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Bus Trip to Liberty State Park — Ellis Island

Saturday, October 8, 1994

- Bus leaves at 8 am and returns at 5 pm
- Park at parking lot next to Empire Tobacco Co., Middletown Rd., Pearl River (at E. Central Ave., opposite Shop-Rite)
- Cost: \$17.50 per person, which includes roundtrip bus fare and admission to Ellis Island.
- This trip, sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Rockland County, is open to members, friends, family, and non-members. If this trip is successful, we will plan others.
- Make check payable to Genealogical Society of Rockland County and mail, with name, address, and phone number of participant(s), to: Robert Protzmann, Treasurer, 4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956.

For additional information, call Marie Koestler (914-623-4046), Bob Protzmann (914-634-6539) or Roy Scheulen (914-359-10787)

and includes maps, photos and genealogical and general indexes. Nearly 200 years ago, John Coffey, an Irish gentleman farmer and Supervisor of Monroe Twp., Monroe Co., laid out this cemetery for his family on his farm. The book sketches the history of the area from the Cheesecoke Patent, describes the

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✓ Verveelen Genealogy — Bob

Protzmann has compiled and printed a draft of a 95-page genealogy of the Verveelen (Van Valin, Ver Valen, etc.) Family of Rockland and Bergen Counties, along with an everyname index (including all male and female lines). Copies have been donated to the Rockland and Bergen County Genealogical Societies, the Rockland County Historical Society, and the New City Library. The work is continuing and Bob is looking for additional information for a revised edition. Work is also in progress on a Benson Family genealogy of the Rockland and Bergen County family, descended from Dirck Benson of Groeningen and Haarlem, NY. A third work in progress covers the descendants of Thomas Baddie, and includes the Blanck and Brouwer families, and many Snedens, Ferdon/Verdons, Vanderbeeks, Harings, Gesners, Lawrences, Tallmans, Wilseys, Snedikers, Conklins, Posts, etc. of Rockland and Bergen Counties. Write Bob Protzmann at 4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956.

✓ Coffey/Galloway Cemetery — “Ye

Olde Coffey Grounds” by Marjorie Smeltzer-Stevenot is her latest book, dealing with the Coffey/ Galloway Cemetery at Woodbury Common in Central Valley, NY. The book is 6" x 8-3/4", 68 pages, Bristol cover,

Upcoming Meetings and Events

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

Meeting time is 7:45 p.m.

Sep 27Regular Meeting. Program: “Vanishing Rockland,” a slide show by Bob Burghardt of his paintings of Rockland County structures no longer extant.

Oct 25Regular Meeting. Peter Scheibner, Rockland County Archivist, will talk about the job of archivist, and will speak on what is available for research at the County Clerk's Office and how to use the records there. This meeting will be held at the Rockland County Clerks Office, 27 New Hempstead Rd., New City, NY.

Nov 22Regular Meeting. Program to be announced.

No meeting in December.

Jan 24Regular Meeting. Bob Devino, Librarian, on “What's New in the Rockland Room.” This meeting will be held at the Rockland Room, New City Library, 220 North Main Street, New City, NY.

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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local school and churches, and traces the ownership of the land from John Coffey to E. H. Harriman. Genealogical tables identify nearly 300 descendants of the cemetery's occupants — Coffey, Galloway, Dickerman, Goff, and related surnames. The book is \$10.95 per copy, plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Send checks and orders to M. Smeltzer-Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974.

✓ **Settlers of the Dutchess County, NY Beekman Patent** — The second volume of "The Settlers of the Beekman Patent" is now available from the author, Frank J. Doherty. This 1200+ page volume of genealogical records concerns over 120 families who settled in the present towns of Pawling, Dover, Beekman, Union Vale, and part of LaGrange. Volume two includes Beekman Patent families Abbot through Burtch and hundreds of others are found in the 200+ page index. These family histories contain data from leases, legal actions, local newspapers, wills, deeds and mortgages, church records, gravestones, and many previously unpublished sources. Volume two is \$85 plus tax for NY State residents. Volume one is still available (the price for both volumes is \$150.) Send check and order to Frank J. Doherty, 181 Freedom Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569. For additional information call 914-221-2224.

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AT THE NEW CITY LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions (as of April 24, 1994) at the Rockland Room of the New City Library, compiled by Bob Devino, Local History Librarian.

These and other new works can be found on the window ledge in the Rockland Room. Please return these new books to this same area when you are done with them. Thanks for your help.

Location Index of Rockland County Maps: This book is an undated, hand-written index of property locations and ownership information corresponding with the County Clerk's master map location index. It is broken down by community, and provides detailed property boundaries on lots purchased in the late 19th through early 20th centuries. The New City Library acquired this item through an estate auction, and will be returning it to the County Clerk's Office, where it properly belongs. In return, we will receive a microfilmed copy of the index, as well as a microfilmed copy of the master index. In the meantime, anyone wishing to see this useful research tool can do so by speaking to any of the library staff.

- 912 Off The Official Maps of New York (The National Survey, n.d.)
- 917. 473 Bru The Hudson River By Daylight, Wallace Bruce (Bryant Literary Union, 1884 [1890] [1891])
- 974. 7 Pow Historic Towns of the Middle States, edited by Lyman P. Powell (G.P. Putnam & Sons, 1899)
- 929. 373 Ger Germans to America: Lists of Passengers Arriving at U.S. Ports, edited by Ira A. Glazier and P. William Filby (Scholarly Resources, Inc., 1994) Vol. 37 December 1880-April 1881; Vol. 38 April 1881-May 1881
- 342. 742 Dav A Rumor of Revolt: The "Great Negro Plot" in Colonial New York, T. J. Lewis (The Free Press, 1985)
- 974. 737 Hor The Greene County Catskills: A History, Field Horne for the Greene County Historical Society (Black Dome Press, 1994)
- 929. 373 Pas Passenger and Immigration Lists Index, 1994 Supplement edited by P. William Filby and Paula K. Woolverton (Gale Research, Inc., 1994)
- 974. 724 History of the Dutch Congregation of Oyster Bay, Henry A. Stoutenburgh, Vol. I

- Sto copyrighted 1902 by author; Vol. II
copyrighted 1904 by author
974. History of Albany, New York, Arthur James
741 Weise (E. H. Bender, 1884)
Wei
- 974 History of Dutchess County, New York,
Smi James H. Smith (D Mason & Co., 1882)
- 974 History of Columbia County, New York,
Ell Captain Franklin Ellis (Everts & Ensign,
1878)
759. George Inness, Nicolai Cikovsky, Jr. (Henry
13 N. Abrams, Inc., Publishers, 1993)
Cik
929. The Scandinavian Genealogical Helper,
1 edited by Elly M. Poulsen and Gay P.
Kowallis (The Everton Publishers, July 1969-
April 1972)
911. New York Atlas of Historical County
747 Boundaries, John H. Long, Editor (Simon &
Schuster, 1993) ■

LETTERS

From Annette L. Burke, 43 Summit Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660 (May 1994) —

I offer a "discovery" that some people might not know about — the amendment of an official document.

I had sent for a certified copy of my father's death certificate and, much to my shock and dismay, found that his mother's maiden name was listed as "Unknown"! She's the Van Orden through which I am tracing our family genealogy and, since my father's birth and baptismal records had been destroyed by fire many years ago, I needed his death certificate listing his parents' names needless to say.

I contacted the State Bureau of Vital Statistics, enclosing a copy of his parents' church and civil marriage documents. They sent me a very brief form to fill out and have notarized stating that, upon its receipt, they would amend the certificate and send me a certified copy of the corrected document.

If this can prove to be of help to one person in search for his or her heritage, I'll feel that I have contributed something. ■

Dues Reminder

Dues are now payable for membership in the
Genealogical Society of Rockland County,
September 1994- August 1995.

\$10 individual

\$15 family

A renewal card is enclosed with this newsletter.

Send check made payable to the Society to:

Bob Protzmann, Treasurer,

4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956

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 provide identifying data — including names, 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 this editor for our files and for possible inclusion in future newsletters. Many thanks.

48. **STRAUT, DEMAREST** — Seek information, descendants of Peter J. Straut, b. 1830 and wife, Leah Catherine Demarest, b. 1836. Resided Ramapo 1892. Leah is daughter of Catherine Post and Thomas Demarest.

— Carol Miles, 3316 S. Park Ave., Joplin, MO 64804

49. **POST** — Seek information on Post families residing Ramapo, Rockland, NY 1800-early 1900s. In particular, family of Catherine Post, b. abt. 1811, Ramapo. Married (1) Thomas Demarest, (2) John Hicks. Resided Bergen County, NJ late 1800s. Who were her parents and siblings?

— Carol Miles, 3316 S. Park Ave., Joplin, MO 64804

50. **COSGROVE, HARING, DEMAREST** — Seek information, descendants of James Cosgrove, b. 1857 NJ, d. 1938 Nyack, NY. He married 1888 Sarah Haring Demarest.

— Carol Miles, 3316 S. Park Ave., Joplin, MO 64804

51. **PRICE** — Seek information on a PRICE Restaurant in the Suffern-Hillburn area about 1915. Was it owned by James W. Price and his second wife Ellen Carmichael? Do any pictures of the restaurant exist? What newspapers would have carried information of this restaurant in this time period? Also need date, place of their marriage. Marriage took place between 1900 and 1905. They were both in the employ of the Snow family of Hillburn at time of marriage. No record with Ramapo Town Clerk. Any suggestions appreciated.

— Carol Miles, 3316 S. Park Ave., Joplin, MO 64804

52. **CRUM** — For a genealogy on the Crum family, I would like to correspond with ancestors of the Rockland County Crums, as well as any person interested in sharing charts and information on the family. When finished, I plan to send a copy to the RCGS for its library.

— Jane S. Ten Eyck, 1022 South Pegasus Place, Lafayette, CO 80026

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53. DEMSE, FREELAND, TERHUNE, VREELAND, VAN WINKLE (ASHLEY, SCHOONMAKER) — Seeking parents of Margrit A. (Margaret) Demse (Denyse?, Dempsey?), b. ca. 1753, m. Peter Vreeland (Freeland in 1800s) 10 Dec 1780 Hackensack, NJ, d. 12 July 1850 Pompton, NJ. Family lived in Hackensack during Revolutionary War and she received Widow's Pension W18226. Peter d. 28 Nov 1827 - interred Little Ferry, NJ. Sons: Hessel, Isaac William, Samuel, Marcus, John, Peter, Nicholas. Daughters: Elizabeth and Eva (who m. Isaac Schoonmaker). I am descended from Samuel, m. Abigail (Ashley?). Peter's parents: Johannes Vreeland and Effie Terhune. Grandparents: Isaac Enochse Vreeland and Tryntje Simese Van Winkle (Winckel), m. 1706 Hackensack, NJ.
— Mrs. E. Ackeret, 704 Juanita Way, Roseville, CA 95678-4326

54. ROSE, WEIANT/WEYANT/WEYGANT — Seek parents, birthplace, death date and death place of Mary J. (for Jane?) Rose "of Orange Co." born 1810, who was married to George Weiant (1808-1855) of Haverstraw, Rockland Co., NY, by Rev. Hosea Bull at First Presbyterian Church, Monroe Township, Orange Co., 23 Oct 1825. Child Alpheus born in Orange Co., Wesley Rose, Mary Emeline, Lucy A., and George D. all born in Haverstraw Township, Rockland Co.
— Donald A. Sanborn, 94-654 Hikianalia Place, Mililani, HI 96789-2102

55. WARDELL/WANDELL, CONKLIN — I am interested in the connection of the Wardell/Wandell/Wondell/Wandle family with the Concklin family. Ezekial Concklin of Pomona (he died in 1811) had a daughter Hannah who married James Wardell. I noted somewhere that John Wardell moved from Tappan to Haverstraw Twp. in 1794. William G. Conklin b. ca. 1820 (I'm searching for his parents) married Sabrina Hattie Wright, daughter of Francis Wright and Esther/Hester Conklin — lived in the vicinity of Ladentown. Their son Francis (Frank) had a son Jacob Wordell Conklin. Is there a connection? Conklins in the Tappan/Palisades area married Wadelin and Wandelingeo — probably the same? Is there a Wandel genealogy? My chief objective is to find the parents of William G. Conklin — his mother might have been a Wandel. Hannah & James had at least one daughter, Melissa. William died in the Civil War. Was William G. Conklin (1820-1863) of Ladentown related to the Wandel/Wardell family? His wife was Sabrina Wright. He had a grandson Jacob Wordell Conklin. Hannah Conklin, daughter of Ezekial Conklin (d. 1811) and first wife Catherine Johnson, married James Wardell.
— Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

❖ From Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974, re: Query No. 33, May 1994 —

Jesse Trenchard of Yonkers married Phoebe (Phemije) Concklin of Palisades 26 July 1823, Tappan RDC #207. Phoebe was born Jan 24, 1801, bp. Mar 4 Tappan #3451; d. Mar 30, 1827 age 25; br Gesner Burying Ground.

I suggest you look for the Trenchard family in Yonkers, Palisades, and the Gesner Burying Ground.

Children of Phoebe and Jesse baptised at Tappan were: Elizabeth Ann Trenchard and Phoebe Maria Trenchard, both b. Sept 3, 1825, bp. July 9, 1826; and Peter Henry Trenchard, b. Mar 27, d. May 13, 1827 (Note Phebe died 3 days later). Jesse Trenchard may have married again.

❖ From Laura J. LeBarron, 23 Clover Street, Yonkers, NY 10703, re: Query No. 23, May 1993 —

Mary (Perry) Snedeker was the daughter of Harmanus Perry (1769-1829) and Annatje [Hannah] Mannel (1768-1853). Her siblings were: Sarah Perry (1795-ca 1870) wife of George Tremper (my ancestors); Elizabeth Perry (1797-1887) wife of Nicholas Meyers; John H. Perry (1799-1855) husband of Jemima Vanderbilt; William H. Perry (1802-1886) husband of Ann Tice; Daniel H. Perry (1804-?) husband of Sarah -?; and Hannah Perry (1806-1885) wife of Abraham Snyder.

You may not have made the connection to this family because of the difference in dates of birth from baptismal records (22 May 1793) and the gravestone inscriptions (22 May 1795). I believe an error was made when the inscriptions were copied (a 3 mistaken for a 5) or that the date on the stone itself is incorrect (I have not yet seen the stone myself). The deed and will referenced clearly show that Mary (nickname Polly) wife of Garret Snedecker was the child of Harmen Perry and wife Hannah.

I'm interested myself in corresponding with anyone working on the Perry and Mannel lines.

❖ From Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, 150 Johnstontown Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974, re: Query No. 35, May 1994 —

The 1854 map of Rockland Co. shows Mrs. Allen located on Johnstontown Road, about two miles from Route 17, Sloatsburg. This may the farmhouse purchased by Tom Donovan in 1866 from Eber Smith. I'm still tracing prior owners. The house is believed to date from 1760. I suggest you check the 1850 Federal Census for Ramapo Twp., Rockland Co. for a possible widow and children.

In an earlier letter to you I noted that a Mr. Allen married Henrietta Sloat of Sloatsburg — her first husband. They had a daughter Mary born May 1, 1900. She married Harrison O. Bush, a communicant of St. Johns of Greenwood (now Arden) on the Harriman estate. Both died in 1955 and are buried in St. Johns-in-the-Wilderness.

(Harriman State Park.) Henrietta Sloat Allen's second husband was Robert Reeves, who purchased a 110-acre tract — I believe the same property — about 1905.

Two Allens are buried at Old St. Mary's on-the-hill, Arden. This is a Roman Catholic cemetery. Mary Allen died 8/24/1871; Michael Allen died 6/21/1871.

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✓ David Ackerman Descendants

Reunion — The 33rd annual reunion of David Ackerman Descendants - 1662 will be held October 15, 1994 at the Preakness Reformed Church in Wayne, NJ. David Ackerman and his wife, Lysbeth, and their children came to New Amsterdam from the Netherlands in 1662. Hennions once owned the land on which the Preakness Church stands. For more information, call or write Margaret Palella, membership chairman, 23 Akers Avenue, Montvale, NJ 07645, 201-391-6755.

✓ **Heritage Quest Genealogy Seminar in Scarsdale, NY** — A Heritage Quest Road Show seminar, sponsored by the Westchester County Genealogical Society, will be held Saturday October 8, 1994 at the LDA Church, 60 Wayside Lane, Scarsdale, NY. Fees are \$32 per person (each additional immediate family member pays only \$10). The fee includes the cost of the seminar, a year's subscription to *Heritage Quest Magazine*, a seminar syllabus, and 3 queries in *Heritage Quest Magazine*. Available will be a large supply of genealogical books, supplies, and computer programs. Bring a brown bag lunch. Non-caffinated beverages will be provided. (Note: smoking and caffinated beverages are not permitted in the church.) Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program runs from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with breaks. Make checks payable to WCGS (Westchester County Genealogical Society) and send to the Society at P.O. Box 518, White Plains, NY 10603. For additional information contact Laura LeBarron, 914-969-6673.

✓ **Irish Families Journal** — O'Lochlainns Personal Journal of Irish Families, is a newsletter dedicated to research on the group named in its title. For a sample copy, write with your request to the publication at Box 7575, Kansas City, MO 64116.

✓ **National Archives Moving Records** — The National Archives is moving records to a new building at College Park which will be the largest, most technically advanced archives in the world. Its telephone number is 202-501-5400 or write Textual Reference Div., Office of the National Archives, Washington, DC 20408 for information on the opening. Researchers may request a full list of transferred records from the Regional Archives System, National Archives, Washington, DC 29498.

Among the sources for research at the archives:

- Index to Revolutionary War Pension Applications 1775-1783: M246 (138 rolls).
- Pension and Bounty Land Warrant Applications (1800-1900): M804 (2670 rolls).
- Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Soldiers who Served During War of 1812: M602 (234 rolls).
- Special Index to Numbered Recoprdrs in the War Department collection of Revolutionary War Records, 1775-1783 (name index only, M847).
- Compiled Service Record of Volunteer Soldiers who served from 1784-1811 M905.
- Report from the Secretary of War in Relation to the Pension Establishment of the U.S. 3 vol. (1835) Senate Document 514, 23rd Congress, 1st Session.
- List of Pensioners on the Roll January 1, 1883. 5 vols. (1883) Senate Executive Document 84, 47th Congress, 2nd session.

✓ **On to Richmond — Four Centuries of Family History** — The Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Virginia Genealogical Society have planned a conference for the nation's genealogists, "Four Centuries of Family History" to be held October 12-15, 1994 at Richmond, VA. Workshops, lectures, luncheons and exhibits will be held at the Richmond Centre and the Richmond Marriott Hotel in the downtown area.

The conference will feature over 80 speakers from around the United States and Europe, more than 140 lectures geared to every skill level (novice to professional), of 60 genealogical vendors offering a wide variety of genealogical products and services, a bound conference syllabus (over 300 pages of instructional materials), and more.

For a brochure or further information, contact the Federation of Genealogical Societies, P.O. Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385 (phone: 801-254-2785).

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Genealogical Society of Rockland County:

- ◆ Ms. Jean Mason, P.O. Box 47, Tomkins Cove, NY 10986 (Research interests: Cherokee Ancestry)
- ◆ Mr. Ted Bogert, 5301-7 White Cliff Lane, Orlando, FL 32812 (Surnames: Rose, Smith, Moore, Keesler)

GSRC JOTTINGS

❖ **Notes from the Editor** — Many thanks to Marie Koestler, Les Baisley, Bob Protzmann, Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot, Sally Dewy, Laura LeBarron, and Annette L. Burke for contributing information for this issue of the newsletter.

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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- ❖ **Necrology of Members** — It is with regret that we report the deaths of the following GSRC members:
- Peter Krell, of Nanuet, NY, May 5, 1994 (see box)
 - Florence Garrison, of Silver Springs, MD, May 1994
 - Charles A. Sheridan, of Nyack, NY, March 1994. ■

Peter Krell died of a heart attack Thursday, May 5, 1994 at Nyack Hospital, Nyack, NY.

As one of its most active organizers and a Charter Member of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County, Peter served as its treasurer from 1985-1994. He was a local historian, author, and leader in the fight to preserve old and abandoned graveyards. He was an active member of many organizations in the county. He was a long-time member of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society of Rockland County, Recording Secretary of the Historians Roundtable, a writer and researcher of local history, and a contributor to three local weekly newspapers.

For the genealogical researchers of the county, one of the most important of Peter's achievements was the book he compiled as Chairman of the Committee for the Preservation of Rockland Cemeteries, "So That All May Be Remembered," Volume I, Clarkstown Cemeteries. There were to be volumes for each of the townships.

Among the many tributes to Peter was one by Thomas F. X. Casey, former president of the Historical Society, and County Historian, which speaks for the majority: "The death of Peter is a great loss for us all. He was always concerned for things outside himself, and he gave selflessly to everyone."

LANGUAGE OF DEEDS (SIMPLIFIED)

Submitted by Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot

INDENTURE. A deed or written agreement.

GRANTOR. The seller of property. Usually includes the given name of the seller's wife. She was "examined" separately to make certain she agreed to forfeit her dower rights.

GRANTEE. The buyer of property.

DOWER RIGHTS. The portion of a deceased husband's

real property allowed to his widow during her lifetime. Many wills revoked these rights if she remarried.

PART OF THE FIRST PART. The seller.

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART. The buyer.

TENAMENTS. Dwelling homes.

APPURTENANCES. Other structures — barns, sheds, etc.

PUBLIC AUCTION. Sold to divide an estate. Names of the heirs usually noted.

CHAINS, PERCHES. A surveyor's measuring device. A chain of 100 links (of uniform size) equaled 66 feet. A perch equaled one rod.

COMPASS READING (YEAR). The magnetic needle, which points north, varies with the rotation of the earth on its axis.

TREE MARKERS. Hardwood trees were preferred as they were calculated to last several hundred years.

PATENT. Title to public lands conveyed by the government.

REGISTRATION OF DEEDS was not required until 1830. Some deeds were registered later to secure a mortgage. ■

CONTACTS FOR FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS WITH ROCKLAND COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Ackerman

David Ackerman Descendants - 1662 — Mrs. Marion Snedecor, 806 Phelps Road, Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417 (phone: 201-891-2537)

President: Pat Bissett, 201-664-7996

Membership: Margaret Palella, 23 Akers Ave., Montvale, NJ 07645

Ackerson-Eckerson

Association of Ackerson/Eckerson Descendants
President: John I. Eckerson, 98 East Avenue, Akron, NY 14001

Genealogist: Ethel K. Kolenut, 245 Erie Avenue, Midland Park, NJ 07432 (phone 201-251-9205)

Blauvelt

Association of Blauvelt Descendants
President: George A. Blauvelt, 5 Terra Glen Road, Danbury, CT 06811-3419

Membership: Susan B. Heilmann, 685 Terrace Heights, Wyckoff, NJ 07481

Genealogist: Dorothy Moos, 420 Morrissee Avenue, Haledon, NJ 07508-1314 (phone: 201-956-6931)

Maybee/Mabille/Mabie

Maybee Society, 10020 23rd Drive S.E., Everett, WA 98208 (phone 206-337-1369)

Belva Perry, Exec. Secretary

George Martin, President

Publication: "Communicator"

Rose

The Rose Family Association, 1474 Montelegre Drive, San Jose, CA 95120 (phone 408-262-2132)

Quarterly newsletter editor: Christine Rose.

Available for purchase from the Association are Federal census records (surname Rose) by state, 1800-1850 and Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War pension records.

At present Rose names are not separated by ethnic origin. In the Rockland County area, Rose families may be of English, Scottish, Dutch, or German origin.

Sanders

The Sanders Family Newsletter is published 4 times a year. Subscriptions are \$10 per year (4 issues). Sanders Family Newsletter, N. Pietruszka, 621 Alwyn Blvd., Ladson, SC 29456-4091.

We'd like to update and add to this list in future newsletters. If any member can help by providing contact names, addresses and phone numbers for family associations with Rockland County connections, we'd like to hear from you. ■

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 place-ments and further information to these usages. —Pat Wardell, 78 Edgewood Rd., Allendale, NJ 07401.

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Potake

Also Pothat. Early Indian name for the body of water later called Negro Pond and for the vicinity that became Sloatsburg, NY.

- "Negro Pond" — Cole, History of Rockland County, p. 266, 272.

Quaspeck

Indian name for present Rockland Lake at Haverstraw in Orange (later Rockland) County, N.Y. Also written Quashpeake. The Indian word may mean "Black Pond."

- [30 May 1694], "Quaspeck"—Indian deed, quoted in Green, Frank B., The History of Rockland County. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 17.
- "Quashpeake Pond"—HRC, p. 122, 140.
- "Quaspeck"—Howard I. Durie, The Durie Family, 1985, p. 19. "...Quaspeck, the Indian name for present Rockland Lake, at Haverstraw in Orange (later Rockland) County, N.Y."

Ramapo

There are at least two locations that used this old Indian name, both taking their name from that of the river of the

same name. There are various spellings of this Indian word, which is said to mean "clear or sweet water," or "river of many round ponds."

(1) Early name for an area in northwest Bergen County, N.J., encompassing present Mahwah and probably all or parts of other neighboring communities. From an Indian word, possibly meaning "place or country of the slanting rock." See various early spellings below. See also Ramapo Tract.

- [1695], "Ramopock"—Westervelt, History of Bergen County, Vol. I, p. 45, "Ramopock, Romopock and Remopock, and on Smith's map Ramapough—Ramapo. . . denoting "place or country of the slanting rock."
- 19 June 1717, "Campua near Remobuch, N.J., at Jacob Demuth's"—Some Early Records of the Lutheran Church, New York, p. 12
- 1719, "Remmepogh"—Hackensack Church Marriage Records, NJA, Vol. XXII, Marriage Records, 1665- 1800. Paterson: 1900, p. 475. Ibid, 1732, "Remebok"—p. 539.
- 18 June 1767, "Ramapough"—The New York Journal or General Advertiser, in NJA, Vol. XXV, p. 389.
- 29 March 1773, "Ramipough"—The New York Gazette and The Weekly Mercury, quoted in NJA [Newspaper Extracts, Vol IX]. Paterson, N.J.: 1916. First Series, Vol. XXVII, p. 469.
- [1778], "Romopoch"—shown on map, "The Province of New Jersey, Divided..." by William Faden, 1778, 2nd edition, reproduced in John P. Snyder, The Mapping of New Jersey, Rutgers University Press, 1973, p. 58-59.
- 1834, "Ramapotown"—Thomas F. Gordon, Gazetteer of the state of New Jersey. Trenton: Daniel Fenton, 1834, "Hopper's or Ramapotown, on the Ramapo river, east foot of the Ramapo mountain, 16 miles N.W. from Hackensack; contains a tavern and some 6 or 8 dwellings."
- [1867], "Ramapo"—[Mahwah locality] shown on map, New York and Forty Miles Around It, H. H. Lloyd, 1867, reproduced in Bergen County History, the 1970 Annual of the Bergen County Historical Society, p. 67.
- (2) A locality in Rockland County, N.Y. A part of the Kakiat Patent, Ramapo's vicinity was earlier known as New Hempstead, then Hempstead. The name was changed to Ramapo on April 17, 1829. 1970 population: 76,702.
- "Ramapo"—Cole, History of Rockland County, p. 254-.
- 1977, "Ramapo (N.Y.)"—1977 Hagstrom's Atlas of Bergen and Rockland Counties, 1970 population: 76,702.

Ramapo Iron Works

A locality in Rockland County, N.Y., north of Suffern. Also Ramapo Works. Josiah G. Pierson established an ironworks here in 1795.

- "Ramapo Works"—Green, Frank B., The History of Rockland County. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co., 1886, p. 398.
- "Ramapo Works"—James M. Ransom, Vanishing Ironworks of the Ramapos, Rutgers University Press, 1966, p. 162.
- 23 February 1895, "Ramapo Iron Works, N.Y."—Rev. Ephraim De Yoe, [typewritten] Transcript of Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals (original in collection of Bergen County Historical Society)

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1855 NEW YORK STATE CENSUS, ROCKLAND COUNTY**Transcribed by Pat Wardell**

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TOWN OF HAVERSTRAW, 2ND ELECTION DISTRICT *(Continued from May 1994 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
351	392	William Springstead	37	M			Rockland	M	37	None	
		Elizabeth F. Springstead	28	F		Wife	New Jersey	M	14		
		Nancy M. Springstead	7	F		Daughter	Rockland		7		
		David E. Springstead	5	M		Son	Rockland		5		
		Ambrose F. Springstead	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
		William W. Springstead	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
352	393	Fredric A. Bael	39	M			Germany	M	3	None	
		Louisa Bael	31	F		Wife	Germany	M	3		
		Johanna Bael	14	F		Daughter	Germany		3		
		Susana Bael	12	F		Daughter	Germany		3		
		Andrew Bael	10	M		Son	Germany		3		
		Catharine Bael	7	F		Daughter	Germany		3		
		Henry Bael	6	M		Son	Germany		3		
		Martin [Tensler?]	7	M		Adopted Son	Germany		3		
		Charles T. Bael	8/12	M		Son	Rockland		8/12		
		Henry Bael	64	M		Father	Germany	W	3	None	
		Elizabeth Benders	58	F		Mother to wife	Germany	W	3		
353	394	Eliza Shermer	50	F			Germany	W	2		
		Conrad Shermer	25	M		Son	Germany		3	Shoemaker	
		William Share	24	M		Boarder	Germany		1	Shoemaker	
354	395	John Blossom	36	M			Ireland	W	3	None	
		James Blossom	14	M		Son	Ireland		3		
		William A. [or H.?] Blossom	12	M		Son	Ireland		2		
		George Blossom	11	M		Son	Ireland		2		
		Isabella Blossom	9	F		Daughter	Ireland		2		
		Maria Jane Blossom	7	F		Daughter	Ireland		2		
355	396	Jacob Blauvelt	37	M			Rockland	M	37	None	
		Rachel Blauvelt	35	F		Wife	Rockland	M	35		
		Amelia Blauvelt	15	F		Daughter	Rockland		15		
		Sarah Ann Blauvelt	13	F		Daughter	Rockland		13		
		Charlotte Blauvelt	11	F		Daughter	Rockland		11		
		Samuel A. Blauvelt	9	M		Son	Rockland		9		
		Maria Elizabeth Blauvelt	7	F		Daughter	Rockland		7		
		Hannah M. Blauvelt	5	F		Daughter	Rockland		5		
(page 49)		Jacob Blauvelt Jun.	2	M		Son	Rockland		2		
		Delphine Blauvelt	1/12	F		Daughter	Rockland		1/12		
		[Elaxander?] A. Bulson	79	M		Uncle	Rockland	W	79	None	Owned
356	397	Nelson Green	43	M			Putnam	M	3	None	
		Mary J. Green	39	F		Wife	Weschester	M	3		
		[Joseph] W. Green	17	M		Son	Putnam		3	None	
		Phebe J. Green	15	F		Daughter	Putnam		3		
		James H. Green	8	M		Son	Putnam		3		
357	398	Francis W. Gurnee	40	M			Rockland	M	40	Farmer	Owned
		Margaret Gurnee	30	F		Wife	New Jersey	M	2		
		Eleanor Gurnee	13	F		Daughter	New York		2		
		Elizabeth Gurnee	8	F		Daughter	New York		2		
		Frank Gurnee	5	M		Son	New York		2		
358	399	Abram Scears	65	M			Rockland	M	65	None	
		Elizabeth Scears	53	F		Wife	Orange	M	44		
		Phebe Jane Scears	17	F		Daughter	Rockland		17		

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		Abraham Scears	13	M		Son	Rockland		13		
		Caroline Scears	10	F		Daughter	Rockland		10		
		John Henry Scears	8	M		Grand-Son	Rockland		8		
359	400	Martin Dunn	40	M			Ireland	M	6	None	
		Eliza Dunn	40	F		Wife	Ireland	M	6		
		Martin Dunn	17	M		Son	Ireland		5	None	
		Mary Dunn	12	F		Daughter	Ireland		6		
		Jeremiah Dunn	5	M		Son	Rockland		5		
		William Dunn	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
		Julia Ann Dunn	2	F		Daughter	Rockland		2		
		Michael Dunn	1/12	M		Son	Rockland		1/12		
360	401	Sylvenus Lent	21	M			Rockland	M	21	None	
		Catharine Lent	20	F		Wife	Rockland	M	20		
		John Wm. Lent	3/12	M		Son	Rockland		3/12		
361	402	Matthew James	52	M			Rockland	M	52	Farmer	Owned
		Johannah James	45	F		Wife	New York	M	27		
		Leonor James	25	F		Daughter	Rockland		25		
		Betsy James	18	F		Daughter	Rockland		18		
		Ann James	16	F		Daughter	Rockland		16		
		Paul James	13	M		Son	Rockland		13		
		Mathew Decamp	1	M		Grand-son	Rockland		1		
		Paul James	88	M		Father	Rockland	W	88	None	
362	403	James E. Ballard	40	M			Putnam	M	10	Stone Wall Layer	Owned
		Hannah Ballard	37	F		Wife	Putnam	M	10		
		Alvin S? Ballard	19	M		Son	Putnam		10	None	
		Sylvester Ballard	17	M		Son	Putnam		10	None	
		Phebe Jane Ballard	15	F		Daughter	Putnam		10		
		[Ruhanna?] Ballard	10	F		Daughter	Putnam		10		
(page 50)		David [or Daniel?] Ballard	8	M		Son	Rockland		8		
		James E. Ballard	6	M		Son	Rockland		6		
		Sylvenus W. Ballard	3	M		Son	Rockland		3		
		Hannah E. Ballard	1	F		Daughter	Rockland		1		
363	404	States Springstead	70	M			Rockland	M	70	Farmer	
		Ruth Springstead	58	F		Wife	Orange	M	35		
		Martha Springstead	30	F		Daughter	Rockland		30		
364	405	Hiram Phillips	36	M			Rockland	M	36	Wheelwright	
		Elizabeth Phillips	34	F		Wife	Rockland	M	34		
		Edward Phillips	9	M		Son	Rockland		9		
		Mary Phillips	7	F		Daughter	Rockland		7		
365	406	William Odell	40	M			Unknown	M	15	None	
		Rachel Odell	50	F		Wife	Rockland	M	50		
366	407	William Owen	30	M			Orange	M	9	None	
		Rachel Owen	29	F		Wife	Rockland	M	29		
		Susan Owen	3	F		Daughter	Rockland		3		
		John J. Owen	1	M		Son	Rockland		1		
367	408	Theodore S. Smith	44	M			Rockland	M	44	None	
		Susan Smith	43	F		Wife	Rockland	M	42		
		George Smith	19	M		Son	Rockland		19	None	
		Hannah Smith	17	F		Daughter	Rockland		17		
		Bruster Smith	14	M		Son	Rockland		14		
		Anna Moore Smith	11	F		Daughter	Rockland		11		
		Theodore Smith	8	M		Son	Rockland		8		
		Willie E. Smith	2	M		Son	Rockland		2		
		Mary Ann Duffey	20	F		Servant	Ireland		2		
		Elizabeth Tilldriff	75	F					4		

Here ends the enumeration
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