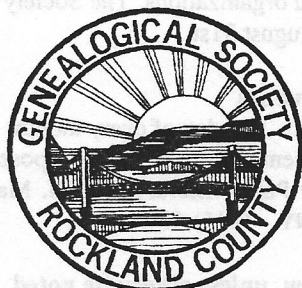


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THIRD ANNUAL ROCKLAND GATHERING

This years edition of the Rockland Gathering will be held on June 9th, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the New City Public Library, 220 North Main Street, New City, NY. While this is a new location for the Gathering, it is only about a mile south of the former site [Historical Society of Rockland Co.] and is on the same road. In addition, in the event of inclement weather, the activities will be moved indoors to the Library Auditorium. Don't forget the covered dish picnic! Bring a food dish that will suffice for four to six people, and you can sample the dishes brought by others. No covered dish, no lunch. If you have a "family heirloom" recipe, prepare it and enter in the contest for "Best food related item." Bring along your serious genealogical work for consideration for the "Presidents Award" and "Most Creative or Most Artistic Award." A good number of fine prizes have been donated, and are up for the taking. This years gathering should be great affair. **Come on down!**

LIKE TO TRY CYBERVOLUNTEERING?

Sound interesting? Read on! *Rootsweb* hosts a variety of genealogical volunteer projects. A quick view of these projects can be found at: www.rootsweb.com Some projects can be contacted directly, such as (ISTG), Immigrant Ships Transcribers Guild. This group enters

ships passenger lists into searchable data bases. You can find more information at: istg.rootsweb.com. Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness volunteers devote one day a month helping someone else- such as searching court- house records, clerks records, cemetery records, etc. Go to raogk.rootsweb.com.

Learn more about these and other genealogical projects at www.usgenweb.org/volunteers/volunteers.html

Found in AARP Bulletin, January 2001

SOCIETY MEMBERS

Since so many readers of this newsletter live outside Rockland County and are unable to attend meetings, let me introduce you to some members of the Society who all share the same surname, TATE.

First there is old man Dic Tate, who wants to run everything, while his cousin, Ro Tate tries to change everything. Mrs. Agi Tate stirs up plenty of trouble with the help of her husband, Irri Tate.

Whenever there are new projects, Mr. Hesi Tate and his wife, Vegi Tate want to wait until next year. Then there is Mrs. Ima Tate, who wants our society to be just like the one back home in Newton. Mr. Devas Tate provides the voice of doom, while Mr. Poten Tate just wants to be a big shot. And of course there is Mrs. Levi Tate whose constant gossip keeps things up in the air.

There is the black sheep of the society, Mr. Ampu Tate, who has cut himself off almost completely from the rest of the members. Mr. Cogi Tate and his wife, Medi Tate are the backbones of the society, always thinking things over, and usually very positive in their ideas, even if they don't always *do* very much.

But lastly, there is Mr. And Mrs. Facili Tate who work tirelessly for the society, serve on many committees, who encourage new members, and are always ready to do what needs to be done for the upbuilding and improvement of the society.

(Thanks to the Family Chronicle, March / April 2001)

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. The Society dues year is September 1st to August 31st.

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, 220 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, (845) 623-4046 or Sally Dewey, (845) 359-5490.

PROGRAMS

June 26, 2001Pat Gordon will talk about the Haverstraw Brick Museum

July and August, 2001 No Meetings

September 25, 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 (845) 357-6390

FASCINATING FLAG FACTS

The ball at the top of the flagpole upon which an American flag is flown is called a "truck." On an official government installation, inside the truck is a .45 caliber bullet, a .38 caliber bullet and a bullet from an M-16 rifle. In the event a truck falls and hits the ground, it is designed to break into 13 pieces, representing the original 13 colonies.

At the base of each American flagpole on an official government installation is a box buried in concrete containing one saber, a .38 caliber pistol and a book of matches. In the event the enemy overtakes the last government installation, the last survivor is to defend the flag with the saber and pistol and burn the flag with the matches so that the enemy cannot capture the flag.

Thanks to the Army National Guard
and the *Palm Beach Thistle*

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 (845) 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, (845) 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>

AT THE NEW CITY LIBRARY

Recent acquisitions (as of June 1, 2001) at the Rockland Room of the New City Library, 220 N. Main St., New City, NY 10956, compiled by Sally Pellegrini, Local History Librarian. These and other new works can be found on the bookcase against the center wall in the Rockland Room. Please return these books to the shelving cart by the entrance door when you are done with them. Thank You

B Carson McCullers, A Life
McCullers Josyane Savigneau
(Houghton Mifflin, 2001)

016. The American Census Handbook
929 Thomas Jay Kemp
Kem (Scholarly Resources, 2000)

016. Microfilm Resources for Research
973 Nat. Archives and Records Adm., 2000
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285. The History of the First Presbyterian Church of
1 Ridgewood, New Jersey Claude Adamson
His 1972

285. Zion on the Hudson
7 Firth Haring Fabend
Fab (Rutgers University Press, 2000)

333. The Hudson River Almanac : volume VI
Hud Purple Mountain Press, 2000

369. American Genealogical Research at the DAR
135 Eric G. Grundset
Gru (National Society, D. A. R., 1997)

385. Grand Central Terminal
3 Kurt Schlichting
Sch (Johns Hopkins University, 2001)

385. The Ulster and Delaware Railroad though the
Catskills Gerald M Best
Bes (Golden West Books, 1972)

386. Over & Back: the History of Ferryboats in New
York Harbor
2234 Brian J. Cudahy
Cud (Fordham University Press, 1990)

398. Legends of the Shawangunk
3 Philip H. Smith
Smi (Syracuse University Press, 2000)

672 The West Point Foundry and The Parrott Gun
209 Charles R. Isleib and Jack Chard
Isi (Purple Mountain Press, 2000)

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Coo | <u>Celebrating Our Past: Livingston County in the Twentieth Century</u>
Bill Cook
(Q. Pub., 2000) | 929
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Sea | <u>Biographical Sketches and Index of the Huguenot Settlers</u>
Morgan Seacord
(Huguenot and Historical Assoc., 1941) |
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Har | <u>The Saga of the Empire State Music Festival</u>
Harold Harris
(GreyCore Press, 2001) | 929.
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Dix | <u>Index to Seamen's Protection Certificate Applications</u> . Compiled by Ruth P. Dixon
(Clearfield, 1995) |
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Pal | <u>The Palisades: A Surprising Wilderness</u>
Beczak Environmental Education Center
(2000) | 929.
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Pass | <u>Passenger Arrivals at the Port of New York 1830-1832</u> Transcribed by Eliz. Bentley
(Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000) |
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Bcg | <u>The BCG Genealogical Standards Manual</u>
Board for Certification of Genealogists
(2000) | 929.
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Dun | <u>Deaths in Boston 1700-1799 2 volumes</u>
Robert J. Dunkle
(New England Hist. & Gen. Society, 1999) |
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Cli | <u>Complete Beginner's Guide to Genealogy, the Internet, and Your Genealogy Computer</u>
Karen Clifford
(Genealogical Publishing Inc., 2001) | 929.
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Mar | <u>Marriages and Deaths Reported in the Fishkill Standard: 1874-1877</u>
Katherine Chamberlain
(Heritage Books, 2000) |
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Gib | <u>Probate Jurisdictions: Where to Look for Wills</u>
Jeremy Gibson
(Genealogical Publishing Co, 1998) | 929.
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Sec | <u>Second Book of Records of Tappan Church</u>
Indexed by Louis L. Blauvelt
(1937) |
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Iri | <u>The Irish in New England</u>
New England Genealogical Society
1985 | 929.
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Hab | <u>The German Churches of Metropolitan NY</u>
Richard Haberstroh
(N.Y. Gen. and Biographical Society, 2000) |
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Stu | <u>Bringing Your Family History to Life Through Social History</u>
Katherine Scott Sturdevant
(Betterway Books, 2000) | 929.
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Bie | <u>Index to Marriage and Death Notices in the New Yorker Staats-Zeitung</u>
Frank Biebel
(N. Y. Gen. and Biographical Society, 2000) |
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Tha | <u>Finding Your African American Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide</u>
David Thackery
(Ancestry, 2000) | 929.
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Mar | <u>Marriage Record of the Tappan Reformed Church: 1831-1901</u>
Edited by Arthur C. Kelly
(Kinship, 2000) |
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Ber | <u>The Jewish Victorian: Genealogical Information from the Jewish Newspapers 1871-1880</u>
Transcribed by Doreen Berger
(Robert Boyd Publications, 1999) | 929.
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Ard | <u>Second Calvary Cemetery- New Yorkers Carved in Stone</u>
Rosemary M. Ardolina
(Delia Publications, 2000) |
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Hin | <u>Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy: An Index</u>
William Wade Hinshaw
(Genealogical Publishing, 1999) | 929.
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Cem | <u>The Cemetery Directory</u>
Nomis Publications, 2000 |
| 929.
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Kel | <u>The Kelly of Askeaton</u>
Michael Thomas Kelly
(1996) | 929.
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Rei | <u>Index to the Deaths Found in the New Yorker Vokl-Zeitung 2 volumes</u>
Thomas Reimer
(Heritage Books, Inc., 2000) |
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Rik | <u>Genealogical and Biographical Directory to Persons in New Netherlands</u>
Prepared by David Riker
(Higginson, 1999) | 929.

Pie | <u>The Stones Speak: Irish Place Names from Inscriptions in Boston's Mount Calvary Cem.</u>
Richard Andrew Pierce
(New England Genealogical Society, 2000) |

929. Index to Marriages and Deaths in the New York Herald: 1864-1870 V.3
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929. Huguenot Genealogies: A Selected Preliminary List Arthur L Finnell
2 (Clearfield, 1999)
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929. List of Emigrants to America from Liverpool 1697-1707
373 Elizabeth French
Liv (Genealogical Publishing , 1962)
929. Aberdeen Obituaries 1748-1854
373 Frances McDonnell
McD (Willow Bend Books, 2000)
973. Writing and Fighting the Civil War: Soldier Correspondence to the N Y Sunday Mercury
781 Edited by William Styple
Sty (Belle Grove Publishing, 2000)
974. The National Register of Historic Places in New York State
7 Peter D. Shaver
SHA (Preservation League of New York State, 1993)
974. A Centennial Journey: Nyack in the 20th Century
728 Historical Society of the Nyacks, 2000
Nya
974. My Grandmother's Diary: The Daily Life of a 19th Century Woman
728 Compiled by Geraldine Gilchrest Savoury
Sav (Lifestyle Press, 2000)
- B The Schoonmaker Family
Scho (Schoonmaker Family Assoc., 1974)

BASKETMAKERS and LADLEMAKERS 1850 Federal Census, Rockland County

Haverstraw

Samuel Conklin, 28, wife Harriet
Benjamin Phillips, 52, wife Eliza
Nicholas Secor, 74
Eugene Pitt, 22, wife Rebecca
James Youman, 54, wife Hannah

William Rose, 46, wife Catherine
Samuel Youman, 58, wife Sarah

Timothy Youmans, 18
Henry Hilton, 28, wife Alice
George Conklin, 55, wife Charity
Levi Wilson, 45, wife Fanny
John Conklin, 24
John Conklin, 79
DeWitt Conklin, 21
Josiah Conklin, 14
Levi Conklin, 39, wife Catherine
Samuel Edwards, 25, wife Eliza

Ramapo

John Herring, 25
Alexander Mather, 23
Andrew Abrams, 22
George Hogencamp, 16
Matthew Conklin, 55, wife Phoebe
William Scott, 38, wife Maryann
Garret Westervelt, 74
Nicholas Babcock, 26, wife Sarah
George W. Hogencamp, 63
Benjamin Pitt, 56, wife Elizabeth
Gilbert Conklin, 35, wife Elizabeth
John Conklin, 31, wife Eliza
Noah Williams, 33, wife Susan
Daniel Conklin, 43, wife Hester
William Conklin, 27, wife Sabrina
James Hammond, 36, wife Hannah
James Conklin, 33, wife Mary
William Pitt, 68, wife Charlotte
Nicholas M. Conklin, 26, wife Eliza
William Conklin, 72, wife Hannah
Zephaniah Conklin, 50, wife Catherine
James Mather, 25, wife Emma
Gavin Mather, 31

Orangetown

Samuel Freeman, 50, wife Hannah
Cezar Jackson, 37, wife Hester
John A. Post, 40, wife Hannah
Andrew C. Canblakin, wife Catherine
Richard Ellsworth, 50, wife Jane

Clarkstown

William Hocum, 44, wife Lavina
Samuel Hocum, 45, wife Ann
Daniel Seacor, 45, wife Abigail

Basket making and carving wooden utensils were
Part-time occupations for other mountain residents.

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Poetry Corner

HALLOWED GROUND

We're here today because the flag
Flies over hallowed ground.
Here men have fought, and bled, and died,
While others peace have found.
Adventurous "Mad Anthony"
Answered his County's call,
And those who followed well deserved
The praise he gave them all.
Again our Country calls, and now
'Tis ours to shirk, or give
The best we have, unstintingly,
That freedom still may live.

We, like the patriots of old,
May humble heroes be,
Content to know we've done our bit
For hard won liberty.
The flag that flies above us here
Is evidence that men
Sought for a symbol to express
Ideals they fought for then.
Today it pleads in mute appeal-
"Arouse ye, one and all,
The testing time has come; awake;
Answer your Country's call."
So, here upon this hill-top green,
Flag of the brave and free,
To God, and Country- and to you,
We pledge our loyalty.

Cornelia F. Bedell

**Read at a meeting of the Rockland County Conservation
Association, Stony Point, July 25th, 1940, before giving
the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

Contributed by Curt Shuart

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 inclusion in future issues.

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

430- Rauch, vonWallmenich. Looking for any info. Regarding the L.B. Saloon in Piermont, circa 1860-1890, which was owned or operated by sisters Louise Rauch and Therese vonWallmenich.

Ted vonWallmenich
562 Randolph Drive
Lititz, PA 17543

431- Rauch, vonWallmenich. Looking for burial record of Louise Rauch and Therese vonWallmenich, who died between 1880 and 1900, and are believed buried in Rockland County Cemetery. Do records exist for this cemetery, and if so, where are they located?

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432- Halstead- Looking for records of John and Margaret Halstead. Both were born in Clarkstown. I do not know John's birth or death date. Margaret was born 26 Feb 1770, and she died in Yonkers, (Westchester Co., NY) in 1849. I presume John also died in Yonkers.

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

433- Osborn, Conkling. Mary Osborn, sister of Richard Osborn of New Hempstead, who died in 1811, married a "Mr. Conkling." I need the first name and parents of "Mr. Conkling."

M. Smeltzer-Stevenot
150 Johnstontown Rd.
Sloatsburg, NY 10974

434- Osborn, Bishop. William Osborn (1774-1835) of New Hempstead, married Sarah Bishop, (1779-1867) daughter of Ebenezer Bishop. Both are buried in the

Bishop Cemetery. Did they have any children?

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435- Martling, Thorpe, Tremper, Brower. Seek the parents, siblings, further details regarding Daniel C. Martling, born about 1822 in WESTCHESTER Co., NY; appears in 1850 and 1860 censuses in Clarkstown, occupation shoemaker, with wife Phebe (6 Sep 1823-20 Dec 1885) and an older woman, Phebe Thorp; known children Francis E., born about 1844; Isaac A. (or H.), 5 Apr 1849-13 Apr 1901, married Anna C. Brower; Cecilia A. (or C.), born about 1855, married David or Daniel Tremper; John Henry, 28 Dec 1859-10 Jul 1873. Daniel married (2nd) (When?) Esther Ann _____?, 5 Sep 1820-16 Aug 1897. He died in Ramapo Alms House 23 Jan 1908, and is buried in New City Cemetery per death certificate, but no stone known; both wives, son John Henry, and Phebe Thorp are buried there.

George L. Trigg
18 Duzine Road
New Paltz, NY 12561 - 1304

436- Jones. Joseph Jones, farmer, of Clarkstown, born c/1722, wife Charity _____? Ten children, vis: Jacob, Benjamin, Edward, Joseph Jr., Jonas, Isaac, Phobe, Charity, Martha, Mary. Searching for suggestions as to the origins of Charity _____? Was she a Coe? A Halstead? A Smith? A Denton?

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437- Jones. Jacob Jones, son of Joseph & Charity Jones [see query 436 above] born February, 1759, married 2 Feb 1776 to his cousin Hannah Jones, daughter of John Jones and _____ Smith?, of New Hempstead. What was the familial relationship between the two fathers, Joseph Jones and John Jones? Were they brothers? Did they come to Rockland from Long Island with the other purchasers and settlers of the north moiety of the Kakiat Patent?

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438- Degraw, Jones, Smith. Lucas Degraw, born 13 Aug 1758, son of Johannes Degraw and Rachel Van Hoorin, bp at Tappan DC, and married circa 1785 to Rebecca Smith. In 1833 Lucas was a resident of Blooming Grove, in present day Orange Co., NY, when he gave

a deposition supporting the widow's pension application of Hannah Jones, widow of Jacob Jones. [see query 437 above] Lucas deposed that he knew of the marriage of Hannah Jones to Jacob Jones because his wife [Rebecca Smith], was a sister to the mother of Hannah Jones [and hence the wife of John Jones]. Who were the parents of Rebecca Smith and her unnamed sister? Who was the unnamed sister?

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439- Babcock. In his Rev. War Pension Application dated 8 August 1854, William Babcock stated that he was born in Haverstraw on 2 January 1754, on the day his grandfather died. Who was his grandfather? Anyone know of a man, possibly named William, who died in the Haverstraw vicinity on 2 January 1754?

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440- Babcock. In the 1790 Federal census for Rockland are listed; Elisha Babcock, Elisha Babcock 2nd, and Elisha Babcock 4th. Who were these men? Origins, parents, siblings? Where did they go?

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441- Jones. In 1752 the residents of Haverstraw Precinct registered their cattle "ear marks" with the Haverstraw Clerk. On the list are found the names; John Jones, Thomas Jones, David Jones, Nathaniel Jones, Joseph Jones, Robert Jones. Were these six men related? Where did they come from? Did they come from the Hempstead, Long Island area? Any clue as to the origins of any of these six men would be helpful.

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442- Jones. In 1773 a man named Isaac Jones was hanged at New City for the stabbing death of another man. Who was this Isaac Jones? Who did he murder?

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443- Jones. In Cole's History of Rockland, page 30, is a list of men who signed the Test of Association in Haverstraw in 1775. Among them were; Edward Jones, Joseph Jones Jr., Benjamin Jones, Jacob Jones, Jacob Jones, Jacob Jones. The first four were probably the sons of Joseph Jones Sr., of Clarkstown. Who were the other two Jacob Jones'.

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444- Lake, Smith. Isaac Lake, [1801-1868] lived in Ramapo area, married Rachel Smith. Who were the parents and siblings of Rachel Smith?

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445- Lake, Smith. Harvey Morgan Lake, [1824-1897] son of Isaac Lake [see query 444, above], married Maria A. Smith. Who were the parents and siblings of Maria?

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The **RIGHT NAME** for the **RIGHT COUSIN**

Your **first cousin**, of course, is the child of your parents sister or brother. However, the first cousin's child is not your second cousin, as is sometimes thought, but your **first cousin once removed**. The child of the first cousin once removed is your **first cousin twice removed**.

Your **second cousin** is your *grandparent's* brother or sister's *grandchild*. That second cousin's child is your **second cousin once removed**, his child your **second cousin twice removed**, and so on.

And your **third cousin**? It's your *great-grandparent's* brother's (or sister's) *great grandchild*. The third cousin's child is your **third cousin once removed**, his child your **third cousin twice removed**.

*This appeared in GOOD HOUSEKEEPING
MAGAZINE in the 1970's.*

THE STORIES THAT YOU TELL ABOUT
YOUR PAST SHAPE YOUR FUTURE.

Readers Digest "Quotable Quotes," June 2000

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.

Drayman- cart driver.
Dresser- dresses another / surgeons assistant.
Driver- slave overseer.
Drover- cattle driver.
Drugger- pharmacist.
Drummer- traveling salesman.
Dry salter- deals in pickles, dried meat, sauces.
Dubbere- cloth dubber, one who raises cloth nap.
Duffer- peddler of cheap goods.
Dustman- janitor / garbage collector.
Earer- plowman.
Earth stopper- stops up animal holes in ground.
Eggler- egg or poultry dealer.
Elymaker- oil maker.
Empresario- showman / land broker / promoter
Eremite- hermit.
Erite- heretic
Estafette- mounted courier
Exciseman- excise tax collector
Faber- artisan, workman
Factor- sold goods on commission.
Fancy Man- pimp
Fancy Woman- prostitute
Fanner- grain winnower
Farandman- traveling merchant
Farrier- blacksmith, horse shoer
Fawkner- falcon trainer
Feeder- herdsman
Feller- woodcutter
Fell Monger- removed hair from hides
Ferur / Ferator- horse shoer, blacksmith
Fever- blacksmith
Fewterer- greyhound tender
Filibuster- gun runner / American mercenary in South America
Fisher / Fishdryver- victualer
Fish Fag- female fish monger
Fitter- coal broker
Flauner- confectioner
Flesher- butcher, tannery worker

Fleshewer- butcher
Fleshmonger- pimp
Fletcher- bow and arrow maker
Fogger- peddler / low class lawyer
Foot Maiden- female servant
Foot Man- servant who ran errands.
Forester- game warden / forest ranger
Framer- carpenter who frames houses.
Freedman- person released from slavery
Freemason- stone cutter
Fripperer- bought and sold old clothes
Friseur- hair dresser
Fruiterer- fruit seller
Fruitestere- female fruit seller
Fulker- pawnbroker
Fuller- cloth worker
Funambulist- tightrope walker
Furbisher- armor polisher
Furner- baker
Furrier- makes or sells furs
Gabeler- tax collector
Gaffer- foreman of work crew
Gager- collector of liquor taxes
Gangsmen- foreman
Ganneker- Tavern keeper
Gaoler- jailer
Garthman- owner/operator of fish trap
Geometer- someone skilled in geometry
Gerund Grinder- Latin teacher
Gilder- applies gold leaf
Ginour- engineer
Girdler- girdle maker
Glazier- glass man, window glazier
Goaler- jailer
Goldsmith- maker of gold articles; banker
Goose herd- goose tender
Grace Wife- midwife
Graffer- notary; scrivener
Granger- farmer
Graver- engraver
Grazier- cattleman
Greave- bailiff; sheriff
Green Grocer- fruit and vegetable man
Grimbriber- lawyer
Groover- miner
Haberdasher- seller of men's clothing

Hacker- hoe maker
Hackney Man- rents horses and carriages
Handwoman- midwife of female attendant
Hansard- weapon maker, seller
Harmer Beck- constable
Hatcheler- flax cleaner
Hawker- peddler
Haymonger- hay dealer
Hayward- fence viewer
Headsmen- executioner
Headswoman- midwife
Hedger- hedge trimmer
Hellier- tiler or slater
Hempheckler- flax worker
Henter- thief
Higgler- peddler
Highwayman- robber
Hillier- roof tiler
Hind- farm laborer
Hired Man- gardener, farm hand, stableman
Hobbler- boat tower on canal or river
Hodsman- mason's assistant
Holster- horse groom
Hoofer- dancer
Hooker- reaper
Hooper- cask maker
Horse Coper- horse dealer
Horse Courser- race horse owner
Horse Knave- groom
Horse Leech- veterinarian; farrier
Hostler- stableman, groom, horse attendant
House Joiner- house framer (carpenter)
House Wright- house builder
Howdy Wife- midwife
Huckster- sells small wares
Husbandman- farmer
Iceman- sold or delivered ice
Idleman- gentleman of leisure
Infirmarian- in charge of an infirmary
Intelligencer- spy
Intendent- director of a public or Govt. business
Interfactor- murderer
Iron Master- owned or managed a foundry
Jack- young male assistant, sailor or lumberjack
Jagger- fish peddler
Jobber- buys in quantity to sell to others
Joiner / Joyner- skilled carpenter

Jongleur- traveling minstrel
Journeyman- craftsman hired day by day
Jouster- fish monger
Kedger- fisherman
Keeler- bargeman
Keller- salt keeper
Kellog- slaughter man
Kempster- wool comber
Knacker- harness maker
Knockknobler- dog catcher
Lacewoman- lady's maid
Lardner- keeper of the cupboard
Laster- shoe maker
Lattener- brass worker
Launderer- washer
Lavender- washer woman
Lederer- leather maker
Leech- physician
Legerdemainist- magician
Lighterman- worker on flat bottomed boat
Limner- artist, illustrator, drawer
Linener- linen draper, shirt maker
Loadsmen- ship's pilot
Loblolly Boy- ship's doctor's assistant
Lock keeper- overseer of canal locks
Longshoreman- stevedore
Lorimer / Lormer- maker of horse gear
Lungs- alchemist's assistant who fanned the fire
Malender- farmer
Maltster- brewer
Manciple- steward
Mango- slave dealer
Mantumaker- dressmaker
Marshall- horse servant, groom
Mason- stone cutter
Master Mariner- ship's captain
Mayer- physician
Mercer- cloth seller
Meterer- poet
Midwife- woman who assisted in childbirth
Miller- owner or operator of a flour mill
Milleress- miller's wife
Millpeck- sharpener of mill stones
Millwright- designed/built mills/mill machinery
Mintmaker/mintmaster- issuer of local currency
Mixer- bartender

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Non Population Schedules

Material excerpted from the 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)

William **Furman**, age 20, born RC, wheelwright, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NYSM, Private, term one month, health good without wounds.

James H. **Goetschius**, age 22, single, date of entry 10 Jul 1861, volunteer, 79th NY, Private, rank at time of death "Landsman" (?), died 30 May 1865, Norfolk, Va. Died of sickness, had re-enlisted 1864 under name of William **Kennedy**, buried US Cem. No dependents.

John F. **Goetschius**, age 40, born RC, married, cigar maker, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, Co. F, 17th NYS Marines, 1 month in service. Health good without wounds.

DeWitt **Garrison**, age 18, born Orange Co., single, laborer, date of entry 11 Jan 1864, 7th NY Hev Art, in service 14 months, health good, wounded in the shoulder, painful in damp weather.

Henry **Garrison**, age 40, married, volunteer, date of entry 17 Aug 1864, NY 15th, Private, died of sickness at Willet's Point, left widow, and nine minor children.

Thomas **Hastings**, age 23, single, date of entry 9 Oct 1861, 95th NY Vol, Private, died 19 Aug 18?? Of sickness, buried at Soldiers Rest. No dependents.

Gerard B. **Hammond**, age 37, married, birth place Westchester Co., date of entry 19 Aug 1862, 17th Light Art., Physician & Surgeon, Medical Staff.

William **Hendricks**, age 36, married, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NYS Mar., Private, term 1 month, health good without wounds.

William **Higgins**, age 37, married, born RC, farmer, date of entry Aug 1862, 6th NY Hev. Art, Private, term 3 years, health good without wounds.

John J. **Hogan**, age 21, born NY, mason, date of entry 8 Oct 1864, Co F, 89th NY, Pvt., transferred to 24th Corp. Feb 1865, health good, no wounds.

William **Hoyt**, age 20, married, volunteer, date of entry 8 July 1863, 17th NYLM, 1 month in service, health good without wounds.

Rufus **Hoyt**, age 21, single, volunteer, date of entry 10 Sep 1864, Pvt., discharged in 9 months. Health good without wounds.

Ralph G. **Iserman**, age 21, single, date of entry 3 Oct 1861, 66th NY Vol, Pvt., died 11 Jul 1862, at Savage Station, Va., while a prisoner in the hands of the rebels, buried Savage Station, no dependents.

George W. **Jones**, age 35, married, date of entry 6 Sep 1861, 6th NY HevArt, Pvt., served 9 months without wounds, health permanently impaired.

Tunis **Johnson**, age 26, born RC, married, farmer, date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NYS Mar, Pvt., term one month, health good without wounds.

Theodore **Kingsley**, age 26, born NJ, farmer, date of entry 1 Sep 1862, Co D, 22nd NJ, Pvt., 9 months service, health good, no wounds, but impaired.

Frank **Lockwood**, age 22, married, volunteer, date of entry unknown, died 19 Nov 1864, Pvt., Burkley Springs, La. Left a widow, dependent mother and 3 sisters, no children. Buried Burkley Springs, La.

Cornelius **McElroy**, age 20, married, date of entry 25 Aug 1864, Pvt., 10 months service, mustered out health good without wounds.

Evander **McElroy**, age 29, date of entry Oct 1862, 56th NY Vol, Pvt., re-enlisted Mar 1864, 90th NY Vol. Health good without wounds.

George **McLaughlin**, age 45, boarder, single, born Ireland, date of entry Oct 1861, 1st NY Engineers, Pvt., 36 months service, health good, no wounds.

Alexander **McNurty**, age 29, married, born Orange Co., date of entry 8 Jul 1863, 17th NY Vol, Pvt., 10 months service, health good without wounds.

Luther **Maroney**, age 19, single, date of entry 1 Feb 1865, 55th NY, Pvt., died Mar 1865, Harpers Ferry, of war sickness acquired in service, body sent to friends in Ramapo, no dependents.

Charles **Montanya**, age 21, single, date of entry, 1 Sept 1861, 22nd NJ, volunteer, Pvt., died 10 Nov 1863 Bridgeport, Al., while in 33rd NJ, of sickness acquired, in Bridgeport Hospital. No dependents.

Casper **Moffat**, age 23, single, date of entry Oct 1861, 95th NY Vol, died 28 Nov 1863 of wounds acquired in battle, in Washington hospital. Buried in Washington, DC. No dependents, no other info.

James **Morrison**, age 18, boarder, born Orange Co. Single, laborer, date of entry 24 Oct 1863 NY Hev Art, Pvt., transferred to Veteran Reserves.

David **May**, age 19, born RC, single, laborer, date of entry 7 Mar 1865, 142nd NY, Pvt., substitute.

Michael **Newman**, age 20, drafted, date of entry 1 Oct 1864, Co C, 133rd NY, Pvt., term 1 year.

Richard **O'Dell**, age 24, single, drafted, Pvt., date of entry 25 Sep 1863, 54th NYV, term 1 year.

Charles H. **Osborne**, age 28, date of entry 8 July 1863, Co "T", 17th NYV, health good, no wounds.

Jesse C. **Osborne**, age 28, born RC, date of entry 12 Sep 1862, Co A, 127th NY, 3 years, health good without wounds.

Andrew **Osborne**, age 36, married, date of entry unknown, 17th NYSM, Pvt., 1 month in service, discharged, health good without wounds.

Peter M. **Osborne**, age 25, single, born Kings Co., carpenter, date of entry Nov 1861, 95th NYV, Pvt., term 3 years, promoted to 1st Sgt., 51st Cavalry. Discharged 1864.

Josiah I. **Quimbey**, age 28, married, born NY, date of entry 20 Apr 1861, 71st NYM, corporal, but promoted to Sgt., was out with regiment 3 times, without wounds, health permanently impaired.

Richard **Riker**, age 29, born NJ, married, laborer, date of entry 23 Feb 1864, Co E, 1st NY Engineers, Pvt., promoted to Sgt. Jan 1865.

Reuben **Riggs**, age 30, married, born NJ, date of entry Oct 1864, 95th NYV, 1st term 1 year, Pvt., promoted to Capt., served 4 months in 17th NYM, discharged as Captain.

John C. **Read**, age 18, born RC, farm laborer, date of entry Sept 19, 1864, Co K, 124th NY, Pvt., term one year.

Archibald **Smith**, age 66, married, date of entry 6 Aug 1862, Pvt., died while a prisoner in Richmond, date unknown, manner of death unknown. Left a widow and 4 minor children. Had 4 sons in army.

Alfred **Smith**, age 25, born RC, farmer, date of entry 8 July 1863, Co "T", 17th NY, Pvt., 1 month term. Health good, without wounds.

Garrett **Smith**, age 21, single, date of entry August 1862, 6th NYV, term 3 years, mustered out. Health good without wounds.

George **Smith**, age 18, single, date of entry August 1862, 6th NYV, Pvt., served 2 years. Health good without wounds.

Abram **Storms**, age 22, boarder, born RC, date of entry Feb 1864, 7th NY HvAr, Pvt., 3 year term, has been prisoner at Andersonville.

Daniel **Starr**, age 52, married, date of entry Sept 1862, 144th, volunteer, served 3 year term.

To be continued.

BERGEN PENSION ABSTRACTS

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

Matthias Riker

Matthias Riker, Pvt., NJ-NY Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # S11294. NYC Common Pleas Court, 12 Nov 1832, Matthias Riker, age 76, a resident of NYC, b. 10 Sep 1756 Rockland Co., NY; the part that was at one time in Bergen Co., NJ; record of my age is with my sister-in-law, Maria Blauvelt. Served under Col. Dey, who's brother was the regiment doctor, also served under Capt. Hogencamp, who lived at Greenbush, and in the Bergen Co., NJ, Militia. I was wounded in the knee by a British musket ball. I helped erect and sink a Chevause De Frise in the North River, also assisted in running an iron chain from Ft. Montgomery across the Hudson River. Saw the British ship Phoenix. One year after discharge I got married and moved to Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY, and was pressed into service in the Continental Line to help the wounded and take a cannon to Smiths Clove. I know Rev. George DuBois and John P. Roome, who can testify as to my war service.

Others mentioned in pension: In court papers is mentioned the claim of David Ask?

Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution on 30 Nov 1832, both of NYC, Gerardus Riker, younger brother of Matthias Riker. Steven Hadley.

Contributors note: A chevause de frise is a type of battlefield fortification, large chevause de frise were constructed early in the war with iron points on the tips and sunk in the Hudson River in a specific pattern to block British warships from going up river. Also see "Annals of Newtown" by James Riker Jr., 1852, pages 309-310, Matthias Riker, d. 08 Sep 1837, son of Abraham Riker (1721-1820) and Elizabeth Conklin, married Ann Naugle, daughter of Henry Naugle.

Cornelius DePew

Cornelius DePew, Pvt., NY Militia, Revolutionary War Pension #S15080. Rockland Co., NY, Common Pleas Court, 13 Nov 1832, Cornelius DePew, age 71, a resident of Nyack, Rockland Co., NY. Served under Captains John Bell, William Cooley, Jacob Onderdonk, Col. A. Hawkes Hay, Lt.'s. Tunis Tallman, Resolvart VanHouten. Served as guard and scout in Bergen Co., NJ. While at the Old Bridge in Hackensack, Abraham VanHouten, who was my near neighbor, came and took my place, and did his duty. Also served as an oarsman on Gen. Washington's barge. At one time I asked for leave to go home and help my father (no name) because his Negro was sick and I was refused.

Others mentioned in pension: 02 Mar 1836, Daniel Youmans, age 70/72, of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY. 09 Jun 1837, Daniel Jones, age 71, of Haverstraw, Rockland Co., NY, worked as a blacksmith with my father, John Jones, for the Continental Army, at our workshop in Stony Point, we later moved to Hempstead, now Ramapo, Rockland Co., NY, I was well acquainted with Capt. William Cooley, who was in command of a company of ferrymen, and I remember Cornelius DePew was an oarsman. 09 Jul 1837, John Springsteen, age 82, of Haverstraw, I was an assistant at the Commissary Dept., near Stony Point and remember seeing Cornelius DePew as an oarsman. All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution, 09 Jul 1837, Jonathan Youmans, age 72, of Clarkstown, was a fellow oarsman, 27 Feb 1836, John House, age 76, of Clarkstown, 13 Nov 1832, Tunis Tallman, Abraham VanHouten, both of Clarkstown, 27 Feb 1836, Peter Stephens, age 75, John Eli Smith, age 81, both of Clarkstown.

Contributors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy, "Revised Edition" by Dorothy Moos, 1987, ##5-1060, for information on Cornelius De Pew, b. 27 Jun 1761, and d. c/ 1846, son of Abraham DePew and Rachel Blauvelt.

Steven/Stephen Hadley

Steven/Stephen Hadley, Pvt., NJ-NY Militia, Rev. War Pension # S13263, Steven Hadley, age 76, a resident of NYC, b. 20 Mar 1759 Yonkers, Westchester Co., NY. Enlisted 15 Apr 1776 at Yonkers, at age 17, under Capt. Berrian's NY Militia. In Oct 1776, my family moved to Closter, Bergen Co., NJ, where I enlisted under Capt. Hendrick Tenure's NY Militia, and served guarding the lines between Bergen Co., NJ and Orange Co., NY. At an engagement at Tappan, Captain Crane was taken prisoner. In 1778 I resided with my father (no name) at Clarkstown, Orange Co., NY, now Rockland Co., NY. In Nov. 1783 I moved to NYC. I have also lived at Phelps Manor, Westchester Co., NY. I know the following men who can testify as to my war service: George & Isaac Hadley (no relationship given), and Gerardus Riker. Others mentioned in pension: All testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution: 09 Nov 1832, Gerardus Riker, of NYC, served in Captains Blauvelt and Haring's NJ Militia, in same company as Steven Hadley, and Capt. King's NY Militia. 12 Nov 1832, Rev. George Hadley, of NYC, enlisted at Closter, Bergen Co., NJ, under Capt. Johnson's NJ Militia, also served in Capt. Bell's NY Militia. 12 Nov 1832, Isaac Hadley, of NYC, enlisted at Closter, Bergen Co., NJ, under Capt. Johnson's NJ Militia, I also served in Capt. Bowers NY Continental Line.

Andres VanOrden

Andres VanOrden, Pvt., NJ-NY Militia, Revolutionary War Pension # S11621. NYC Common Pleas Court, 27 Jul 1832, Andres VanOrden, age 76, a resident of NYC; b. 03 Aug 1756, Hackensack, Bergen Co., NJ. Entered service at Hackensack in Jul 1776, caught "camp fever" and was dismissed, re-enlisted Nov 1776. Feb 1777 moved to Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY, enlisted in NY Militia and again caught "camp fever". Moved to NYC about 27 years ago. I know the following men who can testify as to my war service, George, Steven and Isaac Hadley, Gerardus Riker. Others mentioned in pension: Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution in 1832, George Hadley, Gerardus Riker, Tunis Tallman, was 1st Lt. In Capt. John Bell's NY Militia

Contributors note: Information from Frank VanOrden, <vano@compuserve.com> as of Feb 1999, Andres VanOrden, son of Petrus VanOrden and Geertie Snyder.

Geradus and Abigail (Forshay) Riker

Geradus Riker, Pvt., NY Militia, NJ Continental Line, Rev. War Pension # S11293. NYC Common Pleas Court 27 July 1832, Geradus Riker, age 76, a resident of NYC; Entered service at Closter, Bergen Co., NJ, where I was born April 1757, also entered service at Tappan, Rockland Co., NY. Living at Closter until 1802/03 then moved to NYC. Wife Abigail, age 76 as of 29 Oct 1823, she was widow of Jacob Willsey/Wilsie/Woolsey.

Served under Lieutenant Matthew Lighty, worked on a Cahavause De Frise at New Windsor, NY. Saw the British frigates Roebuck and Phoenix pass up the river to Tappan. Engaged Refugees, called Rodgers Rangers. Served in Herrings Rangers when Herring was taken prisoner and Morris Guthches took over command. After discharge I was a guide for the American Army. I know the following fellow Rev. War soldiers who can testify as to my war service, George, Steven and Isaac Hanley, Andreas VanOrden. Others mentioned in the pension, Elizabeth Riker, wife of William Riker, who served in the War of 1812 and son of Geradus Riker. Testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution on 09 Nov 1832, and all of NYC, Matthias Riker, James Riker and Steven Hadley, age 73.

Contributors note: See the pension record of Jacob Willsey (W28001) for additional information of Geradus and Abigail Riker. Also see "The Annals of Newtown," by James Riker Jr., 1852, pages 309-310, Geradus Riker, b. 13 Apr 1758, d. 31 Oct 1833, son of Abraham Riker (1721-1820) and Elizabeth Conklin.

John Tiso [Tice?]

John Tiso / Tice, Pvt., NJ-NY Militia, Rev. War Pension # S1125. Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 25 Mar 1833, John Tiso, age 77, a resident of Franklin Twp., Bergen Co., NJ. In early life a resident of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY. Volunteered at Haverstraw NY, 01 Apr 1779, then at Tappan and Clarkstown, Rockland Co. NY. The following men can testify as to my war service: John Degraw, James and John Westervelt, Wm. Youry, age 65, of Ramapo, NJ, as of 22 Mar 1833, and Rev. James D. Demarest, Pastor of the United Congregation of Rockland Co., NY and Franklin Twp., Bergen Co., NJ. Others mentioned in pension, all testifying as fellow soldiers in the Revolution: Henry Cooper, age 71, of Saddle River, Bergen Co., NJ as of 28 Mar 1833, John VanHouten of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY, Luke Degraw, age 80, of Vernon Twp., Sussex Co., NJ as of 8 Jul 1840.

Contributors note: Is the surname Tiso a variation of the name Tice, Tysen, Teysen, Teisse? The variant spellings are common at the Ramapo Lutheran Church in Bergen Co., NJ.

Garret Smith

Garret Smith, Pvt., NY Militia / Continental Line, Rev. War Pension # S1106. Bergen Co., NJ, Common Pleas Court, 31 Oct 1832, Garret Smith, age 75 on 6 Oct last, a resident of Newfoundland, Pompton Twp., Bergen Co., NJ. Served in Bergen Co., NJ, scouting parties with Lt. Hays of the Continental Line, Lt. Walter VanOrden. Entered service at Clarkstown, Rockland Co., NY. John Taylor of our company was severely wounded at Closter, Bergen Co., NJ. I lived at Rockland Co., NY during the war and until 1821. I have lived at Newfoundland for the past 14 years. I know the following men who can testify as to my war service; Rev. John G. Kanouse, John H. Blanche, both of Newfoundland. Others mentioned in pension and all testifying as fellow soldiers in the Rev. War, 17 Oct 1832, John Hutton, age 72, of Rockland Co., NY, John House, age 73, of Clarkstown, Rockland Co. 26 Oct 1833, Peter Stevens, age 72, of Clarkstown, Rockland Co., Abraham Garrison, age 76, of Rockland Co., Abraham VanHouten, age 73, of Rockland Co., NY. 12 Nov 1833, Rinerd Hopper, age 79, of Bergen Co., NJ.

Contributors note: See the Blauvelt Genealogy, "Revised Edition," by Dorothy A. Moos, 1987, #5-857, for further info on Garret Smith, son of Arie Smith and Maria DeClark. Married Aeltje VanHouten, daughter of Johannes VanHouten and Cathrina Lepper.

To be continued

NORWEGIAN FAMILY RESEARCH

Program presented by Shirley Keller at the April 24, 2001 Meeting of the Genealogical Society

Ms. Keller began the program by playing guitar and singing the Norwegian National Anthem, following which she noted that her quest in life was to videotape in Europe and Brooklyn the places where her family had lived- going back as far as she could.

Shirley's mother was born in Oslo, Norway, and emigrated to the U.S. at age two with her family. Her father was born in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. The family lived in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and Ms. Keller later moved to New Jersey where she married and had three sons. She learned to play the guitar, became a folk singer, and started a radio show at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, New Jersey, which ran for twelve years. The show consisted of storytelling, songs, and traditions. One of the highlights of her radio career was doing three shows with Victor Borge.

At the time that the Wall of Honor was being developed for the Ellis Island Museum, Shirley began searching for ancestor's names to put on the wall. One of the names, located on a naturalization record, was Peter A. Petersen. Unfortunately, much later after more digging through family papers, it was found that Petersen was not his actual name- it was Peter Andreas Ammundsen, the patronymic- Peters father was named Ammund.

Having discovered an interest in family history, she joined the Sons of Norway, and made several trips to Norway, beginning in 1992. Before her first trip, to Stavanger, Norway, where her grandfather was born, Shirley bought a video camera and learned how to use it and other video equipment. A videotape entitled "In a Search for Ancestors," that she herself had produced while at the Norwegian Immigration Center in Stavanger, was also shown. The center is a wonderful place to do family research; among other records, the center contains church, census, probate, mortgage and conveyance records, some from the year 1600. Only center staff has access to the older record books.

The main room archives are open to the public- magazines, genealogical books, municipal papers, family books by county, [*important- you have to know the farm the person came from*] emigration records, the International Genealogical Index (IGI) for Norway, etc.

Shirley noted that a Norwegian name consists of three parts: Christian Name, Patronymic Surname, and the Farm Name. Lutheran is the state church of both Norway and Sweden.

The second part of the videotape presentation was a reproduction of the recent television news program with Al Roker speaking about the new Ellis Island Museum and Family Records Center. Ms. Keller noted that these records are now available online at **Ellislandrecords.org**.

Ms. Keller ended her program with another song, "Oleana," in which the audience participated.

Contributed by Joan Brooks

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