



Genealogical Society of Rockland County

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...

This issue of our newsletter unveils the logo of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County.

The example of a logo B, as shown in an earlier issue of the newsletter was chosen by a majority vote at a meeting last spring. This example showed a river, a bridge, and mountains with trees.

Mr. Robert Murphy, Suffern, N.Y., a member of the Rockland County Historical Society and also a professional artist, rendered these concepts in our logo. We trust everyone will be pleased with this representation of our Society, which will be placed on our newsletters, letterheads, and any future publications.

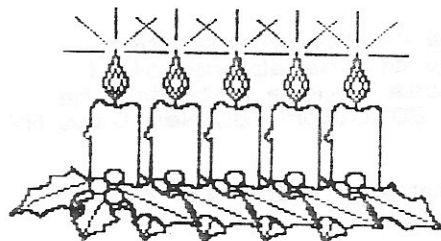
Before the end of the year we hope to have a brochure printed which will be placed in all the local libraries and historical societies and trust that our membership will be increased and that many new members will attend meetings and take part in long and short term projects.

Marie Koestler

SURNAME INDEX ...

Revised surname index is in the final stages of compilation. If you have not submitted revised or new information, you must do so IMMEDIATELY if you hope to be represented.

Please refer to the March/June 1988 newsletter for detailed instructions. The new index will be mailed before Christmas.



AVAILABILITY OF VITAL RECORDS THREATENED ??

FROM A LETTER FROM DORIS DOUGLAS,
CAPISTRANO BEACH, CA. FROM "THE SEARCHER".
NOV., 1988

Ohio vital statistics may not be available to researchers unless we take immediate action. An amended House Bill No. 790 which has a section on vital records (Section 3705.23) gives the local registrar at the County Health Department the right to permit or NOT to permit the inspection of vital records. Access would be limited to persons who have a "direct and tangible interest" in the record. The bill designates those having such an interest. Genealogists ARE NOT included in the list.

The bill, having passed the Ohio House, is currently with the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. You are urged to write a letter to the committee. Let them know how important these vital records are to everyone, not just genealogists and historians, particularly the knowledge of recurring health problems as shown on death certificates.

The section also outlines the data to be included on a birth records, i.e. name, sex, date of birth, registration date, and place of birth. NO PARENTS' NAMES OR INFORMATION WILL BE INCLUDED. No longer will this most acceptable and reliable source of primary evidence be available.

Provided one may submit satisfactory cause to be permitted to have a certificate, there is no proviso which indicates what the Director demands for his 'approval' for an uncertified copy of a certificate. An additional fee?

IF OHIO DOES THIS WHAT STATE WILL BE NEXT:
YOURS, MINE, ALL STATES ?
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OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

DESCENDANTS OF FOUNDERS OF NEW JERSEY is an organization that seeks to establish, preserve, and publish direct descent from a Founder prior to 31 December 1685 O.S.; a Founder defined as one who was a settler or one who financed the settlement of others in any area now within the borders of the state of New Jersey.

If you think you may qualify and are interested in membership, write Mrs. William A. Smith, Registrar General, 850-A Thornhill Court, Lakewood, NJ 08701.

WESTCHESTER SOCIETY LIBRARY MOVE

The library of the Westchester County Genealogical Society has moved from its former location to the Yorktown Branch Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Route 134 East, Yorktown, NY.

Current hours are Tues. 7-9 PM, Wed. 9:30 AM-12:30 PM and 7-9 PM, Thurs. 9 AM-12 PM and 7-9 PM, Sun. 12:30-2 PM.

U.S. ARCHIVES TO GET NEW HEAD AT LAST

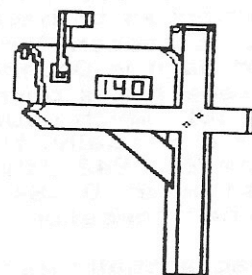
Historian Don. W. Wilson is expected to be confirmed as the U.S. Archivist within the next few weeks. He is generally thought to be highly qualified for the position. State and local histories are of particular interest to him and he hopes to make "researchers and the public more comfortable, less intimidated about using the archives." He also hopes to increase awareness of the pertinence of much of the national holdings to state, region, and local issues.



Editor's Note: We considered including a form letter in the newsletter for everyone to "fill in the blanks" and mail to the Ohio State House. I know from contact with government officials on other issues that such form letters do not carry as much weight as individually composed letters on a given issue. Most of us write many, many letters in search of genealogical information. One more for a good cause shouldn't be too much strain. If you are concerned about the possible denial of public access to vital records, please express your concerns in a letter to :

The Honorable David L. Hobson
Ohio State House
Columbus, OH 43215

Thank you.



LETTERS FROM MEMBERS

FROM PRISCILLA MCELVEIN,
4612 ROUND FOREST
CIRCLE, MTN. BROOK, AL
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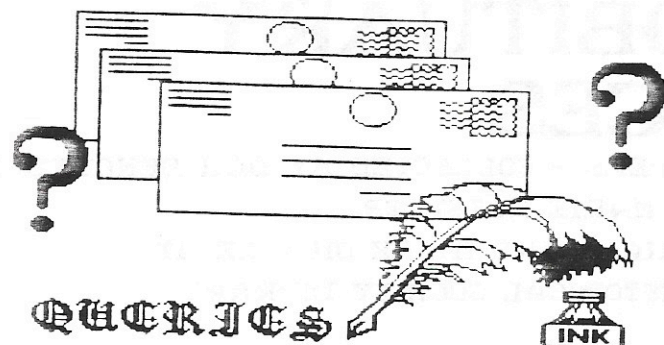
...I sure wish I could find someone who was interested in the Seaman lines in Rockland County. Perhaps everybody has already traced their individual lines and pay no attention to requests for information about the name. My puzzle is that I can go back to a Joseph C. Seaman who married Helen Edward in 1823 - and they are both buried with a Cornelius Seaman, d. 1864 m. Sara Vander Bilt - but I cannot really connect this Cornelius with his past nor prove that Joseph b. 1802 was his son. There were so many Seamans in the area - it hard to sort them all out !

FROM DEBORAH KIRWAN, HAMPTON, NH
You asked for the person who had a light green notebook paper with names Van Houten, Eckerson, Mayer, Vanderbilt, and Nagle to contact you.

Well, I don't remember thing anything on light green notebook paper, but I would like to be put in touch with anyone else who answers, because these are all my names ! I want to meet someone else with these names ! Thanks !

(Editor's Note: No one else replied to my inquiry, and I'm still not sure where the paper came from.)

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QUERIES

DEGRAW/DEGRAY - I am interested in information on the DEGRAW/DEGRAY family and am searching for a possible daughter, Charity, born about 1780 or 1782. Abraham POST married a Charity about 1802 or 1803 and I have an indication she was a DEGRAW/DEGRAY. Their first son Abraham was born 1803 and second son John born in 1807. I had thought that perhaps father would be John, because of the name of the second son. According to Robert's NY in the Revolution (p.158) there were four persons (Cornelius, John, Luke William) who served in the Orange Co. militia. I have checked Cole's History of Rockland County but no help there. Do you have any other details in your files concerning this family which might help to prove that Charity was the daughter of one of the above DEGRAWS? Elaine E. Johnston, 3205 Falcon Lane, #117, Wilmington, DE 19808

DYKENS - see ROSE

FELTER, Need information Christina FELTER (bp 1724) m. Jacob HOPPER (bp 1731). Ch: Maretje, Johannes, and Peter. Joan Brooks, 157 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

HOPPER, see FELTER

HUYLER, Seeking records of house owned in Nanuet, NY by (John ?) HUYLER, bought for his mother Huldah Requa HUYLER and his sister ? Also seek death record of Huldah-moved from Nanuet to burial in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Mrs. Catherine Leslie, 229 Chestnut St., Englewood, NJ 07631

JONES, Need information on Richard JONES Sr., of Stony Point, Rockland Co., NY (b. ca 1794, d. 1848) and wife Elizabeth (b. ca. 1796). Ch: John, Daniel, Catherine, Rachel, Elizabeth, Mary, Richard Jr., William and Benjamin. Joan Brooks, 157 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

MATHERS - see SCOTT

POST - see DEGRAW

ROSE - Need information Henry ROSE of Stony Point, Rockland Co., NY (d.1843) and wife Mary (Polly) DYKENS (b. ca. 1841, d. after 1855). Ch: Alfred, George, Henry H., James H., William, Abraham, Harriet, Amy, Ann, Martha, Luvina, Jane and Matthew. Joan Brooks, 157 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

ROSE - Need information Jacob ROSE Sr., of Stony Point, Rockland Co., NY (d 1803-4) and wife Emma. Ch: Jacob Jr., Henry, John, George, Martin, William, and James. Joan Brooks, 157 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

SCOTT - Need information William SCOTT of Ladentown, Rockland Co., NY (b. ca 1812, d. after 1880) and wife Mary Anne MATHERS (b. ca. 1822). Ch: Catherine, William, Elias, Mary Jane, Emma, and James Hamilton. Joan Brooks, 157 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

SEAMAN - see "Letters From Members" this issue

SMITH - Need information Edward SMITH (d.1806) and wife Eve of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY. Ch: John Ed., Edward, Gershom, Benjamin, Anne, Mary and Phebe. Joan Brooks, 157 Washburn Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980

VANDERBILT - see "Letters From Members" this issue

NEW YORK CITY DIRECTORY A RESEARCH BARGAIN

For those researchers with 19th century ancestors who may have resided in New York City or Brooklyn, the City Directory listings provide valuable information in the form of business and residential addresses as well as the nature of the person's business or trade. The Municipal Archives at 31 Chambers St., NYC, NY 10007, offers a City Directory search at \$1.00 per name. However, the New York Historical Society offers a comprehensive search for all years and all boroughs for a flat fee of \$5.00 per name. The address is: The New York Historical Society, Attn: Reference Librarian, 170 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024-5194 (R. Randt)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF DEATH/NOTICE	AGE	PAGE
Smart	Eleanor Poirer	16 March 1972	89 yrs.	S-17
Smith	(no name)	d. 1835 ?	6 m.	T-1
Smith	Anna Curtis	15 October 1980	79 yrs.	S-17
Smith	Charles	d. June 1936	70 yrs.	S-17
Smith	Charles G.	d. 19 March 1919	71 yrs.	S-17
Smith	Dr. ? Rev. Sol.	d. 1835 ?	80 yrs.	T-1
Smith	Frank V.	9 October 1976	89 yrs.	S-18
Smith	George L.	24 January 1979	81 yrs.	S-18
Smith	Harry Hale	d. February 1965	no age	S-19
Smith	Jacob F.	11 April 1936	62 yrs.	S-18
Smith	Jacob V.	17 May 1911	89 yrs.	S-18
Smith	James	31 May 1932	50+ yrs.	S-17
Smith	Margaret	b.12/16/1842-d.11/7/1939	92 yrs.	S-18
Smith	Mary	2 November 1908	84y. 8m.	24S-17
Smith	Sarah	d. 1835 ?	5 yrs.	T-1
Smith	Shirley	24 April 1911	18 yrs.	S-19
Snedeker	Gardner T.	d. 2 January 1939	86 yrs.	S-20
Snedeker	Mary E.	d. June/July 1907	no age	S-20
Soluri	Francis A.	4 April 1979	70 yrs.	S-20
Soper	Cary E.	b.3/23/1886-d.3/7/1904	18 yrs.	S-20
Soper	Martha F.	24 June 1916	no age	S-20
Sorace	Edward J.	d. 23 October 1974	71 yrs.	S-20
Speck	Oscar O.	15 July 1912	55 yrs.	S-21
Speh	George	16 May 1973	76 yrs.	S-21
Spicci	Mattia	2 April 1980	84 yrs.	S-22
Spissinger	Annabelle M.	d. 18 January 1978	77 yrs.	S-22
Spissinger	John G.	8 July 1957	55 yrs.	S-22
Springer	John A.	b.2/27/1895-d.11/12/1978	81 yrs.	S-22
Springstead	F. Weiant	12 July 1977	no age	S-23
Springstead	Helen L.	22 August 1975	84 yrs.	S-23
Springstead	Mary	3 February 1979	70 yrs.	S-24
Springstead	Robert	1 January 1911	50 yrs.	S-24
Springstead	William H.	1 December 1911	no age	S-24
Springsteel	William	4 July 1933	72 yrs.	S-23
Springsteen	Abraham Lincoln	30 April 1936	74 yrs.	S-23
Springsteen	Elizabeth	11 June 1860	21y. 7m. 28d.	S-23
Springsteen	Mrs. ?	no date	no name	S-23
Spruill	G. Lillian	7 January 1982	64 yrs.	S-24
Staegemann	no name	d. May 1908	3 m.	S-26
Stagg	Lulu	30 November 1919	40 yrs.	S-25
Stahlmann	Adolph	d. 1958	no age	S-26
Stahlmann	Elsie L. Adams	b.5/17/1902- 3/28/1982	79 yrs.	S-26
Stalter	Alfred	b.11/11/1865- 12/21/1937	74 yrs.	S-25
Stalter	Daisy	29 September 1977	86 yrs.	S-25
Stalter	Ralph P.	5 February 1959	73 yrs.	S-25
Stalter	Thomas N.	b.9/15/1926- 2/12/1982	55 yrs.	S-25
Stanko	Steven J.	d. 1968	no age	A-2
Stanley	Patrick	7 March 1904	88 y. 10 m.	S-26
Stanton	William A.	20 November 1911	88 yrs.	S-26
Stecz	Michael	23 April 1908	no age	S-27

BOOK NEWS -

Yvonne Yare of New City Library notes that New City Library has a circulating copy of Robert Ernst's book, "Immigrant Life in N.Y. City 1825-1883" which was reviewed in the last issue of this newsletter by member Richard Randt.

NEW AT NEW CITY LIBRARY:

New York 1860 South - "Index to U.S. Census, 1860, New York" Includes Albany, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Nassau, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Westchester.

Huberman, Robert H. and Tanis, Laura. "Video Family Portraits", Bowie, MD., Heritage Books, 1987.

Moos, Dorothy. "Blauvelt Family Genealogy," (rev. ed.) V.1, First Six Generations. Association of Blauvelt Descendants.

New York (State) Sec. of State. "Calendar of New York Colonial Manuscripts" Indorsed land papers, 1643-1803. Comp. by E.B. O'Callaghan. 1988 reprint of 1864 ed.

Deputy, Marilyn. "Register of Federal Military Records: a Guide to Manuscript Sources Available at Genealogy Library in Salt Lake City & Nat'l Archives in Washington, D.C." 3 vols. (V.1, 1775-1860, V.2, Civil War, V.3. 1866-WW II)

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Filby, William, comp. "Directory of American Libraries with Genealogy and Local History Collections." Wilmington, Delaware, Scholarly Resources, 1988 (where to look, library hours, whether they charge for search, etc.)

Scott, Kenneth. "Nineteenth Century Apprentices in New York City." National Genealogical Society, 1986 (includes adoptions)

Coldham, Peter. "Complete Book of Emigrants, 1607-1660." Baltimore, MD, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1987. (a comprehensive listing from English public records of those who took ship to the Americas for political, religious, and economic reasons)

Kemp, Thomas. "Vital Records Handbook." Forms you can photocopy and where to write for birth, marriage, death records from each state, DC., also N.Y. City, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Canadian Provinces, England, Scotland, Wales & No. Ireland.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP:

_____ INDIVIDUAL (\$10.00) _____ FAMILY (\$15.00)

(MEMBERSHIP YEAR RUNS FROM SEPT. 1 TO AUG. 30)

MY SPECIAL INTEREST OR CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECT IN GENEALOGY

IS: _____