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Dues & Membership

Annual GSRC 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. GSRC meetings are held 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 start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Genealogical Society of Rockland County meetings have interesting and informative guest speakers -- please visit our website to see our Calendar of Events.

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The Skyline of Manhattan in the 17th Century

by Firth Haring Fabend, Ph.D.

Program Presented at the January 22, 2008, Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Dr. Fabend holds a B.A. in English Literature from Barnard College and a Ph.D. in American Studies from New York University. As an independent historian, she has published works, mostly on the early Dutch in America, and has more forthcoming. She descends from the Haring family, one of the oldest in Rockland County. Her awards, grants and related activities are numerous. Among her publications are "A Dutch Family in the Middle Colonies" and "A Catch of Grandmothers."

Dr. Fabend presented some overheads of scenes in New Amsterdam during various time periods. The first was the 1639 Manatus map. The Dutch settled in the area of the North River (Hudson), Manhattan, Brookyn, and Staen Island. New Amsterdam was comprised mainly of private farms called bouweries. The Dutch West India Company wanted New Netherlands, and so was offering free passage, as well as free rent of land for up to ten years on Manhattan, to settlers from the Holland. In 1630, the population was about 300 people. In 1638, Gov. Kiefft characterized Manhattan as rundown.

The second overhead was a map called the Albertina view of Manhattan and dates about 1648. This map was discovered in Austria in 1991. In 1647, a list of complaints was prepared as to how the colony was being run to send back to the Netherlands, and the map had been sent along them. An inset on the map is an artist's depiction of Manhattan in 1650, called "Blau View," showing the colony in very good condition. However, this was, in reality, not how it was.

The third was a copper engraved map, an artistic rendering of New Amsterdam, dating about 1654. It was drawn from the same perspective as the last two drawings. The Reformed Church in the background is missing its cupola, even though it was put on the church about 1652. Many of these artists had never been in Manhattan, so were drawing from other sources, or their imagination. There are several inaccuracies, one of which is palm trees in the scene. This was done under the administration of Peter Stuyvesant, when Manhattan began to prosper.

Adrian Van der Donck also complained about the colony being in a state of decay. This list was published in The Hague in pamphlet form. In April 1650 the Netherlands ruled that a municipal government be established in New Amsterdam.

A Court of Justice was established in 1653. In fact, the City of New York today recognizes this 1653 agreement as the beginning of its charter.

The Reformed Dutch Church was the State church in New Netherlands. There was freedom of religion, but other religions had to worship in private, and Peter Stuyvesant repressed some of the religions, but not others. The Dutch language was the only language of the Courts, and in 1764, the only language in the Dutch Reformed pulpits was Dutch.

Dr. Fabend noted that the Dutch West India Company had many interests in geographic areas other than North America, which, at first, was not very important.

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The Search for Notable Cousins - Architects and Engineers

by Robert Protzmann

Program Presented at the February 26, 2008, Meeting of The Genealogical Society of Rockland County

Bob began this project after reading some articles and books by Gary Boyd Roberts, who wrote about notable people, as well as royalty, and their genealogical connections. Before high school age, Bob had developed an interest in Architecture. He also consulted the "Encyclopedia of American Biography," as well as various books on engineering and architecture.

Bob presented some slides of pedigree charts showing his connections to the following architects and engineers, including photos of buildings, bridges, etc., that they were responsible for:

Henry Janeway Hardenburgh (1847-1918): In NYC, the Plaza Hotel; The Dakota Apartments; Waldorf-Astoria on Lafayette Street. Henry also designed buildings and private homes elsewhere.

Goodhue Livingston (1867-1951 or 1954): In NYC, the St. Regis Hotel; American Museum of Natural History; B. Altman's; Morgan Guaranty Trust.

James Renwick, Jr.: Descended through the Benson family. In NYC, St. Patrick's Cathedral; Grace Church; Greystone (private estate); and Renwick Hospital, which was part of Welfare Island.

Charles W. Clinton: Descended through Rutgers/Rutzen family. The first Astor Hotel. He also partnered with William Hamilton Russell.

William Hamilton Russell (partner of Charles W. Clinton): U.S. Express Building; 7th Regiment Armory; Cocoa Exchange; Apthorp Apartments; Graham Court Apartments; Herald Square Building; Hudson Terminal.

Henry Rutgers Marshall: First Congregational Church,

Colorado Springs, CO; Eldridge Gym, Norwalk, CT; "Naulakha," country villa of Rudyard Kipling.

J. Lawrence Aspinwall: John G. McCullough Free Library, VT; St. John's in the Wilderness, Franklin, NY; Standard & Poor Building.

Egerton Swartwout: Descended through the Bradt family. Missouri State Capitol; National Baptist Memorial Church, Washington, D.C.; Penn Club; Swartwout Building at Yale; Flanders Fields Monument; Bailey Fountain, Grand Army Plaza, NYC; Elks National Memorial, Lincoln Park; St. John's in the Wilderness, CO.

F. Livingston Pell: Descended through the Schuyler family. Springfield Municipal Building, MA.

John Vredenburg Van Pelt: Descended through the Badie family. Guardian Angel Church, NYC; Joan of Arc Pedestal.

Danforth Toan: Descended through the Badie family. He is related to Franchot Tone, actor. The Tone/Toan family came from the Freehold, NJ, area.

James Bogardus: He is famous for his cast iron buildings. Bogardus Building, New York Crystal Palace; Watch Tower, 75 Murray Street; building at 85 Lispenard Street.

Washington Augustus Roebling: Descended through the Skaates and Verveelen families. He took over from his father building the Brooklyn Bridge. His wife also contributed to the design of the bridge. Bear Mountain Bridge. In addition, the Roeblings supplied wire cable for other bridges to be built.

William B. Parsons: Descended through the Vigne family. He was the Chief Engineer of the IRT subway in Manhattan.

I.N. Phelps Stokes: Descended through the Rutgers family. Published the Iconography of Manhattan Island. St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University.

Richard Tylden Auchmuty, Jr.: Descended through the Schuyler family. Grace Episcopal Church.

Frederick R. King: Descended through the Rutgers family. Seaman's Church Institute.

Charles A. Platt: Descended through Roelof Jansen. 120 East End A; Astor Court; designed many gardens and several other buildings in New York City.

Henry and Cortlandt Van Brunt (father and son): Originally from Massachusetts, settled in Missouri. Memorial and Weld Halls, Harvard University; Spooner Hall, Kansas University.

Adriance and John Van Brunt: Designed private houses. Michael Henry Irving: Descended through Rutgers and Vanderbilt.

Bache Hamilton Brown: Descended through Rutgers and Bleecker.

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The GSRC Web Site

Please remember to visit the Genealogical Society of Rockland County's web site:

<http://rocklandgenealogy.org>

This web site has many features including membership forms in both Microsoft Word format and PDF format that can be downloaded. An updated publications order form is also available for downloading.

Take a look at the GSRC web site which will continue to have new features and information.

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Saving Our Past: Preserving Family & Historic Documents & Photographs Workshop

Where: The Historical Society of Rockland County
20 Zukor Road, New City, NY 10956

When: Thursday, September 18, 2008 - 6-8 p.m.
Saturday, September 20, 2008 - 2-4 p.m.

Cost: \$ 25. for HSRC members
\$ 30. for non-members

The Historical Society of Rockland County is once again offering the popular workshop, Saving Our Past: Preserving Family and Historic Documents and Photographs.

In each interactive, two-hour workshop participants will learn about different types of documents and photographs and explore the different ways to preserve these items.

Workshop Highlights:

1. Identifying different types of photographs, daguerreotypes, postcards, stereoscopic views, cabinet cards, etc.
2. Discussion of basic cataloging and copying.
3. Discussion of archival materials and storage techniques.
4. Viewing examples of materials as well as storage techniques from the museum's collections.
5. Round table discussion with participants regarding the photographs or documents they brought with them.
6. Each participant will receive a starting kit with archival materials, including an acid-free storage box, archival photograph envelopes and acid free folders.

Fee: \$25 HSRC members; \$30 non-members -- this includes admission to the current exhibition, Sports in Rockland -- 100 Years of Cheers. Reservations and pre-payment are required. Each class is limited to 10 participants. Light refreshments served.

For more information call HSRC at 845-634-9629 or visit www.rocklandhistory.org.

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FAMILY CHRONICLE, February. 2008, excerpts by Marie Koestler

"County Court Days and the Records They Left Us"

by David A. Norris

Records of early US county courts are among our richest sources of genealogical information. In some states or colonies, the county court was called the "Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions." A panel was made up of justices of the peace that met once every three months.

These quarter sessions handled criminal cases not involving punishment by death or "loss of limb," and civil cases involving less than a certain amount of money. Minute books survive for many counties as far back as the 1600s.

County judges granted licenses for taverns, inns, supervised the courthouse, jail and other government property. Justices of the peace were appointed; they were rarely elected officials. Jurors were always men, except when a "jury of women" was deemed necessary for a special case.

Court Minutes and Records included stories of crimes, petty squabbles. Wills and estates were probated, deeds registered, animal marks and brands recorded. Criminal activities included assaults, theft, slander and adultery cases, swearing, breaking the Sabbath and failing to show up in church.

The care of orphans and illegitimate children came under the county court's jurisdiction. Other types of cases that may be found in these very early Minutes are new roads, licenses to be granted to ferry operations and the fees set for the service. Licenses were granted for midwives, ministers, and so on.

Many early county court records have been published and can be found in libraries – county histories relied on these records. A good place to start searching is on the US GenWeb Project site at <http://www.usgenweb.org>. Pick a state, county of interest and look for extracts or transcriptions of old court records. The Maryland State Archives has a large section of old records online, including extant 17th- and 18th-century county court records at:

www.archivesofmaryland.net/html/countycourts.html

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"English Parish Marriage Registers"

by Judith Batchelor

Marriage is the legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife, usually celebrated in parish churches across England for centuries. Traditionally, they

took place on a Sunday, or a holiday, when friends and family were free of their duties. The couple wore their best clothes, except for black or red. The wearing of a white gown became popular after Queen Victoria's marriage to Albert in 1840, when she chose to wear a white gown.

A marriage could take place by either banns or license. Banns announced the couple's intention to marry and were read publicly in the home parish on three preceding Sundays. Licenses circumvented the need for banns and had to be purchased from the bishop. The wealthy usually married by license, while couples who wanted to be married quietly or quickly preferred the banns.

In the 18th century, irregular and clandestine marriages were a problem for church authorities – it caused a lack of revenue. In 1753, Lord Hardwicke's Marriage Act was passed to cut down these practices.

Marriages can be difficult to trace. They could be within walking distance from the home of the groom, up to 10 or 12 miles. A number of parish registers would need to be consulted to find the correct location.

To locate a Marriage Index, try the International Genealogical Index (IGI) at www.familysearch.org. Try also the Vital Records Index, a supplement to the IGI on CD, both produced by the Latter Day Saints Church). Boyd's Marriage Index covers parishes all over England and contains more than seven million names from 4,300 parishes, (12 to 15 percent of all marriages celebrated between 1538 and 1837.) This index is available online at www.englishorigins.com. Pallot's Marriage Index covers the whole country and contains 1.7 million entries that took place between 1780 and 1837. The original index belongs to the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, but is available online at www.ancestry.co.uk. An index to baptismal, marriage and burial records, The FreeREG,:

<http://freereg.rootsweb.com/> can also be consulted

The original marriage records are kept by local archives all around the country; their location can be found at A2A, www.a2a.org.uk, by searching under the name of the parish, or by consulting the Atlas and Index of Parish Registers that is held by many genealogical libraries.

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The Genealogical Society of New Jersey
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[excerpted by Marie Koestler]

"Save Your Genealogy Society – Become Involved"

by Kimberly Powell, Your Guide to Genealogy

"I think all of us will agree that genealogical societies are facing a crisis right now as the lure of online genealogy, and the price tag that comes with it, is resulting in declining membership at a rapid rate....

"If you belong to a genealogical society and want it to survive and flourish, then make it your mission this year to get involved-somehow, someway....

"If you're already involved in your local society ... then think about what you can do to better meet the needs of your members, check <http://creativegene.blogspot.com/> (for ideas)....

"Whatever your affiliation with a genealogical society, make it a goal this week (or month) to find some way to become more involved and make a difference. Save the societies!"

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1895 Census Available Online

In November 2007, the New Jersey State Archives allowed The Generations Network to post images of the 1895 New Jersey State Census—created from microfilm of originals owned by the State—to its well-known website, <http://www.ancestry.com>. While the images are not currently of optimal quality and the index is, consequently, incomplete for certain unreadable sections, the release of this date nevertheless will be an important boost for genealogists looking for families in 1895 for most areas of the state. NJSA management and representatives of The Generations Network are working together to find ways to improve these census images online and complete the indexing.

Online Databases - The State Archives staff and management... were pleased to announce that a far more powerful search engine has been developed for the three online databases: New Jersey Marriages, 1848-1867; New Jersey Marriages, 1666-1799; and Supreme Court Case Files, 1704-1844. NJSA website users can now enjoy much faster searches and can also sort the results by field (e.g., by place or date in addition to name). Check out the new search engine:

<http://www.njarchives.org/links/databases.html>

Family Chronicle, April 2008 - Excerpted by Marie Koestler

"Alternative Sources: The Other Passenger Lists"
by John M. Hoenig

Passenger Manifests – 4 sites:

1) Ellis Island records 1892 to 1924:

<http://www.ellisland.org>

2) Steve Morse's version:

<http://www.stevemorse.org>

Allows one to search by name of the hometown.

3) Ancestry.com has created its own index to the Ellis Island records as well as pre-Ellis Island records.

4) The Battery Conservancy place online passenger manifests for people arriving in New York between 1820 and 1912. (can be searched via Steve Morse's site.

<http://www.archives.gov/northeast/nyc/finding-aids/passenger-liss.html>

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Emigration Records and Ticket Sales Registers

Major departure points from northern and eastern Europe were the ports of Bremen, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Liverpool. Bremen kept lists of departing passengers but eventually destroyed almost all the records. Hamburg kept its records of departing passengers. Ancestry.com has an index to, and images of, the records for the years 1850 to 1934.

The British government kept records of passengers departing from British ports. <FindMyPast.com> has posted indexes for all ports in England, Scotland and Wales (including Southampton, Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Dartmouth, Plymouth and Dover) for the years 1890 to 1939. They also posted departures from Irish ports up to the 1921 partition. Searching the site is free, but there is a fee for transcripts and images of the actual records. The free index identifies the name, age, sex, year and port of departure, and destination port and country for each person.

No records exit for the port of Rotterdam per se, but the Holland American Line (HAL) kept records of ticket sales for the period 06 December 1900 through April 1940. The records include individuals who sailed from Rotterdam or boarded at Boulogne or Southampton and traveled to New York. They have not been digitized and posted on the internet. Microfiche can be requested, through your local Family History Center at a Mormon church.

Ancestry.com has put together a database they titled Swedish Emigration Records. This is actually several disparate databases including passport applications, passenger manifests, lists of sailors and records of an agent who arranged passages. There are 242,000 records of passengers from the Swedish America Line from 1915 to 1950.

Researchers are cautioned not to rely solely on computerized records. These records are not comprehensive and have errors in them. They are a fabulous resource, but researchers should check as many sources as they can, including microfilm.

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**Some 1909 Marriage Records at the
Rockland County Archives, Bldg S, Pomona, NY**

Abstracted by Joan C. Brooks

RYAN—BOBB. Marriage Record, Reg. #239, Vol 1, p. 48 (also on Microfilm), 19 Jan 1909: DAVID L. RYAN, a. 24, white, b. Grassy Point, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove, NY; occupation-Laborer; parents-William Ryan and Margaret C. Carver, both b. US; m. 19 Jan 1909 at Tomkins Cove, NY, License 14 Jan 1909, by Rev. William A. Jackson, Priest; ANNIE BOBB, a. 27, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove, NY; occupation-None; parents-Jacob Bobb, b. US; Harriet Johnson, b. Sweden. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Margaret Ryan; Mary Ryan.

AUSTIN—HARRIS. Marriage Record, Reg. #309, Vol 1, p. 62 (also on Microfilm), 6 Jun 1909: GEORGE B. AUSTIN, a. 31, white, b. Elmira, NY; residence-Nyack, NY; occupation-Tool-Maker; parents-Eugene Austin and Mary Abbott, both b. Altman, NY; m. 6 Jun 1909 at Nyack, NY, License 5 Jun 1909, by Franklin Babbitt, Clergyman; LOUISE M. HARRIS, a. 22, white, b. Nyack, NY; residence-Nyack; occupation-Household Duties; parents-Charles Harris, b. U.S.; Lavina Blauvelt, b. Nyack. This was the 2nd marriage for George, his 1st wife being deceased, and the 1st marriage for Louise. Witnesses: Elizabeth Ainsworth and E.O. Blauvelt.

STOUT—GILMAN. Marriage Record, Reg. #287, Vol 1, p. 58 (also on Microfilm), 25 Jun 1909: HARVEY STOUT, a. 29, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove; occupation-Stone Mason; parents-Jacob Stout and Diantha Ten Eyck, both b. U.S.; m. 25 Jun 1909 at Stony Point, NY, License 25 Jun 1909, by Robert I. McBride, Clergyman; MARY L. GILMAN, a. 27, white, b. Westchester Co, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove, NY; occupation-None; parents-Byron Gilman and Emily Springstead, both b. U.S. This was the 2nd marriage for Harvey, he being widowed; and the 2nd for Mary, she being the widow Stout. Witnesses: Frances G. Reynolds and John J. Reynolds.

CALL—ROSE. Marriage Record, Reg. #289, Vol 1, p. 58 (also on Microfilm), 27 Jun 1909: GEORGE S. CALL, a. 28, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove, NY; occupation-Laborer; parents-Jacob Call and Martha Osborn,

both b. US; m. 27 Jun 1909 at Stony Point, NY, License 25 Jun 1909, by L.G. Gunn, Minister; CLARA R. ROSE, a. 23, white, b. Nyack, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-None; parents-Thomas Rose and Augusta Herring, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: D.H. Conley and W.S. Blanch.

SELESNAK—STECZ. Marriage Record, Reg. #347, Vol 1, p. 70 (also on Microfilm), 5 Aug 1909: ANDREW SELESNAK [sic], a. 24, white, b. Meiglisole, Austro-Hungary; residence-Haverstraw, NY; occupation-Laborer; parents-George Selesnak and Annie Rusnak, both b. Austro-Hungary; m. 5 Aug 1909 at Haverstraw, NY, License 25 Jul 1909, by Rev. Aloysius Leo Blaznik, Catholic Priest; MARY AGNES STECZ, a. 23, white, b. Haverstraw; residence-Haverstraw; Occupation-None; parents-Andrew Stecz and Barbara Jahman, both b. Austro-Hungary. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Andro Peljak; Helena Essa.

BRAUN—SHUART. Record of Marriages, Reg. #388, Vol 1, p. 78. CHARLES A. BRAUN, a. 26, white, b. New York City; residence-Brooklyn, NY; occupation Jewel Setter; parents-Adam Braun and Kate Baker, both b. NY, m. 4 Sep 1909, at Suffern, NY, License 3 Sep 1909, by R.S. Mansfield, Priest, FLORENCE E. SHUART, a. 22, white, b. Suffern, NY; residence-Suffern; occupation-Housekeeping; parents-John R. Shuart and Emma B. Jones, both b. NY. Witnesses: Annie Naismith and John L. Shuart. This was the 1st marriage for both.

BRIGGS—ABRAMSON. Marriage Record, Reg. #549, Vol 1, p. 110 (also on Microfilm), 26 Sep 1909: HENRY A. BRIGGS, a. 29, white, b. Spring Valley, NY; residence-Spring Valley; occupation-Steam Fitter; parents-John Briggs and Anna Meyers, both b. Germany; m. 26 Sep 1909 at Suffern, NY, License 21 Sep 1909, by Emery D. Webster, Minister; CLARA D. ABRAMSON, a. 27, white, b. Park Ridge, NJ; residence-Spring Valley, NY; occupation-Dressmaker; parents-James B. Abramson, b. NYS; Iantha A. Wood, b. NYC. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Charlotta E. Mittag; Harry Abramson.

STARR—BABCOCK. Marriage Record, Reg. #432, Vol 1, p. 87 (also on Microfilm), 1 Oct 1909: ALBERT Z. STARR, a. 18, white, b. Suffern, NY; residence-Suffern; occupation-Jew-

el Maker; parents-Daniel Starr and Bessie Marsh, both b. NY; consent given by Albert Z. Starr, father; m. 1 Oct 1909 at Wesley Chapel, NY, License 11 Sep 1909, by S. Rechmitzer, Clergyman; LAURA BABCOCK, a. 20, white, b. Pomona, NY; residence-Pomona; occupation-Housework; parents-Milton Babcock, b. US; Sarah Jane Rumsey, b. NY. Witnesses: Alva Babcock and Mrs. S. Rechmitzer. This was the 1st marriage for both.—

CONKLIN—DeGROAT. Marriage Record, Reg. #434, Vol 1, p. 87 (also on Microfilm), 2 Oct 1909: HOWARD CONKLIN, a. 21, white, b. Tuxedo, NY; residence-Southfield, NY; occupation-Laborer; parents-Warren Conklin and Mary DeGroat, both b. US; m. 2 Oct 1909 at Sloatsburg, NY, License 17 Aug 1909, by Alfred Coons, Clergyman; STELLA MABLE DeGROAT, a. 21, white, b. Mahwah, NJ; residence-Mahwah; occupation-Housework; parents-William DeGroat, Sr., and Margaret Jane DeGroat, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Helms.

CHAMPEAU—HUJUS. Marriage Record, Reg. #399, Vol 1, p. 80 (also on Microfilm), 31 Oct 1909: THEODORE CHAMPEAU, a. 24, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-Teamster; parents-Theodore Champeau, b. Canada; Mary Basley, b. Stony Point; m. 31 Oct 1909 at Stony Point, NY, License 20 Oct 1909, by L.G. Gunn, Minister; GRACE HUJUS, a. 18, white, b. Monsey, NY; residence-New City, NY; occupation-None; parents-Alexander Hujus, b. NYS; Cecelia Cadmus, b. Brooklyn, NY. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Aron Zorn; Anna Hujus.

HOGENCAMP—SECOR. Marriage Record, Reg. #442, Vol 1, p. 89 (also on Microfilm), 13 Nov 1909: CHARLES E. HOGENCAMP, a. 32, white, b. Southfields, NY; residence-Suffern, NY; occupation-Farming; parents-Jacob Hogencamp and Annie E. Youmans, both b. NYS; m. 14 Nov 1909 at Wesley Chapel, NY, License 13 Nov 1909, by S. Rechmitzer, Clergyman; AMY SECOR, a. 19, white, b. Rockland Co, NY; residence-Paterson, NJ; occupation-Housework; parents-Wesley Secor and Mary Redner, both b. NYS. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Ruben Wood and Sarah Wood, both of Spring Valley, NY.

TAYLOR—QUACKENBUSH. Marriage Record, Reg. #446, Vol 1, p. 90 (also on Microfilm), 24 Nov 1909: PHILIP D. TAYLOR, a. 20, white, b. Tallmans, NY; residence-Airmont, NY; occupation-Merchant; parents-Dominick Taylor, b. America, and Julia Thornton, b. NYS; m. 24 Nov 1909 at Tallman, NY,

License 12 Nov 1909, by J.V. Bodine, Minister; JENNIE QUACKENBUSH, a. 19, white, b. Upper Saddle River, NJ; residence-Airmont; occupation-Home; parents-Father unknown, birthplace unknown; mother-Kate Quackenbush, b. America. Consent given by Dominick and Julia Taylor. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: James H. Osborne and Catharine S. Osborn.

TEN EYCK—MACKEY. Marriage Record, Reg. #420, Vol 1, p. 84 (also on Microfilm), 25 Nov 1909: JACOB TEN EYCK, a. 27, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Haverstraw, NY; occupation-Laundryman; parents-William Ten Eyck and Delaphin Lent, both b. US; m. 25 Nov 1909 at Haverstraw, License 20 Nov 1909, by George H. Bonsall, Clergyman; FLORENCE WALDRON MACKEY, a. 21, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-None; parents-Daniel Mackey and Sophia Waldron, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Harry Mackey and Lucy Mackey.

STRICKLAND—ROSE. Marriage Record, Reg. #425, Vol 1, p. 85 (also on Microfilm), 11 Dec 1909: JOEL STRICKLAND, a. 21, white, b. Tuxedo, NY; residence-Pomona, NY; occupation-Farmer; parents-Joel Strickland and Eliza Sinclair, both b. US; m. 11 Dec 1909 at Thiells, NY, License 11 Dec 1909, by T. Stuart Molyneux, (no title listed); HATTIE MAY ROSE, a. 21, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-None; parents-George Rose and Josephine Morgan, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Carrie L. Clark; David R. Clark.

CRONK—BABCOCK. Marriage Record, Reg. #427, Vol 1, p. 86 (also on Microfilm): J. DAYTON CRONK, a. 29, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Laborer; parents-Jacob Cronk and Sarah Harden, both b. US; m. 14 Dec 1909 at Haverstraw, NY, License 14 Dec 1909, by W.A. Masker, Clergyman; GRACE COLE BABCOCK, a. 30, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-None; parents-George A. Babcock and Charlotte March, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Frances M. Masker; Mary Elizabeth Abrams.

SPRINGSTEAD—WEYANT. Marriage Record, Reg. #428, Vol 1, p. 86 (also on Microfilm), 24 Dec 1909: WILLIAM HENRY SPRINGSTEAD, JR., a. 29, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Folder; parents-William H. Springstead, Sr. and Alice Gormley, both b. US; m. 24 Dec 1909 at Haverstraw, NY, License 18 Dec 1909 Town of Haverstraw, by George H. Bonsall, Clergyman; GRACE ETHEL WEYANT, a. 20, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-None; parents-William

Weyant and Charlotte Baisley, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Edgar Sherwood; Rachel Weyant.

CONKLIN—CASSELLS. Marriage Record, Reg. #429, Vol 1, p. 86 (also on Microfilm), 27 Dec 1909: IRVING CONKLIN, a. 21, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Laborer; parents-Josiah Conklin and Catherine E. Edwards, both b. US; m. 27 Dec 1909 at Garnerville, NY, License 27 Dec 1909, by Charles C. Proffitt, Clergyman; NETTIE CASSELLS, a. 19, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence - Haverstraw; occupation - None; parents-King Cassell and Mary Stalter, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witness: Furman Stalter.

BLANCHARD—COE. Marriage Record, Reg. #492, Vol 1, p. 99 (also on Microfilm), 29 Dec 1909: HOWARD B. BLANCHARD, a. 29, white, b. Highland Falls, NY; residence-Newark, NJ; occupation-Commission Merchant; parents-Samuel Blanchard and Ella Van Voorhis, both b. NY; m. 29 Dec 1909 at Suffern, NY, License 27 Dec 1909, by T. Moore Smith, Minister; EDNA IRENE COE, a. 20, white, b. Suffern, NY; residence-Suffern; occupation-Home; parents-Irving Coe, b. Suffern, NY; Emma Mapes, b. NY. This was the 2nd marriage for Howard, he being a widower; and the 1st for Edna. Witnesses: Miss Maud Blanchard; Rowland B. Stalter.

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Source: "Everton's Genealogical Helper,"
January/February 2008

"My Search for Four Female Ancestors"
by Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A.

Five Strategies for Finding Female Ancestors:

- 1) Check all records for her husband – tax, property, naturalization. Check records for siblings. Look for clues in photographs, newspapers, yearbooks, bridal books, employment, convent, military, etc.
- 2) Consider the possibility of more than one marriage and multiple burial markers.
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- 5) Create a timeline to place the woman's life in historical context.

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**"Statewide Name Lists of the Civil War Era,
1861-1869"**

by William Dollarhide

*Eight parts have been printed in
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**"Canada is Opening its Immigration Records
to the Online Researcher."**

By Elizabeth LaPointe

The Canadian Genealogy Centre (Library and Archives Canada (LAC)) at:

www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/022-500-e.html

has created several databases which give the history of immigration of the people who came to Canada between 1865 and 1938 under the online exhibit title of "MOVING HERE, STAYING HERE: the Canadian Immigrant Experience." (FREE database).

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[CD-ROM Review by Leland K. Meitzler]

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