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News & Notes

Dues and Membership - Annual Society dues are \$ 15.00 for both individuals and organizations. The Society dues year is September 1st to August 31st. Have you renewed yet?

Meetings

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 North Main Street, New City, Rockland County, New York. 845-634-4997.

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

For information regarding meeting cancellations due to bad weather, call:

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GSRC Officers & Chairpersons 2005

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Minutes of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County Meeting

Tuesday, November 23, 2004 - New City Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Michael Secora.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Protzmann reported a balance in our checking account of \$12,460.80.

Membership: Bob reported a total of 164 paid members as of October 25th; total current membership, including complimentary, 174.

Publications: Les Baisley presented a spreadsheet of book sales from July through October, 2004.

Indexing: Les stated that we are currently working on White Funeral Home Records, and are still trying to get two more books from Shankey. Wyman-Fisher is being proofread for the third time. He reported that a letter of appreciation (attached in minutes book), dated October 11, 2004, had been received from Miral Haubner of Milford, PA, indicating how pleased she was with our funeral home publications.

Announcements: from Sally Pellegrini:

The New City Library has on exhibit the political pin collection of Karen Lamberton.

The Library has been having problems printing documents from Ancestry.com. In addition, people have been making copies without paying for them. The Library decided to remove the printer, but Sally has convinced them to put it back for now.

The Library has been giving our Society copies of older books they no longer need. They are put on our shelves at the Rockland County Archives.

Four volumes of Holocaust Survivors have been put out on the shelves; these may include place and date of birth of a survivor, and their location during the Holocaust.

Don Loprieno, former director of the Stony Point Battlefield Museum, has written a book, "An Enterprise in Contemplation—The Midnight Assault of Stony Point."

Requested support from residents of the Clarkstown School District for the Library budget vote, which is coming up soon.

Another trip to New York City is being planned to show people how to take the train in to the City, probably to the Archives at Varick Street.

The Conference with the NYG&BS, and Orange, Rockland, Bergen, and Passaic genealogical societies will be held at the Salvation Army Officers' Training Center, Suffern, NY, on Saturday, October 27, 2005.

Sally asked if anyone had information on the history of Germonds. It was suggested that she contact Bob Knight or Mary Germond (name provided by Jack Cullen).

Bob Protzmann spoke about the recent conference at

Hofstra University on Long Island sponsored by the Long Island Federation of Genealogical Societies, which he, Maryann Smith, and Karen Lamberton had attended. There were exhibitors, vendors, and excellent seminars led by professional genealogists.

Maryann Smith last week had attended a conference sponsored by the NYG&BS up at the New York State Archives and Library in Albany. While there, she checked to see if they had the records submitted by the towns in Rockland County recording their Civil War soldiers. The only town that never provided these records was Orangetown. She noted, however, that the Adjutant General's office also submitted reports, which weren't as complete, but would be better than nothing. She managed to copy some of the Rockland County records, but there are more to be done. In addition, Maryann copied all the marriages from 1881 (Rockland County) from the Microfiche index of vital records.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. on motion by Jack Cullen, seconded by George Trigg, for refreshments and socializing.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan C. Brooks, Secretary

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Minutes of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County Meeting

Tuesday, January 25, 2005 - New City Library

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Vice President Richard Peterson.

A motion to dispense with the reading of last meeting's minutes was made by Les Baisley, seconded by George Trigg, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Protzmann reported a balance in our checking account of \$13,443.19.

Membership: Bob reported a total of 194 paid members; total current membership, including complimentary and exchanges, 204.

Publications: Les Baisley stated that, since the last report, between \$234 and 240 worth of books have been sold.

Indexing: Les stated that we are currently trying to find ledger books from White Funeral Home that would match the contracts we have copies of, also two more books from Shankey, and one more book from Wyman-Fisher. He dropped off a sample publication to McGowan, in hopes they will give us their records.

A note from Bob Kipura (?sp), who had visited us several times last year, was read, thanking the Society for all the help he received.

Dick Peterson noted that Sarah Mascia, Cultural Resource Management Archaeologist, has been retained by the company that is going to develop part of the Haverstraw section of the Letchworth Village property. She is trying to locate the burial ground that has been documented on that particular site. Dick will be contacting her to hopefully share information.

Announcements:

The Genealogical Society of Bergen County presents:

February 28, 2005 - 7 p.m. at the Ridgewood Public Library program on researching ship passenger lists on the Internet.

March 28, 2005 - 7 p.m. at the Ridgewood Library program on using social histories to bring your ancestors to life.

April 25, 2005 - 7 p.m. at the Ridgewood Library - speaker from the New York Public Library discussing their genealogy collection.

Coming up soon, Orange County Genealogical Society, a program on researching black history in Orange County.

A member noted that she had taken several courses given by SeniorNet, which is linked to the Meals on Wheels Program. She noted that the Nanuet Library had sponsored some of these, and they were very worthwhile. Cost is normally \$45 per course. (From Sally Pellegrini, via Bob Protzmann)

Sally has arranged for Audrey Lawson, one of the co-authors of "True Stories from Mine Hole," to speak at our regular meeting on February 22, 2005.

Ancestry.com, which has lately been not working on the Library's computer, has now been fixed.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. on motion by George Trigg, seconded by Bob Protzmann, for refreshments and socializing.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan C. Brooks, Secretary

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Minutes of the Genealogical Society of Rockland County Meeting

Tuesday, February 22, 2005 - New City Library

Following the program (Audrey Lawson, "True Stories From Mine Hole"), a brief business meeting was

called to order at 8:05 p.m. by President Michael Secora.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Protzmann reported a balance in our checking account of \$12,237.64.

Membership: Bob reported a total of 197 paid members; total current membership, including complimentary and exchanges, 207.

Publications: Les Baisley reported net book sales of \$215.42 since the last report.

Indexing: Les stated that we have still been unable to obtain any of the missing books from the funeral homes.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. on motion by Richard Peterson, seconded by seconded by Florence Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan C. Brooks, Secretary

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"True Stories From Mine Hole" presented by Audrey S. Lawson

Program Presented at the February 22, 2005,
Meeting of The Genealogical Society of
Rockland County

Audrey Lawson, who is co-author with Leonard C. Cooke of the book, "True Stories From Mine Hole," was introduced by Sally Pellegrini, Local History Librarian of the New City Library, who had arranged for the program. Audrey holds a Master's Degree in Social Work, and has taught at Columbia University. She married Benjamin Lawson and has been in this county for about twenty-five years. Her husband's family has lived in Piermont for several generations. She got to know Leonard Cooke, now 91 years old, who told stories of his growing up in Piermont, and, in 1994, she decided to write them down. He would relate the stories; then she asked questions for clarification. She hand-wrote a few stories and asked people to review them. When St. Dominic's College offered a course in the spring of 1996 entitled "So You Want To Write A Book," she enrolled in it. Leonard Cooke has had many accomplishments in his lifetime. He went to Washington and obtained close to \$1 million to secure a water treatment plant for Nyack, and was active in

getting low income housing. He worked for General Motors for 30 years. He was president of the N.A.A.C.P. for ten years and has been an active parishioner of St. Charles A.M.E. Zion Church in Piermont.

The term, "Mine Hole," has existed since about 1780, referring to a hole in the ground along Main Street in Piermont, which has been speculated upon as to what it actually was. In 1864, it was mentioned in Cole's "History of Rockland County." Some people say it might also have been a location on the Underground Railroad; however, this is purely speculative. The community of Mine Hole grew up along Main Street or Piermont Avenue, Piermont, near the Sparkill Creek.

Audrey referred to one of the stories about the Mine Hole published in "South of the Mountains," Jan-Mar 1999 issue, Vol. 43, #1. Eventually, the Historical Society of Rockland County agreed to publish the book, since four anonymous donors came forth to cover the costs of publication. She noted that it was difficult to locate photographs of the area.

The residents of the Mine Hole were poor, very poor, and the working poor. Many of them were born there and established families. Between 1940 and 1970, over five million "colored folks" migrated north from the South. The one group brought up from the South as strikebreakers for a local plant was a very rough group. The stories from the Mine Hole involve about 25 or so of these people.

Audrey displayed some of the items from the Mine Hole: A metal wash/bath tub; a KKK letterhead; horse liniment, which people used also; a rabbit's foot; a still; brown paper used for hair curlers; a stocking cap; a "Numbers" book; a comb and grease for straightening hair; and brown soap.

One of the unique buildings in the Mine Hole, a picture of which is on the front cover of the book, was a boarding house, which had a "double-decker" out-house.

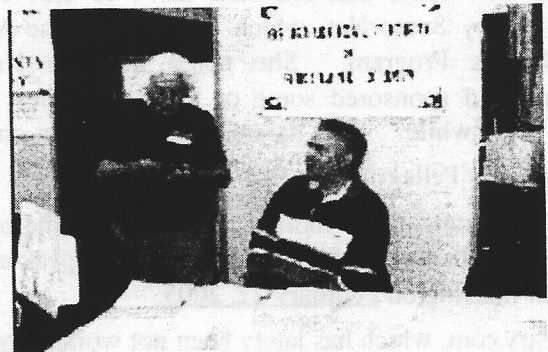
In conclusion, Albon Mann, head of the Historical Society's publications committee, read the story of "Sam Boston," and Audrey followed with the story

Autumn In New York

On Sunday, October 17, 2004, Bob Protzmann and Karen Lamberton represented the Genealogical Society of Rockland County in New York City at The Family History Fair, sponsored by the Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Continuing Education and Public Programs, and The Graduate Center, City University of New York. The same event last year drew over 800 genealogists and family historians and this year's crowd seemed to be significantly larger.

Our Society's table was positioned near one of the entrances to the lectures and workshops, so there was lots of traffic. We were also located near tables for both the Bergen County and Passaic County (NJ) Genealogical Societies, which created a continuous flow of folks looking for connections among these counties' ancestors. Lots of literature on our organization and many hints to "come research in Rockland County" were handed out and several researchers were directed to members of our society researching the same families that the researchers were interested in locating.

Next year, we hope more of you will join us. Yes, you will have to take a turn at sitting the table, but you will also have time to shop the vendors, ask a professional genealogist for help at the "Ancestors Road Show", and sit in on one or two lectures, all in all, not a bad deal.



Bob Protzmann exchanges research tips with a member of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County (NJ)

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ANCESTOR TABLES NEEDED

To increase interactions between members, the Society will publish Ancestor Tables, which are brief listings of the ancestry of members. It is hoped that readers will find their distant cousins who share common lines, which will further the research efforts of all. Members are encouraged to send their Ancestor Tables to **Robert Protzmann**, 4 Ethel Drive, New City, NY 10956. Bob will assist in their preparation for publication.

Please Note: The Genealogical Society of Rockland

County is not responsible for the accuracy of the Ancestor Tables. Please do not submit names that are not well documented. If there is any uncertainty, the listing should be preceded by a question mark. Anyone interested in a particular ancestral name or line should contact the *submitter* for details and documentation.

The numbering system used is as follows (Ahnentafel). The submitter is *always* # 1. The father's number is double that of his child. The wife's number is one more than her husband. Even numbers are *always* male, odd numbers are *always* female except for # 1, which is *always* assigned to the submitter. If you have comments, corrections, additions, etc., to a published ancestor table, please send them to Bob Protzmann at the address above. We will publish these comments and corrections, etc., in the Ancestor Table Forum as space permits.

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Prominent Rockland Historian John Scott Dies

Noted for research, photography and writing
county's history

by Robert P. Knight, City Editor

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One of Rockland County's most prominent and best-known historians died last week and was memorialized by friends and family alike in a moving West Nyack wake Saturday.

John Scott was known for nearly half a century as one of the foremost researchers, photographers, writers and lecturers on county history, and had one of the largest collection of books, maps, photographs and artifacts on old Rockland outside of regional museums.

Born August 15, 1916 in Nyack to Lucille and Louis Scott, he died January 10 at the age of 88 in North Carolina, where he had been living with his daughter Linda for the past two years, since becoming ill.

Speaker after speaker at the memorial service Saturday at the Sorce Funeral Home in West Nyack recalled Scott as being a remarkable man, not only for his historical knowledge and expertise but for his close ties to his beloved family and for being the epitome of what former Clarkstown Supervisor William E. Vines called "both a Gentleman and a GENTLE man."

Scott was raised in the Nyack area, where he lived all his life until becoming ill, and attended the Nyack Public Schools, including the old Liberty Street School, now demolished. Noted for his musical abilities in his youth, he studied music privately with several teachers, and was a member of the first Rockland County Symphony in 1932 and 1933.

He went on to play sax and clarinet with several local dance orchestras of the area throughout the swing and big band eras of the 1930's and 40's, including the well known Eddie Sauter Band. He later played with the Eddie Munn, Jack Dailey and Wes Slade bands and orchestras, among others, playing in dance halls throughout Rockland County and the New York Metropolitan region.

In 1940, Scott married Julia Sherwood of Spring Valley, and they moved to Grand View to start their own family. During World War II, Scott served in the Navy and served in the Pacific arena. Following the war, he and Julia purchased a five-acre estate in West Nyack in 1950 and he began the labor of love of constructing his own home and elaborate gardens, all by hand.

His first full-time paying job was as a law clerk for Nyack Judge Benjamin Haas. He then went to work as an appliance salesman for Public Service Electric and Gas in New Jersey and subsequently for Orange and Rockland Utilities, from their large Nyack office and showroom at Broadway and Main Street.

He worked for the next 35 years in both sales and marketing in the northeast region for several large national and international book publishing firms, and gained a tremendous inside knowledge of the industry, including pricing, editing and marketing, which would later be put to use on the Historical Society of Rockland County's publications committee, which he chaired for seven years from 1982 to 1989. Under his leadership, the committee published a total of 15 books, including several newly written county histories as well as reprints of long out-of-print works such as those by Bedell, Cole and Green, among others.

His volunteer involvement with the Historical Society was lengthy and legendary. Besides being a life member, he served several terms as a trustee, including the position of vice president, and eventu-

ally became the society's senior historian. Upon his retirement from active duty with the organization, he was given the title of the group's first ever "senior historian emeritus" which he retained until his death last week.

For nearly 20 years in the 1970s and 80's he and fellow historian Claire Tholl were well known about the county as they crawled through dozens of old homes, at the owners' requests, documenting their histories and nominating several for inclusion in the state and federal Registers of Historic Sites.

From 1983 through 1995, Scott led the Historical Society's historic Homes committee, seeking out historic structures to include in the annual tour, researching and documenting their histories and taking the photographs and writing the descriptions for the brochures given to attendees.

In 1979 Scott saw a dream come to fruition when the society created a historical marker program and he became chairman of the committee charged with seeking out such sites, writing the text for the markers and obtaining financial sponsorship from the owners or other interested parties. During his 16-year tenure as chairman of the committee, more than 50 such markers were installed around the county in a program that is continuing to this day.

From 1980 through 1986, Scott was the editor of the society's quarterly historical magazine "South of the Mountains" and throughout its 50-year history he wrote scores of meticulously researched and documented articles about various aspects of the history of the county he so admired his entire life.

Scott was also a founding member and active participant in two new organizations which originated within the historical society, the Rockland County Historians Roundtable and the Genealogical Society of Rockland County.

Scott was also well known as a lecturer, giving hundreds of speeches to virtually every group and school in the county on topics he had researched, such as the history of the Old Nyack Turnpike, now Route 59; the Kings Highway from New Jersey north into Orange County, the old homes of Rockland County and the history of its many railroads, most now defunct.

To illustrate his talks, Scott took thousands of photographs, including about 3,000 black and white

shots and another 5,000 color slides. His entire photographic collection was donated to the historical society in 2003, followed last year by his extensive collection of local history books, maps, pamphlets and other documents, which also numbered in the thousands.

Scott was also well known outside of the historical society and was a co-founder of the West Nyack Free Library with Vines and others. The library's director, Rita Fogelman, noted at the Saturday service that Scott loaned his entire collection of West Nyack photographs to the library so they could copy them and put them on permanent display in his honor. His interest in the library remained strong from nearly a half a century ago until just last year, Fogelman said, when he willed the Strawtown Road facility his personal collection of hamlet history.

Vines, who worked with Scott to found the library, said he "was not just a good citizen, he was the best of citizens," who "left a legacy of written and photographic history of Rockland County that will probably never be equaled."

Ken Krall, former president of the Suffern Village Museum and active with the Friends of the Nyacks noted that 30 years ago, when he was a young man, it was impossible to break into the rarified world of local historians, which was dominated by men in their 60's and 70's who were wealthy retired lawyers, doctors and businessmen who had no time or interest in mentoring young upstarts.

John Scott was the only one who would, Krall said, and took him under his wing and made him feel welcome, for which he will always be indebted and grateful.

Rockland County and Haverstraw Historian, Thomas Casey cited Scott's "incredible detective work" on historic sites and houses in the county, his "incredibly researched articles for South of the Mountains and his work on publications and lectures, and said he was proud to follow John as chairman of the publications committee, which he is today.

Casey was also one of several speakers who noted Scott's compassion caring for both his son when he became ill several years ago and his beloved wife Julia Sherwood Scott, who was extremely ill for the last decade of her life, and to whom Scott devoted his life to insure her comfort at home until she died

in 1996.

Casey was also one of several who pointed to Scott's musical abilities and his love of dancing, noting that he would dance with anyone's wife who would give permission, "and they all did."

Win Perry, President of the Historical Society of the Nyacks and a life-long friend, told of growing up with Scott, as did Albin Mann, who noted that Scott's father died of the influenza epidemic of 1918, when Scott was only two and how he witnessed his younger brother die the very next day. When he came down with the disease himself the following day, Mann said his mother picked him up, threw him over her shoulder and slapped his back, vowing she would chase the evil from him and not allow him to become yet another victim.

It apparently worked because John survived and despite having a somewhat sickly childhood, thrived as a teenager and an adult, and could be found in later years hiking the woods and fields and mountains of Rockland any time of the year searching for good photo opportunities of historic sites.

Paul Melone of Tappan, who was the graphic designer of many of the Historical Society's publications under Scott's chairmanship, noted Scott's love of his five-acre wooded estate on Strawberry Hill Lane in West Nyack, where he lived for over half a century in a "modernistic" large wooden home he built largely himself, by hand, with help from a few contractor friends when necessary. Besides his family, the estate featured his two favorite dogs, five-foot stone walls that Scott built himself and sculptured deer and other animals scattered about, as well as a large fishpond that teemed with varieties of fish and frogs.

Orangetown Historian Mary Cardenas noted that she first met Scott when he gave a lecture in her native Tappan in 1979 on the history of the Kings Highway. "I was hooked. I've been into local history every since," she said, a sentiment that was apparently shared by several others in the crowded service, judging by the murmurs and noddings of agreement.

She also recalled that Scott felt especially honored when he was given an award along with all town and county historians at a Historical Society dinner in 2001. "He was so proud of that award," she

said, "and yet he felt so humble."

Rockland County Executive C. Scott Vanderhoef also spoke fondly of Scott, recalling he had an "aw shucks" kind of attitude and outlook, and never got visibly upset at anything. "Thank you for your leg-work, and legacy you left to all of us," Vanderhoef remarked.

Mary Ann Leese worked with Scott for many years on the society's publications committee, as well as the historic marker committee and South of the Mountains. "He enjoyed life so much, especially with his friends and family," Leese recalled. "He was always so gracious and thoughtful and caring – he was truly the epitome of a gentleman at all times."

Robert Goldberg of Valley Cottage took over Scott's job of giving historic lectures illustrated with slides and noted he was willing to help anyone who asked for any kind of assistance whether in researching their house, looking up ancestors, tracing old roads or any other type of local history.

"John, we'll miss you, but like all great men, we'll never forget you," Goldberg said, again greeted by nodding heads of agreement.

Gail Goldsmith spoke of an entirely different John Scott, one she only knew as a neighbor on Block Island, where their families shared oceanfront lots. He built his own house there, she noted, as he had in West Nyack, and came there every summer with his family for vacation. He loved fishing, she recalled, and loved going out in a boat for hours fishing and bonding with his two children.

Another of Scott's proudest moments, friends and family recalled, was in November of 1990 when he was honored as Rockland County's 27th Annual "Man of the Year" by the Stony Point Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

John was predeceased by his wife Julia Sherwood Scott in 1996 and a son, Charles Scott earlier. Julia suffered a debilitating stroke in 1980 and he cared for her at home until her death 16 years later. He is survived by his daughter, Linda Scott Lowry of Gastonia, North Carolina, with whom he lived the past three years of his illness; a granddaughter, Kim Taggart and two grandsons, J.C. Lowry and Michael Scott Lowry. Also surviving are four great-grandchildren, Mason Scott Lowry, Madison Grace

Lowry, Jeff Taggart and Elizabeth Taggart.

Grandson Michael Scott Lowry was also one of the speakers at Sunday's funeral service, noting that to all of the grandchildren, John was always "Pop Pop," who was always there for them and loved them unconditionally

After his love of his family, Michael said, Scott's next greatest love was always local history and his beloved Historical Society.

The service was held at the Joseph Sorce family owned and operated funeral home in West Nyack Saturday morning, followed by interment at Oak Hill Cemetery in Nyack. The Rev. Patricia Margoles of Grace Episcopal Church in Nyack officiated at both services.

The family requests that donations be made in John Scott's name to United Hospice of Rockland, Friends of the Nyacks, the Historical Society of Rockland County or the Alzheimer's Association of Rockland County.

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Ancestor Table

contributed by **John Douglas Cullen**

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(Data in *italics* added by Robert L. Protzmann)

- 1.. John Douglas CULLEN, b. May 7, 1926, Manhattan, NY, bp. Jun 1926, St. Paul's Methodist Church; m. Sep 5, 1953, Grace Episcopal Church, Nyack, NY, Joan Constance Moritz, (b. May 29, 1927, Englewood, NJ; d. Aug 16, 1999, West Nyack, NY, bur grace Church Columbarium, Nyack, NY.
2. John CULLEN, b. Mar 29, 1891, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY; d. Apr 22, 1955, Orangeburg, NY, bur Apr 27, 1955, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY; m. Jul 1, 1923, Methodist parsonage, South Nyack, Rockland Co., NY.
3. Dorothy Mae "Dot" TERPENING, b. Feb 19, 1899, Slatersburg, NY; d. Oct 4, 1999, Branchville, NJ, bur Jun 9, 2000, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.
4. John CULLEN, b. 1861, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY; d. Oct 15, 1934, Nyack Hospital, bur

Oct 17, 1934, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY; m. ca. 1881.

5. Martha TRUMPER, b. Jun 8, 1860, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY; d. Nov 27, 1941, Orangeburg, Rockland Co., NY, bur Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.
 6. Wilfred VanEtten "Terp" TERPENING, b. Jun 22, 1874, Port Ewen, NY; d. Apr 16, 1966, Nyack, Rockland Co., NY, bur Apr 22, 1966, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY; m. Feb 14, 1894, Kingston, NY.
 7. Mary Geanette "Mamie" FINCH, b. Oct 9, 1872, Windam, NY; d. Apr 4, 1971, Nyack, Rockland Co., NY, bur Apr 11, 1971, Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.
 8. Eugene CULLEN, b. 1825, County West Meath, Ireland; d. Jun 12, 1898.
 9. Martha ABBOTT, b. 1830, Bloomfield, NJ.
 10. John Samuel TRUMPER, b. Nov 27, 1826, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY; bur Trumper/Van Orden Family Cemetery, Centenary, NY; m. 1851.
 11. Josephine COMEDINGER, b. Jul 18, 1831, New York City, NY.
 12. Burdette TERPENING, b. ca. 1837, Ulster Co., NY; d. Feb 11, 1888, Port Ewen, NY.
 13. Melissa ELTING-SCHRYVER, b. 1841, Ulster Co., NY; d. Sep 6, 1923, Glen Spey, Ulster Co., NY.
 14. Revilo FINCH, b. Jun 28, 1846, Lexington Heights, NY; d. Jul 7, 1893, Windham, NY, bur Pleasant Valley, Ashland, Green Co. NY; m. Jan 26, 1868.
 15. Julia Catherine JOCELYN/JOSLIN, b. Nov 21, 1841, Roscoe, NY; d. Mar 6, 1928, Honesdale, PA, bur Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland, Green Co., NY.
- Fifth Generation
16. William CULLEN, b. County West Meath, Ireland.
 17. Julia _____.
 18. Isaac ABBOTT.
 19. Mary Ann _____.

20. Abram TRUMPER, b. Apr 30, 1799.

21. Mary YOUMANS, b. Sep 29, 1803; d. bur Trumper/Van Orden Family Cemetery, Centenary, Rockland Co., NY.

24. George W. TERPENING, d. ca. 1850.

25. Hester _____.

26. Ezekial ELTING.

27. Margaret DeLameter HOUGHTALING.

28. Abram FINCH, b. Mar 8, 1792, Dutchess Co., NY; d. Oct 23, 1874, Windham (*Ashland*), NY, bur Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland, Green Co.; m. Nov 6, 1821.

29. Laura MERWIN, b. Sep 13, 1802, *Jewett, NY*; d. Jun 7, 1876, Windham (*Ashland*), NY, bur Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Ashland, Green Co.

30. Joseph B. JOSLIN, b. Aug 1809, New York City, NY; d. 1883; m. 1840.

31. Maryann SPRAGUE, b. Nov 6, 1822, Delaware Co., NY; d. 1911, MD.

Sixth Generation

48. Sylvester TERPENNING, b. 1776, Ulster Co., NY; d. Jul 4, 1861, Esopus, NY; m. Feb 10, 1800, Kingston, NY.

49. Elizabeth TERPENING.

56. Amos FINCH, b. 1751, Crum Elbow, NY; d. 1845, Lexington Heights, NY, bur Beacher Corners Cemetery, Greene Co., NY.

57. Martha PARKS, b. 1760; d. May 1, 1831, Lexington Heights, NY, bur Beacher Corners Cemetery, Greene Co., NY.

58. Samuel David MERWIN, II, b. Mar 22, 1767, *Wallingford, CT*; d. Apr 4, 1841, Lexington Heights (*Jewett Heights*), NY; m. Feb 10, 1794, *North Branford, CT*.

59. Thankful PARKER, b. Jun 16, 1769, *Wallingford, CT*; d. Jun 10, 1850, *Jewett, NY*.

60. David JOSLIN, b. Aug 24, 1760, New Haven, CT. *Revolutionary War Soldier. Grocery business, Greenwich Street, NYC, NY.*

61. Catherine SNELL, b. Abbeville, SC.

Seventh Generation

96. Henricus TERPENNING, b. Aug 4, 1751; d. Feb 8, 1827, Esopus, NY; m. Sep 4, 1778, Kingston, NY.

97. Margriet Van AKEN.

112. Benjamin FINCH, b. 1695, Stamford, CT; d. Crum Elbow, NY; m. Dec 3, 1750, Sharon, CT.

113. Sarah KNAPP.

114. Lt. Jonas PARKS.

116. Thomas MERWIN, b. Jun 22, 1737, *Wallingford, CT*; d. Dec 7, 1814, Lexington Heights, (*Jewett*), NY; m. Feb 18, 1762, Wallingford, CT.

117. Esther IVES, b. Jul 13, 1740, *Wallingford, CT*; d. Feb 24, 1811, *Jewett, NY*.

118. Bethel PARKER, b. Apr 22, 1727; m. Jul 19, 1746, Wallingford, CT.

119. Tabitha HITCHCOCK, b. Feb 26, 1730; d. Mar 13, 1778.

Eighth Generation

192. Abraham TERPENNING, b. Feb 4, 1727, Hurley, NY; d. Jul 10, 1791, Esopus, NY; m. Oct 21, 1850.

193. Maria SCHMID.

224. Isaac FINCH, b. 1702, Stamford, CT; m. Oct 1658, Stamford, CT.

225. Ann _____, d. Nov 1703.

232. Daniel MERWIN, b. Nov 9, 1713, *Wallingford, CT*; d. ca. 1790; m. Apr 22, 1736.

233. Mehitabel TWISS.

234. *Stephen IVES.*

235. *Sarah HART.*

236. Eliphabet PARKER, b. 1681; d. 1757.

237. Hannah Staples BEACH, b. 1684.

Ninth Generation

384. Theunis TERPENNING, b. ca. Feb 7, 1697, Kingston, NY; d. ca. 1747, Ulster Co., NY.

385. Margarieta De GRAAF.

448. John FINCH, b. ca. 1609, York, Yorkshire, England; d. Sep 5, 1657, Stamford, Fairfield Co., CT.

449. Martha BRETT. She m2. 1658, John Green.
 464. Daniel MERWIN, bp. Mar 15, 1691, First Church, Milford, CT; d. bur Oct 30, 1761, Wallingford, CT; m. ca. 1712.
 465. Johanna STEVENS, b. Feb 9, 1685, New Haven, CT; d. Jan 1, 1730.
 466. Thomas TWISS.
 467. Abigail HOW.

Tenth Generation

768. Gerrit LAMBERTSE (TERPENNING).
 769. Ante HOOGLAND.
 896. Abraham FINCH. b. ca. 1585, Yorkshire, England.
 928. Samuel MERWIN, b. Aug 21, 1656; Milford, CT; d. Jan 22, 1706, Milford, CT; m. Dec 13, 1682, New Haven, CT.
 929. Sarah WOODING. WOODEN, b. Sep 13, 1654, Milford, CT.
 930. Henry STEVENS
 931. Joanna LEEK.

Eleventh Generation

1856. Miles MERWIN, b. Apr 1623, Wales, UK (or b. ca. Feb 1, 1624, Clewer, Berkshire, England, bp. Feb 1, 1624, New Windsor, Berkshire, England); d. Apr 23, 1697, Milford, CT; m. ca. 1646-8, prob Windsor, Hartford Co, CT,
 1857. Elizabeth POWELL, b. ca. Aug 29, 1630; d. Jul 10, 1664, Milford, New Haven Co, CT - OR -
 1857. Elizabeth Baldwin CANFIELD.
 1858. William WOODEN

1859. Sarah OLARD

Twelfth Generation

3712. Walter MERWIN, b. ca. 1594; d. ca. 1643.
 3714. William POWELL.
 3715. Dorothy SEARLE.

Thirteenth Generation

7424. Nicholas MERWIN, b. ca. 1555.

Queries

Howard - Post

I would like to know if there are any books or info on business' in or around Suffern circa late 1890-1916. My grandfather was a wood and metal lather. I'm trying to find some brothers or sisters that might have been living around there. His name was **Edward Howard b 1867-1916 mar. Ada Post.** I'd appreciate any shred of info.

Please reply to: Gertrude Farber
 117 Justine Drive
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 email: trudyfar@yahoo.com

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McCabe - Farley - Bird

I was very pleasantly surprised to see that in the Reports of the Board of Commissioners for Haverstraw, my great grandfather, **Felix McCabe** had been approved for a liquor license on May 20, 1890. In addition, my grandfather, **James F. McCabe** had been approved for a license on May 6, 1890.

Felix's first wife, **Margaret Farley**, had died in 1883. He subsequently married **Catherine Bird**. I have been unable to find any information about that marriage. Catherine was listed in the 1900 census, so they were married between 1883 and 1900.

I have requested information from Vital Statistics and churches. Does anyone have any suggestions as to where I might be able to find this?

Please reply to: Joan McCabe Reynolds
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Perry - Baldwin - Gilchrist - Conklin

?Mary Gilchrist m. John Perry.

? Parents of Mary.

? Ella Baldwin m. Alexander Perry.

? Parents.

Please reply to: Elaine Perry Colantuoni
 phone - 727-868-4911

Fredericks - Hemmion - Greene - Degraw - Van Buskirk

1) Seeking parents and wife of **Peter Fredericks** resident of New Hempstead-Haverstraw Precinct 1776. He prob. born Bergen County N.J. Deceased prior 1790.

Father of Abraham, Isaac and Robert.

2) Seeking parents of **Jacob Hemmion** born 1763 (perhaps in Bergen County N.J.) Husband of **Margaret Fox**.

3) Seeking any information about **Capt. Danl L. Greene**, his life and descendants. Officer 2nd Orange County Militia (Land Bounty Rights). Resident New Hempstead-Haverstraw Precinct in 1788.

4) Seeking any information about **Dr. Walter Degraw** resident of New Hempstead (Mesanicus)-Haverstraw Precinct in 1788.

5) Seeking gravesite of **Thomas Van Buskirk** (prob. Bergen County NJ) son of **Laurence Jacobus Van Buskirk**. Born c.1759.

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Demarest - Potter - Teachman - Eckerson - Croft

Especially looking for death / burial record for **John Teachman** b. ca 1813 Orange Co. Last known living in Nyack 1880 census. No death record in NY or NJ. Possibly buried Pearl River.

Please reply to: Deborah Guida
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Martling - Thorp

Seek parents, birth dates and place, marriage date and place of **Daniel C. Martling**, lived Clarkstown bet. 1850-1906. Married **Phebe Thorp**.

Please reply to: George Trigg
phone - 845-255-9488

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Thorn

Has anyone any information on the following:

Robert Thorn b. circa 1795 from 1850 census. According to the census he married Adelia. I would like to find her maiden name and marriage date.

Also seeking all the children that Robert & Adelia Rud. I have the following names who lived in Haverstraw, NY: Robert, Jr. - b. abt. 1836 - lived in Stony Point, NY Samuel - b. abt. 1828

Ira - b. abt. 1846 - lived in Stony Point, NY

Issac

Ann - b. abt. 1848

William

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Prospect Place, Tomkins Cove, NY

Wondered about the history of Prospect Place living quarters in Tomkins Cove, NY. The big house that we live in seems to be well over 100 years old. There is a carriage house (it's called) to the left of the big house and then assorted bungalows in a round-robin fashion. Who were the original owners? Were the bungalows houses to slaves or something? Were the homeowners wealthy for their time?

Please reply to: Patricia Spring
P.O. Box 57
Tomkins Cove, NY 10986
phone - 845-947-1818

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Your contributions to this newsletter are welcomed. Please send them to your editor. Thank you.

Joanne Potanovic
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or by e-mail at: gatehilljo@optonline.net

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Dear Mr. Leith,

Thank you for the time you served as editor of this newsletter.

I've learned from you, I appreciate your comments and I enjoy our interesting conversations.

You're a hard act to follow!

Joanne

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