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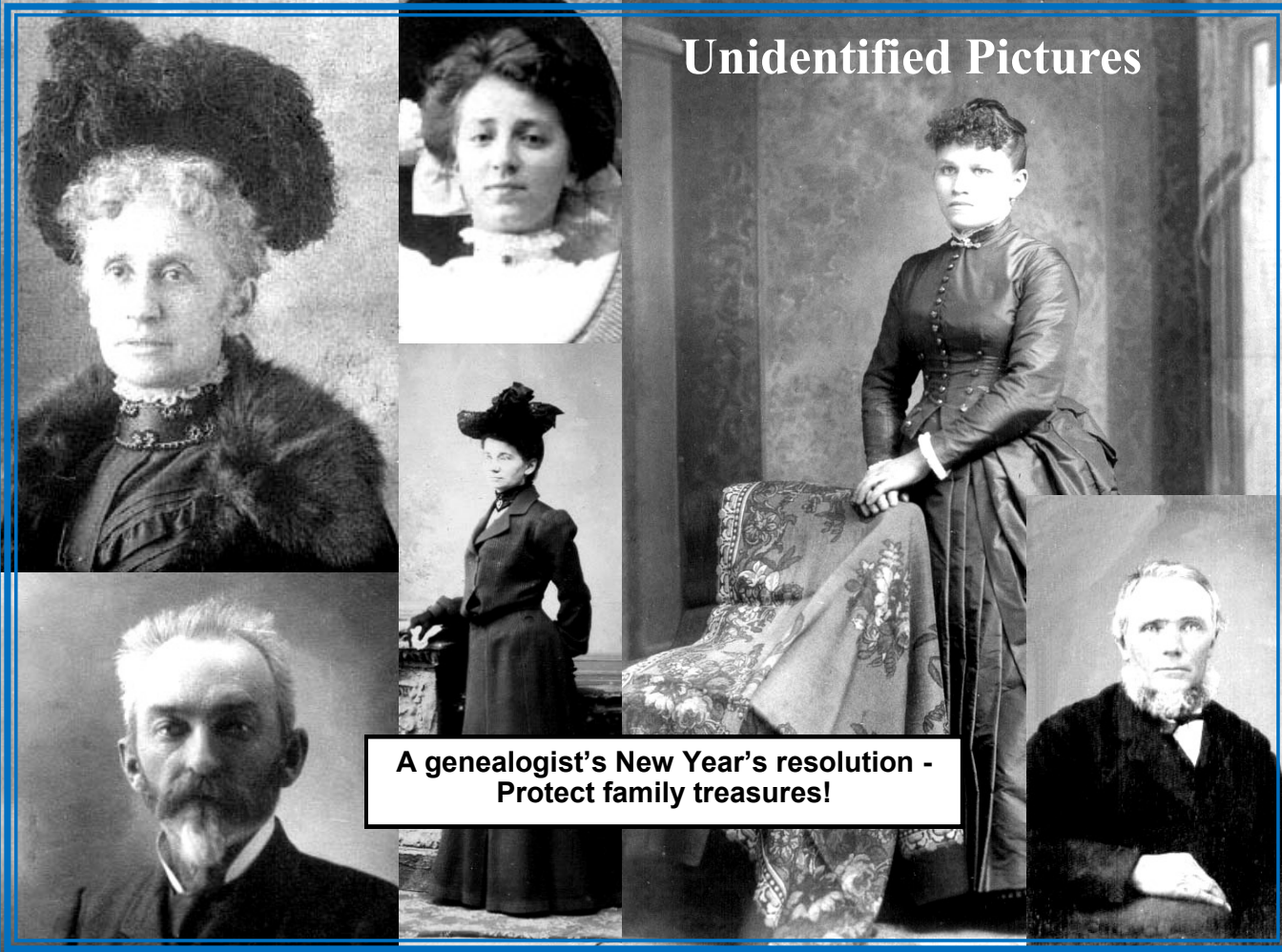


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We Welcome 2016

With 2015 behind us, we welcome 2016! The society continues to be strong and for this we thank a dedicated cadre of volunteers. The past year was a year of growth--membership grew by over 10 percent. Throughout the year we stepped up advertising efforts and we played an integral part in the History and Genealogy Fair held at the Jefferson County Historical Society. We were guest attendees at the Tri-County Historians Conference and allowed historians an understanding of the workings of the genealogy society. We were invited to a local school and helped spread the joy of genealogy to our younger generation. Our monthly lecture program provided interesting as well as instructional topics, drawing in several new members. In our quarterly newsletters we shared many articles written by members inside and outside Jefferson County--thank you for answering our call for your ancestral stories.

For 2016 we will continue with all these great events, further improve on our community footprint, provide you a first rate lecture program, and we will further solicit articles from our members located in 35 states and Canada. We will utilize the society's webpage to share timely information and circulate the newsletter electronically to those digital minded members.

Please keep your membership dues up to date as

these vital non-profit funds are used to advertise, print and mail the newsletter, and keep our webpage operating. The mailing label on your printed newsletter shares your status.

In closing, thank you for your membership and support! Together, we breathe renewed life in our Jefferson County ancestors.
 Respectfully, Thomas LaClair, JCNYS President



JCNYS members enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of Vice President Anne Davis for their December get together. There was lots of good food, friendly chatter and naturally, a great deal of genealogy talk. After a good year for the society, we all look forward to yet another in 2016. We were especially pleased that Anne Davis invited us all to her beautiful home. We also thank those who brought an unwrapped gift for the Toys for Tots program.

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, September 14, 2015
 Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The September 13 meeting of the JCNYGS included attendees Parks Honeywell, Tom LaClair, Anne Davis, George Inglehart, Jim and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Larry Corbett, Nancy Kaul, Greg and Tammy Plantz, Dave Kendall, Bruce and Mary Coyne, Steven Guy, William and Mary Dasno, Phyllis Putnam, Nan Dixon, Scott and Donna Parks.

Larry Corbett reported that the current balance in our savings account is \$401.72, and the present balance of the checking account is \$3,913.94. President Tom LaClair presented the slate of officers for next year. The roster remains the same as it was for this year. Current officers have elected to keep their positions for next year. A motion was made and seconded to keep the same list of officers. The motion was approved.

December's meeting will be a Christmas party at the home of Anne Davis. Guests are asked to bring a covered dish and a toy to be donated to an organization for distribution at Christmas.

Roberta Calhoun-Eagan introduced our speaker, Parks Honeywell. Parks was responsible for the recent formation of the Thousand Islands Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution which currently has about 50 members. He is now serving as Chapter President. Parks lives in Florida half of the year and is active in SAR there, also.



In 2010 Parks established the OAS, Operation Ancestor Search Program in Florida. The program's intent is to help servicemen who suffer from PTSD, post traumatic stress disorder, or wounded warriors

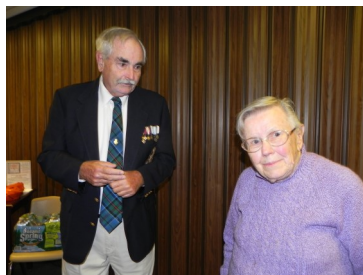


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who have extended hospital stays. The program provides free one-on-one training for wounded warriors, their families and caregivers to use ancestry.com for personal research to provide respite from their injuries and to make personal connections to their family history. It has been proven to be a stress reducer.

Ancestry.com provides free access to wounded warriors and their caregivers to their databases and Family Tree Maker. Parks explained that often in the hospitals and treatment centers, patients have few diversions to pass the time and OAS allows them to think about something other than their medical problems. He cited examples of patients being excited when they make discoveries about their ancestors, often including finding out they have ancestors who were also veterans of earlier wars.



Parks with Nan Dixon after the program

So far OAS has assisted over 1000 wounded warriors. The program was first instituted at Walter Reed Medical Center and now is in place at the James A. Haley VA Trauma Center and Spinal Cord Injury Center in Tampa, Florida and Bay Pines VA Medical Center in St. Petersburg, among

other places. Parks expressed their goal was to implement the program in all 50 states.

Parks has approached the Syracuse, NY VA, but was told that they do not have internet access for their patients. Hopefully, this situation will change. Volunteers are needed to work with the wounded warriors. More information may be found at operationancestorsearch.org or at SAR.org or at facebook.com/operationancestorsearch.

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, October 12, 2015
Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The October meeting attendees included Steven and Susan Guy, Patricia Donahue, Nan Dixon, Janine Briggs, Tom LaClair, Larry Corbett, Mary Ransome, Bruce Coyne, Anne Davis, Sue Carley Graves, Analee Carly Lanphear, Nancy Kaul, Jerry and Marilyn Davis, Phyllis Plante, William and Mary Dasno, Lois and Glen Hall, Ann Fillhart, Hayden Gates, Connor Hall, Emily Perez, McKenna LaLonde, Jill and Ryan Lanphear, Adele Lanphear, Kristy Perez, Bridgette Gates, and Stacey and Jeff LaLonde.

Treasurer Larry Corbett reported the savings account has \$401.97. The checking account contains \$4015.94 and the CD currently stands at \$2416.50.

Jerry Davis read and submitted his report on his attendance at the fall NYSCOGO meeting held at Norwich, New York. The morning business meeting was followed by a speaker, Kathy Baron, Senior Clerk, who gave a tour of the library and the Local History Room. The afternoon speaker, Pat Evans, Chenango County Historian, spoke about the resources available at the County Historian's Office. The spring meeting has been tentatively scheduled for May 6th and 7th at the New York State Archives in Albany.

President Tom LaClair introduced this evening's guests, Wiley School students who have been working on their personal family genealogies.



Connor Hall, Hayden Gates, Emily Perez, Mrs. Anne Fillhart, Analee Lanphear and McKenna LaLonde

Mrs. Fillhart's 5th and 6th grade social studies classes at H. T. Wiley School in Watertown have been working on a family history project this school year. She reported that using Ancestry.com, Northern New York Historical Newspapers, the *Watertown Daily Times*



Lots of questions and compliments after the presentations by the students

Archives, and other sources, the students have traced family members back for many generations. They have found and examined a wealth of sources, including photos of ancestors, military records, census records, ship manifests, birth, marriage and death certificates, maps, wills, diaries and a variety of other primary records. Students were amazed by what they discovered. "I've found things I never knew existed," said one of the students.

Students uncovered links to many countries, including most European homelands and Australia. One student, Hannah, discovered that her name had been a family name for generations. Mrs. Fillhart commented, "The students are becoming experienced researchers, skilled in comparing information to prove their facts, using math to figure dates, deciphering cursive handwriting and learning new vocabulary from old records. Some have even had to decode Spanish records. Many of them plan to continue their research after the project ends."



And even refreshments too!

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2015
Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The November meeting of JCNYS was held on 9 November. Attendees included Donna Parks, Rose and Don Dillenbeck, Larry Corbett, Sue and Dan Grant, Jim and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Mary and Bruce Coyne, Greg and Tammy Plantz, Mary Ransome, Dave Kendall, Kathie Compeau, Joanne Woodward, Candy Gilbert, Tracy Robertson, Anne Davis, Nancy Kaul, Steven Guy, Derryl Johnson, Robin Adams, George Inglehart, and Tom LaClair.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved. Larry Corbett reported that our savings and checking accounts have the same balance as last month. The date of the Christmas party has been changed to December 13th at 2:00 at the home of Anne Davis. Please bring a dish to pass and a gift for a child to be donated. President Tom LaClair reported that our society currently has 228 members/group members. The October History and Genealogy Fair was deemed a success and Tom LaClair has agreed to chair the event next year.

Roberta Calhoun-Eagan introduced our speaker, Larry Corbett. His topic was "An Introduction to DNA Testing for the Family Historian", or "Mama, Don't 'Ge No Me' ?" Larry wanted to know more about DNA testing, began researching, and shared with us his findings.



Larry explained The Human Genome Project began in 1985 and took 18 years to complete and has great benefits for genealogy, although that was not a primary purpose. For the first time technology allowed individuals to submit biological samples to obtain information about their genetic makeup. Currently 100,000 people are tested annually in the US. The three services that are currently available for DNA

testing are Family Tree DNA, Ancestry.com and 23 and Me. Larry explained that you should research the costs, the types of tests done and the resulting information discovered that each of these services provides before deciding on the one you want to use.

Larry said that when you choose a service to test your DNA you should clarify your goals about what type of information you want to find. Compare the projects and then expect the unexpected in your results. Become familiar with the limitations and possible benefits from each service.

Larry suggested the following websites:

A beginner's guide to genetic genealogy can be found at <https://sites.google.com/site/wheatonsurname/beginners-guide-to-genetic-genealogy>

Ancestry DNA: <http://dna.ancestry.com/>

Family Tree DNA: <https://www.familytreedna.com/>
23 and Me: <http://23andme.com/>

International Society of Genetic Genealogy: <http://www.isogg.org/>

DNA Channel on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/docmo18>



Larry concluded his presentation by using a deck of cards to show us how we achieve our individual DNA which is in a random manner so that we are not made up of equal parts of our ancestors as many of us had assumed. We learned that some of our ancestors' DNA was not carried over into our genetic makeup at all while other ancestors had a higher than expected percentage of DNA transferred to us. Larry's presentation was informative and entertaining.

There will be no meeting in January. Roberta listed several interesting program topics that are being considered for next year.

The First History and Genealogy Fair



- ✓ FREE TO ATTEND
- ✓ LEARN RESEARCH
- ✓ Largest Gathering of County Historians & Genealogists in 10 Yrs
- ✓ 25 Organizations
- ✓ Guest Speakers
- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Activities For The Younger Genealogist

HISTORY AND GENEALOGY FAIR
10:00 - 4:00

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015

JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 228 WASHINGTON ST., WATERTOWN



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On October 3, 2015, representatives from Northern New York including several Jefferson County historical and genealogical societies assembled at the Jefferson County Historical Society in Watertown for a six-hour History and Genealogy Fair—the first of its kind. Attendees included: LeRay de Chaumont Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Alexandria Town Historical Society, General Jacob Brown Chapter Daughters of 1812, Thousand Islands Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, Historical Association of South Jefferson, Lyme Heritage Center, Stone Building Society of Northern New York, authors of *Stone Houses of Jefferson County*, Jefferson County Historical Society, Philadelphia Historical Society, Henderson Historical Society, Flower Memorial Library Genealogy Department, Redwood Historical Society, Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society, Jefferson County GenWeb Coordinator, 4 Rivers Valley Historical Society, Sackets Harbor Historical Society, Central New York Genealogical Society, Fort Drum Museum and Cultural Resources, Watertown's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints research librarian, Town of Croghan Historian, Railway Historical Society of Northern New York and Dave Kendall, author of *When Descendants Become Ancestors—The Flip Side of Genealogy*.



Exhibitor Mary Ransome of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

This event, co-sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society and the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society, was free and open to the public and allowed those interested in history and genealogy to visit the many agencies gathered under one roof. In addition to those presenting, over 150 guests came in with many bringing family documents for clarification and review. (Continued on Page 7)



Exhibitor Doreen Moore of the Alexandria Historical Society



A student of Mrs. Fillhart's School Class Teaches young visitors while parents look on

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Throughout the six hour event, guest speakers spoke on history and genealogy related subjects. Speakers included Paul Beers, War of 1812 Researcher, speaking on: *The Pork Barrel Fort*; Lynn Thornton, Town of Champion Historian, speaking on: *Getting the Hubbard Homestead Up and Running: What does a 195 year old house need?* David A. Kendall, PhD, Author, speaking on: *Sharing our Greatness with Future Generations*. Connie Barone, Manager, Sackets Harbor Battle Field State Historic Site, speaking on: *Daily Life During the War of 1812 in the North Country*. Parks Honeywell, President, Thousand Islands Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, speaking on: *How to and Why Join the Sons of the American Revolution?* Thomas LaClair, President of JCNyGS, speaking on: *Family History I Learned in My Genealogy Research*. Furthermore, several middle school students from Mrs. Ann Fillhart's classroom taught young visitors the importance of beginning genealogy at an early age.



Exhibitor Lynn Thornton, 4 Rivers Valley Historical Society, speaks on *Getting The Hubbard Homestead Up and Running*

Visitors came from communities in and around Northern New York with one guest driving in from Boston, Massachusetts, a distance of 350 miles. The event was an overwhelming success and will be repeated on October 8, 2016.



Exhibitor Karen Mintz of the Sackets Harbor Historical Society

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JCNyGS at the NYS Family History Conference

Four members of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society attended the September 2015 New York State Family History Conference in Liverpool, Onondaga County, New York. The New York lecture track was designed to assist researchers with various New York specific subjects.

The long-term goal of the New York State Family History Conference was to break down as many research barriers as possible and to provide a forum that brings people together to share their research knowledge and problem-solving experiences and to collaborate on key research issues.



Tom LaClair and Nan Dixon attended two full days of lectures whereas Dave and Cynie Kendall attended to three days of marketing Dave's book: *When Descendants Become Ancestors -- The Flip Side of Genealogy*.

Did you know that you can access a list of Jefferson County, New York Clerks and Historians on www.jcnnygs.com? The file is located on the homepage of the society's website.

Were you aware your address label shows the status of your dues? Take a look to ensure you are up to date. Dues run from July to June each year.

Revolutionary Veterans of Jefferson County

PETER DOXTATER

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PETER DOXTATER. Peter Doxtater was born on December 25, 1750 in German Flats, Herkimer County, New York, son of Johan George & Maria (Weaver) Doxtater. He died on December 1, 1842 in Adams, Jefferson County, New York and was buried at Rural Cemetery, Adams, New York.

He married (1) Elizabeth Cunningham in September 1776. She was born in 1752 and died on September 25, 1829 in Adams, New York. They had 7 children—Catherine, George, William, John, Anna, Elizabeth & Peter.

Peter lived in German Flats, New York until after the Revolutionary War. They moved to Adams, Jefferson County, New York in 1802. They came up the Mohawk River in a flat boat, then to the Oneida Lake, through Wood's Creek to the Oswego River, then to Lake Ontario. They then came up the Big Sandy Creek to Adams.

During the French & Indian War, and at the age of 4 years, he and the other children of German Flats, New York were captured by the Oneida Indians of German Flats and taken to Canada. After the war they were returned. During the time of his captivity Peter learned the Indian language, habits and methods of warfare. During the Revolutionary War, his knowledge of the Indians helped him in his scouting duties for the militia. Revolutionary War Service – he was a private, in Captain Henry Harter's Company, Colonel Frederick Bellinger's and later Colonel Peter Bellinger's Regiment of Militia. (Details from pension application in Peter's own words).

"During the Revolutionary War he resided in the town or place called German Flats on the Mohawk River in the State of New York, and during the whole war that section of the country, being infested with the Indians, an armed guard was kept up the whole time, consisting of the militia of that section and volunteers joined. At the commencement of the war, the precise time not remembered, he volunteered and rendered the service as a soldier in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Frederick Bellinger and Major George Witherick, in a Company commanded by Captain Henry Harter. The employment of the company was to guard the property of the inhabitants and to protect the people while laboring and to send out what were called scouting parties or Indian spies. A part of the force was employed regularly in keeping guard while

the other part was out scouting, and another part stood as minutemen, ready to arm at any moment.

In harvest time of the year 1777 (August 6) he was engaged in Battle at Oriskany with the Indians, about 30 miles from his place of residence (German Flats), under command of General Herkimer, who was severely wounded in the thigh (and later died) and Colonel Frederick Bellinger, who was taken prisoner at the same battle.

During the whole war he was most frequently out in scouting parties and being well acquainted with the country his services were generally for that purpose in as much that he became well known to the Indians who used great exertions to catch him and a large bounty was offered for him.

In the meantime, the Indians attacked and destroyed his house, crops, cattle and everything twice during the war. Just at the close of the war, the latter part of the year (1783), he was informed by some of my acquaintances, who had been taken prisoners, that the Indians were determined to have him at any rate, and therefore he moved his residency to Albany for his Safety." The service in which he was engaged was such that he was not associated with any continental troops and he never had any written discharge.

In an affidavit by Nicholas Meyers, December 28, 1833, he stated that he served with Peter Doxtater, and that – "John Bellinger was ensign until he was killed in the summer of 1780 – that he and said Peter Doxtater found the Ensign dead in the meadow and carried his body in to the Fort at German Flats. The company to which we belonged was a militia company and we were first called into service soon after the war commenced, the first year we had but little to do and after that, until the last year of the war we were in actual service, almost the whole time. Our company was composed of 60 or 70 men and we were divided into separate sections and took turns standing guard, sometimes we were required to guard the Fort, sometimes to guard the boats up and down the Mohawk. The boats were employed in transporting provisions and munitions of war. They were required at all times to answer their names at roll call, twice every day. The deponent further says that he knows said Peter Doxtater was frequently away from home a few days at a time, engaged in service, sometimes guarding the boats and sometimes out in scouting parties and harassing the Indians and Tories. That said Peter Doxtater was a bold and careful soldier and it was said that the enemy offered a large bounty for his head or scalp. He knows Peter Doxtater was in the Battle of German Flats which he believes was in the year 1775."

Peter Doxtater applied for a pension on September 11, 1832. He received a pension of \$80.00 per year.



(Interviewed by JCNYS President Tom LaClair)

This edition of the Informer will hold a spotlight on a dedicated couple of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society. They are Daniel Lyman Grant, born in Watertown, Jefferson County New York, the son of Edward Lyman Grant and Rema Beatrice Carter, and his wife Sue Graves Grant, born in Watertown, the daughter of William Leslie Graves and E. June Giltz. The two have been actively involved nearly since the organization originated in 1994.

As a child Dan and his one sister helped on his parent's farm on the Deferno Road in the Town of Clayton. He attended first and second grade at Deferno School District No. 23. In third grade Dan attended Clayton Central School. Growing up in the rural country Dan was active in his 4-H organization and cared for his own calves as part of a 4-H project. His father's farm had 38 dairy head of cattle and this kept the family busy. Dan went on to graduate from Clayton Central School. When 20 years old, while still working on the farm, he began as a substitute mail rural carrier route with the Clayton Post Office.

In 1955, Dan was drafted in the U. S. Army. The Korean War had just ended, however tensions were high specifically between the Chinese and Taiwanese. On receiving his draft card, he consulted with the draft board about a possible farm deferment, however the number of dairy cows was not sufficient to meet the strict requirements. So Dan sold his cattle and departed for the service. He spent 16 months assigned as a military mail clerk some 15 miles outside Tokyo. After arriving home with an honorable discharge, he went back to farming. Dan also returned to his substitute job at the post office.

Sue lived on the East Line Road in the Town of Clayton and attended Clayton Central School for two years. She had one sibling. During her second grade, her parents moved to a farm in the Town of Orleans where Sue attended a rural schoolhouse at Orleans Four Corners, across from the Lutheran Church. In third grade she started attending LaFargeville Central

School. In 1953 she served as the Girls State Representative for LaFargeville Central School and Klock-Smith American Legion Post 1788. Sue went on to graduate Valedictorian of her senior class. From there she attended the School of Commerce in Watertown and finished a year-long business program. In the business school she performed typing, shorthand and bookkeeping and she started working for Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where she worked for three years. She also completed several classes at Jefferson Community College and Empire State College.

Backing up just a bit, Dan and Sue first met in December 1953 and were soon attending dances at the Grange Hall in Omar, between Clayton and LaFargeville. The two knew each other prior to Dan's departure overseas and corresponded. Sometimes they would call each other—however these overseas calls required reservations and talking costs upwards of \$8.00 per minute. On Dan's return from overseas, the two continued their courtship and married in 1957 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in LaFargeville with Reverend Arthur Harrington officiating. They celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary this past November.

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Dan and Sue Grant 1956

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After marrying the two delved into dairy farming. They started with 140 acres and would see the farm grow to 427 acres and 52 registered Holstein cows. The two farmed from 1957 to 1978, when Dan was appointed to full-time carrier on Route One, a 65 mile mail route, retiring from the U.S. Postal System in 1990. Sue was a farmer's wife. However in 1974 she went to work for Dr. William "Bill" Heady in Clayton. She also worked for Wilna Natali in the H & R Block tax business. In 1980 Sue began doing income taxes and bookkeeping full time, working out of her home. She was bookkeeper for Kennedy Pharmacy of Clayton from 1981 to 1997. She also performed bookkeeping for several small businesses and not-for-profits.

In the early 1970s when it became church policy, Sue was the first woman elected to Christ Church vestry and served two 3-year terms. About this same time she was appointed church treasurer, a position she held for eleven years straight and two more years from 1998 to 2000. She presently serves as chair of the finance committee, chalice bearer and lector. Dan was a vestry person for two 3-year terms in the 1980s.

In the early 1980s Sue was also appointed to the Clayton Cemetery Association and quickly took positions as secretary and treasurer. This propelled her into the limelight of genealogy, answering inquiries from local and distant researchers. In these positions she had access to all Clayton Cemetery records and this only provided further interest in genealogy. Dan and Sue soon joined JCNYS after receiving a personal invite by long time member Phyllis Putman. It was not the first meeting. However, it was not long after JCNYS held their inaugural meeting in 1994.

By early 1996 the Grants were regular members—a search of past *Informers* reveals their varied involvement. Sue had submitted a written inquiry on her Great Grandfather John H. Graves and not long afterwards a Grant family pedigree chart was listed in another 1996 *Informer*. Furthermore Sue's added contributions were noted in the July 1997 minutes: "The Executive Committee appointed Sue Grant as the Internal Auditor." She was also applauded for processing the society's IRS Form 1023 Application for 501-C3 Not-For-Profit Organization tax paperwork—ultimately receiving federal tax exempt status in 1997—that exemption is still in effect today. She was also assigned to the Constitution and By-Laws committee as well as the newsletter committee and she audited all finance records for the society. Sue's involvement in all of these areas lasted more than a decade. All along Dan actively supported the organization as well. One of Dan's first responsibilities was on the 1997 nominating committee of the society. He also accepted a responsibility to review the 1850 Federal census for Clayton, New York. The same year Dan provided a 1921 organizational report for the Depauville's Dairyman's League. In closing out 1997,

the Grants were thanked for letting the society use information in a register log book the two found at a local antique shop in Philadelphia.

In January 2001, Dan and Sue attended the official kick off meeting at the Surrogates Court Office to discuss a project of abstracting information from Jefferson County wills filed from the 1800's. By 2005, the book was published: "*Jefferson County New York Will Abstracts 1830 – 1850*." This 184 page book of abstracts, and index, captured a great many early wills that were recorded in Jefferson County. The society sold a large number of the book when first released, many more over the past decade, and the popular book continues to be sold yet today. Note: See JCNYS materials for sale on the inside back cover of the *Informer*.

In 2009 Dan and Sue were instrumental in providing material and research for the popular one room school house series that in 2009 and 2010 *Informers*. The newsletter committee noted "We were pleased to have Dan Grant, one of our own JCNYS members, who has extensive material especially the one room school houses in the early history of Clayton education." Dan's schoolhouse information was combined with an early Town of Clayton map, owned by Bill and Nan Dixon, showing school houses and district numbers of Jefferson County.

Aside from society work, Dan and Sue helped in the restoration of Corbin's Corners Cemetery outside Depauville, New York. Through genealogy research, Dan learned his Great-Great Grandfather was buried there, and he also learned the early Grant family came to Clayton from the Town of Demark in Lewis County. An interesting fact, Sue's Great-Grandfather and Dan's Great-Grandmother were brother and sister. Furthermore, Sue learned that her Great-Grandfather John Henry Graves, who built a house in 1875 and owned land on Eastline Road, would evade paying tolls on the main road into Clayton (near Phinney's car sales today) by cutting across his lands on what is today Graves Street in Clayton. Sue's Great Grandfather came to Eastline Road late 1830s from Washington County and a *Watertown Daily Times* "Looking Back" article show that his house on East Line Road was built from cellar to roof in just 17 days. John Henry Graves died in 1885.

Genealogy is only one part of the Grants' hobbies and activities. The two were for many years very active in the New York State Rural Carriers Association and traveled nationally. Dan was on the Executive Committee and Sue was President of the New York State Auxiliary. These two visible positions required frequent attendance at many state and county meetings and functions. The two enjoyed the opportunity to travel and meet many people along the way.

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Dan and Sue are the parents of three boys, each successful in their own right. The first is Frederick D. Grant, a Medical Doctor of Radiology, Children's Hospital in Boston and faculty member of Harvard Medical School. Second is Thomas R. Grant, a Pharmacist at the State Correctional Facility in Cape Vincent. Lastly, is Alan L. Grant, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. They have three grandchildren—Nina, Andrew and Daniel.



Dan and Sue Grant 2007

In early retirement they traveled when possible, visiting 30 states including Alaska and Hawaii. They have toured overseas extensively to places such as China, Hong Kong, Japan, Russia, Mexico, Central America and ten European countries. On 11 September 2001, they were on a cruise ship near Berlin when they heard about the attacks on New York City. Today they stay closer to home and enjoy their beautiful scenes of the St. Lawrence River from their Clayton home. They are both active in church and community. The two are likewise active in genealogy and history and routinely attend "Hashing Over History" at the Thousand Islands Museum in Clayton as well as the monthly JCNYS meetings. Sue enjoys quilting and makes beautiful items that adorn her home. The two are loving and supportive to one another; continue to enjoy community activities, travel, family and especially grandchildren. They are well known and well respected and earn recognition as our "spotlight of the quarter."

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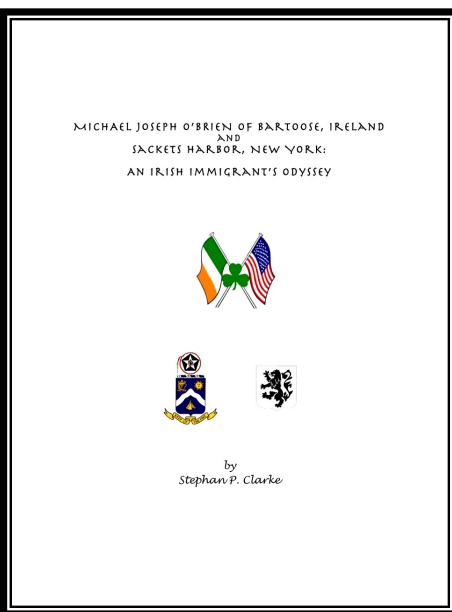
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Book Review on Michael Joseph O'Brien

By JCNYS member Steven P. Clarke

Stephan P. Clarke's 44-page biography of his Great-Uncle Mike O'Brien is a labor of love telling the story of a favorite uncle, an Irish immigrant who joined the U. S. Army and traveled all over the world in service to his adopted country.

Mike joined the 9th Infantry Regiment stationed at the time at Madison Barracks, Sackets Harbor, and from there was sent to fight in the Spanish-American War, the Philippines Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion (where he was wounded in the foot and later earned a



Purple Heart for that), married Edith Mae Carter, a Sackets Harbor girl, became a U. S. Citizen in 1915 while stationed in Kentucky, and then spent time chasing Pancho Villa along the Mexican border where he served under General John J. "Black Jack" Pershing.

A short while later he was commissioned and again served under Pershing with the First Division, U. S. Army, "The Big Red 1," in World War I. The book's text is brief, but it is filled with period photos and maps of his service and adventures, most of which Steve was able to find among Mike's souvenirs and papers still held by some of his cousins.

The book is also a very brief genealogy as it includes Mike's parents in Ireland and his extended family here in the States. Steve did all of the design and layout for the book himself and had it printed by The Book Patch, a self-publishing firm in Arizona. Copies of the book may be ordered from them using the title as shown on the cover and the ISBN Number: 9781682730270. Anyone with a basic command of the technique of drag and drop can put together such a book if they have the time and patience to collect all of the data. What takes the most time is the research, and Steve certainly did lots of that to fit Mike's life into the history of the times in which he lived.

The Jefferson County and/or
New York City Tremper Families

JACOB M. TREMPER (1776-1846)

and his several wives
Shoemaker of New York City and
Farmer in Jefferson County, New York

Submitted By JCNYS Member
Priscilla Tremper Leith

Jacob M. was the 5th child and 2nd surviving son of **Michael Tremper (1745)** and **Leah Van Dusen/Van Deusen/Van Deuser (1748)**, born 30 June 1776 at New York City. He was baptized at the Dutch Reformed Church in Rhinebeck, Dutchess County on 22 Sept 1776 with his aunt and uncle **Mary (Anna Maria) Tremper (1739)** and **Michael Shatzel (1732)** as sponsors.

His parents had to leave New York City when the British captured it and those who supported American independence were in danger of losing their lives. **Michael Tremper and Leah Van Dusen** fled to Fishkill in Dutchess County where Michael was part of the militia that defended Fishkill Landing. Although he himself was a wig maker, Michael's family was in the tanning and leather business. His brother **Johan Jacob (1740)** in Kingston, and probably his brother **Johan Jury (1743)** in Rhinebeck, operated businesses related to leather manufacturing.

When their father **Michael (1745)** died on 20 December 1787, **Jacob**, his elder brother **Daniel (1770)**, and perhaps their younger brother **Harmanus (1784)**, went to live in Kingston, NY with their uncle and aunt, **Johan Jacob Tremper (1740)** and **Annaetje Trombour (1751)**. His uncle, better known as "**Jacob W. Tremper**", was a tanner and merchant. The boys were apparently apprenticed in the tanning and leather industry. **Leah Van Deusen Tremper** returned to New York City. She had her own skills and occupation, as evidenced by listings in New York City directories of 1794, as a "sick nurse" living at 7 Catherine St., and again in 1798 as "Letitia Trimper, sick nurse" at 52 East George St., and then in 1804 and 1805 living with her sister-in-law the unmarried **Mary Tremper (1744)** at 111 Division St. Both women were nurses. **Leah Van Deusen Tremper** probably died in New York City sometime after 1805.

Jacob married a first wife, probably in New York City, about 1794. Her name, the date and the marriage location are unknown. With her he had 3 children: a female child (1795); **William (1796)**; and, **James G. (1799)**. He moved up to Jefferson Co, NY. He then returned to New York City, where he appeared in the 1799 New York City Directory living at 350 Water St.

with occupation shoemaker. He continued in that occupation living at many different locations in NYC through 1802.

Jacob Tremper took a second wife in 1800. On Saturday, 26 April 1800 at New York City, he was married "by Rev. Dr. Pilmon" to **(Miss) Mary Weekes** of NYC, according to a marriage record from an old New York City newspaper. He is listed in the 1800 US census in Ward 7 of New York City with a wife age 16-26, and a female child under 10 yrs. In 1800 he lived at 233 Water St., in 1801 on Eagle St., in 1802 at 91 James St. Sometimes he was "**Jacob M. Tremper**, shoemaker".

When his brother **Daniel Tremper (1770)** and new wife **Arietta Kieffer (1773)** moved from Kingston up to Chaumont, Jefferson Co, NY in the winter of 1802-03, **Jacob Tremper** and his family went along. **Jacob Tremper and Mary Weekes** had three children, almost surely born in Chaumont, Jefferson County: **Sally Jane (1804)**; **Leah (1805)** and **Harmon (ca. 1806)**. For the next two decades, **Jacob** seems to have lived partly in Jefferson County and partly in New York City. He was in Chaumont in 1825 and in 1830, but during 1800, 1810 and 1820 for the US Censuses he lived in New York City.

There is sparse documentation that **Jacob** and his wife or wives lived up in Jefferson Co, NY because church and vital records are sadly lacking. However, both the 1825 NY Census and a map show that he owned land there. There is an '**Abel**' **Tremper** listed in Brownville, Jefferson Co, NY in the 1810 U.S. Census who is most probably **Jacob**. The eldest male, age 26-45, coincides with the age of **Jacob (1776)**, and the ages of other males and females mostly coincide with those of his family. He was close by his brother **Daniel Tremper (1770)**, also living in Brownville at that time, and to James and Henry Horton, into whose families two of **Jacob's** daughters married.

Between 1805 and 1810 **Jacob's** second wife **Mary Weekes** must have died, since he had a third wife, **Anna Decatur** whom we know was the mother of **Jacob (1810)**. It is probable that she was the mother of the last 2 children: **Jacob (1810)**; and, **Betsey (1816)**.

By 1820 **Jacob Tremper** was back in New York City. The 1820 U.S. census, dated 29 January, lists him in Ward 6 and "engaged in manufacturing," which fits with leather manufacturing or shoemaking. The 1822 New York City Directory calls him "shoemaker" with address 136 Mott St., near Grand. The next year, he was at 14 Spring; then, on Mott at corner of Hester in 1824-1827; 174 Hester in 1828; 229 Orange St. in

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1829-1831; then 51 Prince St. in 1832; 34 Delancey in 1833-34; 80 Norfolk St. in 1834-38; 91 Norfolk in 1839-41. He was consistently called "shoemaker." His listings end with 1840.

In 1820 Jacob's son **William Tremper (1796)** is listed living in Brownville, employed in agriculture, age 16-26 with a wife in the same age bracket, and with a male child under 10 and another male ages 10-16 (possibly a brother of his or hers). Although he didn't reside there, **Jacob** still owned land in that county, apparently moving back and forth between there and New York City.

On 12 November 1825 the NY State Census for Jefferson County recorded **Jacob Tremper** as a farmer in Brownville who owned 45 acres of land there and had males and females the right ages and marital status for his family. Next to him was his brother **John M. Tremper (1782)** and family, and nearby were William, Henry, and James Horton and Nathaniel Warner - all related by marriage. His son **James G. Tremper (1799)** was nearby in Brownville with his own family, next to Steven Horton. On 3 November 1835 he and his son Jacob Tremper were both listed in the NY State Census living next to members of the **Fisher family** and near his brother **John M. Tremper**. In 1828 **Jacob Tremper** was back in New York City, listed in a City directory as living at 174 Hester St. In 1829-30 he was at 229 Orange St. By 1831 he lived at 51 Prince, then 34 Delancey for two years. In 1835 he moved to 80 Norfolk St. where he remained thru 1838, and finally in 1839-40 he was at 91 Norfolk St. Each time he was a shoemaker. **Jacob Tremper** died in New York City on 21 December 1846.

Many of **Jacob's** children migrated to the upper Midwest, then known as the Northwest Territories and/or The Frontier, seeking fortunes and adventure... which some certainly found!

Children by his 1st wife (name unknown)

A female child was born about 1794-1795 in New York. Nothing more is known about her.

William, born about 1796, married **Polly Myrick (1803)**. He appears in the 1820 U.S. Census in the Town of Brownville, Jefferson County (see above) with two young males, one of whom may be a younger brother of either **William Tremper** or **Polly Myrick**. This couple moved to Niagara County, NY and then to the Crown Point area of Lake Co, IN. After **William's** death most of his family went west and settled in Lake Co, California. Several of them became miners for gold, silver and other precious metals in the western U.S. See separate story.

James G. was born in December, 1799 and died on 2 December 1829 at Pt. Salubrious, Town of Lyme, Jefferson County. He married **Rebecca Fisher** in 1824. He was the father of **Stephen C. Tremper** who migrated to Wisconsin and to other Midwestern states. Their story is told separately.

Children by his 2nd wife, Mary Weekes

Sally Jane (1804) was born 1804-07, but probably 1804. She married **Milton Fisher**. They moved to Wisconsin and the children to KS, NE and ID More on this family later.

Leah, born 1805 married **William Crane** and lived in New York City. He was a clerk, born about 1799 in New Jersey. They had at least two children, **Mary C. (1834)** and **Sarah E. (1838)**.

Harmon was born between 1804 and 1810. He was in Chaumont, Jefferson County in 1820, 1830, and in 1855. He may have had a child named **John H. Tremper** who died young.

Children by his 3rd wife Anna Decater

Jacob was born on 24 August 1810. He married **Sybil Phelps**. They lived in the Town of Orleans and then in the Town of Alexandria near the St. Lawrence River. In 1857 or so he and his family moved to Saginaw Co, Michigan. More on this family later.

Betsey, the youngest child, was born or baptized on 23 June 1816 at Bedford, Westchester Co, NY. She was married on 18 February 1835 at Westchester County to **Samuel Thomas Fisher**. They moved to Dodge Co, Wisconsin, and the children on to NE, KS and ID. They were miners and farmers. More later on this family, also.

Further articles on the Jefferson County Tremper Families to come, editor permitting.

Editor's Notes:

Priscilla Tremper Leith has an extensive list of credits for her research on this article. Rather than print them here, we suggest that if a reader would like to have more information or see those credits that they contact Priscilla directly at ispris@verizon.net.

This article is actually part of the 2nd edition of the book she and her husband self-published called *Descendants of Johan Jacob Tromper, jr (1715-1754) and Anna Maria Pfeiffer (1710-?) of New York City and Ulster County, NY and beyond*, published in Feb. 2015. There is a chapter on the Trempers of Jefferson County, NY. The book costs \$44.25 for printing, mailing envelope and postage (media rate).

MORGAN AUGSBURY DIES AT ANTWERP IDENTIFIED FOR YEARS WITH ALL LOCAL MOVEMENTS WENT TO GOLD COAST IN 1849

Had Conducted Milling Business at Antwerp Many Years, Served As Village President and Justice, and As Deacon of Congregational Church for 39 Years

(Special to the *Watertown Daily Times*.) – Antwerp, Feb. 10, 1916—Morgan Augsbury, one of the most prominent residents of this place, former village president and justice of the peace here and for 39 years a deacon of the Congregational church, and who for nearly a half century had been identified with every public movement for the advancement of this community, died at his home here at 1:15 this morning. He had been critically ill for some time and his death had been hourly expected for the past few days. The funeral will be held from the family home at 2 Saturday afternoon.

Morgan Augsbury, son of Nicholas and Polly Busler Augsbury, was born in Pamela, N. Y., Oct. 14, 1827. The house where he was born, near Perch Lake, is still standing. His ancestors, who settled in the Mohawk valley, came to America in 1750, being of the Palentine exodus from Bavaria, now a part of the German empire. His boyhood was spent in the towns of Pamela and Alexandria. In his early teens he clerked in a store in Great Bend. At the age of 18 he went to Cohoes, N. Y., where he remained as a clerk in a shoe store until he was 21. On the breaking out of the gold excitement in California he became one of a company formed in Cohoes and vicinity, which sailed from New York in March, 1849, for the gold fields. The voyage to San Francisco was via Cape Horn and lasted six months and seven days.

At the earnest request of his mother, who thought she was fatally ill, he came back from California in the summer of 1851, making the voyage from San Francisco to New York by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 26 days. While he willingly obeyed the call of his mother, it was always a cause of regret to him that he could not have stayed longer time in the gold fields. In later years he made various trips to the coast, where he became interested in fruit growing.

Morgan Augsbury and Minerva Shurtleff, daughter of Willard and Amanda Parker Shurtleff, were married in Plessis, Jan. 11, 1853. Their early married life was passed in Albany. A little later Mr. Augsbury and his brother, Alexander, engaged in general mercantile trade in Plessis. Early in President Lincoln's administration Morgan Augsbury was made postmaster there. In 1864 he was appointed clerk of Auburn state prison. Two years later, upon the resignation of the warden, John H. Conklin, of Antwerp, Mr. Augsbury was appointed warden. He resigned his position in 1868, and came to Antwerp in

the same year, buying the grist mill property in company with Thomas Matthews. He carried on this business with various partners until 1875, when he became sole owner. In 1884 the old mill was remodeled, iron rolls being substituted for buhrstones in the manufacturer of flour. In 1897 he sold out to his sons and retired from active business.

Since his residence in Antwerp, Mr. Augsbury had been identified with all the movements, of which there have been many during the past 40 years, designed to improve the community. Every proposition of that kind received his cordial support. He served as village president and for some years he was a justice of the peace.

In early youth he became a church member, and throughout his long life he always tried to square his daily life to his faith. He brought a letter from the Presbyterian church of Plessis to the Congregational church of Antwerp. Perhaps it is in connection with the church that the best work of his life has been done. For many years he was active in its Sunday school at teacher and superintendent. He was a member of the building committee, under whose direction the present beautiful edifice was erected in 1873 – 4. In some capacity he was always its willing servant trying to do the work of the master. For 39 years he was a deacon, serving as such a longer period by several years than any other since the church was founded in 1819.

His life was a fine example of practical Christianity. As a citizen, a neighbor and a friend he was well beloved. His wise counsel and genial manner coupled with countless acts of neighborly kindness, will be long remembered.

His wife died in January, 1903, about two weeks after their golden wedding was celebrated. He is survived by a daughter, Miss Gertrude Augsbury of Antwerp, and three sons, Willard and Frank of Antwerp, and John Charles of San Francisco, Cal.

Source: *Watertown Daily Times Newspaper, Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, edition dated February 10th, 1916.*

Note: Morgan is buried at the Hillside Cemetery, Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York.

William Shurtleff Augsbury traced his descent to Hans (John) And Anna (Reichlin) Augsbury, who came with their three sons and five daughters to America and were among the last of the Palatines to migrate. They first settled at Minden in the Mohawk Valley in 1750 bearing a recommendation signed 2 May 1750 by the Counselors of the County Rappaltzeiler, Principal of Zneilacken, Bavaria. From Hans (John) descended his son, John, whose son, Nicholas Augsbury was born in 1797 and died 26 January 1840 at Plessis,

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Jefferson County, New York. His son, Morgan Augsbury, was born at Pamela, Jefferson Co. on 14 October 1827 where the family had settled. Morgan was a merchant and later in the flour and feed business in Antwerp, Jefferson County, New York, where he died in February 1916. Morgan married Minerva Shurtleff, born in Theresa, Jefferson County, New York on 8 November 1829 and who died in Antwerp on 29 January 1903. Her family traced through the Shurtleff and Parker families of Reading, Massachusetts in 1638. She was ninth in direct descent from John Howland of the Mayflower.

Children of Morgan Augsbury and Minerva Shurtleff:

- 1) Gertrude Augsbury, who died in 1924, was a member of the Mayflower Society and the Daughters of the American Revolution.
- 2) Willard Shurtleff Augsbury was born 31 August 1858 in Plessis. He married on 12 September 1893 to Mary Ellis, who was born in Antwerp, New York on 25 April 1863 and died 17 June 1920 in New York City. She was the daughter of John D. and Mary J. (Buell) Ellis.
- 3) Frank Addison Augsbury of Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York.
- 4) John Charles Augsbury of San Francisco, California.

Source: *Biographical Index of Notable People from the State of New York and Jefferson County New York Migrations, Part 37.*

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(More members and their research names on page 18)

Watertown Daily Times
Saturday, August 28, 1926.

Recall Ancestry of Young Priest

Grandparents Crossed Ocean in Sailboat – Were On Atlantic Six Weeks – Came Over From Germany and Settled First at Evans Mills

Lafargeville, 28 August. In connection with the 24th birthday of Leland Priest of this village and the reports of his continued success with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, several interesting facts have been recalled concerning his ancestry. Young Priest was born in Orleans 24 years ago and spent his early life in this vicinity. He attended the Diebert's business college in Philadelphia, graduating about five years ago. Soon after his graduation he married Miss Hazel Wohlgemuth and then secured a position with the Metropolitan Life insurance company. His efficiency was apparent and last year he had the honor of bringing in the greatest number of policies of any employee.

This young man's father and mother are George and Gladys Priest of Theresa, well known in this vicinity. His grandmother and grandfather on his mother's side are Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Klock of Lafargeville. His grandmother was one of ten children, four boys and six girls. These children were born to Oliver and Matilda Bergen, Matilda was the younger of two sisters. The other, Mrs. August Livingston, died in Syracuse several years ago. Matilda and Augusta had a very exciting and unusual life. Their father, Charles E. Denniger, lived in Germany. He was three-fourths German and one-fourth French, his half-brother being a French nobleman. He lived near the border line to France and over the border lived Hannah Christine Gould whom Denniger loved. They finally ran away and got married and undertook a stern task. They secured provisions and an open sail boat and set sail upon the Atlantic. For six weeks they sailed the ocean on their honeymoon, at last landing on American soil. They crossed over various trails inland and finally landed in Evans Mills where they settled.

Mr. Denniger became a Lutheran minister and soon afterwards he began the task of translating the German Bible into the English language, a task destined to failure. Someone completed the work ahead of him and all his efforts came to naught. Day and night this failure apparently preyed on his mind and after four years he died of a broken heart. Mrs. Denniger left alone with Matilda and August, placed them and she became a cook for the workman who were building the great Lafarge mansion just north of the little hamlet, then known as Logs Mills, later changed to Lafargeville."

**“The difference between try
and triumph is a little umph.”
– Author Unknown**

BENJAMIN CHRISTIAN HERO WAR OF 1812

By JCNYS Member Paul Beers

Benjamin Christian was born around 1784 in New York. Records of Ben's early life do not start until after he arrived in the Northern Frontier and settled in or around Oswegatchie, which appears to be in the early 1800s. "The oldest "inhabitant" found Ben here, at the time of his settlement. A term of forty or fifty years has made no visible difference in his appearance." (Reference the 1858 newspaper article below). Early accounts have him working as a boatman on the St. Lawrence River, sometimes in the service of Abraham Schoonmaker [*Shoemaker*], in the years before the War of 1812. Aboard ships Ben performed various duties, cooking, deckhand or anything required of him.

In the first written record of Ben that we have, he is on board the American gunboat *Julia*, when on July 31, 1812, at 4:30 in the afternoon they came under attack by the *Earl of Moira* of 18 guns and the *Duke of Gloucester* of 10 guns, at Morristown, on her way to Ogdensburg from Sackets Harbor with military supplies. The *Julia* carried three guns; two were sixes and an 18 pound long gun. Her crews were all volunteers. Aboard the *Julia* along with Ben were Lieutenant H. W. Wells, of the brig *Oneida*, Commander, Samuel Dixon, sailing master, Captain William Vaughan, who was also a sailing master, Captain Isaac Benedict with his company of riflemen. Three shots struck the hull of the *Julia*, and not a single man was killed or wounded. At 8 o'clock that evening, being only slightly injured, they proceeded to Ogdensburg arriving before morning.

Later on in August Ben volunteered to go on a Durham boat, the *Blackbird*, to take some anchors and cable from Ogdensburg to Sackets Harbor. When they were amongst the Islands, the British captured their boat and crew, and Ben was taken prisoner and was confined at Elizabethtown (Brockville, Ontario, Canada) for a while and then sent on to the prison at Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

In February 1813 Ben was exchanged at Rouses Point, New York, and sent to Plattsburgh where he enlisted in the 6th US Army in a company under Captain Clement Sadler. It was at this point that Ben first entered military service. In March Ben, along with his company, marched to Sackets Harbor. Then in April Ben went with his company to Little York in the expedition under General Pike. In that battle he was

severely wounded in the left arm and side and was taken from York to Fort Niagara for several days and then brought back to Sackets Harbor and was kept at the barracks, disabled for about two months. During the last part of June, he enlisted to go on a gunboat with Captain Jehiel Dimmock for a cruise on the St. Lawrence River. While with Captain Dimmock on the gunboat, they captured several British batteaux transporting clothes and provisions to Kingston. After capturing the boats they then retreated back to Cranberry Creek (near Alexandria Bay, New York). While at Cranberry Creek, the British, wanting to regain their supplies and to punish the Americans, came with about 400 – 450 men and Marines to retake the boats and provisions. A lively battle ensued between the British troops and the troops and sailors at Cranberry Creek. Again Ben was severely wounded in the head by a Marine and had to be carried from the creek. In September, after recovering at Sackets Harbor, he re-entered the service at French Creek, Jefferson County, New York (Clayton, New York) and belonged to an infantry company under Captain Dixon, and remained there until the battle of French Creek November 1 and 2. At the battle of French Creek, Ben was wounded in the head by a cutlass and in the left arm by a musket ball on the morning of the second day while charging the enemy under Captain Dixon. Ben was now disabled from service for the rest of the year. In the winter of 1813 – 1814 Ben rejoined the company of Captain Sadler.

During the blockade of Sackets Harbor, May 19th – June 6th, 1814, Ben and crew were captured with a Durham boat load of flour in an attempt to run the blockade. Under guard they were sent to Kingston. When they were out of sight of the British fleet they recaptured the boat and cargo and returned to an American port, most likely Oswego. There are no records to indicate that Ben was a soldier at this time.

Now, for the rest of the story, Benjamin Christian was a Negro born in slavery in New York. He was commonly called and affectionately known as "BLACK BEN". It appears that Ben was an indentured servant to an officer in the army from the vicinity of the Hudson River who came to the northern frontier, presumably to Ogdensburg or Sackets Harbor. Ben must have fulfilled his obligation to the officer in order to have the freedom to do all that he did. Ben could neither read nor write, so all we have are his service records, census and newspaper articles, which were many.

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After the war Ben lived and flourished in St. Lawrence County and worked at many jobs. During his life Ben was a rite of spring with the local newspaper announcing his arrival to the locality. The following article is typical of several over the years.

BLACK BEN.—This somewhat migratory individual is in town and looks as hale and hearty as ever. He seems to be an institution firmly established, and likely to last forever. The oldest "inhabitant" found Ben here, at the time of his settlement, and a term of forty or fifty years has made no visible difference in his appearance. Instead of coming out spring poor, Ben looks sleek, and in good circumstances. He will probably have the boys together for a general train in a few days. He is regular godsend to the local column.

Ogdensburg Newspaper, *The Daily Journal*, May 08, 1858, Page 3

In the 1850 census Ben was listed as being in the farming household of John and Mary Cornell and their three children. In 1860 Ben was listed as living in Canton, New York at the St. Lawrence County Poor House, the older one. In his later years Ben always wintered at the Poor House. On December 18th, 1868 while wintering at the old Poor House in Canton Ben passed away, he was around 90 years of age. Ben was an institution among the local people and received a hero's and lengthy obituary, which was uncommon at the time.

Ben was not only a true patriot and hero in an era where by law blacks were generally prohibited from enlistment in the army and from all accounts he was well respected by his fellow soldiers. Unfortunately the location of his grave and the graves of those who died at the old Poor House in Canton still remains uncertain. It is for sure that he truly deserves a Veteran's marker. I have made several attempts to locate his burial site, but due to lack of similar enthusiasm by others to locate the records, the information still eludes me, for now.

If anyone has any information at all on the boat *Blackbird* or about the capture of any boats during the month of August in the Islands, I would appreciate it very much.

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Gold Miner of 1859 Visits Watertown

Reuben House, Native of Theresa, Returns
 Mined Gold for Six Years
 Tells of Hardships in Cross-Country Rush of Sixty
 Years Ago
 Resides in Plainwell, Michigan

Watertown Daily Times
 Tuesday Afternoon, 21 January 1919

Reuben House, 87 years of age, who left Theresa (Jefferson County, New York), his birthplace, when he was 19 years old to locate a timber land in Michigan, and who traveled overland to Utah during the gold rush of 1859 is visiting in this city with Mrs. House. They are at present at the home of Mrs. Hattie Russell, 124 Central Street, a sister of Mrs. House. The home of Mr. and Mrs. House is in Plainwell, Michigan.

Despite his years, Mr. House is active and still talks of the experiences of his boyhood and early manhood with the same delight and the same keen memory for details that he did half a century ago. Mr. House was born in Theresa, 28 November 1831. His wife, who is Mrs. Laura Cooper, was born near Watertown and is 86 years old.

When he was 17 years of age he left his home to Theresa with a young cousin and walked overland to Little Falls, in Herkimer County, where other relatives lived and since that time Mr. House's life has been an interesting one. He remained in Little Falls only five months when he returned to Theresa by way of Oswego and Lake Ontario to Cape Vincent.

The wandering fever seized him again when he was 19 years old, and he started for Michigan when he received word from his brother of the opportunities there. He located at Plainwell, Michigan and was happily settled there with a wife and children when the gold rush started in 1859.

It was 1,509 miles from Plainwell to Pikes Peak, Colorado, from whence the news of gold had come. But Mr. House, then 28 years old with two from his locality, decided to set out at once. He was the oldest of the three, the other two being 21 and 18 years old.

With three yoke of cattle, an iron axled wagon, with a canvas roof, similar to the wagons of other emigrants, and provisions enough to last themselves a year, the three young men set out on 20 April 1859. In the wagon they had grain for their cattle and enough of other kinds of feed to keep them fed when they reached a region where there was no grass.

Traveling through Indiana and Illinois, they finally
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came to St. Josephs, Missouri, on the Missouri River. Here they met five other men from their county, bent on the same mission, and they made up one party.

"After we left the Missouri River we met thousands of gold seekers returning," said Mr. House. "They had gone part way but they had heard that the gold stories were false and had decided to turn back. Lots of old California miners, when the story was first started that gold had been found in the Sierra Nevada's, went there and started claims. They persuaded many that the whole thing was a humbug, thinking in this way to get more for themselves.

These disappointed gold seekers tried to get us to turn back, but we were young and we had provisions enough to last a year and we decided to keep on.

After great suffering and hardships the party finally arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah, on 2 August (1859) after more than three months of traveling. The cattle were foot sore, and there was so much alkali in the food that they ate that the milk was not good to drink. Before reaching Salt Lake City they had traded a steer and two cows for an Indian pony.

In crossing the plains difficulties were experienced with the Indians and outlaws. To keep the cows from eating alkali food it was necessary for members of the party to remain on guard all night. The cows were new milk cows and the milk which they gave supplied the party with milk for food. The rest was placed in cans in the big wagon. The constant jarring of the wagon churned the surplus milk into butter, Mr. House said.

After remaining in Salt Lake City for four days, the party resumed their journey. They traded more of the foot-sore cattle and the Indian pony for a pair of government mules, and started for California where they thought the chances would be better.

Their journey through the Rocky Mountains was a hard one, but on 14 September (1859) they arrived in Carson Valley. Up the Carson River they traveled until they came to Gold Hill, and about a mile further was Virginia City.

Some very rich mines were located at Gold Hill, and here Mr. House stopped. From September 1859, until 1865 he mined for gold in Mount Davidson. The gold and silver were diffused among the rocks and after six years of mining Mr. House tired of it and decided to go home.

During the six years he made several trips to Sacramento. Early in November 1865, he left San Francisco in company with another from his home village, and started for home. The two men went by steamer to New York. They went from New York to Albany by boat, and from Albany the rest of the journey was made by rail.

Mr. and Mrs. House came back to this section to visit relatives in 1879. They came again six years ago and since then have made visits every two years. They came last December, and visited in Sackets Harbor for about a month. They have

visited Redwood and Plessis.

Mr. House was the youngest of seven boys. He had four sisters, the youngest of them, Mrs. Margaret Benson, lived in Chaumont, and is four years younger than Mr. House. End of article.

Note: The desert is made of the alkaline dust (alkali) of an ancient sea bed, playa-dust, which gets into everything. This is what they did not want the cattle eating.

Note: Reuben House, son of John House and Catherine Boyer House, was born in Theresa, November 28, 1831 (death certificate states 1832) and he first left Theresa in 1848 (age 17) going to Herkimer County for five months, then returning to Theresa. Then in 1849 (age 19), per an unknown brother's invite, Reuben set out for Plainwell, Michigan and stayed there a number of years; then in 1859 (age 29) he set out for the California Gold Rush along with other cousins from New York. In 1865 (age 34) he returned to Plainwell, Michigan; then in 1883 (age 52), he visited relatives in Jefferson County, New York. In 1912 (age 80) he once again visited New York relatives; then he had subsequent visits in 1915 (age 83), 1917 (age 85), and finally in 1919 (age 87). He died in Plainwell, Allegan County, Michigan on April 30, 1919, at age 87.

Here Are a Few Members With Family Names They Research

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Genealogy program devised by Sons of American Revolution proves therapeutic for wounded warriors

By Chris Brock

Watertown Daily Times Staff Writer

Thursday, December 18, 2014. When A. Parks Honeywell learned about a genealogical program that bolstered the spirits of wounded soldiers, he felt compelled to see if he could start one. The seasonal resident of the North Country has seen his efforts succeed in the Tampa Bay, Fla., area where nearly 50 soldiers at the James A. Haley VA Polytrauma Center have discovered the power of family research to help them with their psychological wounds.

Now, Mr. Honeywell hopes the program, Operation Ancestor Search, can be expanded for more injured veterans at Fort Drum, which began a program a few months ago. "Family research is a wonderful hobby for anyone," Mr. Honeywell said in a phone interview from his home in Trinity, Fla. "It's an all-encompassing, all-engrossing hobby that takes your mind to another place."

Operation Ancestor Search is a free genealogy program offered to injured service members in military hospitals, veterans hospitals and armed forces retirement homes across the country. OAS began in 2011 at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., as a program of the District of Columbia chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, a nonprofit patriotic, historical and educational organization headquartered in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Honeywell, who lives on Norway Island in Goose Bay near Alexandria Bay from June through October, hosted a meeting in July with officials from Fort Drum's Warrior Transition Battalion to explain OAS. Maj. Jennifer C. Farrell, operations officer of the battalion, said there are 49 soldiers in the unit who are taking part in OAS. She has seen therapeutic results for soldiers. "That's one of the reasons why we supported it," Maj. Farrell said. "It can make our soldiers realize they are part of a wider community. It lets them see how much bigger the world is that they are part of." Some military staff members of the battalion also have taken advantage of the program, Maj. Farrell said.

Mr. Honeywell is a graduate of SUNY Maritime College in Throggs Neck, the Bronx. He was commissioned as an ensign in the Naval Reserve in 1956. He went to work for Westinghouse Electric Corp. and its commercial nuclear power division right after college. But the engineer spent 14 years as an inactive officer in the Naval Reserve. He is active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

"I just have a heart for veterans in general, but specifically for wounded warriors," said Mr. Honeywell. "I think OAS is one of the most worthy programs that the Sons of the American Revolution has ever devised."

Shortly after it was created, the OAS program at Walter Reed became very popular among wounded warriors and their caregivers. SAR chapters around the nation began sponsoring OAS programs, which

are funded by a grant by ancestry.com. Today, OAS operates at 14 military medical centers and wounded warrior organizations. Nationwide, OAS volunteers have worked with more than 500 wounded warriors and their family members.

Mr. Honeywell, who moved to Florida in 1989, has been a member of the Clearwater, Fla., chapter of the SAR for the past 15 years. He also was instrumental in creating a SAR chapter in the North Country. The Thousand Islands chapter of the Empire State Society of SAR was created this year with an installation of officers ceremony held in October. Mr. Honeywell is the chapter's president. "I have time available," said Mr. Honeywell, whose wife, Lois M., died in 2009. "There's nothing better to forget problems that I might imagine I have than in serving others."

Mr. Honeywell, 80, learned about the OAS program in April. "My thought was gosh, I can get that going in Florida," he said. The James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital has wounded veterans in two main units, Mr. Honeywell said. The Tampa Polytrauma Rehabilitation Center is one of five facilities in the country designed to provide intensive rehabilitative care to veterans and service members. The hospital also is home of the Michael Bilirakis Department of Veterans Affairs Spinal Cord Injury Center.

After starting the OAS chapter at the hospital, Mr. Honeywell selected three assistants. All volunteer their services. Mr. Honeywell, whose home in Trinity is a 45-minute drive to the James A. Haley hospital, estimates he spends about 20 hours a week with the OAS program. The volunteers work with patients to obtain free ancestry.com software and explain how to do family tree research. Many service members, Mr. Honeywell said, are surprised to discover they had relatives who served in the military, some as far back as the Revolutionary War. But the program also offers benefits, that for veterans, hit closer to home.

"It puts them in touch with their family because you can't do this without making family connections," Mr. Honeywell said. "They don't go back very far until they realize that they don't know their grandmother's maiden name or where she was born — that sort of thing. That means they have to be in touch with their families. Some of these soldiers aren't that connected to their families. Some are downright estranged. This gives them an opportunity to place themselves back into the family."

Mr. Honeywell said it's also rewarding to see wounded warriors making use of down time as they recover. "I just can't imagine how difficult it must be for them to be in that situation and not to have anything that they can do with their time," he said.

Mr. Honeywell said anyone who wants more information on OAS or is interested in volunteering can contact him by writing to him at parkshoneywell@gmail.com or by calling him at 315-212-9077.

The OAS volunteers provide genealogy assistance to soldiers who request it in conducting their research. Mr. Honeywell said people also can contact him if they are interested in more information on the Thousand Islands chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Biographical Sketches

Grandfather of Mrs. Elida Hunneyman Williams Helped Build LaFarge Mansion

By the late Ernest G. Cook.

Mrs. Elida Hunneyman Williams, 87, widow of Adelbert D. Williams of Alexandria, who resides in Wall Street in Plessis village, recalls many events of early days and interesting stories about her grandparents' trip to America from England.

"My grandfather, George Hunneyman, was an expert carpenter in England," relates Mrs. Williams "He was born in Canterbury, Kent, on May 28, 1804, and married in England Mary Rose who was born at Fevershas, Kent, on August 13, 1806, their wedding taking place on September 10, 1826.

"Now comes one of the interesting items of this story, John LaFarge was in northern New York and desired to build a mansion on his new land. He knew of grandfather's ability as a house finisher and asked if he would consider going to America if he had an attractive offer to work on the mansion. Grandfather thought it over and decided to make the great adventure. There did not seem to be enough funds to permit more than one coming and besides grandfather wanted to know what kind of country he was getting into before he brought his wife over, so he started out alone. My records show that he arrived here September 24, 1832 but I don't know if that was in New York City or in LaFargeville. He liked the work, was well satisfied, and also assisted in the building of the fine house across the road from the mansion. Mr. LaFarge told grandfather that he would see that there would be a house provided for him to live in if he wanted to bring his wife over. It was May 24, 1836 when she reached New York City, almost four years after her husband left for America.

"I remember grandmother, still living when I was a girl, and she told me that the hardest thing she thought she ever did was to leave her mother ill with a stroke in England when she started out for America. After the death of my great-grandmother, great-grandfather came to America to live with his people here. George Hunneyman, my grandfather died in Alexandria on April 6, 1851 and is buried in Plessis cemetery.

"My father's name was George Rose Hunneyman and here is the record of his marriage to Katherine House in Alexandria on March 19, 1851. But I am getting a little ahead of my story. Mr. LaFarge sold his mansion to Bishop DuBoise in the year 1838 and not long after my people moved to the Tanner Corners section

where they purchased a farm. When they tell about the old stone church at Plessis and events that took place at the time when that building was as a house of worship, I can check pretty well on their stories. I remember when my father would hitch the horses on the wagon on Sunday morning and all of us children would get in, even my grandmother, and we would drive over all kinds of roads to Plessis to attend church. At the time there was not a Methodist church in Plessis and the Presbyterian Church, several years ago discontinued, was not thought of.

"I forgot to tell you the name of my great-grandfather on my mother's side. His name was Richard Rose and he lived on a 35-acre farm at Tanners Corners. Grandfather, being a carpenter, could not look after a big farm.

"Now I was the oldest in my father's family and am the only one left. I was named Elida and was born March 22, 1850; George A. was born October 19, 1853; Byron R., was born March 12, 1855; Adelpia, born November 11, 1857; Edward W., born August 22, 1860; Emma, born July 17, 1862; and Katie, born November 19, 1864.

"On November 1, 1875, I was married to Adelbert D. Williams and went to live on the Williams farm about two miles west out of Plessis. Yes, my husband was interested in the grange and helped to organize the grange here in Plessis February 5, 1890 with Denacious Snell as the first master. Plessis grange was number 629. Mr. Williams served as a master of that grange. He also served as assessor for the town of Alexandria and was highway commissioner of the town. When the Redwood bank was organized he was elected a director and remained a director until his death. He assisted in organization of the Plessis Co-operative store here and was director. In the summer of 1876 we both united with Methodist church in Plessis.

"We have two sons residing here, Foster E., and Clarke A. I am a great-grandmother myself, for a son of Foster, Glenn A., married Alice Spies of Redwood and they have a son Douglas, who is nearly two years old. You see I have been telling about my great-grandfather, which takes us back a ways in history, and, in turn, I tell of my great-grandson. My grandfather used to tell us much about the beauty of the great LaFarge mansion and it seems to me it was nothing short of a sin to tear that splendid building down.

"In the year 1905 my husband and I decided we had reached the time when we might take life a little easier and we moved into Plessis village."

Note: This article was typed from a newspaper clipping by Thomas LaClair. The name of the paper and exact date of the print are unknown however it is circa 1939 based on Elida Hunneyman Williams' age. It is likely a *Watertown Daily Times* article.

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2 Check all your facts, don't assume that any particular document is right or wrong, and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, verify, verify. For instance, don't assume that:

- your ancestors were married
- census information is accurate
- vital (or other) records were correct
- your ancestor's life events were recorded
- ancestors had the same name as their enslaver

USE DISCRETION

3 **Never lie** in your genealogy reports, but use discretion when reporting family information, especially when it involves living relatives.

ALWAYS DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY CONTRADICT ONE ANOTHER

4 Over time, you will compile more data and those once seemingly contradictory pieces of evidence may prove to be just the pieces of the puzzle you need to prove or disprove your theory. Be consistent as you cite your sources. There are standard citation formats, but



even if you just make up your own format for listing your sources, be consistent with it. You want your descendants to be able to retrace your steps, so you always cite your sources.

MOST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE

5 It's okay to state that someone was born "abt. 1845," or died "May 1915" if you don't have an exact date or where various documents have different dates. Which date is "correct?" They all are.



IF UNSURE, SAY SO

6 Future researchers will thank you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you "suspect" such and such is true. Don't fudge the facts. Ever.



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7 Yes, we love doing research online and there's nothing better than using the computer to find new sources, view digital images of original documents and even connect with relatives. For genealogists, the internet will never replace the wonderful work of libraries, county courthouses, archives, and historical societies. Do as much as you can online, then turn off your computer and hit the bricks!



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8 The internet is a wonderful thing but it's filled with oodles of bad information. Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify against other sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source whenever possible.

PASS ALONG YOUR RESEARCH

9 No matter how many decades you spend researching your family, your research will never be done. Plan on passing along your research to the next generation's



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DON'T DIE WITH YOUR STORIES STILL IN YOU

10 Giving credit to Dr. Wayne Dyer for his "Don't die with your music still in you," we want to remind you to tell the stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn't about just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that your ancestor's legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won't do anyone much good. The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine, but always remember that you have been chosen to **tell their stories**.



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MARVIN, HOPKINS

I am seeking information concerning the family of Joseph **MARVIN** (born 1793 in Lyme, CT); died 1830 in Watertown, NY; married Elizabeth **HOPKINS** 19 Feb 1819 in Champion; and his children: Leverett (born 1820 in Champion), Elizabeth (born 1823 in Champion), William H (born in Champion) and Sarah (born 1828 in Watertown). I am wondering if there are any records available on them.

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SHEARER, BENT

I am looking for any additional information on Aldulia (Aldula) **BENT**, her siblings or parents. I was able to locate Aldula Shearer's obituary which states that she was born as Aldulia **BENT** in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY on June 14, 1824. She was married to Timothy A. **SHEARER** (DOB in 1818, NY, city unknown) on October 30, 1846. They lived in Clayton, NY in the 1850 census and moved to Wisconsin in 1854. I was unable to locate Timothy **SHERER**'s obituary and have no more specific information on him.

*Jamie Socolick
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GORDON, BUBER, BEEBE

David **GORDON** was born 15 May 1820 in Waterville (Watertown?), possibly resided in Antwerp in 1840. He relocated to Will County, IL in late May 1853 when his son Eugene was three weeks old. The household of Alexander **GORDON** in Antwerp seems to fit as his father's. The names of children include Emory, John, Frank and Eugene. His wife may have been Tryphena **BUBER** or **BEEBE**. I would like to find out David's father's name and his wife's correct surname.

*Jim Gordon
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BRAINARD, BRAINERD, WARREN

I am trying to find proof of parents for Deodatus Ensign **BRAINARD** born July 29, 1808. He died in 1891 in Iowa but was married in Ohio in 1830. All of his children were born in Ohio and Illinois. He also is listed as living at some time in Rodman, Jefferson County, NY. Deodatus is listed as the youngest child of Ansel **BRAINARD/BRAINERD SR.** and Mary "Polly" **WARREN**. The family moved from NY to Ohio in about 1818. I have an obit for Deodatus, grave information and a marriage record. However, none of these items mention his parents' names. I'm looking for some type of birth record (possibly a church record) that would list who his parents were. My research shows Ansel was a minister, most likely Methodist.

*Kristen O'Neil
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KENNEDY, NAGLE

I am researching Francis **KENNEDY** who was my great grandfather. He immigrated here from Ireland. He was born in 1839 or 1841 and died in 1907. He married Hanora **NAGLE** in 1868. I found a lot of info on her and their kids. On ancestry.com you have to have a file number and there are lot of guys named Francis **KENNEDY**. His farm on Pierrepont Rd / Rt 68 was taken over by St. Lawrence University. Children's names include James, Frank, Margaret, Helen (Nell), Nora, John, Daniel, Matthew and Anne. He may have come from Tipperary County in Ireland.

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SHARON, WHITNEY, GRENELL

Dennis **SHARON** was born in Jefferson County, NY about 1818 and married Mary Ann **WHITNEY**. They had one son Ozias in either Orleans or Watertown, NY. Ozias was born about 1844. I found Ozias in the 1850 census living with grandparents Ozias and Olive. I also found Dennis living with the Samuel **GRENELL** family. I am searching for Dennis Sharon's parents. I have heard his parents may be Canadian or may be born in Jefferson County. Mary Ann **WHITNEY** may have died in Jefferson County or Watertown, NY. Dennis also married Caroline **WHITNEY** who may have been Mary Ann's sister.

*Susan Barber
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WILLIAMS, COOLIDGE

Elisha **WILLIAMS** was born September 1, 1796. I know that he served during the War of 1812. He died April 8, 1877. He was married to Ms. Betsy **COOLIDGE** (1798-1885). He had at least 3 children, Harriet, George and Ranslaer. Elisha is buried in Bartlett's Cemetery in Antwerp. I am very interested in finding out more about Elisha. If I could get in touch with someone who had more information, that would be great.

*Eric Bailey
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GRUNEISEN, COLLINS

I have recently hit a dead end and am looking for William **GRUNEISEN**'s parents. He was born in 1871 and died December 11, 1957. He lived in Watertown, NY, but he is buried in Adams Center, Jefferson County, NY. His wife was Ella May **COLLINS** (1874-November 1957 in NY). They had a daughter named Ethel. William was a dairy farmer, and from what I was told, his family could have possibly originated in Bèrn, Switzerland.

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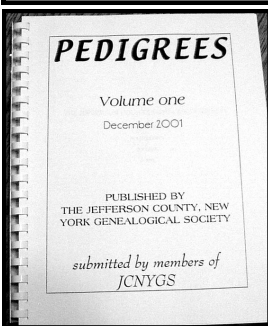
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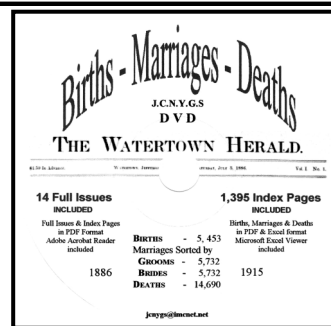


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RHEAUME, MONTONDO

I would like more information on Jeremiah **RHEAUME** who was born about 1797 in Canada. He died in Jefferson County, NY but the date is unknown. His wife's first name was Julia and she died in 1900 at the home of her daughter in Natural Bridge, Jefferson County, NY. The daughter's name was Louise **MONTONDO**.

*Denise Bordeaux
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GOULD, HENSLEY, HENSLI, ENDSLEY

I am searching for information on my 2nd great grandparents, George **GOULD** and Charlotte **HENSLEY** or **HENSLI** or **ENDSLEY**, who resided in Jefferson County, New York in 1840 and 1852. I would like information on his parents' names and her parents' names. His parents were born in New York and her father was born in Germany and her mother in Connecticut. Their son Chester **GOULD** was born in

Brownville, Jefferson County, New York in May of 1842. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

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Monday, 14 March @ 6PM: Anne Davis, JCNYGS Vice President. "Cemetery Restoration in Jefferson County." Ms. Davis will address restoration efforts at the Muskellunge, Rutland and Kelsey Bridge cemeteries.

Monday, 11 April @ 6PM: William L. Bamann, Camp Commander, Walter H. French Camp #37. "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." Commander Bamann will discuss recent SUVCW activities & Resources for Civil War research and will share anecdotes about local Civil War soldiers.

Monday, 9 May @ 6PM: Lynn Thornton, Town of Champion Historian. "The Hubbards and the Settling of Champion Village." Ms. Thornton's talk will focus on the Hiram Hubbard Homestead.

Note 1: Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

Note 2: Thank you George Inglehart, church liaison, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints local leadership for the free use of the building for JCNYGS programs.

Directions to LDS Church where we are presently holding our meetings:

From Rt. 81, take exit 44 to Rt. 232 towards Watertown. Drive 1.1 miles and take the second left hand turn on to Ives Street Road. Continue straight into the city. The LDS chapel is the second building on the right, across from IHC, as you enter the city limits.

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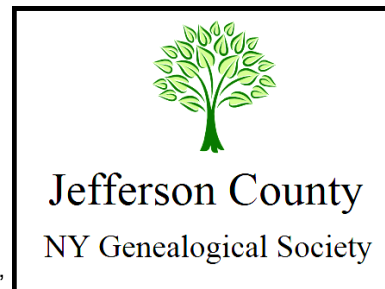
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President's Message

Thank you for being an active member of the Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society. You are the reason for our existence. We are always pleased to see those that can make our monthly meetings. Thankfully, we also continue to receive genealogical articles from members all across the United States and Canada—thank you! If you haven't, please take the time to write and share your ancestor stories with us—us being your fellow society members!

In the previous several *Informers* there has been a spotlight article. These spotlights provide a short insight to living and breathing people. In interviewing Larry Corbett this quarter, he commented that if he had interviewed his grandfather, how valuable the stories would be now. Most of you have researched your deceased ancestors. We now encourage you to interview your living loved ones such as your father, your mother, your grandparents, your aunts and uncles, etc. Compile their information and give them a chance to review it for edits. Or you may encourage your children or grandchildren to interview you, today!

Effective with the 2016 - 2017 membership year (beginning 1 July 2016), annual dues are \$18.00 for individuals, \$20.00 for family. This is a slight increase over the long standing \$15.00 dues; however we eliminated the additional \$6.00 U.S. / \$10.00 Canadian postage fee so the majority of members will enjoy immediate savings. Although we

had 65 members who signed up for the internet based *Informers* in 2015 – 2016, we were obliged to mail the *Informers* to all members to receive the bulk rate for 200 plus mailings. Fewer than 200 mailings and the postage rate became first-class and prohibitively expensive. All members will continue receiving the login and password for the on-line version and all members will receive the printed version. If a member does not want the printed version, we encourage sharing it with a friend, a local library, or placing it in a location frequented by others who are or could become interested in genealogy. Stray *Informers* have a way of soliciting new members!

Speaking of *Informers*, on your society website (www.jcnysgs.com) are all the *Informers* since 1994. These can be "searched" using Optical Character Recognition technology. Open an *Informers* for any given year (for convenience, we packaged them a year at a time), save the copy to your desktop, then open your search box and type a word or name. If it is anywhere in that publication, the cursor will go to that page.

Lastly, save the date of Saturday, 8 October 2016. This will be the second annual History and Genealogy Fair at the Jefferson County Historical Society in Watertown. Last year we saw over 25 exhibitors and expect an even larger turnout this year. Keep your eyes peeled for more information in the months ahead.

In closing, thank you again for all the many hands involved in making the society great; from the programs chair, to our lecturers, to our member writers, to our treasurer and secretary, to our editor and publishers, to you, our most dedicated members. All of the various branches of the society keep this genealogy tree living and bearing new fruit.

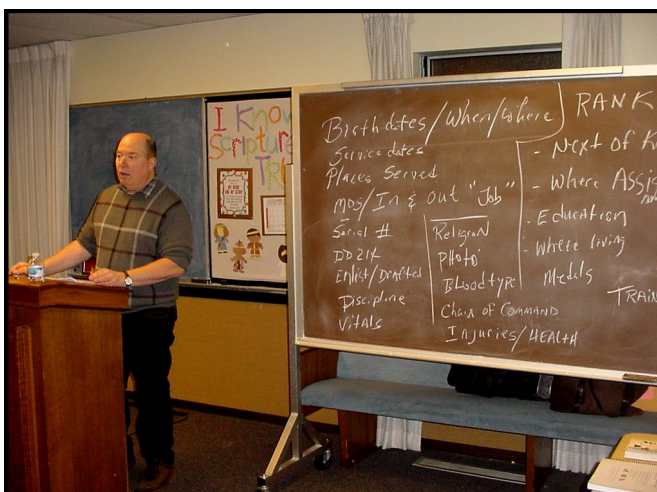
Respectfully, Tom LaClair, President

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, February 8, 2016
 Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The monthly meeting of the JCNYS was held on February 8th. Those in attendance included Jerry and Marilyn Davis, Dan and Sue Grant, Larry Corbett, Bruce and Mary Coyne, Tammy Plantz, Jim and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Mary Ransome, George Inglehart, Warren Allen, Nan Dixon, Jon Holcombe, Wally Keeler, Anne Davis, Tom LaClair, William and Faye Simmons, Steven Guy, Connie Barone and Jeannie Brennan.

Larry Corbett, Treasurer, reported the current balances of our accounts: CD \$2418.14, checking account \$3928.44 and savings account \$402.23.



Thomas LaClair, JCNYS President, presented a program on "The National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel Records, St. Louis Missouri." This institution functions as the caretaker of military personnel, health and medical records of discharged/deceased veterans of all services during the 20th century, chiefly records from WW1 and WW2. Civil War veteran records may be accessed through the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and Revolutionary War service and pension records may be accessed on Ancestry.com and Fold3.com, both of which are subscription websites.

Older military personnel records prior to 1912 (enlisted) and 1917 (officers) are on file at Textual Archives Services Division, Washington, DC 20408. Military personnel records from 1912 (enlisted) and 1917 (officers) to the present time are held in the National Personnel Records Center, 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63138. Telephone is 314-801-0800.

The website address for the NPRC is: <http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/index.html>.



Tom explained that Archival Records are those that are more than 62 years after the service member's separation from the military. These records are open to the public. Records of individuals who left the service less than 62 years ago are "non-archival" and not releasable to the general public. They may be released to a next of kin.

Tom shared with us two sample requests he had made to the NPRC for records and we were impressed with the amount of information that was contained in the documents that they sent him.

The agency receives four to five thousand requests a day, so be prepared to wait up to three months for a reply. There is no charge for most services provided to service members or next-of-kin of deceased veterans. A nominal fee is charged for certain types of service. In most instances, service fees cannot be determined in advance, so you will receive an invoice with your records.



Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2016
Tammy Plantz, Secretary

President Tom LaClair opened the business part of the meeting at 6:00. The attendees included: Tom LaClair, Larry Corbett, Anne Davis, Jim and Roberta Calhoun Eagan, Marilyn and Jerry Davis, Nan Dixon, Dan and Judy Ames, Bruce Coyne, Greg and Tammy Plantz, Wally Keeler, George Inglehart, Warren Allen and Steven Guy.

Larry Corbett, Treasurer, reported on our current financial accounts: One-year CD, \$2418.14; checking account \$4032.44; savings account \$402.23, for a total of \$6852.81. A motion was made and seconded to accept this report, subject to audit.

It was suggested to change the annual dues to \$18 per annum, starting July 1. After discussion a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the change in the dues. After the close of the business meeting, Roberta, Programs Chairman, introduced our speaker, Anne Davis, whose topic was "The Restoration of the Rutland Hollow, Muskalonge, and Kelsey Bridge Cemeteries."



Monday's speaker Anne Davis

These cemeteries were overgrown and had many broken and buried stones. Anne said that since NY State returned the cemeteries to the towns for upkeep, their only obligation is to mow two times a year. Often even this has not been done.

Michael Hinckley started the cleaning up of Rutland Hollow Cemetery. With the addition of volunteer help, he repaired and cleaned 89 stones and built benches for the visitors to the cemetery which contains approximately 300 burials.



Kelsey Bridge Cemetery is in the Town of Theresa. This cemetery has been transformed from a dense growth of brush with many fallen and broken stones to a well-kempt area with a view of the Indian River and all stones upright. The DAR and SAR have had two grave marking ceremonies to honor Revolutionary soldiers buried here.

The Muskalonge Cemetery cleanup was started by Bev Sterling and Anne Davis. They produced a five-year plan for the cemetery restoration that they presented to the town board. After receiving approval to go ahead with the project, they were joined by community and business volunteers. This cemetery had suffered extensive damage from vandalism. Besides uprighting, cleaning and repairing many stones, they also have added a bench, a flagpole and flag, flowers and a cemetery sign. Plans are being made for a rededication of the cemetery.

Anne shared a powerpoint presentation to show us the amazing progress that has been made in the cemetery's restoration. As a group, to show our support of their ongoing project, we voted to give two hundred dollars toward the Muskalonge Cemetery restoration and re-dedication project.

Anne talks to visitors Dan and Judy Ames while George Inglehart talks to Warren Allen



Family Ties Among Watertown's Early Settlers: The Paddocks and the Calhouns

By JCNYS member Roberta D. Calhoun-Eagan

Loveland Paddock, best remembered for the *Paddock Arcade*, was actually one of four Herkimer County siblings to settle in Watertown in the early 1800s. The group included John Paddock, Sarah Paddock Calhoun, Betsey Paddock Tanner and Loveland, all children of Capt. John Paddock and Mary Loveland of Middletown, CT.



Capt. John Paddock homestead, Frankfort Hill.
Paddock Genealogy Collection, Flower Library.

In this family four Loveland sisters married four Paddock brothers. Mary was the sister who "would never marry a Paddock, because she would *not* do just as her sisters did." But John won her heart just the same.

John Paddock served in the Revolution as a Lieutenant in the First Company, 23rd Regt of the Connecticut militia. Some believe he was also a privateer, preying on Tory supply ships or joining fellow New Englanders to raid West Indies forts. Like his father-in-law Capt. John Loveland before him, John commanded a vessel after the war to trade in the West Indies. He sailed to St. Eustatius and Martinique in 1787, transporting products such as sugar, molasses, rum, salt, fruit, and coffee.

During the 1790s in his forties, Capt. John Paddock retired from the sea to take up farming near Utica. One might wonder, how did a sea captain in the prime of his life end up the Mohawk Valley?

The story was lost for generations until newspaper records revealed that Mary Loveland Paddock's only brother was lost at sea in 1788, together with a brother

-in-law and two nephews. With so many sisters having married brothers, this tragedy left the family reeling.

John had also gambled with the risk of yellow fever, seizure by foreign ships, and pressures to overload ships for profit. He purchased land at Frankfort Hill, NY in 1794 and began clearing his modest 120 acres for a log cabin. This structure was replaced by a small home that stood for over 100 years. This was likely the site of the 1801 marriage of Sarah Paddock to Chauncey Calhoun, her nearest neighbor.

The first Paddock to settle in Watertown was John and Mary's oldest son John Paddock, Esq. (1777-1816). It appears John followed his father-in-law, Capt. Tilley Richardson, who traveled ca. 1803.



John Paddock, Esq.
Paddock Genealogy
Collection, Flower
Library.

Upon arrival in 1805, the younger John partnered with William Smith to establish *Smith & Paddock*, the first store in Watertown, with goods shipped out of Utica by wagon. In 1807, seventeen sleighs took 23 days to arrive with supplies from Utica.

John's timing could not have been better with so many new settlers clearing land. He quickly grew wealthy from the manufacture of potash. In 1806 he became an investor in Jonathan Cowan's mill, and he also supported a distillery.

In about 1810 John removed to Brownville, establishing its first store in 1813. He put his brother-in-law William Tanner, husband of Betsey Paddock, in charge of his Watertown projects. In 1813-14 John became the fifth Jefferson County Sheriff, simultaneously becoming shareholder in another mill with Tanner, who soon quit his role as a merchant to begin farming.

John grew busier as the years passed. In 1815 he built Watertown's Paddock block, which stood until the fire of 1849. In 1816 he established the first Jefferson County Bank, being named President after a long and contentious debate over the bank's location. Paddock sided with Brownville residents, still feeling the loss of the title of County Seat to Watertown.

When it became apparent that the Brownville contingent would lose, Paddock engineered a compromise to place the bank in Adams, a decision unsatisfactory to all involved. Shortly thereafter at the close of 1816, John Paddock died suddenly at age 39. He was buried Brownville and was later memorialized

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at Brookside in Watertown.

One might suppose that John Paddock, Esq. paved the way for his younger brother Loveland's financial success, but the record does not bear this out. In fact, it has been suggested that John left his affairs in such a state that it took years for Loveland to be free of them.

Born in 1794, Loveland was almost a generation younger than John. By adolescence he was bartering with Utica merchants to supply the family farm.

Although accounts vary widely, it is likely that Loveland left Frankfort Hill at age 15 in 1809, as stated in his obituary, with \$3 to \$6 in his pocket to apprentice under John as a Watertown clerk. At first his duties were limited to shoveling potash, chopping wood and measuring grain.

But Loveland advanced quickly. Late in 1812 at age 18, he persuaded his brother-in-law William Tanner to lend him the money to lease a Sackets Harbor storefront, where he sold provisions to soldiers and turned a \$600 profit. He had to divide the earnings with Tanner, who argued that he had assumed the risk, so was entitled to the share. Loveland never formed another partnership again.

Loveland briefly served in the War of 1812 in the same company as his brother-in-law Chauncey Calhoun. In 1815 at age 21, he superintended the building of two of John's stores in the Paddock block, then went on to manage one. In 1816 Loveland opened his own store, which provided the foundation for his wealth.

Loveland Paddock is best remembered for two achievements—the 1844 establishment of the Black River Bank, which extended his fortune, and for building the *Paddock Arcade* after the 1849 fire reduced his stores to rubble. He was 55 years of age, young enough to begin again.

In contrast, Loveland's brother-in-law Chauncey

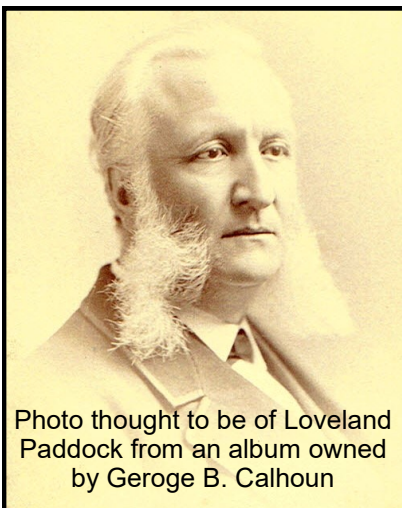


Photo thought to be of Loveland Paddock from an album owned by Geroge B. Calhoun

Calhoun was much older, a contemporary of John Paddock, Esq. Having already married Sarah Paddock, Chauncey arrived in Watertown ca. 1805 about the time as John, and may have accompanied him.

A carpenter, joiner and master mechanic with one known apprentice,

Chauncey built many early Watertown buildings. In 1810 he constructed the Jabez Foster residence, which in 1847 became the home of Loveland Paddock for the remainder of his life.

Given the paucity of information about the lives of individual women in the early 1800s, what we know about Sarah Paddock Calhoun must be gleaned from the record of her husband's life and work. While Chauncey served in the War of 1812, Sarah was left to manage a growing household of five children.

The four-year gap before the birth of her sixth child is partly explained by Chauncey's frequent absences. After the war Chauncey worked in Sackets Harbor to build an enormous barnlike "ship house" to shelter the unfinished *New Orleans* in case it should be called into action.

Calhoun was also one of three original carpenters for the Madison Barracks. Much of this work occurred in 1816, the year without a summer. While Chauncey endured unseasonable frost and snow alternating with 100 degree heat, Sarah struggled to save the family gardens and orchards in a time of widespread crop failure.

Sarah had to budget household resources carefully—despite her brothers' wealth—as Chauncey was not paid for his work as a government contractor for 25 years and was apparently never paid in full. It took an act of Congress for him and others to be paid at all. The man who spearheaded this fight was none other than William Smith, original partner of John Paddock back in 1805. Smith also designed the ship house for the *New Orleans*.

A Watertown village trustee in 1818 and 1827, Chauncey was a founder of the Universalist church, where Sarah would have taught Sunday school. He served as administrator of John Paddock's estate, and in turn, Loveland Paddock witnessed Chauncey's will.

Chauncey and Sarah's Watertown home near Public Square was built far back from the street (roughly behind today's Empsalls building) with a view of the Black River, mill and falls. It was a large residence on a lot extending from Court to Anthony Street with an apple and plum orchard. The Calhouns tended a garden "in which they raised the finest vegetables."

In the fire of 1849 Calhoun lost this residence as well as much of his legacy—the many structures and Watertown residences he had built—at age 73. Within three weeks he lost his son Alvin, followed by a daughter, Sarah, in 1850, and his oldest son Ebenezer in 1854. While Chauncey and Sarah rebuilt on outer Washington Street, selling part of their former lot to the railroad, they were not in a position like Loveland Paddock to begin again.

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When Sarah died in 1860 her obituary appeared in the *Chicago Democrat*. This was the first newspaper in Chicago, founded by her son John Calhoun (1808-1859) on November 26, 1833 when the village had a mere 900 residents. The launching of Chicago's first newspaper by a Watertown native was occasionally recalled by area newspapers but eventually forgotten, and the 200th anniversary of his birth in 2008 passed without notice.

In his youth it appeared that John Calhoun was destined for carpentry, as he was "famous among his playmates in building sleds" and skates. Instead, he applied these skills to construct furniture suitable for an office. He managed the *Democrat* for three years except when forced to suspend publication at the close of navigation in 1835, when his supply of paper failed to arrive.

After a severe illness, John sold the newspaper in 1836, and it came into the hands of Long John Wentworth. Although holding positions such as Cook County Assessor and City Alderman, John acknowledged that he was never driven to succeed, and said of himself, "he never had a great ambition to be rich, and thus far, all his aspirations have been realized." John's obituary characterized him as ill-suited for business and politics: he "was a man universally respected and admired for his honesty, truthfulness, and open-hearted frankness, which almost amounted to the simplicity and guilelessness of a child."

Nevertheless, for the written record he left of life in the 1830s, describing Chicago's landscape, growth, shipping, and events such as the annual distribution of Indian annuities, John Calhoun is increasingly remembered as one of Chicago's earliest historians.



John Calhoun, Watertown native who launched Chicago's first newspaper

Had he lived longer, John's brother Alvin Calhoun may have also held a place in Chicago history. As fire chief in 1839-40, he received the city's gratitude for containing Chicago's first major fire. Alvin was cited for heroism for saving many ships—and therefore, the city's commerce—during Chicago's Flood of 1849. But he died months later of cholera. His daughter Sarah Paddock Calhoun Forrest at the time of her death was Chicago's

longest surviving resident, and the subject of annual remembrances of early city life in several newspaper articles.

After the loss of all five sons of Sarah Paddock Calhoun by 1862, Calhoun descendants became less frequent collaborators with the Paddocks, and more often their employees. The last partnership found in the Watertown record is the 1876 erection of *The Model Barn of Northern New York*, built for Loveland's son Oscar Paddock by his cousin James Calhoun. The barn included bedrooms, a parlor and sitting room, a carriage house and stable, an ice house, rooms for plants and vegetables in winter, and even a water closet and a henry. (This barn was extensively remodeled over the years to house the Husted photo studio*, the Elks Lodge and lastly the Curtis-Holmes building. It was demolished in 1970). James Calhoun continued to do repair work for the Paddocks, and spent his final days as a resident of the Paddock building.

Paddock-Calhoun collaborations continue to this day. In 1947-48, Edwin Loveland Paddock corresponded with James' son Anson Calhoun to share the family history. Because copies of these letters were used for this writer's DAR application under Capt. John Paddock, they are housed in Washington DC's DAR Library. This application was supported by Floradell Ogle, a descendant of Betsey Paddock Tanner.

In 2015 the DAR formerly recognized Capt. John's father Zachariah Paddock for patriotic service performed in Middletown, CT, during the Revolution. That same year, a descendant of Capt. John through his daughter Mary was accepted to the DAR with the help of family papers found at Watertown's Flower Library by this writer. Work is underway to determine whether the organization will recognize Zachariah's father Seth Paddock of Dutchess County, NY for a supply tax he paid during the Revolution to contribute to the war effort.

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When Families Leave the Dead Behind

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Abram Freeman, son of Edward, was born in Jefferson or Herkimer County in about 1825. Sometime, probably before 1854 (when their first child was born), he married Elizabeth (also called Betsy/Betsey and Bonney) MNU (if anyone has this information, please contact author). They made their home in the Freeman District, Brownville, until about 1864 or 1865, when the family is found on the 1865 New York State Census, Richland, Oswego County, where Abram continues his occupation as a farmer.

Four children were born while they were in Jefferson County: Gilderoy (Roy), born about 1854; Isabella (Elsa), born about 1855; George, born about 1856; and Amos Elliott, born 2 February 1860. About a year before the birth of Amos (usually called Elliott), Isabella died (26 January 1859) and was buried in the Freeman Cemetery on the Freeman Farm, Freeman District, Morris Tract. Just before the family uprooted and moved to Oswego County, Gilderoy died (10 March 1864) and was buried next to his sister. I have no idea the cause of either death.



Exactly how long after Gilderoy's death the family left Jefferson County is not clear, but their stay in Oswego County lasted just a couple of years. While there, Elizabeth gave birth to two more children: Edwin (about 1863) and Carrie (about 1865). By 1868, they were in Clay, Onondaga County where Sarah and Eugene (in August of 1868 and 1870, respectively) were born. In later years, Abram's brother Isaac, also a farmer, lived with them in Onondaga County, where most of the rest of the family lived, died, and were eventually buried in Pine Plains Cemetery. But those first two children, dying back in Jefferson County, were a long way from the family by then.

For some reason, these two graves in the Freeman

Cemetery strike me as a sad reminder that families move, change, sometimes lose touch . . . now, I can't say that the family no longer was in touch with the rest of Abram's kin (or Elizabeth's, whomever they may be). In fact, letters found in the estate of Abram's older brother William makes it sound as if the family continued to stay in touch in one way or another. But did anyone visit those two dead children? Well, I did, on a genealogical jaunt to Jefferson County, and was so moved by the isolation of those stones of my first cousins, 3x removed, that I wrote a song about it. I present it here as a poem (copyrighted, 2009, Riverside County, California) and feel impressed to share it. I have taken some poetic liberties, in particular, the condition of the cemetery: the people living next door (or others) have done a wonderful job of keeping the graveyard in good condition, so pardon my reference to any other appearance.

Two Small Stones

By Jean Wilcox Hibben ©2009.

The rain falling down are the heavens that weep,
Over two small stones, where two children sleep.

Down a long, lonesome road, rarely traveled at all
Is a small graveyard, with the grass growing tall.
Among the unkempt graves, forgotten and alone,
Are those of two children who died long ago.

The flowers that bloom there they smell so sweet,
By two small stones, where two children sleep.
The first grave is Elsa's, she was barely four
When the Angel of Death came and knocked at her door.
The second stone say "Roy," a boy of just ten,
Left the family to grieve for a lost child again.

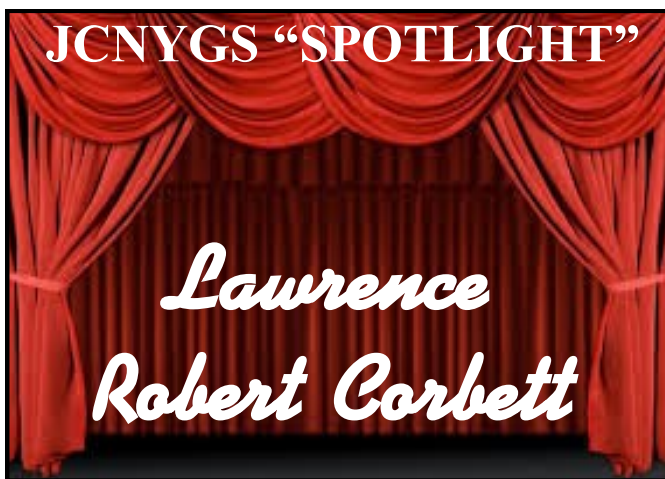
The leaves falling down, they crunch 'neath my feet,
Around two small stones, where two children sleep.

Six siblings were left to remember the pair,
But the family moved on, settling far from there.
So I go to that place and I cry for those babes,
Left there behind in their cold, lonely graves.

The snow falling down, it's soft and it's deep,
Over two small stones, where those two children sleep.

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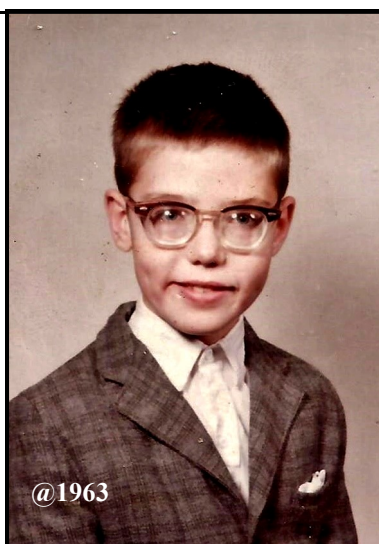
(Interviewed by JCNYSGS President Tom LaClair)

JCNYSGS member and author David A. Kendall, in his book, *When Descendants Become Ancestors, The Flip Side of Genealogy*, writes “there are five reasons why all people should be recording their life experiences and interpretations, the most common and obvious is to provide a path of continuity for family descendants.” This is a basis for our quarterly *Informer* spotlights—to capture stories of the living for descendants in the future. As Dave further highlights, “Congratulations—you’re going to be an ancestor (someday).” In the spirit of this wise guidance, this quarter we sat down with Lawrence Robert Corbett, aka Larry Corbett, in hopes of catching a glimpse into his life’s experiences.



The eldest of ten children, Larry was born in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York on 26 Aug 1951, the son of Robert Patrick Corbett Sr. and Betty Gwendolyn Cummings. He was brought home from Mercy Hospital in a green 1948 Chevy Panel Truck to a tiny building on VanDuzee Street that had previously served as his father’s hot dog stand. As the family grew, they moved into larger apartments, until Larry’s dad built a new home on New York Avenue in Watertown. This was 1956, the same year Larry entered Miss Risley’s kindergarten class at Mead School.

In 1959 Larry’s mother enrolled Larry and his younger siblings in the Dexter Juvenile Grange. The same year, during the opening session of the State Grange Convention held at the Avon Theater in Watertown, eight-year-old Larry recited Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address from memory. In 1961, the family moved to a larger home at 257 West Main Street, where the Corbett children attended Cooper Street School. At Cooper, Larry joined the school chorus, an activity he continued to enjoy throughout his school years. He



graduated from 6th grade in 1963.

It was then off to North Junior High where he attended classes from 1963 to 1966. Continuing to participate in Grange programs, now six years since joining, his culmination came at the 1965 State Fair in Syracuse where Larry earned first place honors in the Junior Grange talent competition for reciting “Oh Captain, My Captain” – an extended metaphor poem written in 1865 by Walt Whitman, about the death of Abraham Lincoln. Larry loved to debate with his siblings and other students, and his friends aptly nicknamed him “Little Genius.” During these impressionable years he vividly recalls President John F. Kennedy being shot and he fondly recalls the Beatles appearing on the Ed Sullivan Show. Larry felt at ease in front of an audience and in 1965 he also served as master of ceremonies for the junior high talent show.

Attending Watertown High School from 1966 to 1969, he graduated with a Regents Diploma and earned a New York State Regents Scholarship. After graduation, he and his family moved to 119 West Main Street in Sackets Harbor (the Hooker House, built circa 1810). In the fall of 1969, Larry entered Jefferson Community College and in early 1970 he met Cindy Sue Randall, who would become important in Larry’s life. In 1971, he transferred to Oswego State with a major in Secondary Education. As a news announcer on the college radio station, Larry worked with Albert “Al” Roker Jr., best known now for being the weather anchor on NBC’s Today Show. In the summer of 1972, Larry came home to Sackets Harbor, and as love will have it, on 2 Sep 1972, Larry Corbett and Cindy Randall were married at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Watertown by Rev. Russell Champlin. After marriage, it was off to an apartment in Syracuse for the newlyweds, while student-teacher Larry Corbett taught 7th grade English at Driver Middle School in Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York. Soon, it was back to classes at Oswego, earning his Bachelor of Arts in May, 1973.

In 1974, Larry and Cindy moved to 537 Gotham Street in Watertown where their first born son Randal Lawrence Corbett (spelled with one l) was born soon after, the same week President Nixon resigned from office—Larry loves to provide such detail. During this same timeframe Larry took a job at Hilltop Plaza with Jreck Subs. Their second child, Daniel Kenneth

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Wedding Day 1972

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Corbett was born in 1976—a Bicentennial baby. It was during this Bicentennial year, that Larry's mom recorded family tidbits and genealogical information on both of his parent's families and gave it to him in a spiral notebook as a birthday gift. This is where Larry's first love of genealogy was sparked. Larry was later mentored by Junia Fitch Stanton, Watertown's City Historian, and by local history buff, Alex Duffy. In 1976 Larry was also promoted to Manager of Hilltop Plaza Jreck Subs. Then on Cindy's 25th birthday in 1977, their third son Aaron James Corbett was born—a wonderful birthday present!

In 1978, Larry won the WWNY-Radio Trivia Tournament of Champions. He was called "master of trivia" by those in his close circles, and to this day, he loves to watch "Jeopardy!" In 1979, Larry and Cindy purchased the Jreck Subs franchise for Cayuga County, New York, and moved to Auburn, where they operated two sub shops until 1983, when Larry, ready for a change after 10 years of fast food management, became assistant manager at Kay-Bee Toys at the Finger Lakes Mall. During these years Larry's interest in genealogy (and his family tree) continued to grow. He and Cindy spent many hours researching their family histories at libraries, records offices and cemeteries.

In 1984, the Corbetts moved into the Binsse Street home in Watertown where he lives today. He served

as a Registration Clerk in the office of the Jefferson County Board of Elections from 1984-1989; a Calculations Clerk from 1989-1992 and a drug counselor from 1992-94 at the Cape Vincent Correctional Facility. He also served on the City Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Jefferson County Planning Board; and from 1984 to 2007, Larry and Cindy represented the 9th Ward on the Jefferson County Democratic Committee. Shortly after arriving at his Binsse Street home, Larry also joined the North Side Improvement League, Inc. in 1984, and was elected and served two one-year terms as Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Vice President before his election as President of the League in 1996 and 1997, and Board of Directors Chairman in 1998 and 1999. During these busy years, Cindy gave birth to their fourth son, who was sadly a full-term stillbirth. Patrick Alec Corbett was delivered on 1 March 1988.

In 1998, Larry joined the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society (JCNYGS). Genealogy must have hit a strong chord, because in 2000 he took a job with the U.S. Census Bureau and served as an Office Operations Supervisor for Census 2000, overseeing a staff of 12 people in the recruitment of census takers in four counties (Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence and Franklin). After letting his membership in the society lapse for several years due to his wife's illness, Larry rejoined in 2008 and has been active since, serving as Corresponding Secretary in 2009 and 2010, and JCNYGS President from 2010 – 2012. In addition he has served as treasurer since 2013. Over the past eight years he has provided an untold number of officers, members and guests with research support and genealogical advice! To catalog his growing genealogy collection, Larry brought home his first computer in 1982, and more over the intervening years. He created "Larry Corbett's Genealogy Pages" <http://corbettconnections.net/> soon after going online in 1996. Larry uses Brother's Keeper for Windows genealogy software where he maintains a database containing nearly 100,000 names.

He also created the Missing in Adoption page to assist in adoption reunions. After assisting in several dozen such reunions, Larry found his own son, Lawrence "Dusty" Rawson, who had been given up for adoption in 1970. The meeting was joyous and the two remain close today. Larry has four grandchildren: Neil and Maria Rawson and Julia and Holly Corbett.

Sadly, on New Year's Eve 2007 (31 December 2006), his beautiful wife of 35 years, Cindy died of emphysema at age 55. In her memory, Larry continues to do genealogy research. Larry does free introductory research for others just getting started. In May 2008, Larry met Susan Kirkegaard and the two were companions until her death on 20 June 2011. She died from metastatic lung cancer. Larry went on to say he reads extensively, mostly history and science

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discs. He enjoys music and has a collection of over 1,000 music cassettes, mostly blues and oldies. He plays blues harmonica and relished playing in an open mike at the world famous Buckingham Blues Bar in Ft. Myers, Florida. Larry also enjoys his membership in the local archaeology chapter, where he currently serves as Vice President. Lastly, he shared the fact that he enjoys watching his New York Yankees. Other occupations Larry held through the years include: roofer, paper mill worker, IT at GISCO, short order cook, hospital nutrition aide, recycling center worker, painter, furniture mover, and youth counselor.

Larry is an entertaining person to sit and listen to. He is humble and quick to recognize the many who have blessed his paths. Larry's father died in 2003 and his mom in 2012. Both told many, many, stories from their own lives and their family history—a tradition Larry carries on today. Larry recently taught a JCNYS lecture on DNA processes and connections to modern genealogy research. In addition to his duties as treasurer and corresponding secretary, he is a member of the 2016 History and Genealogy Fair planning committee. In closing this genealogy segment, thank you Larry for allowing us to catch but just a small glimpse through the window of your life and experiences—a worthy spotlight! For our readers, to see pedigree charts of Larry's ancestors, refer to Pedigrees, Volume One, December 2001, published by JCNYS, Pages 35 – 43.



On the Web: <http://www.jcnys.com>

A GRAVEYARD IS A TYPE OF CEMETERY BUT A CEMETERY IS USUALLY NOT A GRAVEYARD

By Jacob Marian

Some people think *graveyard* and *cemetery* mean the same, but, if we want to be a little nitpicky, we should say that graveyard is a type of cemetery, but cemetery is usually not a graveyard. To understand the difference, we need a little bit of history.

From about the 7th century, the process of burial was firmly in the hands of the Church (meaning the organization), and burying the dead was only allowed on the lands near a church (now referring to the building), the so-called *churtyard*. The part of the churchyard used for burial is called graveyard, an example of which you can see in the picture.

As the population of Europe started to grow, the capacity of graveyards was no longer sufficient (the population of modern Europe is almost 40 times higher than it was in the 7th century). By the end of the 18th century, the unsustainability of church burials became apparent, and completely new places, independent of graveyards, were devised—and these were called cemeteries.

The etymology of the two words is also quite intriguing. The origin of “graveyard” is rather obvious; it is a yard filled with graves. However, you might be surprised to hear that “grave” comes from Proto-Germanic *graban*, meaning “to dig”, and is unrelated to “gravel”.

Of course, the word “cemetery” did not appear out of the blue when graveyards started to burst at the seams. It comes from Old French *cimetiere*, which meant, well, graveyard. Nevertheless, the French word originally comes from Greek *koimeterion*, meaning “a sleeping place”. Isn't that poetic?

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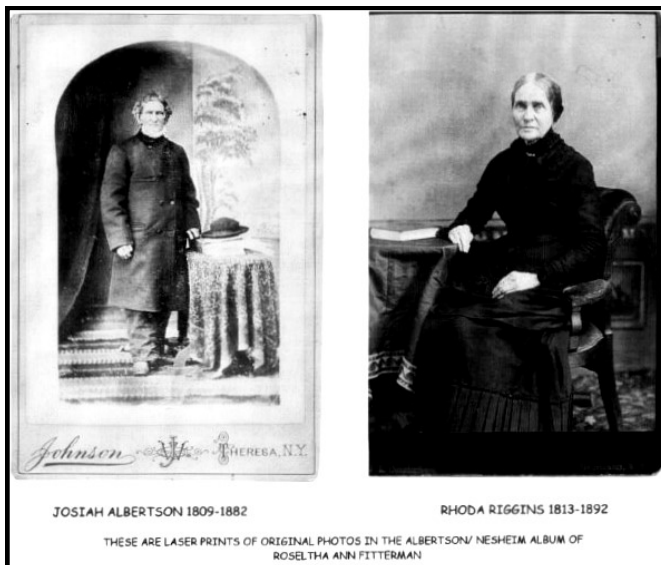


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EARLY PIONEERS JOSIAH AND RHODA (RIGGINS) ALBERTSON

By JCNYS Member Bonnie Albertson Johannes

My paternal 2nd great-grandparents, Josiah and Rhoda Albertson, moved to Theresa, Jefferson County, New York, in 1836 not long after their marriage in Philadelphia PA on the Jun 18, 1835. They were both natives of New Jersey as were their parents. According to biographical information written by their son, Orris, Josiah was born March 29, 1809 and Rhoda born May 06, 1813 at Port Elizabeth along the Maurice River in southern New Jersey. It is confusing as family records will say Rhoda was born in Elizabeth, but the lineage is proven to be Port Elizabeth, two entirely different locations. The birthplace of Josiah is yet unproven. My Josiah is often confused with other Josiah Albertsons, residents of South Jersey. It is assumed that Josiah's and Rhoda's families lived not too distant from each other. The parents of Rhoda Riggins were Orris and Mary (Ellison) Riggins thus explaining the first name Orris in our family that continues in many lines of Josiah and Rhoda's descendants. The Riggins' first immigrant to America was Thomas Regain, b. c1690 in Ulster, North Ireland and died in 1751 in the Maurice River area of New Jersey.



Orris (my GGF) wrote that his father "was a glassblower, who moved to Jefferson County, NY, but who, before that, lived in Oneida County, at Sand Lake, where he followed his trade.

From Oneida he moved to Redwood, Jefferson County, where he also followed his trade." The Redwood Glass plant was established in 1833 in Redwood NY and was likely the destination for Josiah and Rhoda's trek to the North Country of New York. It is in written history of American Glass that glassblowers from South New Jersey took their

methods with them to new plants established in other states, including New York. So it can well be assumed that Josiah was from South Jersey. Also, verbal history down through the family notes that they had a southern accent which was strange to the northern NY area. Glass plant jobs were an uncertain occupation and from 1850 forward the censuses list Josiah as "farmer" with no mention of "glassblower". Josiah and Rhoda first purchased property in 1841 and then, in 1865 sold that and purchased a second home/farm near Redwood. That property currently is the land site of the home of Mary Hunneyman, a great-granddaughter of Margaret Albertson Folts (dau of Josiah and Rhoda). Josiah died 25 Oct 1882 and is buried alongside his daughter, Emma, in the Redwood Cemetery. Rhoda died 14 Jun 1892 at the home of her daughter, Mary Albertson Hough, but her burial site is unknown.

The following nine children were born to Josiah and Rhoda:

1. Samuel Albertson, b. 24 Mar 1836, in Jefferson or St. Lawrence Co., NY, m. Annie Fenimore in Bordentown, NJ on 01 Jan 1863. He died on 09 Jun 1863 (cause unknown) in Bordentown and buried in the Fenimore Family plot of the Bordentown Cemetery.
2. Josiah Henry Albertson, b. 24 Nov 1837, in St. Lawrence Co., NY m. (widow) Annie Fenimore following his Civil War service 01 Oct 1867. Josiah and Annie homesteaded in Otter Tail Co., MN for several years before moving on to Colorado to become ranchers in the late 1870s. They had six children during their life in MN and then one more child after their move to CO. Josiah died 05 Sep 1912 in Lynn Haven, FL. His remains are buried in Arvada Cemetery, Arvada CO. Annie d. 02 Nov 1909 and is buried in Arvada Cemetery, Jefferson Co., CO.
3. Mary E. Albertson, b. 21 Aug 1841, in NJ, married George C. Hough in Theresa. They had four children. Mary died 03 May 1913 and George died in 1909. The Houghs are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Theresa.
4. William Albertson, b. after Jun 1842, d. before Jun 1844 in Theresa.
5. Margaret Albertson, b. 23 Mar 1845, in Theresa married William Walter Folts in New Jersey. W. W. Folts was from Herkimer Co., NY and they purchased the Albertson farm following the death of Rhoda. Seven children were born to Margaret and William. Margaret died 29 Sep 1932 and William W. Folts died in 1908. Both are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Theresa.
6. Emma Ruth Albertson, b. abt 1847, m. Benjamin Sherman. Emma and Benjamin migrated to Minnesota and she bore one son, Benjamin, on 01 May, 1869. After Benjamin Sr. died 15 Oct 1869 of Civil War illness and baby Benjamin d. 26 Feb 1870, both in Douglas Co., MN, Emma returned to Theresa where she died 08 Apr 1873. She is buried in the Redwood Cemetery.
7. Orris Albertson, b. 05 Jan 1850 in Theresa also settled in Otter Tail Co., MN, married (widow)

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Margaret Albertson Folts

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Roseltha Ann (Gould) Corliss on 06 Nov 1873 at Clitherall where they raised five children in Battle Lake, Otter Tail, MN. They were early pioneers and lifelong active members in their community. Orris served as first postmaster, taught public school, was a merchant for many years, farmed, was a boat builder, town clerk, and Sheriff of Otter Tail Co., from 1904 to 1908. Orris died in 1931 and Roseltha in 1933 and are buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Clitherall, MN. There are many interesting stories about Orris and he was labeled the "George Washington of Otter Tail County" by one local researcher.

8. Sarah M. Albertson, b. Jan 1856 in Theresa, m. Byron Victor Hanson on 17 Oct 1877 in Hammond, St. Lawrence Co., NY. Sarah and Byron had one son, Harry. Byron d. 12 Nov 1912, Sarah in 1926, Harry in 1970. All are buried in the Redwood Cemetery, Jefferson Co., NY.

9. Lewis William, b. 29 Mar 1857 in Theresa m. Ellen Bridget McGrann on 26 Nov 1879 in Hammond, St. Lawrence, NY. Lewis and Ellen also migrated to Minnesota and settled to farm in Frazee, Becker Co. north of Otter Tail Co. They had five sons. Lewis d. 09 Jun 1939 and Ellen (d. 19 Jun 1936) and are buried in the Lakeside Cemetery in Frazee.

So, the three sons of Josiah and Rhoda (Josiah Henry,

Orris and Lewis) all migrated west to Minnesota in the late 1860s and early 1870s plus daughter Emma and her husband. The other daughters, Mary, Margaret, and Sarah remained in the Jefferson County area. Some of these women's descendants continue to live in Jefferson County or other neighboring counties. My family line from their son, Orris, ended up in Hoquiam WA on the Pacific Coast.

My husband, Stan, and I have visited Jefferson County twice, first in 1992 and later in 2002 after we had learned much more about my Albertson family history. I have belonged to JCNYS since the early 1990s when I first corresponded with Pat James. Our trips have been so memorable with friendly help everywhere we went. In 2002 we spent precious hours with Doug Stine at the Redwood Cemetery and at his home looking at old records. For whatever reason, the burial of Josiah was still "in arrears" at the Redwood Cemetery so a check was presented to Mr. Stine so my GGF could really RIP! Whether we were at the Courthouse in Watertown, the Flower Library, cemeteries, or just driving the roads viewing my family's ancestral homelands, it was all a joy to us. We even found where the old glass plant once stood in Redwood and glass remains were still there waiting to be touched. Most of all, Mr. Stine put me in touch with a third cousin, Mary Hunneyman. We have shared priceless information and photos. But the mystery remains as who were the parents of Josiah*, where was he born in NJ, and did Josiah have siblings. So far even DNA hasn't been able to answer that question. It's been my Brick Wall for nearly 40 years!! Can anyone help?

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*Ancestry has many entries on their Public Member Files that show parents of Josiah but both the father and mother listed died years prior to Josiah's birth.

Josiah Albertson and his wife Rhoda Riggins



**DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM TREMPER AND
POLLY MYRICK
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY NY**

This Couple Had 11 Children
Migrated to Lake County IN
Then to Lake County CA

By JCNyGS Member Priscilla Tremper Leith

Harrison M. Tremper (1820) born in Jefferson Co NY. Never married, died as a young man on 26 Sept 1846 at Lake Co. IN.

George M. Tremper (1823) born Jefferson Co NY. Never married, was a farmer, and lived with his parents and later widowed mother on their farm. Died 1 Sept 1874 at Lower Lake, Lake Co CA.

Diantha Tremper (1824) born Niagara Co NY. Married in Porter Co IN to John Higgins (1822) a physician and surgeon. They lived in Crown Point IN and had 1 child, Eunice Higgins (1856) who married Julius W. Youche (1848), an attorney.

Lorenzo Bonaparte Tremper (1825) born 24 Jan 1825 in Niagara Co NY. Lorenzo married **Matilda Alexandra Slater (1845)** in Sacramento CA on 12 May 1863. They had 9 children.

Lucy Tremper (1828) born in 1828 in NY. Married **William Sherman (1821)**, a master carpenter and joiner, on 30 Dec 1849 in Lake County IN. They lived in Crown Point, Lake Co IN. 4 children: **Emma (1850)**; **Delmar d.y. (1852)**; **Frances 'Frankie' (1856)**; and **Van H. (1863)**. Died in 1890 at Illinois Northern Hospital for the Insane, where she was a patient, after being committed by her brother-in-law **Dr. Franklin Bedford**, according to one of his descendants.

Van Rensselaer Tremper (1931) born in NY. Was a farmer and lived at Crown Point IN all his life. Married **Susan McClung (1844)** on 30 Sept 1860. They had 3 children: Eunice (1868); Emma D. (1871); and Joseph 'Joe' R. (1873). They emigrated to Lake County CA with Van's older brother Lorenzo Bonaparte Tremper. Van died there between May, 1874 and March, 1877. He is buried in Lower Lake Cemetery. Susan McClung was re-married to **Charles Wilson (1819)**, a farmer living in Lower Lake.

Polly Jane Tremper (1933) born in NY. On 22 June 1851 in Lake County IN she married **Henry Myrick**, a younger brother of her mother who was born in Maine. Apparently he was a widower with a first wife and daughter who had lived in Elk Township, Athens (now Vinton County OH) in 1830 and then came to Indiana. Henry died in December, 1854 in Lake County IN. He and Polly Jane Tremper had 2 children: **Ada Amanda Myrick (1852)** and **Cythera Myrick (1854)**. Polly Jane died quite young on 31 Dec 1858 leaving two small daughters who were absorbed into the household of William and Polly Myrick. Ada later married **Herman S. Backman** in Lake County IN. They moved out to San Bernardino CA where he farmed. They had 2 children: **Frankie Backman (1876)**, a girl, and **Eddie Backman (1877)**, a boy, both born in CA.

John H. Tremper (1836) born in July, 1836 in

NY. Moved back to Westchester County NY where he became an ice dealer harvesting ice from the Hudson River. He lived in Yonkers. His ice was cut in blocks, transported to shore and stored in a warehouse in straw, then shipped down the River to NYC where it was used by wealthy households, hotels and restaurants to preserve food. Married **Frances Tompkins (1840)** on 3 June 1863. She was a daughter of **William Shute Tompkins (1812)** and Martha Augusta Hatfield (1818) born in August, 1840. William S. Tompkins served in the Mexican-American War. He was a drum maker whose career spanned several decades. He made field drums that were used during the Civil War and his drums became collectors' items and quite valuable. In 1870 he owned real estate valued at \$45,000 – quite a sum for that time – and personal property worth \$5,000. He died sometime between 1870 and 1880. **John H. Tremper** and **Frances Tompkins** had 8 children: **Fanny (1865)**; **Charles (1868)**; **George R. (1870)**; **Louise L. (1873)**; **Ella (1877)**; **Harriot (1879)**; **May (1881)**; and **Marian (1882)**. Frances Tompkins died on 18 March 1926 at Darien CT and is buried in Oakland Cemetery in Yonkers NY. After her death John H. Tremper went to live with his daughter Marian and son-in-law Merwin L. Smith in Darien. He died on 19 July 1930 at Darien CT.

William L. Tremper (1837) born in April, 1837 in Niagara County NY. Lived with his parents on their farm in Center Township, Lake County IN and worked as a farmer, then served as a soldier in the Civil War. He enlisted at Crown Point on 16 August 1862 and was discharged on 24 March 1863 near Gallatin TN. Was a private in Company A, 73rd Regiment, Indiana Infantry under Lt. Fry. Never married. He disappeared from US Census records after 1860, apparently headed west to become a miner. He is listed in records compiled by the staff of the Idaho State Historical Society and posted on a Civil War Veterans' Index found on the internet. In his Civil War pension application he stated, "I lived in Utah and Idaho, left Utah in 1878, came to Idaho, have been here ever since." He showed up in the 1900 federal census living alone in the Stanley Precinct of Custer County ID. Like his brother Lorenzo Bonaparte Tremper, he was a gold miner. At that point he had been unemployed for 8 months of the past year, but owned his own home which was a tent in the Stanley Precinct. Died in 1908 in Ada County ID.

James S. Tremper (1843) born in NY. On 27 September 1869 in Lake County IN he married **Elizabeth Dyer (1850)** on 27 Sept 1869 at Valpariso IN. They had 2 children, **Van Harry (1870)** and **Frankie Matilda (1873)**. Elizabeth Dyer and her daughter moved out to Idaho where they were pioneers in the Pahsimero Valley of Lemhi County.

Olive Antoinette Tremper (1845) born in Lake County IN. Married **Franklin Bedford (1829)** on 3 Jan 1866. He was a physician and was born in Canada. They lived in Brooklyn, Lee County IL in

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1880. They had 2 children: **Eugenie 'Eunie' Bedford (1871)** and **Franklin 'Frank' Bedford (1875)**.

Olive Antoinette Tremper and Franklin Bedford were divorced between 1880 and 1893. He had Antoinette committed to the Northern Indiana Hospital for the Insane, allegedly suffering from "Chronic Mania" and thinking that she was God. As of June, 1900 he was re-married to **Alice More (1849)** and living in Maple Park Village, Kane Co IL while Olive Antoinette was still an inmate at that hospital. She died there on 18 March 1910. **Dr. Franklin Bedford** died in Maple Park IL on 15 Jan 1911.

Eugenie Bedford (1871) was born in March, 1871 in IN. In 1888 she married **William Ellis Smith (1848)**, a widower. They went to Seattle WA where his family lived. He was a real estate agent in 1910. William E. Smith died before January, 1920. Eugenie then lived with her daughter Florence and son-in-law Luther J. Hull. Eugenie Bedford and William E. Smith had 3 children: **Ada Eugenie Smith (1889)**; **Florence Edith Smith (1891)**; and, **William Ellis Smith (1897)**.

Ada Eugenie Smith (1889), born in Feb, 1889 in Seattle, died of "Articular Rheumatism" in 1902.

Florence Edith Smith (1891), born in Feb, 1891, still lived with her parents in 1910. Married **Luther J. Hull (1876)** in 1914. He was a salmon broker and an employer. Later he was called a "fish packer" and an employer, in the 1930 census. Florence Edith Smith and Luther J. Hull had 2 children: **John Tyler Hull (1916)**; and **Eugenia Hull (1924)**. John Tyler Hull and his wife, name unknown, had a child, **Linda Hull (1945)**. John died in 1993. Linda Hull married **Kurt Roberts** and had a daughter **Suzanne Roberts** who was living in Seattle WA about 2007.

Franklin 'Frank' Bedford, Jr (1875) born 11 Jan 1875 in IL. Lived with his parents and sisters in Compton, Lee Co IL in 1880. On 31 Oct 1908 in Delaware he married **Katie Wagner (1867)**. They lived in Philadelphia where he was employed as a foreman at an oil refinery in 1910. They had 1 child: **Kathryn Alice (1909)**. Katie Wagner died in Philadelphia on 8 Dec 1911 at age 44. Second, Franklin, Jr married **Ella Melrath (1877)**. They had 3 more daughters: **Eugenie Melrath Bedford (1913)**; **Ellen Bedford (1915)**; and **Frances Antoinette Bedford (1919)**. In 1920 they lived in Meadville, Crawford Co PA where he was a salesman for an oil company. By 1930 the family was living in Venango Township, Crawford Co PA. He was a salesman for Atlantic Refining Co. **Franklin Bedford, Jr** died in 1940 in Venango PA. Ella Melrath died in 1953. Both are buried in Saegertown Cemetery in Saegertown PA.

Editor's Notes: Priscilla Tremper Leith has an extensive list of credits for her research on this article. If a reader would like to have more information, or learn more of her book "Descendants of Johan Jacob Tromper Jr., (1715 - 1754) and Anna Marie Pfeiffer (1710 - ?)," contact Priscilla directly at ispris@verizon.net.

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HERBERT R. HUESTED COLLECTION OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

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Herbert R. Husted

Herbert R. Husted was a prolific local photographer who captured many aspects of life in early Jefferson County. His photographs of storefronts, businesses, adults, children with their pets, even farmers in their fields, have added to our understanding of what life may have been like in Jefferson County during the first half of the 20th century.



The very first Husted studio was opened by Herbert Husted's father George P. Husted and his brother Ralph W. Husted. The Husted brothers were traveling photographers who came to the Mannsville, New York area in 1873, setting up their first studio on a horse drawn wagon. In later years, the Husted brothers worked out of more permanent studios in Belleville, Adams, Sackets Harbor, Ellisburg, Camden and Orwell. Herbert Husted was born to this entrepreneurial family in May of 1874. Young Herbert learned the photography trade from his father, as well as the art of capturing people's personalities on film, often traveling with his father between the family's various studios.

The Husted Studio

Those familiar with the Husted Studio think of the famous Watertown location at 119 Stone Street. Herbert opened this studio with his father George in 1904, but soon after bought out his father's share in the business. In 1919, Husted moved his studio to 241-243 Washington Street, which was at that time located just south of the present day Flower Memorial Library. He operated from that building until he closed the business in 1943.

The Husted Catalog

Looking through the Husted catalogue, Herbert Husted seems to have photographed almost all of Watertown's citizenry, from well known individuals like Emma Flower Taylor and Orville Hungerford to ordinary people. Being photographed by Husted was a special occasion and Husted, in turn, photographed many occasions.

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Listed among his catalogue are pictures of brides and grooms, baptized children, and funerary photographs.

The Husted Collection

After Herbert Husted's death in 1944, the Jefferson County Historical Society acquired over 15,000 of his glass plate negatives— a collection that spans over four decades of photographic history of Jefferson County. Note that in many cases Husted only indicated who ordered the photograph not who was being photographed.

An index to the Husted catalog is available in PDF format. The Husted Index is approximately 5mb in size and may require a lengthy download on slower internet connections. It is fully searchable and Adobe Acrobat or similar program is required to view the file.

The index is found at: <http://www.jeffersoncountyhistory.org/pages/collection-husted.htm>

If you see an indexed photo, museum staff can assist with having a negative or photo made. There would be a cost involved however the photo may become a genealogy treasure. For information on photos listed in the index, please contact the Historical Society at 315-782-3491.

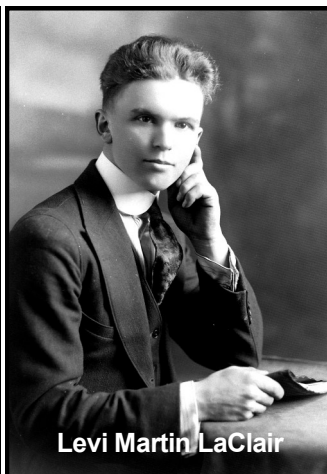
For example, here are two photos retrieved from the Husted Collection during a 2013 research project by JCNYS member Tom LaClair. The genealogical information and dates on the two individuals came from LaClair's personal research.

Norman Merritt Deline (1902–1972), of Watertown, the son of George Nelson Deline (1858 – 1928) and Elizabeth Jane Holdaway (1862–1933). Employed as a masonry contractor with his father, Norman married Miss Marie Genevieve Strong (1905-1977) on 2 July 1923 at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown. Marie was the daughter of Frederick Edward Strong (1867–1936) and Cornelia E. Wiley (1879 –1970).

Levi Martin LaClair (1901–1968), of Antwerp, the son of Daniel John LaClair (1871-1944) and Mildred "Mille" Jane Quenell (1878-1918). Employed as a book keeper in Watertown, Levi married Miss Doris Esther Woodard (1905 -1992) on 27 December 1926 at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart in Watertown. Doris was the daughter of Robert Henry Woodard (1875–1968) and Elizabeth May Piddock (1885–1962).



Norman Merritt Deline



Levi Martin LaClair

Patriot Project is Marking Graves of NNY Revolutionary War Soldiers with Medallions

By Chris Brock, Watertown Daily Times
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A local patriot project hopes to ensure that sacrifices made by north country soldiers of the Revolutionary War will be noticed, appreciated and not forgotten. The Thousand Islands chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and three local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution have begun the Joint Patriot Project to mark the graves of Revolutionary War soldiers in Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties with medallions. Some Lewis County graves also may be marked. The medallions, cast in aluminum, are 5 inches in diameter and have the profile of a Minuteman at the ready. The medallions can either be affixed to a veteran's gravestone or attached to a post as a flag holder.

"These headstones were put in so long ago and many have deteriorated to the point where you would never know that there was a Revolutionary War soldier buried there, unless you took the name off the stone and went to the Internet and did some research," said Dr. Steven C. Guy, vice president of the Thousand Islands chapter of the Empire State Society SAR. "We're just trying to mark some of these so the veterans can get the proper recognition." Bruce Coyne, Clayton, registrar of the Thousands Islands chapter of the Empire State Society, said there are approximately 800 graves of soldiers from the Revolution in the two counties. Some are buried in unknown locations, perhaps in family cemeteries.

Others are buried in cemeteries but their stones are lost or unreadable. Mr. Coyne said the three DAR chapters involved in the Joint Patriot Project are the LeRay de Chaumont chapter, Watertown, the Nihana-wate chapter, Potsdam, and the Swe-kat-si chapter, Ogdensburg. "We're pretty much committed to Revolutionary War history and marking all of these graves for the sacrifices they made," Mr. Coyne said. Some of the markers were placed last fall, Mr. Coyne said. "Because of the fine weather, especially up in St. Lawrence County, the DAR chapter has been putting in quite a few," he said. Dr. Guy said people may be surprised at the number of soldiers from the Revolutionary War buried in Northern New York.

"Compared to other parts of the country, we're kind of saturated with them" he said. So many veterans came to this area following the Revolutionary War, either because land was available or they got something like a land bounty. They were able to settle in this area." Dr. Guy said that besides honoring the veterans, the project has another benefit. "It helps to motivate our members and other people to spruce up some of these

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cemeteries and forgotten headstones - clean them up, make them presentable and help to preserve our Revolutionary War heritage," he said. Based on his experience at cemeteries, Dr. Guy is not too worried about theft. "I do a lot of headstone photography," he said. "I'm always amazed at the tremendous numbers and great variety of these brass markers that I see that nobody has stolen. They've been there for 100 years and are still there. You go out to places like Dexter Cemetery, there are hundreds of these markers from every imaginable society." Each medallion costs about \$10.00. Donations are being accepted for the project. Funds and requests for information can be sent to Mr. Coyne at coynegen@aol.com or through postal mail at NNYSARDARJPP, P.O. Box 245, Depauville, N.Y. 13632. Mr. Coyne said a special marking ceremony may be arranged for a particular patriot ancestor. Or for additional information, you can visit the following:

The Joint Patriot Project blog:

<http://nysardarjpp.blogspot.com/>

The Thousand Islands chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution:

<https://www.facebook.com/SAR1000Islands>

The LeRay de Chaumont chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution:

<http://www.nydar.org/chapters/leraydechaumont.html>



From left, Andrew Shelmidine, a War of 1812 re-enactor; Parks Honeywell, president of Thousand Islands chapter of Sons of the American Revolution; and George Gydesen and Jim Eagan, members of Thousand Islands SAR, gathered in October at a grave marking ceremony at Pinckney Corners Cemetery in Lewis County.



These medallions being placed on the grave sites of Revolutionary War soldiers in Jefferson and St. Lawrence counties.



The grave site of Revolutionary War soldier Elijah Flagg at Massena Center Cemetery was marked last fall with a medallion. He enlisted Aug. 1, 1776, and moved to Massena in 1800.

INGALLS FAMILY BIBLE AND NEW FINDS

By JCNYS Member Nancy Ward Remling

The Bible record. That long treasured and sought after document. I have had a copy of pages taken from a Bible of the Ingalls family of North Wilna in Jefferson county for almost as long as I've been researching. I was told at one time that the Bible belonged to my great-grandfather's sister, Elvira (Ingalls) Owens. Whether it was or not, the pages, hard to read, contained the names and dates of earlier generations concluding with the death of her brother's wife and young baby. I had copied what information I could and filed the pages away.

Recently on a trip to Flower Memorial Library, I found in the Ingalls notebook a letter written by a now deceased cousin that included copies of these pages. Looking at it with more experienced eyes, I found that the two names listed at the top of the page of births actually had some faint dates and were out of chronological order.

Through searching on-line records over the course of a couple days, I now know that Samuel and Gertrude (Stahl) Ingalls of North Wilna had two daughters, Maryette and Mary Ann. I am now anxious to flesh out more information from local sources the next time I get to head north from Syracuse.

Maryette married Lafayette Hewitt and lived near Woods Mill. She and her children, Emery and Mary Ann are buried in the cemetery there on what now is a firing range for Fort Drum. She died young and her husband ended up living in Philadelphia and is buried there at Sandy Hollow Cemetery.

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Mary Ann married James Mosher and lived in the area. They are buried in Hillside Cemetery in Antwerp.

All of this information comes from two stray lines in a Bible record and my desire to find out more. Somehow it seems fitting that a stray line would make me search for more information on this family. Early in my research, I had found a newspaper clipping saved by my grandmother Frances (Ingalls) Ward that was the obituary of her mother, Achsah (Brown) Ingalls who had died in North Wilna at the young age of 34 in 1899. Written in the flowery language typical of the day, it listed her being survived by 6 children, the youngest a babe in arms. However, I could only count 5 children and the youngest was 2, a toddler.

That mystery first brought me to the village of Antwerp and Hillside Cemetery. Having not done much research beyond the more immediate family, I was lost as to how to locate Achsah's stone when I pulled into Hillside and looked around. However, I quickly spied up the slope near the top of the cemetery, three stones with the surname of BROWN. Convinced I was onto something, I quickly climbed up to them and ended up taking a route that brought me to the backside of the first stone. Emily (Brown) Studeor had died just the year before Achsah and was likely her sister; the side was definitely her brother's stone. And there at the front were her parents! Rounding the second side, I gasped. I had found Achsah. Beside her was the answer to the mystery- Emily aged 2 months had died a month after her mother. There was our "babe in arms." It was a few months later that I originally got the copy of the Bible records with the last listings being these two people.

This family seems to enjoy giving me little hints as to who they were and where to find them. However, it encourages me to keep going back and discovering more about this family in Jefferson County.

7 February 1865 J. F. Hamilton Civil War Letter

To Miss Addie Case in Sackets Harbor, Jefferson County, NY.

Transcribed from Original Letter

Punctuation as Written

Submitted by JCNYS Member Jeannie Brennan

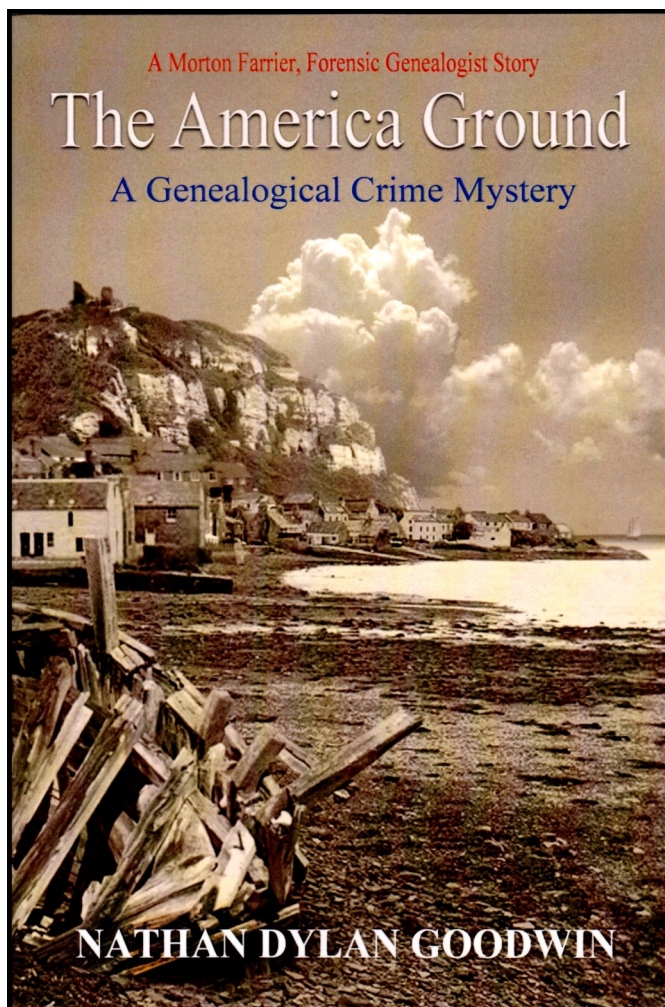
Army of the James River
Bermuda Fort Feb 7, 1865

Friend addie,
I received yours of the 29th. Am glad to hear that you

are well. Am Sorry to hear your Mother's health is So poor this winter. That Rheumatism is an awful thing to be afflicted with. See how our poor Mary suffered with it and died in the end. I could pity a dog Suffering with that disease let alone a human being. i hope She will soon get over it. The weather here is delightful. No snow not a speck to be seen anywhere ground dry Sun shining and Birds Singing it is quite pleasant. It almost tempts a person to reside here after Peace is ratified and I hope that will be in a short time. The Commissioners are to work at it now at Fortress home Mrs. Stephens, Hunter & Campbell of the Bogus Confederacy and Abe Lincoln President of the United States. I wish them Success. It is quite a grand Sight and one I will remember as long as I live to See them pass through the lines of both Armys Rebel and National. the air was rent with cheers from the Rebs and quickly it Spread to our lines, don't mention it, five Hundred Cannon would not make half the noise them two Armys made if give the Commissioners more Confidence on their Mission. Their faces brightened up and returned the compliment by uncovering their heads. Mr. Stephens said Soldiers ye Represent the people and your Government of your Country and suffer the Hardships danger and privation of the Cruel Rebellion and am glad to see you all feel glad to cheer me on my mission of peace and I pray God I will be successful in achieving the same. I had a letter from my wife one from Mr. McKee and one from you. So you can See I am doing pretty well in the letter line. I got all three at one time on Sunday the 6th, a dreary lonesome day with our Boys. They was quite a treat for me. I will tell you there is a friend of mine a sailor named James Moffitt. He lives in Dexter when home and belongs at present to the Iron Ram Atlanta captured from the Rebels a Short time ago. She lays quite close to us on the James River. He invited me to come on board with him last Sunday and take dinner. i could not for a moment resist the idea of a good dinner as i Supposed i was taken all aback to use a sailor phrase. our dinner consisted of two hard tacks a piece. A small piece of what Sailors call Salt horse Salt Beef and a tin cup of water out of that muddy Rebel Stream the James River. I was thankful for it was the best he had. I have Seen Adrian Casi quite a number of times. he is well and says he write every little while, sends his best respects to his friends and So do i. addie, write again if you please and if I can't do any better I am sure I can't do any worse for this is a miserable scrole, but you will consider where it comes from and make allowances accordingly. There is more than twenty men I dare say write with this Same old pen. No more present but I remain yours.

Very Respectfully,
J. F. Hamilton

P.S. addie this is not a love epistle So it don't make as much difference about poor writing. It's only from one friend to another. Hamilton



Book Review: Morton Farrier, the esteemed English forensic genealogist, had cleared a space in his busy schedule to track down his own elusive father finally. But he is then presented with a case that challenges his research skills in his quest to find the killer of a woman murdered more than one hundred and eighty years ago. Thoughts of his own family history are quickly and violently pushed to one side as Morton rushes to complete his investigation before other sinister elements succeed in derailing the case. This is the third book in the Morton Farrier genealogical crime mystery series, although it can be enjoyed as a stand-alone story. Author Nathan Dylan Goodwin recently sent JCNYS a complimentary copy of this genealogical crime mystery book. He advised if there are any Forensic Genealogists interested in reading this book or others in the series, to visit Amazon.com for more information on the mystery series.

Revolutionary Veterans of Jefferson County

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Alpheus Dwight was born on April 7, 1760 in Somers, Tolland County, Connecticut, son of Seth & Joanna (Kellogg) Dwight who died on September 7, 1845 in Adams, Jefferson County, New York and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Adams, New York. He married Phanna (Fanny) Prentice on January 1, 1784. She was born on January 19, 1764 and died on March 23, 1861. They had 5 children—Pelatiah (who was a physician in Henderson & Adams), Alpheus, Lyman (dy), Lyman & Harvey. He lived in Somers, Connecticut for 15 years, and moved to Wilmington, Vermont about 1793 where he lived for 33 years. He moved to Ellisburg, New York about 1826 and was living in Oswego, New York in 1837 with his son Harvey. He later moved to Adams, New York to live with his son Pelatiah.

Revolutionary War Service – Alpheus enlisted as a private in May 1778 at East Windsor, Connecticut, for one year, in Captain Elijah Robinson, Lieutenant West, and Ensign Stephen Jones' Company, Colonel Roger Enos' Regiment Connecticut State Troops – 'Upon joining the Company they immediately proceeded from East Windsor, Connecticut to White Plains, New York by way of New Haven and a place called 'Sawpits.' (Arrived at Saw Pits June 29, 1778). At White Plains they joined the Regiment of Colonel Enos. They remained at White Plains for about 6 weeks. They then proceeded to West Point, New York where they remained 6 months. The last ten weeks of this 6 month period he was confined to the hospital (located on the east side of the river below West Point) by the following reason – about the 1st day of September 1778 while in a tent with several other persons the tent was struck by lightning. No persons were killed by the lightning but he and five other persons were badly injured and some people in the adjoining tent were injured. The shock suffered by him was severe. The injury at first seemed chiefly located in the hip. It appearing that he was permanently injured by the lightning he was permitted to return home to Somers, Connecticut. He was later called to join his company, but unable to, he was discharged by surgeon's certificate. Alpheus Dwight received a pension of \$20.00 per year commencing March 4, 1831.

SAMPSON AND LUCINDA HOUSE HILDRETH FAMILY

By JCNYS Member Tom LaClair

Per Hildreth family records, and corresponding with other Hildreth family researchers, namely Lori Briggs of California; Sampson Hildreth, son of Adams Hildreth and Sally Baldwin was born in 1808 in Chesterfield, Cheshire, New Hampshire. When he relocated to New York, or even Jefferson County, is unknown however it was sometime prior to 1831. On the 1865 Theresa, Jefferson County, New York census, Sampson, born N. H., a citizen, first marriage, was a farmer and owned a framed house worth \$400.00. Sampson died in Theresa on 12 Sep 1867. This is known from Lucinda's obituary and 1867-8 Jefferson County Surrogate Court proceedings where a sizable probate file was archived. The file provides insight of their home furnishings and farm equipment.

Lucinda, the daughter of John and Catherine Boyer House was born on 28 Jul 1813 in Herkimer and was baptized 28 Aug 1813 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stone Arabia, Montgomery County. Her Jefferson County Journal obituary dated 20 Dec 1887 reads: She Bore The Cross That Gained The Crown, Died 13 Dec 1887. Mrs. Hildreth, relic of Sampson Hildreth, aged 74 years, 4 months, 6 days. She was about five years old when the family came to Jefferson County and she has resided in it till her death. She became the wife of Sampson Hildreth 2 Jan 1831; six children were born to them. She early embraced the Christian religion, was a Baptist in sentiment, which she honored for some 48 years. Mr. Hildreth died 12 Sep 1867. Since that time she has resided most of the time with her son John Hildreth, at whose residence she died. Some weeks since she had a stroke of paralysis, lingered for a few days, then came a second stroke from which she did not recover. When it became apparent her condition was hopeless, her youngest son who resides in Rip Lake, Wisconsin, was contacted by telegraph of the fact and he arrived the evening before his mother's death. She was a kind and affectionate wife and mother and was held in esteem by a large circle of friends, who were ever ready to accord to her the praise she by her kindness and Christian character had truly won.

Sampson and Lucinda House Hildreth raised a family of six children—an unnamed seventh child was noted on the 1865 Theresa census when Lucinda stated she was the mother of seven children, four survive. The six children are Roswell, John, Sally, Ephraim, Nathan, and Jason. As you read on, you will quickly learn that three sons proudly served in the

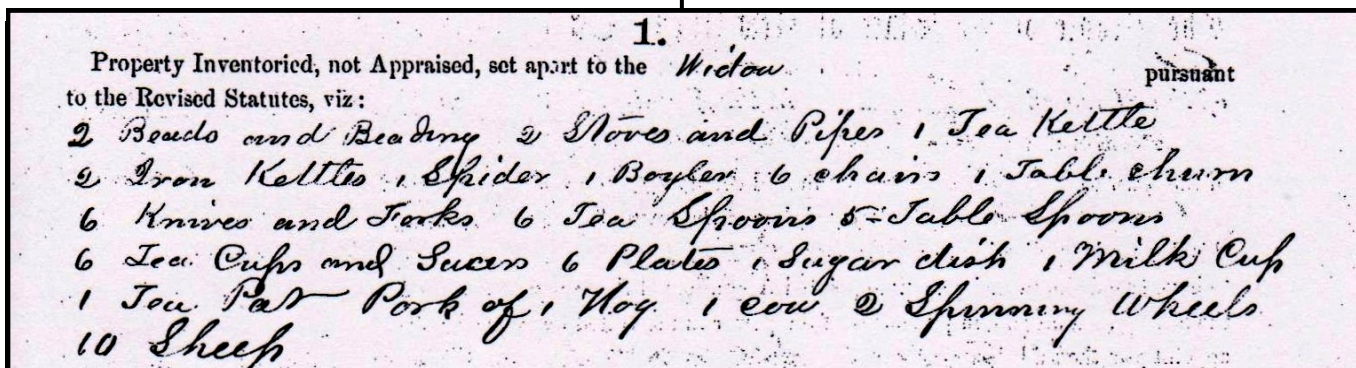
Civil War—however only one returned. The Hildreth family gave much and suffered much.

The eldest child, Roswell P., was born in Theresa in 1832. Roswell P., who was a namesake and boyhood chum of the late Governor Roswell P. Flower, married Lydia Jane Wooledge prior to 21 June 1860. At age 32, he enlisted as a Private in Company E, New York, 186th Infantry Regiment on 31 Aug 1864 in the Town of Orleans. He mustered in the Army 08 Sep 1864 and mustered out as a Corporal on 02 June 1865 at Alexandria, Virginia. On 9 Aug 1865 their daughter Emma was born. She married Ward Ellsworth Hurd 20 Oct 1886 and she died 2 May 1945. Roswell for many years a farmer and a sawyer, died 1 Nov 1902 and is buried at the Grove Cemetery, LaFargeville. His wife Jane Lydia (Lydia J.) died 25 Sep 1919 and is buried beside her husband.

Their second child, John, was born in Theresa in 1834 and was raised in Theresa. He married twice, his first wife Amanda and second wife Helen. On the 1865 census, John, 31 years old and his wife Amanda, age 26, and their two children Edwin and Florence, lived in a framed house, and had assets worth \$300.00. John operated a water powered cheesebox and buttermilk factory. Newspaper articles and census reports show he later owned a meat market and was elected to full time Justice of the Peace. John died 1 Feb 1904 and is buried at Oakwood next to his parents in the Hildreth family plot. Wife Amanda (maiden name unknown), born 1840, died in 1869 of typhoid fever. Son Edwin, born 1858, died 1869. Daughter Florence, born 1863, married James H. Snell 19 May 1885, and died 23 Sep 1942 and is buried at Oakwood. Wife Helen Mosher, born 1849, died 5 Apr 1909. Both wives are buried with John in the Hildreth family plot. The three McKeon family members in the plot are John and Helen's daughter Mary, Mary's husband William, and one of their daughters.

The third child, Sally, was born in Theresa in 1835. Sally also stayed close to Theresa her entire life. She married Atwood Shurtleff circa 1858 and bore two children, Florence, who died in 1863 at 3 years old, and Cora M, who married James E. Klock, and died soon after on 20 Sep 1884 at 21 years of age. Atwood Shurtleff died 18 Oct 1882, age 53, and Sally Hildreth Shurtleff died 23 Jul 1895, age 60. The family members are buried at Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa.

The fourth child, Ephraim, was born in Theresa in 1840. Growing up in Theresa, he married Sarah M. Robinson on 6 Mar 1862 in Philadelphia, then enlisted 11 Aug 1862, at Theresa. A month later he mustered in at Sackets Harbor as a Private in Company F, Tenth Regiment, Heavy Artillery, 11 Sep 1862, to serve three years. On 19 Oct 1863, thirteen months in First Battalion, (Continued on Page 21)



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Veteran Reserve Corps (Invalid Corps). Civil War records reveal Ephraim died of the Small Pox disease on 2 Dec 1863 at Kalorama General Hospital, Washington D.C. and is buried at Arlington Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. His widow went on to marry Alva Van Stanburgh, of Chenango County, on 13 Jun 1866 in Theresa.

The fifth child, Nathan M., was born in Theresa in 1844. He enlisted as a Private at Sackets Harbor on 11 Jan 1862 and mustered in Company B of the 94 Infantry on 13 Feb 1862. After serving two years, he reenlisted 31 Mar 1864 and was promoted to Corporal 1 Sep 1864. On 7 Feb 1865, he was severely injured at Battle of Dabney's Mill (known as Hatcher's Run). After field surgery where the word "amputee" and "injuries to his thigh" is mentioned, Nathan was transferred to a hospital in Baltimore, Maryland, where he succumbed to his injuries 4 Mar 1865. There is a headstone in the Hildreth family plot at Oakwood with his name on it. Nathan never married nor left any children.

The sixth child, Jason S., was born in Theresa in 1852. Growing up in Theresa, he was too young to join the war with his brothers. On 4 July 1873 he married Miss Laura Randall at the home of the bride's parents in Antwerp. Although on the 1880 census living in Theresa, by 1887 he arrives home from Spencer, Wisconsin, to attend his mother's funeral. By the 1895 census, Jason and Laura were living in Duluth, Minnesota. His wife Laura died in Duluth on 8 Jan 1898 and her remains returned for burial at Wood Mills Cemetery in Antwerp (on Fort Drum today). What come of Jason S. Hildreth, and whether he and Laura had any children, is unknown.

Although too numerous to list, sources for the article come from FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, old newspaper on fultonhistory.com, Flower Memorial Library and New York State vitals on microfiche, cemetery research and partnering with other Hildreth family researchers. If needed, feel free to contact me at



tomclair624@yahoo.com for a specific source.

Two small scans are scans from the 1867 Sampson Hildreth Jefferson County Surrogate Court file. One scan lists the widow and four surviving children in 1867. The other scan documents list some of Sampson and Lucinda Hildreth's property owned.

Cemetery Photo: The Hildreth Family Plot at Oakwood Cemetery in Theresa has a primary Hildreth headstone with eleven smaller footstones circling it. The footstones include Sampson Hildreth (1808 - 1867), Lucinda House Hildreth (1813 - 1887), John Hildreth (1834 - 1904), Amanda A. Hildreth (1840 - 1869), Hattie A. Hildreth (1842 - 1872), Nathan M. Hildreth (1844 - 1865), Helen M. Hildreth (1849 - 1909), Eddie F. Hildreth (1858 - 1869), William A. McKeon (1871 - 1921), Mary A. McKeon (1875 - 1959), and Ruth McKeon (1907 - 1927).

COUNTY OF JEFFERSON—Surrogate's Court.

In the Matter of the Administration of the Goods, Chattels and Credits of Sampson
Hildreth deceased.

To M. W. Taggart Surrogate of the County of Jefferson.

The Petition of Lucinda Hildreth of the Town of Theresa in said county, RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

That she is the widow of Sampson Hildreth late of the town of Theresa in said county, deceased. That the said Sampson Hildreth departed this life on the 12th day of September 1867 in the town of Theresa in said county, and died a natural death and intestate.

That the said deceased left no Will, according to the best knowledge, information and belief of your petitioner. That your petitioner has, to the best of her ability, estimated and ascertained the value of the personal property of which the said deceased died possessed, and that the same does not exceed in value the sum of about One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars. That the said intestate left kindred entitled to his estate, whose names and places of residence are as follows, and none other or others, viz:

Your petitioner widow, Roswell Hildreth son residing in Orleans left Co. aforesaid
John Hildreth son residing in Theresa aforesaid
Sally Shittliff daughter residing in Theresa
Jason Hildreth son residing in Theresa
And are all of full age except Jason who is a minor Having no general guardian

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Editor's notes: While we have but three other queries to include in this issue of the *Informer*, all of them from our internet site, we are printing here the following query that was sent to our mail box. Carol Weidlich of North Fort Myers, Florida, has included many names, places and historical connections that make this query worthy of an *Informer* article all by itself. We have also decided to leave the query as it was submitted and have not used our regular formatting. We thank Carol for her query and hope our readers will be able to help or share information with her.

McKEE: Seeking to find descendants and/or researchers of Joseph **McKEE**, son of Joseph (and possibly, Ruth Gaines (Webster) McKee), who was born 20 Sep 1758 in Connecticut. He married Irene Marsh on 26 Feb 1784 in Hartford, Connecticut. Joseph served in the Revolutionary War from 25 Nov 1776 to 4 Mar 1778, when he was discharged, as a Private in The Line – 5th Regiment, 3rd Company under Colonel Lewis Dubois.

From 1787 to 1788, Joseph and Irene lived first in Middlebury, then Weybridge, both in Addison County, Vermont. Between 1789 and 1800, Joseph served as Supervisor of the Town of Frankfort, New York. Joseph brought his family to the Ellisburgh area around 1 Jul 1806 when Robert Browne and Thomas Eddy sold him 216 acres. There he constructed a frame house close to the Sandy Creek. This area soon became known as McKee's Landing. After the Battle of Sandy Creek, the home was used as a hospital for the wounded British soldiers and as a burial site for the British dead. In 1820, the house was sold along with six acres to Laura McKee Otis, one of his daughters. Joseph and Irene's children included: Horace, Laura, Mary, Betsey, Almira, Nancy (my 3rd great grandmother who married first Daniel Fraser, then later George M. Brooks) and Harriett.

There are 3 things I would like to accomplish:

1. Find a connection with anyone researching any of the McKee family from Jefferson County, NY. With seven children, there has to be someone out there.
2. I'm desperately trying to determine who Joseph McKee Jr.'s mother actually is. All of the information

I've searched in CT refer to Ruth Gaines Webster, but her marriage to Joseph McKee Sr. is documented after Joseph Jr.'s birth. Possible, yes, but still searching and hoping someone else has found a record that I haven't.

3. George Brooks, my 3rd great grandfather is an unknown. Have a date when he was born in England but when and how he came to be in New York State is a big question. He married Nancy after she was married to a Daniel Fraser and I've not found a lot about him either. Again, maybe another McKee researcher has information that I haven't turned up in my few research trips back to the area.

For now, I'm going to concentrate on number 1 above and try to make contact with other family members. There's some information that I need to correct, like where Nancy McKee was actually born, the family Bible says Ellisburgh, but I believe was impossible in 1799. I believe it was actually Fulton, NY.

Thank you for your help. I've enjoyed being a member and enjoy the newsletter. I've introduced our New York/New England special interest group, as well as our entire membership to the *Informer* donating my earlier copies to our Resource Room library. One day, I will get to attend one of your meetings.

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DELANEY, HOLLAND, UDY

Edward Patrick **DELANEY** was born 1860 in either Boston, MA or Bridgeport, CT. He married Alma **HOLLAND**, early 1880's. Their son Harry Robert **DELANEY**, was born Aug. 9, 1884 in Watertown, NY. Alma died late 1890's and Edward remarried 1916 to Mary **UDY** in Carthage, lived the rest of their days in Watertown. I am looking for marriage record for Edward & Alma, birth record for Harry, death record for Alma and marriage record for Edward & Mary. After years of looking, I have been unable to find any of the documents listed above. I can find no record of Edward before a 1918 article in Watertown News about his arrest for getting drunk and lighting his stepdaughter's suitcase on fire. I can find no record of Harry before 1918, when he fills out a WW1 draft registration card in Montana. I can find no record of Alma at all, as if she never existed.

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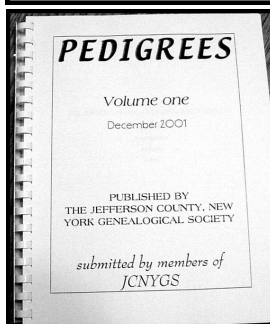
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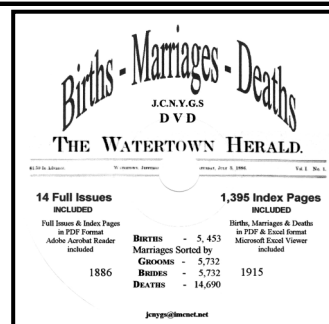


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JOHNSON, MARTIN

Mary Frau Celia **JOHNSON** married Charles **MARTIN** (from Clay, NY) around 1888. Mary was born in NY state about 1871. Her parents were also born in NY state. In 1892, Mary and Charles were living in Clay. On Dec. 25, 1895 they had a son Thomas in Watertown, NY at 93 Arsenal St. They has a son Howard in Watertown (May 1898 - Sept. 1898). In 1900, Charles was living in Clay, but Mary and Thomas weren't. Their children's names were Ruth, Nellie Mable, Thomas, Howard and Sheilda.

Ultimately, I am hoping to determine who Mary's parents were. There may be clues in Watertown. Was she originally from Watertown? In the 1900 census, Charles was living with their two older daughters at his brothers house back in Clay. Apparently, Mary and Thomas were not. Were they still living in Watertown?

Maybe with her family? Mary and Charles had at least one more child together in Jan. 1910, named Sheilda. Charles died sometime in 1909 or early 1910 working on the railroad.

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GRIFFIN

Daniel George **GRIFFIN** from Watertown married Estella (Unknown) about 1878. Their children were Morris G., Daniel George, Elizabeth, Edward Galvin and John W. All the children were born in Watertown, NY. I cannot seem to find any info regarding him. I am a descendant of Edward Gavin **GRIFFIN** born Jan. 3, 1887. He was the State Deputy Attorney General.

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Monday, **May 9**, Lynn Thornton, Town of Champion Historian will lecture on "The Hubbards and the Settling of Champion Village." Ms. Thornton's talk will focus on the Hiram Hubbard Homestead.

Monday, **June 13**, Dr. Laurie Rush, a North Country Archeologist, will lecture on the use of ground penetrating radar. Radar waves are sent into the ground and the reflections can help determine what is beneath the surface, such as being able to tell if someone had hand dug a trench for a burial site or how large a body is in a burial site.

Monday, **July 11**, Jim Eagan will lecture on "Restoring Old Family Slides and Photographs." He will share personal experiences combining three photo-editing programs as well as a slide copier.

Note 1: Lectures begin at 6 PM. Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

Note 2: Thank you George Inglehart, church liaison, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints local leadership for the free use of the building for JCNYGS programs.

Directions to LDS Church where we are presently holding our meetings: From Rt. 81, take exit 44 to Rt. 232 towards Watertown. Drive 1.1 miles and take the second left hand turn on to Ives Street Road. Continue straight into the city. The LDS chapel is the second building on the right, across from IHC, as you enter the city limits.

From Watertown, it is on Ives Street, across from IHC. Take Washington Street to Barben Avenue. Turn on to Barben and take it until it ends at a T. Turn left and the LDS will be 300 yards on the left.

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President's Message

The winter snows are gone, flowers have blossomed, and summer has arrived in Jefferson County New York. Like our ancestors of old, farmers are out working the fields, mending broken fences, repairing and painting seasoned buildings, roaming cattle are about the green pastures, and numerous farmer markets have returned with their hearty crops.

Among other activities, schools have let out for another year, youth and families are visiting parents and grandparents, attending fairs and carnivals, swimming beaches, touring and fishing the beautiful rivers and lakes, spending nights at summer cottages, hiking trails, or enjoying their favorite ice cream shop.

It is also that special time of year when dedicated historical societies and museums, across the 22 towns in the county, are hosting hands-on historical fairs and events that share in their rich heritage. Descendants are also out in force roaming one or more of the 100 plus county-wide

cemeteries, visiting town and village clerks, libraries, and courthouses—searching for and capturing the often illusive genealogy clues.

Yes, the area is buzzing with people and exciting happenings. As you go about enjoying your summer, we here at the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society wish you a safe time doing so.

In closing, know that we are pleased, and thankful, you have chosen to be a member of the society. To show our appreciation, we are hosting a BBQ on Saturday, August 20th at Thompson Park in Watertown for members and guests. See our back page for details.

Tom LaClair, JCNYGS President

DUES ARE DUE

Please check your address label for your dues status.
 Dues are \$18 individuals or \$20 families and the subscription year runs from July to June each year.

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2016
 Tammy Plantz, Secretary

On April 11, 2016 the monthly meeting of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society was held at the Church of the Latter-day Saints in Watertown, NY. The attendees included: Tom LaClair, Lynn Thornton, Tammy and Greg Plantz, Roberta and Jim Eagan, Bruce Coyne, Anne Davis, Larry Corbett, Nan Dixon, Marilyn and Jerry Davis, Dan and Sue Grant, Mary Erskin-Coyne, Steve and Susan Guy, Janine Briggs, Hollis Dorr, Wally Keeler, Connie Barone, Jeannie Brennan, Larry Barone and George Inglehart III.

President Tom LaClair opened the meeting at 6 P.M. Treasurer Larry Corbett presented the Treasurer's Report which was approved subject to audit.

Under New Business:

Nan Dixon requested typing help from members for her Jefferson County Genealogy website (Bruce Coyne, Larry Corbett, and Tom LaClair have been laboring to repair several broken links on this website which has over 3,300 pages).

Good news was reported that someone has purchased the NNY Genealogy site. It is now up and running. No updates are added nor can pictures be ordered from it. The good news is that it is available online.

Dues for JCNYS have somewhat modified. Individual dues are now \$18 and \$20 for a family. For membership, members receive the printed *Informer* as well as access to the *Informer* online.

Motion and second to close the business portion of the meeting was accepted.

Roberta Calhoun-Eagan introduced the speaker for the evening, Bill Bamann, representing the local chapter of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Bill explained and touched upon each of the following goals of his organization:

Preserve and perpetuate the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic);

President Tom LaClair greets Bill Bamann before the meeting begins



On the Web: <http://www.jcnys.com>



Program Chairman Roberta Calhoun-Eagan with our speaker Bill Bamann

Ensure proper observances of Memorial Day;
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 To maintain a cemetery database of Union Veterans;
 To restore Civil War statues;
 To present living-history demonstrations;
 To teach about the Civil War in schools and communities.

Information regarding the Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War can be found at their website: www.SUVCW.org.

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Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, May 9, 2016
Tammy Plantz, Secretary

On May 9, 2016 the monthly meeting of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society was held at the Church of the Latter-day Saints in Watertown, NY. The attendees included: Tom LaClair, Lynn Thornton, Tammy and Greg Plantz, Roberta and Jim Eagan, Bruce Coyne, Anne Davis, Sue and Dan Grant, Diana and Dick Law, Larry Corbett, Cynthia and David Kendall, Betty Farr, Nancy Kaul, Nan Dixon, Marilyn and Jerry Davis, Joanne Woodward, Kathie Compeau, Leigh Charron, Derryl Johnston, and George Inglehart III.

President Tom LaClair opened the meeting at 6 P.M. Treasurer Larry Corbett reported the following: 1 year CD has a balance of \$2,420.28; our checking account has a balance of \$3,473.03 and our savings account has a balance of \$402.48. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Tom reported he attended the State NYS Council of Genealogical Organizations meeting in Albany Saturday, May 7, 2016. Tom also reported that the 2017 NYSCOGO meeting will take place in the Watertown region.

Sue Grant reviewed the novel, *The American Ground* by Nathaniel Goodwin. Sue recommended the book which was passed on to Lynn Thornton.

Tom closed the business portion of the meeting whereupon Roberta Calhoun-Eagan introduced Lynn Thornton, Historian of the Town of Champion, who presented a program on the "Hiram Hubbard House of Champion." Members of the Hubbard family-line gifted the Hubbard House to the 4 River Valleys Historical Society which is in the process of restoring it to be used as its historical research center and home. Noadiah Hubbard (1765 - 1859) purchased some 2,000 acres in the 1790's which became the Town of Champion. Hubbard traveled from Herkimer, New York in 1799 to settle the area, and constructed the home in 1820. Later he deeded this home to his eldest son Hiram. Ownership of the Hubbard House remained in the Hubbard family-line until its recent gift to the historical society in 2005.

Although the project is vast, the Society is making steady progress. The 4 River Valleys Historical Society is based in Carthage, New York. Their mission is to interpret, preserve, collect and make available evidence of the past and to further understand and appreciate the prehistory and history of the areas of the Beaver, Black, Indian and Deer River Valleys. Their website is <http://www.4rvhs.org>



President Tom getting a photo!
Below is one of the results!



Guest speaker Lynn Thornton answers a question



Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, June 13, 2016
Tammy Plantz, Secretary

On June 13, 2016 the monthly meeting of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society was held at the Church of the Latter-day Saints in Watertown. Attendees included Larry Corbett, Tom LaClair, Jim and Roberta Calhoun Eagan, Bruce and Mary-Erskine Coyne, Dan and Sue Grant, Paul Beers, David and Cynthia Kendall, Marilyn Davis, Nan Dixon, George Inglehart III, Steven and Susan Guy, Melva McQuagge, Bill and Mary Dasno, Bob Hensel, Tracy Negus Robertson, M. Russell Lee, Robert and Leigh Charron, Bill and Faye Simmons, and Dr. Laurie Rush.

President Tom LaClair opened the meeting at 6 P.M. Treasurer Larry Corbett reported the following as of the 6 June statement: 1 year CD has a balance of \$2,420.28; our checking account has a balance of \$4,518.03 and our savings account has a balance of \$402.48. The treasurer's report was approved. Two financial motions were submitted, discussed and approved. The first by Larry Corbett that \$525.00 be approved for the printing and mailing of the July 2016 Informer. The second by Steven Guy to donate \$300.00 toward the restoration of the GAR Civil War Statue in the North Watertown Cemetery by the Walter H. French No. 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. A caveat was made that the statue be repaired by year 2020 or the money returned to JCNYSGS. This caveat was forwarded with the donation check.

Tom closed the business portion of the meeting whereupon programs director Roberta Calhoun-Eagan introduced Dr. Laurie Rush, Cultural Resources Manager and Army Archaeologist stationed at Fort Drum. Dr. Rush briefly discussed the timeline Pine Plains to present day Fort Drum. She then talked about the lost villages during the WWII expansion as families received eminent domain eviction notices. Left behind were thirteen known cemeteries that are now under the watchful eye of the Cultural Resources Office. The cemeteries are typically closed to the public except on Memorial Day each year. The staff, over the past few years, have meticulously photographed and inventoried each and every known headstone, captured the epitaph, and provided the information on-line for family research. (See the April 2015 Informer, pages 12 and 13, for information on the lost villages and the thirteen cemeteries and a link to the cemetery database.) Dr. Rush then provided slideshow information on the burial sites and what to look for in identifying Native American burial sites through the most recent burials. She discussed how the base uses the latest remote sensing technology to better understand what may or may not be buried in the cemeteries. Included in remote sensing techniques



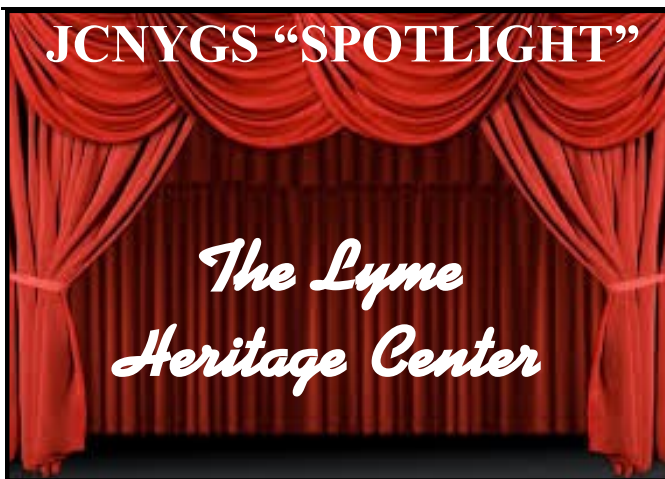
JCNYSGS Program Chairman Roberta Calhoun-Eagan with the evening speaker Dr. Laurie Rush

may be metal detecting, ground penetrating radar, electrical resistivity, and magnetometry. Dr. Rush concluded by providing a show-n-tell with some of the actual equipment used by the Cultural Resources staff. The meeting closed at 7:30.



Photos from the Jefferson County Genealogical Society's June meeting with Dr. Laurie Rush





(by JCN YGS President Tom LaClair)

THE LYME HERITAGE CENTER

And a Brief History of the Town of Lyme

Beginning this quarter we turn the page and begin spotlighting Towns and/or History and Genealogy related organizations across Jefferson County. First up is the Lyme Heritage Center!



Julia Gosier Director of the Lyme Heritage Center

The Lyme Heritage Center (LHC) was started by and has flourished under the trusted hands of Julia Empie Gosier, who today serves as its Director. The center's mission is to "preserve historical and genealogical records of the Town of Lyme, New York, which includes the village of Chaumont, the hamlet of Three Mile Bay, Pt. Salubrious, and Point Peninsula". Although the center is well established today, it has not always been this way.

In 1989 Julia Gosier was just getting started with her own EMPIE and GOSIER genealogy, both early Three Mile Bay and Rosiere families. During a routine visit to the Lyme Free Library, Julia happened across several boxes of donated scrapbooks; in fact there were three generations of scrapbooks from the Ryder family. The scrapbooks, with articles from as early as 1850, were not a priority for the small library staff and essentially sat in an unheated side room. Shortly after, the books were damaged when water pipes burst. Julia asked the librarian about taking the scrapbooks home and sorting the soiled and mildewed information the best she could—the librarian was delighted with the idea! Julia then worked with Marge Narrow and the two delicately sorted the water damaged items by family names. They then painstakingly made copies of

the mildew soiled articles, saving the information for generations to come. Once organized, the library gave Julia a small closet that had a window and a child's desk for storage and for working with the materiel. This was the humble beginnings of today's LHC.

Around the same time Julia approached the library staff and Doc Nellis, Town Supervisor, about obtaining a few supplies for the care and display of historical and genealogical items. Charlie Dunham, then Town Historian was contacted, and with his blessing Julia was appointed Deputy Town Historian, thus opening the door for officially doing more with the donated heritage collections. She had a philosophy from early on to save anything of historical or genealogical interest. As soon as word spread about town of her good works, additional donations of materials came flooding in. Over the next six or seven years the allocated space at the library was incapable of holding the collections. At the same time the library was expanding into other community services so finding a new home for the LHC was the logical progression.

In 1998 the Lyme Community Foundation provided the LHC its first location outside the library, a room in the historic Copley House. Then in 1999 the LHC moved into a space vacated by the Citizens Bank of Cape Vincent. With each move the center experienced growth and popularity. Then in 2005 Julia and her staff moved into the current building, the "Old Grange Hall," where first they performed a great amount of refurbishing, painting, installing walls, installing a restroom, etc. Today the center proudly showcases the Town of Lyme's History and Genealogy in this building, which is itself historical. On 12 October 2014, Julia Gosier was recognized for 25 years of dedicated service to the Lyme Heritage Center.



Staff members Phyllis Putnam, Maggie Rood and Shirley Williams stand in front of the Lyme Heritage Center

There are currently six energetic staff members who work with Director Julia Gosier. I asked the three who met with me at the Center to explain how they came

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to be members of the LHC.

President, Margaret “Maggie” Davidson Rood: “When I was President of the Lyme Free Library, I became acquainted with Julia Gosier and became interested in what she was doing. It has been rewarding and I have been working with Julia and The Lyme Heritage Center to this day.”

Vice President, Shirley Torrey Williams: “When I taught the gifted and talented program at Lyme Central, I often used historical documents. The fourth grade teacher Joann Faulknham and I decided to write a local history textbook for the fourth grade. We used old town of Lyme documents and articles along with old historical pictures to back up the articles. Mrs. Faulknham would have me come in as a guest lecturer. I have built on our local history since then.”

Treasurer, Phyllis Stumpf Putnam: “I remember when visiting my grandmother’s house, she would insist that we kids remain quiet and she gave us old scrap books to keep us occupied. Over time I became more and more interested in history. I began working with Julia Gosier when the Center was at the library and have been involved in The Lyme Heritage Center since.



Phyllis Putnam and Shirley Williams research a query

When asked for the top 10 reasons to visit the LHC, these were the enthusiastic responses:

1. The center has approximately 4,000 names in the family files, and the files continue to grow in number.
2. Several members grew up in the town and have first-hand knowledge of local history.
3. The center’s collections are well sorted, organized and labeled for ease in research.
4. The center has over 50 documented Town of Lyme family histories / genealogies on site.
5. The center has a seven volume collection of over 500 historic Town of Lyme post cards.
6. The center has the David Lane ‘Old Houses of

the North Country’ series available, and indexed.

7. The center has a near complete Ernest Cook series available, copies available for purchase.

8. The center has many notebooks on early ship building, wrecks, and other local shipping history.

9. The center has knowledgeable volunteers to assist you in your research at their facility.

10. Once a month, May - October, the center holds a history program open to the public.

The LHC also serves as the Town of Lyme Historian and is paid for this active role. Phyllis Putnam, the treasurer, added that “the center pays insurance, monthly rent, electric, and water bills but the money from the town only covers a fraction of these costs. For the rest, the LHC depends on the money from selling self-published books, memberships and donations. “It is a rather scary balancing act.” she commented.

I found the staff very welcoming and the LHC a great place to visit and research. This was not my first visit to the center and most certainly will not be my last! I invite you to visit during the summer of 2016. Visitors will be pleasantly surprised at what they will find as the center’s collections covers most of Jefferson County in one form or another.



In reviewing history on the Town of Lyme—compiled by the knowledgeable staff at the LHC—“Today’s Town of Lyme is composed of lands once part of the Town of Brownville. The Town of Lyme was formed in 1818. The somewhat unusual name was suggested by a resident of Cape Vincent, Eben Kelsy, a former resident of Lyme, Connecticut.

Since its inception the Town of Lyme had given up

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some of its land mass so other towns could be formed (as Brownville did for Lyme). In 1833, lands were given to help form the Town of Clayton. Again, in 1849 more land was relinquished when Cape Vincent became a separate town.

The first attempt, at a non-Aboriginal settlement was undertaken in 1801; in the region today known as Old Town Springs, on the Chaumont River. This location would prove to be an unhealthy choice due to the epidemics of typhoid, malaria and diphtheria. The original settlement would be abandoned in favor of a location near the mouth of the Chaumont River in 1803. The village would be named Chaumont in honor of the French estates of J. Leray De Chaumont. James Leray had acquired some 350,000 acres of land in Northern New York as payment for assisting the fledgling United States during the American Revolution. Today not only Chaumont but Cape Vincent, Theresa and the Town of Leray all bear the family name in one form or another. The village of Chaumont would become officially incorporated in 1874.

After 1803 other settlements within the town would rapidly follow. Point Salubrious; a word meaning healthful, thus named in the hopes that this area would be free from the sickness that had plagued the earlier settlements would first be settled in either 1806 or 1807. Point Peninsula's earliest settlers appear to be circa 1808. Three Mile Point and Three Mile Bays' settlement dates were between 1816 and 1818.

All of the settlements had direct access to the surest source of transport available at the time, the water ways of Lake Ontario and the surrounding rivers and streams. The close proximity to the water transport system would prove to be one of the greatest economic motivators for settlement and expansion. Not only could new settlers come in to the area but the all important transportation routes worked in reverse to export the goods produced. Until the advent of the railroad, modern roads, and bridges, water was the fastest, surest, and cheapest way to ship products both in and out of the town.

In its nearly 2 centuries, a short list of industries, trades and professions that served the Town would include: fur trapping, commercial fishing, farms, dairies, pot and pearl ash production, lumber and lumber mills, ice harvesting, seed companies, blacksmiths, lime kilns, hotels, boat and ship building, barrel makers, rock quarries, bakeries, grist mills and marinas. Sadly most are gone but some still thrive today.

Patriotic fervor has never lacked in the town. Many of its earliest settlers were veterans of the Revolution and The War of 1812 (including at least one British soldier, who fought with the Americans in one of the battles at Sackets Harbor). Over the centuries the area has been traveled through by forces of many

different nations, including the French, British, and naturally the United States. At least two blockhouses have been recorded. As a matter of record the first independence celebration in the county took place on Independence Point in 1802, thus the name. The Town has sent many of its residents to every large, and some smaller, conflicts in which the United States has been embroiled. This includes the War of 1812, the Patriots War, Civil War, World Wars, Korea and Vietnam.

As in the past, much of the town's economy still benefits directly from the waterways, including many seasonal residences, boating, recreational fishing, restaurants, motels and marinas."

Source: Town of Lyme's history page: <http://www.townoflyme.com/history.html>, also quoting three sources: 1.) History Town of Lyme, by Charles and Harriet Knapp. Courtesy of the Lyme Heritage Center. 2.) Our Heritage 1874 - 1974 Centennial of Chaumont, by Helen and Cora Brown. 3.) Point Salubrious 1802 - 2006 by Clara Van Doren.

Additional Contact Information and Links

The Lyme Heritage Center's mailing address: P.O. Box 285, Chaumont, New York 13622.

The Lyme Heritage Center's physical address in the Old Grange Hall: 8718 County Route 5, Three Mile Bay, New York 13693.

The Lyme Heritage Center staff can be reached by calling 315-649-5452 or 315-778-5180 or by e-mailing the center at: lymeheritagecenter@gmail.com

The Lyme Heritage Center's internet site is: <http://www.lymeheritagecenter.org/contact.html>

The Town Clerk is Kim Wallace. Phone 315-649-2788.

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The Town of Lyme Government site is: <http://www.townoflyme.com/>

The Copley Office building built by Hiram Copley about 1872. (Later it was the office for the Adams Duford Quarry company.)



ASK AUNTY JEFF



Letters may be sent snail mail:

Aunty Jeff, c/o Dixon, 15407 Dixon Rd.,
Clayton NY 13624
or E-mail nandixon001@Gisco.net

Dear Aunty Jeff,

I was so glad to chat with you when I came up for Estee's wedding. I always love talking to you. That chat a few months ago has reignited my curiosity for our history. I've gone back through and updated this year's births/weddings from my personal documents.

I came across a question I had written for you a while ago: Did Joseph P. Wagner marry Maria "Eacker" or "Eaker". The discrepancy is, her name is shown "Eacker" while her parents' is shown "Eaker".

Another question why was the "o" added to the Wagoner name?

Oh yes, and Aunt Kathie's first name is never consistent. I've seen "-ie" on personal things and "-y" on your genealogical research. I've heard it is Kathy on her birth certificate, but she spells it Kathie. Can you shed any light on this?

Miss you and hope you're enjoying the summer!

Love you,
Noah

From: Aunty Jeff:

About Maria Eaker: You wrote: "The discrepancy is, her name is shown "Eacker" while her parents' is shown "Eaker".

I've said this literally several hundred times: Until the advent of Webster's Blue Backed Speller in the 1800s, spelling was an art, not a science. It was phonetic. If you had English literature back in college, take a look at Shakespeare, Herrick, Dafoe ...any of those old guys. They weren't even consistent on the same page. Chaucer, for goodness sake. George Washington, Ben Franklin, who ever. There IS no difference between Eacker and Ecker. Or Aker. Or Eacher. It's the same name.

Now as for Kathy. I'm on firm ground here. I spoke with her about it a couple of years ago. Her mother

named her Kathy, which is the version I use. (I can remember back that far so I'm sure!) Sometime when she was in high school or thereabouts, it was fashionable for girls to change the "y" to "ie" in any name...The family's insistence that your grandmother's name is Esther Marie, for instance, when I learned her name long before YOU were born, as Esther Mary. It's got a rhythm to it. And Lucilla, her mother (your gr grandmother!) not being French, named her youngest daughter Mary. Kathy answers to either, and since I prefer Kathy, that's what I call her.

The Wagoner "o" is a genealogical quirk, and you can blame Jacob Peter, One Eyed Jake's father. Since the US is a melting pot of countless nationalities...at least I can't count them...and the British have been dominant since about 1700 or so, give or take a decade, immigrants believed it was an advantage to anglicize their names. Wagner is undoubtedly German, Wagoner is more Anglican. To do the job right, it should have been Waggoner. Of all Jacob Peter's brothers, (not cousins) most added the "o". It means nothing. His son Joseph did not, so my cousin Patty Wagner is the same relation to us as is the rest of her generation.

Take the Timmermans. You can spell it Timerman, Timermann, Zimmerman, Zimmerman, Zimerman and it's all the same name. But try to persuade any of them that they are related to the others(!) ...I counted 11 different ways to spell Wagoner one day when I had nothing better to do. Vogner, Waaggoner (though that's usually Dutch, not German) Waggoner...you get the idea. Your Uncle Bill used to explain it: A German immigrant lands at New York in 1710, registers in the Hudson Valley with a Dutch clerk, moves over to the Schoharie Valley and signs in with an English official, takes the papers to the Mohawk valley where a German tries to make sense of the papers the immigrant shows him, and then gets some land (legally, for a change) from some Indians, who sign with pictographs, and to add to the fun none of the above are really literate. And their handwriting! So the immigrant chooses the one he likes best and goes by that name.

Love you back, and I'm so glad you are taking an interest in your family history!
Your old Aunty Jeff.

**"Few people get weak eyes from
looking on the bright side." –
Author Unknown**

**"If opportunity doesn't knock,
build a door." – Milton Berle**

A Bicentennial Tribute to Veterans of 1776

A Reprinting of *Watertown Daily Times* Articles from 1976

JCNYGS has recently acquired the full collection of Veteran tribute articles (clippings) and is hoping to reprint the full series in this and subsequent *Informers* until all tributes are printed. All of the articles originated over a six month period from the *Watertown Daily Times* in 1976. We thank JCNYGS member Jerry Reed for the donation of the compiled articles on a digital disk. We also thank Anne Davis, JCNYGS member, and President, LeRay de Chaumont Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and her members, for their support in recognizing our Revolutionary soldiers. Although not an organized group in 1976, the Sons of the American Revolution, Thousand Island Chapter created in 2014, now exists, and we also recognize Parks Honeywell, and his members, for their support of recognizing our Revolutionary soldiers.

Article 1: *Watertown Daily Times*, Thursday, July 3, 1976: "350 Revolutionary War Veterans Are Buried in Jefferson County. More than 350 soldiers who fought for the independence of the United States in the Revolutionary War are buried in Jefferson County. As the nation celebrates the bicentennial of the Revolution, to culminate in the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1976. The *Watertown Daily Times* will publish the known biographical data of these freedom fighters buried in Jefferson County. The list of names and information was provided to The Times through the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution."

Article 2: *Watertown Daily Times*, July 1976: "Although Jefferson County was highly strategic as a borderland in both the French and Indian Wars and the War of 1812, the area was not the site of any of the great battles of the American Revolution. According to the history books, the American line of defense lay mostly along the Mohawk and the Susquehanna rivers during the War for Independence, and the land of Jefferson County was much given up to the enemy due to the presence of the British fort on Carleton Island in the St. Lawrence River. Perhaps the area's greatest distinction during those years was an escape route for many Tories on their way to the safety of Canada.

When the new nation had been born, however, and the awesome wilderness was first being cleared, it was to Jefferson County that many of those who had fought in the Revolution moved. As a result, more than 350 Revolutionary War soldiers are buried in the county, and records of their presence provide a national heritage for today's residents.

The list of names and short biographies of the

Revolutionary War heroes of Jefferson County is presented by The Times through the cooperation of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution on the occasion of this year's national celebration.

The names were originally copied by Mrs. Frank M. Williams, a member of the local D.A.R., while in Washington, D.C., at the Archives of the Veterans Administration. Ethel Swaffer copied Mrs. Williams' records for use in the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter Library.

Members of the chapter's Bicentennial Committee are: Helen B. Walker, chairman, Mrs. Ward B. Gorman Sr., Mrs. Winfield A. Fox, Mrs. Floyd L. Hammond, Mrs. Robert G. Horr, Mrs. Henry R. Hodge, Mrs. M. Merle Osborn, Mrs. William B. Eves, Miss A. Faye Eames and Mrs. Martin E. Sullivan.

The list of freedom fighters follows, and will be continued in subsequent issues of The *Watertown Daily Times*.

Robert Ackerman: Robert Ackerman was born in 1761 or 1763 and died May 7, 1839. His body was buried by Sherwin's Bay Cemetery, Town of Brownville. His wife was Roxelene Childs."

The Times Tribute article(s) will be continued in the October 2016 *Informer*.



NICHOLAS COCAGNE

By JCNYS Member Sandra Mentry

Nicholas Cocagne was born on 1 or 2 July 1779 in Rosiere sur Mance, Haute Saone, France. This is known because of a baptism record found from the church there. In that time period the Roman Catholic Church tried to baptize infants within 24 hours of birth. His record is dated 2 July 1779. The baptism record lists his parents as Joseph Cocagne and Jeanne Claude Caffet.

There are no records indicating what amount of schooling Nicholas had but he was literate to some extent as he appears to have signed legal documents for himself.

The next record is a marriage, again from the church archives. This is dated 5 January 1811 and was again found in the records of Rosiere sur Mance. The record indicates that Nicholas was a laborer in an unspecified field, repeats his parents names and gives his wife's name as Marguerite Porcherot. Paraphrase of marriage record – Nicolas Cocagne... 32 years old, first son of Joseph Cocagne of Rosieres and Jeanne Claude Caffet, and Marguerite Porcherot, age 19 ... Jean Claude Porcherot of Rosieres and Reine Nallet her father and mother.

The children began arriving in October 1811. A total of ten baptisms were found in French Archives and one child was born after they left France. They were:

- Anne Claude Cocagne, born 8 October 1811, died 9 Sep 1813 in France
- Jeanne Françoise Cocagne, born 18 May 1813
- Charles Noel Cocagne, born 10 February 1816, died 28 February 1900 in Minnesota
- Louise Cocagne born 27 May 1818, died 11 July 1818 in France
- Nicholas Cocagne, born 13 August 1819, died 18 February 1888 in LeRay, New York
- Jean Baptiste Cocagne, born 1 October 1821, died at sea in 1856
- Joseph Cocagne, born 1823, died 26 December 1898 in Missouri
- Claude Simeon Cocagne, born 8 July 1825, died 27 January 1857 in Cape Vincent, New York
- Augustus Charles Cocagne, born 26 February 1827, died 7 May 1903 in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin
- Ann Appoline Cocagne, born 21 April 1829, married C. D. Fredrick Mentry 4 October 1847 in Cape Vincent, New York, died 2 July 1903 in Cape Vincent, New York
- Rosetta Cocagne, born 1831 in Utica, New York, died 1909 in Cape Vincent, New York

Written in December 1830, there is a long document involving the sale of land by Nicholas and other family members. To me this indicates when he made the decision to move to the United States. The start of this

document, as translated by Mary Kergill reads: "December 27, 1830: Sales Agreement Present: Notary; Maitre Charles Victor Grossetete; Mayor of Rosieres; Antoine Lavocat, farmer, representing Jean Claude Porcherot proprietor, and Reine Nallet his wife, Nicolas Cocagne, farmer, and Marguerite Porcherot his wife, Anne Claude Caffet proprietor, widow of Joseph Cocagne (other couples mentioned are the parents of Nicholas and Margerite).

Payment will be made in four equal sums once a year; the first to be made in a years' time; the last payment being made on December 27, 1834, with 5% interest.

Article 5; Payment will be made with metal coins of gold and silver to be paid to the said Lavocat in his home" The completion of this land transaction may explain why there is an 1835 arrival record for Nicholas Cocagne in the New York port records.

Nicholas states in later documents that he and family arrived in New York City in 1831. This arrival record has not been found. They made a stop in Utica, NY for the birth of their last child and then proceeded north to the holdings of James LeRay de Chaumont.

It wasn't long after arriving in Jefferson County that Nicholas joined with other French arrivals and requested that a Catholic priest be assigned to their area. Nellie Horton Casler found this letter in the Archive of the Ogdensburg diocese when she prepared her history of Cape Vincent:

"On the opposite side of the St. Lawrence from Cape Vincent lies Kingston, the former capital of Upper Canada, a city of considerable size and affording a good market for our products. It contains a Catholic Church. While we are unable to build a church of our own, the parish priest of Kingston, thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. LeRay, will visit us from time to time. We are, however, already busy with the construction of a church. We contributed to its erection by direct assessment, two mills to the dollar, which will be placed to our credit in the pew-rent account. New-comers will be assessed in the same manner. To hasten a work whose completion is so much desired, the proprietary (Mr. LeRay) besides bearing gratuitously one quarter of the expense, will advance what we are bound, but are as yet unable to pay. This he does that the church may be ready next year, and may be built of a size convenient not alone for the present population, but for the future increase we hope for. Its situation is well chosen. It is central for the present settlers, close to those farms which the next emigrants must select, and three-quarters of a mile from the saw-mill and grist-mill. There we shall found a village for trades-people and laborers, and, as the first settlers and the majority of us came from Rosiere, this shall be its name. Rosiere, February, 1832.

*Signed, Huger Aubertin of Blonde Fontaine; Toussaint Laurent, Simon and Nicolas Cornair, Pierre Barthelemy, **Nicolas Cocaigue**, Jean Branche, Nicolas Jacquet, Francois Chapron, Jean Billery of*
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Aubercy; Claude Barbien of Oignet; Marcel Aubrey of Sembry; Jacques Mentry, and Pierre Brunot of St. Marcel." (Cape Vincent and Its History, compiled by Nellie Horton Casler, Hungerford Holbrook Co., Watertown, N.Y. 1906) (Bolding added)

Nicholas wasted little time in making decisions. By July 1832 he had filed a Declaration of Intention and Naturalization. A transcription was found in the *Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County, NY*. September 1990 issue in the series giving data from the "Declaration of Intent - Naturalization" files. The data given there is "Cocagne, Nicolas – Born Rosieres, France; arrived NYC ca 25 April 1831; now resides Lyme; signature; declaration filed 29 July 1832." The process was completed 16 September 1836 and covered all members of his family. I can say this because son Jean Baptist recorded on his passport application that he was naturalized with his father. The originals were found in the Jefferson County Court records and are so fragile they were handled with white gloves.

Nicholas purchased land from the LeRay estate in the area now known as the corner of Route 12E and Favret Road. The original of this deed was found in the Jefferson County Clerk's office, deed book E-3, page 170 and was recorded 8 November 1838. There are discrepancies between the above and the information given in the following newspaper article.

This house was featured in a Watertown Daily Times series on North Country Houses. These articles appeared from November 1941 to July 1956. The author gives the following information on the house and family: "Old Houses of the North Country No. 236. Nicholas Cocagne was one of those early French settlers who came from old Rosiere in France well over a century ago and located in what is now the town of Cape Vincent, but which was a part of the town of Lyme prior to 10 April 1849. In spite of the fact that there are several descendants of Nicholas Cocagne in Jefferson County, there being Claude F. Cocagne and Miss Mae H. Cocagne in this city, Clyde Cocagne and R.H. Cocagne near Evans Mills, little is known about the history of the family.

How much more than 116 years ago it was that Nicholas Cocagne left his native France to cast his fortunes with Jefferson county is not known, but on 13 July 1831, he purchased of Vincent LeRay 102.98 acres of land touching the Mile Square in the town of Cape Vincent and less than two miles from the village of Cape Vincent on the Cape Vincent turnpike, now the state highway between Watertown and that village.

Upon this piece of farm land he apparently lost little time in building his small, extremely plain and modest house of limestone quarried nearby. It stands in the angle formed by the Watertown-Cape Vincent state highway

and Hell Street road that swings off to the northeast paralleling the St. Lawrence River for a ways before bending to the southeast beyond the hamlet of Rosiere.



But Nicholas Cocagne did not remain in the stone house many years, he and his wife, Marguerite selling it and the 102.98 acres of land on October 24, 1848, to their son, Nicholas Cocagne, Jr. for the nominal amount of \$500.00.

After that transaction apparently the elder Nicholas Cocagne took up his residence in the town of LeRay and was followed some years later by the son, who died in the latter town 15 February 1888. The latter's survivors were his widow, Catharine E. Cocagne and the following children: Anna P. Dezensgremel, Nicholas J. Cocagne, Catharine E. Panchau, Nellie A. Drake, Charles N. Cocagne, Carrie B. W. Emond of the town of LeRay; Amelia A. Ruso, Frankfort; Frank N. Cocagne, Croghan; Anna L. J. Brown, Antwerp; Louise C. Meeker, city.

The record shows that Nicholas and Catharine Cocagne sold the stone house and 102.98 acres to Allen Wilson of the town of Cape Vincent March 9, 1868. Mr. Wilson was a son of John G. Wilson, native of New York and drummer in the American Revolution, who settled in the town of Cape Vincent in 1856.

6 April 1906, Mr. Wilson disposed of the farm and this stone house to Joseph and Emma Favret and upon the death of Mr. Favret, Cape Vincent farmer, the place went to his widow, Mrs. Emma Favret of the village of Cape Vincent, the present owner, 6 July 1931. It is operated by Charles and Ernest Bourcy, who occupy the property. The house has been modernized by a wooden porch in front which does not conform to the original architecture." (Watertown Daily Times, by David F. Lane). The house Nicholas built still stands at the intersection of Route 12E and Favret Road. The stone house was occupied in 2010 by Beverly White Mason and her husband.

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I believe Nicholas deeded land on the opposite side of Favret Road to daughter Ann Appoline at the time of her marriage to C. D. Frederick Mentry in 1847. This property left the family a century later with the death of her son Alcide Mentry.

Nicholas and family are found in Lyme/Cape Vincent in the New York State census of 1835 and the US Census records for 1840, 1850 and 1860. The New York census of 1835 for the Town of Lyme gives "Cochin, Nicholas – males = 7; females = 3, unmarried females under 16 = 2.

In 1840 the census taker wrote Nicholas Cokein, Males – age 10-15 = 2, age 15-20 = 1, age 20-30 = 1 and age 60-70 = 1; females – age 5-10 = 1, age 15-20 = 2, age 50-60 = 1.

In 1850 the census taker was instructed to record every name in each house and the household in Cape Vincent consisted of Nicholas Cocaigne, age 79, farmer, born France; Margaret Cocaigne, age 58, born France, Simon Cocaigne, age 25, laborer, born France; Augustus Cocaigne, age 23, laborer, born France, and Rosetta Cocaigne, age 19, born New York.

1860 was the final census for Nicholas at which time he was found in Cape Vincent with the following information: Nick Cockyne, age 81, retired farmer, born France and Mar Cockyne, age 68, born France.

You will note that the census records do not agree with reporter David Lane's statement that Nicholas and Margaret moved to LeRay. Also the spelling of the name is different in each record. The one person I have met who heard the family name from a family member indicated the pronunciation was Co-Kine which might account for some of the census takers spellings.



Nicholas died 3 December 1866 and his tombstone can be found in the St. Vincent de Paul church yard in the village. Beside him is the stone for son Simeon. No stone has been found for Margaret Porcherot Cocagne but a probate package gives her death as 11 January 1870.

My Family Began in Jefferson County, New York

By JCNYS Member David Dawes

My surname ancestors arrived from East Sussex, England and settled in Jefferson County, New York. James Daw, born 16 May 1792, in Peasemarsch, East Sussex, England, and Sarah Lusted Campell, born circa 1782 in England, left London, England 28 March 1830 on the ship Columbia, with their son, William Campbell Daw, born 14 November 1817 in Peasemarsch. They arrived in New York 19 April 1830 and settled in Lyme, Jefferson County, New York and by 1850 were living in Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, New York. The surname Daw has been confirmed by English cousins still in Peasemarsch and Australia. On the 1840 census, they were known as Daws, which in later censuses became Dawes for the family.

William married Laura Sarah Goodrich on 12 March 1850. Laura Sarah Goodrich was born 20 January 1832, in Rodman, Jefferson County, New York. By 1880, William and Laura were living in Wood County, Wisconsin. My part of the family continued to move west to the state of Washington and then to California.

James, died 5 March 1853, and Sarah, died 12 April 1853, are buried in the Bates Cemetery, Town of Cape Vincent, Jefferson County, New York located on the east side of County Route 6 (Pleasant Valley Road) approximately 1 mile north of the intersection with Fox Creek Road.

The two attached photos were photographed at the Bates Cemetery in May 2016. For more information on the Bates cemetery, visit www.nnygenealogy.com



Are You Sure They Are Your Ancestors?

This Genealogy Blunder is More Common Than Ever
By: *Melanie Mayo* | Editor, *Family History Daily*

Family history research is a fascinating and rewarding hobby, and it's getting more exciting all of the time. With new records and tools and research methods appearing every day, there are seemingly endless opportunities to explore and collaborate.

But, as most of us already recognize, there are also endless opportunities to make mistakes. And, in the connected world of online research, those mistakes can spread like wildfire.

Genealogy is collaborative by nature and sharing information is a big part of the journey for many of us. After all, who wants to do research in a bubble? Genealogy is about connections and none of us would be able to expand our research to any great degree if it wasn't for the spirit of sharing.

But, as we discussed in an earlier article, sharing has to be approached cautiously (whether we're borrowing from someone else's tree or offering our own up to others). Because it is so easy for someone to simply grab our information and run with it, we must be extra cautious about the data we place online.

And this brings us to one very important part of our family history research that can easily go awry — **the connection between generations**. It's becoming common, much too common.

More than any other area, this one is the most vulnerable to the kind of mistakes that can completely crush the accuracy of an entire branch of our tree. Any person who has been doing family history research for any length of time has seen this in action, an incorrect parent or parents on a family tree, sometimes copied again and again by others.

Of course, a 'bad connection' can happen to anyone quite easily and is not always a matter of poor research methods. Most of us have made a mistake about parentage at some point or other. But usually, if we're invested in our research, and if we're concerned about proper sourcing, we will catch the error fairly quickly.

So why *is* this mistake so widespread in public family trees? Because it's an easy error for **any** family historian to make, no matter how careful they are. And, let's be honest, not everyone is interested in developing a highly accurate tree. Some family historians are only in it for the short-term, just slightly curious about their family's past. **And there's nothing wrong with that.** Genealogy research is supposed to be fun and can be a simple, passive hobby for someone and still

enrich their lives and the lives of others.

But it is for this reason that each of us must take responsibility for what we choose to believe about other people's trees, in addition to what we add to our own.

Before we borrow or share information we need to ask:

Am I sure that the connections I am seeing in this other person's tree are accurate? Are there quality sources to back the connections up? Does it appear that this researcher was careful about the information they added?

Am I sure that I've made correct connections in my own tree? Am I ready to share that with others in a format that encourages copying?

If we answer "no" to any of these questions, it is time to step back and consider our course of action.

If you're thinking at this point that you don't need to worry because:

a) you never copy other people's trees or
b) you know you did due diligence on **every single** connection you made in your own tree, that's great! But you might also want to consider that this type of mistake is so common that it was only recently discovered that an entire line in Hillary Rodham Clinton's tree was completely wrong. Was this because of random copying and sloppy research? Maybe, but more likely than not it happened **in spite** of careful research.

The researchers in this case had made one of the most common 'bad connections' — incorrectly using the identity of a similar individual with the same name in a tree. It is not at all uncommon to find that there is another person with the *same name as your ancestor born in a similar location on a similar date*. This is especially true when you are dealing with a common first name or surname, but can happen even to those with seemingly uncommon names.

And, of course, if you accidentally use the information for the *wrong* individual in your research you will get off track with an **entire line** very quickly.

But we *can* avoid this. The most important way to stop ourselves from accidentally traveling down the wrong path in our research is to make sure that each and every connection we make is as accurate as we can possibly determine. It is important not to make assumptions in our own research and not to simply take another person's research at face value.

When adding a new generation to your tree, make sure you:

Do not simply copy another person's research. Carefully examine every single source that person has, and if proper documentation does not exist, find it yourself.

Have an acceptable combination of 'connecting documents' that tie your generations together. While these sources will change from situation to situation, they should always include documents that clearly show a grown child you are researching **and** the parents together. This may be a marriage document

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or death record to start with. Find this information first and then work backwards in time to further verify the information with birth, baptismal, census records and others. Make sure the picture you are forming makes sense and don't overlook discrepancies or usual dates — they could be a sign that you have gone off track or something is amiss. Look for consistent data and make sure that variations in sibling's names or ages, people's birth dates, or family name spellings are just variations and not a sign that you have the wrong individual.

Avoid adding documents to your tree that you can't be sure actually relate to your ancestor just because the name and birth year are similar. Sometimes we do have to take leaps of faith in genealogy research, but we need to take as much time as possible to make sure that the document is really an accurate addition, every single time.

Don't take big leaps. Once you have found the parents of an ancestor, work backwards carefully through the records, making connections wherever you can, to make sure you don't accidentally assign incorrect individuals to your tree.

Be cautious about step parents or adoptive parents. People remarried and when they did they often adopted children, legally or not. If a person remarried when his/her children were still at home the new father or mother may even be listed on a marriage certificate or death record as the biological parent. Sometimes there are virtually no clues to make this apparent so always make sure you find a birth record for your ancestor once you have secured proper connecting documents. Most family tree programs have an option to add step or adoptive parents so that you can record the importance of this person in a child's life while still maintaining an accurate biological line.

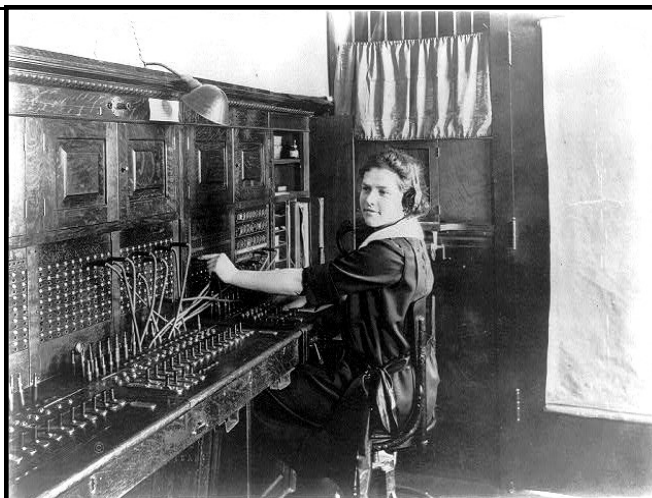
When in doubt, always double check. Don't leave important connections to chance. No one wants to spend years researching a line only to find it's not even their own.

If you have any doubt at all about any of the connections in your tree, we encourage you to take the time to examine each one and make sure you have the sources needed to know that you have the correct information.

And if you do not — and cannot find documentation to prove the connection — consider removing the information from public trees or making clear notes about your doubts. A simple question mark after a name will alert a fellow researcher to your concern. You can then follow that with a note that is attached to the person in question.

And if you see another person's tree that shows an incorrect line, take a moment to drop them a note so that we can all help to avoid one of the most common and destructive mistakes in genealogy research.

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Telephone operator at work. c1922.
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History of Tomorrow Starts Today: History and Genealogy Fair

(About our Cover Picture)

As many as two-hundred people seeking their roots plan to bring history alive this fall inside the 130-year old Jefferson County Historical Society's Paddock Mansion, 228 Washington Street, Watertown. Organizers say, "We did the History and Genealogy Fair for the first time last year to bring together people who love history, with people who are curious about genealogy. We had 150 people, so we want to do it again." The day-long event themed "History of Tomorrow Starts Today" is on Saturday, October 8th from 10:00 to 3:00. County-wide Historical and Genealogical Societies will be set up at tables next to one another, to develop more synergy between the very different groups. "We want to know who our ancestors were, and how the history of where they grew up, formed us. It draws us together, knowing these things," says Jefferson County Historical Society Executive Director Diana Page Jordan. There will be chances to trace your recent lineage, as well as historical displays, pamphlets, books, even cemetery listings. Speakers are lined up, on varied topics, including talks like "Using Technology As A Time Machine". We will have six speakers throughout the event: Ann Fillhart and students, Don Whitney, Dr. Laurie Rush, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Mark Wentling, and Josh Canale. A local school class is also preparing informative hands-on type displays for children, students and youth. Tom LaClair invites all historians and groups wanting to display their information to contact him within the next six-weeks at tomclair624@yahoo.com. There is no cost for individuals or organizations to display. The visiting public will be asked to give a small donation of \$5.00 at the door. Last year we had 150 visitors. We are planning for well over 200 this year.

Richard Ward Rose

By JCNYS Member Charlotte Rose

I started researching my husband's, Richard Ward Rose, paternal line with no idea what I would discover. We knew the Rose's name had been changed but weren't sure of what it was originally and had no knowledge of the Pare lineage. I love doing this and am active as a volunteer on findagrave.com and a member of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society.

Immigrants to the United States faced high costs in economical, emotional, and cultural areas, plus the cost of sustaining themselves during their travel until they found employment. To migrate often meant to leave behind beloved family and friends, who were one's support system, and the familiar surroundings of one's region and ancestral home. In the 1800s, the United States emerged as one of the most industrialized and prosperous nations on earth. To the immigrants, the United States appeared as a vast utopia whose streets were literally paved with gold.

This is the story of two of our immigrant ancestors who settled in Watertown, NY, and married, one from Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and the other from Italy. The Pare family settled in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, after immigrating from France. Poverty, overpopulation, debt and infertile soils pushed French Canadians off their land. Louis and Margaret Pare and their large family, including 17 children, subsequently migrated to New York State. The majority of the Pare family settled in the Oswego, Oswego County, NY area, with the exception of their son, Louis, who lived in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY. His surname became Pair. Many in the family were shoemakers, as was Louis Pair; some owned stores in Oswego.

Louis Pair, the son of Louis and Margaret Pare, was one of 17 children. He married Orillay/Arilla M Turcott. Louis was born in 1832 in Canada and died August 16, 1900, in Watertown, NY. Orillay died 1903 in Watertown, NY. They rest in Arsenal Street Cemetery. I have found 11 children of Louis and Orillay: Addie, Louisa, Alicezeana, Zena, Genie, Emma, Maude, Orilla Mae, Evaline, Elizabeth, and Louis.

From the *Watertown Re-Union*, May 24, 1877: "Louis Pair, the father of the boy who was drowned last Saturday, is the father of twelve children, eleven of whom are girls. The only boy he had was the one who lost his life in Black River. Yesterday Mr. Pair's grief resulted in a fainting fit that lasted until Dr. Rudd was called." The son was named Louis and was seven years old. This section on the Black River has claimed many lives over the years.

From the *Watertown Daily Times* August, 1900: "The

death of Louis P. Pair, one of the oldest French residents of Watertown, occurred this morning at his home, 44 Factory Street. Mr. Pair was born in Montreal, Quebec, 69 years ago and had resided in Watertown for 50 years. He was a shoemaker and for many years conducted a shop on Factory Street. He is survived by a wife and the following daughters; Misses Orilla and Maude Pair, Mrs. Tony Laterre (sic), Mrs. Archie Rose and Mrs. Charles Byron, of this city; Mrs. Joseph Rossani (sic), of Syracuse, and Mrs. Edwin Place, of Cumberland, Md."

From the *Watertown Re-union* September 12, 1902: "Orilla M Pair, widow of the late Lewis (sic) P. Pair and an old and respected resident of this city, died Tuesday night at her home, 36 Burchard Street, aged 65 years. She is survived by five daughters; Mrs. A. Letterio, Mrs. A. Rose, Mrs. Lewis Mestler, Mrs. Charles Barnes (sic) and Miss Maud Pair, all of this city."

From Fultonhistory.com, *Watertown Daily Times*; "Miss Orilla May Pair, daughter of Louis and Orilla, died last night at her home, 23 Mechanic Street in her 47th year. Miss Pair was born and had always lived in Watertown and had many friends. She was probably the smallest adult woman in the city and was known by sight to many people who had no personal acquaintance with her.

She is survived by her widowed mother, Mrs. Orilla Pair, and six sisters; Mrs. Joseph Rostana (sic) of Syracuse, Mrs. George Palmer of Connecticut and Mrs. Antonio Letteria (sic), Mrs. Archie Rose, Mrs. Charles Byron and Miss Maud Pair of this city. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, and the interment will be in the Arsenal Street cemetery."

Alicezeana Pair, daughter of Louis and Orilla, was born in 1865 in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY, and died in 1930. She first married Arcangelo Fasano (later known as Archie Rose) who was born in 1853 in Italy and died May 31, 1923 in Watertown. Alice then married James G. Bennett. I found six children with Archie: Theresa Mary, Archie, Reda, Michael, Louis, and Anna Elizabeth. In official documents, such as census and directories, the surname Fasano is used but in newspaper articles it is Rose. We don't know why the name was changed. Some of the family other than our branch retained the Fasano surname.

Archie and Alice were married in 1888. Archie is buried in Arsenal Street Cemetery. Alice and her second husband, James Bennett, are in North Watertown Cemetery.

Source: *Watertown Daily Times*, June 1, 1923: "Archie Rose, 63, died Thursday afternoon at the county home following a long illness caused by a shock

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suffered several years ago. He had been an inmate of the county home since 1919. He has been in very feeble health all this time and his condition grew steadily worse during the past six months. He was born in Italy and he came to this country 40 years ago. He is survived by his widow, Alice Pair Rose, and three sons, Archie Rose and Michael Rose all of this city; and two daughters Mrs. P. C. Milers, Watertown; and Mrs. William Sibert (sic), Syracuse. The funeral will be held from St. Anthony's chapel on Arsenal Street Saturday. Interment will be made at Arsenal street cemetery."

Archie (NMI) Fasano/Rose, son of Alicezeana Pair and Arcangelo Fasano/Rose, was born July 30, 1896 in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY and died July 13, 1974, also in Watertown. He no longer used Fasano as his surname. He married Clara Iona Ward, with whom he had three children; Reda Ada, Ward Archie, and Raymond Rose. Archie and Clara Rose are buried in North Watertown Cemetery. Archie worked at the New York Air Brake his entire career.

Ward "Bud" Rose



Ward "Bud" Archie Rose, son of Archie and Clara, 1918-2007, married Marjorie Eleanor Putnam. They had two children. Sharon and Richard Ward Rose. Ward worked at the New York Air Brake for 38 years until his retirement. He entered the Marine Corps in WW II. In 1949, he purchased a lot on the St. Lawrence River on the Rock Beach area next to Cedar Point State Park, whereon he built a summer home. It was next to a home owned by his father Archie. Ward was former member of the American Legion Post 61 and a member of Elks Lodge 496, being 1975-76 Elk of the Year. After retirement, he lived in St. Petersburg, Fl., in the winter months.

Ward's son, **Richard Ward Rose**, graduated from Watertown Senior high school in 1965. He married Charlotte Robbins Woodard in 1970. They have two children Brenda and Richard Charles Rose. Richard worked for the Watertown Daily Times for 28 years in the composing room until he moved to North Carolina to escape the winter weather.

It is interesting to note that I would be Charlotte Fasano rather than Charlotte Rose if the name had not been changed. There was a large Italian population in Watertown, NY, mostly in the area between Arsenal and Coffeen Streets. There were large truck gardens which supplied the numerous fruit and vegetable stands with produce. Now that we live in the south, I find myself missing the Italian names and influences. There were and still are fabulous Italian restaurants in the Watertown area.

I haven't had any success finding Fasano relatives in Watertown. Michael and Louis Fasano moved to the Syracuse area and kept the original name.

Having only daughters surviving, the Louis Pair name has died out in Jefferson County. I found a few Pair's in cemeteries but have not found a connection to us. Perhaps the Pare name in Oswego still exists.

If anyone has information on these families; I would love to hear from you. Just contact me, Charlotte Robbins Rose, at crose46nc@suddenlink.net.

**"Today is life – the only life you are sure of. Make the most of today. Get interested in something. Shake yourself awake. Develop a hobby. Let the winds of enthusiasm sweep through you. Live today with Gusto."
– Dale Carnegie**



Jefferson County GenWeb Alive and Well

If you have researched your Jefferson County, New York, ancestors lately, you undoubtedly visited the Jefferson County GenWeb research site at <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/>

The Jefferson County GenWeb site comes highly recommended by the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society and is link accessible from our homepage at www.jcnygs.com.

This county site is part of the USGenWeb Project. Modeled after the Kentucky GenWeb Project which was organized by a group of genealogists in March and April 1996, the idea was to provide a single entry point for all counties in Kentucky, where collected databases would be stored. In June 1996, it was decided to expand the project to include all states.

Martha Magill, a coordinator with NYGenWeb recently wrote: "JeffCo' was created by co-coordinators Nancy "Nan" and William "Bill" Dixon in 1997. Nan and Bill built Jefferson into a deep site, especially strong in first-half 19th century Jefferson County and North Country resources. Nan has brought together an outstanding local team of long-time friends and historical colleagues, each bringing unique talents and ideas to grow 'JeffCo' as it enters its third decade."

Today Nan, with her co-coordinator Bruce Coyne, and assistant co-coordinators Larry Corbett and Tom LaClair, hopes your visit to the site proves interesting and fruitful and wishes you luck with your research. Over the past few months Larry Corbett and Bruce Coyne identified and corrected hundreds of "broken links" and have worked on fonts and page viewing settings for enhanced readability for visitors using hand-held devices. Larry has submitted a dozen or more detailed lists of Jefferson County people and their association with businesses, clubs or schools.

Meanwhile Nan and Tom have been contacting individuals for potential site additions and have been editing several of more recent finds. Although the Jefferson County, New York, site is not new, many inclusions are. Some additions, or additions in-work, include:

Jefferson County, New York, Naturalization Index. There are some 17,130 names listed in naturalization papers dated from 1819 to 1972. This is only an index in that all physical records are in safekeeping at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office, 175 Arsenal Street, Watertown, Jefferson County, New York, 13601.

Graduates of Watertown High School, 1865 – 1877. A list of graduates of Watertown High School, copied from an old newspaper clipping.

St. Patrick's Orphanage Census, 1905, 1910, 1915, 1920, 1925, 1930, 1940.

Names from the 1913 Gettysburg Reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) and United Confederate Veterans (UCV).

Cemetery burial ledger indexed, Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa. The ledger held over 1,900 names from 1885 to 1949.

Militia Enrollment, 1866. This list shows the names and addresses of the men who were thus enrolled in Company F of the 35th Regiment of the New York State Militia from the 2nd and 3rd Election Districts of the Town of Watertown, as filed August 24, 1866.

Watertown Elks Lodge deceased members, 1899 – 1974.

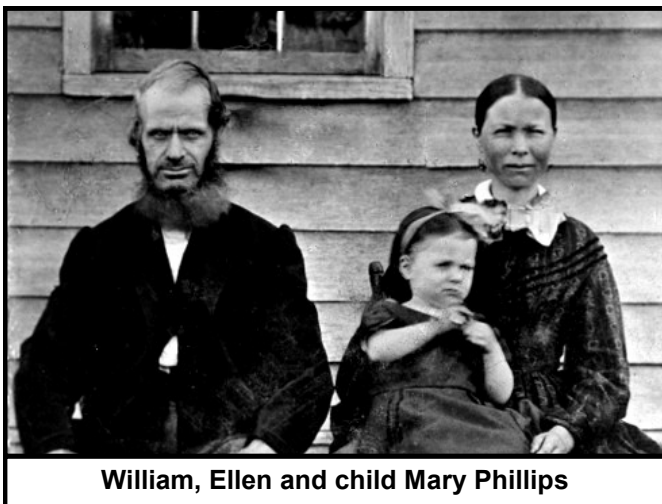
Many other interesting lists and Jefferson County pieces of information with new data added all the time.

In closing, we encourage researchers to continue visiting the Jefferson County GenWeb from time to time. The new information going up today just might be the piece of family history puzzle that leads to other meaningful discoveries.

William Phillips of Point Peninsula, Jefferson County, New York

With Information on Descendants and Families
By JCNYS Member Linda Phillips

This story started a couple years ago when I posted my Phillips Family Tree on Ancestry Site. I was contacted by a fellow researcher on Ancestry and she noted that we both had the same names on our trees. We were able to exchange contact information and as it turned out, she was the granddaughter to my husband's Great Grandfather's brother (Robert Ross Phillips). The next surprise was she told us that her father (Irving Jack Phillips), son of Robert Ross Phillips was alive and well at age 92, living in Three Mile Bay, Jefferson County, New York and would be excited to meet us. So we set up a meeting.



William, Ellen and child Mary Phillips

Our Phillips family is of Lyme Township, Jefferson County, New York. William Phillips was born 4 Mar 1825 and emigrated from England, date unknown. I first found William in an 1857 Rome, Oneida County census listed as a *Tinsmith*. He met Ellen Frances Ignatius Brophy who was born Nov 1843 and emigrated from Northern Ireland in 1858. Her father's name was James Brophy (mother's name unknown) as per her death certificate. In Civil War Pension files, William and Ellen were noted as getting married 11 Sep 1861 at Point Peninsula by Rev. Wm. Wemifield, a Methodist Episcopal Clergyman. William enlisted in the Civil War at Watertown, New York, on 6 Dec 1861 at age 36 and served with Company D. of the 35th New York Volunteers, and was discharged with disability on 4 Feb 1862. In an 1865 census, William and Ellen living in Town of Lyme with sons James D., age 5 (my husband's Great Grandfather), and son William age 1. William is listed as an *Alien* and a *Tinsmith*. In the 1870 census, they reside in Lyme, at Point Peninsula. They now have a daughter Mary, age 2, and son William has died. William continues his trade as a *Tinsmith*. In the 1880 census, they have remained in Point Peninsula and they now have another daughter Grace Dora, age 8, and a son Robert Ross, age 1. William remains a *Tinsmith*. In Sep 1896, William dies at age 71 and is buried in the cemetery at Point Peninsula. Ellen remains at Point Peninsula until her death at age 79 in Sep 1922. She died at the home of her daughter, Mary Riley, in

Mannsville, New York, and is also buried in the Point Peninsula Cemetery.

My husband is James A. Phillips, 2nd Great Great Grandson of William and Ellen Phillips (James D. Phillips is his Great Grandfather). Irving Jack Phillips is the Grandson of William and Ellen Phillips (son of Robert Ross Phillips). They were able to meet and connect and share some great family history and precious family photos. These newly connected cousins were able to reminisce over their Phillips family history for the next two years, filling in family history that was not clear to my husband. Irving Jack passed away in Aug 2014 at age of 94 at his home in Three Mile Bay. He is survived by four daughters that remain in the area.

Also included is the genealogy on the two brothers, James D. Phillips and Robert Ross Phillips.

James D. Phillips: James is the first child of William and Ellen Phillips, born 27 Oct 1860 in Point Peninsula. On the 1880 census, he is listed as a 19 year old *Farm Laborer*. On 24 Sep 1884 at Chaumont, he married 16 year old Ida Mae Orchard, daughter of Benjamin and Armenia Orchard of Sackets Harbor. By 1885 James D. was now a *Miller* at Camp Mills (owned by Benjamin Orchard). Also in 1885 his first child Wayne George Phillips, is born at Sackets Harbor. In 1889 a second child Ella Edna Phillips is born and then dies in Feb 1890. On 11 Feb 1892 their third child is born, Ella Ida Phillips. Sadly, little Ella Ida's mother Ida Mae Orchard Phillips dies nine days after giving birth to her third child, she was age 24.

On 1 Sep 1892, James D., a widower, marries Nellie Elizabeth Graham age 25, daughter of Henry James Graham and Martha Chapman of Hounsfield. On 2 Dec 1897, a son, Howard Lester Phillips is born to James and Nellie. On the 1900 census, James D. is working at Liberty Island (Fort Wood) as an Engineer at the Pumping Station for the government. On subsequent census reports James D. Phillips is shown in Sackets Harbor working as a Plumber. In Jan 1912 James D. received a certificate for his

Phillips house in Sackets Harbor



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Wayne, James D., Howard and Nellie Phillips
Circa 1910 in Sulphur Springs

service from 1905 – 1911 “in the Fire Dept.” for the Village of Sackets Harbor. James D. and family remained in Sackets Harbor until his death in Nov 1932 at age 72. His wife Nellie Graham Phillips remained in Sackets Harbor until her death on 7 Dec 1950 at age 82. She died at the home of her son Howard Lester Phillips. There is a cemetery on this Route 62 named Sulfur Springs Cemetery and this is where James D. Phillips and family were laid to rest.

Robert Ross Phillips: Robert Ross Phillips, born 11 Sep 1878, at Point Peninsula, was the fifth child of William and Ellen Phillips. In 1880 at age 2, his father is the “*Tinsmith*.” On 3 Aug 1899, at age 21, Robert enlisted as a Private in the 26th Army, US Regiment, Company I, and served in the Spanish American War. He mustered out 13 May 1901 and returned to live with his widowed mother Ellen.

On 21 Jun 1911 Robert married Miss Fannie Collins Graves, daughter of William Graves and Marriah Moore at Three Mile Bay. In 1915 Robert and Fannie are living on Shore Road in the Town of Lyme and he is a farmer, they have 2 daughters. On 2 Jan 1920, their first and only son, Irving Jack Phillips is born. On the 1925 census, the family is living in Three Mile Bay and Robert Ross is farming. By the 1930 census, Robert Ross Phillips is now working for the Highway Department as a teamster. In 1931 his wife of twenty years, Fannie, age 38, dies of a brain tumor. In 1942 their son Irving Jack Phillips enlists as a Private in the Air Corps until discharged in 1946 as a Corporal. In 1943 Irving marries Elorna J. Benney, daughter of John and Hazel Benney of Chaumont. Robert Ross Phillips has remained in Three Mile Bay area all along and on 22 May 1947, sixteen years after his wife’s death he marries Nellie Alice Bretch. They remain in Three Mile Bay until their deaths, Robert Ross in 1962 and Nellie in 1975.

In conclusion, this is but a brief summary of the William Phillips descendants and families. For more information, or to discuss this article, please email me at Linphillips1@gmail.com or write me at 11597 Reserve Way, Columbia Station, and Ohio 44028.

NEW JEFFERSON COUNTY INDEXES AVAILABLE

JCNYGS member Mark Wentling recently published “every-name” indexes for three early volumes about Jefferson County of interest to genealogists. Now available are the indexes to:

Edgar C. Emerson’s 1898 “Our County & Its People: A Descriptive Work on Jefferson County, New York.” Emerson’s book was over 1,200 pages long and included a history of each town and its residents, plus hundreds of “family sketches.” He discussed more than 15,000 people in the book, but his index included only about 4,000 of them. Mark has gone through the book and compiled a complete list of all 15,000+ people, including more than 26,500 references in all. The index is 264 pages in length. \$40.00.

Jeremiah Coughlin’s 1905 “Jefferson County Centennial.” In that year the county celebrated its 100th birthday with a week of festivals and speeches that featured many first-hand stories about early life and settlement. Many of the stories in it aren’t found in other books. Mark’s is the first comprehensive name index and includes all 4,150+ individuals, over 5,400 references in all. The index is 96 pages long. \$26.00.

George W. Reeves’ 1920 “Jefferson County in the World War.” Reeves’ book contained the names of men and women from all towns in the county who served during World War I, including nurses, welfare workers and members of various supporting committees back home. The book was unindexed. Mark’s index totals nearly 4,000 references to over 3,900 people. This index is 92 pages long. \$22.00.



Most readers will know Mark primarily for his various Jefferson County genealogy websites, but indexing is a skill he learned while working on publications for the National Geographic Society in Washington, D.C., several years ago. Mark decided to combine the two interests together to make exploring the past easier for everyone who shares a love of the county.

Copies of the indexes can be ordered online from Mark’s website at www.ancestorintroductions.com under the “Indexing” section or email Mark directly at mark@wentlingresearch.com. The Jefferson County Historical Society is also carrying copies in their gift shop in Watertown.

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DYER, ACKLEY

My cousin and I are searching for a will or other document that gives the names of the children of Samuel **DYER** and Prudence **ACKLEY** of Rodman, Jefferson County, NY. Does anyone recognize this family line? Samuel **DYER** was a shop keeper/innkeeper. Samuel died in Rodman 2 Aug 1847 and his grave is in the Isham Cemetery. Samuel **DYER** married Prudence **Ackley** 13 Apr 1806 in Shaftsbury VT. After Samuel died, Prudence appears to have lived with her daughter Susan Arvilla **DYER** married to Peter W **DYER**, passing in 1866 (census records). Her daughter Susan Arvilla **DYER DYER** dies in 1886. Susan's son Charles is born in Rodman 28 Jul 1857 passing 15 May 1925. Prudence and Samuel are reported to have had 2 sons: Darwin Erasmus/Erasmus Darwin/ Darwin E and Lemman. Both sons moved to Shelby, Indiana then on to Ohio. There may have been other children. Several researchers on Ancestry.com give Darwin as a son with no documentation. The 1840 Rodman, Jefferson County lists both Samuel and Dorwin E/Douvin E. I believe this to be Darwin. Darwin is our third-great grandfather. By 1840 he is in Shelby County, IN (along with William, Samuel's brother - both Samuel and William are mentioned in their father's will along with where they reside). By 1850 Darwin is in Lorain County, Ohio where he died in 1871. I have many land and civic records for Darwin - nowhere is there an initial E or the name Erasmus; except on is gravestone where his name is Darwin E. One issue with Darwin being a child of Samuel and Prudence is that his birth date is given as 1 Oct 1895 and his parent's wedding date is 13 Apr 1806, both in Shaftsbury, Bennington County, VT (not unheard of). Our **DYER** line is well documented from Darwin to the present and back to the 1600's for Samuel of Rodman. It's the proof of parentage of Darwin that we are seeking.

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BURNHAM

I have been researching the family of Burrell **BURNHAM** of Ashford CT. I cannot find any information and would like to know more.

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HODGE, WELLES

My Palmer **HODGE** ancestor is buried in Gallop Cemetery, Denmark, NY. He died in 1860. He was born about 1776 in Schenectady but I have no information of where he came from or who his parents were or if he had any siblings. If anybody in your society can help me, I would be hugely grateful. I'm

even thinking of making a trip to New York state in 2017. I have ancestral trails in Connecticut too -- with Thomas **WELLES**, the first Governor of Connecticut.

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MacALLISTER, LINDALL

Alexander **MacALLISTER** was born April 13, 1894 in Ireland. He died June 18, 1875 in Alexandria, Jefferson County, NY. He was married to Isabell **LINDALL** in 1835 in New Haven. Their children were Maria, Catharine, Isabell, Lydia, Mary A, Rhoda, James, Rachel, Spencer, Norman and John F. Alexander's father may have been Joseph. With census records and recently found family bible sheets hiding in the attic of my parents house, I have some information. Story is that Alexander's parents came here from Ireland with two boys and three girls. The parents left the girls in a school in New Jersey and the boys in another school. Then they left to find a new home, but were never heard from again.

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O'CONNOR, ROBISON

I have exhausted all on line research in trying to locate my GG Grandparents Timothy **O'CONNOR** and his wife Sarah. Timothy was born in Ireland and Sarah in Scotland. This is the only information written in the family bible of their daughter-in-law, my G Grandmother. A family story is that my G Grandfather John was born on board ship while Timothy & Sarah were traveling to America. John has put his birth date as 15 Nov 1831 and his obituary and Kansas GAR roster indicate he was born in Watertown, NY. I find no other record of any other children of Timothy & Sarah. I have not located any early documented records of John until he was married in Brazil, Indiana to a Sarah **ROBISON**, on 2 Mar 1856.

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TAYLOR, BAXTER

I am seeking birth and marriage information on Abram/Abraham **TAYLOR**. He may have lived in a small village or hamlet near Watertown called Coffeesville or Coffunville. I believe Abraham or Abram **TAYLOR** lived in the town of Watertown, Jefferson, NY. He was probably born there circa 1780-1790. He married Anna **BAXTER** in Watertown around 1815. He left the U.S. around 1817 and relocated to Wenworth, County, Ontario, Canada. Children include Cyrus Miller, Geoge Washington, Eliza, Abraham and Harlow.

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BARRETT, DAVID, THOMAS

Norinne **BARRETT DAVID**, deceased, is the source shown for precise birthdates for the children of Moses **BARRETT**, d. 1835 & Cynthia **THOMAS**, d. 1853. Is this document within your collection of local history? Can anyone direct me to this document or share it's contents. The children were Erastus, Artemus, Ethni, Moses, Arad, Charlotte, Osborn and possibly Chester. I am particularly interested in finding detailed information on Artemus, said to be born "about 24 Feb 1802". He was born in Hinsdale, VT -- which it was until October 1802 when it became Vernon and the boundaries of NH and VT were changed so that Hinsdale is now in NH. Moses & family are said to have come to Henderson about 1806.

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HOWARD

I am searching for information on Merton **HOWARD**. My middle name is Merton and I am the only Glenn Merton **HOWARD** in the US. My father's name was the same. He was born 17 Dec 1913 in Henderson Harbor and his parents names were William and Letti. That is as far back as I can go. Any help further back would be appreciated.

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DOLLINGER, BLUNT

My relative, Florence M. **BLUNT** (1885-1967) married a William E. **DOLLINGER** and had several children; Lawrence, Wallace, Douglas, Genevieve, Paul and Merrill. According to census records they lived in Redwood, NY for several years (1905-1920), but William vanished from census records after 1920, even though Florence and her children were listed in the area in the 1925, 1930 and 1940 censuses. Do you have any information (divorce, death, etc.) records with reference to him? Also it would be helpful if there were any additional information of Florence **BLUNT DOLLINGER**.

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DUNN

I am looking for information on a Catharine **DUNN**. I have her in Martinsburg in Lewis County. There is a reference to 1846, perhaps her birth. Her father is Dennis **DUNN** and her mother was Julia. I also have a child named William Allen.

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HAGEN, DUNN, McROBBIE, BOWEN

G(eorge) Martin **HAGEN** was born in the town of Orleans (or possibly Alexandria) on 20 Dec 1869. He died 21 Oct 1942 in the town of Orleans and is buried in Plessis cemetery. He married Joanna **DUNN** 30 Jan 1894 in Plessis. Martin **HAGEN**'s death certificate names his mother as Hannah **HAGEN**, with father unknown. I wish to know who his parents, both mother and father, actually were. Long ago I assumed without much checking that Martin **Hagen**'s mother must have been Hannah M. **HAGEN**, b. ca. 1851, daughter of Irish immigrant Thomas **HAGEN**, of Orleans, and that Martin was born out of wedlock. Hannah M. **HAGEN**

did marry Philemon "Lee" "Lemon" C. **BOWEN**, date and place uncertain, and had a child Clarence W. **BOWEN** with him. I recently did a more thorough check and found that US and NYS census returns don't seem to support my original assumption about Martin's mother. I also have a child named Elsie **HAGEN** who married William **McROBBIE**.

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SCHEFF

My search is for details concerning the birth and family of my great grandfather Henry William **SCHEFF**. He was a Civil War Veteran - New York 5th Inf. He lived in Watertown, Jefferson County, NY.

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REED, READ, PRESTON, FULLER, ROYAL

Squire **REED** or **READ** was born 18 September 1756 in Bristol, Warren, Rhode Island, USA and died 4 April 1822 in Brownville, Jefferson, New York, USA. Squire was married 2 times - Elizabeth **REED** and Submit **PRESTON**. I am a descendent of his marriage with Submit **PRESTON**. My ggg grandfather was their son Asa **REED** born ~1811 in NY. I need documentation to support Asa was his son. Asa married Rebecca **FULLER** in NY. Squire was in the Revolutionary War. His children were: Sally, Calvin, Luther, Amos, Phoebe, Warren, Daniel, Asa, Laura, Olive, Hiram, George, Stephen and Cynt. I have found an article from 1976 that talks about Asa being the son of Squire and other trees. I am trying to complete the DAR application and I am looking for any other supporting documents to prove that Asa is the son of Squire. I cannot find a birth record for Asa or will for Squire. My Asa **REED** was married to Rebecca **FULLER** and the 1830 (?) census shows Squire living near Perley **FULLER** - the father of Rebecca **FULLER**. Asa later marries my GGG grandmom - Sarah Jane **ROYAL**.

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McKEE

A Lewis **McKEE** is buried in the Patrick-**McKEE** Cemetery. I believe he is the brother of my Great Grandfather Richard Goodell **McKEE**. Lewis lived in Rodman, Jefferson County, NY. He was an army veteran. I would appreciate any information you have on the **McKEEs**. I will be starting out from San Diego, CA on a 2 month Ancestry tour of the US and expect to be in the Rodman area around the end of June.

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WOOD, STROUSE

Does anyone have information on Aaron **WOOD** born 14 Mar 1814 in Jefferson Co., NY and died 28 Feb 1878 in Swan Township, Noble County, Indiana. He married Mary Jane **STROUSE** in 1845. Children include Martin J., Julia Ann, Malinda Jane, John, Allen, Elizabeth and Frank.

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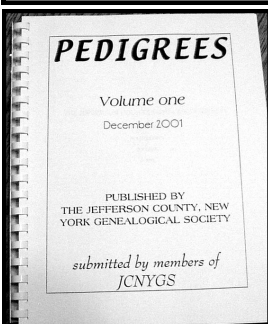
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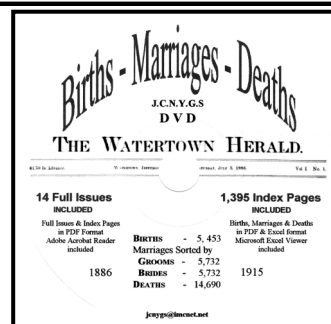


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WILLIAMS, POTTER

Ira **WILLIAMS** was born ca 1777 and died 12 Sept 1844 n Adams. His wife Hannah was born ca 1778 (in Connecticut?) and died 8 Sept (or August?) 1868 in Adams Center. I am looking for Marriage date and place, Hannah's maiden name and place of birth. Names of children include Isaiah, Shepard, Mary, Eliza and Horace. Horace **WILLIAMS** married Eliza (Elizabeth?) C. **POTTER**. I am looking also for their marriage date and place.

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POTTER, GETMAN

Eliza (Elizabeth?) C. **POTTER** was born 18 Feb 1820 in Adams, Jefferson, NY and died 8 June 1884 in Pine Island, Goodhue County, Minnesota. I am searching for Eliza's parents and siblings. Eliza married Horace

WILLIAMS and am searching for the date and place. Names of children include Louisa, Julia A, Marietta, Ira Harrison, Arvilla Hanna and Calista Jane. The family moved out of New York sometime after 1851, possibly after 1857. Marietta married Jeremiah Everett **GETMAN** in Marquette, Green Lake, WI on 17 Dec. 1859.

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MONTGOMERY

I am looking for information on Farnham **MONTGOMERY** who was born in 1821. His father was named John and possible brothers were John Howard born 1815, Hiram born 1823-26, William and Philander (no birth information possible). A possible sister is Miranda born about 1818. They lived in Ellisburg, Jefferson, NY. Children for Farnham **MONTGOMERY** include George, Almira and Charles.

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Monday, July 11, Jim Eagan will lecture on "Restoring Old Family Slides and Photographs." He will share personal experiences combining three photo-editing programs as well as a slide copier.

Monday, August 8, at 6:00PM, Jeremy Graves will lecture on "Living History Interviews." Oral history is the systematic collection of living people's testimony about their own experiences. Historians and Genealogists have long recognized that memories of people have historical and genealogical importance.

Saturday, August 20 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM, the society will host a summertime picnic event for members and guests at **Thompson Park in Watertown**. Meat will be provided, please bring your own picnic tableware and a dish to pass. Bring a personal genealogy story (or stories) to share with the group. RSVP to Tom LaClair via tomlaclair624@yahoo.com or phone 315-285-5032 and he will keep you informed with the latest details.

Saturday, September 17, at 1PM, at the Historical Association of South Jefferson on Church Street in Adams. Debbie Quick, researcher and writer, will give members and guests a personalized tour of the museum and explain history and genealogical research capabilities at the museum.

Monday, October 10 at 6:00PM, Nelson Eddy will lecture on "The Grange." The Grange organization encourages families to band together to promote economic and political well-being of the community and agriculture.



Note 1: Lectures begin at 6 PM. Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

Note 2: Thank you George Inglehart, church liaison, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints local leadership for the free use of the building for JCNYGS programs.

Directions to LDS Church where we are presently holding our meetings: From Rt. 81, take exit 44 to Rt. 232 towards Watertown. Drive 1.1 miles and take the second left hand turn on to Ives Street Road. Continue straight into the city. The LDS chapel is the second building on the right, across from IHC, as you enter the city limits.

From Watertown, it is on Ives Street, across from IHC. Take Washington Street to Barben Avenue. Turn on to Barben and take it until it ends at a T. Turn left and the LDS will be 300 yards on the left.
Or, from Watertown take Massey street south, veer right onto South Massey, left on to Ives.

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House of the Good Samaritan School of Nursing, 1920 Graduates

Researched by JCNYS member Roberta Calhoun-Eagan

L-R: Martha Euphemia Mills Collins Remery (1899-1988); Marion Elizabeth Adams Shortt (1898-1966); Marjorie May Hibbard Thomson Dana (1900-1982); Mary Katherine Brown McCarthy (1900-1987); Mary Belle Sanderson Moore (1898-1966); Bernice Alice Crystal McDermott (1898-1982); Ruth Elizabeth Cantwell Rice (1896-1992); Alta Margaret Schryver (1900-1926); Mary Mahala Keech (1900-1981); Ivah Belle Coon Hewitt Phillips (1893-1985); Muriel A. Hathway (1892-1953); Hazel L. Bowers (1899-1989); Marjorie Loughlin Beane Vanallen (1896-1987); Mabel Sophronia DeYoung Calhoun (1890-1982); Almena A. Porter, Assistant (1894-1975) and Mabel Hibbard, Superintendent (1883-1970)

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President’s Message October 2016

My interest in genealogy was sparked back in the fall of 1980; at an open house at the local meeting house for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Watertown. I came across a booth with several older genealogical and family history photos on display and I was immediately hooked. Since that day, I have researched my own Jefferson County ancestry. This month, some 36 years from getting started, a previously unknown second cousin contacted me out of the blue and shared over forty photos from my maternal line. Among them was a circa 1915 photo of my Grandfather Arthur G. N.



Arthur George Nelson Deline in his City of Watertown Fireman’s Uniform

Deline (1884 – 1956). I also received a personally prized circa 1920 photo of my Great Grandfather George N. Deline (1858 – 1928) (right) and two of

his brothers, Charles E. Deline of Deline Construction (1863 – 1950) (center) and Hugh D. Deline (1862 – 1952) (left). Genealogy is wonderful work that comes with amazing rewards.

On 17 Sep 2016, the society met at the Historical Association of South Jefferson in Adams. Elections for Oct 2016 – Sep 2017 were held and congratulations are in order to our newest President, Larry Corbett; Vice President, myself; Secretary, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan; and Treasurer, Greg Plantz. I would be remiss if I did not offer sincere appreciation to the team that supported me for the past two years—to Anne Davis, Vice President; Tammy Plantz, Secretary; and Larry Corbett, Treasurer. In addition, my appreciation reaches out to Roberta Calhoun-Eagan for Programs and to Jerry Davis for the *Informer*; Beverly Sterling-Affinati for website oversight, and to the members who wrote articles, edited articles, and who taught lectures—too many to mention. Lastly, thank-you members near and far; without you, there would be no society. It was an indeed a pleasure serving as President!

Respectfully, Tom LaClair



Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, July 11, 2016
 Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The July meeting of JCNYS was held on July 11, 2016 at the Church of the Latter-day Saints in Watertown, NY with Anne Davis as Acting President. The following were in attendance: Ed and Anne Davis, Greg and Tammy Plantz, James Corbett, Larry Corbett, Jon Holcombe, Steven Guy, Bruce Coyne, Jim and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, William and Faye Simmons, Melva McQuogge, Clyde Sorrell, Kathie Compeau, Dan and Sue Grant, Nancy Kaul, Edna Mitchell, Tracy Robertson and Robert and Leigh Charron.

Larry Corbett, Treasurer, reported that our checking account has a current balance of \$5275.03, the savings account stands at \$402.74 and our CD is currently worth \$2422.42.

Under new news we learned that the Sackets Harbor Historical Society is doing living history interviews that Jeremy Graves and Terry Nelson will later be presenting. The JCNYS will have a picnic at Thompson Park on August 20. All members are invited. The Henderson Historical Society will feature Richard Palmer as a speaker on July 13th. They are also hosting a rededication ceremony honoring several Revolutionary soldiers who are buried in the Carpenter Cemetery in Henderson, NY. On July 30 they are sponsoring an appraisal day for individuals who would like to bring items to be appraised.

A motion was made and carried to pay the postal fee for the *Informer*. Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Program Coordinator, introduced our speaker, Jim Eagan whose topic was restoring old slides and pictures.



Jim Eagan presents his program "Restoring Old Slides And Pictures"

Jim introduced his presentation by noting how often in his genealogy work he has discovered personally valuable old pictures in need of "repair and restoration". His talk focused on some of the ways he has found to bring new life to old photographs. Two programs with which Jim has had experience are "Photoshop Elements" and "Artsoft Photostudio". (Jim has found "Artsoft" the more user-friendly.) With either of these programs (and some practice) correcting distortions in the picture, removing wrinkles in the photo paper, and making the pictures themselves sharper can all be achieved. Tools in the programs accomplishing such are: "cloning tool", using brightness and contrast, tint coloring, and sometimes playing with sepia tones.



Treasurer Larry Corbett and Past President Tracy Robertson ask questions after the program

The second portion of Jim's talk focused on the very popular 35 mm slides of 50 years ago and the conversion of them to a digital format. The ION machine and "Film to SD Plus" for the modest investment of \$50-\$100 enable the individual to complete the process himself. Another avenue to explore to accomplish the task is the website, scancafe.com.



Vice President Anne Davis opened the meeting

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, August 8, 2016
Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The following people were present at the August 8th meeting of JCNYS at the Watertown Church of the Later-day Saints: Bruce and Mary Erskine-Coyne, Jim and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Terrie Nelson, Christine Eggleston, Nancy Kaul, Hollis Dorr, Jerry Davis, Jeremy Graves, Steven Guy, Anne Davis, Jim and Bette Lathan, Dave and Cynie Kendall, Bill and Mary Dasno, Phyllis Putnam, Joanne Woodward, George Inglehart, Greg and Tammy Plantz and Tom LaClair.

The meeting was called to order by President Tom LaClair. No Treasurer's Report was given. A motion was made and approved to pay \$49.50 to Harborside Services to update our website. Members were reminded of our scheduled picnic at Thompson Park on August 20 next to the newly-placed 10th Mountain Division Monument. Tom expressed a need for a nominating committee to complete a roster for the September election of officers. A motion was made and approved to end the business portion of the meeting.



In charge of Educational Programs is Vice President Terrie Nelson. Jeremy Graves is Media Specialist

Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Programs Coordinator, introduced our speakers from the Sackets Harbor Historical Society. Christine Eggleston is the President of this organization. Her specialties include culture, architecture and history. Terrie Nelson is the Vice President and is in charge of Educational Programs and Jeremy Graves is the Media Specialist. Together they are working to collect and preserve oral stories of life in Sackets Harbor in the past. They have been interviewing local residents since 2007 to collect stories of history, agriculture, recreation, Madison Barracks and life during wartime.

There are websites that give suggestions for oral interviews such as dohistory.org and history.com, but the speakers emphasized the most important goal was to "Do it now!" before we lose the people who have the stories to tell. Their process does involve several basic steps. These include selecting a subject, choosing a time and place to do the interview, creating a question list and not interrupting the person being interviewed. Their interviews typically last one to two hours. Afterwards the materials are stored archivally and made available to the public. They are creating a treasure trove of first person narrations of local history for future generations to enjoy.

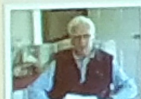
Sackets Harbor Historical Society President Christine Eggleston



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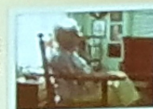
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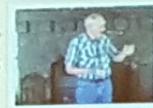
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Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, September 17, 2016
 Tammy Plantz, Secretary

The September 17th meeting of JCNYS was held at the South Jefferson Historical Society in Adams, NY. The following people were in attendance: Thomas LaClair, Parks Honeywell, Larry Corbett, John and Christine Holley, Anne Davis, M. Russell Lee, Bruce Coyne, Mary Erskine Coyne, Don and Rose Dillenbeck, Bill and Mary Dasno, Greg and Tammy Plantz, Jeannie Brennan, Linda Newkirk, Wally Keeler, Patricia Monroe, Judy Fiorentino, and Tracy Robertson.

Larry Corbett, Treasurer, reported the checking account has a balance of \$5261.13, the savings account stands at \$402.74 and the CD is currently at \$2422.42. President, Tom LaClair presented the ballot for nominations for new officers. The slate was unanimously approved. As of October 1, 2016, Larry Corbett is the new President, Tom LaClair will serve as Vice-President, Roberta Eagan-Calhoun will be the Secretary and Greg Plantz will be Treasurer.



Debbie Quick of the Historical Association of South Jefferson addresses members in attendance.

Tom introduced Debbie Quick, a dedicated volunteer at the SJHS who has written several books on the Sixtown area's history. Among her topics are the cemeteries of the area, soldiers in the Civil War Regiments and Revolutionary soldiers from the towns of Adams, Henderson, Ellisburg, Rodman, Lorraine and Worth. She explained that the SJHS has thousands of family files on families from these towns and other nearby townships. Also in their possession are town records, old store ledgers, school yearbooks, old account records and files on soldiers of all the past wars. The South Jefferson Journal from 1855 – 1890 is on microfilm kept here and plans are underway to transfer the Journal from the 1890's to 2015 to microfilm. Hard copies of the Journal thru 2015 are available here.

Debbie stressed the Society's need for more volunteers. Currently the building is usually open on Mondays from 8-1, usually on Fridays and one Saturday a month. If you plan to visit, be sure you call ahead to make sure they are open. The phone number is 315-232-2611.

Debbie took us on a guided tour of the many rooms in the historical building, furnished with a vast variety of items from the area's past. Many of us stayed after the tour to explore some of the books and files from their library.



Don and Rose Dillenbeck traveled from Johnson City for the meeting and tour. John and Christine Holley, from New Mexico, research their family lines.



JCNYGS Summertime Picnic



Left to right: Jerry Davis, Parks Honeywell, Marilyn Davis, George Inglehart, Tammy Plantz, Greg Plantz, Nancy "Nan" Dixon, Jim Eagan, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Janine LaClair, Tommy Worman (Nephew to Roberta), Larry Corbett, Anne Davis, Cheryl Stewart, Tom LaClair and David Baltz

JCNYGS hosted its summertime picnic on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at Thompson Park in Watertown. As part of the afternoon event we enjoyed a variety of tasty food, wonderful fellowship and splendid weather. After a while we took time to share genealogy stories from our own family research. We concluded the day with a visit to the recently dedicated 10th Mountain Division monument at Thompson Park. A memorable day all around.



**The chef and one of her assistants!
Janine LaClair and Larry Corbett**



JCNYGS members visit the 10th Mountain Division Monument at Thompson Park.

The monument plaque reads:
"The people of the North Country proudly dedicate this monument on July 1, 2016, in honor of the service and sacrifice of our 10th Mountain Division Soldiers, their Family Members, and Fort Drum's Civilian Workforce. May it serve as a lasting symbol of our unwavering support of the men and women of the 10th Mountain Division, the most deployed division in America's Army."

NURSES RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS

COURSE OF TRAINING AT CITY HOSPITAL ADDRESS BY REV. STALLWOOD

Dr. J. F. McCaw in Presenting Class
Speaks of Need of Nurses

Fourteen trained nurses were presented for graduation at the All Souls church last evening by Dr. J. F. McCaw, member of the committee in charge of the training school for nurses at the City hospital, to S. R. Cleveland, who presented the diplomas. Scripture reading and prayer was given by the Rev. Henry Westbrook Reed, pastor of the All Souls church, and Rev. Jabez Stallwood gave the graduating address.

In presenting the nurses, Dr. McCaw spoke briefly on the need for nurses. Mentioning the nurse situation during the recent influenza epidemic, he stated that the condition at that time would become fixed in the near future if some solution to the problem was not found.

The big demand for nurses in state health supervisory work, in the schools, clinics, and doctors' and dentists' offices is calling the greater number of the graduates of the training schools. The only solution which has been attempted thus far, he said, is the recent bill which was passed by the state legislature, authorizing the training of "trained attendants" for use in cases where the trained nurse was not needed, where constant attention was not needed by the patient. These attendants are to be trained for nine months in recognized training schools, the trained nurse being a graduate of two and a half years of training.

The speaker complimented the 14 young women upon their choice of vocation. In the City hospital stated Dr. McCaw, there are at the present time about 30 nurses in training, whereas there should be about 42.

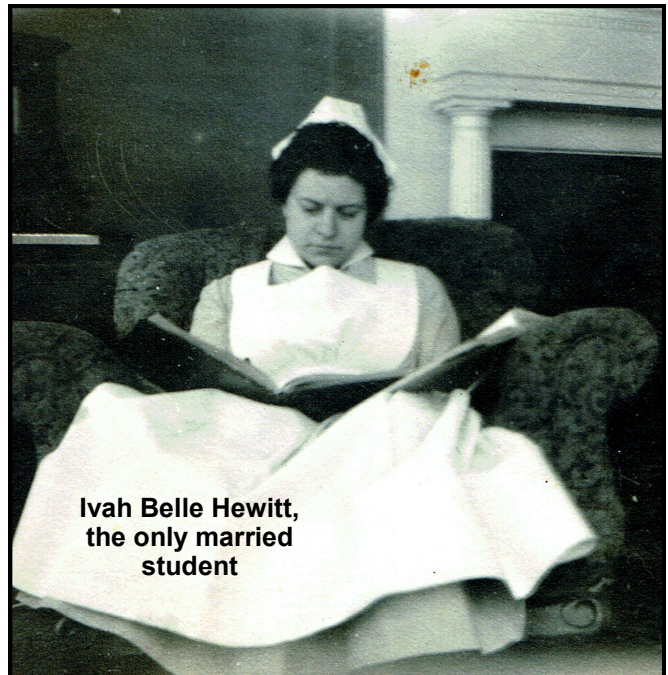
Rev. Jabez Stallwood, pastor of the First Methodist church, delivered the graduation address. "The hospital," said Mr. Stallwood, "is the direct gift of Christianity to civilization. The first hospital ever founded and thrown open for the use of the general public was started and endowed by a devout Catholic woman hundreds of years ago. In the pagan countries, there had been at times hospitals for the caring of the wounded in battle and at times epidemics, but never before had there been a hospital for the use of the general public where any and all might receive attention."

Rev. Mr. Stallwood congratulated the graduating nurses. Nursing, he stated, is a toil, a hard toil, and one which is very severe on the toiler. It requires peculiar training, and peculiar ability in the person who would become a success. Mr. Stallwood gave the class caution against their becoming the unsympathetic medial aid, urging them never to forget

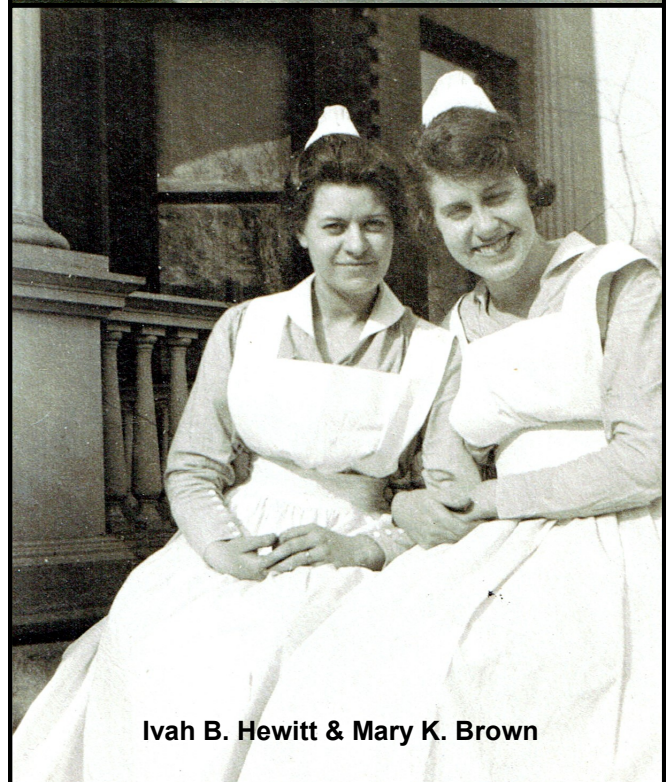
to give "sympathetic, intelligent service."

The class was then turned over to S. R. Cleveland who presented members of the class with their diplomas. Class pins were presented to them by Mrs. Harry Westbrook Reed, for the Ladies Auxiliary of the hospital.

---condensed from the Watertown Daily Times, 15 Jun 1920

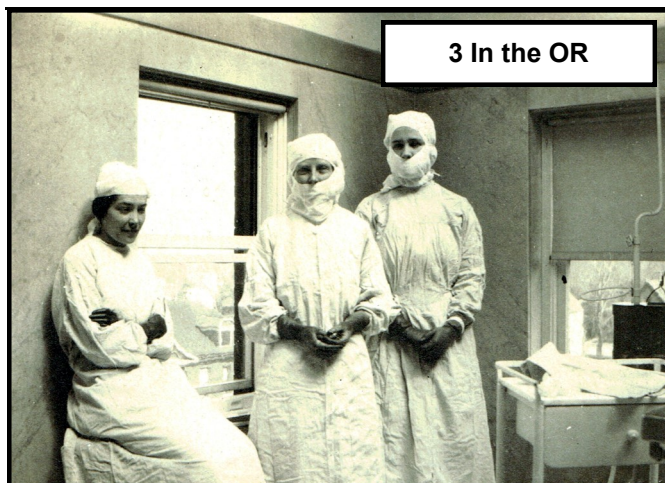


Ivah Belle Hewitt,
the only married
student



Ivah B. Hewitt & Mary K. Brown

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Marjorie May Hibbard



Marjorie Hibbard, Marion Adams, Mabel DeYoung, Mary Brown & Bernice Crystal

I am glad the *Informer* is now online

Another recently received note to the society: "Hello JCNYS (Tom), I just wanted to say I am glad the *Informer* is now online. I am starting to downsize and it will be difficult to keep all the issues. Is there also such a thing as an index of names for back issues? I know it is not easy to do but it would be very helpful to have online also. Thank you for giving us the online access! Sincerely, Carolyn Bulgey, descendant of Dorchester's, Anderson's, Porter's and Everett's of Jefferson County."

Thank you for writing Carolyn. You make a very valid point, however, sadly, we currently have no dedicated indexer among our society volunteers. If anyone would like to be an name indexer and begin indexing our *Informers*, please let President Tom LaClair know—his contact information is in the inside front cover.

Note: The electronic *Informers* are digitally searchable. To do so, download the file for each year (currently 1994 through 2015) and then search each year one year at a time. We are aware this is a bit time consuming however until an index is realized, this is the quickest method available.



By JCNYS Vice President Thomas F. LaClair

This spotlight is the second installment among the 26 towns that comprise Jefferson County, New York. Last quarter we shared insight on the Lyme Heritage Center. This quarter my travels took me to the Henderson Historical Society (HHS) where I was privileged to receive a glimpse into their history, genealogy and museum offerings. The information in this article comes from two primary sources; either from my personal interview with Elaine Scott, HHS genealogy research specialist and HHS recorder, or pulled from the informative HHS website.

One of my first questions to Elaine was when did HHS organize? Knowing she has been heavily involved since 1987, it seemed like a simple question but proved otherwise. She shared that in 1905 Captain Elman Tyler gave the History of Henderson in Watertown as part of Jefferson County's centennial celebration (Jefferson County created in 1805) so we know that Henderson (established in 1806) had a historian 110 plus years ago. And then in 1925, Bessie Graves Sprague read the History of Henderson before the New York Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, at a meeting in Champion, New York. Then in 1949, several Hungerford relics were presented to the Henderson Museum in Henderson.

I then rephrased my question as to when the current era of the HHS become organized. Elaine explained that in the early 1970s, history minded Hendersonians went to Adams, NY to assist them in creating the Historical Association of South Jefferson (HASJ). The HASJ preserves the history of the Six Towns of Southern Jefferson County which comprise the Towns of: Adams (where the HASJ is located), Ellisburg, Henderson, Lorraine, Rodman, and Worth. The promise was made that HASJ would later help Henderson to create its own Historical Society and museum. The promise would come to fruition a decade and a half later.

The beginnings of the Society, as it is known



Henderson Historical Society, once Henderson Universalist Church

today, was formed in 1972 when Town Historian Helen Quimby called a meeting of interested individuals and the society was established. It was revitalized in 1987 when Town Historian Gary Rhodes called a meeting and accepted membership dues and opened a Watertown Savings Bank account. Additional members joined throughout 1988 with officers elected, committees established, as well as constitution and by-laws drafted. In 1989, HHS received its provisional charter from the Chartering Office of the N.Y.S. Education Department and in 1994 HHS received the Maple Grove from the Henderson Universalist Church trustees. Then in 1996, the Trustees of the former Henderson Universalist Church turned over its building and property to the HHS.



Interior of Henderson Historical Society Museum, Church

In 2004 the HHS reassembled the "Ray" log cabin received from the Eileen De La Vergne Pretre. In

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Exterior 1820 era Ray Log Cabin

2006, the Society received the 20 foot Champlain mural which had originally hung in the Henderson Central School. And in 2010, the HHS received Absolute Charter. Then in 2013 the HHS built the Peters-Stevens Boat Annex to house historic wooden boats of Henderson. Busy Bunch!



Interior Peters–Stevens Boat Annex

A few names that have played a role in recent preservation of Henderson's history include Helen Quimby, Gale Clark, Arthur Rice, Gary Rhodes, Eric Anderson, Elaine Scott, Eileen De La Vergne Pretre, and Peters and Stevens family members. Today, the HHS leadership is comprised of: Garrett McCarthy, President; Elaine Patchen, Vice President; Treasurer, Fred Caswell; Recording Secretary, Elaine Scott; Trustees, Eric Anderson, John Treadwell and Eileen Pretre, Gale Clark (Emeritus) and Martin Clark (Emeritus). Lastly, John Treadwell, PSBA Chairman; and HHS Liaison, Elaine Scott.

The mission of HHS is: a) to create and operate a

society and museum building in the Town of Henderson for the storage, preservation, and display of objects of historical interest; b) to acquire by purchase, gift, devise or otherwise the title to, or the custody and control of, historical articles and other valuables and mementos of the development of the Henderson area; c) to gather and preserve books, manuscripts, documents, papers, antiques, relics, tools, implements, weapons, and other items relating to the history of the Henderson area; d) to preserve and maintain the museum building and the Henderson Historical Society building. In all aspects of its function, the Society will encourage participation of a broad spectrum of the whole community; and coordinate and cooperate with other educational and interpretive institutions.

Founded in 1806, Henderson lies in the heart of the Golden Crescent on the eastern shore of Lake Ontario. The Town of Henderson includes many small hamlets from the settlement period that continue to have their own cultural identity such as Alexander Corners, Association Island, Bishop Street, Buttrville, Henderson, Henderson Harbor, Grandjean Tract, Hungerford Corners, Ray's Bay, Roberts Corners, Scott's Corners, Smithville, Snowshoe Point, and Stony Point. While Gallou and Stony Island fall within the Town of Hounsfield, their family ties and stories are with the mainland of Henderson.



Elaine Scott in the interior of Ray Log Cabin

THE HENDERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY COLLECTION

The primary society collection consists of three buildings: the 1839 former Henderson Universalist Church, the 1820-era Ray cabin, and the 2013 boat annex. Although all three draw visitors to the museum, I queried Elaine for what were the Top 10 reasons she felt visitors came. Her top 10 reasons in numbered sequence, with a short synopsis of why each appears on her list: (Continued on Page 11)

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1. Area and Family Connection: Families and ancestors of local townspeople, now living elsewhere, contact HHS and often “come home” and use the museum as the place to hold family conferences and to network. The former Henderson Universalist Church now houses the HHS and Museum. In the museum collection are: artifacts from the ice age, pre-Indian, and Indian, tools and implements of the settler era, old Town documents, maps, photographs, books of history, and biography, military census, and cemetery records, newspapers, and binders of family and local history.

2. Church Connection: Family members wish to see the church where their ancestors attended services. In 1819, thirteen Universalist members formed the first society but it didn't become permanent until 1823. The church was built and designed by Joseph Barnes in 1839, the tower bell made in Troy, New York and the seventeen Horwood Studio stained glass windows come with names of many prominent Henderson families. The altar table, clergy chairs and lectern are original to the building. To this day, living descendants return and hold weddings, funerals, and family reunions in or on church grounds.

3. The Peters–Stevens Boat Annex: Built in 2013, the boat annex was named after the two large families; the Lloyd & Dewey Peters and Will & John Stevens' families. The annex united people together; bringing together those involved in land history and those involved in nautical history. Both families have given many of the items that are or will be on permanent display: Stevens 1880s ice boat, and Stevens guide boat, the Peters “Sharpie,” and Howard & Lane guide boat, and so much more!

4. The Ray Cabin: A July 2000 tragedy for one Henderson family turned fortunate for HHS. In 2001 Eileen DeLaVergne Pretre of Connecticut gave the society the home she grew up in on Rays Bay Road in Henderson. The home was damaged in a fire, mostly contained to the kitchen, and the older, main part of the house. The 18 x 24 log cabin portion, dating to the 1820s was saved, and now a prized possession for the museum. The cabin is named for the first family known to have lived on the site at Ray's Bay.

5. Local Records: Seemingly an endless collection of historical records is accessible at the museum. For those looking into local history or lore, the local history binders have wonderful articles and photos from the settlement period to the present. There are also available ledgers of Henderson businesses and clubs. Town Records in the archive begin with the founding of the Town in 1806. Another attraction is the School Corner with its memorabilia from the area schools now closed consisting of yearbooks, class photos, and trophies was of great interest to those alumni, their children and especially grandchildren.

6. Historical and Genealogical Research: From personal research, property searches and more, the reading room holds a significant library of local genealogical material. Related with collections listed in

number 5, the on-going list is long and comprehensive and likely holds answers to your questions. The society will give researchers a nineteen step research questionnaire to help focus searches.

7. Heritage Days: The annual event swells the population of the village. Garrett McCarthy started Heritage Days in 2006 during Henderson's Bicentennial anniversary. It's like living in Mayberry with little Opie Taylor. Each August, on the second Saturday of the month, the grounds of HHS come alive with exciting crafter's booths, food vendors, community groups, free demonstrations and entertainment.

8. Museum Holdings: In addition to items listed in other top 10 paragraphs, there is the popular gadget wall to the massive Stoney Island collection, to the famous museum windows, to the school memorabilia, and so much more. The museum is a fun spot to just roam. Visitors thoroughly enjoy touring the museum for a taste of the past. HHS provides maps of two historic self-driving tours through the town as well.

9. Programs: Events that celebrate local heritage; from the early native Indians days, to French discoveries to the likes of De Champlain landing at Henderson in 1615, to the Six Town Point, and War of 1812 and cable carry, through today's land and nautical activities. The society also helps with the placing U.S. flags on over 480 veteran stones.

10. Meeting Place: Locals love to come here just to talk, tell oral stories and reminisce on the past and predict what the future has in store. With so much history, the HHS is a favorite spot for visitors to come and enjoy their time.

In addition to Elaine's top ten list, in President Garrett McCarthy's 2016 newsletter he reported “the 400th Anniversary of Champlain was a great success. The boat annex saw enormous progress this past year, and the Society recently established a “partnership trust” with the Northern New York Community Foundation for long range financial sustainability.”

In conclusion it was rewarding learning about the Town of Henderson's rich history. Although I could literally share hundreds of *Informer* pages of history information, this spotlight only “scratched the surface” of what is available. I strongly encourage readers to take time and visit the Henderson Historical Society and Museum—you'll not be disappointed! All of you will be impressed, and I know you will, please consider joining the society and help them in future preservation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Whereas the physical address is 12581 County Route 72, Henderson, the mailing address for HHS is: P. O. Box 322, Henderson, New York 13650.

The phone number in season is 315-938-7163.

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Museum hours are Wednesdays, Noon to 3:00PM, and Saturdays, 9:00AM to Noon. Additionally, call 315-955-2800 or 315-938-5315 for appointments.

HHS email address (Elaine Scott):
hendersongenealogy@yahoo.com
HHS Website:

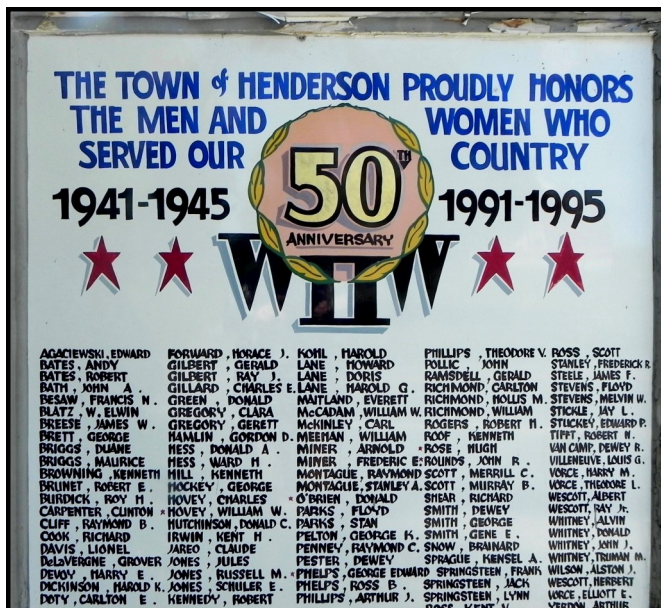
<http://www.hendersonhistoricalsociety.com/>

HHS Member Meetings: Third Monday each month, January through March at 3:00PM at the Henderson Community Building and April through November at 4:00PM at the HHS Museum.

History of Henderson, from *Our County and Its People*, A Descriptive Work On Jefferson County, New York, Edited by: Edgar C. Emerson, The Boston History Company, Publishers 1898: <http://history.rays-place.com/ny/henderson-ny.htm>

Henderson Town Clerk: Wendy M. Flag at <http://www.townofhenderson.org/>

Henderson Town Historian: Eric Anderson at email hendersonhist@yahoo.com



Downtown Sign honoring Henderson's military men and women

**"It's easy to make a buck.
It's a lot tougher to make a
difference." – Tom Brokaw**

Eight Missing Croissants Traced to Mary Jane Butterfield

By JCNYS Secretary Roberta D. Calhoun-Eagan

John Croissant, son of George and Elizabeth Barnard Croissant, was born in 1815 in France. In about 1828 he came to Cape Vincent under the auspices of Mr. Leray.* Before the Civil War he moved west to Clarks Mills, Cato, Manitowoc, WI, and a decade later married Mary Sophia Sweet, soon becoming a father of three: Lettie Belle, Lynn Sylvester and Leone. As of this writing, online family trees suggest he had no other children.

While mentioned in a 1901 Cornwell genealogy, the author had John's surname as Croissart, and the 1850 Cape Vincent census recorded him as Coripant. So it was long forgotten that in about 1840, John Croissant first married Mary Jane Butterfield, daughter of Benjamin Butterfield and Mary E. Cornwell of Lyme, Jefferson, NY. Mary Jane was a widow with two young sons, Sidney A. and Benjamin B. Sixbury. The eight Croissant children born before Mary Jane's death in 1861 were as follows:

George Henry Croissant (1841-1863) died of disease while serving in the Union Army;
Rosalia Croissant, died in infancy;
Mary C. Croissant (1844-1912) married Rev. Adolphus Henry Needham and had six sons;
John Dempster Croissant (1846-1906) lost an arm at Petersburg in the final week of the war;
Levi R. Croissant (1848-1917) took the place in the Wisconsin infantry of his brother who died, and mined for gold in the Yukon at the turn of the century;
Florence Ella Croissant Sacket (1853-1887) studied at Northwestern Preparatory Academy with John;
Frank W. Croissant (1855-) left his home in Charlevoix, MI in 1896 and was not heard from again;
Elton Croissant (1859-1860) was buried next to his father at Old Clarks Mills cemetery.

John Dempster Croissant formed real estate, banking and insurance businesses with his half-brother Sidney A. Sixbury during the late 1800s in Washington DC. Their mother Mary Jane Butterfield had four half-siblings from her stepfather Isaac Rickett. One brother, George W. Rickett (1839-1916), also went into business with Sidney in Washington. George's adopted daughter, Ina Blanche Holbrook, married Levi's son Victor George Croissant in 1905.

Back in Wisconsin, John Croissant, Sr. survived his first wife by 20 years. While there is no local record of her death, John's obituary in a December 1881 Manitowoc Tribune reads as follows:

"Mr. Croissant was born near Chamont, France, July 4th, 1815. At the age of 12 he came with his parents to New York, where he resided until 1855, when he removed with his family to Manitowoc County. He was widely known as an honest, open-hearted, Christian, and his death causes a deep gloom to fall on a loving family and neighborhood."

*J.A. Haddock, *Growth of a Century*, 1894, p. 628.

Bits of Genealogy and History on Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haas and Family

Typed Copy of an Undated Letter
Written by (Mrs. B. T.) Addie R. Dodge
to Mr. G. H. Wetterhahn
LaFargeville, Jefferson County, New York

Submitted by JCNYS Member Hollis Door

Page One. Dear Cousin, I hasten to comply with your request with pleasure. Grandfather and grandmother (Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haas) came to America in 1831. Came because it meant to them opportunity or so they thought. Henry Haas was educated to teach but since there was no opening for him in his chosen work he left the Old Country. His father was not a teacher, hence no chance for succession. However, about two years later the old schoolmaster died without a son to succeed him. It was said if Henry Haas had still been in Habitzheim the position would have been his. He was in ill health—they never regretted coming to America. Grandmother (Mrs. Henry Haas) so often spoke of the beauty of her old home country. Tree lined roads and good roads, etc. Probably noted the contrast to paved road but I never heard any complaints. When grandfather left home to attend school he, with the aid of the schoolmaster, built a piano which he took with him. When he came to America he brought it with him. Where the keys are white on an ordinary piano, those on his were black and vice versa. He traded it for a bookcase when he bought his new piano (before my time). I never saw the old piano but know where it was when I left Jefferson County sixteen years ago. Had grandmother known that seventeen years later her parents would come here the parting would not have been so heartbreaking. It was like severing ties at the grave. Also later came three brothers, Henry, Fredrick, and John and Johanette (Mrs. Rapp) a sister. Mrs. Rapp's descendants are in Minneapolis, St. Paul, at least Minnesota. I could not find out where.

Page Two. G. Ward Haas Philadelphia, PA, 17 East Clapier St. Germantown. Perhaps something from his diary would interest you. I am sure Ward will be glad to cooperate. This man has grandfather's (Henry Haas) diary written on the voyage of sixty-three days across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel. Ward promised me a copy if he can get it translated. He is the lad who spent four years in the Belgian Congo building a copper smelter. In Watertown on Franklin Street live Carl W. Haas, Augusta Haas and Elizabeth Haas, brother and sisters. Their mother was Elizabeth Wetterhahn, daughter of our great uncle Fredrick Wetterhahn. He was the last one to come to America so it was he who brought an oil painting of a man in uniform. That may be he of the military engineer reputation. For dates great uncle John is buried in the LaFargeville (Jefferson County) cemetery, whether not he has a tombstone I would not know. Henry Haas

and Regina Wetterhahn Haas are buried in the old Lutheran Cemetery near where the old Lutheran and Methodist churches stood. Henry Haas was instrumental in building the Lutheran church. He secured an organ for the church. Some were not so enthusiastic to have an organ (somewhat worldly). Perhaps expensive also.

Page Three. As you will gather, perhaps, I am not very methodical. Then too I neglected my opportunities. I heard stories over and over but finally "they went in one ear and out the other." And I have clippings aplenty. While I have scrapbooks I haven't the clippings arranged so that I can find what I want when I want it. A few years ago Jacob Wetterhahn's descendants (Gustave's brother) had a picnic. Someone present read a paper. That lady spoke of the Black Death in Germany. She said there were but two names left—families in Habitzheim—Wetterhahn and Hund. Many a time grandmother spoke of that. Have a clipping somewhere about the Black Death but do not know when it all happened. Probably before the date 1623 in the church. I know that there was a brother of grandmothers (William) who did not come over. How come that Uncle Fredrick brought the picture spoken of above? Hadn't thought of that. Josephine Wetterhahn I had never heard of. But as I said before I do not remember all I hear. Perhaps she was William's daughter.

Page Four. You are correct, my father was Peter Haas, named for grandfathers only brother. Peter Haas preceded Henry Haas to America. When Henry Haas came he brought the parents with him. They lie in the German cemetery as do my father's first wife, also Henry Haas Jr.'s first wife and many others of the family. Grandmother was ninety-eight when she passed away and I lived with her thirty-one years. I should know something about her. Will say that if you have any questions I will do my utmost to answer them. But as I mentioned before I cannot promise much. Grandmother was a remarkable woman, who had a good mind to the very last day. It is strange that grandfather had not even a family record in a Bible. The best record was kept by Uncle William Haas, whose daughter (Mrs. Charles Kissell) lives in Chaumont and no doubt has the family Bible. Henry Haas spent his time in later years reading, writing and for pastime playing the piano. Have one clipping dated 20 February 1873 concerning an "Aurora Borealis" seen near Depauville, Jefferson County, New York on 8 August 1872. Accompanying the above very interesting description was a diagram illustrating one of the scenes so well depicted by our correspondent, but we have no means at hand to transfer it by engraving to our columns.

Page Five. Have the original manuscripts and diagrams. Also a manuscript and clipping relating the capture of a singing mouse. The end is "This is the first and only singing mouse that ever came under my notice. If any student and lover of nature and his

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works who had any experience in this subject should read this article and feel disposed to kindly furnish me with particulars that will be thankfully received and acknowledged. Henry Haas, Depauville, Jefferson County, New York, December 1873 written for the Times and Reformer (Watertown Papers). This happened in the log house "under the bluff." The mouse has existed long before history was written. So much for clippings. Grandfather taught piano lessons and made weather observations which were reported to Washington. He seems to have been highly respected and demanded upon as an adviser to his friends in regard to business transactions. I do not know whether or not my grandparents were the second German family to settle in Orleans Township. They came in 1831 as did the Dorr family. Their seems to have been for all (perhaps "all" is an exaggeration) newcomers from Germany to Jefferson County. Their stays varied according to their good fortune in finding a place for themselves. They were always welcome. One such instance always interested me greatly; the young baron

Page Six. fell in love with his gardener's daughter. They came to America. They stayed at the Haas house seven weeks. In my day the most beautiful woman I ever saw came back to give thanks. Grandmother and Mr. Gustave Wetterhahn were first cousins just as you said. They were also firm friends. It certainly is wonderfully interesting that your son and his great grandson are friends. Instead of family drifting apart it seems to be drawing together. There is a tie and your work will help strengthen it. Their fathers were brothers.

Gustave Sr.	Henry Sr.
Gustave Jr.	Henry Jr.
Norris	George H. Sr.
Gustave 3rd	G. Henry Jr.

It certainly was a great privilege to know all the wonderful men and women who came to visit grandmother; generations of them. I can still see our grandfather and my grandmother sitting side by side visiting. Their conversation was worthwhile and interesting. They resembled each other. I know I have furnished you very little if anything for your project. The profit seems all to be mine. It has been a pleasure to receive your letter and know that what you are doing to preserve the family history. Perhaps a question might suggest something to me. At any

Page Seven. rate do not hesitate to ask. I have the "Times" and will watch for Mr. Cook's articles. I did not have the paper when other ones were published. What a wonderful time Ada Rebscher must have had abroad. I met her once. I had no idea grandmother had so many brothers and sisters. Were all these names—the church? They were partial to Fredrick and John. That last name "Johannes" must have been "John" who came to America. John was the youngest

brother she always said. One of his daughters, Eustina, is living in Alexandria Bay and another, Elizabeth, in Watertown. Neither one is married. You are to be congratulated that your son is making so much progress in school, St. Lawrence University, Canton or is it Clarkson Technical in Potsdam? I have more leisure than I have ever had before and I mean to make a systematic search for my clippings and have a systematic arrangement of same. Moving to California in a way I did is not easy on collections of any kind. Did Ada Rebscher see and enter the house in Habitzheim where the Wetterhahn family lived and does any member of the family occupy it? Heinrich Buchner? You may be sure I am keeping

Page Eight. your letter. Sincerely yours, (Mrs. B. T.)
Addie R. Dodge

P. S. Grandfather and grandmother docked in Baltimore first, of that I am sure, but how they arrived in Jefferson County is somewhat hazy, that is the route which they took. They must have come to New York but whether overland or by water I cannot recall at all. Up the Hudson, on the Erie Canal to Oswego, cross Lake Ontario on the first steamer which traveled the lake to French Creek (Clayton). Some of that should be verified—perhaps. How stupid of me not to know. Great Uncle John was a saddler by trade; lived in LaFargeville and Watertown. While Anna Beckwith is "setting up" other people to write to me she might write herself.

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Bicentennial Tribute to Veterans of 1776

JCNYGS acquired the full collection of Veteran tribute articles and is reprinting the series in this and subsequent *Informers* until all tributes are reprinted. The articles all originated from the *Watertown Daily Times* over a six-month period in 1976--during the 200 year anniversary celebrations. The reprinting project is continued from page 10 of the July 2016 *Informer*.

"Shubael Adams: Shubael Adams, born Jan. 16, 1757, in Pomfret, Conn., was drafted as a private in August, 1776, at Brooklyn, Conn., Windham County in Capt. Joseph Abbott's Company of Col. Ebenezer Williams' regiment of the Connecticut State Militia. He served seven months along the Hudson River. In May, 1777, he was drafted to serve three months at New London, Conn. He served one month in 1778 at Groton, Conn., under Capt. Elijah Avery. Mr. Adams came to Watertown in 1807. He and his wife are buried in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown. Mr. Adams died Sept. 18, 1837, in Watertown.

Ebenezer Allen: Sgt. Ebenezer Adams was born May 24, 1762, at Dudley, Mass., a son of Joseph and Elizabeth Warner Allen and was mustered with a group of men in Worcester County, Mass., by Thomas Newhall, muster master, Captain Corbin's Company, Colonel Davis's regiment. He married Phoebe Healey, daughter of Samuel and Phoebe Curtis Healey March 16, 1786. Mr. and Mrs. Allen both died in the Town of Hounsfield. Mr. Allen died July 3, 1824. The couple is buried in Muscalonge Cemetery, Town of Hounsfield.

Joseph Allen: Joseph Allen, born Nov. 24, 1758, at Westport, Mass., the son of Daniel and Elizabeth Seabury Allen, enlisted March 4, 1777, for three years and served in the Revolution as a private in Capt. William Hudson Ballard's Company of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment of Foot commanded by Col. Ichabod Alden. He married Prudence Earl, daughter of Caleb and Elizabeth Brightman Earl June 27, 1784. The Allen's came to Black River country in March 1805, from Galway, Saratoga County, by way of Redfield and Adams. The trail was marked in places only by blazed trees. Mr. Allen purchased 320 acres of land on Bear Creek and built the first house on the site of the Allen Blacksmith Shop. He served as magistrate for 40 years and gave to the public a lot for a burying ground and also laid out part of the public square or "green" which was part of his original purchase. He was the father of 10 children, eight of whom are buried in the village cemetery at Pierrepont Manor, Town of

Ellisburg, with Mr. Allen and his wife. Mr. Allen died Sept 23, 1838, at Pierrepont Manor.

William Allen: Revolutionary War veteran William Allen is buried in the Clayton Center Cemetery, Town of Clayton.

Penny Ammiel: Penny Ammiel, born, July 18, 1743, in Dutchess County, Ammiel Penny served as a private in the Revolution in Col John Field's regiment. He married Hannah Haviland. He married again and had a total of nine children. His grandfather on his mother's side was George Wicks, a Presbyterian minister sent from England as a missionary to Cape Cod, to preach among the Indians. He died Feb. 16, 1816, at age 70 in the Town of Adams. He is buried in the Rural Cemetery in the Village of Adams. Note: In the original article he is referred to as Penny Ammiel and then Ammiel Penny.

Truman Armes: Revolutionary War veteran Truman Armes is buried in Union Cemetery, Adams.

Jeremiah Babcock: Revolutionary War veteran Jeremiah Babcock is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Champion Huddle, Town of Champion. His wife's name was Amey."

The reprinting of the *Watertown Daily Times* tribute series will continue in the January 2017 *Informer*.

JCNYGS Attends The Quarterly NYSCOGO Meeting

The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society is an active member of the New York State Council of Genealogical Organizations (NYSCOGO) and attends quarterly meetings throughout the state. NYSCOGO was formed in 1991 to facilitate communication between genealogical and historical groups, and provides a forum for local and state-wide action and interest in the genealogical field.

On the weekend of May 6 – 7, 2016, NYSCOGO held their quarterly meeting at the New York State Archives in Albany with two members of JCNYGS attending. In addition to society business, the attendees were given of a tour of the genealogical library on the 7th floor and the state vital records research area on the 11th floor. Although visitors may order copies of vital records during the visit, the actual vital records are stored at a different location and public access is not permitted.

One of NYSCOGO goals is to reduce the cost of obtaining vital records through the Department of Health (P.O. Box 2602 Albany, NY 12220-2602). The cost of vital records in New York State is more than twice the average of any other state. At this time there is no plan for the Department of Health releasing birth, marriage and death vitals outside of the \$22.00 per request method.

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7 Little-Used Tricks for Finding That Missing Maiden Name

By: Melanie Mayo | Editor, *Family History Daily*

If you're completely stuck trying to find the maiden name of one, or many, of your female ancestors you're not alone. Because women often left their maiden names long behind when they got married. They can be incredibly hard to uncover in some cases — and not being able to find one can often mean a complete dead end.

If we're lucky, we can find a maiden name in one of the usual resources — on a marriage certificate or death record, in the census, or listed on the birth or baptismal record of a child. But very often this is simply not the case. Too often, informants on death records did not know, or bother to list, the maiden name of a woman, or married names were used in place of maiden names. Sometimes these records simply aren't available, especially if you're researching women before 1850.

There is still hope, however, even if you have come up short in the past. Take a look at these 7 unique tips for finding a maiden name and see if you can apply them to your own research.

1. Look at the first and middle names of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

As most family historians recognize, families often honored their loved ones by naming their children after relatives. And this wasn't only true for first names. Many families incorporated the surnames of women into first and middle names. Examine the names of your female ancestor's children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren carefully for clues.

Do any names stand out to you as looking like a surname? Does that surname fit in anywhere else in your tree already? If not, you may be on to something. Try temporarily 'pretending' that this is the woman's maiden name and doing some new searches for her using it. It may turn up records where none were before. Some women also tacked on their maiden names to their middle names when they got married, so look for clues there as well.

Just be careful **not to make assumptions that can lead to incorrect additions to your tree**. Use this trick, and all tricks in this article, as helpful tools only—always look for solid verification before adding any information to your files. Before adding a maiden name to your tree, make sure you find a **connecting document** (a document that lists both the woman's known family, such as spouse and children, along with her maiden name or parents).

2. Look at informant last names.

An informant is someone who provided information about a person when they were unable to do so,

usually after their death. If you can locate the death record for your female ancestor, and it doesn't show the maiden name as it usually should, look at the last name of the informant. This person is very often related. Often, it is a child or spouse, but sometimes it can also be a sibling. If the person is a male sibling, or unmarried female sibling, you could be in luck.

As with the tip above, this is only a clue. Remember that this person could be completely unrelated, or the surname may be irrelevant. Some death records listed the relationship of the informant and some did not. But if you think there is a chance that the surname could be a match, try doing some new searches using this information and see what you come up with.

3. Look at neighbors in census records.

Census records are a huge part of building most family trees since they provide so many valuable clues. A maiden name can be one of them, if you know how to look. Of course, the federal census did not ask for maiden names (wouldn't that be lovely) but it can still provide clues.

Take a look at the people listed directly before and after your ancestor in the census — *at least* on the same page and the page before and after. These were your ancestor's neighbors, and they could be family. Seeing a matching surname to the head of household is always a clue that this was an area of relations, of course, but since many families tended to stay close together any one of these people could be the parents of your female ancestor. They wouldn't share a surname with her if she's married, but there are other clues.

How *can* you know? Well, you probably can't know for sure, but you can look for hints. Do you see a family where the head and/or spouse may be the right age to be the parents of your ancestor? Do you see children listed with them that you have seen mentioned elsewhere (i.e. a 'Louise' when a 'Louise' also informed at your ancestor's death). These possible connections should be examined carefully. If you think there is any chance that this could be a match, look into it — it's worth a shot. Follow every avenue, and always, always look for proof before adding anything to your tree.

4. Look for an elderly mother or father living with the family.

This brings us to another way the census can help us locate maiden names. Very often, as a person aged and their spouse passed on they went to live with family. Make sure you look at every census record you can find for your female ancestor, right up until the end of her life, and see if you can find an older woman (or man) living with them (or next door). Check the census records of grown children too. This person would be listed as 'mother,' 'mother-in-law' or 'grandmother,' but not always. Sometimes enumerators mixed up relationships. Leave no stone

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unturned, this may be the break you're looking for.

5. Leave out a surname completely when doing a record search.

Often times, we feel like we *need* to have a surname to do a record search for a person. For those of us looking for a maiden name, we will often use the married name so that we can locate matching records. This is, of course, the best first step. But what happens when we continually fail to find what we need? It's time to leave out the surname in our searches.

Try searching by first name only and add some other identifying information (such as a birth date or death date) or relationships (such as spouse or children). Removing that surname will allow whatever database you're searching to explore new areas that may turn up records you haven't seen. You might be surprised how well this can work.

This trick works especially well for women with uncommon first names — but can also work well for common names. Just make sure you don't grab the records for the wrong "Ann" or "Elizabeth." Unrelated people can have incredibly similar details, so always make sure the person you *think* might match actually does.

6. Search for the married surname only.

You probably already realize that some people tended to use their middle names (or nicknames) as their first names in parts of, or throughout, their lives. This could mean that if you're searching for a woman listed as "Mary" in one record (that you have no maiden name for) and searches for that "Mary" plus the known married name have turned up no results, you could be looking for the 'wrong' person. She *could* be listed as middle name/nickname plus married name instead — or under a misspelling of her first name. Avoid this by using the same strategy as above (include other identifying details) but **exclude the first name** in your search, or use a middle name or nickname if you have one. This may turn up records where both the married name and the maiden name are included and give you the break you need.

7. Look where you wouldn't normally.

You've checked all the normal suspects (marriage records, birth records of children, death records) but what about some more unusual sources? Many can be great places to find maiden name mentions.

These include:

- the birth records of ALL children of a female ancestor (just because you couldn't locate the maiden name on a birth record for the child you descend from in your female ancestor's line doesn't mean you won't find it on a record for one of her other children)
- an obituary for your ancestor or her spouse or children
- in a will

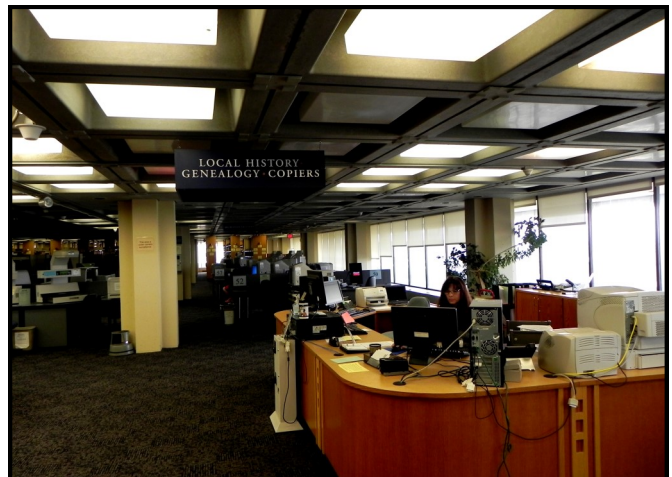
- in a burial record
- or in a military pension record, other special local, cultural, religious, military, federal or employment records

Check everything you can find very carefully and you may just put an end to that brick wall.

As always, verify everything — use assumptions only as tools. Have a trustable source for **every single fact**.



Ella A. Boole, President W.C.T.U. 1925, [Library of Congress](#)

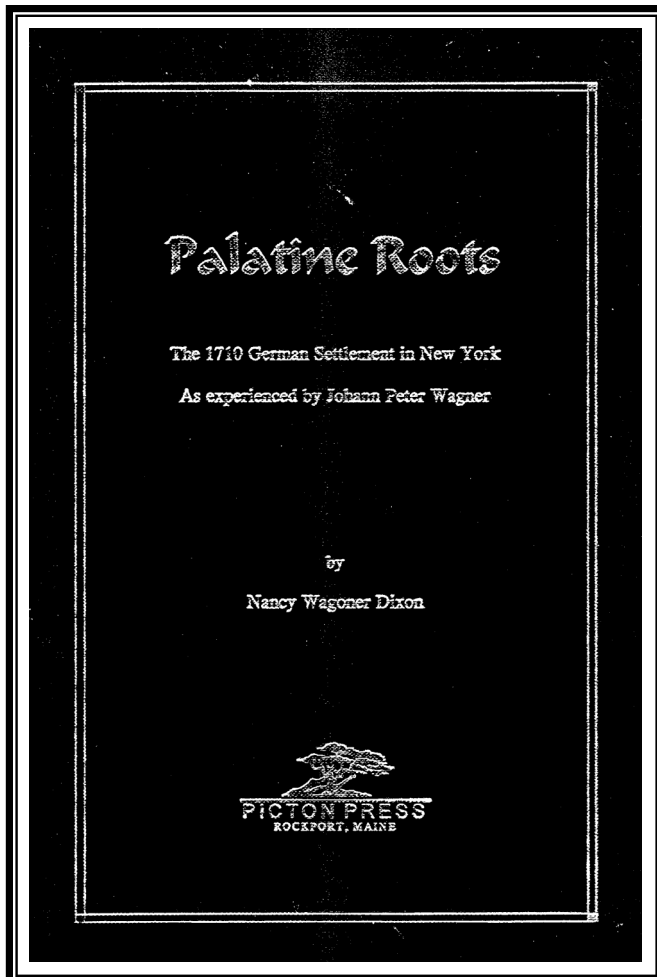


Two views at the NYS Archives



Book Review - "PALATINE ROOTS"

The 1710 German Settlement in NY as Experienced
by Johann Peter Wagner
Material taken from Amazon.com



Introduction by Henry Z. Jones Jr., FASG. 352 pp. extensive maps, illustrations, original documents and photos; printed end sheets; Wagner family genealogy 1615 through the American Revolution; 3,023 entry Every Name Index. 1994. The book is available through Amazon.

The first major study of the New York Germans since Knittle's 1937 *Early Eighteenth Century Palatine Emigration*, this fascinating study provides an unvarnished window into the first decades of the famous 1710 immigration into New York State. Nan Dixon has coupled this with a detailed look at the conditions in Germany in the century leading up to the migration.

Hank Jones' award-winning two volume *The Palatine Families of New York* documents the 647 heads of immigrating families; *Palatine Roots* brings these families back to life, often through their own words. You will read of the shipboard experiences of these simple German farmers, the subsequent English

abuse of power over them in New York Colony, and their day-to-day struggle for existence in the New World. Hundreds of original quotes give this book a vividness not to be found in any other work on this historic event. If you are descended from any of the 647 Palatine families of 1710 or are interested in this extremely important period of our country's history you will want this book.

Book review written by Martha J. Hicks as pulled from Amazon.com: "This book is a suspenseful and absolutely captivating story of the Palatine experience, based entirely on historical facts. Mrs. Dixon does a superb job of using the historical facts as the basis for giving personal glimpses into the people's lives. She gives a stunning feel for what life was like for the Palatines, both in their homeland and then through the nightmare of emigration. The people were fleeing horrible conditions in hope of a better life. The hardships and tragedy the people endured was staggering as they made their way to America and strove against more disappointment and setbacks to make their dreams come true. This book made my ancestors come alive for me, and I was left with a sense of awe and appreciation for the sacrifices they made to bring themselves (and ultimately their descendants) to America. This book is a "must-have" for any Wagner descendant, and will fascinate anyone with any interest in the Palatines or in the immigration experiences of the past."

Note: Nancy "Nan" Dixon is one of the founding leaders of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society, the coordinator of the Jefferson County New York GenWeb, and the author of a good many helpful and beneficial "Aunty Jeff" articles as printed in the *Informer*. She resides in the Town of Clayton, Jefferson County, New York.



Apartment Buildings In Watertown, New York - 1945

by JCNYS member Larry Corbett

Often when I'm doing research of old newspapers or census records, etc., I find that, rather than using a street address, I find the name of an apartment building given as a person's residence. While these buildings were commonly known at the time, they have been forgotten today, making it frustrating and difficult to determine just where the residence is located. Some buildings have had name changes; many have fallen to the wrecking ball. I have compiled a list of these buildings from Kimball's Watertown City Directory for 1945 to assist researchers in determining the location of Watertown's long-gone blocks and apartments. I'm sure that there were other buildings both before and after 1945, but it's a start.

Abington Apartments - 327 Holcomb St.
Ackerman Block - 216 Main Ave.
Adams Building - 175 Jackman St.
Adelaide Apartments - 146-48 West Main St.
Alguire Apartments - 545 State St.
Antlers - 673-79 Emerson St.
Ball Block - 517 West Main St.
Ball & Ganter Block - 222 Jackson St.
Ball & Ganter Building - 218 Court St.
Baron Block - 235-39 West Main St.
Barr Block - 468 Court St.
Beau Clair Apartments - 212 Mechanic St.
Beckwith Apartments - 137 Sterling St.
Biche Apartments - 203-05 Arsenal St.
Bingham Apartments - 310-12 High St.
Bradley Building - 164 Arsenal St.
Brady Block - 203 West Main St.
Brockway Apartments - 128 South Massey St.
Brown Block - 405 West Main St.
Burdick Building - 114 Franklin St.
Carlisle Apartments - 273 Paddock St.
Carpenter Building - 156 Jackman St.
Cassey Apartments - 510-12 Lamon St.
Caswell Block - 279 State St.
Charit Block - 301 West Main St.
Charlebois Block - 105 West Main St.
Clermont Apartments - 563-65 State St.
Clobridge Apartments - 100 South Massey St.
Columbian Apartments - 176-78 Stone St.
Continental Flats - 407-11 Factory St.
Cross Block - 366 High St.
Dawson Block - 611 Bradley St.
Dean Apartments - 140 High St.
Devendorf Building - 106 Mechanic St.
Dillon Block - 540-42 Factory St.
Eden Apartments - 911-13 State St.
Epstein Block - 212 Court St.
Eveleigh Apartments - 201 Sterling St.
Frontenac Apartments - 624 State St.
Fuess Building - 204 Court St.
Ganter Block - 564 State St.

Goodale Apartments - 223 Court St.
Grappotte Flats - 269 Arsenal St.
Guilfoyle Hotel Apartments - 127 Stone St.
Gurnee Building - 446 Factory St.
Hadcock Block - 243 Main Ave.
Hall Building - 143 Court St.
Haller Apartments - 618-20 State St.
Haven Apartments - 722 West Main St.
Henderson Apartments - 657 Olive St.
Holmes Apartments - 264 South Massey St.
Hudson Block - 513 West Main St.
Hungerford Block - 206 Jackson St.
Jefferson Apartments - 114 South Massey St.
Josephine Apartments - 138 West Main St.
Kaiser Block - 352-58 Court St.
Kirch Apartments - 124 Mullin St.
Kirch Apartments - 1303 State St.
Kirch Apartments - 139 William St.
Lansing Block - 102 East Main St.
Lansing Building - 223-29 State St.
Lennox Apartments - 134-46 Union St.
Lenox Apartments - 334 High St.
Linden Apartments - 270 Mullin St.
Mack Building - 224 Coffeen St.
Manassa Apartments - 420 West Main St.
Manhattan Flats - 138 Stone St.
Marshall Block - 525 Mill St.
Marshall Building - 201-11 East Moulton St.
Massey Apartments - 225 Rexford Place
McGough Block - 515 Bradley St.
Medical Arts Apartments - 124 Clinton St.
Nellis Apartments - 157 Jackman St.
Null Apartments - 536-38 Lamon St.
Odessa Apartments - 711-13 State St.
Ogsbury Apartments - 115 William St.
Oriental Flats - 232 West Main St.
Palace Apartments - 475 Mill St.
Plymouth Apartments - 152 Academy St.
Premier Apartments - 234 Coffeen St.
Purpura Apartments - 240 East Main St.
Raimey Apartments - 305 Gotham St.
Riverside Flats - 309 Mill St.
Rogers Apartments - 145 Sterling St.
St. Lawrence Apartments - 517 Olive St.
Satchwell Building - 173 East Main St.
Savings & Loan Building - 141 Arsenal St.
Simonette Apartments - 414 Clay St.
Simpson Block - 325 Factory St.
Sloat Block - 446 Mill St.
Solar Building - 206 Franklin St.
Taylor Building - 550 Coffeen St.
Ten Eyck Apartments - 271-7 Ten Eyck St.
Thornton Apartments - 209 Sterling St.
Vassar Flats - 263-71 State St.
Victoria Apartments - 201-03 Academy St.
Wade Block - 429-31 Factory St.
Williams Block - 276-80 State St.
Wilson Building - 215 Court St.
Yerden Apartments - 510-14 LeRay St.
Wise Building - 177 Public Square
Wright Block - 514-20 Mohawk St.

Groups to Honor Restorer Of Old Theresa Cemetery

By Writer Chris Brock

Reprint of *Watertown Daily Times* Article

September 20, 2013

Reprinted by request of a town of Theresa member

The Sons of the American Revolution will host a ceremony here October 2 to honor a man who brought new life to the Kelsey Bridge Cemetery. Richard L. Perrigo, who lives across from the cemetery - on County Route 46 along the banks of Indian River - undertook a project at the cemetery in the spring in honor of Valerie M. Irvine, Theresa, who worked for Mr. Perrigo and his wife, Dorothy A. Ms. Irvine suggested that she and Mr. Perrigo clean up the cemetery, which dates to the early 1800s. But Ms. Irvine, who suffered from lupus, died on Easter Sunday.

The cemetery was a tangle of broken and toppled headstones. Many were unreadable, covered with moss and lichen. But town workers mowed it, dodging the obstacles as best they could. Mr. Perrigo went to work cutting back brush and fixing and cleaning broken headstones. His work caught the attention of James M. Eagan, Canandaigua, president of the Rochester chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Mr. Eagan's wife, Roberta D. Calhoun-Eagan, is the daughter of Anson John Calhoun, who was a descendent of Chauncey Calhoun, one of the early settlers of Watertown. Her father left Watertown in the early 1950s. The couple often stops by Kelsey Bridge Cemetery, where Mrs. Calhoun-Eagan's great-great-great-grandfather, Uriel Evans, is buried. He died in August 1825 at 73. When he was 34 years old, Evans served as the Hinsdale, N.H., delegate to the New Hampshire convention for the Federal Constitution.

Mr. Eagan said that when he came upon the cemetery this summer, the first time since Mr. Perrigo's project began, he was amazed. "My first reaction was that it looked like a corner of Arlington National Cemetery," Mr. Eagan said. "I was stunned. The sun was shining and reflecting off the stones. Knowing what the place used to look like, I was simply astonished."

After talking to Mr. Perrigo, who Mr. Eagan described as "very unassuming," he went back to Rochester to his chapter and board of managers of the Sons of the American Revolution in Rochester. Mr. Eagan, a retired New York state trooper and former judge for the town of Newport, Herkimer County, serves as president of the chapter. "I said 'We have to honor this man,'" Mr. Eagan said. After seeing pictures of the revitalized cemetery, the board voted unanimously to do so. Mr. Eagan also contacted the Syracuse chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and its Oriskany Battle Chapter, Oneida County. Both organizations also plan to send representatives. Mr. Eagan said. "We felt it not only appropriate to honor Mr. Perrigo, but also to rededicate the cemetery to all those who are there, both military and

civilians," Mr. Eagan said. "These are the pioneers - the people who endured."

Mr. Perrigo will receive the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution Bronze Good Citizenship Medal. It was first authorized in 1895 and recognizes individuals whose achievements are noteworthy in their school, community or state. Besides speeches by officials, the ceremony will feature a wreath-laying and a display of flags from the Revolutionary War. At least one veteran from that war is buried in the cemetery. Some members of the Sons of the American Revolution will be dressed in Revolution War-period clothing. Mr. Eagan added that Anne Davis, regent of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, also will speak at the ceremony. "We just want to say 'Well done and thank you' to Mr. Perrigo for what he's done," Mr. Eagan said.



Richard L. Perrigo, shown working at the Kelsey Bridge Cemetery, will be honored on Oct. 2 by two national heritage groups.

Found in *Calkins World* newsletter Author unknown

Ever wonder what the meaning of the various symbols on gravestones mean?

Here are a few:

- Anchors and ships** - The seafaring profession
- Arches** - Victory in death
- Bouquets** - Condolences, grief
- Buds** - Renewal of life
- Bugles** - Resurrection, Military profession
- Crossed swords** - High ranking military person
- Darts** - Mortality
- Doves** - The soul, purity
- Flowers** - Brevity of earthly existence, sorrow
- Flying birds** - Flight of the soul
- Fruits** - Eternal plenty
- Handshakes** - Farewell to earthly existence
- Hearts** - The soul in bliss, love of Christ
- Hourglass** - Swiftiness of time
- Lambs** - Innocence
- Sheaves of wheat** - Time, the divine harvest
- Shells** - The pilgrimage of life
- Suns** - The resurrection
- Thistles** - Remembrance
- Willows** - Earthy sorrow

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A Query Result

Recently received note to the society: "I just had to write and tell you that after receiving the July issue of the *Informer*, I found a query from a McKee family researcher. Although the little information in the query matched my ancestors' surname, the first names provided did not. I wrote to the researcher asking for a little information. Within a couple of hours upon the expansion of his pedigree, I could tell him that I was a third cousin four times removed to his grandfather. Still on his research trip, he has promised to sort through the information he has on the family and I will make sure all of my information is correct. I have waited many years to find a contact for the McKee family, and now I have."

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POTTS

I have found the census records (1840 and 1850) that lists my great great grandfather, James **POTTS**, and his wife Sofia, and their two children, James Jr. and Amelia. James was born about 1798 in Canada but I don't know where. He is listed as a tailor. I would like to find a marriage record, as I know nothing of Sofia and her family other than her parents were both from Vermont. I hope the marriage record would list Sophia's parent's names. I would also like to find out where James and Sofia lived in Watertown. I want to find a record of James' birthplace in Canada. According to the census, his father was from England and his mother from Scotland.

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TAYLOR, BANN

Alfred C. **TAYLOR** is listed in the 1850 census at age 4 living in Pamela, Jefferson County with the Jacob, Barbery and Solomon **BANN** family. Was his mother a **BANN**? I cannot find Alfred C. in the 1860 census. He is listed in the 1870 census in Dade Co., MO. In 1880 he is in Ohio and dies in 1893 in OK. All census records say he was born in NY and so were his parents. I would appreciate any information available.

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CLARK, IVORY

I am researching the family of Amasa Brown **CLARK**, who left from Jefferson County, NY, and settled in Dodge County, WI (Williamston/Mayville area) in 1845. Ancestry.com indicates he was born June 21, 1823, and this matches a family bible notation. He married Louisa (**IVORY**) **CLARK** in 1845. He died in Wisconsin in 1899. Their children were Albert, Judson and Elvie May. I have an old history article published in Wisconsin that says "A former Great Lakes sailor, he brought his new wife to Wisconsin by water and portaging. He did this at the age of 22." His children were born in Wisconsin. Wisconsin death records indicate that Amasa's father, John H. **CLARK**, moved to Wisconsin at some point. The **CLARK** family in Wisconsin is Catholic, but there is indication they may have been Baptist when the family lived in New York. I am trying to corroborate information found on Ancestry.com.

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CHEESMAN, CHEESEMAN, ELLIMAN

Hubert or Herbert **CHEESMAN** was born May 10, 1877 to Georg Benjamin **CHEES(E)MAN** and Katherine Graves **CHEES(E)MAN**. He may have attended Oswego High School, graduating in 1896. He worked for Otis Elevator Co., NYC from about 1900 to his retirement in 1942. He married Maude Radcliffe **ELLIMAN** of Staten Island on Nov. 23, 1904. They lived first in Newark, then at 16 Academy Rd. in Madison, NJ. He died on May 11, 1955. They had two children, Radcliffe Palmer and Benbow Palmer. The family had various spellings including "**CHEESEMAN**". My grandfather was officially named "Herbert", but grew up and named himself "Hubert". I am seeking any useful family information.

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CORL, SCHIPPER

Marleah **CORL**, my grandmother, according to the 1930 census was in Mannsville at 14 years old as an "inmate" in the Klan Haven Association. As her father, Arthur **CORL**, died in 1926, I assume her mother could not take care of her and her three younger siblings who are also listed in the census. Marleah married Robert **SCHIPPER** in 1935. She was born in 1916. I am looking for any records or documentation outside of the census that relates to this home or how she ended up there.

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CASSELMAN, WEBSTER, NEUFFER

I am looking for a marriage certificate or any other information for John C. **CASSELMAN** of Clayton, NY. He was born June 3, 1919. He married my grandmother, Wilta Ilene **WEBSTER**, sometime we believe between 1941-1943. He was killed in WW2 on Jan. 3, 1945 in Belgium. His military number was 01309216 and he was with the 517 Parachute Infantry Regiment, Company F. as a 1st Lieutenant US Army. John C. **CASSELMAN**'s parents were Mr. and Mrs. William J. **CASSELMAN** of 539 Alexander St., Clayton, NY. He graduated from St. Mary's High School. He was a member of the New York National Guard in 1940 and left his home at this time. He went to North Africa in October 1943. His siblings were Esther M., James A., Margaret C., Thomas V., and Sarah L. who married John A. **NEUFFER**.

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GARDNER

I have many details regarding Preserved **GARDNER** including the Probate Records (1853, Jefferson County, NY) of his estate. Individuals mentioned in the document include: Preserved **GARDNER** (1775-1853) m. Phebe **GARDNER** (2nd wife), Dorothy (1798-?) found in the 1860 federal census, Celestia (1802-?) found in 1855 NY state census, Enos (1804-1883), Horace (1806-1899), Maria (1814-?) found in 1880 federal census, and Amanda. Another list of the children include Enos W, Hiram, David, Dorothy, Celestina, Maria, and Amanda. They lived in Ellisburg, Jefferson County, NY. However, I am trying to determine when he arrived in Jefferson County. I am fairly certain that he lived in Saratoga County prior to moving to Jefferson County and if I can find land records (particularly purchases or mortgages) I will have a better idea of when he and his family arrived in Jefferson County.

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FARRELL, O'FARRELL, O'FEARGHAIL, COOPER

I am researching the James **FARRELL** family of Rodman, Jefferson, New York. James **FARRELL** has been traced to Ireland. Per Jefferson County naturalization papers, James was born 1821, arrived Watertown 1843, naturalized 1853, witnesses Sila M. Jones and Patrick Lynch. Other possible names include Orinn James **O'FARRELL** or **O'FEARGHAIL**. Catholic to Protestant. Married 1855 in Graham and United Presbyterian Church, Pine Bush, Orange, New York, to Ellen **COOPER**, born 1826 in Ireland. Family found in the 1855 NYS Census in Bethlehem, Albany, New York: James **FARRELL**, age 28, est birth 1827; wife Ellen, age 25; son James H., age 3; son Martain C., age 1; and brother Thomas H. **FARRELL**, age 11. Seeking additional clues to this and other connected **FARRELL** family members.

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GONSETH, STALDER

Christian **GONSETH** was born about 1870 in Switzerland and moved to Watertown around 1886. He married Emma **STALDER**. They had the following children: Fred, Evelyn, George and Alfred. I found one Jefferson County document on this **GONSETH** family and was hoping to find any further information that might be available.

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BRADLEY, HAZELTON, FREEMAN, SAYER

I am researching John **BRADLEY**, born somewhere in Canada in the 1860s. He was in Antwerp and Alexandria Bay, Jefferson County, NY as he married Martha **HAZELTON** 22 Feb. 1887 in Antwerp by Justice W. Johnson and lived in Rossie in the early 1900s. Their children were Cora and an adopted son Harry who was born somewhere in Canada in 1906. He may have divorced Martha and married Nettie **FREEMAN**. I can't find any record of that divorce. Martha married Everett **SAYER** in Canada.

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SULLIVAN, WAFTER

Thomas William **SULLIVAN** (1862-1940) lived in Watertown and helped to design the Remington Paper Company's sulphite mill that opened in 1890. Raised in Rome, New York, he also lived in Oswego, with his parents Florance and Eliza **SULLIVAN**, and married M. Jennie **WAFTER** in September 1885. T.W., as he was known, moved to Oregon in 1889 and had a long and important career there, designing multiple plants that are still in use. I am looking for any relatives of Mr. **SULLIVAN**'s, or photographs of the Remington Paper mill that he designed in Watertown while it was in operation.

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SCOTT, FOWLER

I am looking for information on my 3rd great-grandmother Delia **SCOTT** (Abt. 1809 - 1871), wife of John Nash **FOWLER** (1812 - 1879). I have been unable to find her place of birth and the names of her parents. The earliest public record I have about Delia is the 1850 Federal Census which shows her living in Clayton, Jefferson, New York with her husband and four children. Her husband John Nash **FOWLER** appears in the 1820 Federal Census living in Watertown, Jefferson, New York. I would appreciate any additional known information from your readers.

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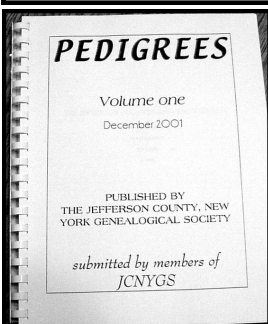
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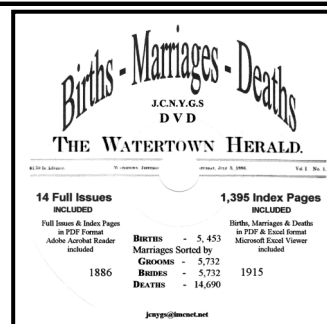


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CARYL, PADDOCK, BABBITT

Simeon Nathaniel **CARYL** was born on Nov. 4, 1829 in Brownsville, Jefferson County, NY. His parents were Simeon J. **CARYL** (born in Vermont) and Hannah **PADDOCK**. Simeon N. **CARYL** married Betsey Maria **BABBITT** probably in Jefferson County, NY. Both father and son migrated with their families to Oswego, NY and are found there in the 1850 and 1860 census. They appear to have left another **CARYL** family behind. Simeon was a NY Civil War Veteran from Oswego County, NY. Simeon and Betsy had the following children: Silas, Minerva, Joseph Russell, George Nathaniel, Simeon Ely, Newton, Susan, Ida, Hamilton and Caroline. I am looking to make a connection for Hannah **PADDOCK** with the John and Lydia (**WHITNEY**) **PADDOCK** family and the nearby Joseph Russell **CARYL** family.

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LOBDELL, SABDAL, BOYER, LAMBERSON

Zadock **LOBDELL** died in Theresa on December 12, 1848. His death record misspells his name as "**SABDAL**, Zadouch". I have a book that states Zadock died in the home of his daughter, Elizabeth **LOBDELL BOYER**. I am trying to find a source that links Zadock to Elizabeth. A newspaper article would be perfect. This is for an application to the DAR. Zadock was a Revolutionary War prisoner of war, taken prisoner at age 11. Zadock is buried in the Old Theresa Cemetery. Any type of documentation connecting Zadock to his daughter Elizabeth would be wonderful, a will, church records or a newspaper article would serve to document the lineage. In addition to Elizabeth, there are two other children: Daniel **LOBDELL** and Nancy **LOBDELL LAMBERSON**.

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Monday, October 10 at 6:00 PM, Nelson Eddy of the 4 Rivers Valley Historical Society in Carthage will lecture on "The Grange." The foundation of the organization is the Community Grange, which can be found in rural, suburban and urban communities. Faith, hope, charity, and fidelity are the basic lessons of the Community Grange. After nearly 145 years, the organization continues to grow, chartering several new Granges in communities across the United States.

Saturday, November 12 at 1 PM, Leigh Charron and Linda Twichell will lecture on the history of Westminster Park (eastern end of Wellesley Island). It is titled: Westminster Park, A Tapestry of Tales. It will include history of the park and its residents over the last 135 years.

There are no formal meetings in December 2016 and January 2017, however look for the society to host a Christmas party in December. Time and location, once determined, will be announced on the society's facebook page, via e-mail, and on the society's website. This is a fun time holiday event so keep your eyes peeled for the details!

We are in the process of reaching out and scheduling our ten monthly lecturers for the 2017 (February through November) lecture series. If you have an applicable Jefferson County genealogical subject, or a topic that will help any researcher, and wish to be a guest lecturer, please contact a member of the presidency. We would love to schedule and hear your program! See page 2 for e-mail addresses.



Note 1: Lectures begin at 6 PM. Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

Note 2: Thank you George Inglehart, church liaison, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints local leadership for the free use of the building for JCNYGS programs.

Directions to LDS Church where we are presently holding our meetings: From Rt. 81, take exit 44 to Rt. 232 towards Watertown. Drive 1.1 miles and take the second left hand turn on to Ives Street Road. Continue straight into the city. The LDS chapel is the second building on the right, across from IHC, as you enter the city limits.

From Watertown, it is on Ives Street, across from IHC. Take Washington Street to Barben Avenue. Turn on to Barben and take it until it ends at a T. Turn left and the LDS will be 300 yards on the left.

Or, from Watertown take Massey street south, veer right onto South Massey, left on to Ives.