	J-5
Jones	Louis	11 October 1939	65 yrs.	J-6
Jones	Ralph	11 December 1935	31 yrs.	J-6
Jones	Samuel	d. 1981	no age	J-5
Jones, Jr.	Edward J.	d. 16 September 1908	no age	J-5
Jones, Sr.	Oscar	d. April 1936	68 yrs.	J-6
Jones, Sr.	John	1 May 1936	74 yrs.	J-7
June	Harry	28 July 1977	67 yrs.	J-7
June	Thomas	4 July 1977	82 yrs.	J-7
June	Victoria	15 March 1906	60 yrs.	J-7
June, Sr.	Vernon U.	d 20 February 1980	81 yrs.	J-7
Jurgensen, Sr	William	15 July 1979	70 yrs.	J-7
Kaemmerlen	Pierre	23 June 1932	no age	K-1
Kane	Lesmond	17 August 1981	72 yrs.	K-1
Karlau	John	20 October 1956	18 yrs.	M-27
Kaughran	Mary E.	1 November 1911	no age	K-1
Kearsey	Thomas	10 February 1932	30 yrs.	K-1
Keenan	James	20 May 1911	25 yrs.	K-1
Keesler	Debra	d 5 September 1911	69 yrs.	K-1
Keesler	George	11 October 1932	76 yrs.	K-1
Keesler	Georgina B.	bef. 31 January 1911	no age	M-16
Keesler	Perry	before 24 January 1932	no age	K-1
Kelleher	Nicholas J.	8 January 1933	73 yrs.	K-10
Keller	Lucy	b.2/27/1900- 11/26/1980	80 yrs.	K-1/2
Kelley	Florence	12 September 1977	75 yrs.	K-1/2
Kelly	Austin	12 January 1933	no age	K-2
Kelly	Bertha	2 September 1979	74 yrs.	K-3
Kelly	Johannah	14 April 1904	no age	K-2
Kelly	Mrs. Joseph	26 May 1911	48 yrs.	K-2
Kelly	Mrs. William	d. December 1935	no age	K-2
Kelly	Phoebe	30 December 1938	61 yrs.	K-2
Kelman	Lena	5 October 1930 ?	no age	K-2
Kennedy	Ellen C.	17 February 1979	82 yrs.	K-2
Kennedy	Ellen M.	17 May 1919	76 yrs.	K-2

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Kennedy	Kathryn Vivian	20 February 1911	15 yrs.	K-3
Kenney	Helen K.	22 April 1970	66 yrs.	K-3
Kenney	Mary Margaret	30 September 1980	51 yrs.	K-3
Kenney	William E.	4 January 1939	55 yrs.	K-3
Kieser	Ernest H.	16 October 1975	77 yrs.	K-6
Kieser	Fred J.	b.6/28/1866- 6/1/1936	70 yrs.	K-6
Kieser	Georgianna	6 October 1908	78 yrs.	K-6
Kilby	John V.	26 November 1970	no age	K-3
Kimbark	Bertrand	31 August 1980	34 yrs.	K-4
Kimbark	E. Harold	10 July 1978	61 yrs.	K-4
King	Frances Adelaide	27 January 1911	91 yrs.	K-4
King	James	4 August 1911	54 yrs.	K-4
King	Samuel V.	25 April 1933	76 yrs.	K-4
Kinghorn	William	d. 2 October 1908	no age	K-5
Kingsland	Ida M.	d. 9 November 1939	no age	K-5
Kinskey	Matthew	12 March 1919	no age	K-5
Kinskey	Michael	25 January 1917	75 yrs.	K-5
Kirsch	Matthew	26 October 1911	21 yrs.	K-5
Kissick	Enos	d. 26 Mary 1919	no age	K-5
Kistner	Kathleen M.	17 February 1978	52 yrs.	K-5
Kistner	Richard	3 June 1936	23 Yrs.	K-6
Kliesch	Anita Allison	25 October 1982	no age	K-7
Kliesch	Henry	d. 1908	61y. 6m.	K-7
Knapp	D. Paul	21 November 1977	83 yrs.	K-7
Knapp	Harriet Marshall	13 June 1933	no age	K-7
Knapp	Walter H.	d. 19 March 1980	76 yrs.	K-7
Koch	John E.	9 March 1932	70 yrs.	K-7
Kohut	John J.	22 January 1977	88 yrs.	K-7
Kohut	Mary	6 April 1978	98 yrs.	K-7
Kolb	Marie	no date	no age	K-8
Komonchak	John J.	26 March 1979	28 yrs.	K-8
Komonchak	Leo	3 October 1978 ?	63 yrs.	K-8
Konecni	Andrew W.	30 June 1978	59 yrs.	K-8
Koop	John	26 November 1977	82 yrs.	K-8
Kopshac	Charles George	d. 1977	no age	K-8
Kopshac	Charles J.	9 May 1982	84 yrs.	K-8
Kopshac	Matilda	d. 1967	no age	K-8
Korn	Louis	22 May 1977	85 yrs.	K-8
Korn	Paul	4 April 1979	75 yrs.	K-9
Kovach	Andrew	29 June 1919	no age	K-9
Kovach, Sr.	Edward	5 September 1980 ?	69 yrs.	K-9
Kovacs	Steven	d. 7 November ?	60 yrs.	K-9
Kovalsky	Anna Goda	b. 3/25/1912- 11/26/1986	68 yrs.	K-9
Kowes	Gustave	9 August 1919	no age	K-9
Krebs	William	10 July 1911	35 yrs.	K-10
Kreech	Minnie	d. 27 August 1975	95 yrs.	K-10
Kreeck	Henry	20 July 1910	70 yrs.	K-10

LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

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FROM PRISCILLA MCELVEIN, MTN BROOK, AL

There are two things I would like to ask of you. One involves a project in which I am involved with four other people. We are trying to update Todd's classic "The Burr Family", pub. 4th edition, 1902. Our intention is to publish what we can at cost - no profit to those of us who are working on this. We are supporting all the costs of gathering information out of our own pockets. Could you put a notice to this effect in the Newsletter, asking people who have Burr ancestry to please send me their lineage? If they do not know their lineage back to the "beginning" - I still would like to hear from them. Every letter will be answered.

The other request, is that I would like to hear from anyone who is or has done research on the Edwards and/or Vanderbilt families that were in Rockland County....

US WORLD WAR I DRAFT REGISTRATIONS

(FROM MATERIAL ORIGINALLY PREPARED BY THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BERGEN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, AND APPEARING IN THEIR PUBLICATION "THE ARCHIVIST")



World War I draft registration records are part of the Records of the Selective Service System (World War I), Records Group 163 and are kept in the Atlanta Branch of the Federal Archives. The mailing address is: National Archives

- Atlanta Branch, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30344.

The records are filed by Draft Board Districts, which normally means by State and by County and in some cases by Township. In New York City each of the City's 83 State Assembly Districts had a Draft Board. Inquiries to the National Archives will need to include the geographical location of the Draft Board at which your ancestor (or other relative) registered in 1917 or 1918. (Note: Thus far, these registration records are not alphabetical by States and probably not by Counties.)

For the genealogist, the most important information shown is the date and place of birth (including town, state, of the registrant - province and country). Also included was the name and place of employment, citizenship status, physical description, and other general information.

The first registration took place Tuesday, June 5, 1917. By Presidential proclamation it was designated as Registration Day, and made a national holiday. The Draft Law required that all men, including aliens, between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive (that is, born between June 6, 1886 and June 5, 1896) had to register. Only those already in military service were exempted. By June 16, over 10 million men were registered, (a number) which exceeded the Census Bureau estimate of civilian males in that age group.

The second registration took place a year later, June 5, 1918. All men who reached 21 years of age since that last registration were required to present themselves to their closest Draft Board. The form was altered slightly. To the genealogist, the biggest change was that it now also included the birthplace of the registrant's father. Also spelled out was the name and address of the nearest kin. Some 800,000 21 year olds were enrolled nationally at this second registration.

A third registration took place August 28, 1918 and netted another 158,000 men who turned 21 since June 5th. The form did not change.

A fourth registration for the draft was expanded to include all men between the ages of 18 and 45 and was held September 12, 1918. Those in military service and those previously registered were exempt. Obviously, a very large number of men were enrolled. The form was revised slightly again.

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