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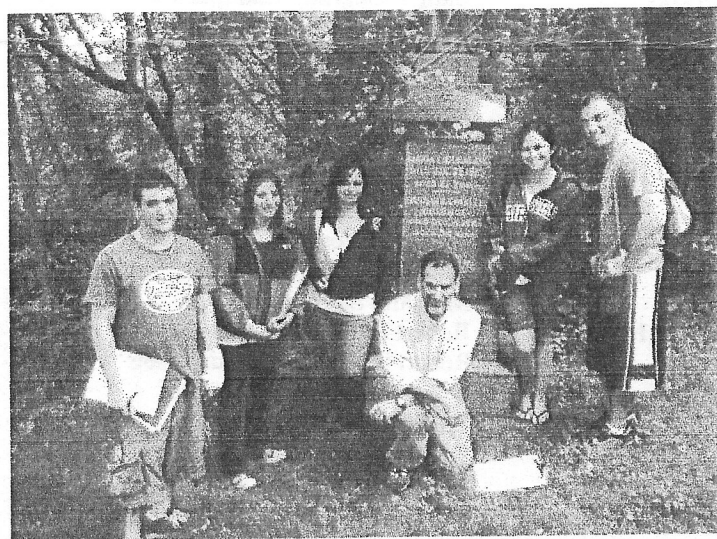
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TOMBSTONES

Mr. Diamond (kneeling) and his students in front of the tombstone of Maria A. Cokalett, d. Jan 28, 1885, 21 years and Abraham A. Cokalett Guernsey, d. Dec 1880, age 34 years, in the maintained portion of Nyack Rural Cemetery.

TOMBSTONES as HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS

Have you ever considered that Tombstones represent historical documents? Paul Diamond has. Mr. Diamond is a History teacher at Clarkstown North High School in New City. To enhance his students' appreciation for history, he attempts to make it real by introducing them to unusual resources to enhance their studies.

Think about it. Tombstones tell you the names of people, when they lived, perhaps where they were born and died, their spouses or parents names, and often much more. Tombstones of related people, sharing eternity in family plots, allow a cemetery visitor to learn about the relationships between people. The tombstones represent pages in the text of history, while the cemeteries represent libraries or archives.

With this in mind, Mr. Diamond asked Bob Protzmann, GSRC Membership Chairman, to assist him in taking 5 students from his AP History class on a tour of several local cemeteries, on June 2, 2009. The group visited the Clarkstown Dutch Reformed Church Cemetery, in Bardonia; the Garrison/Kendall/Youman Burial Ground and the Wood/Blauvelt/Stevens Family Cemetery in New City; and the Nyack Rural Cemetery in Central Nyack. The students copied tombstone inscriptions, and took photographs. During the bus trips between cemeteries, Bob explained the history of the cemeteries, the meanings of tombstone art, and the need to care for and preserve local cemeteries. The group to the classroom, the students reviewed their collected data and new found knowledge, and better understood the value of tombstones and cemeteries, and their part in documenting and preserving local history.

Observed the damage to cemeteries and tombstones caused by vandals, and the effects of neglect (as well as preservation) on the condition of the cemeteries and individual plots. Upon returning

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:

New City Public Library
220 North Main Street
New City, (Rockland County), N.Y.
Tel. #: (845) 634-4997

All meetings start at 7 pm unless otherwise noted.

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

Joan Brooks 845-942-0577
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Dues & 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?

Genealogical Society of Rockland Co. 2009 Programs

Tue., Sep 22 – 7 pm Publishing your Genealogy

Lisa Saunders, author, playwright and historian offers her experiences and knowledge about publishing your family research. Publishing can be very expensive and listening to Lisa's advice could save you a lot of money.

Tue., Oct 27 – 7 pm Tax Mapping into the Future

Discover surveying secrets with tax map technician Mike Kolka as he explains his findings after mapping old boundaries between Orange and Rockland counties with a current GPS system.

Thur., Oct 29 – 1 pm Meeting to Plan Road Trip to NYC

Bring research questions to the planning sessions. Method of travel will be discussed

Wed., Nov 4 – 8:30 am Road Trip to NYC.

Travel to New York Public Library's genealogy division with team members from the Genealogical Society of Rockland. Lunch on your own.

Tue., Nov 24 – 7 pm The Trail Our Ancestors Followed in Becoming Citizens

To become citizens of the United States, our ancestors followed a process that has changed during the life of this country. The ways to become a citizen and the documents created are illustrated and discussed. While these documents can be found may involve looking in places you would not have thought to search.

December No Meeting

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Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park
Region & Woodbury Historical Society's Gate House
Historic Site and Learning Center

Join the Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region as they partner with Woodbury Historical Society's Gate House Historic Site and Learning Center to present an exhibit on the "Vanished Hamlets" which existed within the Bear Mountain and Palisades Interstate Park many years ago. Through history and memorabilia we'll journey back to a past life in the mountains above us. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

Directions: Gate House, 224 Smith Clove Road,
Central Valley, N.Y. Off Route 32
in Orange County next to the
Central Valley Golf Course.

Questions call: Harry 845-469-4235
or Email pemies@frontiernet.net

Orange County Genealogical Society
Programs

Meeting Times: Regular monthly meeting - 9:00 am
Program - 10:30 AM.

Meeting Place: 1841 Historic Courthouse,
101 Main Street
Goshen, New York

For additional information contact: Marilyn Terry at
(845) 562-2749 or via email at mytgrterry@aol.com.

Bergen County Genealogical Society
Programs

Mon., Sep 28 – 7 pm

"Orphan Train Riders." Tom Riley author of Orphan Train Riders: A Brief History of the Orphan Train Era (1854-1929) will take us on a journey through efforts to help children who were often found wandering the streets of New York... Over 400,000 homeless children were relocated by means of what were known as "orphan train."

Sat., Oct 17 – 5-11 pm

The Society and the Ridgewood Public Library will again host the "Lock In." We will be allowed to stay in the library after closing time from 5 until 11 pm. Sandwiches will be served.

1918 Marriage Records at the Rockland County
Some Archives, Bldg. S, Pomona, NY
Abstracted by Joan C. Brooks

ABRAMS—JOHNSON. Marriage Record, Reg. #2919, Vol 1, p. 586 (also on Microfilm), 10 Feb 1918: **CLAUDE ABRAMS**, a. 19, white, b. Spring Valley, NY; residence-South Nyack, NY; occupation-Farming; parents-Irving Abrams, b. Spring Valley, and Ella Gurnee, b. New City; m. 10 Feb 1918 at Nyack, License 8 Feb 1918, by George R. Stuart, Clergyman; **HELEN MAY JOHNSON**, a. 20, white, b. Nyack, NY; residence-151 Cedar Hill, Nyack; occupation-Telephone Operator; parents-George C. Johnson, b. Elizabeth, NJ, and Susan A. Demarest, b. Closter, NY [sic--NJ]. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Marion L. Johnson and Stella Abrams.

PHALEN—LYONS. Marriage Record, Reg. #2946, Vol 1, p. 592 (also on Microfilm), 16 Feb 1918: **WILLIAM PHALEN**, a. 30, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Corporal, U.S. Army; parents-Patrick Phalen, b. Ireland, and Rosanna Reilly, b. U.S.; m. 16 Feb 1918 at Haverstraw, NY, License 16 Feb 1918, by Thomas F. McGare, Clergyman; **MARY LYONS**, a. 35, white, b. Haverstraw; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Silk Mill Employee; parents-Dennis Lyons, b. U.S.; Margaret Downy, b. Ireland. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: William J. Cahill; Agnes Hafele.

VAN BRUNT—VAN TASSEL. Marriage Record, Reg. #2937, Vol 1, p. 590 (also on Microfilm), 16 Feb 1918: **EDWARD VAN BRUNT, JR.**, a. 18, white, b. Suffern, NY; residence-Suffern; occupation-Laborer; parents-Edward Van Brunt and Ella Babcock, both b. U.S.; m. 16 Feb 1918 at Suffern, NY, License 9 Feb 1918, by John Nevin Sayre; **DOROTHY VAN TASSEL**, a. 18, white, b. Ramapo, NY; residence-Suffern, NY; occupation-Housework; parents-Daniel Van Tassel and Rachael Cable, both b. U.S. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Chester & Gladys Van Brunt.

CURTISS—GANNON. Marriage Record, Reg. #2940, Vol 1, p. 590 (also on Microfilm), 18 Feb 1918: **ASHAEL JAMES CURTISS**, a. 39, white, b. Hillburn, NY; residence-Mahwah, NJ; occupation-Machinist; parents-Lyman F. Curtiss and Mary Quinn, both b. Connecticut; m. 18 Feb 1918 at Hillburn, NY, License 16 Feb 1918, by Walter M. Wilson, Minister; **NORA GANNON**, a. 35, white, b. Ramapo, NY; residence-Hillburn, NY; occupation-Nurse; parents-James Gannon, b. US; Maggie Thorpe, b. NYS. This was the 2nd marriage for Ashael, he being divorced Jan 1911 at Rochester, NY; and the 2nd for Nora, she being a widow. Witnesses: George Van Wagenen; Edith Van Wagenen.

CONKLIN—CHASSE. Marriage Record, Reg. #2928, Vol 1, p. 588 (also on Microfilm), 24 Feb 1918: **ABRAM EDWARD CONKLIN**, a. 23, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-Laborer; parents-Samuel J. Conklin and Agnes Johnson, both b. Stony Point; m. 24 Feb 1918 at Congers, NY,

License 23 Feb 1918, by J. McCarrell Leiper, Minister of the Gospel; **ALICE ELIZABETH CHASSE**, a. 22, white, b. Congers, NY; residence-Congers; occupation-School Teacher; parents-Charles J. Chasse and Lillian Jones, both b. NYC. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Joseph E. Chasse and Lillian Helen Chasse.

WINTERS—CONKLIN. Marriage Record, Reg. #2938, Vol 1, p. 590 (also on Microfilm), 25 Feb 1918: **JAMES WINTERS**, a. 33, white, b. Ramapo, NY; residence-Suffern, NY; occupation-Emp., Iron Works; Father-Albert Winters, b. NJ; Mother-Anna Straut, b. NYS, m. 25 Feb 1918, at Sherwoodville, NY, License 25 Feb 1918, by William H. Fassitt, Clergyman; **LUCY MATILDA CONKLIN**, a. 19, white, b. Ramapo, NY; residence-Pomona, NY; occupation-None; Parents-Frank Conklin and Melissa Blake, both b. NYS. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Ellen Fassitt; Elizabeth M. Fassitt.

JONES—JONES. Marriage Record, Reg. #2947, Vol 1, p. 592 (also on Microfilm), 5 Mar 1918: **PERCY M. JONES**, a. 21, white, b. St. John's, NY; residence-St. John's; occupation-Carpenter; parents-Aaron Jones and Lina Wright, both b. US; m. 5 Mar 1918 at Thiells, NY, License 2 Mar 1918, by Rev. Earl E. Reisner, Pastor of M.E. Church; **EMMA JONES**, a. 18, white, b. St. John's, NY; residence-St. John's; occupation-None; parents-Oscar Jones and Cordelia Johnson, both b. US. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Mrs. Earl E. Reisner; Mrs. Mable Conklin.

TOTTEN—KING. Marriage Record, Reg. #2991, Affid. #213, Town of Stony Point, NY, Vol 2, p. 22 (also on Microfilm), 11 May 1918: **ALEXANDER COLASH TOTTEN**, a. 21, white, b. Sharon Springs, NY; residence-Sharon Springs; occupation-Clerk, U.S. Army; parents-Ira Totten and Cecelia Dempsey, both b. US; m. 11 May 1918, at Haverstraw, NY, License 11 May 1918, by Arthur Lucas, Clergyman, residing at Haverstraw, NY; **CATHERINE ADELIA KING**, a. 16, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove; occupation-None; parents-Irving King, b. Tomkins Cove, and Ella Wile, b. NYS. Consent given by Mrs. Ella B. King, Catherine's mother. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: J. William Lucas; Ella W. Lucas.

CASSCLES—ROSE. Marriage Record, Reg. #3018, Affid. #216, Town of Stony Point, NY, Vol 2, p. 35 (also on Microfilm), 13 Jun 1918: **HAROLD E. CASSCLES**, a. 22, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Verplancks, NY; occupation-Laundryman; parents-Joseph Casscles and Minnie Bulson, both b. NYS; m. 13 Jun 1918 at Stony Point, NY, License 13 Jun 1918, by G. Floyd Franklin, Presbyterian Minister; **ESTHER MAY ROSE**, a. 17, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-None; parents-Harvey Rose and Rachel Sylsburry, both b. NYS. Consent given by Mrs. Rachel Rose, mother. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witness: Madeleine E. Franklin.

SMITH—CONKLIN. Marriage Record, Reg. #3046, Affid. #878, Town of Ramapo, NY, Vol 2, p. 49 (also on Microfilm), 23

Jun 1918: **RAYMOND SMITH**, a. 20, white, b. Saddle River, NJ; residence-Saddle River; occupation-Farmer; parents-Edward H. Smith and Adelia Van Dein, both b. New Jersey; m. 23 Jun 1918 at Germonds, NY, License 22 Jun 1918 Town of Ramapo, by J.H. Jensen, Clergyman, residing at Germonds, NY; **CECILE CONKLIN**, a. 19, white, b. Tallman, NY; residence-Tallman; occupation-None; parents-Ernest E. Conklin and Harriet Weidenback, both b. NYS. Consent given by Raymond's father, Edward H. Smith. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: John Conklin; Lillian May Klein.

SIBLEY—AUSTIN. Marriage Record, Reg. #3050, Affid. #882, Vol 2, p. 51 (also on Microfilm), Town of Ramapo, NY, 3 Jul 1918: **WILLIAM DOUGLAS SIBLEY**, a. 44, white, b. Ramapo, NY; residence-Hillburn, NY; occupation-Foreman; parents-Louis Sibley and Sarah Althouse, both b. U.S.; m. 3 Jul 1918 at Chelsea Presbyterian, by Lyman R. Hartley, Minister, residing at 564 W. 185th St, License 29 Jun 1918, Town of Ramapo, NY; **LILLIAN MAY AUSTIN**, a. 27, white, b. Suffern, NY; residence-Hillburn; occupation-Telephone Operator; parents-Augustus Austin and Mary Conover, both b. U.S. Witnesses: Hulda Kloenne; William Duffey. This was the 2nd marriage for William, his 1st wife being deceased, and the 1st for Lillian.

BATES—LEWIS. Marriage Record, Reg. #3055, Affid. #217, Stony Point, NY, Vol 2, p. 54 (also on Microfilm), 20 Jul 1918: **WILLIAM BATES**, a. 21, white, b. Garnerville, NY; residence-New Durham, Bergen Co, NJ; occupation-Brakeman; parents-Charles Bates, b. NYS; Mabel Turner, b. England; m. 20 Jul 1918 at Stony Point, NY, License 20 Jul 1918 Stony Point, NY, by W. Irving Dice, Minister of the Gospel, residing at Stony Point; **DRUSILLA LEWIS**, a. 27, white, b. Grassy Point, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-None; parents-Edward Lewis and Elmira Sylsburry, both b. NYS. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Mrs. Maude M. Burres; Mrs. L. Ellen Dice.

BROOKS—KLEIN. Marriage Record, Reg. #3053, Affid. #426, Vol 2, p. 53 (also on Microfilm), 20 Jul 1918: **JAMES N. BROOKS**, a. 28, white, b. Bronx, NY; residence-Valley Cottage, NY; occupation-Chauffeur; parents-William S. Brooks, b. NYS; Ada M. Arclearicuf, b. NYC; m. 20 Jul 1918 at West Nyack, NY, License 20 Jul 1918, by Frederick G. Grunhold, Justice of the Peace, residing at West Nyack, NY; **LILLIAN M. KLEIN**, a. 18, white, b. West Nyack, NY; residence-West Nyack; occupation-None; parents-Emil Klein and Teressa Kuder, both b. Germany. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Henry Rommel; Alice Grunhold.

MAXWELL—KONIGHT. Marriage Record, Reg. #3067, Affid. #889, Town of Ramapo, NY, Vol 2, p. 60 (also on Microfilm), 24 Jul 1918: **WESLEY CHARLES MAXWELL**, a. 21, white, b. Yonkers, NY; residence-Suffern, NY; occupation-Plumber; parents-Frank Maxwell and Louise Bennett, both b. U.S.; m. 24 Jul 1918 at Suffern, NY, License 23 Jul 1918, Town

of Ramapo, NY, by John Nevin Sayre, Minister, residing at Suffern; **ESTELLA GERTRUDE KONIGHT**, a. 18, white, b. Suffern, NY; residence-Suffern; occupation-Silk Worker; parents-Christ Konight and Della Van Houten, both b. U.S. Witnesses: Thomas J. Cullen and Mary L. Cullen. This was the 1st marriage for both.

CONKLIN—VOSS. Marriage Record, Reg. #3107, Affid #903, Vol 2, p. 80 (also on Microfilm), 29 Aug 1918: **RUDOLPH ERNEST CONKLIN**, a. 19, white, b. Paterson, NJ; residence-Suffern, NY; occupation-Chauffeur; parents-Albert Conklin and Sadie Hilton, both b. US; m. 29 Aug 1918 at Sloatsburg, NY, License 26 Aug 1918 (A.H. Merritt, Clerk), by A.J. Conklin, Clergyman, residing at Sloatsburg; **DOROTHY VOSS**, a. 19, white, b. Hoboken, NJ; residence-Hillburn, NY; occupation-None; parents-John E. Voss and Henrietta Baker, both b. Germany. Consent given by Rudolph's mother, Mrs. George [sic] Conklin. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Della Conklin; Ellen Conklin.

KEESLER—DeWITT. Marriage Record, Reg. #3097, Affid #691, Town of Haverstraw, NY, Vol 2, p. 75, 31 Aug 1918: **CHARLES KEESLER**, a. 35, white, b. Tomkins Cove, NY; residence-Tomkins Cove; occupation-Engineer; parents-Theodore Keesler and Matilda Rose, both b. USA; m. 31 Aug 1918 at Haverstraw, NY, License 28 Aug 1918, Town of Haverstraw, by Arthur Lucas, Clergyman, residing at Haverstraw; **RUTH DEWITT**, a. 32, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Silk Mill Employee; parents-William Dewitt and Lizzie Fischer, both b. USA. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witnesses: Nettie DeWitt; Mattie Lucas.

LAWLESS—ZENTEK. Marriage Record, Reg. #3131, Affid #696, Town of Haverstraw, NY, Vol 2, p. 92 (also on Microfilm), 4 Sep 1918: **RICHARD MICHAEL LAWLESS**, a. 23, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Employee, Iona Island; parents-Patrick Lawless and Annie Conroy, both b. U.S.; m. 4 Sep 1918 at Haverstraw, NY, License 2 Sep 1918, Town of Haverstraw, by Aloysius Leo Blaznik, Roman Catholic Priest, residing at Haverstraw; **MARGARET ZENTEK**, a. 24, white, b. Haverstraw; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Employee, Silk Mill; parents-Theodore Zentek and Margaret Scheuminski, both b. Germany. Witnesses: Thomas Zentek; Anna Zentek. This was the 1st marriage for both.

LARKIN—ROWAN. Marriage Record, Reg. #3134, Affid #699, Vol 2, p. 93 (also on Microfilm), 15 Sep 1918: **WILLIAM AMBROSE LARKIN**, a. 27, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Clerk; parents-George Larkin and Sarah Welsh, both b. US; m. 15 Sep 1918 at Haverstraw, NY, License 11 Jul 1918, by Thomas F. McGare, Clergyman, residing at Haverstraw; **CATHERINE AGNES ROWAN**, a. 24, white, b. Haverstraw, NY; residence-Haverstraw; occupation-Nurse; parents-Patrick Rowan, b. Ireland; Mary Dwyer, b. England. This was the 1st marriage for both. Witness: Philip A. Fox.

MISZAR—ELKO. Marriage Record, Reg. #3155, Affid. #708 (on Microfilm), 3 Nov 1918: **ANDREW MISZAR**, a. 23, b.

Austria; res. Brooklyn, NY; occupation--Iron Worker; parents--Andrew Miszar and Mary Fosuim, both b. Austria; m. 3 Nov 1918 by Rev. Aloysius Leo Blaznik, Roman Catholic Priest, at Haverstraw, License 26 Oct 1918; **MARY ELKO**, a. 18, b. Haverstraw; res. Haverstraw; occupation--Shirt Waist Factory; parents--Michael Elko and Elizabeth Gulash, both b. Austria. Witnesses: Michael Zijroj and Anna Jurko. This was the 1st marriage for both.

STALTER—BOLDT. Marriage Record, Reg. #3165, Affid. #230, Town of Stony Point, Vol 2, p. 109 (also on Microfilm), 24 Nov 1918: **THEODORE STALTER**, a. 46, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Garnerville, NY; occupation-Assistant Foreman; parents-Theodore Stalter and Caroline Wood, both b. US; m. 24 Nov 1918 at Ossining, NY, License 6 Nov 1918, Town of Stony Point, by Richard E. Nilom, Minister, residing at Ossining, NY; **HENRIETTA BOLDT**, a. 44, white, b. Stony Point, NY; residence-Stony Point; occupation-Trained Nurse; parents-Christian F. Boldt and Anna B. Galater, both b. Germany. This was the 2nd marriage for Theodore, his 1st wife being deceased. It was the 1st marriage for Henrietta. Witnesses: Gustave Boldt; Mrs. E.F. Schmidgall.

AYRES—BABCOCK. Marriage Record, Reg. #3171, Affid. #0922, Town of Ramapo, NY, Vol 2, p. 112 (also on Microfilm), 7 Dec 1918: **THOMAS CLINTON BRANNON AYRES**, a. 30, white, b. Nogal, NM; residence-Brooklyn, NY; occupation-Sailor; parents-Cyrillus B. Ayres, b. PA; Madeline Murphy, b. IL; m. 7 Dec 1918, at Spring Valley, NY, license 7 Dec 1918, Town of Ramapo, by John Bovenizer, Minister, res. Spring Valley; **AMY NATALIE JOY BABCOCK**, a. 19, white, b. Brooklyn, NY; residence-Sloatsburg, NY; parents-Percy Babcock, b. NJ; Amy Gates, b. Brooklyn. Witnesses: Rose R. Sherwood and Agnes F. Bovenizer. This was the 1st marriage for both.

From *GSNJ Newsletter (Genealogical Society of NJ)*, Vol 18, No. 2, p. 5, June 2009:

Massive Collection of WWI Documents Discovered

A British historian has discovered a collection of an estimated 20 million records of WWI casualties in the basement of the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland. The records deal with the capture, death, or burial of servicemen from over 30 nations drawn into the conflict; personal effects, home addresses and grave sites. All were passed to the International Red Cross by the combatants. Volunteers logged in the information by hand before sending it on to the soldiers' home countries. The Red Cross hopes to have the archive online by 2014, 100 years after the start of WWI. Additional information can be found at http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7940540.stm For your convenience here is the article.

BBC NEWS

Piecing together the past

By Robert Hall
BBC News

Detective work by a British historian has unearthed information that could enable thousands to piece together their family histories.

Peter Barton was commissioned to carry out research into the identities of World War I casualties discovered in a mass grave at Fromelles in France.

He was given access to the basement of the Red Cross headquarters in Geneva.

There, he was allowed to examine records that have lain virtually untouched since 1918.

He estimates that there could be 20 million sets of details, carefully entered on card indexes, or written into ledgers.

'Tutankhamen's tomb'

They deal with the capture, death, or burial of servicemen from over 30 nations drawn into the conflict; personal effects, home addresses and grave sites cover page after page.

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According to Peter Barton, the UK's copies no longer exist, but the originals are still here and are immensely important.

"To a military historian, this was like finding Tutankhamen's tomb and the terracotta warriors on the same day," he told me.

"I still can't understand why no-one has ever realised the significance of this archive - but the Red Cross tell me I'm the first researcher who has asked to see it."

The records could potentially reveal the whereabouts of individuals whose remains were never found, or never identified. Grave after grave in the World War I cemeteries mark the last resting place of an unknown soldier.

Unprecedented Challenge

But that presents the Red Cross with an unprecedented challenge; the paper records must now be conserved, and digitised. More than £2m has already been set aside for a project that will begin this autumn, and which is likely to involve experts from all over Europe.

The Red Cross hope to have the archive online by 2014, 100 years after the start of World War I. They believe that the care and patience of their volunteers during the conflict coupled with today's technology will provide a key to unlock the past.

The Red Cross headquarters high above Lake Geneva is one of the best known buildings in the city, at the centre of a web of humanitarian aid stretching around the globe.

But this site is also home to one of the world's most remarkable historic archives; personal details which have lain virtually untouched for decades.

Their significance only came to light after Peter Barton had been commissioned by the Australian government to carry out research, following the discovery of a mass grave on World War I battlefield at Fromelles in France.

That trail led him to the Red Cross Museum in Geneva, and to the card indexes and registers compiled between 1914 and 1918; during that period the Red Cross had acted as a go-between, logging, and passing on information to 30 countries drawn into the conflict.

Those details included whereabouts of prisoners, their condition or injuries at the time of capture, and the location of field burials. Details which no longer exist in the UK, but here, in dusty cardboard boxes Peter Barton found the original indexes; thousands upon thousands of cards; dozens of registers.

Some of the records refer to other mass graves, with exact directions as to where they were dug, and the identities of the soldiers who were buried. Where possible, the registers include home addresses and next of kin.

Completing Jigsaws

In the World War I cemeteries, headstone after headstone marks the last resting place of an unknown soldier.

The names of the missing line the walls of memorials across France and Belgium, and until now, the trails followed by new generations ended with family histories still incomplete.

The fragile documents now being examined could provide the missing pieces of a jigsaw, and the Red Cross are already working to bring the archive into the computer age.

The organisation's head of press, Florian Westphal, admitted they had never faced a challenge quite like this: "First we have to make sure that we preserve the original records," he told me.

"Then, this autumn, we will begin the process of digitising the World War I section of the archive - we expect that phase of the project to cost around four million Swiss Francs."

The Red Cross say they'll need expert help from other countries, and will almost certainly ask for volunteers to join their own archivists. They aim to have the archive available on the web by 2014, a century after World War I began.

But that's only the start; the careful record-keeping extended through World War II, and on to more recent conflicts.

I was shown the rows of metal shelves which contain millions more personal stories; more index cards neatly packed into boxes. Public access here would require significantly more effort, and more cash which is simply not available at this stage.

Back in the World War I archive, Peter Barton was leafing through page after page of handwritten names - all men who had died on the first day of the Battle of the Somme - lives ended far from home, but, thanks to the patience and care of Red Cross staff all those years ago, their stories may soon be told.

Story from BBC NEWS:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/uk_news/7940540.stm

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Bible Records Abstracted From The GSRC Files

Submitted by: Marie Koestler

Bible of William C. Haring & Jane Hopper

Courtesy of Mrs. Chas. C. Husson, Spring Valley

Copied by Alice E. DeBaun, DAR, 1942

MARRIAGES

William C. Haring & Jane Hopper

Preston W. Smith & Elizabeth Ann Haring

15 Jul 1874

BIRTHS

William C. Haring, 1828

Jane (Hopper) Haring, 11 Mar 1835

Elizabeth J. Haring, 07 Mar 1855

Cassie J. Haring, 07 Sep 1857

William W. Haring, 27 Feb 1875

DEATHS

William C. Haring, 27 Mar 1902

Jane Haring, 07 Mar 1913

Elizabeth Ann Smith, 11 Jun 1933

Cassie J. Haring, 05 Apr 1937

William W. Haring, 22 Jan 1942

Bible of Mrs. Ervin B. Young, Tallman, NY

Copied by Alice E. DeBaun, DAR, 1940

MARRIAGES

Lewis Hopper & Maria Salyer, 28 Jan 1824

John Henry Goetchius & Maria Louisa Hopper

04 Dec 1847

Lewis Hopper & Eliza Storms, 26 Oct 1850

Albert Terhune & Eliza Ann Hopper, 27 Mar 1853

George S. Goetchius & (?), 07 Apr 1855

Edwin C. DeBaun & Catharine Jane Hopper

26 May 1861

John I. Hopper & Margaret VanEmburg,

22 May 1872

BIRTHS

Lewis Hopper, 10 Jul 1800

Maria Salyer, 16 Oct 1806

Eliza Storms, 17 Sep 1815

Anna Maria Hopper, 08 Dec 1825

Eliza Ann Hopper, 01 Feb 1881

Charity Euphemia Hopper, 26 Nov 1833

Henry Hopper, 02 May 1836

Catharine Jane Hopper, 28 Dec 1838

Rachel Emily Hopper, 18 Dec 1841

John Jacob Hopper, 08 Mar 1852

Julia Hopper, 09 Oct 1854

Margaret VanEmburg, 25 Jul 1854

DEATHS

Anna Maria Hopper, 22 Feb 1826

Henry Hopper, 19 May 1835

Maria (our Mother) Salyer, 23 May 1846

w/o Lewis Hopper, 39y 07m 07d

Julia Hopper, 06 Jul 1855, d/o Lewis

Hopper & Eliza Storms Hopper

Rachel Emily Hopper, 09 Dec 1860

Eliza Storms Hopper, 18 Jan 1870

w/o Lewis Hopper

Lewis Hopper, (our Father), 12 Mar 1880

79y 08m 00d

Lewis Hopper & Maria Salyer were the

Grandparents of Mrs. Ervin B. Young

(Maria Louisa DeBaun)

A BLAUVELT FAMILY BIBLE

MARRIAGES (in a Bible dated 1847)

Abram G. Blauvelt & Elisabeth Blauvelt, 08 Jun 1792
John A. Blauvelt & Catharine Blauvelt, 20 Sep 1816
d/o D.J. Blauvelt
John Calvin Blauvelt & Elisabeth Demarest, 25 Oct 1848
Jane Elisabeth Blauvelt & Henry J. Blauvelt, 08 Jun 1880
Catharine Anna Blauvelt & F. Eugene Blauvelt
17 Oct 1880
Silas Calvin Blauvelt & Catharine Vanderbilt, 19 Jun 1881
Abram Melanethon Blauvelt & Emaline D. Hutton,
02 Jan 1882

MARRIAGES (in a Bible dated 1849)

Abram G. Blauvelt, s/o Garret J. Blauvelt m.
Elizabeth Blauvelt, d/o John I. Blauvelt
08 Jun 1792. (b. 12 Jun 1775).

FAMILY RECORDS

Josup (?) b. 1687, m. Elizabeth VanDalsen, who had a
son Garret b. 1731-1810, who married Elizabeth
Mabie, b. 1733, d. 1826, mother of A.G. Blauvelt
Sarah Blauvelt, b. 15 Nov 1807 - d. 12 Oct 1894, 86y
Elizabeth Sickles, d. age 98y 09m 00d
Sarah Tinkey, d. age 91y 09m 00d
John Tallman, d. age 65y 00m 00d

ADDITIONAL BIRTHS - DEATHS

Aaron Demarest, 18 Sep 1786 - 29 Jul 1837
Elizabeth (Tallman) Demarest, b. 02 Oct 1787
d. 26 May 1879
Maria - 11 May 1806 - 04 Jan 1899
m. Stephen Johnson
Sally - 15 Nov 1807 - 12 Oct 1894
Richard - 02 Dec 1809 - 11 Oct 1853
John - 05 Feb 1812 - 1884
Eliza - 27 Jul 1814 - 07 Jan 1815
Harmon - 11 Feb 1816 - 05 Jul 1896
Ann - 05 Apr 1818 - 1902
Abram - 02 Feb 1820 - Mar 1893
Margaret - 05 Apr 1822 - 16 Nov 1847
Silas - 21 Sep 1824 - 26 Aug 1852
Nicholas Lansing - 13 Jul 1827 - 03 Mar 1900
Elizabeth - 14 Jul 1830 - 12 Feb 1901 (twin of Jane)
Jane - 14 Jul 1830 - 05 Nov 1879 (twin of Elizabeth)

John H. Outwater m. Catharine Declark - 16 Mar 1822
John H. Outwater m. Maria Declark - 21 Apr 1825

John H. Outwater, b. 04 Apr 1801, d. 25 Jun 1880
Catherine (Declark), b. 16 Jan 1806, d. 12 May 1823
Maria (Declark), b. 16 Feb 1809, d. 01 Nov 1895
Jacob D.C. Outwater, b. 04 May 1823
Catherine Declark Outwater, b. 04 Jan 1826,
d. 28 Jan 1835, age 09y 00m 00d
William Declark Outwater, b. 21 Aug 1827

Eliza Outwater, b. 18 Dec 1828
James D. Outwater, b. 06 Sep 1831, d. 15 Nov 1899
Sarah M. Outwater, b. 09 Dec 1833
Frances J. Outwater, b. 19 Aug 1836
Cornelia D. Outwater, b. 19 Feb 1839
John F. Outwater, b. 05 May 1841, d. 09 Jan 1845

MOISON FAMILY BIBLE

BIRTHS

Cortland Palmer Moison, b. 26 Mar 1861
Ida Conklin, b. 09 Mar 1868
Pearl May Moison, b. 24 May 1889
Clinton P. Moison, b. 25 Mar 1893
Emmett Moison, b. 25 Nov 1899
Irwin Moison, b. 27 Jul 1904

MARRIAGES

Irwin Moison m. Lydia MacMankowich, 31 Dec 1926
Emmet George Moison m. Mildred Louise Marten
02 Aug 1941

DEATHS

Erwin Moison, d. 08 Feb 1891
Bertha Yale, d.
Peter D. Conklin, d. 27 Jun 1894, 58y 00m 01d
Rachel M. Conklin, d. 17 Feb 1894, 51y 09m 07d
George E. Conklin, d. 18 Jul 1905, 28y 04m 10d
Clinton P. Moison, d. 13 Aug 1893, 00y 04m 19d
Pearl May Moison, d. 08 Apr 1912, 22y 10m 15d
Ida Moison, d. 07 Feb 1921, 52y 11m 07d
Cortland Palmer Moison, d. 10 Jul 1938, 71y 03m 14d
Irwin Moison, d. 22 Oct 1961, 57y 02m 25d
Emmet George Moison, d. 29 Aug 1974, 74y 09m 04d

Queries

BABCOCK-MATHERS-SCOTT: Ladentown, Rockland Co, NY. Looking for photos of James MATHERS, Sr. (c1766-1840-50), and Catharine BABCOCK (c1794-1834-40), his wife, d/o Elisha Babcock and Sarah/Charity Secor. Both are buried in Brick Church Cemetery. Also photos for William W. SCOTT, Sr. (c1812-aft 1880), and Mary Ann MATHERS (c1822-1907), his wife, d/o James & Catharine above. Mary Ann was married 2nd to Jacob J. Jones (c1825-1908).

Contact Joan Brooks
157 Washburn Lane
Stony Point, NY 10980 or
jcbrooks@spyrail.net

CONKLIN-BABCOCK: Looking for death date & place of death & burial for INA (BABCOCK) CONKLIN (1879-aft 1929), widow of George Washington Conklin (1869-1929), and daughter of Hiram Babcock & Mary Elizabeth Conklin. George is buried in Ladentown Cemetery, Rockland Co, NY. Contact: William Gannon, 54A Eagle Valley Road, Sloatsburg, NY 10974-2323 or BSNOCN@Verizon.net

Helpful Information

Riker Papers

I was in New York City this past week to present at the New Netherland Roots program sponsored by the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society and the Holland Society. While there I spent some time in the Manuscript and Archives Division of the New York Public Library searching through the James Riker Papers. I did not realize how much information was in the collection which includes 24 boxes, 22 volumes and 6 reels of microfilm. I was able to get through 4 boxes, 1 volume and 1 reel of microfilm in two days. If you have families in Harlem or Newtown, New York, you might want to consider looking at this collection if you go to New York.

While I have always believed you had to be very careful at using James Riker's *History of Harlem* (Revised 1904), I always knew he had access to a lot of vital information. His collection proves that even though it is not organized in a useful fashion as we might wish. While the boxes may be broken down by specific topics, like Harlem, the individual folders may often be a hodgepodge of records in no particular order beginning in 1662. So it takes a lot of viewing to make sense of the disorder. He was very prolific in his notes but unfortunately he wrote many of them in pencil in a small handwriting, which in itself would be hard to understand, but he would write on anything: the backs of envelopes, marriage license applications, even checks (from the 1870's!)

In his Revised *History of Harlem*, he did present information on some families but not very many compared to the notes he made about families. The problem is he only published a small part of the family information he collected and never really sourced most of the information. For anyone with a family who lived in Harlem at some point in early New York and is interested in this collection I would recommend a few things since he did not publish much of the family information he collected in his *History of Harlem*:

1. Start with the finding aid supplied by the Manuscripts and Archives Division. <http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/spe/rbk/faids/riker.pdf#7> The staff is very helpful and would like to see more people use the Riker Collection. Of course you have to follow their guidelines which means you are not allowed to photocopy or make digital camera reproductions yourself. You may request copies but they must be done on a form, submitted to you and then eventually mailed to you. They are not cheap, \$10 for the first 50 copies, so if you only want 1-2 copies the minimum cost is still \$10.

2. The first thing to look at is Volume 6 (not box 6 or reel 6) which is composed of two old books, A and B, which are not in very good condition. There is actually an index of families in the front of book A which makes it pretty easy to use. The index gives a page number reference to check which is a hand written in ink biography of the family with references to original records

and pages in his translation/transcription of the Harlem records. Pages 98-122 and pages 157-180 are missing from Book A. They do appear out of place at the beginning of Book B. Book A is the more important of the two as after the missing pages of book A tucked in the front of book B, there is a lot of information cut and pasted from his notes which is hard to understand.

3. Boxes 7 & 8 includes his notes on families and I actually noted the contents of these two boxes by folder total and have since sent a copy of my listings to the Manuscripts and Archives Division to put with their finding aid. Unfortunately I did not do with Boxes 2, 3, 4, 6 or 24. Box 24 includes information from the 1800's, which was out of range of my research, except for one item: the New Harlem Deacon's Books 1672-1685. This is the original book, ink on vellum written in Dutch. Unfortunately, other than the names of a few deacons, it has little family research value in that, unlike the Albany Deacons Account book, translated and published by Janny Venema, whom I happened to meet in New York, so there is really no value in reviewing them for family research.

4. Reels 1, 2, 4, & 5 are the original Dutch Records of New Harlem (IN DUTCH), Reel 1 being the Council Minutes 1662-1760, Reel 2 the Register of Constables and Magistrates, 1674-78, Reel 4 the 'Schult Boek' (Debt Book) of New Harlem 1678-1702 and Reel 5 the Quit Rents for land 1699-1753.

So this is a very wonderful collection that can be used if you are in New York and have the time and patience to review them. He has many records for his Newtown History but I did not look at those boxes. He does have many original records and some copies of Bible records and other records that may no longer be available. I am looking at transcribing and possibly publishing the Council Minutes of Reel 1 as I found a lot of valuable information in them NOT published in his *History of Harlem*. I hope this helps everyone.

Chris Brooks
Kansas City, Missouri
[Dutch-Colonies] list

Early New York Wills

Kenneth Scott created an index of the surviving early New York wills which was published as "Early Original New York Wills," in National Genealogical Society Quarterly, volume 51.

A keyword searchable only version of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, V.51 is available through the Hathi Trust Library at: <http://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=wu.890624969911> In the search box enter the last name, first Name as it appears in the abstract of the will (see also www.sampubco.com such as: "Prall, Arent. If you get a hit in pages 90-99, 174-78 or 185, then the original will exists.

Mike Morrissey
[Dutch-Colonies] list

Sons of the American Revolution
Program



Picture courtesy Joan Brooks

Rededication of Waldron Cemetery

After almost two years of work, this wonderful day is finally here, when we officially re-dedicate this Historic Waldron Cemetery located today in the area known to many as Neilly's woods.

The Jacob Waldron tract, south of the part next to Florus Falls was previously owned by John H. Neilly, whose wife, a granddaughter of Abraham Waldron, was the last of those who was in possession of any part of the tract bought by Resolvert Waldron, the progenitor of the Waldron family in the North Rockland area. In my recent memory, since the mid-1960's the boy scouts, cub scouts, volunteers, and yes a former Stony Point Highway Superintendent Randy Riker was involved in a 1965 cleanup of this cemetery. My children were involved in the early 1980's when it was a cub scout/boy scout project, and when the brush was knocked down, everyone felt great about the accomplishment at the time. However the project unfortunately was never finished. The tree, brier and vine root removal unfortunately probably never occurred nor was the cemetery somewhat regraded and reseeded. More importantly it was not maintained on a regular basis as it is now, thanks to the efforts to correct this by the Sons of the American Revolution and our current Highway Superintendent Larry Brissing. In the past the cemetery was forgotten again until well meaning town folk wrote something in the paper regarding the need to restore this hallowed ground again.

In the fall of 2006, I came down here to check on the grave markings, and could not locate the cemetery. At that time, the undergrowth, brush, briars and vines were eighteen feet high and a virtual North Rockland duplication of the Amazon Jungle. Getting beyond the Orange and Rockland access road was virtually impossible. Please see some pictures posted nearby from the Stony Point Chapter of the Sons of the American

Revolution website that shows how this cemetery looked prior to restoration. Larry Brissing in his capacity as our current Stony Point Highway Superintendent and also now a Stony Point Chapter member contacted the Rockland County Sheriffs Dept for help. Thanks to the Sheriff's Dept "Weekend Warriors", and their "overseer Sgt. Gentillo and van driver Officer Lupo, the "Weekend Warriors" help in cutting the brush over a period of several months. Some of the Stony Point Chapter of the S.A.R. own members followed shortly after the initial cut down. Ken Conklin, from Hillburn, came on several weekdays with this trusty axe and cut out many large tree roots and hugh briar roots from amidst the graves where machinery could not go. He was accompanied by myself, Gene Erickson from Monsey, and also Ken Rose from Suffern who helped right many downed tombstones. Together we had huge piles of debris that consumed many truckloads of large underground tree roots, briars, cut brush and vines which were removed from the cemetery- thanks to the Stony Point Highway Dept.

The ravages of time took it's toll on this place over the past two hundred plus years and much heavy equipment had to be brought in gratis, thanks to many civic minded tradesman in our town. These men donated not only their time, but their equipment to do what we could not without such services and their fantastic commitment to this project.. A sincere thanks to the following: **John Bender of Cedar Brook Construction, Michael Ferguson of Cedar Pond Tree Services, Jay Parrente of J & A Enterprises, Michael Puccio from the Rental Zone, and last but not least Neil Winter and Kimberly Campbell of Orange and Rockland Utilities, the present owners of this property, who without their outstanding commitment to this project would not have made this restoration possible.**

A crucial finding then fortunately occurred, and the amount of land cleared expanded thanks to S.A.R. member from Wurtsboro, Charles Goetschius. Charlie is an expert dowser, and discovered that as he kept getting hits on his dowsing rods beyond where there were tombstones we together discovered the true size of this historic cemetery. We spent many days until the rods finally stood still meaning no more interments could be found. As you can see, we are not mowing a beautiful manicured field devoid of tombstones for nothing. Recently, I revisited Coles History of Rockland County, which lists this cemetery as the major Haverstraw Cemetery one at the time, with just a small mention of the young Mount Repose Cemetery which was dedicated in 1853 and whose monuments, according to Cole's History published in 1884 "are of the most elegant design and the grounds are neatly kept." Cole also mentions the oldest tombstone at Mount Repose as one that was removed from the Allison Burial Ground by the river and bears the following: In memory of Robert Hutchings whose dates are 1697-1765. Mount Repose records date only from 1889, and I will work with the cemetery and Howard Phillips in the future regarding a proper memorial for many reinterred bodies from several abandoned cemeteries that are not in Mount Repose current records.

A hundred years ago, George Budke, and others came around to all the then abandoned cemeteries' recording the inscriptions.

Several other citizens including our own Ken Conklin and his father recorded this cemetery and many other abandoned cemeteries over the years so the known people here and elsewhere would not be forgotten.

Many people in those years lovingly buried their relatives but could not afford to purchase a stone, and may have put up a cross or flat rock with a name painted on, but this disappeared over time. Burials at this the Historic Waldron Cemetery go to within two feet of the Orange and Rockland enclosed switch station to within five feet of the rails of the present CSX railroad. This cemetery is 10 times larger than previously thought when they recorded just the stones. The cemetery records however said it was 200-300 plus feet in size. The cemetery is almost full, and now thanks to the Town of Stony Point, it will continue to be lovingly cared for by the Stony Point Parks Dept. under Richard Ryder and his staff.

It would be fantastic if we could travel in a time machine, and for a few hours go back and meet the people interred here and elsewhere in the North Rockland area. They were many of the original settlers of what today is known as North Rockland. Times were tough in those days, long hours of work, mostly in Revolutionary War times in agriculture, boating, fishing, and transportation. Most families of Revolutionary times were probably mostly self sufficient and produced much of what they needed for their survival.

Families in those days were no different regarding political persuasions. Some obviously were liberal, others middle of the roaders, or conservative. Many were sympathetic to the American cause and some favored the British. We all have heard about the signers of the Declaration of Independence and what happened to destroy their livelihood by the British. We also remember reading about the burning of the Kingston, the capitol of New York for a few months during the Revolution, but how many know that enemy British ships, encountering some opposition in Haverstraw Bay, came ashore on June 20th. 1781 at Haverstraw and burned the John De Noyelle's mansion and laid in ruins. John De Noyelles died in 1775 and his widow then married Colonel John Roberts who was living there at the time of its destruction.

New York City fell to the British in 1776 and this left the people on the west side of the river, because of its great shoreline, more vulnerable to armed vessels who were able to land at any point to attack at will. In addition to this, some of the more prominent families were more than suspected of sympathy with the enemy and many of these families had their properties confiscated and their land sold just for pure suspicion with no definable proof. Captain James Lamb owner of all land between Florus Falls and Stony Point and, who with others was one of those attainted for treason. His estate was seized, his property put up for sale and some sold. Captain Lamb's daughters, however, were married to men who took an active part in the defense of this country. These two patriots were all sons of Resolvert Waldron, and Jacob Waldron is one of the five patriots buried here in this cemetery.

The end result was the land was given to Lamb's children, as if he were deceased, and they all owned it as tenants in common. The Commission who investigated these accusations, found that they were based upon no documentary evidence, and it is believed to be wholly untrue. This action was not based on the assumption of his James Lamb's loyalty, but on the well known loyalty of his sons-in-law John and Jacob Waldron to the Federal cause. The Legislature decided it would be working injury to them to confiscate and sell what was still unsold of the estate of their father, who was at that time far advanced in years. This was decided and passed by the 10th. Legislature on Dec. 6, 1776, but the land not returned to the heirs of the family until 1793—17 years later.

Late in the war according to Cole's History, "upon the approach of the enemy, both Jacob and John Waldron left their homes, and exerted themselves in public service and their estate became prey to the ravages of the enemy. Also in 1780, we are all aware of the the famous meeting at the Joshua Hett Smith house on treason hill, less than two miles from where we stand this morning, that could have caused a different ending of the war, had Major Andre not been caught. What a movie this would make, a sequel to the Civil War Masterpiece "Gone with the Wind". In my opinion, Colonel Johnson was right in his comments last weekend regarding the Revolutionary War Bedford town burning remembrance across the river that was printed in last Sundays Journal News. Colonel Johnson placed the conflict that raged throughout the Revolution in a modern context—**insurgency warfare**, not unlike the conflict faced by the United States today in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those must have been a horrific, nerve racking, unsettling time for our North Haverstraw/Haverstraw original settlers.

Returning to the recognition of those people interred in these hallowed grounds, I agonized on whom to include on this eventual bronze plaque. Many other North Rocklanders were buried in family plots, some today not accessible and most not known to most present day residents. After talking to many genealogists and historians, we tentatively agreed that other patriots should be recognized at this site with an identifier as to where they are buried. I have also very recently discovered that most Haverstraw patriots and veterans whose burial sites we recently obtained were reinterred at Mount Repose, with several War of 1812 veterans interred at Calico Hill. Mount Repose records go back to 1889, but I will work with the cemetery staff and try and fill in some missing records of people reinterred there that they presently have no knowledge. As these are both treasured cemeteries in Haverstraw Township, their patriots and veterans should be honored there. I will work with Mount Repose and Supervisor Phillips toward hopefully making that a reality in the future later this year.

Many North Rockland families over the years have lost their earlier family heritage, and we want to let them know that the amount of records available for this research has been much

improved and available to all who seek such information. People could have entered this country and married into local families which may possibly connect too many earlier wars, including the Revolution. My promise to both the towns of Haverstraw and Stony Point is that the Stony Point Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will have a hopefully aesthetically designed list of North Rockland "Known Patriots" from the Revolutionary War" as well as "War of 1812 Known Veterans" available for display at various locations of their choosing. This would be a long lasting contribution in conjunction to the Quad Centennial Celebration of 2009 from the Stony Point Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. We want to deliver something that both towns would be happy in displaying by making this information available to their residents and our future, our children. A few patriots were in both wars.

I hope this morning's rededication was meaningful to those in attendance and I want to thank you on behalf of the Sons & Daughters of the American Revolution, and the North Rockland Quad Centennial Committee for attending.

Barry Brooks,
President,
Stony Point Chapter SAR

Samuel Greenholtz Family

Kevin L Greenholtz, 542 Wilson St, Carlisle, PA 17013 has sent the Society a copy of the work he has done on the Samuel Greenholtz Family. It didn't connect with his family, but we are glad he sent us a copy to add to our files.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

New Members

D-28 Mr. Paul R. Diamond
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G-24 Mr. and Mrs. William J. Gannon
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New E-Mail Addresses

L-31 Larry Larsen LELT2@hotmail.com

Letter of thanks

I just wanted to thank you-all in the GSRC for your Death Index lists from the NY State Archives, printed in the June 2009 Newsletter!

We noted one Tremper there whose identity was unclear to us, so I sent off to the NY State Dept. of Health for his certificate, using the Certificate # per your suggestion. We received the certificate copy just 30 days after sending off the request - seemed like only a week! It was for "John I. Tremper", Cert. # 6097, 11/30/1881. The certificate provided the names of his father and of his son, which established his identity for us, as well as his death date and place, and the burial date and place, and the cause of death ("consumption for 3 or 4 years"), all very nice to have! His father was John T. Tremper, the informant was his son, James A. Tremper. The problem for us was that we had him as "John Trumper, Jr." with no middle initial and no death date, so we needed the father and son names to make the match. Too many John Trumper people running around! Two other Trempers in your lists were identified in our files without any trouble.

Thanks again! We really enjoy the newsletter! - -

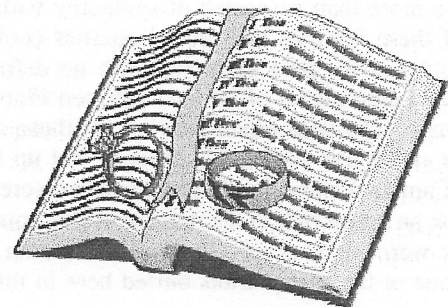
J. Douglas Leith
162 Islington Rd.
Auburndale MA 02466

We regret to announce the death of Marjorie-Smeltzer-Stevenot on Friday, August 21st at the age of 99 in her home of sixty years near Sloatsburg. She was predeceased by her parents, and a sister, Dorothea Schleuning in 2002. She is survived by her daughter Margot S Graettinger (John), grandchildren Anna Graettinger and Mary Elizabeth Graettinger Cole, and great granddaughter Theodora M. Cole

We regret to announce the death of Franklin Hoffman a resident of Nanuet for the last 41 years. He died September 14, 2009 at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife Ann, two daughters; Melissa Hoffman and Laurie Ievolella, and three grandchildren; Michael, Emily and Cailey. He was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Note from editor

We hope you are enjoying the larger issues of the Newsletter. Please consider sending some family Bible records or your ancestor chart.



Civil War Lists (Continued from June 2009 Newsletter)

Submitted by Richard Peterson

Continued from June's Newsletter

Return of Delinquents in Militia of District No. 2 in the Town of Ramapo.

Name	Rank	SCst
Ackerman, John M.	Private	1.00
Ackerman, David L.	Private	1.00
Anderson, John	Private	1.00
Acers, James	Private	1.00
Blauvelt, John L.	Private	1.00
Brown, Bartlett	Private	1.00
Brown, Robert	Private	1.00
Butler, Henry	Private	1.00
Bell, Abram	Private	1.00
Banta, James H.	Private	1.00
Barton, William	Private	1.00
Brainard, Martin	Private	1.00
Baldwin, Henry	Private	1.00
Barbarow, Peter F.	Private	1.00
Babcock, Nicholas	Private	1.00
Conklin, Stephen	Private	1.00
Conklin, Henry	Private	1.00
Carmichael, George O.	Private	1.00
Cornelius, Jackson <i>[sic]</i>	Private	1.00
Carlough, George	Private	1.00
Cudaback, Cornelius	Private	1.00
Conklin, George S.	Private	1.00
Campbell, David Jr.	Private	1.00
Campbell, David Sr.	Private	1.00
Campbell, Cornelius A.	Private	1.00
Cauplius, Peter <i>[sic]</i>	Private	1.00
Chapman, Henry	Private	1.00
Clifford, Martin	Private	1.00
Dicks, Alexander	Private	1.00
Demarest, Henry A.	Private	1.00
Furman, William	Private	1.00
Frederick, George	Private	1.00
Forshay, Abram A.	Private	1.00
Freeman, Anderson	Private	1.00
Fox, Henry	Private	1.00
Garrison, Martin	Private	1.00
Goetschius, John J.	name crossed out	
Green, George N.	Private	1.00
Green, Joseph	Private	1.00
Hungerford, Fayette	Private	1.00
Hill, Thomas	Private	1.00
Howell, James T.	Private	1.00
Hill, Chas. W.	Private	1.00
Hall, Horace Jr.	Private	1.00
Howell, Thomas W.	Private	1.00
Hunt, Lewis	Private	1.00
Hemion, Lawrence	Private	1.00
Hemion, William	name crossed out	
Johnson, George	Private	1.00

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Hunt, Lewis	Private	1.00
Hemion, Lawrence	Private	1.00
Hemion, William	name crossed out	
Johnson, George	Private	1.00
Mather, William E.	Private	1.00
May, David	Private	1.00
Merritt, Leonard	Private	1.00
Monday, Charles	Private	1.00
May, Jacob	Private	1.00
Osborn, George	Private	1.00
Norris, Chas.	Private	1.00
Onderdonk, Levi	Private	1.00
Onderdonk, William	Private	1.00
Austin, John W.	Private	1.00
Post, William	Private	1.00
Name	Rank	\$ Cst
Peall, John	Private	1.00
Pitt, John	Private	1.00
Rose, Benjamin Sr.	Private	1.00
Rehling, William	Private	1.00
Stalter, William	Private	1.00
Smith, William A.	Private	1.00
Springsteen, James	Private	1.00
Seaman, Johnathan	Private	1.00
Smith, Daniel D. Jr.	Private	1.00
Smith, Charles	Private	1.00
Secor, William J.	Private	1.00
Secor, John J.	Private	1.00
Springsteen, Dusenberry	Private	1.00
Sidman, George	Private	1.00
Sloat, Henry R.	Private	1.00
Sloat, John J.	Private	1.00
Sloat, William L. F.	name crossed out	
Straut, John J.	name crossed out	
Straut, Abram J.	Private	1.00
Suffern, Charles E.	Private	1.00
Taylor, John H.	Private	1.00
Trumpeter, Daniel	Private	1.00
Thorp, Isaac	Private	1.00
Thompson, James	Private	1.00
Tallman, Harmon	Private	1.00
VanSchaick, Benjamin A.	Private	1.00
VanNorwick, Daniel	Private	1.00
Valentine, Daniel	Private	1.00
Wanamaker, Henry L.	Private	1.00
Wood, John	Private	1.00
Wood, Jacob	Private	1.00
Wanamaker, John A.	Private	1.00
Whartino, Eugene [sic]	Private	1.00
Wagoner, James L.	Private	1.00
White, Lewis	Private	1.00

I hereby certify that the above is a full and true list of delinquents in Company District No. 2 in the Town of Ramapo, County of Rockland, State of New York, at the inspection made Sept. 5th, 1864.

Dated- Ramapo, Sept. 27th, 1864, James B. Suffern, Commandant ¹

A Return of Delinquents and deficiencies in Company "E" in the Rockland Regiment of Infantry of the National Guard of the State of New York, at a parade had at Blauveltville on the 5th day of Sept., 1864. ²

Name	Rank	Statement	Penalty
William L. Allison	Private		\$1.00
David B. Amos	Private		1.00
Jacob R. Allen	Private		1.00
Abraham D. Brower	Private		1.00
John C. Blauvelt	Private		1.00
George W. Bush	Private		1.00
Charles F. Brower	Private		1.00
Archable Coe [sic]	Private		1.00
Edward Degroat	Private		1.00
Nelson Degraw	Private		1.00
John Hamblin	Private		1.00
Howard Hasbrock	Private	Substitute in Army	1.00
Abraham Hopper	crossed out	Volunteered	
John W. Moison	Private	a substitute in the army since 3 July 1864	
John Ryan	Private		1.00
William B. Slocum	Private		1.00
Jacob A. Trumper	Private		1.00
Frederick Ulmer	crossed out	Volunteered	
J. G. Wellington	Private		1.00
Bleasies Whiffle [sic]	Private		1.00
John A. Williams alias Punch		Over Age	
George D. Williams	Private		1.00
John Watson	Private		1.00

ROSTER

Of persons attended armed and equipped in Company I in the 17th Regiment, New York State Militia. Isaac Pye, Commander ³

Cornelius H. Blauvelt	John Zemmerman
James Abrams	Jacob A. Smith
Jacob E. Vanderbilt	Richard L. Smith
Peter C. Blauvelt	Daniel E. Martlin
William Deflaun	

[This document was undated]

Return of names of persons who done [sic] military duty on _____ day of _____ 1864 at Nyack, belonging to Company "C" of Militia of Orangetown, Rockland County. ⁴

Blauvelt, Jacob	Banner, Adam
Blauvelt, Cornelius P.	Burdick, George N. (?)

¹ Rockland County Archives: Document # 27309. 2602.

² Rockland County Archives: Document # 27309. 2602.

³ Rockland County Archives: Document # 27309. 2601. 2

⁴ Rockland County Archives: Document # 27309. 2602.

Burdick, Thomas	DeClark, Stephen
Coming, William	Coddington, Andrew H.
Crane, James F.	Clement, Daniel
Chapple, James	Dutcher, Oliver H.
Emeiny, Jeremiah (?)	Gesner, Henry T.
Goldsmith, Matthew	Garrison, Abram
Gage, Amos	Garrison, John
Hazelbarth, Franklin	Hogencamp, William
Hoppel, Henry	Hoffer, Louis
Johnson, Henry V.	Jarvis, John G.
Kenady, William	Maloney, Peter
Mitchell, John	Onderdonk, John T.
Prindle, Adam C.	Perry, Abram
Rembe, Jacob	Smith, John E.
Smith, John	Scott, John A.
Seaman, Cornelius P.	Tremper, Charles
Tremper, Jacob	VanWaggonen, William
VerValen, Isaac C.	Williams, William H.
VanFollet, Timothy	Wheeler, Jacob T.
Wood, Lindsay [sic]	

Signed, P. Stephens, Capt.

[On reverse side, paper was dated 16 November, 1864]

Return of Delinquents

A return of delinquents and deficiencies in the Company Commanded by Peter Stephens in the Rockland Regiment of the National Guard of New York, a parade had at the York House in Orangetown on the 5th day of September, AD 1864. ⁵

Name	Rank	Statement	Penalty
Blauvelt, David <i>has substitute in army</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Baldwin, Thomas	Private	absent	1.00
Cranston, Archibald	Private	absent	1.00
Cranston, David <i>exmp. for fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Coates, Edwin <i>man. resident (?)</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Carpenter, Robert	Private	absent	1.00
Name	Rank	Statement	Penalty
Christie, James H.	Private	absent	1.00
DeClark, Stephen	name crossed out		
Carter, James H.	Private	absent	1.00
Cain, James	Private	absent	1.00
Campbell, Theodore <i>fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Depew, Tunis	Private	absent	1.00
Dickey, George <i>fireman/sub. in army</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Decker, George	Private	absent	1.00
Donnelly, Thomas J.	Private	absent	1.00
Debaun, Calvin	Private	absent	1.00
Dorsey, John	Private	absent	1.00
Davis, John	Private	absent	1.00
Gesner, Henry T.	Private	absent	1.00

⁵ Rockland County Archives: Document # 27309. 2602.

Gurnee, Alfred <i>drafted/fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Gedney, Walter	Private	absent	1.00
Garrison, Abram <i>drafted in homeguard</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Harris, Edward C.	Private	absent	1.00
Healy, Joseph <i>fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Hazzard, Joshua F.	Private	absent	1.00
Kihm, Joseph <i>land exemption/drafted</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Marks, Samson	Private	absent	1.00
Manford, Anthony S. <i>sub. in army</i>	Private	absent	1.00
McElroy, Henry <i>fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Prall, William	Private	absent	1.00
Quidor, Henry	Private	absent	1.00
Reynolds, John	Private	absent	1.00
Randolph, William <i>fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Rose, Daniel	Private	absent	1.00
Smith, James P.	Private	absent	1.00
Storms, Henry E. Jr. <i>non resident</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Sickles, John A.	Private	absent	1.00
Smith, Henry	Private	absent	1.00
Sarvent, Abram T.	Private	absent	1.00
Touner, George W. <i>exempt fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
VanHouten, Erastus <i>drafted</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Vanderbilt, George <i>fireman</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Wheeler, Eugene	Private	absent	1.00
Wright, George	Private	absent	1.00
West, Alvin F. <i>in service in army</i>	Private	absent	1.00
Whitman, John	Private	absent	1.00
			<u>1.00</u>
			\$45.00

I Certify that the above is just and true. Witness my hand this 5th day of Sept., 1864
P. Stephens, Captain, Co. "H"

A return of parade of the ununiformed militia residing within the bounds of Company "G" of the Rockland Regiment of the Town of Clarkstown, County of Rockland, and State of New York had at Clarksville on the 5th day of September, 1864, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 13 of the Militia Law of said State.

Roster of persons who attended parade.

Thomas J. Burnham, Jr.	B. W. Blauvelt
George Buchanan	John Bedell
Richard I. Blauvelt	David Baker
Thomas J. Briggs	Thomas Bedell
Isaac B. Campbell	Edwin Conklin
Reuben Conklin	William Deflaun
Wm. Ellis Demarest	Theodore A. Demarest
William Dawson	John F. Detschel
Charles I. Felter	William N. Felter
John P. Garrabrant	Matthew Green
Jacob Hartwick	James Locke
Isaac Lydecker	James Lyon
Jacob Munford	Alonzo Nickerson
Harvey E. Polhemus	Addison Smith
Cornelius J. Seaman	James A. Karmel
William H. Stoothoff	George Scott
John Henry Tallman	John Edward Tallman
John S. Tremper	Harman P. Tremper
Aaron Vanzant	J. Livingston VanHouten

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Charles N. Williamson

Abram A. Demarest, Commandant

I certify that the above is a correct roster of persons who attended parade as above stated
Abram A. Demarest, Commdt. ⁶

The following is a list of those who have enlisted into the services of their country from Election District No. 2 of the Town of Ramapo, together with the regiments into which they volunteered. It is a noble record and one that few other localities in our State can surpass if, indeed they can equal it. This list was compiled by Supervisor John D. Christie and we would esteem it a great favor if a similar record of the brave men who have gone out in defense of their country could be gathered and thus put in form for future preservation. ⁷

William L. Becraft	124th NY	Edward Allen	124th NY
Joseph Wood	124th NY	Charles Acker	124th NY
John Finch	124th NY	David _____	124th NY
William Twigg	124th NY	William Wright	6th NY Art.
James Moore	6th NY Art.	William Paul	6th NY Art.
John Hill	6th NY Art.	Richard Holley	6th NY Art.
Archibald Smith	6th NY Art.	Theodore Smith	6th NY Art.
Daniel Starr	6th NY Art.	Daniel Starr Jr.	6th NY Art.
Spencer Starr	6th NY Art.	Nicholas Conklin	6th NY Art.
Elison Babcock	6th NY Art.	James Babcock	6th NY Art.
William Babcock	6th NY Art.	George Jones	6th NY Art.
Matthew Waldron	6th NY Art.	Samuel Edwards	6th NY Art.
Thomas J. Allen	12th NY	John Storms	12th NY
James Springsteen	25th NJ	William Norris	25th NJ
James Bush	25th NJ	Thomas Cronk	Serrell's Eng.
Archibald Becraft	Serrell's Eng.	George Hennion	Serrell's Eng.
George McGlothener	Serrell's Eng.	Isaac Babcock	Serrell's Eng.
Samuel Blauvelt	Serrell's Eng.	George Acker	Serrell's Eng.
Daniel Droval	Serrell's Eng.	Peter Grogan	Serrell's Eng.
Dennis Vanoreneck	Serrell's Eng.	James Wilson	73rd NY
Thomas Storms	73rd NY	Reuben Slaussen	73rd NY
Charles Slaussen	73rd NY	William Cable	73rd NY
Henry DeGrand	73rd NY	Andrew Wilson	57th NY
Col. J. F. Pierson	1st NY	John Quinn	1st NY
William Thorp	1st NY	Abram Thorp	1st NY
Peter Thorp	1st NY	H. L. Pierson	1st NY
Martin Conklin	1st NY	Charles Deval	1st NY
Charles Acker	1st NY	John Acker	US Navy
John Whritenour	US Navy	James Cronk	10th Legion

Dulce Et Decorum Patria Mori

The war for the Union has already called for the sacrifice of scores of Rockland's best and bravest sons. Prompt to answer their country's call when it's sons were summoned to the field, they gave their energies and talents wholly to the cause they loved, and at last seared with their lives their devotion to their country and in defense of its endangered liberties. Among all the bold and gallant men who have bourn themselves so proudly on many a bloody day, there have been no braver hearts, no truer spirits, no loftier natures than those offered by Rockland County as a sacrifice on the

⁶ Rockland County Archives: Document # 27309. 2602.

⁷ Rockland County Journal, Nyack, NY: September 19, 186

common country's shrine. They were loved by their brother soldiers for the noble impulses, the generous dispositions, the manliness and truth and exalted heroism that made them dear at home in the bosoms of their families and friends. Even amid the festivities of the opening year, who will not think, perhaps with a tear, of the departed heroes, whose once strong, now nerveless arms, have struck such gallant blows for freedom.

We give below a list of those from our county whose names have been inscribed during the past year on the muster roll of immortality. Some of them died in the forefront of battle. Some of them died in the camp and hospital, of diseases contracted through fatigues and privations, in their country's service. But they all died with harness on their backs - died for their country - died for you who read these lines and for him who wrote them - died for mankind at large. Sorrow for them would be misplaced; they died as brave and true men die in a glorious cause. True, we cannot but feel their loss and sadly deplore it; but there is a proud joy in knowing that each nobly did his duty. Let us who remain keep green the memory of their heroic deeds and try to emulate them, while their bodies sleep in the hero's grave, honored and blessed.⁸

Herman Smith, of Piermont, 66th Regiment, NYV, died at Falmouth Va., of Chronic Diarrhea, Jan. 1st, 1863.

George Oldfield, of Haverstraw, 95th Regiment, NYV, died at Washington DC of Typhoid Fever, Jan. 30th, 1863.

Sidney Lusk, of Piermont, 87th Regiment, NYV, died at Piermont, from the effects of a wound received before Richmond Va., June 25th, 1862, Feb. 2nd, 1863.

John D. Campbell, of Middletown, died at Ft. Hamilton, NY, of Lung Fever, Feb., 25th, 1863.

Lieut. Theo. Thompkins, of Haverstraw, 6th NY Art., died at Harpers Ferry, Va., of Typhoid Fever, March 16th, 1863.

John M. Garrison, of Rockland, 127th Reg., NYV, died at Alexandria Va., March 20th 1863.

Lemuel L. Hudson, of Tappantown, 6th NY Art., died at Harpers Ferry, Va., of Bronchitis, March 25th, 1863.

John Strickland, of Haverstraw, 6th NY Art., died at Harpers Ferry, Va., of Typhoid Fever, March 27th, 1863.

William C. Hinman, of Haverstraw, 1st US Chasseurs, killed in battle near Fredericksburg, Va., May 3rd, 1863.

Austin Collins, of Nyack, 173rd Reg., NYV, killed by a shell at the battle of Port Hudson, May 27th, 1863

Corp. William G. Smith, of Haverstraw, 95th Reg., NYV, killed at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 1st, 1863

Corp. William Edgar Ackerman, of Haverstraw, 95th Reg., NYV, killed at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 1st, 1863.

John Phillips, of New City, 95th Reg., NYV, killed at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 1st, 1863.

Lt. S. A. Miller, of Piermont, 12th Infantry, USA, killed at the battle of Gettysburg, Pa., July 2nd, 1863.

Michael Uhlrich, 4th NY Art., died at Piermont of consumption, August 8th, 1863.

John Henry Brockway, of Haverstraw, drowned by the foundering of the US brig Bainbridge, near Port Royal, SC, August 21st, 1863.

Ezekial Brockway, of Haverstraw, drowned by the foundering of the US brig Bainbridge, near Port Royal, SC, August 21st, 1863.

William D. Johnson, of Spring Valley, 17th Reg., N.Y.S.N.G., died in New York of sun stroke, August 11, 1863.

⁸ Rockland County Journal, Saturday, January 9th, 1864

William Wallace Gurnee, 17th Reg., N.Y.S.N.G., died at Clarkstown of Typhoid Fever, contracted at Ft. McHenry, August 23, 1863.

James H. Onderdonk, of Spring Valley, 128th Reg., NY Vols., died at New Orleans, La., August 9th, 1863.

Henry Monroe Gesner, 93rd Ill. Vols., died at Quincy, Ill., of Chronic Diarrhea, October 30th., 1863

George Tremper, of Clarkstown, 146th Reg., NY Vols., died at Washington DC of Chronic Diarrhea, October 30th, 1863.

Isaac Blanch, of Orangetown, 6th NY Art., died at Brandy Station, Va., Dec. 4th, 1863.

Civil War Veterans Buried at Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY.⁹

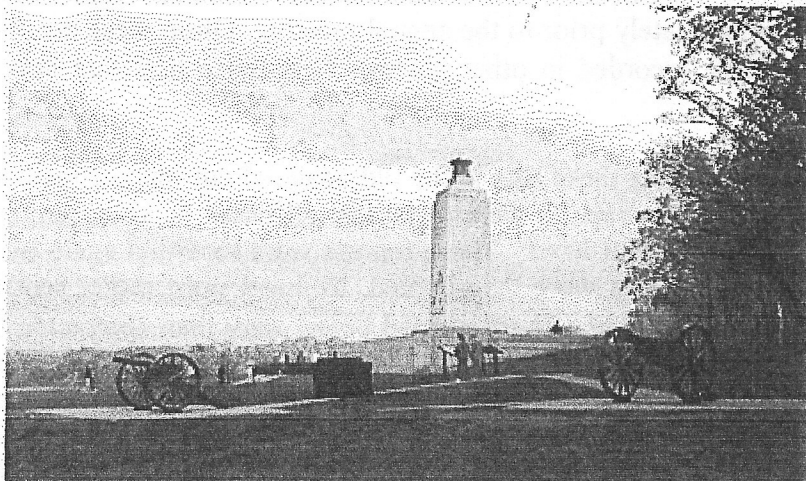
Name	Death Date	Age	Service Org.	Cause
Ackerman, John V.H.	07/03/1892	73 00 00		old age
Baker, Jacob B.	03/01/1900	73 00 00	Co., G, 17th NY Vols.	
Barlow, William H.	09/13/1893	57 00 00		
Bedford, Everett E.	06/29/1872	34 00 27	7th NYM	
Blauvelt, Jacob	04/28/1866	26 03 12	2nd NYS Militia	
Bliven, Albert A.	12/22/1891	51 03 07	12th NY Vols.	malaria
Bodine, Ezra Foster	01/01/1864	27 07 24		
Brady, Archibald C.	11/12/1867	25 10 12		phthisis
Burd, Samuel R.	11/23/1872	31 00 00		
Burd, Henry C.	07/21/1880	35 00 00	24th NY Battery	
Burdick, Thomas G.	04/19/1894	68 00 00		
Burke, John A.	09/15/1909	66 06 03		
Christie, James H.	08/06/1902	63 02 28	Co. G, 17th NY Vols.	
Christie, Aaron Lane Jr.	10/24/1905	58 00 00	Co. B, 90th Batt., NY Vols.	
Clark, Abram	09/01/1896	61 00 00		
Cornelison, William	02/21/1889	67 00 00	Co. E, 95th NY Vols.	
DeBaun, John	07/23/1887	46 00 00		
Dines, James N.	09/29/1905	69 11 03	Co. G, 17th NY Vols.	
Fritz, John	08/22/1891	45 00 00	Co. B, 5th NY Vols.	
Furman, Abraham	08/10/1884	39 11 08	133rd Rgt., NY Vols.	
Gage, William W.	10/07/1884	53 00 00	Co. A, 70th NY Vols.	
Garrabrant, Albert G.	02/04/1896	55 00 00	Co. E, 15th NY Hev. Art.	
Garrison, Theodore	10/21/1877	44 04 06		
Gernand, Phillip	11/26/1892	58 00 00	Co. B, 17th NY Vols.	
Goodrich, Charles E.	05/31/1892	46 02 11	Co. A, 5th NY Vols., Infantry	
Hammond, Gerard B., MD	04/06/1876	48 08 19	Assistant Surgeon	
Hoffman, Joseph M.	04/10/1870	24 00 00	Co. G, 17th NY Vols.	
Hoffman, George	03/09/1890	47 00 00	Co. D, 127th NY Vols.	
Hudson, Lemuel	03 26 1863	21 00 00	6th NY Art.	
Johnson, James A.	08/27/1878	40 00 00	US Navy	
Larwill, Charles F.	10/06/1899	66 00 00	Co. C, 26th NJ Vols.	
Lucas, Francis C.	04/12/1884	45 00 00	CSA, SC HA	

⁹ Burial Records of Oak Hill Cemetery, Nyack, NY 12/31/200

Lucas, James Cordes	12/06/1886	41 00 00	CSA, SC Co. H, 3rd. Vol. ?
Meissner, GHC Charles	05/04/1875	55 01 05	Co. K, 6th NY Hev. Art, & 4th NJ
Peck, Abram M.	03/07/1899	67 00 00	Co. B, 4th NY Hev. Art.
Primrose, John Wallace	11/17/1892	51 08 11	Co. B, 47th NY Vols.
Pye, Edward, Colonel	06/11/1864	40 09 06	95th NY Inf.
Rose, Jacob J.	08/23/1897	74 00 00	Co. F, 95th NY Inf.
Ruggles, D. Golden, Maj.	02/10/1865	46 00 00	Paymaster
Smith, T. Blanch, MD	04/14/1875	39 04 18	Surgeon
Springsteen, Jeremiah	08/07/1862	21 00 00	Co. F, 95th NY Vols.
Tremper, George	10/30/1863	24 10 00	17th & 146th NY Vols.

Name	Death Date	Age	Service Org.	Cause
Tucker, Jacob	07/07/1875	29 00 00		
Tucker, Edward	10/30/1889	49 00 00	127th NY Vols.	
VanOrden, Peter, Capt.	10/10/1895	58 00 00		
VanRiper, Levi	10/07/1904	79 04 12	Co. B, 132nd NY Inf.	
VanTassel, John C.	10/06/1884	46 06 11	Co. G, 3rd US Cav.	
Waldron, Towt J.	09/24/1862	21 00 07	Co. G, 17th NY Vols.	
Waldron, William John	07/03/1899	71 06 00	Co. G, 17th NY Inf.	
Walker, Robert C.	07/22/1897	74 00 00	Co. A, 5th NY Hev. Art.	
Webster, Daniel L.	08/04/1888	58 00 00	Co. B, 5th NY Vols.	
Wood, John Newton	11/21/1862	30 02 00	17th NY Vols.	
Wood, Daniel R.	12/24/1876	72 00 00	Co. G, 17th NY Inf.	
Young, James	05/31/1904	60 02 00	19th Unattached MA Vols.	

Gettysburg Memorial



(c) Vincent Sardone.

In 1938 this Gettysburg Memorial was dedicated, and some 2,000 Civil War veterans made their way to Gettysburg for the ceremony. A surprising number were close to a century old. This was the last official public event to pay tribute to live soldiers and fallen comrades who fought and sacrificed in the most destructive battle in American history.

**CORONERS REPORTS,
Deaths at the Alms House,
Burial Commissioner Reports**

**As recorded in the Proceedings of
The Board of Supervisors of Rockland County, New York
1867-1916**

Richard S Peterson

Prior to the present day County Legislature and County Executive, the every day affairs of Rockland County Government were administered by a County Board of Supervisors, made up of the duly elected Supervisors of the several Townships that make up the whole of Rockland County. The Board of Supervisors selected one of their number to serve as Chairman of the Board, and met periodically to conduct the business of the County. The Rockland County Board of Supervisors also met in December of each year for their "Annual Meeting." During that meeting the various heads of departments gave their annual reports to the Board. The County Clerk, acting also as Clerk to the Board of Supervisors, recorded the events of the Annual Meeting in a ledger book, along with the annual reports submitted by the various county departments.

Beginning in 1857 the minutes of the annual meeting of each year were published, by both the County and other agencies, in a booklet titled "Proceedings of the Board of Supervisors." In many cases these published proceedings, while a part of the public record, were not widely available, and most of the published "Proceedings" have been lost over time. Fortunately there is, at the Rockland County Archives, a complete set of all published proceedings of the Board of Supervisors (with the exception of the year 1905 which is only partially there), as well as copies of the proceedings of the present day County Legislature.

The reports of some of the County agencies, particularly those of the County Coroner, the County Burial Commissioner, and the Superintendent of the Poor, contain lists of Rockland County residents who died during the twelve months immediately prior to the annual meeting. Often these deaths were ones that would have not been noted or recorded in other places. It is those lists that have been reproduced here.

What should be kept in mind while going over these lists is the old adage about many slips between the cup and the lip. The original department reports were in almost all cases handwritten, and, of course, subject to the vagaries of each individual hand. These reports were recorded again by hand, in the Clerk's ledger book. The Clerk's books were then copied, by hand once more, sent to the printer, and the pages then set in type and printed. These printed pages were then abstracted by yet another human, who like all others, is subject to the same frailties of humankind. This last human has tried to be faithful to the record as he found it, complete with obvious misspellings, and with the great hope that errors at this last stage will be minimal.

The Rockland County Board of Supervisors met in December of each year for their "Annual Meeting." During that meeting the County Coroner gave his report, naming persons who had died during the previous twelve months, upon whose bodies inquests were held..

REPORTS OF CORONERS

*"The following is an abstract from the reports of Coroners and Justices acting as Coroners, of the names of persons upon whose bodies inquests were held, the property found upon them, and the disposition made of the same."*¹⁰

1867 Report - December 1866 through November 1867

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	SPECIES OF PROPERTY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
H. A. Blauvelt, Justice, <i>acting as</i> Coroner	Abram B. Hoppe r	None	
H.C. Smith, Justice, <i>acting as</i> Coroner	David Shay Charles Goldsmith Unknown woman	None Ring & pocket knife Two rings	Deliv'd to legal Rep. In possession of Coroner
Peter Stevens, Justice, <i>acting as</i> Coroner	William H. Francis Frederick Kuhn Thomas Ward	Clothing on person Pistol, razor, clothing Masonic pin, silver watch, pocket knife, keys, carpenters rule, tape line, fireman's badge, pocketbook, with papers, \$5.29 cash.	Delivered to mother. Delivered to family. Delivered to family.
William Govan, Coroner	Augustus Bennett Terrence Farrell Betsy Farrell	Clothing Clothing and 37 cents cash Shawl, strings of beads, clothing.	Deliv'd to legal Rep. Do. Do. Do. Do.
Peter Stephens, Justice, <i>acting</i> <i>as Coroner</i>	Wm. E. VanZant	Clothing	Delivered to parents.

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1868 Report - December 1867 through November 1868

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	SPECIES OF PROPERTY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
H.C. Smith	Ida Joliffe	None	
Jno. Quackenbush	Wm. I. VanHouten Margaret Trow	" "	
Peter Stephens	David Mead	Clothing upon body	To wife.
J. VanOrden Jr.	Charles P. Hopper	None	

¹⁰ Rockland County Archives, Document # 66585279 - 1410 - 5366

¹¹ Rockland County Archives Document #: 66585279 - 1410 - 5366

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Daniel Lake	Jacob Maler	Clothing, \$40.25 cash	To legal representative
Spencer S. Stroat	Theo. Steadwell	Clothes on person	To mother
	Dutch Mike	Clothes, Bunch of keys and \$6.00	To legal representative
	William Lee	None	
	Ogden Beebe	"	
	John Garside	"	
	John McDonald	Clothes on body	Buried in them
	Robert Blair	Clothes and 15¢	To widow
	Thomas Hamilton	None	

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1869 Report - December 1868 through November 1869

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	SPECIES OF PROPERTY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
Jno. Quackenbush	John Healy	Miscellaneous papers, breast Pin, Medal, Hair locket, Leather Pocket- book, Pair of Spectacles.	Delivered to son of the deceased.
Daniel Lake	Joachim Fuerter	\$35.00 in Cash.	Delivered to the County Treasurer.
Harvey C. Smith	Ellen Brady	\$8.38 Cash	Delivered to the County Treasurer.
	Aaron J. Smith	Pocket Knife	Deliv'd to relative.
	William Keating	Nothing	
Peter Stephens	Paul Thomas	Nothing	

*"The following is an abstract from the reports of Coroners and Justices acting as Coroners, of the names of persons upon whose bodies inquests were held, the property found upon them, and the disposition made of the same."*¹³

1870 Report - December 1869 through November 1870

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	SPECIES OF PROPERTY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
I. I. Stephens	John M. Brown	\$32.00 Cash	Given to widow.
	Unknown Man	Pocketbook with \$217.00 cash	To County Treasurer

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H. C. Smith	Tunis Snedeker	Nothing	
	Francis C. Martin	Nothing	
S. S. Sloat	A. Marks	Clothing, Watch	To legal rep.
	Rosetta Abrams	Dress & etc.	ditto.
	Thomas Mackey	Nothing	
	Cath. Heffron	Nothing	
	A. Goetschius	Nothing	
	Hannah Storms	Nothing	
	P. Newberger	Nothing	
	Conrad Kenstie	Clothing	To wife.
	Annie Vanderwater	Clothing	To husband
	Patrick Morrow	Clothing	To wife
	Walter _____	Nothing	
	Phebe Rose	Clothing	To husband

*"The following is an abstract from the reports of Coroners and Justices acting as Coroners, of the names of persons upon whose bodies inquests were held, the property found upon them, and the disposition made of the same."*¹⁴

1871 Report - December 1870 through November 1871

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	SPECIES OF PROPERTY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
D. M. Clark	William Paul	Silver Watch, two watch chains, gold ring, pocket book containing six dollars, knife, four books, comb, clothing on body.	Delivered to legal representative.
J. J. Stephens	Dorothy Metyne	Cash 67 cents, two ear rings and finger ring.	Delivered to legal representative.
	Fitch T. Birdsall	Cash 5 cents, two rings	ditto.
H. C. Smith	Patrick McNally	Nothing	
William Govan	Thomas Wooster	Silver watch, cash 6 cents	ditto
	James Kerns	Nothing	
	John Healy	Nothing	
	Samuel Peterson	Nothing	
	Michael Moriarty	Nothing	
T. H. Woodcock	Jacob Wandell	Nothing	
James Suffern	William Brown	Silver watch, with brass chain, cash \$2.50	ditto.

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1872 Report - December 1871 through November 1872

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	SPECIES OF PROPERTY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
Spencer S. Sloat	Unknown man	No effects	
	Dennis Dempsey	Clothing	Legal representative
	Andrew Nolan	Clothing	"
	P. Conray	Nothing	
	John P. Doran	Clothing	To his father
	N. Jacobson	Clothing	Buried in them
	T. Hastings	Seventeen Dollars	To defray fun. expense
	John Harrold	Clothing	Buried in them.
	Mary Hovey	Clothing	To husband.
William Govan	Thomas Duffy	Clothing	To family.
	Frederick L Mininger	Silver watch, key, \$1.04 several small articles	To friends of the Deceased
	Michael Narfey	Four cents.	To County Treasurer
	Edward Warberton	Clothing	To friends.
	Unknown man	Clothing	Buried with body.
	Alexander Blair	Clothing	To friends.
	Unknown man	Clothing	Buried with body.
	Michael Kearney	Clothing	To friends.
	W. Schoonmaker	Four keys, 10 cents handkerchief.	To father.
T. H. Woodcock	Michael Murphy	Household articles	To Co. Treasurer
	Daniel Fitzgerald	Nothing	
	John Varick Jr.	Nothing	
James J. Stephens	John A. Haring	Clothes & four cents	To friends.
	Unknown man	\$1.45, clothes, trinkets	To Co. Treasurer
	William Conklin	13 cents, bottle of rum clothes.	To friends.
	Emma Sager	Fourteen cents	To Co. Treasurer
	John B. Reynolds	\$8.82, pocketbook.	To wife.

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1873 Report - November 1872 through October, 1873

NAMES OF CORONERS	NAMES OF PERSONS	PROPERTY FOUND ON BODY	DISPOSITION OF SAME
T. H. Woodcock	Josephine Betts	None	
S. S. Sloat	Huck	Clothing	To parents.
	P. Broderick	"	Buried in them
	2 unknown infants	"	"
	E. Linsey	"	To parents.
	C. Schaak	"	"

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	Francis Hensel	"	To wife.
	R. Adams	Found naked	
	C. Myers	Clothing	To parents
	Lizzie Bepo	Clothing	"
	Mary Babcock	"	To Husband
	Eliza Hurley	"	To daughter.
	Andrew Gains	"	To mother.
	Abram B. Jersey "	"	To wife.
	Nelson Jones	"	"
	Rosa McGuire	"	Buried in them.
Geo. W. Suffern	William Kelly	None	
James J. Stephens	David Johnson	Pocket book, empty	To brother.
	Michael Francois	2 memo books,	
		photograph, clothing	To Co. Treasurer
	Martha Hagan	Clothing	To daughter.
	Whitney Gesner	"	To family.
	Fanny Washington	Clothes, furniture	To daughter.
Wm. Govan	John Conners	Nothing	
	John Dagner	Silver watch & chain,	
		society badge (check # 189)	
	Jacob Braitmyre	Pocket book, \$24.16 cash	To legal Rep.
	Charles Brown	Pocket book, \$2.50 cash	To wife.
		Nothing	

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1874 Report - November 1873 through October, 1874

NAMES OF CORONERS NAMES OF PERSONS PROPERTY FOUND ON BODY DISPOSITION OF SAME

T. H. Woodcock	John N. Conklin	No money or effects	
S. S. Sloat	Michael Malone	Wearing apparel	Buried in them.
	Patrick Russell	Clothing	"
	Wm. H. Washburn	"	"
	John Hauptman	\$2.25 cash	Paid for board.
	Jacob Hoffman	Clothing	Buried in them.
	Rachel Keesler	"	"
	Peter Reilley [sic]	"	To father.
	James Russel	"	"
	John N. Ballwag "	"	"
Jas. J. Stephens	Matilda Hujus	Pair gold bracelets, one diamond ring, 1 silver thimble, 1 silver back comb, 1 gold watch & chain, 1 gold locket, 1 brooch, 1 gold breast pin, 1 pair gloves, 1 satchel, 1 handkerchief.	To Husband.

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	Adam Shade	Clothing	To wife.
	Abram Abrams	"	"
	John N. Parsells	"	To his family.
P. D. Johnson	Robert Vaughan	Blank book, pocket comb, handkerchief, book, and pocket knife.	To legal rep.
G. W. Suffern	Unknown man	1 iron key, pocket comb, pocket book & \$8.00	To Co. Treasurer
Wm. Govan	Paul Lent	Clothing	To legal rep.
	John Dougherty	"	To father.
	James V. Briggs	"	Buried in them.
	Frank Vahey	"	To parents
	Jacob Diensdorf	"	"

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1875 Report - November 1874 through October 31, 1875

NAMES OF CORONERS NAMES OF PERSONS PROPERTY FOUND ON BODY DISPOSITION OF SAME

W. M. Westervelt	Infant	Naked	
	Colored child	Nothing	
	Abraham Newman	3 iron keys, 1 pocket book, 6 cents coins, clothing	To Relative
	Jacob Tucker	4 keys, tobacco box, 7 cents, clothing	To legal rep.
Wm. Govan	Miles Burns	Nothing	
	unknown	Clothing	Buried with body.
	J. Matthews	1 pair wristbands, 2 gold studs, 2 cigars, 1 brass key, 2 linen collars, 3 gold studs, silver watch & chain, gold mounted pencil, eye glasses, \$1.25 currency.	To legal rep.
	G. W. L. Spry	Silver watch & chain, 2 lead pencils, 1 handkerchief, 1 pocketbook with \$6.00 bills, one 5 cent piece, 3 pennies, 2 silver half dollars, 6 silver quarter dollars, gold coin, value unknown, 10 cents in silver, 5 cents in currency, sleeve buttons, pair white gloves, 2 shirt studs, breast pin, gold collar button.	To County Treasurer
	Peter J. Dennen	Bunch of keys, 1 brass key, rule, knife, lead pencil, spectacle case, half penny, watch key, 2 pieces rubber, pocketbook containing \$2.25, cigar case, handkerchief.	To legal representative
S. S. Sloat	John C. Freeman	Clothing	To parent.

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	Wm. Walker	Clothing and letters	To relatives.
	James Keating	Nothing	
	Patrick Hart	Clothing	Buried in them.
	Sarah McGuire	Nothing	
	John Krael	Clothing	To parents
	Nathaniel Cooper	Tobacco Box, knife, and spectacles.	To relative.
Jas. J. Stephens	Female infant	Nothing	
	John Hartford	Nothing	
	Patrick Clinton	Nothing	
	Wm. Newel	Silver watch & gold chain, Union Dime Bank book, handkerchief, Time book of NYC Bank, Conductor's Report, money & postage stamps, \$46.81 7 keys, 1 match box, 3 studs, Spanish coin worth 12 1/2 ¢ clothing & some papers.	To his widow.
	John Kohler	Portmonaie [sic] and twenty five cent stamp	To his widow.
	Martha Green	\$48.35 in money, and trunk with clothing	To Co. Treasurer.
	Herman Easum	Clothing	To family

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1876 Report - November 1875 through October 31, 1876

NAMES OF CORONERS NAMES OF PERSONS PROPERTY FOUND ON BODY DISPOSITION OF SAME

William Govan	John H. Ring	Key, pocket book, knife 5 cents	To his son.
	Edward Hurd	Nothing	
	Ann Coffee	Nothing	
	William Duffrey	Nothing	
	Allison Conway	Silver watch, pocket book, one five dollar bill, 38 cents, one thimble.	To his wife.
Wm. M. Westervelt	George Baker	1 knit jacket, 1 vest, 1 hickory shirt, 1 pair overalls, 1 pair boots, 1 tobacco box, twenty cents in stamps, twenty cents in coin, 1 pocket book, 1 gold ring, 1 key, 1 jack knife, 1 handkerchief	To relative.

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	John McCormic [sic]	Silver watch & chain, 1 hickory shirt, 1 vest, 1 blue woolen shirt, 1 jacket, 1 pair pants, 1 pair boots, To legal rep. 1 pocket book, \$5.35 in bills, six cents in coin, 1 comb.	
	Ger'd B. Hammond	1 white shirt, 1 knit shirt, 1 pair knit drawers, 1 pair white socks.	Buried in them.
	Philip Doogan	1 blue coat & vest, pants, shoes, white shirt, 1 knit undershirt, 1 pair white socks, 1 blank pass book, 1 pocket book, 1 knife, 1 comb, 1 lead pencil, 2 iron keys & ring, 1 box Anguintum [sic], some tobacco, 1 necktie, 2 pieces sealing wax, 15 cents in silver coin, 50 cents in stamps, one handkerchief, 1 watch key with compass, 15 cents in pennies, letter addressed to Rev. Stately, 1 silver watch & chain, 1 pocket revolver.	To relative.
	Charles Conklin	One boot	Left on his foot.
	Abram S. Cooper	One old coat, one vest, one pair pants, 1 pair overalls, 1 white shirt, 1 linen collar, 1 pair suspenders, 1 pocket knife, 1 pair spectacles and case, one lead pencil.	To his wife.
	Charles Secor	Burial clothes.	To parents
H. C. Smith, Justice	Person found floating in Hudson River near Rockland Lake	Suit of clothes	Buried in them.

(to be continued)