



# Genealogical Society of Rockland County Newsletter

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## NOTICES

✓ **GSRC Surname Index** — A new Surname Index is planned for publication in June 1993. If you would like to request additional surname listings, the deadline for receiving additions is April 1993. Send to GSRC, marked "Surname Index" on outside of envelope.

✓ **Johnsontown Methodist Episcopal Church Records** — GSRC member Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot informs us that Johnsontown ME church records of marriages, births and membership have been missing since the death of Rev. Austin Conklin, the last pastor, in 1970. When he built a new church on Lincoln Street, Sloatsburg, he took with him the records salvaged from the church when it was torn down by the State Park.

His granddaughter recalls that he kept the registers in a locker or a trunk in the attic of his home at 11 Washington Avenue, Sloatsburg. When his widow sold the house in 1977, the furnishings were sold at auction on 11 June 1977.

Does anyone recall attending the auction or purchasing an old trunk there? It may still contain priceless records! The NJ Methodist Conference to which the Johnsontown Church belonged has no copies of the records. The Sloatsburg United Methodist Church was not related to the Johnsontown Church; it belongs to the NY Conference.

✓ **WW I Draft Registration Cards** — According to the Winter 1992 Family History Library News, the LDS Family History Library has a significant new microfilm collection of 24 million cards created during the World War I draft. There were three draft registrations which eventually included all men (whether native born or alien) between the ages of 18 and 45. The information on the cards includes:

- Full Name
- Full date and place of birth
- Race, citizenship, and occupation
- Personal description and signature

Registration cards exist for about 24.2 million men who registered for the draft. Not all of the men who registered actually served in the military; not all men who served in the military registered for the draft. The draft cards are NOT military service records. They have no information about a person's military service. About 4.8 million men actually served in the United States armed forces between

April 1917 and November 1918.

The draft cards are arranged by state, then county or city (except for Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which are arranged by divisions and counties); then alphabetically by the names of the registrants.

The states Alabama through North Carolina are currently available at the Family History Library. The rest will be available when they have been catalogued. To find the microfilm numbers, search the locality section of the FHLC (Family History Library Catalog) under United States — Military Records — World War, 1914-1918.

To obtain microfilm numbers for states not yet listed in the catalog write to the Correspondence Unit, 35 North Temple Street, Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT 84150.

Some World War I service and burial records are available from the Family History Library. Look in the locality section of the catalog under [STATE] — Military Records. Official World War I military service records can also be requested by next of kin and

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## Upcoming Meetings and Events

Regular meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of every month (except July, August, and December) at the Historical Society of Rockland County, 20 Zukor Road, New City, N.Y.

Meeting time is 7:45 p.m.

No meeting in December

Jan 25.....Speaker: Ellen McGuire, teacher of adult education genealogy course

Feb 23.....Speaker: Bertil Taube, on Swedish genealogy

## OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

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The Newsletter of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County is published four times a year, in mid-month of September, December, February and May.

The deadline for submitting material for inclusion in the Newsletter is the 25th of the month preceding issue date. Send items and articles to Pat Wardell, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 78 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401.

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others with stated needs. Make requests to the National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

✓ **On Computer at the Suffern Library** — according to GSRC member Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, services available at the Suffern Library include PHONE DISC, an alphabetical listing for residences in the U.S. Type in a name and get a listing of people in the U.S. with that last name (a useful tool for genealogists). To find out who owns a book you are looking for, check the Southeastern Library Resources Council CD ROM. Type the author, subject or title you need and you will get a listing of the libraries in the region that own copies of the book you need. This index is updated twice a year.

✓ **The Newberry Library in Chicago, Illinois** — The Newberry Library in Chicago, a privately-endowed, independent research library is nationally known for its local history, family and genealogy collections. Founded in 1887 under the will of Walter Loomis Newberry, the library building was completed in 1893 with an open shelf collection; in the 1930s it was converted to a closed stack library (allow ample time for researching via the closed stack arrangement, still in use). If you expect to be in Chicago, call the Library 312-943-9090 for hours and further information.

## GSRC JOTTINGS

♦ **Notes from the Editor** — Many thanks to Marie Koestler, Les Baisley, and Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot for contributing information for this issue of the newsletter.

We wish we had unlimited stacks of information from which to choose when we put each newsletter together, but the truth is, we're dependent on our members for the information we publish. And so we really appreciate those members who collect and share information with us! You can make your newsletter more useful by submitting material for publication — your own research, tips or compilations, or items you find in other publications or sources. If you find something that may be of interest to our readers, please send it or a copy (with name and date of publication it appeared in so that we can give proper credit) to : Pat Wardell, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 78 Edgewood Road, Allendale, NJ 07401.

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♦ **Membership Status** — As of November 24, 1992, out of a total of 148 memberships, 102 have been paid, leaving a balance of 46 unpaid. Thanks to all for the prompt response.

♦ **Surname Index** — A new Surname Index is planned for publication in June 1993. If you'd like to update or list additional surnames in this new edition, please send them by April 1993 to Mrs. Marie Koestler, 198 Braunsdorf Road, Pearl River, NY 10965.

♦ **GSRC Newsletter** — We receive many kind comments on our newsletter (thank you very much!), such as the following from Mrs. Catherine McIntire Leslie: "The newsletter is the most user-friendly helpful of all the others I receive. Excellent job."

We have a number of back issues of the newsletter on hand, which we will be happy to send on a first-come, first-served basis for the cost of postage (29¢). When ordering, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope (in case we are "sold-out" and must return your stamps), a 29¢ stamp for each issue wanted, a mailing label with your name & address for each issue wanted, and a list of issues wanted. Send requests to Genealogical Society of Rockland County, c/o Historical Society of Rockland County, 20 Zukor Rd., New City, NY 10956 and mark outside of envelope "Newsletter Back Issues."

### Newsletter Back Issues Available

(the number on hand of each issue in parentheses)

Vol. I, No. 1, March 1986 (19)

Vol. I, No. 2, June 1986 (9)

Vol. I, No. 3, December 1986 (9)

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## ACCESSIONS

*Recent acquisitions of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County, compiled by Marie Koestler*

"Ellis Island — Gateway to America," pamphlet, gift of J. Ohliger.

Colonial Dutch Studies. An Interdisciplinary Approach, edited by Eric Nooter and Patricia U. Bonomi. New York University Press, New York and London, 1988. Gift of Greater Ridgewood Historical Society, Ridgewood, NY.

Passengers to America: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, edited by Michael Tepper. Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., Baltimore, 1988. Gift of Greater Ridgewood Historical Society, Ridgewood, NY.

Xerox copy of Federal Census, 1800, Queens County, Long Island, New York. Gift of Greater Ridgewood Historical Society, Ridgewood, NY.

Index to Baptismal Surnames in the Reformed Churches of: Claverack, Cortlandt, Fishkill, Gallatin/Ancram, Gravesend, Hillsdale/Krum, Kaatsbaan/Saugerties, Kinderhook, Linlithgo/Livingston, Philipsburgh/Tarrytown, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook/Old Red Hook/Upper, Reyn Beeck/Pink's Corner, Rhinebeck Flatts, Rochester/Accord, compiled by Wilson Ledley, 1963, including a Guide to Churches, Records, and Sources by Barbara Williamemann Stankowski and Harry Macy, Jr. The Holland Society, 1990. Anonymous gift.

French and French-Canadian Family Research, Summit Publications, Munroe Falls, Ohio, 1989. Anonymous gift.

Americans of Jewish Descent: A Compendium of Genealogy, compiled by Malcolm H. Stern, Genealogist, American Jewish Archives. Ktav Publishing House, Inc., New York, 1971. Anonymous gift.

Directory of New York State County and Municipal Historians, 1984. Anonymous gift.

History of Westchester County, by J. Thomas Scharf, A.M., L.L.D., 1992 reprint of 1886 edition, 2 vols. plus index of personal names. Purchase.

## QUERIES

*Queries will be published in the newsletter as space permits. It would be helpful if querists would submit their queries beginning with surnames concerned in the query listed alphabetically. Please keep queries clear, but concise, and include dates and locations whenever possible. Send queries to Pat Wardell, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 78 Edgewood Road, Allendale, NJ 07401.*

*When answering a query, please send a copy of the answer to the Genealogical Society of Rockland County for our files and for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Many thanks.*

14. RUSSELL, SUTHERLAND — Need information on James Sutherland family, descendants. Son Eli born Haverstraw, Rockland Co., NY 1799. James apparently born ca. 1776. Both moved to Tompkins/Seneca Co., NY and then on to Michigan in 1843. Eli Sutherland m. Thankful Russell somewhere in NY. Thankful had at least one brother, Alson, and her mother's name was Margaret, born ca. 1777. Thankful Russell was born ca. 1804 in Fishkill, Dutchess Co., or in Westchester Co., NY. Robert H. Ball, 180 Orchard Lane, Skandia, MI 49885

15. CONKLIN/CONCKLIN — Seeking parents of William B. Conklin/Concklin, b. ca. 1817 Rockland, m. Ann Eliza Dater of Tallman/Airmont. She inherited part of farm of her grandfather Richard (Derek) Bush. William's mother was Jemima -?-; father probably John or James. May be a Bogert connection. M. Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974

16. JAYCOX/JACOX — Seeking information on Martha \_\_\_\_ Jaycox. Peter Krell's Vol. I (p. 125) Clarkstown, Rockland Co. burials says Martha b. 15 Aug 1749, d. 15 Feb 1822, wife of Bowers, buried Snyder Cemetery, Valley Cottage. Wish to mark her grave. Does an old map of the cemetery exist? Rev. War pensioner Bowers Jaycox enlisted from Warwick, Orange Co. He was b. CT 1745, d. 2 May 1836 in Mt. Pleasant, Westchester Co. Burial site unknown. Proven children: Elias (wife Sophia); my gr. gr. grandfather Timothy (wife Eliz. Onderdonk); Ann (wife of Henry Onderdonk) lived Mt. Pleasant. Will exchange Jaycox data on line back to England. Loyola T. Vuolo, 6 Oak Lane, Verona, NJ 07044-2231

17. KROM, REED/REID/RIDT, FLORUS FALLS, SCOTLAND HILL, REED POND — I have just read the issue of the newsletter which includes a reference to Florus Falls from your Dictionary of Place Names. Florus Krom was one of my ancestors. Could someone please send me a photocopy of p. 30 from Frank B. Green's History of Rockland County and/or

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any other material you might have on Florus Falls. I understand there is a new subdivision called Florus Falls currently being built.

Also, I had Reed (Reid) (Ridt) ancestors who I believe lived first on Scotland Hill and later near Reed Pond. Does anyone have information on either of these place names?

D. Reid Ross, 53 Saddle Lane, Durango, CO 81301

## ANSWERS TO QUERIES...

...to Query No. 2, SECOR, CONKLIN, December 1991 Newsletter:

Jonas Secor married Hannah Conklin at Brick Church, Kakiat, Aug 13, 1797 (Budke).

Hannah MAY be the daughter of Gabriel Conklin s/o Joshua s/o Nicholas<sup>1</sup> (not proved). He died in Haverstraw Twp in 1816, youngest child Hannah. (No wife stated).

James Conklin & Sarah Straut had a son Dirck, b. 26 Feb 1902. James and Sarah were married in 1795. If 1802 is incorrect, this might be your "Derrick." Sarah's father was Dirck Straut. Derrick Conklin m. Mary Ann Secor 10/19/1816 Brick Church.

Miss Miral A. Haubner, who is familiar with Straut genealogy states that Dirck was baptised Brick Church with father (misnamed?) as James Johnson.

James is in the line of John, son of John of Eastchester and a brother of Nicholas<sup>1</sup>.

SECOR: Orange Co. Historical Society, Goshen, has genealogical material on Secor. Gabriel Conklin's mother was Mary Secor of New Rochelle, d/o Jacques, s/o Ambroise Sicard who emigrated to the Huguenot colony at New Rochelle.

MABIE: There is a family history in the New City Library, New City, NY (Rockland Room). I think it's called "Compendium."

— Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

...to Query No. 10, CHEVALIER, JONES, SMITH, September 1992 Newsletter:

JONES — Possibly this is your Oskar Jones. He married Cordelia Johnson born 1867 d/o Adaline Conklin & James J. Johnson of Johnstontown (former), Haverstraw Twp.

Both are buried in the old "Johnson" cemetery near Lake Sebago Beach, Harriman State Park (GS no dates).

Jones is a very large clan in the northern Ramapos. There may have been another Oscar.

If you didn't find him in the Rockland Co. Census, try Orange Co., Tuxedo Twp. There were several Jones families at Little Long Pond (Lake Kanawauke), Tuxedo Twp. Smiths were common in that area and Monroe Twp.

— Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

...to Query re OSBORN, in September 1990 Newsletter:

One of my projects is a history of the YOUNG (Jung) family of Rockland Co., NY and Bergen Co., NJ (German Palatines).

Hendrick Young, who arrived at age 6 (I estimate ca. 1740) married Annatje (Hannah) Osborne — where or when I don't know. He may have lived first in Franklin Twp., Bergen Co., NJ. In the mid-1780's he was living in Kakiat, Rockland Twp. and was named a fence viewer at the first meeting of Ramapo Twp. (1791). Since he was at one time a trustee of Brick Church, I assume he and his wife are buried there. No record, no stone. I continue the Young family from them.

Elizabeth Young, one of their daughters, married Nathaniel Osborn. In the 1790 census for Haverstraw Twp. the family had 1 male, 3 females. Five Osborn children; names and dates if you wish.

Phebe Yong (sic) Osborn, a daughter of Elizabeth and Nathaniel, b. 19 Nov 1800, bp. 22 Feb 1810 Brick Church, sponsors parents. She d. 20 Dec 1877, aged 77, buried Oak Hill Cemetery, Clarkstown, Rockland Co. She m. Henry Goetschius.

Phebe and Henry had a son, John H. Goetschius, b. 6 Mar 1825, d. 3 Mar 1908, age 82, a country store keeper in the 1870 census. He married Phebe Johnson, b. 27 July 1830, d. 24 Oct 1896, age 66. Both are buried Oak Hill Cemetery. (I did not follow the other children of Nathaniel Osborn and Elizabeth Young.)

Another Elizabeth Osborn, dau of John O. Osborn and Catherine —, married 29 Mar 1800 Brick Church, Kakiat, to Jacobus (James) Young, b. 9 Jan 1774, bp. 5 Jan 1775 Brick Church; d. 11 Nov 1802. Sponsors at baptism were Jacobus Waldron (Waldron) & Claesje Quackenbush. His widow was appt. administrator 1803. Father's will left her half the lot he bought from William Van Wart to be held as long as her second husband, John Farber, lived. She could dispose of it (Airmont Rd.) after his death. She d. Nov 1865. John Farber was a widower whom she m. 14 Dec 1806 Brick Church.

Elizabeth had one son, James (Jacobus) Young, Jr., who married three times

— Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

## ...Genealogy with a Chuckle...

Tombstone Inscriptions:

(for a dentist)...Approach this spot with gravity, the doctor is filling his last cavity.

Here lies John Yeast. "Pardon me for not rising."

Here lies the bones of a man named Zeke, second fastest draw at Cripple Creek.

Here lies my wife, here let her lie; she's at rest, and so am I.

Here lies the bones of my favorite honey...he thought the mushrooms tasted funny.

No big loss.



## OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES

✓ **Genealogical Society of Bergen County**— Meetings of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County are held every fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Midland Park, NJ Library. Upcoming programs:

January 25, 1993 — Document Night—Show & Tell. Members to exhibit documents that proved helpful.

February 23, 1993 — Special Interest Groups.

For additional information call 201-444-4319.

✓ **Westchester County Genealogical Society** — The Westchester County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 518, White Plains, NY 10603, holds meetings the second Saturday of each month, September to June at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY. Programs begin at 10:00 a.m. and are open to the public (a \$2 donation is requested of non-members). General membership in the Society is \$20 per year and includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter. Upcoming programs include:

December 12, 1992, Modern Genetics and Old Genealogy, by Anita Lustenberger, Certified in Genetic Counseling; Genealogist.

January 9, 1993, Jewish Genealogical Research, by Gary Mokotoff, President, Jewish Genealogical Society.

February 13, 1993, Sharing Our Questions and Answers: Our Problems and Solutions, an In House Meeting of the Westchester County Genealogical Society.

March 13, 1993, Inside the (NYC) Municipal Archives, by Leonora A. Gidlund and Evelyn Gonzalez, NYC Department of Records and Information Services, Municipal Archives.

April 10, 1993, To the Ol' Sod: Irish Research, by Suzanne McVetty, Officer, Association of Professional Genealogists (APG).

May 8, 1993, The Use of Computers in Genealogical Research, by David Kleiman, New York PC User's Group.

June 12, 1993, (Tentative), Mimi Sherman, Clothing Historian and Curator Merchant's House.

For further information contact WCHGS Vice President of Programs, June Helme at 914-472-7805.

✓ **The Woodbury Historical Society**— Monthly meetings of the Woodbury Historical Society are held the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at the former Rushmore Memorial Public Library, Route 32, Highland Mills, New York, (for more info call 914-928-6770). Their collection, including surname data on file cards and collections in file folders on local subjects, is available for use Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m., Thursdays from 7-9 p.m., and Saturdays 10:30-12:30 p.m., and also by appointment (call 914-928-6479 or 914-928-6479).

Resumes of Past Programs at Meetings of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County

### Researching an Irish Family

*Program presented by Frank and Anne O'Connor at the September 22, 1992 meeting of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County*

Notes by Joan Brooks, Recording Secretary, GSRC

Frank and Anne O'Connor are from Rockland County and have done extensive research on their Irish families as well as other research. They have put in a lot of hard work and research time, with a great deal of success. A lot

of their research was done in the New York City Archives.

Frank noted that when you speak to older relatives about family history, you must be wary of how truthful the material is. He also said one should be very cautious about the accuracy of documents, since he has found several mistakes.

He first became interested in researching his family by talking to his father. When Frank and his sister were youngsters, their father took them to New York City and showed them an old Catholic church [Old St. Patrick's Cathedral (1809-1879)] at the corner of Mott and Prince Streets. There is a cemetery on each side of the church, and Frank's father told them their ancestors were buried there. Years later, his father said his people came over here about 1800, but didn't know what part of Ireland they came from (probably the North). They lived down on Cherry Street (Frank still can't document this), but originally had settled around Troy, New York. Frank's father stated that his great grandfather served in the War of 1812, and after that, moved to New York City. Frank later discovered this was not all true.

Frank handed out several documents and said he would talk about each one.

(1) The first was the death certificate of his grandfather, Bernard O'Connor, who fought in the Civil War with the "Fighting 69th." He noted that there were three 69th's: (1) 69th Militia (mostly Irish) participated in the Battle of Bull Run; (2) Irish Brigade--69th Volunteers ("fighting 69th"); and (3) Corcoran's Brigade--69th National Guard Volunteers. At various times during the Civil War, all three units were fighting in the war — this led to a lot of confusion. His grandfather's death certificate had the wrong date of death (as he found out later)!

(2) The next document was an abstract of the death notice from "The World." This gave the place of burial.

(3) The third document was Catherine O'Connor's (nee Creighton) death certificate, but the birth date was wrong.

(4) He obtained the transcript of their marriage certificate (from his grandfather's pension file).

(5) Anne's great grandfather (who was also in the 69th) — pension records included his certificate of discharge (disability). NOTE: Until 1942, there was only one copy of a discharge made, and that was given to the person being discharged. After 1942, there were other copies. On the disability discharge two copies were always made.

(6) City Directories list head of family, address and occupation. Frank's family (Creighton) lived off Mott Street from early 1850's to 1880's. Anne's family (Lovett) lived at 308 Mott Street (1-1/4 blocks away). It's a small world.

(7) New York City Archives — 1855 New York State Census of New York City. Creighton is spelled Crayten on the census. On the 1870 Federal census it was spelled Craten. Several of the Creighton documents had errors, especially on the ages.

(8) Obituary — Hugh Creighton (spelled Craighton) died in 1875, listed addresses and survivors.

(9) Wills, petitions — Surrogate Court (4th floor, Chambers Street) for New York County. These are filed in the County in which the person last resided. Lists survivors and whether or not there were any minors.

(10) Also at Chambers Street is a listing of naturalizations and declarations of intent to become a citizen. Here Frank found that Hugh filed in 1854 and became a citizen in 1866.

(11) 1850 Census of New York City. He found five Michael O'Connors listed, and since ages were not totally correct, it took a while to narrow it down to the fourth

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Michael O'Connor.

(12) He searched for the death certificate of Michael O'Connor, but couldn't find any record of it. He did find a listing of the death in Maher's Deaths in the New York Herald. In 1851, Michael died at 126-1/2 Orange Street (now Baxter Street) at age 30.

(13) Surrogate Court Index — Letters of Administration. It took Frank a couple of years to get the Petition, which gave a lot of information. He died at Sing Sing (the village), now known as Ossining. That is why the death certificate couldn't be found in New York City.

(14) Baptismal certificates will give the name of the church the children are baptized in, which, in turn, might be the church the parents were married in.

(15) Cemeteries — His grandfather is buried in Old St. Patrick's, but they haven't found the gravesite. In Calvary Cemetery, there were 11 interments in one grave. His great great grandmother was buried there.

(16) They traveled to Troy, New York, to see if they could find something on Frank's grandfather. They visited the Troy Library, which has a small genealogical room. They looked at a list of births and deaths published in the Troy Post. 2nd Lt. Bernard O'Connor's marriage to Mary Kearney in Albany in 1813 was listed there! The minister's name was given, as well as St. Mary's Church in Albany. The Library had the original newspaper.

(17) New York State Library — they found that his pension records said he was 100% disabled.

(18) New York Public Library — they checked the book which listed 1800 deaths in the New York Post. From this, they could get the death certificates.

As Frank reiterated, it is important to be cautious when using information from original sources because mistakes have been made. You should always check the information from another source. ■

## Dictionary of Rockland County Place Names

Compiled by Pat Wardell

This started as a personal project for my own information and it is certainly far from complete. I hope that even in its incomplete form it might be helpful to others, and at least a start for a more complete listing. I hope that members will add to (and correct, if necessary) the information given in this alphabetized series. References are cited. If you find place names in deeds, records, and other documents, I would like to know so that I can add time frames, geographic placements and further information to these usages. —Pat Wardell, 78 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401  
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### Clarksfield

June family cemetery in Doodletown, on a bluff overlooking the south side of a Park reservoir.

- 1871, "Clarksfield"—described in Caleb June's will. Called Lakeside by the Park.

(Thank you to Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot for adding and describing this place name — Pat Wardell)

### Germonds

- A locality in Rockland County, N.Y.
- 1977, "Germonds"—in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen & Rockland Co.

### Grandview

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y. Also Grand View-on-Hudson.

- 1977, "Grandview"—in 1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen & Rockland Co.

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## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Genealogical Society of Rockland County (new members since May 1991; families researching shown in parentheses)

- ◆ Mrs. Florence M. Anderson, 19 Old Nyack Turnpike, Monsey, NY 10952 (Johnson and Strickland)
- ◆ Robert H. Ball, 180 Orchard Lane, Skandia, MI 49885 (Sutherland and Russell)
- ◆ Janet Brown, 5928 Clay Basket Drive, Citrus Heights, CA 95621
- ◆ Ruben S. & Mary K. Brown, 201 West 70th Street, No. 41E, New York, NY 10023-4358 (Rose, Green)
- ◆ Elizabeth O. Carroll, 1254 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104 (Allen, Morris, McBride, Oldstead, Sommer, Hesselbacher)
- ◆ Louis Chanin, 8 Tarry Hill Drive, New City, NY 10956
- ◆ John W. DeRonde, 1170 NE 191 Street, #A-22, N. Miami Beach, FL 33179 (DeRonde)
- ◆ Mr. & Mrs. Lee Feist, 10 Arcadia Drive, New City, NY 10956
- ◆ Mrs. Marianne Frasco, 24 Lowland Hill, Stony Point, NY 10980 (Dickinson)
- ◆ George R. Goetschius, Sr., 582 S. Pascack Road, Spring Valley, NY 10977 (Conklin, Goetschius, Mackey, Kelly, McGeorge, Waldrum, Kessler, Starr)
- ◆ Ms. Leota J. Hosler, 5902 Mt. Eagle Drive, Alexandria, VA 22303 (Mathers, Tremper, Meissner)
- ◆ Mrs. Alice T. Keasler, 903 Jericho Road, Aurora, IL 60506-5924 (Keasler, Barnes)
- ◆ Charles Keasler, 629 East Carson St., #7, Long Beach, CA 90807 (Keesler, Herbert Cemetery)
- ◆ John May, Jr., 31 Woodcliff Lake Road, Saddle River, NJ 07458 (May, Cooper, Gurnee, Carson)
- ◆ Ann McGrade, 14 South Harrison Avenue, Congers, NY 10920
- ◆ Mrs. Ellen W. McGuire, Spring Drive, Tomkins Cove, NY 10986 (Irish heritage)
- ◆ Joseph Montelione, 7 Pine Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980
- ◆ Ms. Linda Parsells, 141 Prospect Street, Nanuet, NY 10954 (Romaine, Fountaine)
- ◆ Raymond Perkins, 34 N. Summit Street, Pearl River, NY 10965
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**1855 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS, ROCKLAND COUNTY**

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**TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT** (Continued from September 1992 issue)

Dwel.	Fam.	Name of every person...1 June 1855	Age	Sex	Col	Relation to head of family	Where born	M/W	Yrs Res	Profession, Trade, Occupation	land owner
169	191	[Baster?Baxter?] June	34	M			Rockland	M	34	None	
		Margaret June	31	F		Wife	Thomkins	M	14		
		Barbary June	8	F		Daughter	Rockland		8		
		Sarah Ann June	5	F		Daughter	Rockland		5		
		Harriet June	3	F		Daughter	Rockland		3		
170	192	Joseph Herbert	37	M			Rockland	M	37	None	
		Ann Eliza Herbert	26	F		Wife	Orange	M	13		
(25)											
		Emma Frances Herbert	5	F		Daughter	Rockland		5		
		George Washington Herbert	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
		Robert D. Herbert	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
171	193	Wm. Henry Herbert	54	M			Rockland	M	54	Farmer	
		Samantha Herbert	35	F		Wife	Orange	M	7	None	
		John M. Herbert	12	M		Son	Orange		7		
		Mary Herbert	6	F		Daughter	Rockland		6		
		Samuel Herbert	4	M		Son	Rockland		4		
		Daniel Herbert	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
172	194	John Weiant	23	M			Rockland	M	23	None	
		Sarah Ann Weiant	20	F		Wife	Mattawan	M	8	None	
		Alice Weiant	1	F		Daughter	Rockland		1		
173	195	Frances Brown	74	M			Weschester	M	40	None	
		Marian Brown	64	F		Wife	Ulster	M	40		
		Stephen Brown	30	M		Son	Rockland		30	None	
		Mary Brown	24	F		Daughter	Rockland		24		
		Matilda [or Marietta?] Brown	10	F		Granddaughter	Rockland		10		
174	196	Hiram Herbert	50	M			Weschester	M	46	Farmer	
		Hannah Herbert	40	F		Wife	Rockland	M	40		
		Sarah Herbert	18	F		Daughter	Rockland		18		
		Josephene Herbert	15	F		Daughter	Rockland		15	None	
		Elector Herbert	12	F		Daughter	Rockland		12		
		Matilda Herbert	9	F		Daughter	Rockland		9		
		Rufus Herbert	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
175	197	Francess Herbert	50	F			Rockland	W	50		
		Charles E. Herbert	15	M		Son	Rockland		15	None	
		Theodore Herbert	11	M		Son	Rockland		11		
		Adelia Herbert	6	F		Daughter	Rockland		6		
176	198	Charles Weiant	42	M			Rockland	M	42	Farmer	
		Elisa Weiant	42	F		Wife	Orange	M	42		
		Woolsey Weiant	17	M		Son	Rockland		17	None	
177	199	Wm. Thomas Rhodes	44	M			England	M	25	Farmer	
		Permela Rhodes	39	F		Wife	Rockland	M	39		
		Wm. Rhodes	22	M		Son	Rockland	M	22	Carpenter	
		Mary Ann Rhodes	20	F		Daughter	Rockland		20		
		Phebe Jane Rhodes	15	F		Daughter	Rockland		15		
		[Leavilla?] Rhodes	13	F		Daughter	Rockland		13		
		Caleb Rhodes	11	M		Son	Rockland		11		
		Algenet Rhodes	9	F		Daughter	Rockland		9		
		John Wesley Rhodes	7	M		Son	Rockland		7		

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		George Washington Rhodes	5	M		Son	Rockland		5		
		Malinda Rhodes	3	F		Daughter	Rockland		3		
178	200	John Keesler	40	M			Rockland	M	40	None	
		Artha Keesler	35	F		Wife	Rockland	M	35		
		James Keesler	16	M		Sopn	Rockland		16	None	
(26)											
		John Keesler	14	M		Son	Rockland		14		
		Philena Keesler	12	F		Daughter	Rockland		12		
		Victorene Keesler	10	F		Daughter	Rockland		10		
		Mary Keesler	8	F		Daughter	Rockland		8		
		Wm. Keesler	6	M		Son	Rockland		6		
		Frances Keesler	4	F		Daughter	Rockland		4		
179	201	John Orison	24	M			Rockland	M	24	None	
		Phebe Ann Orison	24	F		Wife	Orange	M	6/12		
180	202	Caleb June	52	M			Rockland		52	None	Owns
		Minerva June	38	F		Neice	Rockland		38		
181	203	Mary Walsh	78	F			Rockland	W	78	None	Owns
182	204	Jacob June	60	M			Rockland	M	63	Blacksmith	Owns
		Elizabeth June	70	F		Wife	Germany	M	40		
183	205	Abram June	60	M			Rockland		60	Farmer	Owns
		Mary Orison	43	F		Housekeeper	Rockland		43		
		Abram June	12	M		Nephew	Rockland		12		
184	206	John June	30	M			Rockland	M	30	None	
		Catharine June	29	F		Wife	Rockland	M	29		
		Alexander June	4	M		Son	Rockland		4		
		Amelia June	2	F		Daughter	Rockland		2		
		Stephen June	3/12	M		Daughter [sic]	Rockland		3/12		
185	207	John Bulson	45	M			Rockland	M	45	Farmer	Owns
		[Madara?] Bulson	37	F		Wife	Rockland	M	37	Tailoress	
		Adelia Bulson	14	F		Daughter	Rockland		14		
		Amelia Bulson	12	F		Daughter	Rockland		12		
		James Bulson	9	M		Son	Rockland		9		
		Charles Bulson	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
186	208	Sarah Loveless	42	F			Rockland	W	42		
		Egbert Loveless	5	M		Son	Rockland		5		
		Martha Ann Loveless	4	F		Daughter	Rockland		4		
187	209	Thomas T Kimp	22	M			Dutchess	M	8	Gardener	
		Mary Ann Kimp	20	F		Wife	New York	M	17		
		Wm. Thomas Kimp	2	M		Son	Rockland		2		
		Charles W. Kimp	2/12	M		Son	Rockland		2/12		
188	210	Thomas Orison	21	M			Rockland	M	21	Boatman	
		Catharine Orison	15	F		Wife	Rockland	M	15		
189	211	James Smally	29	M			Putnam	M	6/12	None	
		Hannah Smally	28	F		Wife	Weschester	M	6/12	None	
		Wm. Henry Smally	7	M		Son	Dutchess		6/12		
		Sarah Jane Smally	5	F		Daughter	Orange		6/12		
		Zacariah Smally	3	M		Son	Orange		6/12		
		Lara Ann Smally	2	F		Daughter	Orange		6/12		
		Mary E. Smally	6/12	F		Daughter	Rockland		6/12		
190	212	Wm. Kelly	27	M			Ireland	M	2	None	
		Elisabeth Kelly	21	F		Wife	Ireland	M	2		
(27)											
191	213	Daniel Hughes	35	M			Ulster	M	2	Gardener	
		Phebe Hughes	34	F		Wife	Orange	M	2		
		Charles Hughes	12	M		Son	Orange		2		



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		Ann Maria Hughes	6	F		Daughter	Orange		2		
		Josephene Hughes	3	F		Daughter	Orange		2		
		Grant Hughes	4/12	M		Son	Rockland		4/12		
		James McVey	25	M		Boarder	Ireland		5	None	
		Julius Yates	40	M		Boarder	Prussia		2	None	
		Robert McKeand	25	M		Boarder	Scotland		6/12	None	
		James [Kussen?]	22	M		Boarder	Ireland		6/12	None	
		James [Resmison?]	15	M		Boarder	Orange		2	None	
		Miles Call	17	M		Boarder	Rockland		17	None	
		Henry Call	15	M		Boarder	Rockland		15	None	
		Peter [Sherwell?]	40	M		Boarder	Germany		3/12	None	
		Samuel McCormack	25	M		Boarder	Ireland		2	None	
192	214	Catherine Weiant	50	F			Rockland	W	50		Owms
		Andrew Weiant	30	M		Son	Rockland		30	None	
		Wesley Weiant	14	M		Son	Rockland		14		
		Rufus Strait	25	M		Son in Law	Rockland	M	25	None	
		Catharine Strait	20	F		Daughter	Rockland	M	20		
		Isabella Strait	9/12	F		Granddaughter	Rockland		9/12		
193	215	Lorenzo Weiant	34	M			Rockland	M	34	None	
		Emily Weiant	25	F		Wife	Rockland	M	25		
		Albert Weiant	8	M		Son	Rockland		8		
		Andrew Weiant	4	M		Son	Rockland		4		
		Mary Ann Weiant	2	F		Daughter	Rockland		2		
194	216	Mary J. Weiant	45	F			Orange	W	30	None	Owms
		Alpius Weiant	23	M		Son	Rockland		23	Shoemaker	
		Wesley R. Weiant	16	M		Son	Rockland		16	None	
		Mary E. Weiant	10	F		Daughter	Rockland		10		
		George D. Weiant	4	M		Son	Rockland		4		
195	217	John Brower	60	M			Rockland		60	Fisherman	
196	218	[R.?] Brutie	50	M			Switzerland	M	2	Tinker	
		Mrs. Brutie	45	F		Wife	Switzerland	M	2		
		Amanna Brutie	17	M		Son	Switzerland		2		
		John Canister Brutie	15	M		Son	Switzerland		2	None	
		Morris Brutie	13	M		Son	Switzerland		2		
		Lewis Brutie	2	M		Son	Rockland		2		
197	219	Jane Weiant	51	F			Orange	W	18		Owms
		Matilda Weiant	35	F		Daughter	Orange		18		
		Peter Weiant	17	M		Son	Rockland		17	None	
198	219	John Weiant	27	M			Orange	M	2/12	None	
		Sarah E. Weiant	18	F		Wife	Orange	M	2/12		
		Archabald Weiant	4/12	M		Son	Dutchess		2/12		
		Sarah Jane Weiant	16	F		Sister	Orange		8		
(28)											
199	220	Wm. Weiant	22	M			Orange	M	8	None	
		Catharine Weiant	17	F		Wife	Rockland	M	17		

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# A Genealogist's Christmas Eve (Anonymous, abridged)

Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house  
 Not a creature was stirring, not even my spouse  
 The dining room table with clutter was spread  
 With pedigree charts and with letters which said...  
 "Sorry, the data for which you last wrote  
 Sank in a storm on an ill-fated boat."  
 Stacks of old copies of wills and the such  
 Were proof that my work had become much too much  
 Christmas was here, and of such was my lot  
 That presents and goodies and toys I'd forgot

While I was thus musing about my sad plight  
 A strange noise on the lawn gave me such a great fright.  
 When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
 But an overstuffed sleigh and eight tiny reindeer  
 Santa spoke not a word, but went straight to his work  
 And filled all the stockings (I felt like a jerk)  
 "Tonight," Santa said, "I've seen lots of worn faces"  
 So he gave me a book full of names, dates and places  
 For which I'd been searching, for which I'd been begging  
 Then up the chimney he rose, with a tug at his legging  
 And I heard him exclaim as he flew out of sight  
 "Family History's fun! Merry Christmas! Goodnight!"

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