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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF VOLUNTEERS

The United Nations has designated the year 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers. Don't get left out! Join a volunteer group today. You'll be glad you did.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Genealogical Society are actively involved in a number of volunteer projects, and we have a spot reserved just for you. Currently, volunteer work is being done at the Rockland County Archives, the Rockland Room at the New City Library, and at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nyack. Just as in any other endeavor, many hands make light work. How about lending your hand? All those who are currently involved seem to enjoy the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment. Times are flexible, duties are variable, and there is no obligation. You can participate, stop, and continue again as suits your available time. Why not give it a try. For more details, contact GSRC Secretary Joan Brooks, 157 Washburns Lane, Stony Point, NY 10980, or call (845) 942-0577.

VOLUNTEERING IS A "GOOD THING"

Martha Stewart?

GSRC VOLUNTEERS AT THE ARCHIVES

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County volunteers worked a total of 1315 hours at the Rockland County Archives during the year 2000. Curt Shuart led the group with 198.75 hours. Way to go, guys!

OBITUARY

We were saddened this week to learn of the death of one of our most valued members, "Someone Else." "Someone's" passing creates a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. "Someone Else" has been with us for many years, and for everyone of those years did far more than a normal person's share of the work.

Whenever there was a job to do, a class to teach, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's list, "Let Someone Else do it."

Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results; "Someone Else can work with that group."

It was common knowledge that "Someone Else" was among the most liberal givers of time in our group. When a volunteer was needed, everyone just assumed "Someone Else" would take up the slack.

"Someone Else" was a wonderful person; sometimes appearing superhuman. Were the truth known, everybody expected too much of "Someone Else." Now "Someone Else" is gone! We wonder what we are going to do.

"Someone Else" left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things "Someone Else" did? When you are asked to help this year, remember -- we can't depend on "Someone Else" anymore.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR



Many thanks to all our members for their many continued contributions. The GSRC Newsletter is greatly enriched by your willingness to share. Without you we cannot continue to put together the kind of newsletter you want and enjoy. All members are invited to submit material for publication. Original work is desired and encouraged. When sending information from another source, please give proper credit. The Genealogical Society of Rockland County, and it's Editor, will assume no responsibility for typographical or factual errors, or for the opinions expressed or implied by its contributors. *All submitted material will be published at the discretion of the Editor, without verification, and as space permits. Submissions may be edited for length, content and accuracy.* Readers comments are welcomed. The Newsletter is published quarterly, at the beginning of September, December, March and June. The deadline for all submitted material is the first of the month preceding the month of publication. Send material, articles and comments to:

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Dues and Membership Annual Society dues are now \$15.00 for both individuals and organizations.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Regular meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month except July, August, and December, in the all purpose meeting room in the New City Public Library, N. Main St., New City, Rockland Co., NY. (845) 634-4997

All meetings will start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

For information regarding meeting cancellations due to bad weather, call Marie Koestler, (914) 623-4046 or Sally Dewey, (914) 359-5490.

PROGRAMS

March 27, 2001 General Business Meeting

April 24, 2001 General Business Meeting

May 22, 2001 General Business Meeting

Remember, meetings are now held at the New City Library

If you have an idea for a program, or know of someone who might do a program, or if you would like to do a program yourself, please contact Douglas Renud, the Program Chair, at (914) 357-6390

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

One hundred and twenty five years ago, in Orange County, laborers earned 54 cents a day. Farm hands were paid \$2.00 a day for harvest and haying, while masons received \$2.25 a day, and carpenters \$1.75

Peter Parrott, the owner of Greenwood Furnace (Arden) had six servants.

There were two post offices in Monroe Township: # 1. At Greenwood Works (now Arden) # 2. At Monroe Works- at the Southfields Railroad station.

Contributed by M. Smeltzer-Stevenot

OTHER LOCAL SOCIETIES

Genealogical Society of Bergen County, NJ

PO Box 432, Midland Park, NJ 07432

Meetings: The fourth Monday of the month (except holidays & December) at 7 p.m. sharp at the Ridgewood Public Library Auditorium, N. Maple Ave., Ridgewood, NJ. Visitors welcome. Programs free. For information call (201) 670-8106 or (201) 652-1171. *The Archivist*, the Society newsletter, is published quarterly and mailed to members.

Orange County Genealogical Society is located in the 1841 Court House, 101 Main Street, Goshen NY 10924, where it maintains an ever expanding research room. Dues are \$10.00 annually, from May 1st to April 30th. Meetings are the first Saturday of each month at 9 a.m., usually followed by a speaker at 10:30 a.m.. Call for details about speakers (914) 562-2749. Library hours are Monday & Friday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon; 1st & 3rd Tuesday evenings, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m.; 1st Saturday of month after speaker, noon to 4:00 p.m.; third Saturday of month 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Westchester County Genealogical Society

PO Box 518, White Plains, NY 10603.

Annual dues are \$20.00 for individuals. Newsletter is printed monthly. Meetings from September through June at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway (Route 9) Dobbs Ferry, NY on the second Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Lectures are given at meetings. The WCGS Research Collection is located at the LDS Family History Library, 801 Kitchawan Road, (Rte 134) Yorktown, NY 10598 (914) 941- 9754 Open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on those days. **Web Site:** <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nywcgs>

Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey

The Jewish Genealogical Society of North Jersey meets on the third Thursday of every month, at the YM-YWHA of North Jersey, 1 Pike Rd, Wayne, NJ Programs begin at 8:00 p.m., and are open to all. For information or directions call: Paul, (914) 357-5567, Evan, (973) 595-0100, ext. 236, or Susan (973) 564-8522, or visit their web site at:

Web Site: <http://community.nj.com/cc/jgsnorthjersey>

Connecticut Research

A place you don't want to miss if you are doing Connecticut research is *Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library*, in Simsbury, Connecticut. When you visit this Library you not only enjoy its holdings but also its historical surroundings. This Colonial Revival building was opened to the public in 1890 as the town's public library. By 1985 the town of Simsbury had outgrown the building and erected a new public library facility. The Board of Trustees thought it appropriate that the building should continue to be used as a library and formed the Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library which now occupies the building.

Stephen Simon is the librarian and genealogist and is ready to help visitors in any way he can. He obviously loves genealogy and takes every opportunity to spread his enthusiasm by teaching classes and seminars.

The library's resources reach beyond the town of Simsbury (which originally included Canton, Granby, and parts of Bloomfield and East Granby). The collection includes: various town, county and state histories; the Barbour Collection of Connecticut vital records; the Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions; census records for Connecticut, 1790-1920; obituaries from the "Farmington Herald"; and a vast collection of New England sources and family histories.

The Library has approximately 260 members, and membership is open to the public. There is a small charge for use of the library to non members. The library is open Thursday through Saturday from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM, and is located at 749 Hopmeadow Street (Route 10) next to the cemetery (phone 860-658-5382). Stop in and say "hello" to Stephen and tell him where you heard about hit treasure.

From the "Godfrey Quarterly" January 2000

Who was John Concklin of Rye???

John Concklin is the acknowledged progenitor of thousands of Concklin/Conklin/Conkling families in Rockland Co. There are at least three theories as to his origin.

1. The most commonly held theory is that he was the son of Ananias Conkelyne, a glass maker from Nottingham, England, who was in Salem, Mass., by 1638. Conklin Mann rejects this theory (American Genealogist). There is no proof that Ananias had a son named John. Thomas Frosch lists John as a possible son, but gives no supporting evidence.

2. Conklin Mann speculates that John's father may have been **Jacob**, also a glass maker, a brother or a cousin of **Ananias** and **John**, his brother. **Jacob**, of Nuthall, married **Elizabeth Hickman** in 1637. In 1642 she married **Thomas Cooke**, a baker.

3. A plausible theory advanced by Cora Schmidt, (American Genealogist) is that he was **Jan (Jean) Conchielier**, a Huguenot from Artois, France, who arrived with other Huguenot and Dutch settlers on the "Purmerland Church" in 1662. He settled in Bushwick, LI. The name became **Consilyea**. (In French, "ch" would have been a soft "s" sound, not a hard "k" sound.) Edward O'Callaghan lists him as accompanied by a wife and five children. Fellow passengers included **DuPuy**, **Boeckhout**, and **Ver-valen**- all families into which Concklins married. Mann gives Consilyea a second wife, Fytie Scholte, and three more children, baptized in New York.

The only proved fact is that a **John Concklin**, of Flushing, purchased property in Rye, NY, (then in Connecticut), together with **John Morgan** in 1665. Since he signed the deed with his mark, the spelling of his name is questionable. More than thirty spellings of Conklin (et al) have been found in early church records, including "Kankely." Inexperienced researchers, who borrowed from earlier works, sometimes mistook theory for fact. It was copied and recopied as a fact. John's first wife is inferred as Helena because of the numerous granddaughters that were named Helena. (One is listed as both Helena and Magdalena).

Cora Schmidt has put together an impressive body of evidence. The editor of the American Genealogist did not necessarily agree with her but thought it worthy of further study.

The theory of Jean Consilyea was brought to my attention by Thomas Donnelly of Illinois, a researcher with excellent credentials. He is a descendant of Ananias Conklyne who settled in eastern Long Island. A number of Long Island Concklins crossed to Orange County during and directly after the American Revolution. Some trace their ancestry to John of Nottingham, brother of Ananias, not John of Rye.

It has been suggested that the English Conkleynes came from continental Europe. This would not be consistent with a Consilyea family in Normandy.

Sources do not agree on the birth dates of John Concklin's children.

Sources: Conklin Mann (American Genealogist 1950); Grenville McKenzie: *Colonial Families of Philipsburgh*; Katherine Kellogg Adams; Thomas Donnelly; Thomas W. Frosch: *Conklin - Frosch Family, 1905*; Cora Schmidt (American Genealogist 1951); David Cole: *History of Rockland Co*; Richard Eldred and Iona Popreloz: *The Conklin Family of Nicholas Conklin*; Kenneth W. Conklin; Edward O'Callaghan: *Documentary History of the State of New York*.

Contributed by Marjorie Smeltzer Stevenot

People who grow up without a sense of how yesterday has affected today are unlikely to have a strong sense of how today affects tomorrow.
Lynne V. Cheney

The further backward you look, the further ahead you can see. Winston Churchill

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CIVIL WAR RESEARCH

Looking for someone who fought in the Civil War? The National Park Service has announced the formation of the "Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System" [CWSS] a database that contains the records of every soldier known to have served in the Civil War who is listed in The National Archives. Built over the past decade by volunteers from all over the country, the new database can be accessed at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/ The Park Service expects the names of all civil war soldiers to be in the database by sometime this year. [2001] Eventually 5.4 million names will be entered in the system, all outsourced from the 5.4 million index cards

in the General Index Cards of the Compiled Military Service Records in the National Archives.

Links to the 384 most important Battles/Battlefields and the 1200 Medal of Honor awardees are already in place, with links to 14 National Cemeteries expected to be added, along with lists of prisoners of war. Records from Andersonville in Georgia and Fort McHenry in Baltimore are already available.

From National Parks Magazine, Nov/Dec, 2000

In the "Olden days" men rode chargers.
Now they marry them

Marriages of Rockland residents, as reported in Orange County newspapers.

Newburgh Gazette, 22 April 1846. Married on the 15th inst., by the Rev. J. Reynolds, Jonas C. **Dator**, of Weston, VA, formerly of Haverstraw, to Amanda, daughter of V. **Hackett**, of Cornwall, Orange Co.

Newburgh Gazette, 6 May 1846. Married at Monroe Works on the 16th inst., by Rev. Peter Barnes, David **Springsteen** to Mary **Babcock**.

Newburgh Gazette, 8 June 1853. Married on 26 May 1853 at Sloatsburg, by the Rev. D.N. Fedard, James W. **Smith** of New York to Julia **Kelly** of the former place.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Tuxedo, NY. Married on 8 April, 1905, George Osborne **Hopper**, age 21 years, a resident of Pearl River, parents John H. Hopper and Mary M. VanBlarcom, to Martha **Gibson**, age 21 years, born Jersey City, NJ, parents Margaret Heubner and Watson Gibson, at the residence of Van Nest Towt, Sloatsburg, Albert C. Monks, Vicar.

Contributed by Christine Szermer

The Society is in the process of updating our Surname List. Members are urged to forward any new or additional Surnames for inclusion in the new list. Please send your additions to: Robert L. Protzman, 4 Ethel Dr, New City, NY. 10956, or E-Mail to: Robert.Protzman@akzo-nobel.com. The target date for the revised list is December, 2000.

QUERIES

Queries will be published in the newsletter as space permits. It would be helpful if members would submit their queries beginning with the surnames concerned in the query listed alphabetically. Please keep queries clear and concise, and provide identifying data including names, dates and locations whenever possible. Address queries to: Richard Peterson, GSRC Newsletter Editor, 290 S. Middletown Rd, Pearl River, NY 10965, or e-mail to <repete290@juno.com> When answering someone else's query, please send a copy to this editor for our files and for possible inclusion in future issues.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT YOUR FULL ADDRESS IS NEEDED, SINCE NOT EVERYONE HAS E-MAIL

UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED, ALL LOCATIONS ARE IN ROCKLAND COUNTY, NY

420 Osborne / Phillips

Seek information, including wife's name, on Richard **Osborne**, who resided at Stony Point, father of Hannah, (1778 - 1846) who married (1797) Daniel **Phillips**.

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421 Riker / Iserman / DeBaun / Hopper

Seek information on and parents of Margaret Ann **Riker** (1838 - 1918), married Abram **Iserman**. Two daughters, Nettie **DeBaun** and Melissa **Hopper**, both of Nyack.

Sandra Hansen
5083 Bluff Head Road
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422 Iserman / VanWaart / VanWeert

Seek information on and parents of Susannah VanWeert **Iserman**, (1802 - 1892) married Abraham **Iserman** ? I am looking for the connection to Isaac VanWaart / VanWeert, one of three who captured Major Andre.

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423 Iserman

Seek information on and parents of Abraham **Iserman**, (1799 - 1889) married Susannah **VanWeert**. They were listed in the 1850 Census for Ramapo Township.

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424 Leet / Rose

Seek information on and parents of John **Leet**, born c/ 1790-1800, died c/ 1846-1850. He was in navigation. He married Amy **Rose** of Haverstraw / Stony Point. Where did John come from? There was talk of visiting relatives in Connecticut. One child moved to Piermont, another lived in Spring Valley.

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425 O'Brien / Gibb(s)

Seek information on and parents of Michael (?) **O'Brien** born 1823/24, *at sea*?? Where did he meet and marry Sarah **Gibbs** (1802-1895). Her father was a ship builder from St. John, Newfoundland & Prince Edward Island.

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426 O'Brien / DeRonde

Seek information on and parents of Michael **O'Brien**, (1824 -1906), married Lucendaheet(?) **DeRonde**, and lived in Tompkins Cove. Became naturalized citizen in 1876. Had several children: Martha, married Charles E. **Demarest**; Laura, married Dr. Robert **Felter**; Grace, married Sydney **Firman**; Albert, married Cora **Lent**.

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427 Young / Hemion

Philip **Young (Jong)** of Naurausaun was an officer in the "Green Coats" in the Revolution. Was he a brother of of Hendrick of Kakiat, William of Hackensack, or Tunis of Sussex Co., NJ? Was his wife Margarietje a **Hemion**? His children, baptized at Zion Lutheran Church, Mahwah, NJ, were Johann Heinrich 1769, and Catherine Elenora 1773.

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428 Conklin Zephaniah **Conklin**, born 1801, was known as the son of Nicholas and Hannah Conklin of Johnstontown. He was baptized 1802 at Newburg Meth. Church as a son of William and Hannah. Is the Register incorrect? Or was he adopted by Nicholas? William **Conklin** of Newburg was over 45 in the 1790 census, had a large household.

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429 Secor Looking for any information on my g-g-grand-mother Ann (Annie, Anna) **Secor** who married Edward **Waldron** (1779-1866). I need birth/death dates, parents, and if possible a list of siblings. {some time ago, my cousin, the late Ruth Avery Morris, made a similar query, but I could find no response. Ruth noted that the couple were married in the West New Hempstead Church [Brick Church] in February 1803 and that they lived in Johnstontown or Theills} I know Edward was living in Johnstontown near his married sons when he died in 1866

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Answers to Queries

#415, Waldron (December 2000 Newsletter)

Matthew Waldron (1847-1918) was one of the two sons of Jacob Waldron and Eliza Belding (1815-1871). Matthew married Cornelia (Lillian) Becraft, and Matthew's brother John married Cornelia's sister Mary Jane Becraft. John and Mary Jane had a daughter Lida (1874-1924). Matthew and John and their parents all lived in Johnstown, and are all, I believe, buried in the Sloatsburg cemetery.

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#415, Waldron (December 2000 Newsletter)

Matthew **Waldron**, blacksmith, was the son of Jacob **Waldron**, (1809-1881) and Eliza **Belding**. Jacob had three children.

Jacob **Waldron** was the son of Edward **Waldron**, (1779-1866), who married Ann **Secor** in 1803. (Feb 10). Edward had ten children.

Edward was the first **Waldron** to move from eastern Rockland Co., to Diamond Valley, a small community of Waldron farms near Johnstown. In the 19th century the road to Sloatsburg was known as Diamond Valley Road.

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413. Concklin

Mary de la **Montagne** was a claimant (with others) of the estate of William **Concklin** who died in 1843 (Will folio 389). His wife Sarah was the daughter of Isaac **Concklin** (Isaac? ⁵ Isaac b. 1772 ⁴, Isaac b. 1736 ³, Joshua b. 1707 ² Nicholas b. 1664 ¹) Mary **Concklin** is probably Mary **Lockwood** [1750-1843] second wife of Isaac **Concklin**. She died at age 92 years, 3 months, 5 days.

William and Sarah had no living children. He was an early preacher of the Society of Friends. Other claimants of his estate as "heirs" were Sarah, his wife, Elizabeth **Jones**, daughter of Richard, Mary **Concklin**, Margaret **Ackerman**, Ophelia **Concklin** and Lewis **Concklin** of NYC, Deborah **Allison** and William **Allison** of Ithaca, Rachel- wife of ___? **Noble** of Michigan, and Charles G. **Crone**.

William **Concklin** is probably a descendant of William **Concklin** (1740-1784) and Hannah **Allison**. Further research is needed to establish the relationship of the claimants.

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OLD-TIME OCCUPATIONS

Following is a list of old and archaic occupations. It is by no means a complete list, and readers are invited to contribute their own findings to be added to it.

Continued from previous issue.

Caddie- Messenger or errand boy.
Clacker- Magician, or astrologer.
Cambist- Banker.
Camlet Merchant- sold camlet (type of cloth)
Cancellarius- Chancellor.
Candy Man- traveling candy salesman.
Cannaller- worked on canal boat.
Canter- religious speaker who uses cant.
Canting Caller- Auctioneer.
Caper- cap maker.
Capitalist- Investor.
Carder- wool carder.
Cardmaker- made cards or combs for wool.
Carnifex- butcher.
Carpentarius- carpenter.
Carter- wagoner.
Cartwright- made carts and wagons.
Catchpole- sheriffs assistant, or bailiff.
Caulker- filled cracks/seams in windows or ships.
Chair Bodger- traveling chair repairman.
Chaisemaker- Carriage maker.
Chaloner- dealer in shalloon, a material made in Chalons.
Chambermaid- female servant for bedrooms.
Chandler- candle seller, grocer, provisioner.
Chapman- kept a booth/stall in a market.
Charwoman- cleaning woman.
Chatelaine- mistress of the house/castle.
Chiffonier- rag picker.
Chimney Sweep- chimney cleaner.
Chiropodist- treats diseases of hands and feet.
Chirugion / Chirurgeon- apothecary or surgeon.
Chowder- fish monger.
Clicker- Salesman's servant/printers assistant/one who made eyelet holes in boots.
Clod Hopper- plowman
Clogger- made wooden shoes.
Coal Heaver - unloads coal.
Cobbler- shoemaker
Cocus- cook.

Cohen- Priest
Collier- Coal miner.
Colonus- latin for farmer.
Colporteur- bible salesman/book salesman.
Comber- wool comber.
Confectioner- candy maker.
Conner- inspector / tester.
Cooper / Cuper- barrel maker
Copeman- dishonest horse dealer.
Cordwainer- shoemaker.
Costermonger- fruit and vegetable peddler.
Coster wife- female fruit seller.
Cotiler- cutler.
Couper- someone who buys and sells.
Couranteer- journalist.
Cowherd- cow tender.
Coxwain- helmsman.
Crier- court officer/auctioneer/town announcer.
Crimper- member of navy press gang.
Crocker- potter.
Crofter- tenant of small piece of land.
Cropper- share cropper.
Crowner- coroner.
Cuhreur- currier.
Curer- cures tobacco.
Curretter- broker.
Currier- tanner.
Customer- customs tax collector.
Cutler- knife seller / sharpener.
Dairyman- dairy farmer, seller of dairy products.
Damster- dam builder.
Day laborer- works on day by day basis.
Deathsman- executioner.
Depater- refiner of precious metals.
Dey wife- female dairy worker.
Dexter- dyer.
Distiller- makes alcoholic beverages.
Docker- longshoreman, dock worker.
Dock walloper- longshoreman, dock worker.
Dog leech- veterinarian.
Domesman- judge.
Domestic- household servant.
Door keeper- guard / janitor / porter.
Dowser- water finder.
Dragoon- mounted infantryman.
Draper- dry goods dealer

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Non Population Schedules

Material excerpted from Non Population Schedules of the 1860/65 N. Y. State Census for Rockland Co. Contributed by Christine Szermer.

Ramapo men who have been, or are now in the military. (circa 1865)

Jacob **Ackerman**, age 26, born NJ, cartman, married, date of entry Dec 1861, Co. B, 78th NY Vol., Private, re-enlisted Dec 1863.

Charles H. **Acre**, age 32, single, volunteer, date of entry Aug 1861, 8th NJ, died 26 May 1862, at Chancellorsville, Va.

George **Babcock**, age 28, married, date of entry 1 Sep 1861, 22nd NY Vol., private, served 10 months without wounds, health permanently impaired.

James W. **Babcock**, age 36, born Rockland, carter of cotton, married, date of entry 23 Sep 1864, Co F, 89th NY, Private, 1st term of enlistment 1 year, taken prisoner for 3 months, Savage, Ga.

James H. **Barnes**, age 19, single, date of entry Aug 1862, 124th NY Vol., Private, killed in action, consumed by fire in the woods at Chancellorsville, Va. Left no dependents.

Adam **Becraft**, age 17, born RC, house painter, date of entry Mar 1865, 1st NY Engineers, Private, term 1 year.

Herman **Blauvelt**, age 24, born RC, store keeper, married, date of entry May 1861, 12th NY Vol., health good, without wounds.

Samuel F. **Blauvelt**, age 23, single, volunteer, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, Private, 1 month in service, health good without wounds.

William **Cronk**, age 48, born Orange Co., married, shoemaker, date of entry 1 Jan 1863, 124th NY Vol., Private, 18 months service, without wounds, permanently impaired.

Edward **Crum**, age 32, born RC, lime burner, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, Corporal.

John W. **Crum**, age 31, born RC, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NYS, Private.

Seller B. **Decker**, age 20, single, date of entry 18 Aug 1862, 143rd NY Vol., Private, promoted to Corporal, killed in battle, 15 May 1864, Rosica, GA, buried there. Left dependent mother.

Obediah **DeGroat**, age 24, married, date of entry Feb 1864, 26th NY Vol., Private, died Sep 1864, Beauford, SC, of sickness, left a widow, no children buried Beauford, SC.

Charles **DuVall**, age 24, married, born Orange Co., Laborer, date of entry Apr 1861, 1st NY ?, Private, term 3 years, re-enlisted Sept 1864, 1st NY Mt. Rifles, retired as Sergeant.

Lewis **Dusenbury**, age 40, born NY, mason, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, Co. I, 17th NY Vol., Private, 1 month in service, health good without wounds.

Samuel **Edwards**, age 40, married, date of entry 21 Aug 1862, 117th NY Vol., Private, died 21 Feb 1863, Harpers Ferry, died of sickness acquired in war. Left a widow, 4 minor children.

Ernest E. **Eike**, Jr., age 19, born NY, single, ship fastener, nothing else known.

Ernest E. **Eike**, Sr., age 54, born Germany, date of entry Oct 1862, Co. K, 45th NY, Corporal. Aug 1863 joined 33rd NJ for 3 years. Without wounds, health permanently impaired.

Christian D. **Eikerson**, age ?, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, Co 5, NY Vol., term 1 month, Private, health good without wounds.

John W. **Everett**, age 18, born Orange Co., date of entry 8 Sep 1864, 112th NY Vol., Private, term one year, health good without wounds.

James E. **Fields**, age 49, married, date of entry 1861, 127th NY Vol., died 4 Jun 1863 of sickness, Yorktown Hospital, Va. Left widow, 6 minor children. Buried Yorktown. He was in the 12th Regiment, reentered for 8 months.

Valentine **Fields**, age 30, married, date of entry 21 Jan 1862, 6th NY Heavy Art, volunteer, Private, died 15 Oct 1864, Middletown, Va. Killed in battle. Left widow, 3 minor children. Buried Middletown Va. No other information.

Alpheus **Coe**, age 37, married, date of entry 8 July 1863, 17th NY Vol., Corporal, 1 month in service, health good without wounds.

Lawrence D. **Coe**, age 28, married, date of entry 8 July 1863, Private, served 1 month, health good, without wounds.

Jacob D. or John D. **Cole**, age 27, born Rockland Co., single, date of entry 10 Mar 1865, 40th NJ, Private, drafted, health good without wounds.

Samuel **Cole**, age 19, single, date of entry 23 Aug 1862, NY Cav., volunteer, died 3 Mar 1864, New Kent, Chancellorville, Va., killed while going to a spring for water. Place of burial not known. Left no dependents.

John **Coleman**, age 23, date of entry Aug 1861, 95th NY Vol., Private, re-enlisted for 1 year and promoted Feb 1865, in the 35th NJ, to Sergeant.

Martin **Conklin**, age 22, single, date of entry 11 Jan 1862, 1st NY Vol., died 31 Aug 1862 of sickness in Baltimore, buried in Baltimore. Dependent mother.

Nelson **Conklin**, age 22, single, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NY Vol., discharged at end of term, good health without wounds.

John J. **Conklin**, age 20, single, date of entry Oct 1861, 90th NY Vol., died Aug 1864 of sickness acquired in war, Washington.

Walter **Conklin**, age 29, born NJ, married, lime burner, date of entry 1863, Private, 15th NY Vol.

William H. **Conklin**, age 22, single, date of entry Oct 1862, 90th NY Vol., Private, term 3 years.

Isaac **Cooper**, age 25, born NY, Clerk, date of entry Apr 1861, 63rd NY Vol., Pvt., term 3 years, re-enlisted 6 Jun 1865 with 16th NY, Clerk at HQ, "Hancock's Corps".

Leonard **Cooper**, age 24, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NY Vol., Corporal, 1 month in service, health good without wounds.

Alfred **Cronk**, age 38, married, quarryman, date of entry 20 Aug 1862, Co K, 6th NY Heavy Art, Private, term 3 years, health good without wounds.

George H. **Cronk**, age 19, single, date of entry Feb 1864, 7th NY Heavy Art, Volunteer, Pvt., died 29 Feb 1865 of sickness. Buried in Philadelphia, Pa. Two dependent parents.

Henry **Finney**, age 45, date of entry Sep 1861, Private, re-enlisted in 5th NY Vol., 42 months in service, health good without wounds.

Riner **Fisher**, age 41, married, date of entry 18 Dec 1862, 95th NY Vol., Private, two years in service, mustered out, health good without wounds.

James F. **Flate**, age 20, single, date of entry 1 June 1863, 10th LI, 1st Bat., Private, volunteer, date of death 8 Aug 1863, Washington DC, was killed by accident, buried Sloatsburg Cemetery, Rockland Co. Left no dependents.

Joseph **Friedenberg**, age 27, born Westchester Co., laborer, boarder, date of entry May 1862, 24th NY Vol., was home in 1863, not heard from since.

John **Funston**, age 19, single, volunteer, entry date Jan 1862, 2nd ME, died Jan 1864, Washington DC, sickness acquired, body sent to friends in Ramapo for burial, no dependents.

Abram **Furman**, age 20, single, date of entry 1 Oct 1864, 133rd NY Vol., Private, served 1 year, health good without wounds.

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BERGEN PENSION ABSTRACTS

Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Applications relating to Bergen Co. NJ and Rockland Co. NY. *Contributed by Philip O'Leary*

John Lozier

John Lozier, Pvt., NJ State Troops, Rev. War Pension # W20525. Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 27 Sep 1833, John Lozier, age 75, resident of Pequannock, Morris Co., NJ, b. 13 Nov 1758 Harrington Township, Bergen Co., NJ. Entered service at Pompton, Bergen Co., under Lt. Kirkland & Ensign Riker. "Shot through thigh from British musket ball and recuperated for 8 or 9 months at my families home in Pompton, Bergen Co., NJ, then returned to duty. I have rheumatism. I know William Colfax, who can testify as to my war service.

NYC Marine Court, 10 Apr 1840, Sarah Lozier, formerly VanNess, age 80 last Sept., a resident of NYC; widow of John Lozier, who d. 07 Jan 1835. Married 14 Apr 1779 by Rev. Myers at Pompton Plains RDC, Morris Co., NJ.

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. Garret C. Shenck, pastor of the Pompton Plains RDC, (there are no marriage records kept from 1746 - 1813.) Hester Titus, Garret VanNess, age 77, a resident of Minnisink, Orange Co., NY, and brother of Sarah Lozier, as of 08 Jan 1840; Col. Abraham Buskirk (*a Refugee), Lambert Syntoff, physician. Rev. Isaac Demmand, John D. Piatt, both of Pompton, Bergen Co., NJ. Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution; Tan Sisco, age 70, of Pompton, Bergen Co., Robert Gould, age 70 last Feb., both as of 26 Oct 1832, Abraham Freeland, age 78, of Pompton, Bergen Co., Henry Berdan, age 81, Abraham Vanderbeek, age 76, both of Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ.

[Contributors note: Col. Abraham Buskirk, of the 4th Battalion of NJ Loyalists. See: "The Lozier Descendants of Francois LeSueur," by Theodore W. Lozier, 1985, p. 182, for further information on John Lozier and Sarah VanNess.]

John C. Post

John C. Post, Pvt., NJ Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # W1071. Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Ct., 26 Jul 1833, John C. Post, of New Barbados, Bergen Co., NJ, b. 09 Jun 1761, Slotterdam, Saddle River Township, Bergen Co., NJ. Entered service Apr 1776. Served under Lt. Caterlin/Casterline ?, and Ensign Samuel Van Brickel Verbryk.

"I shot the British Light Horseman who shot our sentry; piloted Gen. Wayne to what was called the Negro Fort, near Bulls Ferry. The Refugees and Tories had

possession of Fort Lee and the Negroes of the Block House. The British had possession of the lower part of Bergen Co., NJ. I know Garret P. Hopper, who can testify as to my war service."

Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 03 March 1843, Cornelia Post, age 80, resident of Franklin Twp., Bergen Co., NJ; widow of John C. Post, who d. 24 Nov 1841, they married 26 Oct 1782, close to the end of the war. Was told no church records were kept during the war. Loose leaf records attached with pension record; no relationship stated.

David Marinus, Jr. [*b. Apr 1773]

John Marinus, [*b. 10 Mar 1776]

Cornelia Cadmus, b. Oct 1780 / 82?

Catherine Garrison, b. 17 May 1817

Children of John C. Post and Cornelia Cadmus:

1] Margaret Post, b. 18 Nov 1796

2] Affe Post, b. 24 May 1799

Others mentioned in pension: Garret C. & Sophia VanDien, of Franklin Twp., Bergen Co., Rev. James V. C. Romain. All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, on 05 Oct 1833: Jacob Tuers, of Saddle River, Henry Berdan (Henry Bar Don), age 81; Simon Simonson, Abraham Vanderbeek, aged 76, John P. Post age 72.

[Contributors note: See the Pension Record of David and Effy (Cadmus) Marinus, (W385), published in the August 1999 issue of the Bergen Co., NJ, Genealogical Society Newsletter. David and John Marinus birth records also appear in that pension record. Perhaps Effy (Cadmus) Marinus and Cornelia (Cadmus) Post were sisters?]

Paul Powles

Paul Powles, Lt., NJ Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # W15877. NYC Marine Court, 31 Mar 1845, Marie Blauvelt, formerly Nagle, age 86 next July, widow of Paul Paules/Powles/Powels, who was a Lt. in the Bergen Co., NJ, Militia, d. 1801, and was formerly a resident of Harrington, Bergen Co., NJ. He was taken prisoner to NYC. "I am also the widow of John Westervelt, and John A. Blauvelt, who d. 15 Jun 1844. Married to Paul Powles 1779, by Rev. Samuel Verbryk. Children of Paul Powles and Marie Nagle, (d. 29 May 1846 in NYC.)

1) Lidea, b. 25 Sep 1779, bp 24 Oct, witness: Marte and Lidea Poulisse, married Ackerman (*)

A) Elizabeth Ackerman, age 45, of NYC, as of 27 Aug, 1849, married ____? Vandenburg

2) Hendrick (Henry P.) B. 29 Aug 1782, bp 29 Sept. Witness: Hendrick & Marretye Nagle. Deceased as of 1846.

3) Marten P.; b. 13 Mar 1785, bp 10 May. Witness: Martin & Lidea Poullisse. A resident of NYC, 1849.

4) Barney N., a resident of NYC as of 1849.

Others mentioned in pension: Henrietta Blanch, widow, of NYC, age 80 on 08 Mar last. Maiden name Powles, sister of Paul Powles. As of 31 May 1845. Rev. Isaac Cole. Peter Wilson, paymaster of Bergen Co., NJ, Militia. Mentioned in court papers, the claims of Lt. Daniel Chandler and Mary Winship. Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution: John A. Haring, of NYC, age 80 on 8 Mar last, born and raised in Bergen Co., NJ, was in same Company as Paul Powles, who was 5 or 6 years older than me. I also served with Lt. Hays, of the US Troops. As of 30 May 1845, Peter S. VanOrden, of Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY, age 82. As of 19 Oct 1845, James Riker, age 84 on 5 Oct next, of NYC, born and raised in Harrington, Bergen Co., NJ. In 1780/81 I moved to Philadelphia, PA. John Powles, age 78, of Harrington, Bergen Co., brother of Paul Powles, we had a skirmish at Demarest Mills, about 4 miles below Closter, where Peter Myers, a Refugee, was shot and killed. Richard Blanch, age 78 as of Nov last, of Harrington, Bergen Co., son of Capt. Thomas Blanch, of the Bergen Co., NJ, Militia; all as of 24 Apr 1846.

[Contributors note: See Ackerman Genealogy, by Barbara Tobey, 1980, Vol. 1, (#5.230), p. 96 for further info. on Lidea Powles, married John C. Ackerman. See also the Blauvelt Genealogy, by Louis L. Blauvelt, 1957, (#575), p. 94, for further information on Maria (Naugle/Nagle) Powles/Powleson, daughter of Hendrick Nagel and Catherine Blauvelt.]

Tunis Tallman

Tunis Tallman, Lt., NY Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # S23017, Rockland Co., NY, Common Pleas Court, 27 Nov 1932. Tunis Tallman, age 84, a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY, b. 07 Oct 1748, in Clarkstown. Was an Ensign before the Revolutionary War, and received my Commission from Nathaniel Woodhull.

President of the Provincial Congress. Served under Captains Arie Smith, John L. Smith, John Bell; Cols. Graham and A. Hawkes Hay. Guarded and scouted in Paramus and Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ, and also in Rockland Co., NY. Encamped at New Bridge, Hackensack. After the British burned the barns of Capt. Arie Smith and his brother, Capt. John L. Smith, Arie Smith moved his family to Ramapo.

Others mentioned in pension: Rev. Alexander H. Warner, William F. Fraser, both of Clarkstown. All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, and all of Rockland Co., NY, 27 Nov 1832, John VanHouten,

Cornelius DePew. 03 Dec 1833, John Felter, age 75, of Haverstraw, John J. Blauvelt, age 82, Peter Stevens, age 72, Abraham VanHouten, age 73, John House, age 74, Abraham Storms, age 74, all of Clarkstown.

Included in pension record: Abstract of Minutes of NY State Council, 28 May 1778, consolidate two regiments and have command as follows, Capts. Garret Ackerson and Arie Blauvelt, Col A. Hawkes Hay, Lt. Col. Gilbert Cuyper (Cooper), 1st Maj. John Smith, 2nd Maj. John L. Smith, Adj. Jacobus DeClark, QM Garret Onderdonk. Capt. Arie Smith, 1st Lt. Tunis Tallman, Vice Lt. Jacob Polhemus, 2nd Lt. Dirik Vanderbilt, Vice Lt. Walter Cure?, Ens. Harmanus Tallman, Vice. Ens. Tunis Tallman. In a letter to the court, with no reference made to Tunis Tallman, (it is assumed that it concerned Tunis Tallman) is a discussion of the Pension Act of 07 Jul 1838, "whereas you must provide proof of a marriage prior to 1794: the parties were married 03 Apr 1783, if there was a child born prior to the birth of Mrs. Wendell, who states she was born in 1796." Letter to the Pension office, dated 05 Oct 1906, from Mr. S. B. McKee, of Los Angeles, CA, claims his wife (no name) is a descendant of Tunis Tallman.

[Contributors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy "Revised Edition", by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987, (#5-474) for information on Tunis Tallman, son of Theunis Tallman and Margrieta DeBaun, married Margrietje Blauvelt.]

Daniel Van Scriven

Daniel VanScriven/Van Sciven, Pvt., MA State Troops, NJ Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # S 1131.

Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 01 Nov 1832, Daniel VanSciven, age 78, a resident of Harrington, Bergen Co., NJ. Called to service Aug 1776, while at Closter, Bergen Co., NJ. Served in Capt. Abraham Haring's Bergen Co., NJ, Militia.

I know the following companions in arms during the war, can testify as to my war service. Cornelius P. Westervelt, Samuel Vervalen, John A. Westervelt.

Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution; Cornelius P. Westervelt, age 73, as of Oct 31 1832, Abraham Blauvelt, age 69, Jacob Powles/Powleson, age 76, James J. Blauvelt, age 69, Samuel Vervalen, age 72, of Orange, Rockland Co., NY, as of 4 Oct 1833

[Contributors note: Information from Pat Giannotti, <pjgen@cyberbex.net>, July 1999, Daniel VanSciver married 1) Catharina (Tyne) Westervelt, d/o Albert Westervelt & Lea Hertjen, and 2) Maria Blackledge, d/o Benjamin Blackledge.]

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Transcript of Surrogate Court Records detailing the Heirs at law of Hannah Jones.

25 June, 1897 To: The Surrogate's Court of Rockland County.

The petition of **Jacob J. Jones** of the Town of Haverstraw in the said county of Rockland and State of New York respectfully sheweth that **Hannah Jones** of the aforesaid town of Haverstraw, county and state aforesaid departed this life at the said town of Haverstraw on the 26th day of May in the year 1897, having previously made and executed her last will and testament in which she devised and bequeathed both real and personal estate and in which she appointed your petitioner executor thereof.

That said deceased left surviving her no children nor descendants of any children, no father or mother, no brother or sister nor any descendants of any brother or sister. No brother or sister of her father, nor any descendants of such brother or sisters of her father, no brothers or sisters or any of there of her mother, but left her surviving descendants of brothers and sisters of her mother, **Catherine Knapp**, as follows. To wit:

Children of **Isaiah Gurnee**, deceased, a son of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of **Hannah Jones** the testatrix herein, to wit:

Isaiah Gurnee, residing at Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY

John J. Gurnee, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Deborah Goetschius, residing at Suffern, Rockland Co., NY, being all the next of kin and heirs at law of said Isaiah Gurnee deceased.

Children of **Jonas Gurnee**, deceased, a son of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, to wit:

Mary Augusta Carpenter, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Thomas N. Gurnee, residing at Prairie City, Grant Co., Oregon.

Children of **Abram Gurnee**, deceased, a son of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, to wit:

John William Gurnee, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Effie Weyant, residing at Grand Rapids, Michigan

Children of **Silkman Gurnee**, deceased, a son of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, to wit:

Ellen Ann Lake, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Mary Straut, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Carrie Eckerson, residing at 511 West 49th St., New York City, NY

Sylvester Gurnee, residing at Soldiers Home, Bath, Steuben Co., NY

Children of **John Gurnee**, deceased, a son of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, to wit:

Elizabeth Traphagen, residing at Suffern, Rockland Co., NY

Lucinda Blauvelt, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Reuben Gurnee, a son of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, residing at Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

Sarah Taylor, a daughter of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, residing at Central Valley, Orange Co., NY

Children of **Hannah Earl**, deceased, a daughter of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of the said testatrix, to wit:

Frank J. Earl, **Henry Earl**, **Mary Elizabeth Earl** and **Hannah Maria Earl**, all of whose residences are unknown to your petitioner and cannot be found after making diligent and reasonable inquiry.

Children of **William Gurnee**, deceased, a son **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of the said testatrix, to wit:

Hannah Jane Smith, residing at 62 Oxford St., Montclair, NJ

Mary Frances Seibert, residing at Oradell, NJ

Children and grandchildren of **Catherine Birdsell**, deceased, a daughter of **Hannah Gurnee**, deceased, a sister of the mother of said testatrix, to wit:

William G. Birdsell, residing at Little Britain, Orange Co., NY

Sarah Ann Campbell, residing at Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY

Reuben G. Birdsell, residing at Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY

And grandchildren of said **Catherine Birdsell**, deceased, described as follows:

James B. Weyant, residing at Demarest, NJ, a son of **Mary Weyant**, deceased, a daughter of said **Catherine Birdsell** deceased.

Children of **Emeline Weyant**, deceased, a daughter of said **Catherine Birdsell**, deceased, viz:

Wilber Weyant, residing at Bellville, NJ

Mary C. Stevens, residing at Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY

Alfred Weyant, residing at Craigville, Orange Co., NY

John Weyant, residing at Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY

Children of **Alfred Birdsell**, deceased, a son of said **Catherine Birdsell**, deceased, as follows:

Venie Ryder, residing at Central Valley, Orange Co., NY

Harvey Birdsell, residing at Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY

Frank Birdsell, residing at Central Valley, Orange Co., NY

Katie Birdsell, residing at Central Valley, Orange Co., NY

Elizabeth Birdsell, **Hannah Birdsell**, **Charles Birdsell**, **Alfred Birdsell**, and **Louise Birdsell**, all of whom reside at Central Valley, Orange Co., NY

Children of **Deborah Hunter**, deceased, a daughter of said **Catherine Birdsell**, deceased, to wit:

Edith Hunter, residing at 273 Fairmount Ave., Jersey City, NJ

William Birdsell Hunter, **Theodore Hunter**, **Clara Hunter**, **Jennie Hunter**, **Alice Hunter** and **Nathaniel Hunter Jr.**, all of whom reside at Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY.

That your petitioner is informed and verily believes that **Silkman Knapp**, a brother of **Catherine Knapp**, deceased, the mother of said testatrix, moved from this state many years ago to the State of California and was married and died long before the testatrix, leaving several children, one of whom was named **William Knapp** and another **Reuben Knapp**; but after diligent and reasonable inquiry your petitioner is unable to ascertain their names except said **William** and **Reuben**, or his or their residences, or whether they or either of them be dead or living, or whether there are any of the next of kin or heirs at law of said **Silkman Knapp**, deceased, be living or dead.

That your petitioner is informed and verily believes that **Nancy Adams**, a sister of **Catherine Knapp**, deceased, the mother of said testatrix, died long before said testatrix, leaving a son named **Walter Adams** and other children, but after making diligent and reasonable inquiry is unable to ascertain their names except said **Walter**, or his or their residences, or that of their descendants, or whether they or either of them be dead or living.

That your petitioner is further informed and believes that **Jonas Knapp**, a brother, and **Rebecca Knapp**, **Mercy Rall** and **Abby Knapp**, sisters of **Catherine Knapp**, deceased, the mother of said testatrix, all died long before said testatrix and that after diligent and reasonable inquiry your petitioner is unable to ascertain which of them were married except said **Nancy Rall**, or whether any of them left any heirs or descendants whatever, or the name or names and residences of such descendants, or whether they or either of them be dead or living. Being all the heirs at law and next of kin of **Hannah Jones** the testatrix herein mentioned and described, known to your petitioner.

All of the said persons are above twenty one years of age except said **John Weyant**, who is of the age of about eighteen years; **Elizabeth Birdsell**, who is of the age of eighteen years, **Hannah Birdsell**, who is of the age of fifteen years; **Charles Birdsell**, of the age of fourteen years; **Alfred Birdsell**, of the age of twelve years; **Louise Birdsell**, of the age of nine years; **Edith Hunter**, who is of the age of nineteen years, **Clara Hunter**, of the age of seventeen years; **Jennie Hunter**, of the age of fifteen years; **Alice Hunter**, of the age of thirteen years; and **Nathaniel Hunter Jr.**, who is of the age of ten years.

That said **Hannah Jones**, deceased, was at the time of her death, a resident of said county of Rockland in the State of New York. **End of Transcript**

A CHART OUTLINING THE VARIOUS HEIRS OF HANNAH (KNAPP) JONES *[contributors interpretation]*

- 1) Catherine (Silkman) Knapp, wife of Jonas Knapp
 - 2) Hannah (Knapp) Jones, wife of Jacob J. Jones, died 6 may 1897
- 1) Hannah (Knapp) Gurnee, wife of John M. Gurnee *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 2) Isaiah Gurnee Sr., married to Phebe Birdsall *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) Isaiah Gurnee Jr., married to Catherine Jones
 - 3) John J. Gurnee, of Monsey, Rockland Co., NY
 - 3) Deborah (Gurnee) Goetschius, of Suffern, Rockland Co., NY.
 - 2) Jonas Gurnee *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) Mary Augusta (Gurnee) Carpenter, of Monsey, Rockland Co., NY
 - 3) Thomas N. Gurnee, of Prairie city, Grant Co., Oregon
 - 2) Abram Gurnee *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) John William Gurnee, of Monsey, Rockland Co., NY
 - 3) Effie (Gurnee) Weyant, of Grand Rapids, Michigan
 - 2) Silkman Gurnee *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) Ellen Ann (Gurnee) Lake, of Monsey, Rockland Co., NY

- 3) Mary (Gurnee) Straut, *of Monsey, Rockland Co., NY*
- 3) Carrie (Gurnee) Eckerson, *of 511 West 49th St., NYC, NY*
- 3) Sylvester Gurnee, *of Soldiers Home, Bath, Steuben Co., NY*
- 2) John Gurnee *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) Elizabeth (Gurnee) Traphagen, *of Suffern, Rockland Co., NY*
 - 3) Lucinda (Gurnee) Blauvelt, *of Monsey, Rockland co., NY*
- 2) Reuben Gurnee, *of Monsey, Rockland Co., NY*
- 2) Sarah (Gurnee) Taylor, *of Central Valley, Orange Co., NY*
- 2) Hannah (Gurnee) Earl *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) Frank J. Earl, *residence unknown*
 - 3) Henry Earl, *residence unknown*
 - 3) Mary Elizabeth Earl, *residence unknown*
 - 3) Hannah Maria Earl, *residence unknown*
- 2) William Gurnee, *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) Hannah Jane (Gurnee) Smith, *of 62 Oxford St., Montclair, NJ*
 - 3) Mary Frances (Gurnee) Seibert, *of Oradell, NJ*
- 2) Catherine (Gurnee) Birdsell *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 3) William G. Birdsell, *of Little Britain, Orange Co., NY*
 - 3) Sarah Ann (Birdsell) Campbell, *of Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY*
 - 3) Reuben G. Birdsell, *of Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY*
 - 3) Mary (Birdsell) Weyant *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 4) James B. Weyant, *of Demarest, NJ*
 - 3) Emeline (Birdsell) Weyant, *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 4) Wilbur Weyant, *of Bellville, NJ*
 - 4) Mary C. (Weyant) Stevens, *of Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY*
 - 4) Alfred Weyant, *of Craigville, Orange Co., NY*
 - 4) John Weyant, *of Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY [age 18 years in 1897]*
 - 3) Alfred Birdsell, *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 4) Venie (Birdsell) Ryder, *of Central Valley, Orange Co., NY*
 - 4) Harvey Birdsell, *of Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY*
 - 4) Frank Birdsell, " " "
 - 4) Katie Birdsell, " " "
 - 4) Elizabeth Birdsell, " " *[age 18 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Hannah Birdsell, " " *[age 15 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Charles Birdsell, " " *[age 14 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Alfred Birdsell, " " *[age 12 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Louise Birdsell, " " *[age 9 years in 1897]*
 - 3) Deborah (Birdsell) Hunter, wife of Nathaniel Hunter Sr. *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 4) Edith Hunter, *of 273 Fairmount Ave., Jersey City, NJ*
 - 4) William Birdsell Hunter, *of Highland Mills, Orange Co., NY*
 - 4) Theodore Hunter, " " "
 - 4) Clara Hunter, " " *[age 17 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Jennie Hunter, " " *[age 15 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Alice Hunter, " " *[age 13 years in 1897]*
 - 4) Nathaniel Hunter Jr., " " *[age 10 years in 1897]*
 - 1) Silkman Knapp, *of California, [died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 2) William Knapp, *residence unknown*
 - 2) Reuben Knapp, " " "
 - 1) Nancy (Knapp) Adams, " " *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 2) Walter Adams, " " "
 - 1) Jonas Knapp, *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 1) Rebecca Knapp, *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 1) Mercy (Knapp) Rall, *[died before 6/25/1897]*
 - 1) Abby Knapp, *[died before 6/25/1897]*

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