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The Lower Floor of the Depauville Two Room Stone School 1942

We do not have any names! Let any JCNYS member on page 2 know if you can identify anybody here. Picture found on Facebook page for "People who grew up in or near Watertown, NY" and there are many more pictures that would be of interest to readers.

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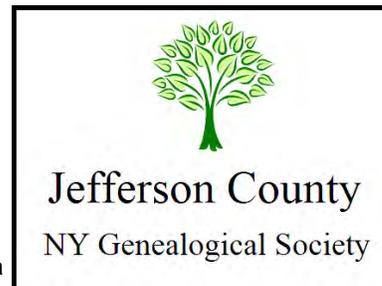
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Happy New Year 2019!

We truly hope your holidays were happy and fruitful with cherished memories added to your family histories.

We are pleased to bring you this edition of the *Informer*. We printed newspaper articles telling of the War of 1812 pension claimants, as of 1883, as well as the 90 last survivors of the Civil War as provided in a 2001 *Watertown Daily Times* segment. We shared meeting minutes and highlights, an Aunt Jeff segment, and much more—our aim to bring you 24 pages of nonstop reading.

As we enter the 25th year of the society, we should be all pleased to keep our ancestor’s legacy alive... through this newsletter as well as your genealogy and history accounts. We plan to honor our society founders as we formally celebrate our silver anniversary 8 August 2019.

We are also pleased to announce that the 2019 lecture schedule is available on the society’s website www.jcnygs.com. We are thankful for all those who are lending us their experience on their specialized topic. If able, show your appreciation best by coming out to the lectures.

Please be sure to check your *Informer* address label for the status of your account. We have several past due. If life’s situation has changed, and you no longer wish to be a member, send us a note. Our

goal is to never remove a member from our roster without written or verbal confirmation.

The Jefferson County Clerk’s Office is excited to announce that on Thursday, 10 January 2019 from 5 to 7 PM, they will hold an open house at the Clerk’s office. They wrote: “We hope that historians and other locals will take advantage of this time to come and see what we offer.” The Clerk’s Office is located at 175 Arsenal Street, Watertown. If able, please plan to attend!

In conclusion, the genealogy society is not just a few; the society is every member contributing for the greater genealogical cause. We continually seek articles, histories, photos, pedigree charts, etc., from our members, near and far. It does not matter whether you live inside the county, Washington State, Washington D.C., Binghamton, New York or Binghamton, California, Canada, overseas with the military, or anywhere in between. The members, the *Informer*, the website, and social media, all work together to bring you straight home to the land of your ancestors, Jefferson County, New York!

Respectfully, Tom LaClair
Acting President, JCNYGS

“Strength is the ability to break a chocolate bar into 4 pieces with your bare hands – and then eat just 1 of those pieces.” – Judith Viorst

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, October 13, 2018

By JCNYS Acting Vice President Larry Corbett

Attendance: Lorraine Reoch (lecturer), Sandy Empey (guest of lecturer), Thomas LaClair, George Inglehart, Mary Blanchard, Roberta and Jim Eagan, Jerry Davis, Larry Corbett, Donald and Rose Dillenbeck, Bill and Mary Dasno, Warren Allen, Ann and Ron Fillhart, Tom and Judy Wood, Connie Barone, Jeannie Brennan, Mary Carboy, Dennis and Kathi McCarthy, Tammy and Greg Plantz, William and Faye Simmons, Bruce Coyne, Robin Adams, Weston Beuttenmuller, Levi Curtis, Logan Curtis.

The meeting was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints building, Watertown, New York. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Thomas LaClair. Treasurer Greg Plantz reported the following balances in our bank accounts: Checking: \$5,366.07; Savings: \$405.05; CD: \$2,441.86. Treasurer Plantz indicated that he wrote one check to Coughlin Printing for the printing and mailing of the October *Informer*, in the amount of \$604.82. Motion by Larry Corbett, seconded by Bruce Coyne to accept Treasurer's report. The motion carried. Treasurer Plantz reported that the Society has received letters of thanks from the Jefferson County Historical Society and Henderson Historical Society for our recent donations.

Old Business - Election of officers continued from September. President LaClair asked for volunteers to consider assuming the chairs as the offices of president, vice president and secretary officially vacant as of the September meeting. A motion was made by Greg Plantz to ask President LaClair and Vice President Corbett to remain as acting officers until the chairs can be filled. Vice President Corbett nominated Mary Blanchard as Secretary. She accepted the nomination. By unanimous vote, President LaClair and Vice President Corbett will continue to serve on a temporary basis. Mary Blanchard was elected as Secretary, joining Greg Plantz who was elected Treasurer in September.

New Business - President LaClair asked membership to consider potential projects for the Society to undertake, to encourage continued activity and to maintain the social health of the organization.

Business meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.

President LaClair then introduced Lorraine Reoch, President of the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada (UELAC) who spoke on the United Empire Loyalists, North Americans who remained loyal to the British Crown during the Revolutionary War and later settled in



Lorraine Reoch, President of the St. Lawrence Branch of the United Empire Loyalist Association of Canada poses with JCNYS Acting Vice President Larry Corbett.

Canada. President Reoch answered many questions at the end of her talk, which was both entertaining and informative. Lorraine can be reached at e-mail: fancylass@hotmail.ca For more information on the Loyalist Association, see the article on the UELAC on page 5 in this edition of the *Informer*.

At the end of the lecture, Lorraine Reoch was applauded as well as reimbursed \$100.00 to help offset her expenses for traveling from near Morrisburg, Ontario, Canada, to Watertown.

In closing the day's activities, all members present were invited to attend The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History / Emergency Preparedness Fair going on in the building. Several members took up the offer and visited the free event.



A nice turn out for our October meeting

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, November 17, 2018

By JCNYS Member Mary Blanchard, Secretary

Attendance: Robin Adams, Tom LaClair, Jim Eagan, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Tammy Plantz, Greg Plantz, Marilyn Davis, Jerry Davis, Tracy Robertson, Mary Blanchard, Catherine Burns Quencer, Phyllis Burns Plante, John H. Treadwell, Ann Fillhart, Christine Godfrey, and Jordan Walker-Rodriguez. Acting Vice President Larry Corbett was excused.

The meeting for November was held at the Jefferson County Historical Society Paddock Museum. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Tom LaClair at 1:04 pm. A new member was welcomed – Robin Ransome Adams, who read a poem about genealogy. The financial report was recited by Treasurer Greg Plantz who stated there was \$5,590.07 in checking, \$405.05 in savings, and the CD was at \$2,441.86. There was a deposit of \$238.00, and a check for \$100.00 was made out to Tom LaClair for reimbursement of payment to the Canadian speaker of the UELAC last month. Motion was made to accept by Jerry Davis, seconded by Tracy Robertson.

Within the announcements was a discussion on the cost of the website and the online vs paper copy of the *Informer*. Both remain unchanged. Tom read the planned 2019 lecture schedule which is available to all members. The 25th Anniversary of the JCNYS will be August 2019 and it was suggested to Jerry Davis to add to the heading of the *Informer* to commemorate this. Tom also suggested a project as part of the anniversary celebration – perhaps a book of Bible transcriptions from the genealogy department which would be helpful to the public. Another was a quilt. The society is looking for ideas. The meeting was closed at 1:28 pm. Motion was made by Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, seconded by Marilyn Davis.



Jordan begins the Paddock Museum Tour

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

Following the meeting the society was given a tour of the Paddock Museum by Jordan Walker-Rodriguez and Christine Godfrey. The history of the mansion and uses of various rooms was very interesting, with an appreciation of the architecture, as well. We were lucky to receive an extended tour to the third floor which was full of archives and antiques, from furniture, pictures, furnishings and housewares to military items, paperwork and books. Notable was the Husted and Johnson, photography collection of over 15,000 glass plate negatives. Some are grouped by family, but the majority are numbered. The staff at the museum will aide in the search if you are looking for your family.



Christine describes the rooms and pictures on the second floor before leading the group into the archives on the third floor.

Jordan noted the Historical Society is waiting to receive a grant which is needed for replacing the roof and surrounding facade. After the tour a donation of \$100.00 to JCHS was approved by all.

One of the many unidentified pictures that reside in the archives of the Paddock Museum (The Museum welcomes any and all help!)



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UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS' ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

The Loyalists were residents of Britain's Thirteen Colonies who remained loyal to the Crown during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783). Some historians estimate that one third of the population of the colonies were loyal during that conflict. After the war was lost, most could not remain in the newly-minted United States of America; many sought refuge in what remained of British North America. As such, they laid the foundation, in part, for modern Canada.

The United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC) was founded in 1914, by a federal statute that outlined four general objectives:

- To unite together irrespective of creed or political party the descendants of those families who during the American War 1775 to 1783 sacrificed their homes in retaining their loyalty to the British Crown, and to perpetuate their spirit of loyalty to the Empire.
- To preserve the history and traditions of that important epoch in Canadian history by rescuing from oblivion the history and traditions of the Loyalist families before it is too late.
- To collect together in a suitable place the portraits, relics and documents relating to the United Empire Loyalists which are now scattered throughout the Dominion.
- To publish a historical and genealogical journal, or annual transactions.

The term "United Empire Loyalists" originates from a post-war proclamation issued in 1789. During the war, the Loyalists were termed "Tories" by their enemies, while friendlier voices called them Loyalists or Royalists. The proclamation issued by Governor Guy Carleton (Lord Dorchester), states as follows:

"These Loyalists who had adhered to the Unity of the Empire and joined the Royal Standard before the Treaty of Peace in 1783, and all their children and their descendants by either sex are to be distinguished by the following capitals affixed to their names: U.E., alluding to their great principle, the Unity of the Empire."

Members of the UELAC are passionate about the history of the Loyalists during the war, their re-settlement and early history in post-war British North America, and their impact on the development of Canada. An optional part of membership is to demonstrate Loyalist ancestry, thus confirming their right to have the letters U.E. "affixed to their names" and to recognize a personal connection to a Loyalist.

THE ST. LAWRENCE BRANCH OF THE UELAC

In order to fully serve the needs of its members, the UELAC has many local branches, which occupy specific geographical regions in Canada. One of these

is the St. Lawrence Branch.

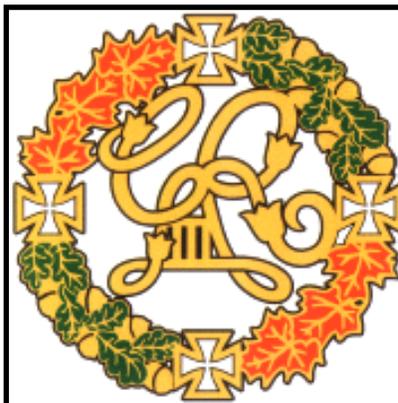
The catchment area of the St. Lawrence Branch covers the Ontario counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, which border the mighty St. Lawrence River. This region overlaps with part of the Loyalist homeland: The first six Royal Townships settled by disbanded Loyalist soldiers and their families starting in 1784.

We received our branch charter in 1977, surprisingly late given the rich Loyalist history of our area. We're making up for lost time: We hold several meetings a year, including an annual autumnal feast; we publish a quarterly newsletter called *The Royal Yorker*; and we operate the Loyalist Resource Center.

The information in this article was pulled from the UELAC website. For more information, go to: <http://uelac.org/st-lawrence/>



The Union Jack used during the American Revolutionary War, 1775-1783, now often referred to as the Loyalist flag.



The badge of the UELAC, which pays homage to His Majesty King George III, and features the symbolic intertwining of maple and oak leaves.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S BATTERY

JCNYGS Member (and *Informer* proofer) Beverly Sterling-Affinati happened to be browsing for details on the history of Madison Barracks when she came upon the history of the 'Alexander Hamilton Battery' which was the 5th Field Artillery, Battery D, and stationed at Madison Barracks.

According to 'Lineage And Honors Information' website, the 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery Regiment (Alexander Hamilton Battery) was constituted 6 January 1776 by the colony of New York as the New York Provincial Company of Artillery, commanded by Captain Alexander Hamilton. It was organized 3 February-30 March 1776 at New York, New York.

Alexander Hamilton took an early role in the militia as the American Revolutionary War began. In 1777, he became a senior aide to General Washington in running the new Continental Army.

Visit <https://history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/fa/0005fa01bn.htm> for more details about the 5th Field Artillery, Alexander Hamilton Battery.

With credit to the *Watertown Times*, the article below is from the *Pulaski Democrat*, Wednesday, May 09, 1934.

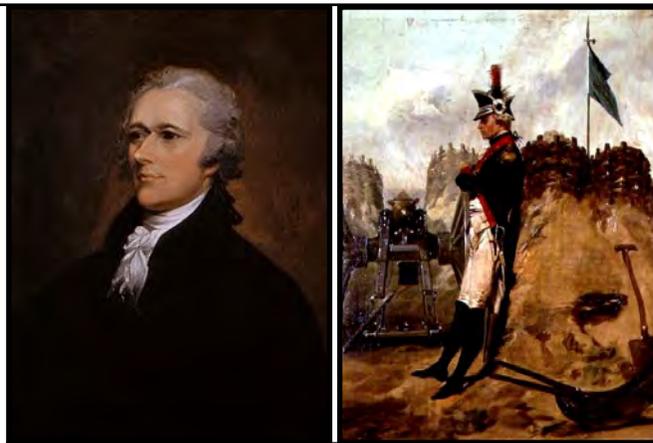
ALEXANDER HAMILTON'S BATTERY

(*Watertown Times*)

Col. Raymond W. Briggs, commandant at Madison Barracks, has a knack of doing interesting and unusual things. For example Col. Briggs has found two old Revolutionary war artillery uniforms at Madison Barracks, uniforms worn when Battery D of the Fifth field artillery was known as the Alexander Hamilton battery and was commanded by the man who later became our first secretary of the treasury. He proposes to garb two of the present soldiers of Battery D in these uniforms and have them lead the Madison Barracks detachment in the Farmers' Day parade here Saturday.

Hamilton was but 19 years of age when he was put in command of a newly organized artillery company, authorized by the New York legislature. The company was known as the New York provincial artillery. It was this company which served as a rear guard for Washington when he evacuated Long Island and at that time Hamilton lost all his personal baggage.

When Hamilton became a member of General Washington's staff, John Doughty took command of the battery. At the end of the war when the army was disbanded, the artillery company which later became Battery D of the Fifth was continued in the service. Half of the company was sent to West Point; the other half to the present Pittsburgh to guard the arsenal there.



On the left is Alexander Hamilton, the 1st United States Secretary of the Treasury, in office from September 11, 1789 to January 31, 1795. The picture on the right can be found at https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/2/24/Alexander_Hamilton_1757_1804_hi.jpg

In every war since, old Battery D has been active. Out of it grew the present Fifth Field Artillery, one battalion of which is stationed at Madison Barracks and which will march in the parade in this city. How appropriate that as the artillery swings into the parade Saturday at the head will march two men in the colorful uniforms of the day when youthful Alexander Hamilton commanded the unit under the watchful eye of George Washington, himself.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alexander_Hamilton
 "Alexander Hamilton (January 11, 1755 or 1757 – July 12, 1804) was an American statesman and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was an influential interpreter and promoter of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the founder of the nation's financial system, the Federalist Party, the United States Coast Guard, and the *New York Post* newspaper. As the first Secretary of the Treasury, Hamilton was the main author of the economic policies of George Washington's administration. He took the lead in the Federal government's funding of the states' debts, as well as establishing a national bank, a system of tariffs, and friendly trade relations with Britain. His vision included a strong central government led by a vigorous executive branch, a strong commercial economy, a national bank and support for manufacturing, and a strong military. Thomas Jefferson was his leading opponent, arguing for agrarianism and smaller government."

"People sometimes attribute my success to my genius; all the genius I know anything about is hard work." —

THE LAST 90 CIVIL WAR SURVIVORS

Watertown Daily Times (NY) July 22, 2001
Prepared by JCNYS member Larry Corbett

The following list is based on research into names that appeared at various times in *Watertown Daily Times* news stories. The names are compiled in order of the veterans' dates of death. We regret any oversights which might have resulted in the omission of some Civil War veterans who died after 1903.

1903 **James A. Dolan**, Watertown. Pension attorney. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery. Charter commander, Joe Spratt Post, Grand Army of the Republic, Watertown.

Jan. 7, 1910 **Maj. Gen. Newton Martin Curtis**, 74, DePeyster. Postmaster, assemblyman, congressman. Served with 16th New York Infantry at Battle of Fort Fisher. Wounded, received Medal of Honor for gallantry. Commander, GAR, Department of New York.

Oct. 25, 1914 **Gen. Bradley Winslow**, 83, Watertown. Jefferson County district attorney, Watertown mayor. Served with 35th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry at Rappahannock Station, Groveton, and Bull Run; with 186th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry at Petersburg and Fort Mahone, wounded. Honored by President Lincoln with rank of brevet brigadier general for "gallant and meritorious conduct in the assault before Petersburg." Charter member and first vice commander of New York Department, GAR, aidedecamp of National Commander Albert D. Shaw and commander of Joe Pratt Post, Watertown.

January 1915 **Luther N. Stevens**, Chaumont. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery.

Dec. 24, 1915 **Lewis Roberts**, 86, Watertown. Machinist. Served with 7th Battery, Wisconsin Light Artillery at Chancellorsville and Corinth. Wounded.

Dec. 24, 1915 **John Calvin Relyea**, Pamela. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery.

Feb. 1, 1916 **William H. Daniels**, 77, Ogdensburg. Baker and politician. Served with 16th New York Volunteers and later with the Army of the Potomac in the Shenandoah campaign. Department of New York commander, GAR, and Ogdensburg post commander.

Nov. 20, 1916 **John F. Lambie**, Northampton, Mass., previously of Watertown.

Dec. 26, 1916 **Gen. Edwin A. Merritt**, 88, Potsdam. Pierrepont town supervisor, state assemblyman, New York Port collector, consul general to London. Served with 60th New York Volunteers in several battles, including Lookout Mountain.

Jan. 27, 1917 **Joseph H. Pearsall**, 75, Watertown. New York Air Brake Co. pattern and drafting department, instructor of mathematics and engineering at YMCA. Served with 114th New York Volunteers and with Engineering Corps in Shenandoah Valley, surveying for mapping. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

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Jan. 27, 1917 **Martin Leach**, 79, Carthage. Tanner. Served with 186th Infantry and 10th New York Heavy Artillery.

Jan. 2, 1918 **Mark Anthony Wiley**, 79, Watertown. Farmer. Served with 35th New York Volunteer Infantry. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Nov. 25, 1918 **Joseph E. Howland**, town of Rutland. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery.

Feb. 25, 1919 **Charles M. Beard**, 84, Watertown. Building caretaker. Served with 186th New York Infantry

at Hatcher's Run and Petersburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Feb. 11, 1920 **Simeon W. Sargent**, 78, Watertown. Farmer. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Feb. 26, 1920 **Maj. Louis C. Greenleaf**, 79, Watertown. Banker, partner in Sloat & Greenleaf Lumber Co., first Watertown city treasurer, county treasurer, city councilman. Served with 35th New York Volunteers Regiment at the Rappahannock River, Fainesville, Groveton, Bull Run, Fairfax Court House, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg. Wounded in two battles. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Sept. 13, 1920 **Daniel McIntyre**, 76, Watertown. City public works department. Served with 10th New York Artillery at Petersburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Feb. 22, 1923 **Alexander R. Wilson**, 77, Watertown. Picture framer. Served with 102nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

May 2, 1924 **Orville J. Van Wormer**, 80, Watertown. Police officer, real estate agent. Served with 186th New York Volunteers at Petersburg. Told of when he talked with President Lincoln. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Aug. 28, 1924 **Charles Watson Sloat**, 83, Watertown. Partner in Sloat and Greenleaf lumber company, later Sloat & Son. Served with 94th New York Volunteer Infantry at Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Mine Run, Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Gettysburg, where he was taken prisoner.

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June 25, 1925 **Demertis L. Cornwell**, 76, Watertown. Grocer, county food administrator during World War I. Served with 186th New York Infantry at Petersburg. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Oct. 23, 1926 **Lyle B. Bence**, 90, Carthage. Teacher, store clerk, later a traveling representative for a cigar company. Served with 186th Regiment at Petersburg. Member of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

March 22, 1927 **George S. Parsons**, 83, Gouverneur. Served with 11th New York Cavalry at Washington. Member Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

July 7, 1927 **Eugene G. Clark**, 83, Watertown. Restaurateur, baggageman. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery in Battle of the Wilderness, Petersburg and Richmond. Wounded. Commander, Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Aug. 2, 1927 **Joseph Field**, 83, Watertown. Carpenter. Served with 94th New York Regiment at Cedar Mountain, Shiloh and Bull Run. Wounded. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Oct. 8, 1927 **Robert Tennant**, 81, Smithville. School janitor. Served with 106th New York Volunteers in several battles, including Gettysburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Nov. 5, 1927 **Newton D. Chase**, 81, Rochester, previously of Watertown. Railroad and milk delivery. Served with 186th New York Infantry Volunteers at Petersburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Jan. 15, 1928 **Angelo D. Pawling**, 82, Watertown. President, W. H. Cook Medicine Co. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery at Battle of the Wilderness. Charter member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Feb. 4, 1928 **John Varley**, 85, Carthage. Policeman and town of Wilna overseer of the poor. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery in the Battle of the Wilderness

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and in Shenandoah Valley.

March 30, 1928 **Clytus Shepard**, 86, Winter Haven, Fla., previously of Watertown. Farmer. War service unspecified. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

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July 19, 1928 **Norman S. Snell**, 90, Watertown. Shoe store clerk, employee of Hitchcock Lamp Co., restaurateur and noted astronomer. Served with 14th New York Artillery in several campaigns. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Nov. 20, 1928 **William Shinnors**, 80, Watertown. Trainer of race horses. Served with 186th New York Volunteer Infantry at Petersburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Jan. 8, 1929 **Marcus Reed**, served with 186th New York Volunteer Infantry.

March 31, 1929 **William O'Horo**, 80, Carthage. Pension attorney. Served with 44th New York Infantry. Member of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

April 13, 1929 **George Christman**, 84, West Carthage. Well driller, quarrying. Served with 35th Infantry, New York Volunteers, with 14th Regiment, New York Volunteer Heavy Artillery, at Falmouth, Richmond, Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Battles of the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. Wounded. Member of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

June 25, 1929 **Gilbert Chapman**, Cape Vincent. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery.

Aug. 18, 1929 **Theodore Henry**, 81, Watertown. Farmer and mason. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Sept. 28, 1929 **Patrick Finley**, 82, Carthage. Farmer.

Oct. 16, 1929 **William M. Rice**, 82, Watertown. Spinner at Dexter Woolen Mill, carpenter. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery.

Nov. 5, 1929 **Henry A. Drappo**, 81, Watertown, previously of Harrisville. Surveyor, forester. Served with 186th New York Infantry. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

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Nov. 30, 1929 **Greenleaf H. Farr**, 83, Pamela, previously of Ellisburg and Cape Vincent. Farmer. Served with 14th New York Heavy Artillery. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Nov. 17, 1929 **Fernando Lansing Rockwood**, 82, West Carthage. Police officer, town of Champion justice of the peace. Served with 20th New York Cavalry at Harpers Ferry, Norfolk and Richmond. Member of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

Jan. 1, 1930 **John Goodenough**, 83, Theresa, previously of New Bremen and Carthage. Woodworker. Served with 5th New York Heavy Artillery at Washington and Harper's Ferry. Rendered deaf by cannon blast. Member GAR.

Jan. 7, 1930 **Jehu F. Osborn**, 82, Carthage. Served with 186th Regiment, New York Volunteers, in siege of Petersburg and Battle of Appomattox. Member of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

May 3, 1930 **Nelson B. Felshaw**, 88, West Carthage, previously of Constableville. Jeweler. Served with 5th New York Heavy Artillery.

July 28, 1930 **Richard Fluno**, 90, Dexter, previously of Natural Bridge. Farmer. Served with 14th New York Heavy Artillery, taken prisoner. Member Joe Spratt Post,

GAR, Watertown.

Aug. 29, 1930 **Charles Beerman**, Gouverneur.

Oct. 14, 1930 **Charles P. Walker**, 88, Carthage, previously of Martinsburg. Served with 14th New York Heavy Artillery. Wounded twice. Commander of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

Jan. 8, 1931 **Lawson Tripp**, 89, Watertown. Tanner. Served with 94th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, at Cedar Mountain, Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Potomac, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. Taken prisoner at Gettysburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

March 30, 1931 **John T. Brennan**, 82, Watertown. Riverboat captain and with finishing department at International Paper, Glen Park. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery at Cold Harbor, Va., Petersburg, Cedar Creek, Va., and Richmond. Commander, Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

April 6, 1931 **John E. Bogardus**, 85, Brasie Corners. Farmer. Served 14th New York Heavy Artillery at Petersburg and with 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery in the Shenandoah Valley. Member of Erwin Barnes Post, GAR, Gouverneur.

June 29, 1931 **Samuel Dawson**, 85, Watertown. Railroad laborer and New York Air Brake Co. employee. Served with 16th New York Heavy Artillery at Petersburg, Richmond and Battle of West Point. Wounded. Member and "officeroftheday" of Joe Spratt Post, GAR.

June 26, 1931 **Edwin B. Humphreys**, 88, Gouverneur. Iron worker. Served with 22nd Regiment, New York Cavalry. Commander of GAR post in New York City, and member of E.H. Barnes Post, Gouverneur.

July 3, 1931 **Silas Wright Payne**, 83, Gouverneur. Owner of Payne Drug Co. Served with 20th Regiment, New York Cavalry, under Gen. Cushing at Fort Monroe. Commander of Erwin Barnes Post, GAR, 1930.

July 12, 1931 **Charles B. Van Namee**, 86, Gouverneur. Farmer. Served with 152nd Regiment, New York Infantry, in several campaigns.

Oct. 16, 1931 **Dr. George D. Hewitt**, 94, West Carthage. Physician, West Carthage village president, town of Champion supervisor. Served with 186th New York Volunteer Infantry at Hancock Station, Stony Creek and other battles, as assistant sergeant in medical department. Member GAR.

April 28, 1932 **Charles D. Bingham**, 86, Watertown. Bookkeeper, executive with Watertown manufacturing companies, mayor of Watertown. Served with 3rd New York Light Artillery at Petersburg, Richmond. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown, at time of death.

May 1, 1932 **Robert H. Sheley**, 90, Omar. Boat livery operator. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery at Petersburg.

May 18, 1932 **Frederick A. Crandall**, 87, Watertown. Printer. Served with 92nd New York Infantry. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

May 22, 1932 **Horace W. Freeman**, 88, Adams Center. Farmer. Served with 1st New York Light Artillery in 40 battles, including South Mountain, Antietam, Balls Bluff, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor and Bull Run. Rendered deaf by canon blast.

Dec. 12, 1932 **Edward B. Moore**, 89, Point Peninsula (died at Grand Rapids, Mich.). Farmer. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery at Cold Harbor and siege of Petersburg. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR.

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Jan. 3, 1933 **Charles H. Sprague**, 91, Denver, Colo., previously of Henderson and Watertown. Clothing merchant, real estate agent. Served with 10th New York Heavy Artillery at Appomattox. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

July 20, 1933 **William Hart**, 88, East Hounsfield. Farmer, meat marketer. Served at Richmond, Hatches Run, Poplar Grove Church and Five Forks. Wounded. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Jan. 24, 1934 **J. Mills Corwin**, 89, West Carthage, previously of Harrisville. Tanner. Served with 132nd Pennsylvania Regiment, and later with the 52nd Pennsylvania Regiment at Antietam and Fredericksburg. Commander of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

March 10, 1934 **Elijah Cobb**, 100, town of Hounsfield. Farmer, town road commissioner. Served with 186th New York Volunteers at Nottoway, Fort Mahone and Petersburg. Member of Joseph K. Barnes Post, GAR, Sackets Harbor, and later of Joe Spratt Post, Watertown.

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March 15, 1934 **George W. Wood**, 93, West Carthage. Farmer. Served with 1st New York Light Artillery and 20th New York Cavalry.

Jan. 9, 1935 **James O. Ault**, 86, Adams. Mail carrier. Served with New York Volunteer Cavalry at Petersburg and Five Forks. Member of DeAlton Cooper Post, GAR, Adams.

Dec. 25, 1935 **Theodore Lansing Hunt**, 88, Watertown. Carpenter, superintendent of school buildings in Watertown. Served with 11th New York Regular Infantry, witnessed the siege at Richmond while lying seriously ill near battlefield. Junior commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Feb. 6, 1936 **Armand Hubbard**, 90, Carthage. Operated livery stable, Hatch House hotel. Served with 186th New York Volunteer Infantry.

July 10, 1936 **Rev. Almon J. Foster**, 92, Watertown. Pentecostal minister. Served with 47th New York Infantry in battles of Seven Pines and Fisher's Landing. Wounded. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Aug. 24, 1936 **Philo Radley**, 92, Lowville. Farmer. Served with 5th New York Heavy Artillery.

Sept. 6, 1936 **Hezekiah Bowen**, Gouverneur.

Oct. 30, 1936 **Jefferson D. Shultz**, 92, Lyons Falls. Railroad surveyor and construction engineer. Served with 5th New York Artillery in several battles, including Shenandoah Valley. Member of GAR post in Elmira.

Jan. 16, 1937 **Charles A. Bennett**, 90, Lowville, previously of the town of Harrisburg. Farmer. Served with 5th New York Heavy Artillery at Harpers Ferry, Cedar Creek and Maryland Heights. Boasted of shaking hands with President Lincoln.

March 21, 1937 **Rev. Alexander F. Beebe**, 97, Pamela, previously of Evans Mills. Methodist minister. Served with 19th New York Regiment and 3rd New York Light Infantry in many battles, including Petersburg and Richmond. Boasted of speaking and shaking hands with President Lincoln. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

April 27, 1937 **Alvin L. Barber**, 92, DeKalb Junction. Railroad worker. Served with 60th New York Volunteers at Bull Run, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Tree Creek, Dallas, Kenesaw Mountain and Atlanta. Member of E. H. Barnes Post, GAR, Gouverneur.

April 29, 1937 **Rev. Albert M. Ash**, 95, Dexter. Methodist Episcopal minister. Served with 5th New York Light Artillery at Washington, D.C., and Maryland Heights.

Member of Julius Broadbent Post, GAR, Dexter.

Nov. 8, 1937 **Henry H. Rogers**, 96, Gouverneur. Carpenter. Served with 16th New York Infantry in at least 20 battles, including Antietam, Bull Run, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, and Salem Heights, where he was wounded. Member E. H. Barnes Post, GAR.

Dec. 24, 1937 **Menzo Yerden**, 92, Black River. Farmer. Served with 110th New York Volunteer Infantry in Louisiana. Member of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

June 23, 1938 **Clark Taft Van Valkenburg**, 91, Lowville. Steam mill operator, farmer. Served with 81st New York Infantry at Cold Harbor, Petersburg and Bull Run. Feb.

15, 1939 **Rev. Reuben Kline**, 94, Port Leyden. Methodist Episcopal minister. Served with 21st Regiment, New York Cavalry, had horse shot from under him in battle. Guilford D. Bailey Post, GAR, Glenfield.

June 17, 1939 **Jacob A. Barlett**, 92, West Carthage. Trucker, bus driver, cabbie. Served with 186th New York Infantry at Petersburg, wounded.

Aug. 11, 1939 **Benjamin M. Miller**, 94, Gouverneur. Carpenter. Served with 20th New York Cavalry in several conflicts. Charter member of E. H. Barnes Post, GAR.

Feb. 4, 1940 **John Salsburg**, 92, Glenfield. Woodsman, contractor and guide. Served with 5th New York Infantry at Petersburg and Richmond. Charter member and last survivor of Gifford D. Bailey Post, GAR, Glenfield.

June 28, 1941 **William H. Hazelton**, 98, Gouverneur. Miner, farmer, logger, cemetery superintendent and tax collector. Served with 142nd New York Volunteer Infantry in 30 battles, from Kiawa Island to Fort Fisher. Commander of E. H. Barnes Post, GAR, Gouverneur.

Nov. 1, 1941 **Henry Spencer**, 95, Watertown. Farmer. Served with 13th New York Gun Boat Regiment at Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va., and along James River. Senior vice commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown.

Feb. 26, 1942 **James Merritt Waite**, 98, Brownville, previously West Carthage. Served with 14th New York Heavy Artillery at Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness Campaign and the battle of Weldon Railroad, Richmond, wounded. Commander of Joe Spratt Post, GAR, Watertown, and member of Steele Post, GAR, Carthage.

May 17, 1942 **John Hunter**, 107, town of Orleans, previously Henderson. Great Lakes sailer. Served with Union navy in Battle of Mobile Bay, at Vicksburg, and other water battles. Member of Piper Post, GAR, Henderson.

Nov. 23, 1944 **Samuel Graves VanPelt**, 98, Antwerp. Construction worker, woodworker, farmer. Served with 20th Division, New York Cavalry at Norfolk. Member of E. B. Steele Post, GAR, Carthage, and later Joe Spratt Post, Watertown.

Aug. 2, 1956 **Albert Woolson**, 109, Duluth, Minn., previously of Watertown. Woodturner, machinist. Served with 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery at Gettysburg and in Tennessee. Senior vice commander in chief, national GAR.

References were found to the following names, but no subsequent information was found: **Lewis J. Baron** of Constableville, **John H. Carpenter** of Evans Mills, **Duane Chapman** of Smithville, **J. Coons** of Carthage, **Norman George** of Theresa, **Ransom Green** of Theresa, **William McIntyre** of Gouverneur, **David MacIntosh** of Harrisville, **Peter Rederick** of Gouverneur, **DeAlton Cooper** of Watertown, **S. D. Demare** of Watertown, and **Fred H. Gould**, Watertown.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH GEORGE SOURWINE

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From the "Genealogical and Family History of the County of Jefferson," compiled under the supervision of the late R. A. Oakes, 1905.

1,000 Islands—George Sourwine, a prominent citizen and progressive farmer of Stone Mills, Jefferson County, New York, began farm work as a poor boy and has become the largest landowner in this town. He is the American born son of German parents and has well realized the hopes of independence and competence that brought his family to the new country. He is an example of the success that comes to persistence and self-denying effort when concentrated on a fixed purpose, for which America furnishes so large a field of opportunity.

Philip, the father of George Sourwine, was born in 1810 in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany. He received a common school education in his native country and learned the tailor's trade. At the age of thirty, he came to New York City, where he worked at his trade until his death, fourteen years later.

His wife was Mary A. Balliff, born in Germany in the same town as her husband. Her father, Valentine Balliff, was a farmer who emigrated to America and was one of the pioneers of Jefferson County. He took up a tract of land in the wilderness, which he cleared and brought to a higher state of cultivation and lived there twenty years, dying at the age of seventy. He had two sons and four daughters.

When Philip Sourwine died in New York City, his wife, with her young children, went to her family in Clayton. She had five children, among whom were: Eva, who married John Mack, of Rodman; George, who has already been mentioned; and Philip, who lives in Alexandria, near Redwood. The family were members of the German Lutheran Church.

George Sourwine, son of Philip and Mary (Balliff) Sourwine, was born in New York City January 8, 1836, and was but eight years old when his father died and his mother removed to Clayton. He attended the common schools and grew up to country life and activities. He early began to work on a farm, and from the beginning, had an ambition to become an independent land holder. He worked with the severest application, giving his best effort to his employer and saving his small earnings. By this means, he was enabled to buy a farm of forty-seven acres near Depauville, and in six years, he had built a house on his land and paid for it.

Encouraged by his success, he continued his hard work and thrifty management, and in 1870, he bought a farm and ninety acres at Stone Mills carrying on it a debt of three thousand dollars. He had that far-seeing view and the large grasp of affairs that characterize the men who carry on the great business operations of the time, and he realized that ventures are commensurate with rewards.

He rented one hundred and thirty acres of land adjoining, which was operated in connection with his purchase for four years when he bought it. Five years later, he bought another adjoining farm of two hundred thirty-nine acres. That gave him four hundred fifty-nine acres of land, which he keeps in a high state of cultivation. There are now three houses on the estate.

In 1892, Mr. Sourwine built a fine residence for himself on the main highway at a point which commands an extensive view of the surrounding country. He also rebuilt one of the old houses, and in 1902, built a house for his son. He has raised the standards of agriculture in the community and is a man generally trusted for his sound practical judgement and business sagacity. He is open-handed in the support of every good cause and is ever ready to help those less fortunate than himself. He is a Republican and interested in the course of public affairs. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a trustee, while his family attends the German Evangelical Church.

In 1863, he married Mary C. Baltz, born September 3, 1865, in Orleans, New York. Her father, Andrew J. Baltz, was born in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, July 24, 1810, and married Clara Door born in Germany November 30, 1812, daughter of Valentine Dorr, a farmer. Andrew J. Baltz was the son of Andrew J., born March 14, 1758, in the same town where his son was born. The son was one of a family of fourteen children born to Andrew J. Baltz and his wife, Polly, the farmer coming to America at the age of seventy to spend his last years with his children.

Among the children were Elizabeth, who married Peter Wendall of Indiana; Catherine, who married Fred Poff; Christine, who married Valentine Dorr; George, who had three wives, Haws, Anna Kiefer and Barbara Haff of Evans Mills.

The children of Andrew J. Baltz and Clara Dorr, his wife, were as follows: 1. Louise, born September 13, 1833, who married Peter Pohl and has three sons; Fred, who married Cynthia Dunn, of Black River, and George and Edward, both married. 2. Mary, wife of G. Sourwine. 3. Andrew J., born January 12, 1837, who married Jane Lowden, of Indiana, now a resident of LaFargeville. 4. Kate, born in Orleans August 4, 1843, married Singer Nash of LaFargeville. 5. Charles, who is engaged in the cheese business in Chicago. The father of the family died at the age of seventy-nine and the mother at forty.

Four children have been born to George and Mary (Baltz) Sourwine, namely: 1. Anna, who married Richard Remper, a fruit dealer of Chicago, and who has two daughters, Ruth and Virginia. 2. Stella, who married Harry Farris, in the clothing business in Duluth, Minnesota. 3. Charles A., who lives on a farm adjoining his father's; he is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Order of Foresters; he married Celia Groomes and has one child, George. 4. Eva L., who is the wife of Thomas Brady and is living on one of her father's farms. She has two daughters, Myrtle and Marian.

Bicentennial Tribute to Veterans of 1776

A Reprinting of *Watertown Daily Times*
Articles from 1976

Original biographies researched and written by members
of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter NSDAR,
Watertown, New York

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 12 and 13 of the October 2018 *Informer*.

Abel Crandall. The son of Constant and Hannah Brister Crandall, Abel Crandall served as a sergeant in Fletcher's regiment of the Vermont Militia. His name appears on several payrolls. He married Elizabeth Crocker 14 October 1781. She died 2 August 1833, but it is not known where. Abel Crandall died 21 September 1826, and is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Champion. If his wife is buried there her grave has disappeared. Some of their children were born in Chafford, Vermont. All married at Champion.

Joseph Crook. Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Champion.

Jason Crittenton. Born 30 March 1761, Jason Crittenton enlisted as a private 1 July 1780, in the 7th Connecticut regiment under Colonel Heman Swift. After being discharged later the same year, he reenlisted 7 August 1782 in Captain Jabez Fritch's Company of Independent Volunteers in Connecticut. He was discharged again 17 November 1782. He married Kezian Brown in 1792, and the couple had seven sons and two daughters, of which Stephen and Harvey are the only ones whose names were recorded. Born 7 September 1774, in Rutland County, Vermont, Kezian died 13 September 1829 in the Town of Henderson. Jason died 17 April 1813, at the age of 72, in Rutland. Both are buried in the Carpenter Cemetery in the Town of Henderson.

Thomas Crook. Thomas Crook died 9 July 1836, aged 74. He is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Champion. His wife's name was Olive.

William Cook. Buried in Fairview Cemetery, Rodman.

Jesse Davis. Jesse Davis, born 14 November 1758, in Maine, served as a private in Whipple's Company, 5th Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Colonel Rufus Putman. He was discharged 6 March 1779. He married Sarah Stewart, daughter of James Stewart of

Cherry Valley, New York. He died 28 November 1830 in the Town of Alexandria. The graves of Jesse and Sarah Davis have not been found. In the Walton Street Cemetery in Alexandria Bay, may be found the graves of members of this family.

Barzillai Dewey. Barzillai Dewey (sometimes spelled Barzilla) was born 13 October 1761 in Bolton, Connecticut. He served as a fifer in Captain Peter Porter's company, Colonel Benjamin Simond's regiment of Berkshire County, and marched to Saratoga by order of General Gates. He then served as a private in Captain John Strong's company, Colonel John Brown's regiment for 26 days, from 6 September to 12 October 1777. He served in Captain Porter's company, detachment of General Fellow's brigade of Berkshire County and did duty at Albany under General Stark for four months in 1778. He was a fifer for five months in 1780 and was with Brigadier General Putnam for six months. He and his son, Barzillai Dewey, 2nd, helped in the defense of Sackets Harbor during the War of 1812. Barzillai Dewey died in 1841 at age 80. He is buried in the Dewey-McKee Cemetery on Patrick Road near Adams.

Thomas Dobson. Thomas Dobson was born in 1752. His wife was named Fanny. He died 28 April 1829, and was buried in Carpenter Cemetery, Town of Ellisburg.

Danforth Doty. Born 24 March 1767 in Saybrook Connecticut. Danforth Doty served as a private in Captain Abner Smith's Company, Colonel Beebee's regiment, Connecticut Line. He married Sarah Adams. He died 22 March 1841, in the Town of Adams. His wife's gravesite is not known.

Peter Doxtater. Peter Doxtater was born Christmas Day, 1750, at German Flats, Herkimer County. He served in the Revolution as a private under Captain Henry Harter, Colonel Peter Bellinger and Colonel Frederick Bellinger, serving various times until the end of the war. He took part in the Battle of Oriskany and German Flats. He was married three times, first to Elizabeth Cunningham, in 1751, then to a girl named Susanne, and then to Innocent Hurlburt. An account of the early life of Peter Doxtater is given on page 226 of Child's Jefferson County Gazetteer. He died 1 December 1842, at the age of 92, in Adams, leaving six children: George, William, John, Peter, Betsey, and Elijah. He was buried in the Rural cemetery, Town of Adams.

**“Those who expect to reap the
blessings of freedom must, like
men, undergo the fatigue of
supporting it.”
— Tom Paine**

ASK AUNT JEFF



BY JEAN WILCOX HIBBEN
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QUESTION: How am I sure that this document that I found is “really” my ancestor? This question originated from a student of the Corona Genealogical Society (California), and has applicability to all researchers. Thanks to Len Enlow for providing the question from his class.

ANSWER: The most obvious answer is “you can’t.” But that’s a cop-out and I don’t want you feeling cut free to flounder in the sea of all those people with the same name. I am presuming that you are referring to the phenomenon of parents naming children the same name (common if the first child to receive the name died and the parents want that name to continue). But it could also be that the family wanted to carry on the tradition of naming so that the first son is named for the paternal grandfather, second son named for the father, third for the father’s oldest brother, etc. (with similar patterns for females). If this is the issue, let’s look at how confusing that can be.

My great-great-grandfather, Francis Mathias Hollaender named my great-grandfather Johann Adam Hollaender, after his (Francis’s) grandfather. But MY Johann Adam Hollaender was the second son with that name, the first having died just four months before my great-grandfather was born. Francis’s father was Johann Mathias Hollaender, named for his paternal grandfather. Johann Mathias had a son, Johann Adam, who had a son, Francis Mathias . . . well, you get the idea. So, in the little town where they lived, there were people named Johann Adam Hollaender born in 1730, 1754, 1789, 1840, 1843, and 1854 as well as people named Francis Mathias Hollaender born in 1799, 1817, 1827, 1833, 1849, 1859 (we won’t go into additional duplications here). In some cases, the people with the same name were brothers, where the first to have the name died before the second was born, as I mentioned. But in most cases, the name repetition represents cousins, whose fathers followed that same naming tradition for their children. Because we know that ages or birth dates are not always recorded accurately, how do I know if the Francis Mathias Hollaender I’m looking at was the one born in 1827 or the one born in 1833 (the ages are so close).

The most obvious first step to determine if the name on the register you are examining represents your

ancestor or one of his cousins (or even a good friend who had the same name) is to make sure the person whose record you are looking at did not die in childhood. Dead children seldom marry – so the people who decided the first Johann Adam Hollaender married a particular person, did not verify that the marriage was actually the brother’s (the first having died as an infant). But what about the cousins? What are other naming practices in these cases? (Consider that, cousins with the same name, growing up in the same village, probably found their name issue creating some confusion during their growing up years; or even adult years.) My family is mostly German and a common practice was for people to use the second name (they don’t call it a “middle” name – after all, there might be a number of additional names after the first name, often “Johann,” for a boy, and “Maria,” for a girl). Look at the signatures. My 2x great-grandfather, Francis Mathias Hollaender, signed his name “Frantz Hollaender”; another signed his name “F.M. Hollaender,” another “Mathias Hollaender,” etc. I keep copies of the signatures of my ancestors and that can help me separate one from another.

Another method is the “title” the person used. Someone who is called “Junior” or “the second” might have a father with the same name. *However*, and especially in small villages where everyone knew the entire population, the words “junior,” “the younger,” or “the second,” might refer to the person in reference to another in the family line (i.e., he might be named for an uncle or even cousin) or could just be the youngest person with that name in that village and actually is not clearly related to others with the same name. There are so many “Johann Brauns” in my family tree that, without signatures to compare, I’d be totally lost. But there’s still another helpful method: occupation.

If one Johann Braun is a shoemaker, another is a farmer, another is a baker, another is an innkeeper, that occupation notation can help you separate yours from “the pack.” Unlike today, most people stuck with the same occupation throughout life. However, again, care must be taken. Many of my Hollaender family members worked in the family vineyard (they still do) so, during one part of the year, they are vine dressers, but during a different period of time they become barrel makers; after all, you have to put the wine into something! So, don’t overlook identifying your relatives’ occupations, they very well might get you out of a quandary.

Obviously, looking at ages can also be helpful, keeping in mind that ages are not always recorded correctly. This is one of the reasons we use the Genealogical Proof Standard: gathering as many documents as possible about each ancestor. Even if you found your relative on the 1880 census, don’t forget to go back into 1870: you might even find a child reported as “8 years” of age on the 1880 census actually shows up as a newborn in 1870 – never

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assume the enumerator or the person reporting the information put down the accurate age. My grandmother lied about her age, making herself anywhere from three to eight years younger than my grandfather. This means that she would have been born in the 1880s. However, she was born in November 1879 and appears as such on the 1880 census. Had I believed the later census records, I would never have looked for her in 1880, but when I sought out her older sister, there was grandma! Keep in mind, too, that city directories can be helpful in separating the different people in the town who happen to have the same name – addresses, occupations, and, sometimes, even other household members listed can be deciding factors.

Finally, always remember that, no matter how you or your family spells the family name, the person who wrote it down might have heard it wrong. Often our ancestors didn't know how to write so, if asked how they spelled their names, they might answer "just as it sounds," or something similar, to avoid admitting that they really didn't know. So, as you are looking at records, think of how the name might sound if spoken with an accent – in German, a "G" can sound like a "K" and those letters are interchangeable, hence my "Guiwits" family is also my "Geywitz" and "Keywitz" family. If I'm not sure, I check those ages, occupations, any other relatives or witnesses listed on the document . . . don't leave any record un-examined.

Can you be sure then? Examine the evidence. Then examine it again. And compare it to the other documents dealing with that person. Don't be married to a single way to spell a name. And, if an ancestor immigrated to America, for instance, be prepared for name adjustment (no, it wasn't changed at the dock): my Mueller line became Miller after a single generation in America. Others changed sooner to sound less ethnic. Some changed because people couldn't pronounce the name. So, is my ancestor Strauss really Strazewski? Yes! But it took a lot of digging to prove it.

There is so much that can be added about naming practices and problems derived from them, we just don't have space here. The best I can say is to keep your mind and eyes open and keep track of everything you find that could possibly connect you to your tree. And don't forget to cite your sources!

“It is astonishing how long it takes to finish something you are not working on.” – Author Unknown

PHOTO RESTORATION

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Example of a before and after picture



**Photographs open doors into the past, but they also allow a look into the future.
—Sally Mann**

THE WAR OF 1812 PENSION CLAIMANTS

An article transcribed by JCNYS Acting President
Thomas F. LaClair
Reviewed with second set of eyes by JCNYS
Member Jerry Davis

Throughout this 1883 newspaper article both pension and war injuries are abbreviated. We do not have a master to declare what each specifically means. However, as you read through what is provided, you gain appreciation for the type of injury and the typical amount of the pension. War of 1812 soldiers, widows, mothers, fathers, and minors were listed among the pensions. The smallest amount was \$1.00 and the largest was \$72.00 for a Redwood soldier with total blindness.

Be aware that some of the 47 towns, villages, and hamlets in this article, reported pension information somewhat differently from each other. For example, some reported the war and the pension amount only where others listed the war, the pension amount, and the injury.

- If you see a lady's name followed by the letter "w", she appears to be a surviving widow of a soldier.

- If you see a lady's name followed by the letter "m", she appears to be married to a soldier. (?)

- If you see the abbreviation "surv," the soldier is a survivor of the of the war and received a pension. Whether they had no injury, or one or more injuries, is unknown. Recall, each area reported the pension information differently.

- If you see the letters "dis," the surviving soldier has a disease, or injury, to the specified organ.

- If you see the letters "g s w," the surviving soldier received a general injury or "gun shot wound."

- In many places you will see the soldier's injury or symptoms abbreviated—in most instances the injury or symptom is understandable.

The City and most of the Town of Watertown as well as the towns of Hounsfield, Philadelphia, Theresa, Rutland and Wilna were not listed in this newspaper article. We will research the 1883 *Watertown Reunion Newspaper* and print a column in a subsequent *Informer*.

Now on to today's article transcribed exactly as printed.

Watertown Reunion Newspaper
Wednesday, November 21, 1883, Page 7.

PENSION CLAIMANTS. Following is the list not hitherto published:

ADAMS: Almeda A. Potter, w 1812, \$8; Elizabeth Ripley, w 1812, 8; Aurelia Wright, w 1812, 8; Jerome K. Olas, frac r tibia, 18; Mansion V. Washburn, g s w l arm, 6; Wm. J. Blair, inj l side back and inj to abd, 12; Elam S. Lyman, shl wd bk, 10; James W. Lloyd, inj rt shoulder, 4; Hiram R. Loder, dis lungs and chron diar, 2; Sugearn Stewart, g s w gt toe l foot, 4; Wyatt A. Hammond, dis heart, 12; Lewis Roberts, asth and bron, 6; Geo. W. Horth, wnd l hnd, 2; Haray Lyman, rheum and inj hips, 4; Wm. H. Williams, g s w r hip and l leg, 8; J. Constant Woodward, wnd r thigh, 8; Mary M. Wardwell, w \$8; Sarah Bassett, w 1812, 8; Nancy Baker, w 1812, 8; Mary J. Haight, w 8; Mary F. Stearnes, w 8; Josephine L. Pease, w 8; Cordelia E. Bronson, w 8; Helen E. McNeil, w 8; Emily James, w 8; Francis M. Cummins, rheum and var veins l leg, 8;

Millie Cook, w 1812, 8; Ruth Clark, w 1812, 8; Larany Doxtater, w 1812, 8; Sarah A. Van Wormer, w 1812, \$8; John Wright, surv 1812, 8; Roxanna Allen, w 1812, 8; Elizabeth Hally, w 1812, 8; Luman Wilcox, surv, 1812, 8; Eunice Chaffin, w 1812, 8.

ADAMS CENTRE: Job Spencer, surv 1812, \$8; Chloe Chamberlain, w 1812, 8; Polly Baldwin, w 1812, 8; Zadock Clark; chr diar and res dis kidneys, 4; Minerva Knight, m, 8; Judith A. Williamson, m 8; Jane Van Waldick, w 14; Abel Lampher, surv 1812, 8; Rhoda Storo, w 1812, 8; Mary Hannahs, w 1812, 8; Dorcas Heath, w 1812, 8; Luman Arnes, surv 1812, 8; Archibald Barrett, surv 1812, 8; Lydia Oatman, w 1812, 8; Lucinda Phelps, w 1812, 8; Polly Parker, w 1812, 8; Thomas Spicer, dis lungs and rheu, 6; Adney Carley, rheu res dis hrt, 12; Geo. W. Bannister, chron rheu, 4; Adelbert L. Wisewell, a c loss 3 and 4 finger, r hand, 6.

ALEXANDRIA: Simeon Bates, surv 1812, \$8; Catherine I. Baker, m 8; Emily Clyde, w 1812, 8.

ALEXANDRIA BAY: Elizabeth Bowen, w \$8; Wilham Dodge, inj to l foot, 20; Frank Rappole, part dfnes 2; Geo. Willax, inj to abd 4; Harriet C. Robinson, dep mother 8.

ANTWERP: Phoebe Wright, m \$8; Huldah S. Cadwell, w 8; Mary E. Howe, w 8; Betsey A. Hall, w 8; Julia A. Hewitt, m 8; Philura Baldwin, w 8; John Fuller, f 8; Edward Dunlap, chron dia scurv g s w l hand, 8; Persis D. Foster, w 1812, 8; Ethan A. Wait, chron diar 4; Mary Mack, w 1812, 8; Ira Brown, w 1812, 8; Japhet Chapin, w 1812, 8; Elmira Stater, w 1812, 8; Abigail Shull, w 1812, 8; Alexander D. Geider, wd l shoul, 8; John D. MacBroom, g s w l arm and dis, 10; William M. Moore, g s w r thigh, 6; Peter Shampine, epilepsy inj to back and bladder, 8; Richard Bender, wd head, 8; Robert Hall, 2d, g s w l hand, 1; George W. Chaumont, inj to abd, 8; Welcome Payne, dis liv rheum and dis heart, 8; John J. Bacon, chron bronchitis, 4; Charles E. Hawkins, shl wd, chron diar and dis of abd viscera, 6; John B. Hall, inj to abd, 8; Walter A. Metcalf, var veins, r leg, 8; James Murray, g s w r thigh, 6; William Hicks, wd r arm, 10; Julia B. Lane, m, 8; Martin L. Willard, g s w head, 6; Peter Warney, var veins leg and inj l should, 8; Benj. Cook, surv 1812, 8.

BELLEVILLE: Sally S. Barney, w 1881, \$8; Margaret Boomer, w 1812, 8; Lestina L. Tear, w 8; Orphia M. Ellis, w 1812, 8; Berintha J. Gardner, w 8; Aurilla Littlefield, w 1812, 8; Cordelia A. Dunn, w 12; Abigail Nelson, w 1812, 8; Nancy Potter, 2 1812, 8; James Denning, 8; Martin D. Swan, 11.25; Thomas Shinnars, 6; Gilford Benton, 24; Eugene A. Chapman, 17; Anson D. Webster, 4; Gaylord W. Babcock, 4; Hezekiah D. Mills, 1812, 8; John Brown, minor, 10.

BROWNVILLE: Margaret Millan, m, 8; Mary Wolever, w 8; Catherine Guyer, w 8; Anastasia Doran, w 8; Orin S. Sanford, 8; David Zimmerman, 6; Adam Kissels, 2.

BURR'S MILLS: Schuyler H. Bibbins, \$2.

CAPE VINCENT: Ann Saunders, widow, \$8; Olivia A. Judd, widow, 8; Maribah Van Ness, widow 1812, 8; Eve Kelsey, widow 1812, 8; Louisa Spinning, widow 1812, 8; Phillip Cole, 24; John H. Moore, 24; Adam J. Catensburg, 18; Ezra D. Hilts, 18; John R. Roseboom, (Continued on Page 15)

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6; Richard Anson Davis, 6; Lewis Mance, 8; Martin Braun, 12.75; Henry Huck, 3; Sebastian Gregor, 8; Wm. H. Scram, 6; Joseph Welch, 8; Charles J. Gardner, 24.

CHAUMONT: Mary L. Wade, widow, \$8; Elias Fredenburg, minor, 10; Julia A. Becker, mother, 8; Olive Carey, widow 1812, 8; Phebe Shephard, widow 1812, 8; John Dingman, 1812, 8; Daniel Phelps, 1812, 8; Eliza Rogers, widow 1812, 8; Louisa Wince, widow, 8; Catherine Lawton, widow, 8; Tirzah Danley, widow 1812, 8; Riley E. Horton, 18; Erastus S. Penney, 6; Hiram Wallace, 6.

CLAYTON: John H. Green, \$24; Susan Allen, w 8; Catherine Derosia, m 8; Sophia Graves, w 8; Adaline M. Perrigo, w 12; Jas. Auyel, 1812, 8; Lucy A. Ackroyd, w 8; Mary A. Derosia, w 8; Frank Favery, 18; Lorenzo Marcellus, 24; Elizabeth Dotham, dep m 8.

DEPAUVILLE: Samuel McNitt, jr., 1812, \$8; Lionel A. Rose, m 8; Ellen A. Hart, w 8; Elizabeth Geddings, w 8; Susan M. Stetson, w 1812, 8; Mary Dorr, w 8; Daniel Z. Dana, 24; Charles Classen, 8; Hiram Grant, 8; Ira W. Patchin, 8.

DEXTER: Eunice Carpenter, m \$8; Nancy Baker, w 8; Hannah marks, m 8; Sally Penny, m 8; Susannah Freeman, w 1812, 8; Maria Van Allen, m 8; Lodisy Luther, w 1812, 8; Peter Remore, 1812, 8; Sophia Nelson, w 1812, 8; Albert Forster, 7.50; Wm. H. Winn, 18; John R. Foster, 24; Miranda Rice, m 8; George Walters, 4.

EAST HOUNSFIELD: Relief Cleveland, w 1812, \$8; Leonard Allen, 1812, 8.

EAST RODMAN: Deborah Way, w 1812, \$8; Maria Booce, m 8.

EAST WATERTOWN: Margaret Andrus, w 1812, \$8; Veletta J. Sikes, w 8; Olive Parkinson, w 1812, 8; Margaret A. Doane, w 20; Dolly B. Fowler, w 1812 --.

ELLISBURGH: Oliver Ayer, f \$8; Catherine Christman, w 1812, 8; Elmira C. Stanley, m 8; Arminda Fuller, w 10; Nancy Christman, w 1812, 8; Elizabeth Downer, w 1812, 8; Luzina H. Tiff, w 1812, 8; Elizabeth Martin, w 1812, 8; Richard Cheever, 1812, 8; Lydia Smith, w 1812, 8; Warren W. Wodell, 24; Wm. H. Howard, 24; Charles I. Holley, 2; Wm. Thompson, 12; Issac P. Wodell, 8.50; Oren Zufelt, 4; Adam Bort, 18; Myron Johnson, 6; Othniel Williams, 8.50; Thos. Gilbert, 4; Job Sherman, 8.

EVANS MILLS: Mary Graham, m, \$8; Wm. S. Cooper, 7.50; Mary A. Dano, m, 8; Peter Bowman, f, 8; Lorence Zimmerman, 1812, 8; Lusetta Reid, w, 8; Willard Barrett, w 1812, 8; Mary Walts, w 1812, 8; Polly Wilson, w 1812, 8; Christian Speidell, 15; John Shumway, 12; Calvin J. Bradley, 8; Brayton G. Priest, 12; Nelson R. Scott, 10; Wm. H. Bargee, 2; Caleb Slocum, 8; Marshall M. Miller, 4; Richard Smith, 4; Henry March, 8; Adam Murphy, 8.

FISHERS LANDING: William L. Cook, \$24; Edmonds Robbins, f, 8.

HENDERSON: Albert S. Haskin, \$12; Edward J. Richards, 18; Celinda C. Boyce, w (navy) 10; Amasa Arnold alias James, 24; Francis N. Killey, 6; Charles Eggleston, 2; Oscar E. Lee, 6; Seth H. Penny, 8; Joseph F. A. Hitchcock, 18; William Golding, 8; Boynton C. Seaton, 2; Asa W. Carter, 4; Hiram S. Presley, 6; Frederick D. Joiner, 6; Charles W. Chisk, 8; Oliver W. Burnham, 12; Amos Lane, 8; Albert G. Laurence, 2; Wallace Bettinger, 2; Emery H. Clark, 4; Ramiro E. Spicer, 6; Newton Smith, 6; Henry T. Halladay, 12; John L. Wilkinson, 12; Myron D. Stanley, 12; Mary White, w 1812, 8; Rhoda Wilkinson, w 1812, 8; Cornelia Killy w 8; Jemima Halladay w 1812 8; Sarah S. Seaton w 1812 8; Sarah B. Sawyer w 1812 8; Clarissa Gallea w 8; Charlotte Smith m 8; Mary Hatch m 8; Harriet A. Crittenton w 8; Jane Carpenter w 1812 8; Harriet M. Aspinwall m 8; Maria R. Sprague, w 1812, 8; Mary Barrett, w 1812, 8.

LAFARGEVILLE: Sarah Kenyon, mother, \$8; Mary Gardner, widow 1812, 8; Sarah V. Du Bois, widow 1812, 8; Roxanna Shedd, widow 1812, 8; John H. Haun, 1812, 8; Adelia Shalo, widow 1812, 8; Alonzo Shedd, 6; Jacob Bamer, 24; George Orman, 4; Jesse M. Buskirk, 6; Lansing Snell, 10; Henry A. Haveman, 6; Eldridge A. Burchell, 8; James Burns, 24; Issac B. Swartout, 6.

LERAYSVILLE: James Gartland, \$8; Joel M. Baldwin, 24.

LIMERICK: Jeremiah Snell, \$4; Geo. Stiles, 12; Phebe Allison, 1812 w, 8; Samuel S. Giles, 1812 surv, 8; Polly A. Frellingburg, w, 8; Elizabeth Giles, m, 8; David Phelps, 1812 surv, 8.

LORRAINE: Benjamin F. Ferry, \$18; Anna Shelmadine, m, 8; Hannah Brown, 1812 w, 8; Abraham Lyon, 18; Douglas Tucker, 2; Benjamin Van Brocklin, 8; Joseph A. Bellinger, 4; Marcus I. Walker, 4; James M. Middleton, 8; Jeremiah Carpenter, 6; Alman Havington, 12; Caleb N. Lyman, 4; Martin L. Overton, 8.

MANNVILLE: Geo. Huggins, chron rheu res dis heart, \$8; Luther Mills, chron diar inj spine result neu, 8; Bristol Ranson, inj l ankle, 4; Llewellyn J. Hall, loss l leg, 18; Rebecca Wells, w 1812 8; Ephraim Brewster surv 1812, 8; Edward Gilbert, surv 1812, 8; Wm. Earl, surv 1812, 8; Persis Lansom, surv 1812, 8; Betsey Baldwin, m 8; Harriet E. Brown, m 8; Willard A. Petrie, g s w l hand 2; Ruth A. Harding, w 8; Harriet West, m 8; Samuel J. Benson, mal pois rheu dis heart, 8; Nancy A. Weed, w, 8.

OMAR: William Carris, father, \$8; Joseph La Fountain, f, 8; Manuel Ormiston, g s w foot nr heel, 2.

ORLEANS FOUR CORNERS: Barnet Hax, w, \$8.

OXBOW: Christina Newell, w, \$8; Esther Thompson, w 1812, 8; William Forsyth, surv 1812, 8; Nancy Hamlin, w 1812, 8; Lucas Gillette, surv 1812, 8; Geo. Mitchell, wnd r leg, 4; Geo. E. Rattigan, g s w r side and left hand, 14.

PAMELIA FOUR CORNERS: Daniel Gould, surv 1812, \$8; Tna Ogsburg, w 1812, 8; Gertrude Timmerman, w 1812, 8; John Morrison, inj to abd, 6; William D. Petrie, g s w l thigh, 4.

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PERCH RIVER: Sarah Calkins, w, \$8.

PIERREPONT MANOR: Sarah Turney, w, \$8; Lyman VanAuken, minor, 10; Wm. Harris, f, 8; Perry Cobb, chron diar and dis abd vis, 4; Sophronia Sherman, w 1812, 8; Eliza Steele, w 1812, 8; Charles N. Walwrath, dis of ht, 6; Geo W. Durfee, inj to abd, 8; Thomas Armstrong, g s w r shoul 4; Luther C. Worden, chron bron, 2; John Phillips, wnd 1 hip from s shot, 6; Roswell R. Steele, inj of back, 4.

PILLAR POINT: Horatio Sprague surv 1812, \$8; William W. Harris, loss l leg, 18; Henry R. McAfee, chron diar, 3.

PLESSIS: Edward Barton, inj to l side, \$8; Nancy Ward, m 8; Eunice Cole, m 8; Nancy Busler, m 8; Rhoda A. Sprgue m 8; Jane Flint, w 1812, 8; Edwin D. Spalesbury, asth res dis lungs, 8; Margaret Sprague, w 8; Nicholas Van Brocklin, sur 1812, 8; Betsey Walts, w 1812, 8; Chas. D. Merrill w in hand, 2; William D. Phillips, loss l thigh unable to wear artif limb, \$24; Riley H. Witt, w l shoul and chest, 12; Wm. W. Van Ambler, g s w chest es atrophy r arm, 18; Joseph Ray, g s w l h, 4; Geo. Place, inj to abd, 4; Andrew Shannon, inj to abd 4; Wm. H. Forbes dis lungs, 4.

POINT PENINSULA: Daniel Getman, surv 1812, \$8; Maria C. Armstrong, w 8.

REDWOOD: Elizabeth Marklie, w \$8; Charlotte Patterson, m 8; Polley P. Simons, w 1812, 8; Parthenia Sanborn, w 1812, 8; Sally Vantassel, w 8; Richmond Craft, w 1812, 8; Beattie Bauter, w 1812, 8; Alanson West, surv 1812, 8; Margaret Whittaker, w 8; Mary Bauter, w 1812, 8; Geo. W. Sanderson, total blindness, 72; Theo. F. H. Dana, dis heart, 18; Eason B. Hill, inj to abd 12; Isaac Ritter, inj to abd and ht dis 8; Egbert H. Shippey, g s w head, 8; Truman Reed, inj l lung, intercostal neural, 4; Martin Petrie, paralysis agitans, 6; Geo. Reed, inj to back, 4; Josiah Betts, chron diar 6; Delos Herrick, g s w l thigh, 4; Elmer W. gray, wnd r hand, 2; Walstein A. Failing, chron diar, 12; Zalmon D. Watts, g s w r side and arm, 6; Angeline Pierce, w 8; Martin Philips, inj l thigh, 4; Jeremiah Coombs, g s w l thigh, 4; Catherine Heath, m 8; Wm. K. Simpson, g s w l breast and rhm.

RODMAN: Ruth Brown, w 1812, \$8; Eunice R. North, w 8; Polly A. Smith, w 8; Wm. Glass, minor 10; Celestine G. Lowe, m 8; Almira Eaton, w 1812, 8; Maria B. Yong, m 8; Phebe L. Gross, w 1812, 8; Geo. W. Jenks, surv 1812, 8; Sylvanus Walcott, surv 1812, 8; Sarah Sill, w 1812, 8; Jonathan Boynton, surv 1812, 8; Barrett Phelps, surv 1812, 8; Julia A. Winslow, w 1812, 8; Edwin A. North, loss l hand, 18; Henry Spencer, g s w l leg, 8; Francis Butts, chron diar, 6; Melvin E. Blair, ulcer knees var veins r leg, 4; Joseph E. Baker, g s w r arm, 12; John Davy, chr diarr res spinl irritation, 12.

RURAL HILL: Lydia A. Green, w 1812 \$8; Flora Smith, w 8; Hiram G. Brisley, dis hrt and lungs, 14; Dempster P. Griffin, inj to abd and l anke, 10; Amazia A. Fillmore, chron bronch 8; James Hicks, dis liv res dis lungs and ht, 18.

SACKETS HARBOR: Ann C. Caulfield, m 8; Jane Crouch,

m, 8; Nancy Beardsley, w 1812, 8; Louisa Burlingame, w, 8; Andrew J. Drake, bronch ulcers legs dis abd vis deaf, 8; Mary Boyd, m, 8; Nancy Francis, w 1812, 8; Elvira Thompson, w 1812, 8; Stephen Forney, surv 1812, 8; Matthew Wright, surv 1812, 8; Helen A. Butts, w 1812, 8; Urial Burlingame, w 1812, 8; Jane Read, w 1812; Nancy Read, w 1812, 8; Katy A. Wilson, w 1812, 8; Sarah Moore, w 1812, 8; Anar H. Barnes, w 1812, 8; Nelson Meeks, loss r thigh unable to use artif limb, 24; Chas. B. Holloway, dis of lungs, 18; Ivan L. Spicer, chron diar, 4; Wm. H. Clark, g s w l thigh, 6; Frank E. Ingalls, g s w l hnd loss index fing, 2; Charles Wilder, inj to abd g s w head aff breast, 6; Charles Breckman, g s w hip, 1; David O. DeWolf, inj hd aff spine and neural, 17; Thomas A. Wyse, dislo l hip and thigh, 4; Alvaro Harrington, g s w both buttocks, 4; Wm. McLaughlin, shl wd hd, 4; Henry A. Coal, frac r leg, 8; Geo. Blanning, f 8; Benj. F. Dempsey, wd r thumb and leg, 8.

ST. LAWRENCE: Caroline Chapman, m \$8; Clotael Benway, m 8; Eliza Tucker, w 1812, 8; Orin Rice, inj bk, inj to abd, 6; Horace Ingerson, part paral lower extr shl exp, 6; Erasmus D. Watkins, chron diar 6; Alexander Ladd, chron diar and dis kid, 3.75; James Knight, inj to abd, 4.

SANFORD'S CORNERS: Delany Carpenter, w 1812, \$8.

SMITHVILLE: Betsey Hart, w \$8; Lucy Elmer, m 8; Chas. L. Tompkins, rheum and chr diar, 4; Amy Green, m 8; Louisa Green, m 8; Mary Kellogg, w 1812, 8; Mary Murray, w 1812, 8; Anna Ramsey, w 1812, 8; Daniel Babcock, chron diar, 2; Andrew Kinnier, sunstroke, 24.

SOUTH RUTLAND: Elizabeth Covenhaven, w 1812, \$8; Sophia Field, w 1812, 8; Julia Ann Barrows, w 1812, 8; Wealhy Welch, surv 1812, 8; Christopher Campell, g s w abd and effects, 12; Mary A. Hall, w 8.

STONE MILLS: Sally Collins, w 1812, \$8; John Nichols, wnd. r. shoulder, 12; Andrew Fort, g s w l thumb, 2; Merrick Rouse, g s w r wrist, 2; Napoleon Whittier, inj to abd, 4.

THREE MILE BAY: Castello Spicer, g s w l thigh, \$4; Joseph L. Empey, chron. rheum, and dis. ht., 10; Gordon Reed, chron. diarr. and mal. pois., 4; Charles G. Rickett, chron. rheum., 4; Peter Sheldon, g s w l. foot, 2; Gardner Smith, wd. l. hand by cut of ax, 8; Davis M. Mount, loss r. leg, 18; Orville Fish, g s w r. hand and l thumb, 10; Mary VanNostrand, w. 1812, 8; Lucena Breadsell, 2., 8; Elijah Macomber, m, 8; Orilla Doughlas, m., 8.

WOODVILLE: Geo. W. Smith, surv, 1812; \$8; Sylvester Tyler, f 8; Chester P. Putman, f 8; Hannah Wood, w 1812, 8; Joseph W. Hitchcock, inj to bk, 8; John Hazelwood, g s w r thigh, 4; William Hammon, g s w r leg, 4; Polly Bassinger, m 8; Riley A. Duck, dis lungs, 18.

WORTH CENTER: Emeline Buckley, m \$8; Rowland P. Halladay, g s w l thigh 4; Matththew O. Cornell, chron rheum, 8; Claudius V. Halladay, g s w r hand, 4.

WORTHVILLE: Abel G. Lyon, phtthisis pulmonalis, \$18; John Smith, g s w l forearm, 1; Alfred W. Tiffany, scrof turn of nk, 3; Lemuel M. Taber, shl wd r thigh, 8; Orilla Streeter, m 8; George Best, g s w l elbow, 14.

The Bachelor's Stepdaughter

By JCNYS Member Nancy Ward Remling

Do we always believe what we're told? Quite often we do, especially when it is someone that we believe knows what they are talking about. I had that experience many years ago when I was a beginner researcher. At the time I didn't know a lot about the various records that we could research. In fact, during this time in the early 1990s it was much harder to find records about a given person, so we relied more on people that knew the recent ancestors.

It was my first time in the village of Antwerp. I had driven there from the Syracuse area in hopes of finding the cemetery where my great-grandmother and her family are buried. I found Hillside Cemetery on the edge of the village and her grave along with those of her parents and siblings.

While wandering around looking at graves, I encountered a man, Ed Johnston, who was working at the cemetery. He volunteered to show me some of the other people that were related to my Ingalls family.

In showing me the various graves, he told me about a cousin, Joseph Ingalls, the son of Samuel and Elcinda (Owens) Ingalls. He never married, but rather was a life-long bachelor. There is no gravestone for a wife there. I accepted the local knowledge as a logical, and therefore true statement,

His father, Samuel is my third great-uncle and so, this is a somewhat distant collateral line. Having many other lines to pursue, I entered the information and left it at that for many years. Last year, I started pulling some records off Ancestry.com. He is in the 1930 census living in Antwerp, a superintendent of the water works, single. His sister, Gertrude, is the only other member of his household. However, the 1940 census tells a completely different story.

There in the 1940 census, I find Joseph in Antwerp. Great. Except, what is this? In this "bachelor's" household is a step-son, Maxwell Doubles, a step-daughter Dorothy Doubles, and a brother-in-law, Lorne Kean! How could that be? It must be the right Joseph. He is the right age, although now a stock keeper in a grocery store and sister Gertrude is still in the household.

A little further digging into local records finds my answer. There in the marriage records on February 8, 1932 is the marriage of Joseph to Mae Doubles, a widow.

Sadly, the marriage is brief, as by the fall of 1933, she is deceased as well.

Why is she not buried next to Joseph? Is there simply no stone for her? The answer actually lies next door at Saint Michael and Saint Joseph's Cemetery. There is

Mae beside her first husband, the father of her children, Harry Doubles.

Lack of available records and lack of time often causes us to make assumptions and rely on information given to us by others. Although that information is often right, there are times when it isn't. Even the records themselves can be wrong. People give the information as they know it or think they know it. Sometimes they are hiding something that they don't want known.

I'm sure Ed Johnston gave me the correct information as far as he knew. Joseph married late in life and the marriage lasted less than two years. The wife is buried with her first husband in another cemetery and under that surname. Little evidence is observable to this marriage. Joseph probably never or seldom spoke of it in later years. What casual observer who was not around Antwerp in 1932 and 1933 would suspect that the old bachelor had stepchildren from a brief marriage? I didn't.

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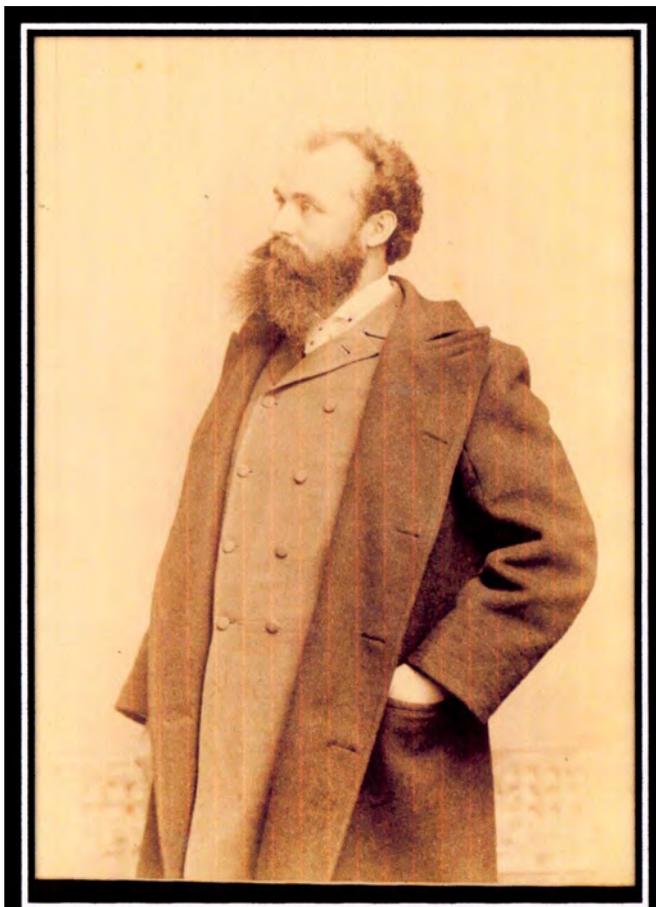
Age 13 to 17 = 0
 Age 18 to 24 = 1 percent
 Age 25 to 34 = 7 percent
 Age 35 to 44 = 12 percent
 Age 45 to 54 = 18 percent
 Age 55 to 64 = 26 percent
 Age 65 and older = 36 percent.

GENETIC TESTING

Per AARP, "A majority of older Americans say they are curious about what they would learn about their heritage from genetic testing—but bad news about their health prospects would worry them. Only about 1 in 10 Americans between 50 and 64 have had their DNA tested by commercial companies, according to the National Poll on Healthy Aging conducted by the University of Michigan and cosponsored by AARP. While most of the 1,000 survey respondents said they were interested in getting tested, two thirds said learning that, say, they are at risk of cancer might cause anxiety."

Dr. Frederick T. Dale

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Dr. Frederick T. Dale

This week's picture takes us to Depauville where Dr. Frederick T. Dale lived and practiced medicine for 42 years. Dr. Dale was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on 4 August 1858. He attended school in Springfield and then attended the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore, Maryland, graduating in 1888.

After graduation he took the advice of one of the leading doctors in Watertown, Dr. H. G. Spencer and moved to Northern New York. He first settled in LaFargeville where he lived with his wife, Josephine Childs until her death in 1890. In May 1891 he moved to Depauville and set up practice there in his home on Caroline Street, which had been formerly occupied by Dr. B. C. Cheeseman. In June 1891, Dr. Dale was married to Grace Fox, daughter of Byron and Sarah Gloyd Fox. Grace was born in the town of Clayton 17 April 1870 and moved to Depauville when she married Dr. Dale.

Dr. Dale had a large practice and treated patients from

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the surrounding areas. While in Depauville he became a member of the Depauville Lodge No. 688, F. & A. M. and his wife joined the Depauville Eastern Star, at one time becoming matron of the organization.

Dr. and Mrs. Dale were the parents of one daughter, Josephine who was born in June 1892. Josephine was educated at the Fort Edward Institute in Fort Edward, NY. In November 1911 her engagement to First Lieut. William A. Johnson was announced at the Officers' Club at West Point Military Academy. She had met Lieut. Johnson while visiting at West Point.

Up until the day he was stricken ill, Dr. Dale was treating his patients. On 23 June 1930, Dr. Dale died after a short illness of only two weeks. He left behind his wife Grace, his daughter Josephine and a grandson William. His wife Grace passed away on 6 April 1939 at a Watertown hospital where she had been a patient for several weeks. Mrs. Dale had been in ill health for over two years when she entered the Leehaven hospital in Watertown.

If you are interested in learning more about the doctors who have lived in the Clayton area, visit the Thousand Islands Museum in Clayton. You can find us on the web at www.timuseum.org.

Kelly Burdick



The *Watertown Daily Times* Archives Librarian Kelly Burdick poses for a photo on Thursday, 27 Sep 2018. Kelly, with a background in history, recently took over the position at the "old newspaper library." Kelly can be reached at kburdick@wdt.net or by calling 315-661-2445.

Note: If you were wondering, longtime *Watertown Daily Times* Archives Librarian Lisa Carr is employed across the street in the Jefferson County Clerk's Office. Both of these ladies are "friends" of those researching genealogy and history.

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BUSINESS BOOMED IN BURRVILLE

NOW QUIANT VILLAGE WAS ONCE
A CENTER OF COMMERCE

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By Lenka Walldroff

Jefferson County Historical Society

The village of Burrville is located just east of Watertown on Route 12 and is best known for the fresh cider and hot doughnuts made by the Burrville Cider Mill every fall. What many don't know about the village is that during the first half of the nineteenth century, Burrville was a bustling commerce center, rivaling and even eclipsing Watertown in social and economic prominence.



The Burrville Market was a landmark in the hamlet for many years. This view of the general store was taken around 1900. The facility was in many ways the center of life in Burrville. The landmark was razed in 1959. The owner of the general store in 1959, Larkin J. Mosher, had a new store constructed. The building that housed the general store was for years the Fredenburg Hotel during the 1800s before it was converted into a hardware store and then the general store. Among the operators of the store was Bill Hayes for 35 years. This picture was for years part of a collection owned by Mrs. Rosamond Hardy Croew, who was born and raised in Burrville. Alex T. Duffy made the photo available to the *Watertown Daily Times*.

The area that would be called Burrville began to be settled just before 1800. What attracted the early settlers to the area was the north fork of Sandy Creek that flowed through the area and dropped precipitously to form a waterfall. The waterfall provided enough power for the settlers' needs without being strong enough to overwhelm their primitively built dams. As immigration began to increase, the proprietor of the tract, Nicholas Stowe, invested in the construction of a saw mill and a grist mill to provide lumber and flour to the settlers. The mills, powered by the waterfall and constructed in 1801, were purchased by a Revolutionary War veteran named Capt. John Burr in 1802. Thus, the settlement was named "Burr's Mills" and eventually "Burrville." The mills remained in use throughout the 19th century and the saw mill serves



as the present location of the Burrville Cider Mill.

As the mills were being constructed, a general store was simultaneously built by Jabez Foster, who later became a Watertown judge. The store was staffed by Orville Hungerford, a citizen also destined for prominence. Subsequently, a blacksmith shop was constructed that manufactured all of the farming tools for the area and, for a time, an iron foundry operated in the area as well.

One of the earliest known distilleries was established in Burrville around 1802 by, oddly enough, a missionary and minister. The Rev. Ebenezer Lazelle was the first minister and one of the earliest missionaries in the county. In the early days of the 19th century pure liquors were of general household and medicinal use. The good reverend saw the need in the area and availed himself to spiritual work of two kinds — saving and distilling.

By 1806 a large tannery was set up in Burrville that employed approximately 15 men. The tannery produced boots and shoes for the local townspeople. The power of the Sandy Creek was harnessed to run a wheel that ground bark for the leather dying process.

Burrville also had a school that served as a combination church and village hall when not in use by pupils. At one time there were 107 pupils enrolled in the village school. It later became a tavern.

The list of businesses that flourished in Burrville during the first half of the 19th century is quite lengthy, indeed: There was a cabinet maker who also made coffins, a wool carder and a dress maker who used recycled home linens for the manufacture of clothes. There was a match factory, a sash and blind manufacturer, an axe maker and a physician who practiced for more than 60 years. Last, but certainly not least, what would become the Burrville Congregation Church, which was formed there in 1803

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by Puritans who had settled the area from New England. The church celebrated its bicentennial in 2003.

The historical sketch of a bustling and industrial Burrville is very different from the quaint community that we know today. Many readers may wonder about the circumstances that precipitated the change. In 1805, due to its central location, Watertown was chosen as the Jefferson County seat. Watertown prevailed over both Brownville and Champion who also vied for the honor. Subsequently a bridge was built in Watertown spanning the Black River. Shortly thereafter a dam, paper and saw mills were also constructed. These improvements created employment opportunities and attracted banks that lent money for further industrial development. The improvements also attracted settlers at a rapid pace. A number of these settlers were from Burrville, where they had sold their businesses and relocated to what was quickly becoming a bustling town. By 1869, Watertown was officially incorporated as a city and Burrville was well on its way to becoming the subdued farming village that exists today.

While it may be a shadow of its former industrial past, Burrville is still full of rich history. The village boasts many beautiful limestone homes and farms that are still inhabited and worked by the relatives of the first settlers — a continuity that is rarely seen in more industrial cities.

Note: At the time the article was written, Lenka P. Walldroff was curator of collections for the Jefferson County Historical Museum. She is a former museum specialist and conservator at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

The US Genweb Project Old Occupations Explained by Dan Burrows

- Accomptant** -- Accountant
Almoner -- Giver of charity to the needy
Amanuensis -- Secretary or stenographer
Artificer -- A soldier mechanic who does repairs
Bailie -- Bailiff
Baxter -- Baker
Bluestocking -- Female writer
Boniface -- Keeper of an inn
Brazier -- One who works with brass
Brewster -- Beer manufacturer
Brightsmith -- Metal Worker
Burghmaster -- Mayor
Caulker -- One who filled up cracks (in ships or windows or seams to make them watertight by using tar or oakum -hemp fiber produced by taking old ropes apart
Chaisemaker -- Carriage maker
Chandler -- Dealer or trader; one who makes or sells candles; retailer of groceries
Chiffonnier -- Wig maker
Clark -- Clerk
Clerk -- Clergyman, cleric
Clicker -- The servant of a salesman who stood at the door to invite customers; one who received the matter in the galley from the compositors and arranged it in due form ready for printing; one who makes eyelet holes in boots using a machine which clicked.
Cohen -- Priest (descendant of Levi)
Collier -- Coal miner
Colporteur -- Peddler of books
Cooper -- One who makes or repairs vessels made of staves and hoops, such as casks, barrels, tubs, etc.
Cordwainer -- Shoemaker, originally any leather worker using leather from Cordova/Cordoba in Spain
Costermonger -- Peddler of fruits and vegetables
Crocker -- Potter
Crowner -- Coroner
Currier -- One who dresses the coat of a horse with a currycomb; one who tanned leather by incorporating oil or grease
Docker -- Stevedore, dock worker who loads and unloads cargo
Dowser -- One who finds water using a rod or witching stick
Draper -- A dealer in dry goods
Drayman -- One who drives a long strong cart without fixed sides for carrying heavy loads
Dresser -- A surgeon's assistant in a hospital
Drover -- One who drives cattle, sheep, etc. to market; a dealer in cattle
Duffer -- Peddler
Factor -- Agent, commission merchant; one who acts or transacts business for another; Scottish steward or bailiff of an estate
Falchion -- A blacksmith, one who shoes horses
Faulkner -- Falconer
Fell monger -- One who removes hair or wool from hides in preparation for leather making
Fletcher -- One who made bows and arrows
Fuller -- One who fulls cloth; one who shrinks and thickens woolen cloth by moistening, heating, and pressing; one who cleans and finishes cloth
Gaoler -- A keeper of the goal, a jailer
Glazier -- Window glassman
Hacker -- Maker of hoes

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Hatcheler -- One who combed out or carded flax
Haymonger -- Dealer in hay
Hayward -- Keeper of fences
Higgler -- Itinerant peddler
Hillier -- Roof tiler
Hind -- A farm laborer
Hostler -- A groom who took care of horses, often at an inn
Hooker -- Reaper
Hooper -- One who made hoops for casks and barrels
Huckster -- Sells small wares
Husbandman -- A farmer who cultivated the land
Jagger -- Fish peddler
Journeyman -- One who had served his apprenticeship and mastered his craft, not bound to serve a master, but hired by the day
Joyner / Joiner -- A skilled carpenter
Keeler -- Bargeman
Kempster -- Wool comber
Lardner -- Keeper of the cupboard
Lavender -- Washer woman
Lederer -- Leather maker
Leech -- Physician
Longshoreman -- Stevedore
Lorner -- Maker of horse gear
Malender -- Farmer
Maltster -- Brewer
Manciple -- A steward
Mason -- Bricklayer
Mintmaster -- One who issued local currency
Monger -- Seller of goods (ale, fish)
Muleskinner -- Teamster
Neatherder -- Herds cows
Ordinary Keeper -- Innkeeper with fixed prices
Pattern Maker -- A maker of a clog shod with an iron ring. A clog was a wooden pole with a pattern cut into the end
Peregrinator -- Itinerant wanderer
Peruker -- A wig maker
Pettifogger -- A shyster lawyer
Pigman -- Crockery dealer
Plumber -- One who applied sheet lead for roofing and set lead frames for plain or stained glass windows.
Porter -- Door keeper
Puddler -- Wrought iron worker
Quarrier -- Quarry worker
Rigger -- Hoist tackle worker
Ripper -- Seller of fish
Roper -- Maker of rope or nets
Saddler -- One who makes, repairs or sells saddles or other furnishings for horses
Sawbones -- Physician
Sawyer -- One who saws; carpenter
Schumacker -- Shoemaker
Scribler -- A minor or worthless author
Scrivener -- Professional or public copyist or writer; notary public
Scrutinier -- Election judge
Shrieve -- Sheriff
Slater -- Roofer
Slopseller -- Seller of ready-made clothes in a slop shop
Snobscat/Snob -- One who repaired shoes
Sorter -- Tailor
Spinster -- A woman who spins or an unmarried woman
Spurrer -- Maker of spurs
Squire -- Country gentleman; farm owner; justice of peace
Stuff gown -- Junior barrister
Stuff gownsman -- Junior barrister
Supercargo -- Officer on merchant ship who is in charge of cargo and the commercial concerns of the ship

Tanner -- One who tans (cures) animal hides into leather
Tapley -- One who puts the tap in an ale cask
Tasker -- Reaper
Teamster -- One who drives a team for hauling
Thatcher -- Roofer
Tide waiter -- Customs inspector
Tinker -- An itinerant tin pot and pan seller and repairman
Tipstaff -- Policeman
Travers -- Toll bridge collection
Tucker -- Cleaner of cloth goods
Turner -- A person who turns wood on a lathe into spindles
Victualer -- A tavern keeper, or one who provides an army, navy, or ship with food
Vulcan -- Blacksmith
Wagoner -- Teamster not for hire
Wainwright -- Wagon maker
Waiter -- Customs officer or tide waiter; one who waited on the tide to collect duty on goods brought in
Waterman -- Boatman who plies for hire
Webster -- Operator of looms
Wharfinger -- Owner of a wharf
Wheelwright -- One who made or repaired wheels; wheeled carriages, etc.
Whitesmith -- Tinsmith; worker of iron who finishes or polishes the work
Whitewing -- Street sweeper
Whitster -- Bleach of cloth
Wright -- Workman, especially a construction worker
Yeoman -- Farmer who owns his own land

<http://usgenweb.org/research/occupations.shtml>

RECLAIM THE RECORDS

"On 17 September 2018, Reclaim the Records made a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for a copy of what is colloquially called the Beneficiary Identification Records Locator Subsystem (BIRLS) File from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. This is a Veterans Benefits Administration database that provides information on deceased individuals including name, birth and death dates, branch of service, and enlistment and release dates. This request was one of the first two FOIA requests our organization had ever made for a nationwide database under the federal FOIA, rather than a state level law such as a state Sunshine Law."

If released, this will open new research possibilities for those researching genealogy and/or family history. We will share updates as they are released. Watch our Facebook page for updates as well.

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just 1 more time." – Thomas A. Edison

Jefferson County Queries

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HUNTING, CLARK, WAITE, BREED

I am researching Mary Ann **HUNTING**, born in Henderson, NY July 30, 1828, lived in Ellisburg, NY and died in Belleville, NY May 4 or 10, 1923. She married Horace **CLARK** December 22, 1847. Horace was born in New York State in 1822 and died in Ellisburg, NY between June 25 and September 2, 1875. They had a daughter Etta **CLARK WAITE**. I am trying to find vital records to verify that Mary Ann **HUNTING** was the daughter of Rebecca **BREED** and Ezekiel Sawin **HUNTING**, both buried in Woodside Cemetery. I am also looking for vital records (Long Form Death Records) on daughter Etta Mary (Marietta/Rosetta) **CLARK WAITE**. Etta was born May 29, 1853 in Ellisburg, NY and married John **WAITE** in 1870.

*Linda Nevin
lindanevin7@gmail.com*

BAXTER

I am looking for any and all info on Francis **BAXTER** (my grandfather), born in 1891 in Watertown, NY and also info on his father, Hiram P. **BAXTER** who died in Watertown, NY in 1916. I believe Hiram moved to Watertown from Canada in 1890.

*Richard Baxter
slopeboy40@hotmail.com*

HILLS, HILL, McAULEY, McCAULEY, ECKERLY

I am researching Joseph Reben **HILLS/HILL** who was born April 10, 1835 in Jefferson County, NY. I do not know Joseph's father and only his mother's first name, Elizabeth. She was first married to a man named **McAULEY/McCAULEY**. I found Elizabeth in the 1850 census records for Jefferson County, NY with children Sara **McAULEY**, William **McAULEY** (half siblings) and Joseph **HILLS**. Census records for Joseph say both parents born in New York. Joseph Reben **HILLS/HILL** did military service in Illinois. He had eleven known children. He lived in Jefferson County, New York, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa. He died January 24, 1899 in Storm Lake, Buena Vista, Iowa. He married in 1861 to Charity Jane **ECKERLY**.

*Darlene Gutwein
ddgut466@yahoo.com*

PERKINS, SWITZER, TROUTMAN, CATLIN

I am researching William **PERKINS** who lived in Rodman, Jefferson County, NY. William **PERKINS** and Lucinda (name unknown) are the 3rd great grandparents of my wife Penny **SWITZER TROUTMAN**. William was born in Rodman in 1818

and Lucinda was born in Jefferson County 1807 in census records. They were married after 1825 and their first child was Harriet, born 1828. They moved to Corning in the 1850s. In the the 1860 census William was listed but in the New York census of 1865 he was not listed. Their children included Orville, Horace and Evaline. Lucinda is buried in Resthaven Cemetery, Phelps, NY with her daughter. Orville is buried in Hope Cemetery in Corning. Horace is buried in Utah with his wife Mary **CATLIN** and daughter Stella **SWITZER**. William is listed in the 1820 Rodman census.

*Mark Troutman
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Local History & Genealogy Fair

St. Lawrence County Historical Association and the St. Lawrence Valley Genealogical Society sponsored a Local History & Genealogy Fair at the Silas Wright House Museum and Archives in Canton, NY last October 20th. JCNYS was represented at the fair with a booth. JCNYS members Tracy Negus-Robertson and Ann Fillhart tended our booth. We caught Anne at the table in this picture.

Along with various booths, there were speakers on topics such as Internet Genealogy, Understanding Old Deeds, Researching Local History and Using Photographs in Research. As next door neighbors, Jefferson County researchers look forward to the St. Lawrence County History and Genealogy fair next year.

Ann Fillhart tends the JCNYS booth

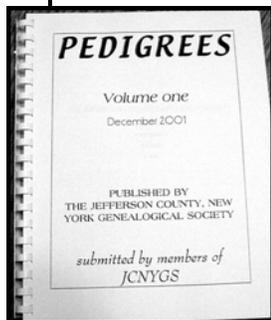


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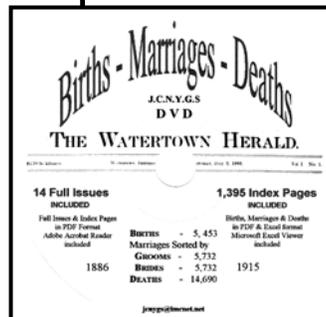
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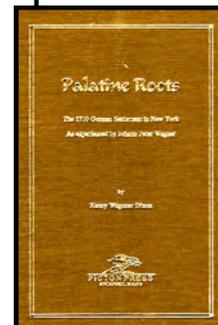
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From Jefferson County Historical Society

Once again, Kevin Kitto of Sherwood Florist in Watertown has outdone himself and provided us with a beautiful Christmas tree for our formal parlor.

The rest of the museum will soon be fully decorated, which couldn't have happened without the volunteering of several people, and the sponsorship of The Chaumont Crescent Yacht Club.



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JCNYGS PROGRAMS FOR 2019

9 Feb (Saturday): 1:00PM. Donna Wheeler Trumbo, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, gives a history of early settlers of Eastern Watertown, New York; the area of Huntington. A few of the families in the discussions will include Whitney, Woodruff, Delano, and Gray. These families are found in many Jefferson County ancestry reports—quite possibly yours!

9 Mar (Saturday): 1:00PM. Timothy Minnick, recently appointed Theresa Historian, will discuss history and highlights of the Town and Village of Theresa. He will also share his goals as historian and how the public may assist. Tim has created a Facebook page and is already populating the site with area history.

8 Apr (Monday): 6:00PM. Held at the Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown. The staff of the library will have us in for an “evening of artwork” touring and learning of the many artworks throughout the library. Known as one of the most beautiful buildings in Northern New York, the library is home to treasures hidden in plain sight.

Note 1: Lectures begin at 6 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building **unless otherwise noted**. 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 IHCS. 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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On 10 Jan 2019 the Jefferson County Clerk, Jefferson County Records Manager and Historian, and staff members, held an open house. Nearly two dozen historians, genealogy researchers, and visitors showed up for the event and had the opportunity to learn more of what was available. It was a great information sharing session for all that attended. In this photo are Samantha Burke, Clerk, Record Management; Sarah Baldwin, Deputy County Administrator; Gizelle Meeks, Jefferson County Clerk; Kimberly Hayden, Records Management Specialist / Jefferson County Historian (315-785-5149); Jaime Thompson, Deputy Jefferson County Clerk (315-785-3312). They are readily available to help you if you have a question with your Jefferson County history and/or genealogical research. The Records Manager manages deeds, mortgages, maps, naturalization records, census records, military discharges, and more. For further information, visit <https://co.jefferson.ny.us/departments/CountyClerk/records-we-have>.

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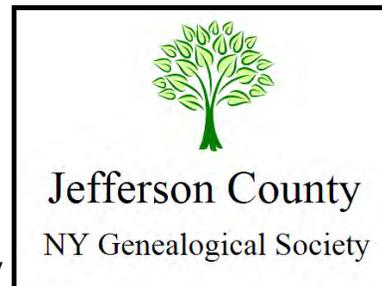
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1825 New York State Census

We send thanks to JCNYGS member Bill Barker of Seattle, Washington, for sending the society helpful research material. He wrote: "A couple of years ago, I thought that I had traced some "missing" relatives to Brownville, Jefferson County. But after almost ten plus years of additional research, I found that they were not the correct family. My primary focus was on John T. Barker in the 1820 Census. During my involvement in this, I borrowed a microfilm of the 1825 New York State Census records for the Town of Brownville. During my research, I managed to copy ALL 88 pages of this document (Brownville) as well as some of the Church records for the Presbyterian Church of Brownville from Mar 1818 to 1820.

Note: Bill sent the files to JCNYGS on CD ROM and these pages are posted on the JCNYGS Facebook page—see photo album titled *1825 Brownville Census*. Speaking of the 1825 census, the Jefferson County Clerk only has the non-indexed original pages—enumerated by town. The Flower Memorial Library has the family names of the 1825 census listed on index cards. Neither has them on microfilm or on the internet. Likewise Ancestry.com does not have the 1825 census indexed or available on their site. We hope Ancestry.com takes this on as a project.

JCNYGS 25th Anniversary

JCNYGS will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Thursday, 8 Aug 2019! The society's inaugural meeting was held 8 Aug 1994 in the Dillenback Room at the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown. In 2019, the society scheduled the monthly meeting,

in August, to coincide on the 25th anniversary. Our goals are to highlight people, events, and many achievements over the years. A celebratory cake and appetizers will round out the special anniversary event. We are seeking the names and addresses of all living members who joined the society in 1994. They will be invited as our special guests that evening. The online August and November 1994 *Informer* lists some names. If you know of any others, please send an e-mail to tomclair624@yahoo.com and lrcorbet@gisco.net.

25th Anniversary Fun Fact: The first board of officers elected to oversee JCNYGS was voted on 13 Sep 1994. Elected were President, A. E. "Gus" Rogers (living); Nan Dixon, Vice President, (living); Helen McDonald, Recording Secretary, (deceased); Maurice Herron, Treasurer, (deceased); John Bartlett, Correspondence Secretary, (deceased); Ellen Bartlett, Newsletter Editor, (deceased). The very first newsletter, Volume 1 Issue 1, sent out in Aug 1994 was called the *Jefferson County N.Y. Genealogical Informer*. The dues to join the genealogical society were \$5.00. Tom LaClair, Acting President

Hello Larry,
I have another name to add to the Civil War Survivor list as published in your January 2019 *INFORMER*.

Josiah Henry Albertson, 74 years, Panama City, FL. Retired rancher of Ralston, CO. Born in Theresa Nov. 1837. Served 1861-1863 with 35th Regiment volunteers and with the 20th Regiment of the New York Cavalry Volunteers from 1963-1965, discharged as 1st Sergeant.

It is always pleasurable to received the *INFORMER* and I share it with our genealogy society's news editor. She also enjoys it!

Keep up the good work!
Bonnie Albertson Johannes
Hoquiam WA

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, February 9, 2019

By JCNYS member Mary Blanchard, Secretary

Attendance: Tom LaClair, Larry Corbett, Mary Blanchard, Sharon DeLosh, Jerry Davis, Marilyn Davis, Tammy Plantz, Greg Plantz, Connie Barone, Jeannie Brennan, Mary Corboy, Tracy Robertson, George Inglehart, Nan Dixon and Bruce Coyne.

The first meeting of 2019 of the JCNYS was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was called to order at 1:03 pm, at which time Acting President Tom LaClair welcomed returning members and new member Sharon DeLosh. Membership has fluctuated with some non-renewals and the signing of new, interested parties. Also, members are reminded some dues remain unpaid and we thank you for your attention to that matter. (See back cover of the *Informer* for your membership dues status.)

The treasury report was given by Greg Plantz. It reflected all actions from January 11 to the present. There was a total deposit from dues of \$193.00, and a payment of \$96.00 for the rental of the PO Box. Balances were \$4,671.25 in checking; \$405.30 in savings; \$2,444.62 for the CD. Motion to accept was made by Larry Corbett, 2nd by Jerry Davis.

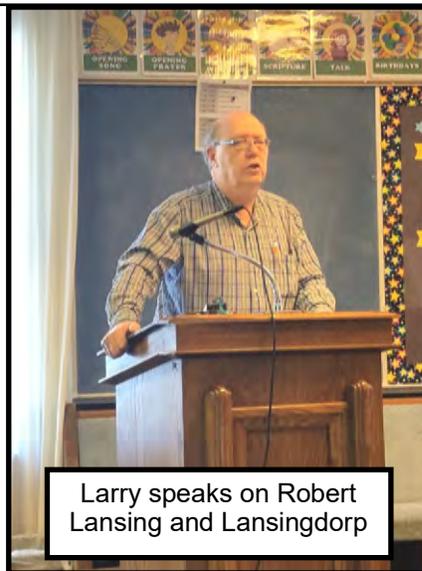
Discussions included the upcoming 25th Anniversary of the society. Tom is contacting inaugural members who could attend and is compiling a list of those who held positions over the years. More on the anniversary as it progresses. We are still looking for ideas for a project to commemorate it.

Tom LaClair is now historian of Clayton and was recently given a booklet called Obituaries of 1900 compiled by John and Ellen Bartlett. It is full of local names and could be an asset to families in their search for ancestors. He asked for a motion that the booklet be available for free to all members and is

Larry Corbett begins his presentation



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



Larry speaks on Robert Lansing and Lansingdorp

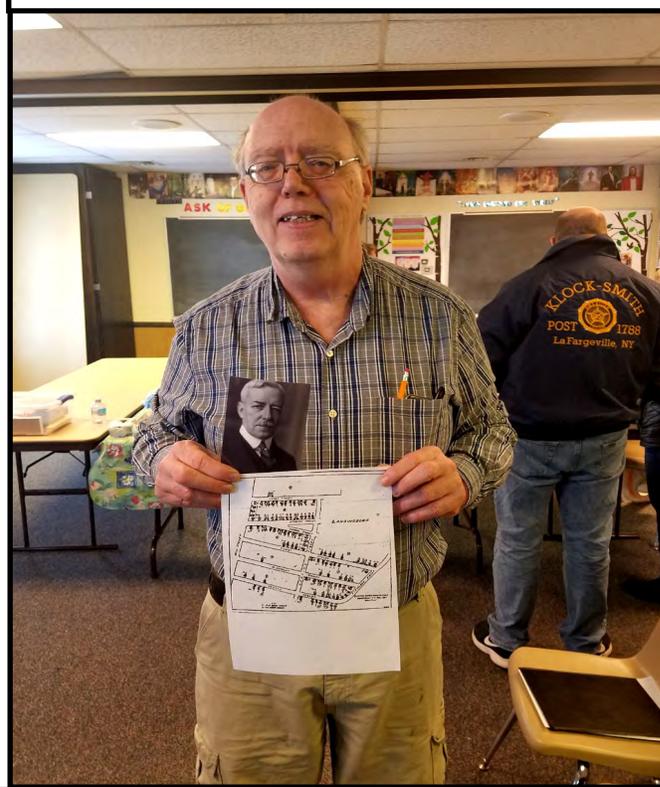
planning to have it scanned for that purpose. Motion to accept was given by Tracy Robertson and 2nd by Nan Dixon.

All business having been covered, Tom asked for a motion to close the meeting. Motion to close was given by George Inglehart, 2nd by Marilyn Davis. The official business was closed at 1:19 .

The meeting was followed by our presentation which was originally planned to be a history of the early years and settlers of Huntington by Donna Trumble but, due to unforeseen circumstances, it was necessary to change it. Acting Vice-President Larry Corbett gave a wonderful lecture on the Lansing family of Watertown, NY, particularly Robert Lansing – lawyer, advisor to the State Department, and Secretary of State to President Woodrow Wilson.

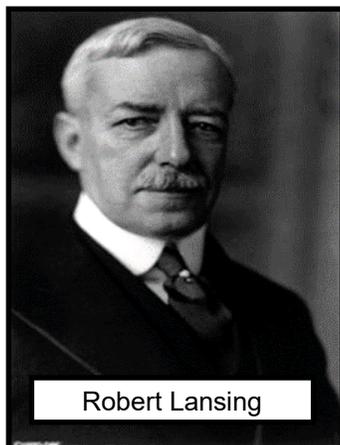
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Larry poses for the camera with a picture of Robert Lansing and an early map showing the layout of the houses in the soon-to-be Lansingdorp



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Robert Lansing

Robert Lansing was the son of John Lansing (1832-1907) and grandson of Robert Lansing (1799-1878), who was District Attorney of Jefferson County and founder of the First Presbyterian Church in Watertown, NY. Robert (the topic of the speech) was also connected to the TenEyck, Foster and Dulles families by marriages. The Lansing family was all active in

politics in some way, holding prominent positions within local and state government, and Robert followed in their footsteps. He entered the law, and then politics at the age of 23 years old, chairing the Democratic Committee and expanding into international law. During his service to President Woodrow Wilson, Robert was involved in Peace Talks, the Lansing-Ishii Agreement (regarding relations between Japan and the U.S. with China), and also authored/co-authored books. An avid fisherman, he frequented Henderson Harbor in the days when fish were plentiful.

Perhaps one of the more lasting acts of his legacy on a local level was his involvement in the increase of housing in Watertown during WWI. This addition, which was incorporated into the city and considered Watertown's first housing project, ran along the east side of Mill St. from St. Mary to Hoard St. at the present North Elementary, and included all streets between, notably Lansing St. in honor of the family. The land was previously owned by Dr. Edward Lansing and the architect involved was Addison Lansing. These single and two-family houses were unique in that they were not one cookie-cutter design – there were four plans. The assistance of women in determining what would be included for a comfortable six room house, complete with modern conveniences of the day, was an unusual aspect, as well as the creation of the Housing Authority. The end of the war unfortunately ended this expansion and only a total of 114-116 houses were built. At one time the area was called Lansingville, or more appropriately, Lansingdorp, due to the Dutch connection to the Lansing name.

Certainly, something most of us did not know and a wonderful history lesson. There is an abundance of information on Robert Lansing and family online if one wishes to read more. However, the tidbits of novel historical facts presented by Larry were far more animated and rewarding than the dry reading.

The meeting dispersed at 2:25 pm.

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Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, March 9, 2019

By JCNYS member Mary Blanchard, Secretary

Attendance: Tom and Janine LaClair, Larry Corbett, Mary Blanchard, Callie Blanchard, Paul Beers, William Godfrey, Bill Godfrey, Rose and Don Dillenbeck, Sharon Snell DeLosh, Connie Barone, Larry Barone, Jeannie Brennan, Mary Corboy, Kevin Leeson, Jim and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Joanne Woodward, Kathie Compeau, Janet Montford, George Inglehart, Jerry and Marilyn Davis, Tracy Robertson, Carol Swem, Tom and Judy Wood and Greg Parmes.

The meeting was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Watertown, NY. Acting President Tom LaClair opened it at 1:00 pm, and welcomed all, highlighting those who were there for the first time. Tom reported for Treasurer Greg Plantz a balance in savings of \$405.30, in checking of \$5,059.25 and in the CD of \$2,444.62.

Tracy Robertson is working steadily on the booklet, Obituaries of 1900, which will be made available to members.

Paul Beers spoke about his book The Pork Barrel Fort, a War of 1812 documentary of Cranberry/Goose Creek. He will speak at the Ft. Ontario Conference on History and Archaeology in Oswego on March 30.

Tom made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Tim Minnick and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan seconded. Paul Beers moved to adjourn, seconded by Tracy Robertson. Tom then introduced our guest speaker, Tim Minnick, who was recently appointed Theresa, NY Historian.

Tim began with a quick history of Theresa. With the valuable water sources of Indian River and Red Lake, the expansion from Herkimer county began in the early 1800s. The completion of the 1812 military road from the Mohawk Valley to the North provided an easier route for those looking for land. James LeRay
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Tim begins his program for one of our best attended meetings

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was instrumental in populating the area by providing the sale of land for \$3.00 an acre, giving the buyer seven years to pay it off with the stipulation that they had to build an 18 square foot house within the first year, and in addition, clear 4 acres for every 100 purchased. As an added incentive he reportedly provided a year's supply of grain. Mills were erected and businesses sprang up, increasing interest and population. Cheese factories were numerous and other factories, such as Brittan Chairs, which held a patent for their design, served the growing village and area. Industry equaled that of Watertown at one time.

James LeRay built the first hotel. Smaller businesses such as W. D. Chapman, maker of fishing lures, worked from his home which was built around 1850, and is still in Theresa today. Unfortunately, not all original structures remain due to many fires over the years. The LeRay Hotel burned several times, and the Great Fire of April 5, 1890 decimated a huge portion of the village, approximately 43 buildings, mostly businesses, but also homes. Other businesses were lost due to bigger names invading their market, such as the disappearance of Brittan Chairs, because of Montgomery Ward and Sears.



One of our best attended meetings

Notable names who came from Theresa include Roswell P. Flower, Governor; Byron Brooks – the inventor of the shift and tab on the typewriter; Black Bart who was born at Moon Lake, and Charles B. Clark - half of the name of Kimberly-Clark Industries. Individuals also made local history, such as Ernest G. Cook, who told stories of people and locales, keeping the history alive; and Otis Brooks who, with two others, provided a school bell to the village school. While in the military, and having witnessed a train derailment, these men took the bell from the train and shipped it home, well-packaged, in a coffin under the name of Schule Bell, an assumed deceased soldier.

Tim stated that the job of historian does not include genealogy, but that it helps because it aids in piecing together people with places and businesses, and can show the changes that occur over time. As he said, "Little people kept things going, not just big business." Abstracts can show who owned what house, and past civic groups



Theresa Historian Tim Minnick begins his program

that abounded brought communities together, leaving a source of information that was found in newspapers. There were five at one time in Theresa, covering local towns and other areas. The History Act of 1919 documents war veterans and adds to the said abstracts and newspapers. It can provide a rich resource for the historian and genealogist in locating people, four corner hamlets, cemeteries and an array of interesting local historical tidbits.

Tim can be found on Facebook, and at the Theresa library where he is making a museum from artifacts found in organizing for his job, such as the gleaner plates discovered from one of the local newspapers. He is working with Dr. Rush to include Native American history, significant to the Indian River area. He would like to make signs of interest, noting sites that would bring back those hamlets that have become forgotten.

Information on the library can be found at the Theresa Free Library site online. A final historical note - Theresa is one of many libraries known as a "Carnegie Library," from funds donated by the philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie.

Tim poses with some of those in attendance who have genealogy connections to Theresa. In front: Sharon DeLosh, Janet Montford, Timothy Minnick, Paul Beers, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan In back: William Godfrey, Kevin Leeson, Tom LaClair



A Profile of JCNYS Members Bruce and Mary Coyne

As told to JCNYS member Roberta Calhoun-Eagan



**Bruce Coyne, May 6, 2017 SAR Meeting, Utica NY.
Photo by Roberta Calhoun-Eagan**

Bruce Coyne, Jefferson County GENWEB-Master: When I was growing up there were some 8mm film reels passed around of our family. Taken in 1933 by a great uncle, these were converted to a VHS tape, and someone added a soundtrack. The footage was filmed in Rochester and Westmoreland. The movie was split in two, one for the Rochester branch and the other for the Clark Mills branch of the family—I never even knew there was another part, and thought for years I had seen the entire video.

It turned out there was a family that lived just four miles down the road who were cousins. We used to go to the apple orchard right there but I never knew they were relatives! This nearby cousin, Allie Silsby, had both halves of the video. She, my father's brother John and I got together and found a guy to make a DVD of the film. We wrote a little introduction and narrated it, and gave away free copies. We found a lot of relatives that way. People got it into their heads that we were the experts, so they sent family artifacts our way, such as composition notebooks of WWI memories recorded by two great uncles. Now we know the identities of everyone in the video and we

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



Coyne Brothers 1920 photo
Appeared in Utica Newspapers.
Frank, Ellen Cohen, Thomas
Leo, Joseph, Lawrence, Vincent
Bernard, Austin

have a snippet about each one. Only 4-5 years after the DVD was made, I was the only one of the collaborators who was still alive.

If I could meet up with my ancestors I would ask them why, when the family came to America, they picked the name Coyne in particular. This story shows how I have encountered some family mythology while looking into our history. I have found at least 20 variations of the name Cohen, which was our name while the family lived in Yorkshire. We started using Coyne about 1909 and by 1920 everyone used it. Some people got the idea that we were originally Jewish. When it was verified that the family attended the Catholic Church, the rumor took hold that they were still Jewish but had converted to Catholicism, and that's why we changed our name.

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John Lawrence, Veronica & Thomas Coyne
On a postcard sent to Ellen Coyne, WWI



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This debate was widespread within the family. There were six Cohen brothers fighting in WWI, two for England, two for the US and two for Canada, whose service was covered in Utica newspapers. It was mentioned in one article that despite their name, they were "of the fighting race." I found records in England after writing to the parish priest that show John Cohen and Ellen Craig, my great grandparents, married in the Catholic Church. Ellen was baptized in a Catholic church in Ireland. My family are all descended from John and Ellen. The earliest legal document of this family where "Coyne" was used was a marriage record, and it seems the rest of the family followed suit with this spelling. The story is that the wife had some Coyne relatives and didn't want to be known as Cohen, so that was that.

When I started on genealogy it was toward the end of the pre-Ancestry era when much of the work was done by mail. I wrote to libraries for newspaper clippings and church records. But one of the more pivotal documents in my family tree came from my own family.

On my Mom's side there were some Germans thrown in. My grandmother was named Freiberg, changed to Friberg in Utica, NY. Her father came from Germany to Pennsylvania with his grandparents, August and Albertine Freiberg. There were lots of stories going around about relatives who came over to mine coal in PA. We noticed there were three families of relatives that traveled together and always lived down the street from one another. When my grandmother's brother died, I got hold of a short hand-written family tree showing how these families were linked by three sisters who had not been obviously related due to their different married names. This document straightened several things out.

With more research, it turned out the sisters were not Friberg's after all, but daughters from Albertine's first marriage; she took the name Friberg upon her second marriage. August's obituary simply describes him as "father." It also mentions a fourth daughter in Germany, but the name is illegible. So, the character of the mystery has changed over time. A sticking point to this day is the identity of my great grandfather's parents.

Once I joined Find-A-Grave, I looked for Coyne graves to make a virtual cemetery online. I noticed you could take photo requests, and started filling them. I spotted the old cast-iron markers the Le Ray de Chaumont Chapter DAR had placed on Revolutionary War burials and began to wonder if I had a Patriot ancestor, because my Mom's family goes back to the 1600's.

Then I saw a newspaper article about Parks Honeywell wanting to start an SAR chapter in the Thousand Islands area. I was not even sure I had any Patriot ancestors, but Parks found one, and then I found a couple more myself. We created the

Thousand Islands Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution with a lot of help from State President Duane Booth and Western Region Vice President James Eagan. Parks was our first President and I was the Registrar. Now Parks and I have traded jobs.

Today I have about 2000 memorials on Find-A-Grave, and have created virtual cemeteries for several counties in the North Country for the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Whenever I found a possible Veteran's grave I sought proof as I went.

I researched Oneida County Revolutionary War veterans; there were even a couple buried in the cemetery right across from my old house. I found a series of articles from the 1922 Rome Daily Sentinel with a list of Veterans compiled by Lynn S. Abrams, Fort Stanwick Camp, Sons of Veterans, and Clarence Smith, local historian and member of many genealogy societies. This list, published cemetery by cemetery, appeared in the paper on a space-available basis. This meant there were a few missing, but I found several by using a particular search phrase online, as the paper always had the same title for each entry.

I started creating memorials for Patriot and 1812 burials based on the NNY Genealogy web site. There is now an SAR-DAR collaboration to mark Revolutionary War graves in Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties called the Northern New York SAR/DAR Joint Patriot Project. Members of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter NSDAR, 1000 Islands Chapter, ESSAR, in Jefferson county, and Nihanawate and Swe-kat-si Chapters NSDAR in St. Lawrence county created list of Patriot burials, researched each Patriot, went into the cemeteries, photographed the stone and placed markers/flag holders on each grave. The results of this work can be seen on our blog, <https://nnyssardarjpp.blogspot.com/>.

Bill and Nancy Dixon started the Jefferson county GENWEB site, <http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/index.htm>, in 1997 and maintained it for many years before Bill died in 2013. At a recent JCNYS meeting, Nan asked for help with the site. Tom LaClair, Larry Corbett and I volunteered. As I had experience coding my own site, Coynegen.com, I do the coding while Nan, Larry and Tom gather material. We've given the site a new look and added around 1000 pages of material.

Mary Erskine-Coyne likes to say that Bruce gets all the credit for her family tree breakthroughs. Her birth family never really talked about their history, though there was a hint of a Patriot ancestor. Bruce has since found four, but Mary feels his biggest "find" is learning that she descends from Hannah Duston, a Puritan folk hero famous for her aggressive and violent escape from Indian captors.

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Mary Erskine-Coyne, Sept. 24, 2016
SAR Meeting, Norway Island
Photo by Roberta Calhoun-Eagan

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One pivotal document for Mary's tree related to her third great grandfather. She learned he had been placed in an almshouse and died there, and then buried in a common cemetery that was paved over near Altmar NY. The local Half Shire Historical Society has invested in ground-penetrating radar, and will map this forgotten cemetery in the near future.

A big story this year was Mary's introduction to a "mystery cousin" found through DNA. The likely parent seems to be an uncle whose known children all declined DNA tests. Nevertheless, Mary and her new cousin enjoyed a warm and engaging visit last fall. Mary spoke of another uncle who had four wives. While it was well known that he lost one son to cystic fibrosis, the family had no idea until recently that he lost three children to the same disease from his first marriage.

Mary fondly recalls the gracious welcome she received from the LeRay de Chaumont chapter of the DAR when she joined. She found the research collaboration for her application (which is how she met this writer) to be both enlightening and enjoyable, and wishes to extend her thanks to the entire chapter.

Mary and Bruce are looking for gaps in a proverbial stone fence surrounding her great-great grandfather, who came to America from Ireland. The oldest NY record finds him in the 1855 census where three counties meet. Mary concludes that if she could meet an ancestor who has passed from this earth, she could choose a more recent relative to crack those 19th and 20th century family mysteries.



Hannah Duston Statue, Haverhill, MA.

ENGLISH IS THE QUEEREST LANGUAGE

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,
But the plural of ox should be oxen, not oxes.
Then one fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese,
You may find a lone mouse or a whole nest of mice,
But the plural of house is houses, not hice.
If the plural of man is always called men,
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?
The cow in the plural may be cows or kine,
But a bow if repeated is never called bine,
And the plural of vow is vows, never vine.
If I speak of a foot and you show me your feet,
And I give you a boot would a pair be called beet?
If one is a tooth, and a whole set are teeth,
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?
If the singular's this and the plural is these,
Should the plural of kiss ever be nicknamed keese?
Then one may be that and three would be those,
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.
We speak of a brother, and also of brethren,
But though we say mother, we never say methren,
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,
But imagine the feminine she, this and shim,
So the English, I think, you all will agree,
Is the queerest language you ever did see.

~author unknown

AN EVENING WITH THE TELEPHONE

As Printed in the *Watertown Daily Times*

Monday, October 1, 1877

Article Transcribed by JCNYS

Acting Vice President Larry Corbett

Watertown and Cape Vincent People Make Music For Each Other and Talk to Each Other Over Twenty Miles of Wire, the Music and Conversation Being Heard Distinctly.

We had long desired to see a telephone and be allowed the privilege of communicating through it; the pleasure to be derived from this most pleasant pastime could never be rightly measured, in our mind. The ecstasy to be enjoyed from having a lady talking in your ear twenty-five miles away, saying funny things and singing sweet songs has long been a subject of most pleasant thought, yet one we never dreamed would be our good fortune to partake of.

Saturday evening, we were apprised that there was a telephone in town - a little one - and that it would be ready for business at the Western Union and Montreal telegraph office (inside the Paddock's Arcade) at 9 p.m. We were startled, and we started at once to clear our throat and got in good talking conditions before we were introduced to the instrument.

Having put ourselves in shape, and the time for the audience and the telephone to assemble at the telegraph office having arrived, we started tremblingly for the little place where the wires came together. Supposing no one had arrived yet, we ascended the broad stairs whistling Sweet By and By for all we were worth, and as we reached the door of the office, to our great surprise, the room was filled with ladies and gentlemen and someone at Cape Vincent was playing Sweet By and By on a cornet for the audience assemble here.

Among those present in the Watertown audience were D. C. VanOstrand and daughters Hattie and Laura of Needah, Wis., Misses Anna and Carrie VanOstrand, Ida Babcock, Isabelle Phelps, Sophia Rice, Mrs. C. H. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Babcock, Mrs. Herbert Babcock of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Woodruff of Cape Vincent, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Inglehart, Mrs. D. Frink, Mr. and Mrs. D. VanOstrand, John M. Sigourney, Henry M. Lewis, Frank Horth, E. J. Clark, L. L. Pratt, Fred Flower, Fred Streeter, George Clark, George Yager, B. D. Adsit and some others.

Among the party assembled at the Cape were C. O. Brown, the telegraph operator, Mrs. Bruce Ainsworth, Mrs. C. H. Burnham, Mrs. Ichelberger, Frank Braun, Charles Gardner and about fifteen others. The entertainment was opened at the Cape Vincent end of the wire. Messrs. Braum and Gardner played several

airs on the cornet, which were distinctly heard at this end. Every note could be as distinctly heard as though it came from the street below. When the gentlemen from the Cape had finished, Prof. Henry Lewis and Frank Horth played here for the benefit of friends there. They also played several airs, and their music was so well appreciated at the Cape that the people there could scarcely be satisfied.

Mrs. C. H. Burnham and Mrs. Ichelberger very kindly consented to sing for the benefit of their friends in Watertown. They sang several familiar songs, and the complete and perfect manner in which the sounds were transmitted to the ears of those assembled here was a subject of general remark. Every note could be heard distinctly; every word was recognized and so were the voices. It was agreed that the ladies were splendid singers.

An effort was at once made to find someone in the Watertown audience who would sing for the people at the Cape. There were quite a number of singers present, but they objected to sing after having listened to such fine singing from the ladies at the other end of the line. The best that could be done was to induce Lloyd Woodruff of Cape Vincent who was in Watertown then, to whistle for his friends and fellow citizens at home. After Mr. Woodruff had finished whistling, he asked, "How is that?" and Mrs. Bruce Ainsworth, who happened to have her ear at the Cape end of the wire said, "first-class."

Mr. Woodruff - Where is your husband?

Mrs. Ainsworth - In bed and asleep, where you ought to be. After this unexpected remark, the ladies in the Watertown office turned their eyes to the seven-day clock on the mantle and to the surprise of all it was about eleven o'clock. The ladies then concluded they would go home, and so they bade a few of us good-night, and we kept on experimenting.

There were a great many funny things said. The sayings sounded funny for the reason that no one could conceive what was coming next. Everything and anything surprised us. After the ladies had gone, a live one at the Cape asked who was present in the audience at Watertown, when some wag answered by giving the names of as many of the party as he knew and added the name of Roscoe Conkling.

The person at the Cape said, "Will Roscoe speak?"

Watertown said "No, he spoke at Rochester."

Cape Vincent - Ask him what he meant when he remarked in his speech before the convention that "Grasshoppers in the corner of a fence, even without a telephone to be heard in, sometimes make more noise that the flocks and herds that graze upon a thousand hills."

Watertown - He meant that all but the top of the delegates present were grasshoppers, while the top and the rank and file of the party were the flocks and herd.

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Cape Vincent - Yes, and these same flocks and herds will yet feed upon the grasshoppers if they don't get out of the fence corners.

Cape Vincent - How do you like the telephone?

Watertown - (A dozen voices answer) "Splendidly"

Cape Vincent - Have you any old women in Watertown that can hear it?

Watertown - An unmarried young man in the party says we have five or six that can give it ten and then double discount.

Cape Vincent - Who played the cornet for me about 9:30 this evening?

Watertown - Henry Lewis and Frank Horth.

Cape Vincent - Where are they now?

Watertown - Gone.

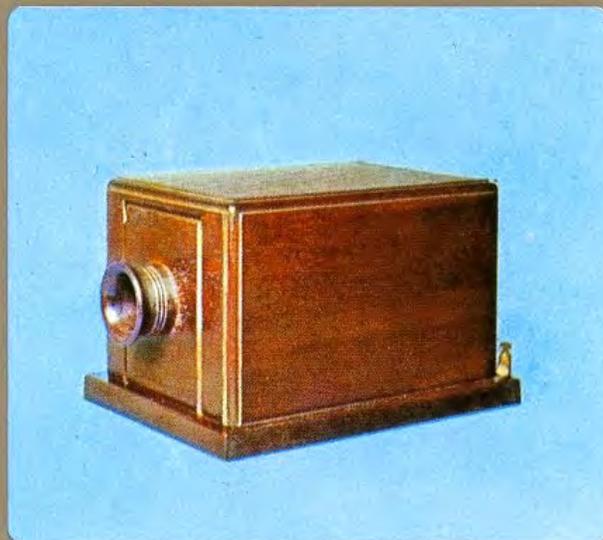
Cape Vincent - Where? To Dave Earlichers? (a local night spot on Court Street)

Watertown - No, it is nearly twelve and Dave has closed.

Cape Vincent - Then we think you had all better go home.

Conversation of this nature was kept up till twelve o'clock, when, had it not been for the approach of the Sabbath, it would likely have continued. The instrument used on this occasion was the smallest kind, being large enough for only one person to hear through at a time. It consists of but three metal portions and is contained in a casing of wood or light hard rubber, but five and five-eighths inches in length and two and seven-eighths inches in diameter at the enlarged end. This telephone differs from all others in that it involves the use of no battery nor of any extraneous source of electricity whatever. The only current employed is that generated by the voice of the speaker himself. Two wires extend out from the smaller end of the telephone, one of which is attached to the main telegraph wire and the other to the wire that runs into the ground. At the other end of the line is another instrument exactly like the one you are using. Having attached the telephone wire to the telegraph wire, which is done in an instant, you are ready to converse with friends at almost any distance.

Note: Per bebusinessed.com, the first telephone line is constructed in 1877. Alexander Graham Bell successfully used his telephone invention in 1876. By 1877, construction of the first regular telephone line between Boston and Somerville, Massachusetts had been completed. Telephone line construction exploded with growth over the next few years. By 1880, there were 47,900 telephones across America. By 1881, telephone service between Boston and Providence had been established. By 1892, a telephone line had been constructed between New York and Chicago. By 1894, New York and Boston were connected.



1877 FIRST COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE

The round, camera-like opening on this box instrument served as transmitter and receiver, needed mouth-to-ear shifts. Developed by Bell in the fall of 1876, it went into service in 1877 when a Boston banker leased two instruments which were attached to a line between his office and his home in Somerville, Mass.

On May 10, 1877, President Rutherford B. Hayes had the White House's first telephone installed in the mansion's telegraph room. President Hayes embraced the new technology, though he rarely received phone calls. In fact, the Treasury Department possessed the only other direct phone line to the White House at that time. The White House phone number was "1." Phone service throughout the country was in its infancy in 1877. It was not until a year later that the first telephone exchange was set up in Connecticut and it would be 50 more years until President Herbert Hoover had the first telephone line installed at the president's desk in the Oval Office. (From www.history.com)

An e-mail from Kristopher Dempster

I am currently writing about the Dempster Family and many of its connections beginning with Bruce who came from Ireland. I would like to provide and share the family names that I have been connected with the Dempster Family.

If anyone needs assistance with any of the below names, please do not hesitate to contact me. Some of the family names that I have information on are **DEMPSTER, CLEVELAND, SAYER, PARKER, TROTTER, MCGOULDRIK, HAGAN, CHAWGO, RIPP, AND DITTMER**. Thanks, Kristopher Dempster.

My e-mail is: kdempster@sc.rr.com

Bicentennial Tribute to Veterans of 1776

A Reprinting of *Watertown Daily Times*
Articles from 1976

Original biographies researched and written by members
of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter NSDAR,
Watertown, New York

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Aaron Dresser. Aaron Dresser died 2 October 1816, at age 55. He is buried in the Old Theresa Cemetery, Town of Theresa.

Thomas Dunton. Thomas Dunton was born 24 March 1752 and married Sarah (Sally) Baldwin. He died 26 or 27 May 1832 at age 80, and was buried in the village cemetery, Sanford Corners, Town of LeRay.

Alpheus Dwight. Born 7 April 1760, Alpheus Dwight served under Captain Robinson's Company in May 1778 at East Windsor, Connecticut. He went to White Plains for about six weeks, then to West Point for six months. While stationed at White Plains his tent was struck by lightning and he was paralyzed. "While in the service of the United States I was so much injured by 'electric fluid' as to render me incapable of serving my term of enlistment and my system was so affected by the shock that my heath was permanently impaired," he wrote. He married Phanna Prentice 1 January 1784 and the couple had three children: Pelatiah, Alpheus Jr., and Lyman, all born at Somers, Connecticut, where the family lived for about 15 years after the war. They then moved to Wilmington, Vermont, where they lived for 33 years before moving to Jefferson County. Alpheus died 7 September 1845 and his wife on 23 March 1861. They are both buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Adams.

Joel Dodge. Joel Dodge was born in May 1761, at Colchester, Connecticut, son of Daniel Dodge of White Creek, Washington County, New York. He enlisted 1 October 1777 in Captain William Latham's Company, Colonel Ledyard's regiment. Joining the Army at Fort Groton, Connecticut, he was stationed there until his discharge 1 April 1778. He served as an artilleryist, Connecticut Militia. He married Sarah Brewster and the couple had the following children: Harriet, Tryphora, Cyrus, Fanny, Lydia, Mary, and Clark. Sarah Dodge died 14 May 1838, at age 67, in the Town of LeRay. Joel died 26 December 1843, at age 82, also in the Town of LeRay. Both are buried in the village cemetery in Evans Mills.

Alexander Dorchester. Alexander Dorchester, born in 1758, served as a private in Captain Judah Aldin's Company, Connecticut Continentals, enlisted 20 March 1780. The regiment to which he belonged went

into camp at Peekskill in the spring of 1777 and was in active service under General Putnam the following summer. From October to December 1777, the regiment was in service under General Clinton. In the summer of 1778, it was engaged in the Battle of Long Island and in the fall of 1779 went into winter quarters at Morristown. He married Anne Cowles and the couple moved to the Town of Hounsfield, where he died 23 January 1823. She died 17 September 1840 at the age of 79. Both are buried in Muscalonge Cemetery in the Town of Hounsfield.

Ebenezer Dodd. Born in Newark, County of Essex, New Jersey, Ebenezer Dodd served for one month as a private in Captain Drummond's Company in 1775. He also served under Captain Caleb Dodd for one month, and on scouting parties under Captain Joseph Crane. He helped guard the old men, women, and children around Newark. He married a woman named Deborah and moved to New York State in 1796. He lived in Remsen for two years, then in Utica. In 1820 he went to Chautauqua County where he lived until 1826, when he moved to Brownville. He joined the Presbyterian Church under Rev. James R. Boyd. His wife died 10 September 1832, at the age of 76, in Watertown. Ebenezer died 29 December 1836, also in Watertown. He was buried in the Arsenal Street Cemetery.

Ephraim Doan. Ephraim Doan was born in 1741 and died 20 August 1819. He is buried in Woodville Cemetery, Town of Ellisburg. His wife's name was Lucy.

Simon Dick. Buried in Pt. Peninsula Cemetery, Town of Lyme.

Artemus Earl. Artemus Earl died 21 February 1839, at age 78, and was buried in Taylor Cemetery, Town of Brownville.

Esck Earle. Buried in West Carthage Cemetery, Town of Champion.

Bryant Eddy. Born 25 December 1760, in the Town of Canaan, Connecticut, Bryant Eddy enlisted from Great Barrington, Massachusetts, in August 1777, at age 16. He enlisted in the Massachusetts militia in Captain Peter Ingersoll's Company, Colonel John Brown's regiment. He went to Saratoga where General Gates was in command, and then to Fort Edwards where the troops, driven out by enemy, retreated to North River. He married a girl named Mary, and although neither of their names are found in the cemeteries of Ellisburg, his name appears in the 1840 list of Revolutionary pensioners there.

**"It doesn't matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop."
– Confucius**

ASK AUNTY JEFF



**BY JEAN WILCOX HIBBEN
JCNYS MEMBER AND PROFESSIONAL
GENEALOGIST**

This question originated with the Corona Genealogical Society. An individual asked: "How do I find information of my ancestors that is not on the Grid?"

I am presuming that by "on the Grid" you mean that they are not found on the expected records – vital records, census schedules, tax lists, city directories, and applicable military documents, among others. That these people are "flying under the radar." There are a few things to consider before assuming that the people are taking pains not to be found. That happens, even today (or maybe I should say, "especially today"). But there still might be the outline of a footprint in unusual or less accessible historical documents. One of the best ways is to physically go to where your ancestor lived. Of course, if you don't KNOW where your ancestor lived, that option isn't much help. But let's consider that you have an idea where your family ended up (or passed through) and look at that first.

Newspapers are great sources of information beyond the typical birth, death, and marriage announcements. But some newspapers just don't exist any more or the repositories where they are kept, whether online or brick and mortar locations, may have "holes" in the collections. Also, the location may not have newspapers, especially if it's a small one. There are a lot of different websites that feature newspaper collections and we don't have space here to look at them all (besides, whatever list I give as I write this is likely to be outdated by the time you read it since newspaper collections are launched by different websites almost daily). Remember, many towns and most counties have not been in existence forever; they are often off-shoots of other locations (e.g., Herkimer County, New York was once part of Montgomery County, which also spawned a number of other counties). That means that looking in the city or the county records of the location as it is found today may cause you to miss the fact that the documents you seek are actually stored in the courthouses, libraries, historical societies, etc. of the "parent" county or city.

Have you considered that you are not the only person who is researching this family? If you know where the family lived, even if for only a short time, you might find a mailing list for that locale (I have ancestors that are from Ypsilanti, Michigan, in Washtenaw County:

the Washtenaw, Michigan mailing list hooked me up with individuals who were researching the same surname and had located a number of documents, held by the Ypsilanti Historical Society, that ended up revealing more details about the family, as well as the family members "left behind" when the Michigan resident left New York). It was a gold mine. So, check the RootsWeb.com mailing lists for location, but also for surname searches.

Surname mailing lists are great sources for others who are researching your family. Here's where you might get some helpful information about the ancestors who left home, but you don't know where they ended up. Granted, the surnames "Johnson" or "Smith" or other common names would be difficult to trace in this manner, but many of these are identified by location ("The Smiths of Winfield, Kansas," or something to that effect). But, again, knowing where they lived is needed for that identification (however, if some of the family is still back in the hometown, it might get you hooked up with researchers who know where the branch you seek has ended up). I have had more luck on RootsWeb than with any other single website beyond Ancestry and FamilySearch. So, let's check FamilySearch for a moment. Have you looked up the family in the databases there? Or the location in the FamilySearch Wiki? Both may hold some surprising information, getting you back on the right track.

Along with the online resources are the possibilities that the family members are recorded in one way or another at the historical society of the location (city or county or even state) where the family, or a portion of it, is located. Check online for historical societies, but be aware that large amounts of their holdings, especially the more obscure items that are not likely to have a wide appeal (personal letters, family photos, biographies, etc.) may never be posted online. When historical societies have the time and resources to post online, they select the major items in their holdings first (cemetery listings, newspapers, regional histories, etc.). How do you find out what they have? Some have listings of their holdings and have posted those online; others may respond to an email or a telephone call. The important thing is to remember that the staff of the repository is usually made up of volunteers so asking them to research your entire family is not only impractical, it is rude. However, if you JOIN the society, they may be more willing to do a bit of extra research. Either way, ask for a listing of their holdings or be even more specific and ask about particular records. The Franklin County, Tennessee Historical Society has cataloged court cases and indexed the names of those involved, so when I found that they had court cases indexed for the time period my ancestors lived there, I asked them (via letter) if my family was included in any judicial records. Another gold mine. But it took me being proactive in asking the right people the right questions.

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I mentioned asking the right people the right questions and, I would guess your response is, "how do I know?" A phone call (telephone communication can still be the most effective way to get information – emails and postal communication are very impersonal and what you want is a relationship between you and the person you are hoping will be helpful). Ask about the person who is most acquainted with the region, its history, and the people living there in the time period you are considering. The chances are that the volunteer that answers your call is *not* the one who knows everything. Find out when or how you can reach that person and then create a relationship with him/her. Chances are, even after you have gleaned all you can from that source, the expert will follow up with other things he/she finds, maybe even months or years later. That has occurred for me with the Oconto Historical Society in Wisconsin and I ended up with, not only the one newspaper article I was seeking, but photos, more articles, documents, and suggestions for further research. All the time I had been looking for the person and his family under the name he had used in America, but she found him using his Danish name (with all family members also using that surname, even though none had ever used the name during their lifetimes; even burial records did not include the Danish version – but church records did).

Even when families appear to be "off the grid," it is more likely that they are off the grids on which you are looking. So, do that proverbial "out of the box" (or "off the grid") thinking and don't expect your answers to be found online in all, or even any, cases.



Timothy S. Minnick Theresa Town Historian

The Town of Theresa recently appointed Timothy S. Minnick as their Historian. Raised in Theresa, Tim attended Theresa Elementary School and graduated at Indian River High School with the Class of 1981. While serving in the U.S. Army, he was assigned to Fort Drum for part of his enlistment. During part of his Fort Drum tour, he was elected as Trustee and then Mayor of the Village of Theresa (1995 – 2001), earning the affectionate nickname 'Sergeant-Mayor.' After military he has served as a Mental Health Counselor for non-profits in the Syracuse area where he resides. In his 'spare time, Tim bakes and landscapes. Tim maintains a new Facebook page ("Town of Theresa History") and can be contacted at: minnick13691@yahoo.com or through the Facebook page. Tim welcomes questions and is always eager to share Theresa history.

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



Timothy S. Minnick



Thomas F. LaClair

Thomas F. LaClair Clayton Town and Village Historian

The Town and Village of Clayton recently hired Tom LaClair as their historian. Raised on LaClair Farms in Clayton Center, he graduated at Thousand Island High School with the Class of 1979, then served a 28-year career with the USAF, returning to the area in 2012. Tom joined JCNYGS in the fall of 2012 and became President in the fall of 2014; serving in the society presidency since. In 2018, he completed a three-year stint on the Jefferson County Historical Society board. During his tenure there, he chaired the first four annual Jefferson County History and Genealogy Fairs. As a volunteer, Tom is chairing the 5th annual event scheduled for Sept 14, 2019. He maintains a Facebook page (Town and Village of Clayton Historian) and his office hours are Wednesdays, 10:00 – 4:00, and by appointment. Tom can be contacted at: historian@townofclayton.com.

Researching Jefferson County Ancestors

Are you researching ancestors from Jefferson County, New York, and you do not know who to contact for help? To help you get started, there is a downloadable excel spreadsheet of contacts on the JCNYGS homepage. Although the list is unofficial, it is populated with valuable contacts we associate in both history and genealogy research. If you have an add or edit to the excel file, please contact Tom LaClair.

"Our ancestors' pictures hang on our walls, but their personalities and characteristics, struggles and successes are woven into our souls."
- Montserrat Wadsworth."

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Old Diary Entry Reveals Lost Evans Line

By JCNYS Member Roberta D. Calhoun-Eagan,
with special thanks to Janet Montford

Kelsey Bridge, Theresa.—In a 2013 speech at the SAR-DAR event honoring Richard Perrigo's cemetery restoration work, Janet Montford revealed the story of a remarkable diary of the area. She told how her mother, Eunice Eddy Schell, had been born, raised and married in the house originally built by her grandparents, C. C. and Sarah Eddy. Eunice had the opportunity along with her husband, Irvin Schell, to buy back the Eddy homestead for their retirement home. The house had been sold out of the family for many years.

Once they returned, Eunice and Irvin made a stunning discovery. The previously unknown diaries of Sarah Ellen Evans Eddy (1848-1911) had been hidden in the attic all that time, and had somehow survived intact.

The diaries chronicled each yearly planting and harvest, installation of Theresa's telephone lines, Sarah's first bath



Sarah Ellen Evans Eddy.
Janet Montford Collection.

in a modern bathtub and the first time she ever saw an automobile. It also contained an entry so brief that it was easily missed, mentioning a woman named "Mrs. Walrath, nee Hattie Wilson," and that she was somehow related to Sarah through the Evans family.

It is known that Sarah was a great-granddaughter of Uriel Evans by his son

Talman and grandson Gilman Evans of Theresa. Uriel was a brother of Ethni, Eldad and John Evans of Hinsdale, NH, all early settlers of Evans Mills and Theresa. But it took a bit of sleuthing for this writer to learn that Harriet Wilson, who was buried in 1922 at Sandy Hollow cemetery in Philadelphia, had married Peter Walrath, and that they had no children.

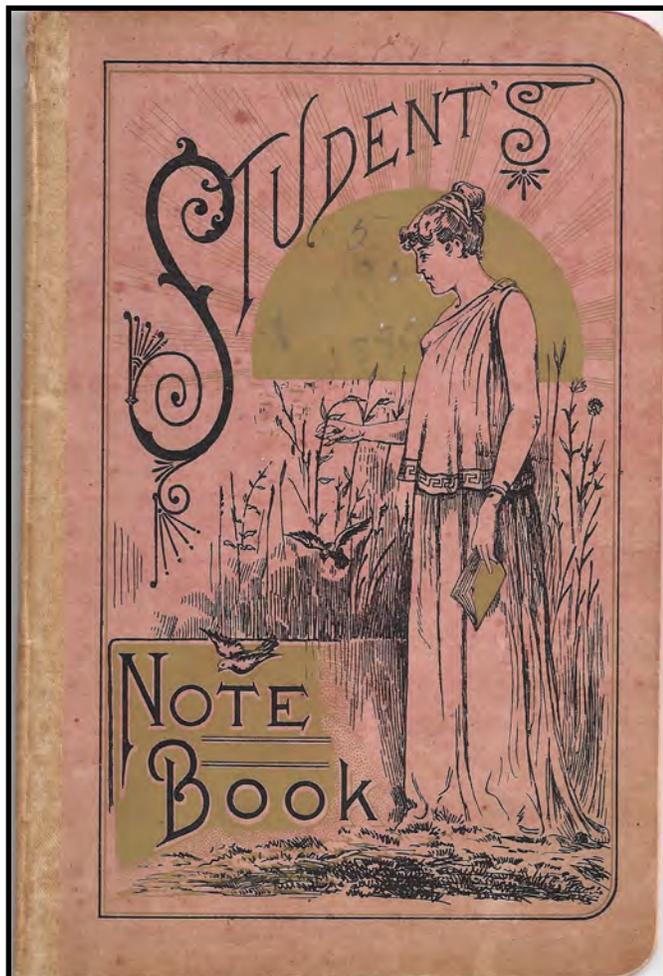
Information recorded on nearby gravestones revealed Harriet's parents as Abel Wilson and Mary Barrett. This finding provided the first lead as to the connection, as the Barrett and Evans families had intermarried several times.

Mary Barrett Wilson turned out to be a daughter of Alpheus Barrett and Martha Willard, who were married back in Hinsdale, NH by Uriel Evans himself. The search was definitely getting warm! Then Martha was found to be a daughter of a Mary Evans, who married Sampson Willard. This clue was striking because a man buried at the Kelsey Bridge cemetery named Reuben Evans christened one of his sons Sampson Willard Evans.

Because there were no birth records for Mary Evans back in Hinsdale, she had been missed as a member of the Evans Mills family, but her ancestry was proven by the will of Lt. John Evans, father of Ethni and his brothers. So not only did these Evans brothers have a forgotten sister, but several of her descendants had settled in Jefferson County. Married in 1764, she would have been an older sister to all these men, most of whom married later in life.

But apparently Mary did NOT settle here herself. After the death of Sampson Willard, Mary Evans married Medad Wright and ended up in Windham County, VT where she was buried in 1829. She had one son by Medad in 1785 named Neri Wright. For some reason this name repeated for three generations in Jefferson county with there being a Neri Barrett (b. 1799), Neri Wilson (b. 1834; brother of Harriet Wilson Walrath), and a Neriopholus (Neri) Steele (b. 1852).

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Cover of first composition book used for diary, 1889.
Janet Montford Collection.



Eddy homestead, Theresa NY.
Janet Montford Collection.

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Mary's daughter Martha Willard Barrett had nine known children, some of whom were buried in Evans Mills, Philadelphia and Carthage. Her oldest daughter Sophia Barrett married Lybeus Hastings of Evans Mills. Born in 1793 near Hinsdale, he served in 1833-35 as LeRay town supervisor. Eldad Evans named his youngest son Lybeus Evans, and this Evans-Hastings connection is the only clue found to date as to the origin of the name. This son, born in 1811, may have been the L.H. Evans living with Eldad's daughter Belisant Evans Davis in 1855. After that his whereabouts are lost to history.

Several daughters of Lybeus Hastings married Alexandria Bay merchants. Mary Hastings married John F. Walton, a partner of Andrew Cornwall. Antoinette Hastings married Walter Fox, treasurer of that village, and was the great-grandmother of Walter Sherman Smith, partner in the Guilfoyle Ambulance Service of Watertown. And the daughter of a third sister Martha Hastings Davenport married the youngest of the Cornwell brothers.

Some additional members of Mary's line included the following:

Fred D. Steele, son of Eunice Barrett, enlisted in the Union Army at 15, became a fifer, and afterwards organized the Steele Drum Corps, becoming the youngest member of the National Fife and Drum Corps

Edgar Hubbard Barrett died in 1874 during the Red River Indian War at Fort Sill, Oklahoma
Sterling Abel Graves, whose mother Isabel was a sister to Harriet Wilson Walrath, was the only one of a family of nine children to become a parent. His only child, Lois Isabel Graves Kelsey, has descendants in Jefferson County today.

All of these Jefferson County people lived because of just one woman—Mary Evans Willard Wright. Her life

reveals that many more Hinsdale, NH residents migrated to Jefferson County than was previously thought. The extent of their reach is just beginning to be realized.

NOTE: Lt. John Evans, father of Ethni, Eldad, Uriel, John and Mary, has recently been accepted by the DAR as a Patriot of the American Revolution.

*Dec 18 2° Binghamton
Sunny but cold. Hurried to go to Phila on time then arrived
the 4 5-min. Met Mrs Bulson, also Mrs Parks & Mrs
Walrath nee Hattie Wilson, a distant relative of my father*

Diary excerpt, 18 Dec 1906, mentioning Hattie Wilson. Janet Montford Collection.

59 SOLDERS IN PLESSIS CEMETERY

On the following two pages is an article that acting JCNYS Vice President Larry Corbett submitted with the names of war veterans buried in the Brookside Cemetery in Plessis. Larry has done a great deal of research to provide this list with 100 names of war veterans. The newspaper clipping below will give you an idea of where Larry started his research. It also mentions a Memorial Day Address by Watertown Attorney Clarence Crabb in the Plessis Methodist Episcopal Church with musical selections and singing of "The Battle Hymn of The Republic" followed by a procession that marched to the cemetery. 12 Civil War veterans were taken by automobile in the procession.

59 SOLDIERS IN PLESSIS CEMETERY
FIVE WERE VETERANS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR
CLARENCE CRABB SPEAKS
Watertown Attorney Delivers Memorial Day Address to Large Audience.

Plessis, June 2.—Memorial Day was fittingly observed by the large audience, which gathered at the Methodist Episcopal church and listened to an address by Attorney Clarence Crabb of Watertown. The speaker held the closest attention of the audience throughout, and received a hearty round of applause at the end. Twelve veterans of the Civil war, members of James B. Campbell Post, occupied the seats of honor. A quartet furnished several selections, and the audience joined in singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," after which the procession was formed to march to the cemetery. The veterans were taken in automobiles, and the Boy Scouts, headed by Scout Master Rev. C. Benjamin of Alexandria Bay, the school children and most of the people followed on foot. At the cemetery the services were conducted by Past Commander James Dillon of Alexandria Bay, assisted by Rev. A. S. Haven, at the grave of the late John George, the veteran last buried in this cemetery. Many people were present from Alexandria Bay and Redwood.

Fifty-nine soldiers have been among the many laid to rest in Brookside cemetery, as the records show. Five were veterans of the Revolution, Daniel Wherry, Joseph Parker, Henry LaRue, Peter Suts, Abram Newman.

Of the War of 1812, there are buried here: Nicholas Van Brooklyn, Richard Van Deberg, Samuel Adams, Martin Walter, Michael Bauder, Orin Barnes, Peter Suts, William Storms, Stephen Seaman, Adam Suts, Isaac Corse, Jacob Hartman, Samuel Hoyt, Minard Van Duzen.

The following veterans of the Civil war are buried here: Isaac Swaart-out, James Hagen, Zalmon Walts, William Sweet, John Morrison, Edwin Spaulsbury, James Warner, Benjamin Petrie, Riley Witt, William Hunneyman, George Place, Albert Swan, Morgan Busier, Abram Walradt, Hiram Hart, Dr. S. L. Lewis, George Ward, William Avery, David Estelle, William McCue, Francis Augsburg, George Sanderson, John Kring, Samuel Miller, Isaac Rjtter, Allen Stephens, Lewis Sykes, Arthur Tanner, Nathaniel Newell, Edwin Skinner, Lathrop Saville, Lemuel Russell, Sanford George, Wallace Van Amber, Harlow Hutchinson, Charles Mack, George Lawton, William Jones, Harmon Hill, John George.

It is a little remarkable that no soldiers of the Spanish war or the World war as yet rest here.

Plessis Cemetery Veterans

Researched by JCNYS Acting Vice President Larry Corbett

I checked the Plessis Cemetery article against various sources:

1. Those marked Bartlett were recorded by Gus Rogers and are the only ones I found identified as veterans.
2. Those marked Sanderson are ones that were recorded by Harold Sanderson as Plessis burials, but don't show up in Bartlett list. Some are listed in the article.
3. A few recent listings come from *Watertown Daily Times*. They are marked WDT. Three Army veterans are identified in Bartlett, but any wartime service is not mentioned specifically.

It appears that a number of graves were not listed by Rogers. They might not be marked, or the markers unreadable or lost/buried/missing. This is shown by empty cells in the sixth column (Bartlett)

Abram Newman		1841	Rev War		article	Bartlett
Daniel Wherry			Rev War		article	
Henry LaRue		1850	Rev War		article	Bartlett
Joseph Parker		1835	Rev War		article	Bartlett
Peter Suts		1853	Rev War	1812	article	Bartlett
Adam Suts				1812	article	
Isaac Corse				1812	article	
Jacob Hartman				1812	article	
Martin Walter				1812	article	
Michael Bauder				1812	article	
Minard Van Duzen				1812	article	
Nicholas Van Brocklyn				1812	article	
Orin Barnes				1812	article	
Rev William Storm(s)	1772	1860	1812		article	Bartlett
Richard Vanderburgh		1837	1812		article	Bartlett
Samuel Adams			1812		article	
Samuel Hoyt			1812		article	
Stephen Seaman			1812		article	
Aaron D Newman		1891	CW			Bartlett
Abram Walradt			CW		article	
Albert B Swan		1865	CW		article	Bartlett
Albert Hart (Hunt?)	1843		CW			Bartlett
Albert Hunt		1910	CW	Sanderson		
Allen Stevens (Stephens)	1839	1862	CW		article	Bartlett
Arthur Tanner			CW		article	
Benjamin Petrie			CW		article	
Charles Mack			CW		article	
Darwin V Olney	1844	1930	CW			Bartlett
David Estell(e)		1869	CW		article	Bartlett
Dr Lloyd S Lewis	1825	1874	CW		article	Bartlett
Edson D Parker	1831	1923	CW			Bartlett
Edwin D Spalsbury		1887	CW		article	Bartlett
Edwin Skinner			CW		article	
Francis Augsbury			CW		article	
Frank A Rappole	1838	1921	CW			Bartlett
George Place			CW		article	
George Sanderson		1889	CW	Sanderson	article	
George W Lawton		1910	CW		article	Bartlett
George Ward			CW		article	Bartlett
Harlow Hutchinson		1892	CW		article	Bartlett
Harmon D Hill	1840	1910	CW		article	Bartlett
Hilon Parker		1892	CW	Sanderson		
Hiram Hart		1889	CW		article	Bartlett
Isaac Ritter			CW		article	
Isaac Swartout		1891	CW	Sanderson	article	
J. Snyder	1837		CW			Bartlett
James A Warner		1899	CW		article	Bartlett
James Dillin	1843	1935	CW			Bartlett

James Hagen			CW		article	
John B George	1838	1919	CW		article	Bartlett
John J Beardsley	1842	1920	CW			Bartlett
John Kring	1840	1881	CW		article	Bartlett
John Morrison			CW		article	
Lathrop Saville			CW		article	
Lemuel H Russell	1838	1913	CW		article	Bartlett
Lewis Sykes	1838	1916	CW		article	Bartlett
Lorenzo D Snell		1864	CW	Sanderson		
Morgan Busler			CW		article	
Nathaniel Newell		1864	CW	Sanderson	article	
Riley Witt			CW		article	
Samuel B Miller	1835	1906	CW		article	Bartlett
Sanford George			CW		article	
Sivilian Lathrop	1841	1884	CW			Bartlett
Solomon Makepeace		1869	CW			Bartlett
Stephen Smith	1839	1922	CW			Bartlett
Wallace Van Amber			CW		article	
William Avery		1876	CW		article	Bartlett
William D Sweet	1818	1903	CW		article	Bartlett
William H Forbes	1833	1920	CW			Bartlett
William Hunneyman			CW		article	
William Jones			CW		article	
William McCue		1863	CW		article	Bartlett
Woolsey Peck	1819	1896	CW			Bartlett
Zalmon Walts			CW		article	
Irwin T Davis	1898	1973	WW1	WW2		Bartlett
Earl H Bowles	1913	2000	WW2			Bartlett
Ernest F Vanbrocklin	1896	1975	WW2			Bartlett
Everett S Heath	1923	1992	WW2	Korea		Bartlett
George M Savage	1921	2008	WW2			Bartlett
Gerald O Reynolds	1916	1980	WW2			Bartlett
Glenn A Helmer	1913	1971	WW2			Bartlett
Harold H Gill	1921	2005	WW2	WDT		Bartlett
J Martin Reynolds	1913	1975	WW2			Bartlett
J Milo Moore	1890	1978	WW2			Bartlett
Paul C Makepeace	1925	2006	WW2			Bartlett
Richard E Bretsch	1924	2011	WW2	WDT		
Richard E Hunter		1943	WW2			Bartlett
Richard S Fitchette Sr	1919	1989	WW2	WDT		
Roscoe E Timerman	1890	1952	WW2			Bartlett
Roswell F Frizzell	1923	1994	WW2			Bartlett
Stanley E Heath	1923	1992	WW2	WDT		
Stanton L Petrie	1923	1969	WW2			Bartlett
Thomas A Hunter	1913	1973	WW2			Bartlett
Wayne H Hardy	1924	1892	WW2			Bartlett
Wellington Helmer	1911	1975	WW2			Bartlett
Wendell C Heath	1918	1981	WW2			Bartlett
Ross E Wagoner	1930	2005	Korea			Bartlett
Douglas Adams	1938	2009	Army vet			Bartlett
Leonard Schwander	1943	2002	Army vet			Bartlett
William J Hepfer	1928	2007	Army vet			Bartlett

THE WAR OF 1812 PENSION CLAIMANTS ~ The Remainder ~

An article researched by JCNYS Acting President
Thomas F. LaClair

Last quarter, starting on page 14 of the January 2019 *Informer*, there was an article listing pension claimants from a 21 November 1883 *Watertown Reunion* newspaper article. As the article was being transcribed, it became apparent the City of Watertown and several of the outlying communities were not listed among the pensioners. This article captures the remaining individuals. This was made possible by comparing the original newspaper article against names recorded in Volume II of "List of PENSIONERS ON THE ROLL, 1 January 1883." The volume enumerated the name of each known pensioner, the pension certificate number, the cause for which pensioned, the post-office address, the rate of pension per month, and the date of original allowance, as provided by the Department of Interior, Pension Office, 1883. The book is among genealogy research material at the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York. The names of county-wide pensioners begin on page 141 and concludes on 153. This article provides only the Jefferson County New York pensioners not listed in the January 2019 *Informer*.

ALEXANDRIA BAY: Andrew J. Northrop, var. veins & inj. to abdomen, \$8.00.

BISHOP STREET: Sally Sprague, widow 1812, \$8.00; Sally Bishop, widow 1812, \$8.00.

BLACK RIVER: Polly Butterfield, widow 1812, \$8.00; Elizabeth Phillips, widow, \$8.00; Emerson Scott, g.s.w. r. forearm, \$4.00; Anna M. Graves, widow 1812, \$8.00; Amy Eddy, widow 1812, \$8.00; Laurence Riley, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Hannah Scofield, widow 1812, \$8.00; Betsey Ware, widow 1812, \$8.00; Daniel H. Scott, g.s.w. loss 3 fingers, l. hand, \$7.00; William Closs, loss left leg, \$18.00; Orlando S. Brown, g.s.w. r. hand & anasarca, \$4.00; Byron Scott, g.s.w. r. thigh, \$4.00; Lyman P. Mix, injury to abdomen, \$4.00; Thomas Lester, g.s.w. r. thigh, inj. cheek, chron. diar, \$6.00; Thomas Griennep, rheumatism, \$18.00; William J. Lewis, chron. diar., rheum., & dis. heart, \$8.00; Simon C. Mix, inj. to left hip, \$8.00; Warren S. Lester, inj. spine & stomach, \$6.00; Clarissa Putney, widow, \$8.00.

CARTHAGE: Preserved Pierce, widow 1812, \$8.00; Mary J. Covey, mother, \$8.00; Caroline Crook, widow 1812, \$8.00; Hester Clearwater, widow 1812, \$8.00; Anna Vinier, widow, \$10.00; Jennie R. Steele, widow, \$10.00; Sally Crossett, mother, \$8.00; Achsah E. Blaisdell, widow, \$8.00; Ellen O'Brien, mother, \$8.00; William H. Cruikshank, chron. diarr, \$12.75; Julia

Babcock, mother, \$8.00; Lucy Self, mother, \$8.00; Allona Gates, widow 1812, \$8.00; Eliza Farley, widow, \$8.00; Henry Woodrow, fractured thigh from acc't, \$8.00; Louisa Colburn, widow 1812; \$8.00; Polly Crowner, widow 1812; \$8.00; Margaret Devois, widow 1812, \$8.00; Agnes Brosman, widow 1812, \$8.00; William Fuller, widow 1812, \$8.00; Zerviah Aldons, widow, \$8.00; Calista A. Nimocks, widow 1812, \$8.00; Edith Plank, widow 1812, \$8.00; Sally Robertson, widow 1812, \$8.00; Maria Williams, widow, \$8.00; Maria E. Vrooman, widow 1812, \$8.00; Franklin Ferguson, g.s.w. l. leg, \$6.00; Thaddeus L. Wilkinson, wound r. arm, \$6.00; Anthony Walsh, s. wound l. hand, \$8.00; Jonathan Adrich, chron. diar, \$6.00; Patrick Polier, wound l. thigh, \$8.00; George Christman, g.s.w. 1. Arm, \$4.00; Roselle Saunders, wound r. ankle joint, \$18.00; Edmund Quinn, g.s.w. l. thigh, \$18.00; John W. Bosnot, inj. to abdomen & ch. diar, \$16.00; William Ohoro, concussion brain, resulting dis. thereof, \$4.00; John Rickerson, inj. to left leg, \$2.00; George W. Wood, chron. indigestion, result. mal. po's'g., \$12.00; James H. belcher, g.s.w. head, \$2.00; Napoleon Blancher, g.s.w. r. thigh, result. sciat, \$6.00; Lewis Morrow, chron. diar. & icterus, \$8.00; James S. Ward, rheum. & result. dis heart, \$15.00; David Kelley, g.s.w. r. leg, \$4.00; James Brookmire, saber would head, \$6.00; Jacob A. Barlett, g.s.w. hips, \$2.00; Charles B. Merrihew, g.s.w. r. hand, \$2.00; Benjamin C. Budd, spinal affection, par. parlay. & epilepsy, \$18.00; Webster Hewitt, g.s.w. r. leg, \$4.00; Charles Hall, wound r. arm, \$6.00; George J. Loomis, chron. diarr \$8.00; James Farmer, chron. diar. And dis. liver, \$2.00; Benjamin Clark, dis. of abdominal viscera, \$8.00; Henry Klingner, injury to abdomen, \$4.00; Nelson D. Ferguson, malarial poison, \$6.25; Vincent L. Farr, incised wound r. hand, \$4.00; R. Edward R. Sharp, debility & chron. diarr, \$4.00; Jane E. Puffer, widow, \$8.00; James K. Arnold, g.s.w. l. knee, \$2.00; Franklyn Jones, g.s.w. l. arm, \$6.00; Benj. C. Thayer, g.s.w. l. thigh, \$4.00; Reuben W. Flander, loss l. arm, \$18.00.

CHAMPION: Amasa F. Allen, g.s.w. head, \$6.00; Mahlon H. Maxim, g.s.w. l. leg & ulceration, \$8.00; Rachel Loomis, widow 1812, \$8.00; Horace Loomis, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Anna Brown, widow 1812, \$8.00.

EAST WATERTOWN: Margaret Andrus, widow 1812, \$8.00; Veletta J. Sikes, widow, \$8.00; Olive Parkinson, widow 1812, \$8.00; Margaret A. Doane, widow, \$20.00; Dolly B. Fowler, widow 1812, amount not given;

FELT MILLS: Elizabeth B. Felt, mother, \$8.00; Hiram H. Cebber, loss r. leg, \$24.00; Charles A. Carpenter, wd. r. shol. result. dis. lungs, chron. rheum, \$4.00; James Smiley, chron. rheum, \$8.00; Eli J. Wood, g.s.w. r. leg & rheum., result. dis heart, \$6.00; Jesse Crane, chron. diar. & result. dis. of abdominal viscera, \$4.00; Henry Larabee, wound r. hip, \$2.66 and 2/3 cents; Mary Taft, mother, \$8.00; George Crane, wd. in

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breast, \$4.00.

GREAT BEND: Orlanda Ferguson, g.s.w. r. shoulder, invol. lungs, \$8.00; Charles H. Morrison, g.s.w. l. arm & r. thigh, \$6.00; Hervey Mack, g.s.w. l. thigh, \$2.00; Walter A. Horr, chron. diarrhea, \$7.50; James Olley, chron. diarr., gen'l deb., result, prison life, \$12.00; Robert H. Olley, injury to abdomen, \$4.00; Martha S. Peck, widow 1812, \$8.00; Peter McKenney, father, \$8.00.

HENDERSON: Anna Snow, widow 1812, \$8.00; Jonathan Cole, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Jane Storus, mother, \$8.00; William Wilkinson, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Diantha Cooper, widow 1812, \$8.00.

JEFFERSON: George W. Torrence, no pension cause listed, \$40.00; Alexander McKenzie, wd. lft leg, \$6.00.

NATURAL BRIDGE: William Williamson, shell w. r. knee, \$2.00; Henry Burns, g.s.w. r. hip, \$6.00; Augustus McCoy, g.s.w. l. hand, \$4.00; Duane M. Crimps, loss r. ring finger, \$2.00; Thomas A. Riley, injury to abdomen, \$4.00; Lucien Blanchard, g.s.w. r. shoulder, \$10.00; Lorenzo D. Patchin, g.s.w. left arm, \$4.00; John Shoemaker, g.s.w. left forearm, \$12.00; Samuel Ressequil, g.s.w. left hand, \$6.00; Erastus V. Lasher, amp. right arm above elbow, \$24.00; Amy Blanchard, widow 1812, \$8.00; Polly Nichols, mother, \$8.00; Phebe Mattice, mother, \$8.00; Nancy Balmat, widow 1812, \$8.00; Charles Mosher, wd. both thighs, \$4.00.

NORTH WILNA: Alonzo Wood, chronic diarrhea, \$6.00; Sophia Lewis, widow 1812, \$8.00.

NORTH ADAMS: Charles W. Carey, varicose veins both legs, \$16.00.

ONEIDA: John Connelly, chronic diarrhea, \$12.00. JCNYS Note: Unsure if this name was misplaced from another county or if there was a community in Jefferson County called Oneida.

PHILADELPHIA: Mary Burton, widow 1812, \$8.00; Merritt Force, father, \$8.00; Stedman Taylor, accident'y cut'g off toes l. foot, \$6.00; Lucy Allis, widow 1812, \$8.00; Daniel McRogers, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Walter Colton, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Robert Purcell, g.s.w. right cheek, \$8.00; Robert Adrian, wound r. arm, \$6.00; James H. Smith, g.s.w. right hand, \$4.00; Francis W. Springstein, dis. of abdominal viscera, \$6.00; Stephen B. Johnson, dis. spine & mal. poison \$6.00; John Robertson, g.s.w. head, \$4.00; Howard Nichols, minor, \$10.00.

STERLINGVILLE: Eleanor Victory, widow 1812, \$8.00; Ruhannah Sterling, widow 1812, \$8.00; Walton Hall, g.s.w. r. hand, \$2.00; Elija Colnon, mother, \$8.00.

THERESA: Joseph Gassom, loss r. thumb & inj. to l. wrist, \$8.00; Lewis Duffany, shell wound l. thigh,

\$4.00; Joseph Howland, dis. of abdominal viscera & rheum, res. dis. heart, \$8.00; Duane E. Simons, injury l. ankle, \$4.00; Hiram W. Tyler, dyspepsia & hepatitis, res. tys. fever, \$6.00; James B. Lingham, g.s.w. r. little finger, \$1.00; Johnson E. Bontwell, chron. rheumatism, \$6.00; William A. Spaldbury, chron. pleurisy & res'ts, \$8.00; Orrin Evans, wound l. thigh, \$8.00; Simon Dailey, g.s.w. r. forearm, \$4.00; Daniel W. Corbin, rheum. & mal. pois. & dis. liv; \$8.00; Louis Finney, injury to abdomen, \$8.00; Freeman Phillips, injury to abdomen, \$6.00; August Kissel, g.s.w. r. thigh & rheum, \$6.00; Mary Walter, widow 1812, \$8.00; Mary Parker, widow 1812, \$8.00; Abigail Loper, widow 1812, \$8.00; William P. Crandall, surv. 1812, \$8.00; Lydia Hinman, widow 1812, \$8.00; Jane M. Boardman, widow 1812, \$8.00; Elphina Tompkins, widow, \$8.00; Mary Ann Duel, widow 1812, \$8.00; Warren F. Swan, g.s.w. r. hand, \$2.00; Elmira Herrick, mother, \$8.00 Susanna Carpenter, widow, \$8.00; Rachel B. Augsbury, widow, \$8.00; Ann Cheney, mother, \$8.00.

WATERTOWN: Asahel Read, widow 1812, \$8.00; William Barnett, father, \$8.00; Maria L. Levett, mother \$8.00; Thomas Savage, father, \$8.00; Mary E. Bingham, widow 1812, \$8.00; Jane Corey, widow 1812, \$8.00; Lotecia Adams, widow, \$8.00; Nancy Heminway, widow, \$8.00; Eleanor Hanly, widow, \$8.00; Mary C. Porter, mother, \$15.00; Mary A. Mattoon, widow, \$8.00; Maria Munson, widow, \$8.00; Ursula C. Walker, widow, \$8.00; Sarah Tripp, widow, \$8.00; Delia A. Bushnell, widow, \$12.00; Mary A. Budd, widow, \$8.00; Esther St. Pierre, widow, \$8.00; Abigail Streeter, widow, \$8.00; Francis I. Phelps, widow, \$14.00; Ageline Baker, widow, \$8.00; Mary A. Barney, widow, \$8.00; Phebe Barnard, widow, \$8.00; Rosanna Babcock, widow, \$8.00; Adaline Bassinger, widow, \$8.00; Philomen Stephens, widow, \$18.00; Jane A. Moore, widow, \$8.00; Ellen L. Moody, widow, \$8.00; Angeline Jessman, widow, \$8.00; Milicent M. Husband, widow, \$8.00; Ellen McBride, widow, \$8.00; Nancy Lawrence, widow (dead), \$8.00; Maggie Lafiin, widow, \$10.00; DeWitt C. Tomlinson, g.s.w. l. side nk., head & ear, \$10.00; Wilber F. Chidester, g.s.w. left thigh, \$2.00; Nelson H. Truax, injury to abdomen, \$8.00; John D. Thompson, rheum., sunstroke, rst., dis. spine, & c., \$12.00; Hannah Leisure, mother, \$8.00; Amanda Cousins, mother, \$8.00; Susan Ball, mother, \$8.00; Sarah Mills, mother, \$8.00; Margaret Spratt, mother, \$30.00; Ruby A. Smith, mother, \$8.00; Sophia Skinner, mother, \$8.00; Rosanna Flanders, mother, \$8.00; Lucy Gleason, widow 1812, \$8.00; Mary M. Fairbanks, widow 1812, \$8.00; Emily Eldriage, widow 1812, \$8.00; Sarah North, widow, \$8.00; Alice Froggett, widow, \$8.00; Dorcas Towne, widow 1812, \$8.00; Clarissa Murray, widow 1812, \$8.00; Elizabeth L. Whitcomb, widow, \$8.00; Elizabeth M. VanArnham, widow, \$8.00; George Wilkie, surv 1812, \$8.00; Elizabeth Bobbins, widow, \$8.00; Rocksey Austin

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widow 1812, \$8.00; Anna M. Johnson, widow 1812, \$8.00; Prudence Huntington, widow 1812, \$8.00; Eliza Herrick, widow 1812, \$8.00; Evelina D. Hatch, widow 1812, \$8.00; Eliza Ann Huntington, widow 1812, \$8.00; Jacob A. Walrath, surv 1812, \$8.00; Theodore Tuttle, surv 1812, \$8.00; Evander Spaulding, surv 1812, \$8.00; William Rouse, surv 1812, \$8.00; James Brintnall, surv 1812, \$8.00; Bethiah Stears, widow 1812, \$8.00; Hannah Scott, widow 1812, \$8.00; Mary I. Dryburn, widow, \$8.00; Margaret Leonard, widow, \$8.00; Ann Kerrins, widow, \$8.00; Ann Keow, widow, \$8.00; Loretta Warren, widow 1812, \$8.00; Mary Wands, widow 1812, \$8.00; Rachel Worden, widow 1812, \$8.00; James H. Enos, w. right arm, \$18.00; Eagar North, loss right forearm, \$18.00; John Scott, g.s.w. through hips, \$18.00; Joseph Field, loss r. eye and wounded head, \$18.00; John C. McCartin, gen'l anasarca, dis. kid. & res. dis. heart, \$24.00; Herbert E. Freeman, g.s.w. right thigh, \$8.00; George McComleer, g.s.w. right shoulder & lung, \$15.00; John S. Ford, g.s.w. r. groin and nates, \$8.00; Thomas N. Smith, amputation r. thigh, \$24.00; Richard M. Case, wounded, r. thigh, \$8.00; Chas. H. VanBrackle, chr. rheum. and chr. diarr, \$24.00; William H. Haas, loss r. arm above elbow, \$24.00; Frank A. Fletcher, wounded left arm, \$4.00; George F. Dresser, loss l. leg, \$18.00; Charles E. Ball, g.s.w. right hip, \$8.00; Horace G. Doage, rheum. & partial paralysis, \$6.00; Silas J. Snell, mal. pois. res. dis. heart & kid. & dropsy., \$18.00; William B. Taylor, inj. spine, result. epilepsy, \$24.00; Sidney R. Brimer, injury to abdomen, \$8.00; William Anderson, g.s.w. left thigh, \$2.00; Byron B. Taggart, chr. diarr. & res. dis. abd. vis., \$10.00; William H. Underwood, chron. diarr, \$2.00; Asel Spicer, dis. both lungs, \$18.00; Louis C. Greenleaf, g.s.w. left leg, \$4.00; Lucius H. Burdick, injury to abdomen, \$2.00; Rufus W. Baldwin, g.s.w. l. foot, loss 2d l. toe, \$2.00; George Canouts, inj. to abdomen & scurvy, \$6.00; Louis B. Sterling, chr. diarr., result. dis. lungs, \$12.00; Henry M. Sanderson, malarial poison, \$2.00; John H. Welch, chron. diarr, \$4.00; James H. Chambers, chron. rheum & inj. back, \$6.00; Daniel Magill, chron. rheum, \$4.00; Daniel S. Marvin, g.s.w. both thighs, inj to abd., \$18.00; Thomas Loftus, injury to abdomen & partial loss left index finger, \$10.00; Jasper Cooper, wound left leg, \$4.00; Miles M. Costul, w. left hip & r. hand, \$4.00; Montrose D. Chapin, inj. to back, \$6.00; Richard Cook, g.s.w. right breast, \$8.00; Frank E. Davis, g.s.w. left thigh, \$4.00; Benjamin Jones, rheumatism, \$4.00; Amealas A. Illingsworth, inj. r. knee, \$4.00; Richard Smith, loss r. leg, \$18.00; Michael Pfister, injury to abdomen, \$6.00; Thomas Petrie, lameness of legs, \$4.00; John George Owenger, asthma, mal. pois., & ch. diarr, \$4.00; Alden R. Rudd, mal. poison & dis. throat, \$6.00; Edmund Nugent, lumbago, \$6.00; George G. Wood, dis. spine, \$8.00; Delevan S. Miller, mal. poison, \$4.00; Bryant J. Streeter, dis. liver, result, jaundice, \$2.00; Isaac L. Huntington, dis. eyes, \$4.25; James

Henderson, rheumatism, \$2.00; John Frost, dis. back, result. dis. kidney, \$12.00; Desiah Hewett, malarial poisoning, \$8.00; Benjamin Lee, g.s.w. r. shoulder, \$4.00; Newton J. Chase, shell wound face, \$4.00; Eagar H. Brumdiage, shell w. l. leg, rheum., & inj. to abdomen, \$8.00; William Mattraw, disease to eyes, \$8.00; Michael Quick, g.s.w left elbow, \$18.00; Martin O'Mara, dis. lungs, \$18.00; James M. Hamlin, mal. pois. chr. diarr. & rheum, \$6.00; John G. Parker, g.s.w. r. side, \$4.00; William Pearson, wd. right hand, \$2.00; Schuyler H. Lewis, g.s.w r. hip, \$4.00; Frederick Lansing, wd. in chest, \$17.00; Leander Delawyer, g.s.w. right hand and rheum, \$4.00; Bradley Winslow, wd. through body, \$22.50; James Farmer, dis. heart & lungs, mal. pois, \$8.00; William H. Beers, dis. liv. & spl., res't. mal. pois, \$8.00; William Ball, mal. pois., chron. diarr., dis. heart, deafness, \$6.00; Henry M. Morrill, chron. diarr., dis. liver, dis. of abdominal viscera, \$12.00; Truman W. Lyman, dis. lungs, pleurisy & rheum, \$12.00; Charles S. Gray, dis spine, \$18.00; James P. Kirby, g.s.w. left arm, \$4.00; Julia Williams, widow (Navy), \$8.00; Victori M. Graham, widow (Navy), \$25.00; Harriet Graham, widow 1812, \$8.00; James H. Richardson, g.s.w. left hand, loss 2d fin., \$3.00; John J. Schwalm, debility from mal. poison, \$18.00; Ashbel V. Tyler, shell wound face, \$4.00; John J. Woolworth, chron. diarr. and dis. kidney, \$4.00; George N. Mills, epilepsy & paralysis, \$24.00; Henry Hanley, loss r. eye & dis. l. eye, \$18.00; Henry M. Lewis, chronic rheumatism, \$14.00; William Flansburg, scythe wd. l. hand, \$6.00; John D. Newman, g.s.w. right groin, injury to abdomen, \$16.00; Alfred Tarcate, amputation r. thigh, \$24.00; Reuben W. Adams, fracture l. thigh, \$10.00; Horace G. Hallaway, g.s.w. right hand, \$2.00; Mathew Henry, g.s.w right thumb & arm, \$8.00; William C. Corey, g.s.w left forearm, \$8.00; Henry J. Zuller, injury to abdomen, \$8.00; Lyman Bacon, rheum. and dis. heart, \$18.00; Reuben R. Rice, g.s.w. left hand, \$10.00; Thomas Powers, dis. of heart, \$18.00; Francis E. Hartwell, ampt. arm above elbow, \$24.00; Anne Coulter, widow, \$8.00; Leonard Martin, dis. of heart, \$12.75.

WILMA: William H. Armiston, g.s.w. right shoulder, \$8.00. JCNYSGS Note: Likely belonged under Wilna.

“The secret of health for both mind and body is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future or anticipate trouble, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly.” - The Teachings of Buddha

How Your At-Home DNA Test Results Could Solve Cold Cases

By Daron Taylor and Daron Taylor
Washington Post Newspaper

10 Jan 2019. The results seem almost miraculous: an arrest in the killing of a young girl in 1988 after 30 years of searching. The murder of a young couple in 1987, solved in a matter of days. These breakthroughs came as a result of an investigative technique called "genetic genealogy," a blend of DNA analysis and old-fashioned archival research used to point investigators in the direction of a person of interest in a criminal case.

For the past few decades, forensic DNA matching techniques have been used to make direct matches between a sample taken at a crime scene and a suspect who has been identified in a database. "But if you didn't get a match, the DNA couldn't tell you anything else," said Ellen Greytak, director of bioinformatics at Parabon NanoLabs, a DNA technology company based in Reston, Va. "What we're doing at Parabon is essentially saying: There's a lot more information in DNA." Parabon NanoLabs, with genealogist CeCe Moore as head of its genetic genealogy unit, has been at the forefront of the emerging field.

The linchpin of genetic genealogy is actually a simple internet search: An investigator uploads anonymous genetic data from a crime scene into an open-access genetic genealogy database, such as GEDmatch.com for example, and runs a comparison.

GEDmatch was created to help people learn more about their family trees. To use the site, people download the results from their consumer genetic test and upload that data voluntarily to the database, deciding how much personal information to attach to that data, if any. GEDmatch's search tool compares one set of genetic data against more than 1 million others in the database, looking for enough shared DNA with other users so that the similarities couldn't happen by chance. The more closely two people are related, the more DNA they share. Siblings share half of their genes, while first cousins share an eighth. The third cousin level is a sort of red line, past which it's difficult to tell how closely two people are related, because the amount of DNA shared is so small.

Once the results are in, getting from that initial match to a person of interest takes a lot of legwork. It requires a genealogist searching through birth records, newspaper archives and social media to build out an extensive family tree based on a common ancestor. Then researchers follow branches of that tree forward in time to the present day, to find the right person who was in the area of the crime and whose age and physical characteristics match the description

of the perpetrator.

Parabon says it has helped solve more than 30 cases. "These are cases that it's entirely possible never would have been solved without the information that we're giving to them," Greytak said, "and we're always giving those detectives something they didn't have before, which is really what is the challenge in these cold cases."

The results of genetic genealogy can be alarming. According to a recent study published in Science magazine, 60 percent of searches on voluntary consumer genetic databases for people of European descent could identify a third cousin or closer relative. But that match is just the start of an extensive, painstaking process to find the real identity of anonymous DNA.

"There are many misconceptions about privacy and law enforcement use of GEDmatch" said Curtis Rogers, who co-founded GEDmatch in 2010. "It is not your father's forensics. Yet people are locked into what they see on TV and, to be frank, with rare exceptions it is not law enforcement that use GEDmatch. They need the services of an experienced genealogist and this is where people such as Parabon come into the picture."

In a response to customer unease about how their genetic data is being used, consumer genetic testing companies such as Ancestry, MyHeritage and 23andMe have signed on to privacy best practices that include being transparent about how many law enforcement requests they get and how many they agree to. A recent survey from researchers at the Baylor College of Medicine found that a majority of the public supports the use of these databases in police investigations. But that support diminishes significantly when the searches are related to cases with nonviolent offenses. In 2017, Ancestry received 34 law enforcement requests and provided data in 31. All were for credit card and identity theft cases.

Note: The JCNYSG presidency has no opinion on using DNA kits results in solving crime cases; this is an individual decision to make. This article is presented as the topic is receiving significant national and world-wide coverage. Our goal today is to inform our members, so they are familiar with some DNA tests results being used to help solve crime cases.

Life is inherently risky. There is only one big risk you should avoid at all costs, and that is the risk of doing nothing. - Denis Waitley

Jefferson County Queries

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(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address &/or phone numbers as well as email.)

SANFORD, HUFF, KELLOGG

Simon **SANFORD** (abt 1820-1905) married Nancy **HUFF** 7 Mar 1847. Their children include Ada, Clara, Cynthia, Lucy Ann, George W., Catherine, Benjamin, Randle, Simon A. and Minnie. Simon died in 1905 in Belleville, Ontario, Canada. Simon was in the Fenian Raid. I cannot find his parents or Nancy's parents. I am thinking that a Thomas **SANFORD** married to a Lucy **KELLOGG** might be the parents but I cannot prove it. I had a friend who went through all the censuses for all **SANFORDs** living in Jefferson County and she thought Thomas **SIMON** Jr. was Simon's father but came up with no proof.

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CAMPBELL, WOLLAVER

I am looking for any information on the father and grandfather of Ransom **CAMPBELL**. He was born about 1827 and died 1869. He lived in Cape Vincent, Jefferson, New York. He married Suzanna **WOLLAVER** and their children were Rachael, Aulden and Harriet. He was in the Civil War with the 94th NY infantry.

*Danny Campbell
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FARRAR, FERRAR, BRIGGS, ARNOLD

I am working on proving that Josiah **FARRAR**, born 19 Feb 1772 in Lincoln, MA and died 1843 in Jefferson County, New York, is the father of Josiah Sherman **FARRAR**, born 21 Oct 1807 in Brownville, Jefferson County, New York and died 09 Nov 1896 in Fort Collins, Larimer County, CO. **FARRAR** is sometimes spelled **FERRAR**. Josiah married Betsey **BRIGGS** and Josiah Sherman married Julia **ARNOLD**. I have searched Family Search online Microfilm records, Jefferson County, NY Surrogate's Court records and Jefferson County record of wills.

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BUCK

I am searching for information on Solomon **BUCK** who was born on 19 Nov 1772 in New York. About 1800 he married an Esther or a Helen. Their children were said to have been born in Jefferson County and include Sanford (abt 1804), Solomon (abt 1806), Lucinda (abt 1808), Wandel (abt 1811) and Emaline (20 Jul 1814).

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CAMPBELL, HARBRIDGE, DUNN

Sarah **CAMPBELL** was born Nov. 3, 1799 in New York and died on April 1, 1883. Her parents were likely Duncan and Isabella **CAMPBELL**, part of Henderson founders. She married James **HARBRIDGE** (1795-1871) of Jefferson County and they had one son, James **HARBRIDGE** (1816-1871). She remarried James **DUNN** on Aug. 17, 1832. They had a daughter born in New York, Sarah **DUNN**, born 25 Dec. 1834. Other children

besides James and Sarah include George **DUNN** and Rubina **DUNN**. I have been searching a long time for Sarah **CAMPBELL's** parents. I recently found out she may be the daughter of Duncan and Isabella, but I cannot find anything to confirm this. I am looking for anything that would verify Sarah's parents.

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FITZGERALD

I am looking for information on Michael **FITZGERALD** who was born in 1855 and died on Jan. 1 or 2, 1913. I would like a newspaper obituary. His children include Mabel, Edward, Ernest and Fred.

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[editor's note: Tom LaClair has researched the Flower Memorial Library and the Clayton 1000 Island Museum but we hope our readers can offer Cathy more help.]

SPRAGUE, BUTTERFIELD, RICHARDS, BARNEY

I am looking for information on Sally **BUTTERFIELD SPRAGUE**. She was born in Oct. 1792 in Peru, Bennington County, Vermont and married David **SPRAGUE** in 1824. She died in Henderson, New York on 12 Mar 1882. I would like accurate information about her parents/birth family. The app, "We're Related," provided Capt. Peter **BUTTERFIELD** (1757-1836) and Rachel **RICHARDS** (1764-1851) as parents but I do not think these are accurate. Names of children include George R. (1825-1827), Mahala (b. 1827), Alvira Esther (b. 1829) and Rev. Orren D. (b 1834). Clicking on a hint for the distant relative I thought was Alhira Esther or Esther Alhira **SPRAGUE BARNEY** (a daughter of Sally **BUTTERFIELD SPRAGUE**), I found a 30 Oct. 1924 article from Lowville, NY *Journal and Republican*: "Real Daughter of 1812. Mrs. Alvira Esther **SPRAGUE BARNEY** Passes On At the Age of 95." Poor Alvira's name has been misspelled on practically every source available at Ancestry.com.

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SMITH, DeGROAT, LEONARD, TALLMAN, RANDALL

William C **SMITH** was born around 1816 in Oneida County, NY. He was the son of Lucinda **DeGROAT** and Rufus **SMITH**. The family was living in Jefferson County by the 1830s. Around 1835, William married Mary Ann **LEONARD** of Sandisfield, Mass, and they had 8 children (Caroline (**TALLMAN**), Rufus, John, Lyman, Ellen (**RANDALL**), Mary, Charles and Samuel). William had a farm in Orleans/LaFargeville and he died around 1884.

A few years after William's death, his widow Mary Ann and daughter Mary moved to Iowa where their sons Lyman and Samuel were living. Mary Ann died in Trenton, Missouri, in 1901 and is buried there. While

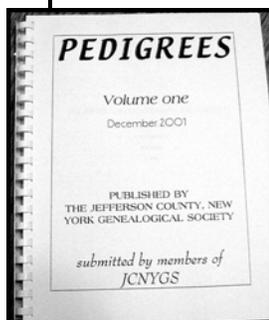
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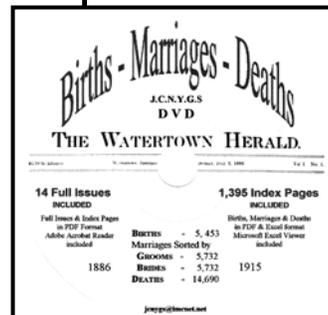
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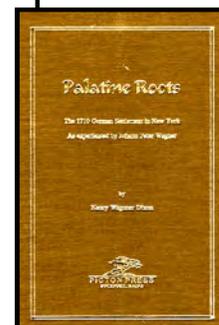


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most of William's family, including his parents, grandfather, and many siblings and children are buried at cemeteries close to his farm in Jefferson County, I cannot find where William himself was laid to rest. The location of his gravesite is what I am hoping to find. Thank you.

Brian Smith
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CATLIN, HAVILAND, HAVERLIN

I am looking for a John HAVILAND or HAVERLIN CATLIN, born around 1815. The father's name may have been Reuben. A son is John Oliver CATLIN. John lived in Ellisburg, Jefferson County, New York.

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BARLOW, LESTER, INGALLS

I am searching Joseph BARLOW who was born about 1861 and married Cynthia LESTER (aka INGALLS) in 1884. They had a son Roy Francis BARLOW born 1888. Cynthia remarried in 1895 and her last husband's obit said she was widowed due to Joseph, so he would of had to die before 1895. I cannot find any trace of Joseph after their marriage. They lived in Jefferson County, New York. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

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BOOMER, MACOMBER

I am looking for a Last Will and Testament for Edward BOOMER. He was born about 1760 and died possibly in 1813. His wife was Rejoice MACOMBER and they had a daughter Ruth. I've read that he was an attorney, so it makes sense that he would have had a Will on file. I am not familiar with New York - I'm attempting to solidly prove out a Mayflower connection. Many thanks!

Jeff Record
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NORTON

I am researching my Grandfather as he was adopted. His name was Donald W. NORTON II, born in 1917 and died in 1954. His wife's name was Shelah. Donald was in World War II. He and Shelah had two children, Cynthia and Donald. They lived in Depauville, Jefferson, New York.

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HOLLAND, BRETT

I am looking for information about: Jeremiah Holland (1819,Ireland -3 Apr 1887 Watertown, NY), Mary Holland (1819, Ireland -13 Nov 1892, Watertown, NY), and daughter Margaret Holland/Brett (Nov 1862, Watertown, NY - 3 Mar 1937 Watertown, NY). Have all Ancestry's info and checked many online newspapers. Particularly looking for Mary Holland's maiden name. I am a member of the Paradise, CA Genealogical Society

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FUTURE JCNYGS PROGRAMS

8 Apr (Monday): 6:00PM. Held at the Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown. The staff of the library will have us in for an “evening of artwork” so as to tour and learn of the many artworks located throughout the library. Known as one of the most beautiful buildings in Northern New York, the library is home to treasures hidden in plain sight. Come and enjoy history through paintings and sculptures.

13 May (Monday): 6:00PM. Local researcher Brenda Becker will talk about Italian genealogy. Brenda has personal experience in finding Italian records, transcribing them when necessary, and tracking immigrants—even the ones who decided to return to Italy. Come on out and learn from someone who has “been there, done that” regarding Italian records research.

10 Jun (Monday): 6:00PM. Ann Fillhart and her Wiley Middle School class will discuss another round of Revolutionary Soldiers and events they have learned through their research process. Bruce Coyne, President of the Thousand Island Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, is providing the class guidance and support.

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY WORKSHOPS

1 June (Saturday): Introduction to Genealogy 2:00 - 4:00, at Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown

15 June (Saturday): Ancestry.com Saturday, 2:00 - 4:00, at Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown

29 June (Saturday): Historical Newspapers 2:00 - 4:00, at Flower Memorial Library, 229 Washington Street, Watertown

JCNYGS lectures begin at 6 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building **unless otherwise noted**. Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

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 IHCS. 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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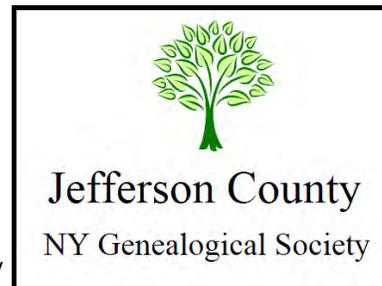
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President's Message – July 2019

We are grateful to bring you this quarterly *Informer* newsletter. This August 8th marks our silver anniversary—25 years of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society. The monthly meeting in August will be held on the 8th to coincide with the anniversary. If in the Jefferson County area, plan to attend this anniversary event. In retrospect of 25 years, let me speak for each of us by expressing how truly thankful we are for all of our past and current leaders and supporting committee members, our past and current members, our past and current speakers, *Informer* content contributors, editors, proofreaders, webserver, and anyone involved in the society. It took, and continues to take, many volunteers doing small parts to achieve this level of success. As a result, many hundreds and perhaps many thousands of Jefferson County New York descendants have advanced their personal genealogical and family history research from the 25 years of publications, lectures, and presentations. With your continued involvement, the society looks toward many more years of rewarding genealogical works. Thank you!

Tom LaClair
Acting President, JCNYS

DUES ARE DUE

The 2019 - 2020 membership annual dues are \$18.00 individuals, \$20.00 family. This is no change from the previous year. Payments are accepted by cash (in person at monthly meetings) or checks (by mail). All members will

receive the login and password for the on-line version of the *Informer*, if they choose to access it, 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 place it in a location frequented by others who could become interested in genealogy. Stray *Informers* have a way of soliciting new members. Speaking of *Informers*, all *Informers* since the society was created, are available on-line to members. Check the back cover of your *Informer* for your membership status.

Note: The presidency is looking into providing capabilities for members to join JCNYS and renew JCNYS memberships via on-line services using a credit card or similar on-line financial payment system. Although not available today, we are hoping this becomes a reality in the next six-months. An update will be provided in the October *Informer*.

Hi Tom, I just read the April issue of *Informer* and saw the note about the Jefferson County 1825 census locations. It rang a bell, so I checked the list of JCNYS *Tree Talks* publications and found that we published that in two issues: December 2003 had the A-H towns, and December 2004 had the L-W towns. They are presented as shown in the census by towns, then indexed alphabetically in the back. So, if anyone has those issues, or it's probably at Flower Library, it is available. Also they could order the issues for \$15.00 each by emailing Diana Law at dianalaw@twcny.rr.com. She handles *Tree Talks* orders. Our website is undergoing upgrading right now so isn't available; eventually people will be able to order from the website. Please pass the word along--we want the results of our efforts to be used far and wide!

Thanks,
Joyce Cook (Central New York Genealogical Society)

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, April 8, 2019
By JCNYS Acting President Tom LaClair

Attendance: Tom LaClair, Larry Corbett, Paul Beers, Janine LaClair, Sepp Scanlin, Amy Scanlin, James M. Eagan, Roberta D. Calhoun-Eagan, Leigh Charron, Robert Charron, Mary Erskine-Coyne, Bruce Coyne, George G. Inglehart III, Jerry Davis, Tom Wood, Judy Wood, Kevin Nicholas Leeson, M. Russell Lee, Mary E. Dasno, Bernie Brown, Bev Brown, Warren Allen, Eleanor Allen, Peggy DiStefano, and Joanne Woodward.

The business meeting was held at the Flower Memorial Library, in the old children's library room, and opened at 6:00 P.M by Acting President Tom LaClair. Tom gave a finance report on behalf of Greg Plantz who is currently out of the area. During the month checking deposits equaled \$208.00, giving a balance of \$5,267.25. No checks were written from the society checking account, however Tom paid two bills from his personal funds. The first to Coughlin Printing for \$611.55 for the April 2019 *Informer*. The second for \$24.75 to Harborside Services for society internet services. No changes were made to the saving account (\$405.30) or certificate of deposit (\$2,444.62). A motion was then made by Jerry Davis and seconded by Paul Beers to have the society (Greg) reimburse Tom the two payments equaling \$636.30. The motion carried.

Acting President LaClair shared that over the past few years several members have queried the possibility of paying for dues on-line. After a few moments of audience discussion and experience with other organizations, Tom reported the presidency will evaluate this topic closer. Tom also shared that JCNYS will celebrate its 25th Anniversary on Thursday, August 8th, 2019. The society's inaugural meeting was held August 8th, 1994 in the Dillenback Room at the Flower Memorial Library in Watertown. The plans are to highlight people, events, and achievements over the years.

A celebratory cake and appetizers will round out the special anniversary event.

After finishing a short discussion on local deed research and upcoming lectures, acting Vice President Larry Corbett motioned to close the business portion at 6:12 and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan seconded the motion.

The meeting was

immediately turned over to Susie Renzi-Falge of the Flower Memorial Library for an evening of artwork.



Inside the Flower Memorial Library Dome

"Built in 1903, Flower Memorial Library is perhaps best known for the thousands of books it lends out. However, it is also home to valuable paintings, sculptures and other works of art. The building's dome creates a three-story rotunda, which is the principle interior feature. The library was erected as a memorial to Watertown's most prominent son, Roswell P. Flower (1835–1899), the 30th governor of New York.

The library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places." Each member was given a library tour guide pamphlet and as we went from room to room, Susie gave us excellent information on the major arts and artifacts. JCNYS is also appreciative to Library Director Yvonne Reff, also a member of JCNYS, for allowing our group visit. For information on the library artwork, visit <https://www.flowermemoriallibrary.org/node/24>.

Light refreshments for the evening were provided by Janine LaClair.



Susie Renzi-Falge presents "An Evening of Artwork"



Members and guests listen to Susie Renzi-Falge

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, May 13, 2019
By JCNYSGS Recording Secretary Mary Blanchard

Attendance: Tom LaClair, Larry Corbett, Mary Blanchard, Jynna W. Brown, Jerry Davis, Steven Guy, Mary and Bill Dasno, Sal and Sandra Fiorentino, Tina Thorp, George Inglehart, Tammy and Greg Plantz, Judy Fiorentino, CC Barone, Connie Barone, Jeannie Brennan, Leigh Smith Charron and Robert Charron.

The meeting for the JCNYSGS was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and opened at 6:00 pm. Acting Vice-President Larry Corbett began by welcoming all and requesting the Treasurer's report. Greg Plantz reported there was \$4,712.95 in checking, \$2,450.74 in the CD and \$405.56 in savings. Three checks were written to Tom LaClair for repayment on personal checks Tom wrote to Tim Minnick (\$100.00), Coughlin (\$611.55), and Harbor Sources (\$24.75). Jerry Davis motioned to accept, Jeannie Brennan 2nd and it was carried.

There was a brief discussion regarding the interest of paying membership dues via PayPal. The society is asking for valid information on this method and would appreciate input on how it works and how best to proceed. If anyone has knowledge of PayPal please contact Acting President Tom LaClair or Acting Vice President Larry Corbett. The society is hoping it would simplify renewals and draw in new members.

The 25th Anniversary of JCNYSGS is coming up Thursday, August 8, which will be open to the public and celebrated at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. We have two willing volunteers and would appreciate more to facilitate a smooth and enjoyable evening for all.

Two final notes: 1—The NYS Council of Genealogical Organizations (NYSCOGO) disbanded on May 9, 2019 after 29 years. Support is expected to come from media and other online genealogical sites. 2—A financial audit will be completed of JCNYSGS by Oct 1, 2019. The business part of the meeting ended at 6:16 pm.

Acting Vice President Larry Corbett introduced Acting President Tom LaClair. The planned speaker, Brenda Becker, who was to give a speech about Italian genealogy, was unable to do so. Tom gave a wonderful lecture on The Rise of Tourism in the 1000 Islands. Many beautiful images showed the magnificent hotels serving guests on the islands and mainland, and the interesting story of the connection between the railroad, boat service and the hotels. The ease of stepping off the train to the docks, and then to the boat which would deliver you to your final destination, is something no longer witnessed. Many jobs were created because of the rise of tourism and it was a thriving local economy because of this. The meeting dispersed at 7:28 pm



Many in attendance commented on their memories of some of the great hotels that no longer exist.



On of the grand hotels along the river was the Frontenac Hotel on Round Island near Clayton



Tom begins: "The Rise of Tourism in the 1000 Islands"

Embalming became prevalent during the Civil War in order to send soldiers back to their homes for services. It became the norm during that period and beyond. Before then people were displayed on a tray that contained ice encased by a sealed casket with a small window to view the person's face. That preserved the body for a very short period. But family and friends were local. This is shared by Francee Calarco of D. L. Calarco Funeral Home Inc, Watertown.

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, June 10, 2019

By JCNYS Recording Secretary Mary Blanchard

The June meeting of the JCNYS took place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. There were over 30 people present. Acting President, Tom LaClair, opened the meeting at 6:04 pm, at which time a motion was made by Acting VP, Larry Corbett, to forego the business part of the meeting. It was 2nd by Bruce Coyne, and the motion was carried by vote.

Bruce Coyne, SAR representative, introduced Ann Fillhart and her 6th grade class who showcased their presentation, Patriot's Project. The children spoke of their results from researching a list of Revolutionary soldiers. Many interesting facts were noted, including signatures of very important historical figures on priceless original documents. These soldiers were significant in the war but also to our locale where they settled, worked, raised families and died. The interest the students had was evident in their enthusiasm.

Soldiers researched were Stephen Andrews, David Andrus, Oliver Bartholomew, Thomas Bones, Stephen Carter, Joel Caulkins, John Cobb, William Cook, Miles Cook, Asa Eggleston, Stephen Hawkins, William Huntington, Samuel Mixer, Nathaniel Peck, and John Stratton.

The children from Mrs. Fillhart's class were Ryan Arca-Steel, Marcus Cole, Kyle Daly, Molly Davidson, Arianna Demaris, Calleigh Fichette, John H. Flowers IV, Agnika Ghatak, Alexander Higginbotham, Caylea Holland, Peter



Students Presenting Their Research



Jennings, Tucker Jones, Mia Kelly, Elyse King, Vincent Knapp, Ande LaBarge, Harper Lane, Maceo Mancini, Joshua Matott, Skyye Mee-Thomas, Bennett Pistner, Johnathan Ruetten, Andrea Trombley, Sienna Virga, Drew Wekar, and Mallary Williams.

Certificates were handed out to the students from Bruce Coyne, SAR, and Mary Erskine-Coyne, DAR. Refreshments were served and the program ended at 6:42 pm.

Bruce Coyne, SAR, top left; Ann Fillhart, Teacher, top right and the 21 Wiley School Students



A Short Walk Down History Lane The Beginnings of JCNYS

By Acting President Thomas F. "Tom" LaClair

In summarizing a 1994 Association Newsletter, John Bartlett wrote that Patricia "Pat" James, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, living in Boise, Idaho, had created a repository of genealogical research contacts for the county. She also was publisher for the *Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County*.

In 1993 she advertised and held an open meeting at Ponderosa Steak House and discussed that she was looking for a group of people in Jefferson County to consider taking over the *Journal*. She mentioned that she had put a lot of time and effort into the publication and was willing to turn it over in its entirety to a responsible group.

In early 1994 Pat advertised and held a follow-up meeting at Perkins Restaurant where 34 interested people attended. In this meeting she reported that she had now registered a business name, the "*Jefferson County Family History Association*," opened a checking account for the association and rented Watertown post office box 6453. It was evident she was serious about bringing together interested people who are willing to collect and disseminate genealogical data and make it available to all who need it. Pat said she was willing to support us in any way she can, and that she wants to get her name removed as owner of the association.

Summarizing the spirit of the meeting, John Bartlett wrote: "So now it's up to us to either get this association off the ground or let it fall flat on its face, the ball is in our court. Now the interested members will decide if we win or lose."

Discussions led to actions as noted in the same *Informer*. John would write a record of activity not long after Pat's meeting at Perkin's Restaurant. "Attendance was great at our October meeting. Our President A. E. "Gus" Rogers started the meeting promptly at 6:00 p.m. Helen McDonald read the minutes from our last meeting and Maurice Herron gave a treasury report.

First on the agenda was our Constitution and By-Laws. It was presented to the membership and with only one slight modification it was passed unanimously. Committee selection was the next subject. Julia Gosier and Mary Lou McCreadie will serve on the Genealogy Research Materials Committee. John and Ellen Bartlett will serve on the Publicity Committee. The *Watertown Daily Times* has a section, "Meetings" in its Current section of the newspaper. Local people can find our meeting dates in that section. People living out of the area will be sent a post card. Helen McDonald and Phyllis Putnam



Nancy "Nan" Dixon and A. E. "Gus" Rogers reminisce about 25 years ago when Gus was the first President of JCNYS and Nan was the first Vice-President of JCNYS.

will serve on the Programs Committee. Harold Kendall and the membership will serve on the Historical Preservation Committee. The society decided to place donated material in the most appropriate agency within the county. In order to provide a safety back up, the society will make a copy of the material for its own files. In future issues we will feature some materials received or make an indexed listing of the material and where it can be found.

We received twelve new members. Some joined through the mail and others joined at the meeting. I want to thank Pat James for her article in her latest issue of the JOURNAL, and hope that more of her readers will join. We need your support and welcome it. To all our members who live out of state we want to encourage you to send us a pedigree chart or any other genealogy material you may have to share with us. This will help all the membership and will be preserved for future generations. I was very pleased with all the material that was given me for the *Informer* and want to thank all of you for your help." John Bartlett, Oct 1994.

These were the first published minutes written on the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society. The first presidency has A. E. "Gus" Rogers, President; Nancy "Nan" Dixon, Vice President; Helen McDonald, Recording Secretary; Maurice Herron, Treasurer; John Bartlett, Correspondence Secretary; and Ellen Bartlett, Newsletter Editor.

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On March 15, 2019, I had the opportunity to sit down in the same room with A. E. "Gus" Rogers and Nancy "Nan" Dixon and talk of these events 25 years ago. Nan and I, both from Clayton, drove nearly two hours one-way to Baldwinsville (near Syracuse) and visited at Gus's home. Gus, age 96, and Nan, per Gus a young lady at age 89, have both lost their spouses in recent years, however both continue to live life fully as possible. I asked them to share the tone for what brought the genealogical society into being. They both agreed that there was a lot of local interest in setting up the society, but very few anxious to accept leadership roles. Gus, who was very active in his decade long plus cemetery inscriptions project (started project in 1982), volunteered to be the Vice President. Nan, who in 1994 was seeing her *Palatine Roots, The 1710 German Settlement in New York As Experienced by Johann Peter Wagner* book coming off the printing press also volunteered for Vice President. It was then that in Nan's friendly but convincing way persuaded Gus to be President and said she would be his Vice President—they agreed! Many others volunteered to fill other roles with-in the presidency. Helen McDonald, a kindergarten teacher who owned a license plate EIEIO, volunteered to be the Recording Secretary. Maurice Herron, a very approachable man who worked and advised at Brookside Cemetery took on the Treasurer position. John and Ellen Rogers Bartlett, both also active in the largely popular Cemetery Inscriptions published book series, and residents of Syracuse, teamed to be the Newsletter Editor and Correspondence Secretary. Others took on other vital roles and responsibilities.

Like any association or society, the first year came with many growing pains—getting members to unite behind ideas and motions. Identifying the specific roles of the offices, instituting by-laws, hammering out a constitution, developing repositories or what to do with genealogical donations, publishing a newsletter, etc. Pat James initially called the newsletter the *Jefferson County Family History Association*. John Bartlett, as the newest editor, led a motion to have it renamed the *Jefferson County New York Genealogical Informer*. Not all members wanted the name change, however, the motion was eventually approved.

The Flower Memorial Library in Watertown provided a meeting place in the Dillenbeck Room at no charge making meeting locations easy. Some of the early meetings were busting at the seams as many came out to participate in the new organization. As I continued to ask questions, Nan and Gus were personally sharing tales, among themselves, of people and events of those early years. It was rewarding to watch as the two smiled and happily reminisced of times 25 years ago. It was a much busier time for the two and I was proud to be among two pioneers of JCNYS. It was then that I realized the society has successfully come a long way. And I couldn't help

thinking that many aspects of the society have changed, however, many aspects have remained the same. And I find that a wonderful thing!

Note: For more information on the beginning of the Jefferson County New York Genealogy Society, refer to an article written by Pat James found in the May 2008 *Informer* page 8.

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JCNYGS's First President A. E. "Gus" Rogers

On the following page is a July 25, 1993 *Watertown Daily Times* article about A. Edwin "Gus" Rogers and the work he was doing uncovering history on Headstones. The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society formed on August 8th 1994, much in part for the work Gus was doing with cemeteries and the news coverage he was receiving. Gus was the first president of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society and his cemetery books are still used today. Gus, age 96, lives in Baldwinsville and although moving slower these days, still watches for obituaries on -line. A link to his headstone inscriptions is provided.

<http://jefferson.nygenweb.net/bartlett.htm>

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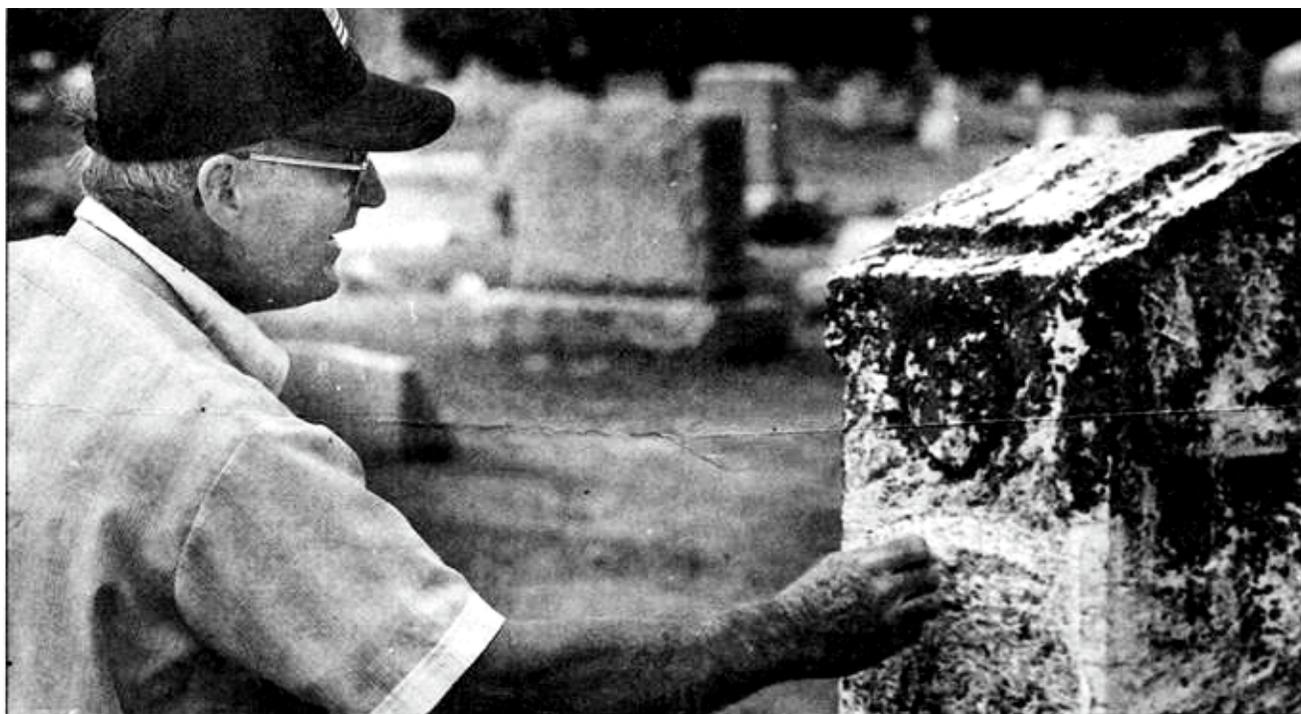
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Richard Snow, Gus Rogers, Ellen and John Bartlett, left to right, pose by a new monument for Joshua Rogers, whose unmarked grave was finally discovered. Mr. Snow, Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Bartlett have a mutual ancestor, Gideon Rogers.



ALLEN BROOK ■ WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES

A. Edwin 'Gus' Rogers of Clayton uses chalk to bring out the name on a headstone in North Watertown Cemetery.

Genealogist From Clayton Uncovers History on Headstones

By Denise A. Raymo
Times Staff Writer

CLAYTON — A. Edwin "Gus" Rogers is a fighting man.

His enemies are acid rain, vandals and time.

His battlefields are north country cemeteries.

His weapons are shaving cream, chalk and wire brushes, carried in a makeshift tool belt that fits snugly around his waist.

During the past few weeks, Mr. Rogers was bending over at the North Watertown Cemetery recording information off headstones from more than 10,000 graves.

On the job, Mr. Rogers recites the inscriptions and other necessary information into a tape recorder draped around his neck.

He then writes those facts into spiral notebooks when he gets back to his East Lane Road home in Clayton.

The retired New York Telephone Co. employee said he wants to publish his complete list in a catalog — as he has for three other Jefferson County towns — so that people who research their family backgrounds will have an easier time of it than he did when he started.

He said his mother's interest in finding her roots a few years ago sparked the genealogy fire in him.

"My mother asked, when I retired, to find out about the Rogers family. I knew there were five brothers and sisters, but after digging, I found out there were 10," he said.

He said he found an 1876 will from one of his ancestors who had named each of her siblings in the document "and I found a great-

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great grandfather from 1768 and his wife," Mr. Rogers said.

"That kind of got me started and I've gotten pretty well done, but I've still got a couple I can't find," he said.

He said area libraries have little updated information for genealogists to dig through, so he started to record his own.

"If anybody was looking for someone, it's not recorded, so that's one reason why I wanted to do it. I found seven Rogerses in the cemetery in Clayton, but there were only three in the records; that's another reason why I did it," he said.

Mr. Rogers, his daughter Ellen and son-in-law John Bartlett, of Syracuse, have already finished cemetery catalogs for the towns of Brownville, Clayton and Orleans, so anyone looking for long-dead relatives can find branches of their family trees.

The painstaking work involved in reading some of the weather-beaten and broken headstones doesn't seem to bother Mr. Rogers.

Armed with a can of shaving cream and plastic trowel, he sprays the foam on the hard-to-read portion of the inscription.

He then gently wipes the trowel across the surface, leaving a thin layer of white residue

that seeps harmlessly into the writing and makes it legible.

Mr. Rogers rights the stones that have tipped over, seals some cracked ones with automobile body filler and sealing compound, and steadies those that are about to topple.

Vandals who knock headstones over for kicks get under his skin.

"If I could just catch one doing it ..." he said.

"It's so frustrating. They've got nothing else to do but tip over headstones? They've got nothing else to do but get drunk and do this? They find it quite fun," he said.

Mr. Rogers isn't paid for his work at the various cemeteries and even pays for his own supplies.

Marion Duquette, whose last day as North Watertown Cemetery manager was Friday, said Mr. Rogers's work is wonderful for the community and deserves recognition.

"It's really commendable. He's doing a terrific thing. It might not mean much to some, but he's doing a tremendous job," she said.

"Genealogy is such a big deal to many people. They are making a book, so all people have to do is come in and look at the book. It will be a terrific help to so many people," she said.

"I've been keeping maps and I will give copies of them to him when he's done," Mrs. Duquette said.

Mr. Rogers said he just gets enjoyment out of unraveling the mystery of family history. But he said his wife, Marion, doesn't quite agree.

"She's not into genealogy at all, but we have an agreement," he said, laughing. "She gets to go to bingo and auctions and I get to do this."



Early Fowler Family of Clayton

Researched and Written by Sharon Bourquin
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Today's picture takes us to Depauville and the home of the Fowler family, early settlers in the area. Anson and Maria Esselstyn Fowler came to the area from Edinburgh in Saratoga County. Anson was attracted to the area because of the Chaumont River, which led to Lake Ontario. He set up a store and later got into the business of getting timbers to market. This was done using rafts of timber and sending them down the Chaumont River to the Lake and then to the St. Lawrence River and on to Montreal where there was a market for the squared timbers.

Anson and Maria had two sons, Melzar, the oldest, and John, as well as a daughter Jane. Melzar was born in 1803 in Edinburgh and came to Depauville with his family. He developed an interest in his father's businesses and by the time he was 20, he was handling all his father's business affairs. After a time, he expanded the business and opened a store in Brownville. He moved to Brownville but maintained control of the store at Depauville. John, his younger brother joined him at the Brownville store, working as a clerk. John later ran the store in Depauville.

During that time, the people in the area burned wood for heat and saved their ashes, selling them to Melzar. He constructed a building where he could convert the wood ashes to pearl ash, which he could then sell to a market in New York. Mr. Fowler later enlarged his

business in Depauville, going into the business of getting oak timber and rafting it to the Quebec market. While in Brownville, he met and married Clarissa Spicer from Perch River. They were parents to two children, Eldridge and Nettie. Nettie went on to marry Cyrus McCormick, famous for his invention of the reaper.

In early 1835, Melzar moved his family back to Depauville and gave up the business in Brownville at the request of his brother John, who was

interested in leaving Depauville to do business in Clayton, which was then becoming an important place on the St. Lawrence River. The move to Depauville proved to be good as the business prospered in the new location; however, it turned out to be an unfortunate move for Melzar. After settling in Depauville, he purchased a team of horses and headed for Watertown. He stopped at a hotel, where the hostler refused to enter the stall to feed one of the horses that was quite spirited. Mr. Fowler entered the stall with the feed in his hand and the horse not recognizing him reared up and hit him in the head with one of its forelegs. His family was notified and was able to be with him when he died three days later.

It was told at the time the when he had left home for the trip to Watertown, he had reached the top of the hill when he turned back and returned to his home where he stated he could not leave without reading a chapter from the family bible and having family prayers. After the prayers he left on his trip to Watertown, never to return to his home in Depauville. His wife and children remained in the village, but life had changed drastically. Sadly, Clarissa was only to live another seven years, leaving the children Eldridge and Nettie orphans at the age of nine and seven. Their grandmother Fowler and their uncle Eldridge Merick raised the children. Later Eldridge lived with the family of Hugh Smith of Perch River with Nettie remaining with her grandmother.

If you want to learn more about Clayton families, visit the Research Library at the Thousand Islands Museum, 312 James Street in Clayton. Call 686-5794 for museum hours.

Bicentennial Tribute to Veterans of 1776

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Original biographies researched and written by members
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Josiah Drake. Born in 1762, Josiah Drake served as a private in Captain Stuart's Company, Colonel Wood's regiment, for nine months. He marched to Deerfield, Northampton and Litchfield Connecticut, and then to White Plains, where he served eight months and was discharged. In August 1779 he enlisted at Buckland, Massachusetts, under Captain Dinnon, Colonel Porter's regiment for one month before being discharged in New London. He married Julia Ann Wallace 20 August 1814 at South Rutland. He received his pension while living in Antwerp, but there is no trace of a stone to mark his grave. There are Drakes buried in both Antwerp and Felts Mills. He died sometime after 1840, as he appears in a list of pensioners of Jefferson County at the time, aged 78 years.

John Eddy. John Eddy's wife was name Elizabeth. He died 18 May 1839, at age 71, and was buried in Rutland Hallow Cemetery, Town of Rutland.

Caleb Ellis. Born 14 August 1754, son of Richard and Jane (Phillips) Ellis, Caleb Ellis served as a private in the Revolution in Captain Jeremiah Stile's Company, Colonel Paul Dudley's Sergeants regiment. He served under General Gates and Ethan Allen and was at the surrender of Burgoyne. He married Mary Couch about 1779 and the couple had 11 children; Daniel, Hannah, John, Jane, Thomas, Squire, James, Robert, Polly, Sally, and Betsey. Caleb and his wife moved to the Town of Ellisburgh. Mary died 13 March 1813 at age 54 in Ellisburgh and Caleb died on 14 April of that year. Both are buried in the Ellisburgh Cemetery along with a number of their children.

John Ellis. Born 27 April 1754, John Ellis marched from Richmond, New Hampshire, to Bunker Hill in 1775 and marched to Fort Stanwix. He was out ten months at one time. He married Rachel Marsh, of Richmond, New Hampshire and the couple later moved to the town of Rutland, where he died 13 March 1827 and she died 5 February 1840. John Ellis is buried in Rutland Hallow Cemetery. If his wife is there her grave has disappeared. John Ellis' father, John was also in the Revolutionary War, serving from Richmond, New Hampshire, to which place he had moved from Rehoboth, Massachusetts.

Lyman Ellis . Lyman Ellis, born in November 1759 at Menden, Worcester County, Massachusetts, was too young to be drafted so he enlisted as a fifer in June 1776 in Captain James Foster's Company. They went

by way of Hartford to New York City, retreating from the British to White Plains, where he remained until the end of his enlistment. In August 1777 he enlisted as a fifer under Captain Peter Pennyman for four months. He went to Bennington, Vermont, just after the battle occurred there and saw many Hessian soldiers taken prisoners. He was at the surrender of Burgoyne 17 October 1777. He married Sibel Burnham 8 August 1806 and later the couple moved to the village of Ellisburg. His wife died in Syracuse 8 February 1859, aged 84. Both are buried in the Village Cemetery, Ellisburg.

Eldad Evans. Born 20 April 1749 in Hinsdale, Cheshire County, New Hampshire, Eldad Evans served as a private in Captain Carlisle's Company, Colonel Moody Beedle's New Hampshire line. He enlisted for one year on 1 January 1776 and was discharged at Swansey, New Hampshire. He married Betsey Barrett in 1796, in Northfield, Massachusetts. Eldad Evans died 3 June 1835 in Theresa. He had two wives but there are no headstones for them. Captain John Evans, of Evans Mills, also a Revolutionary War hero, was a brother.

Charles Eames . Buried in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

Enoch Eddy . Buried in Evans Mills Cemetery, Town of LeRay.

John Failing . John Failing was born in 1753 in Tyron County and served in the Revolution as a private in Colonel Klock's Tyron County Militia. He married Elizabeth Smith and owned a farm at St. Johnsville, Herkimer County, where he was taken prisoner by Indians and held at a block house where the New York Central now stands. He later moved to the Town of Pamela, where he died 27 May 1838. His wife died 22 September 1851. Both are buried in the Parish Cemetery, Town of Pamela.

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ASK AUNTY JEFF



By JCNYS Member and Genealogist
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Question for Aunty Jeff

Q – I have been researching my family by using Google and other similar tools. The trouble is that I get a lot of information that is not genealogy-related. Is there another resource where I can search for help without having to individually search for each potential website that might include my ancestors?

A – I think the best way to answer this is to turn your question over to an expert, and the owner of Cyndi's List (cyndislist.com). My friend, Cyndi Ingle, who runs this site – free to use, though pay-sites are often included – has broken down your genealogy research into easy-to find categories. Here is what she says (reprinted from a Facebook Post on the "Genealogy Squad" group, 6 May 2019, with her permission):

There have been several questions today about Cyndi's List - what is it? How do I use it? etc., etc. First of all, you can find it here: <http://www.CyndisList.com>.

Cyndi's List, my site, is FREE for everyone to use. It's 23 years old and has been one of the top web sites online for genealogy throughout that time. It is a categorized list of links - more than 336,000 right now. I seek out genealogy resources online (paid and free) and categorize them to make it easier for you to find what you need for your research.

The categories are those you would typically recognize in genealogy: localities, ethnicities, religions, record types, methodology, occupations, software and other tools for research. I encourage you to always start by browsing the categories, rather than searching the site. <http://www.CyndisList.com/categories>

Why not just use Google? When I'm asked this the immediate answer is -- if you don't know that something exists in the first place how do you know to Google for it? I actively search out record collections and dig deep into web sites of repositories online. I set up these deep links into these sites, bringing them to light for you to find. The whole point in Cyndi's List is to help you find what you need, even when you don't yet know you need it.

Good luck!

I publicly thank Cyndi for her compact way of explaining the use of her website. And I can endorse what she has said – I have used it for years! And to all, I send best wishes in your Roots Pursuits!



Early Mail Delivery

By Acting JCNYS Vice President Larry Corbett

In the Spring of 1883, the postmaster of Watertown, New York, received approval to begin house-to-house delivery of mail. The service began on April 1, 1883. Daily delivery was scheduled six days per week, Monday through Saturday, as many times per day as deemed necessary by the postmaster. The business district received the most daily visits. It's uncertain how many times a day residential customer got mail, but old-timers in Watertown remember getting mail at least twice per day.

Prior to 1883, you had to go to the Post Office to get your mail. You could either rent a post office box or stand in line and receive your mail from a clerk. The post office would hold mail for 30 days, then return to the sender. Lists of persons who hadn't picked up their mail were published in the newspaper.

With house-to-house delivery, mail carriers needed a directory of everyone who was eligible to receive mail delivery. Once they had compiled their directory, a system of house numbers was put into place. Houses were numbered consecutively, odd numbers on one side of the street, even numbers on the opposite. Numbers started at 1 and continued increasing to the end of the street.

By 1900, this numbering system had become unwieldy, as new houses were built between previously numbered houses. In 1907, at the insistence of the post office, as well as the police and fire departments, a new system of house numbering was put into place. Derived from the Philadelphia Block System, each block was given a block of 100 numbers, and every house was re-numbered accordingly, the system that is still in place today.

The 1908 Kimball City Directory, available at Flower Memorial Library and online at Ancestry.com has a complete list of the old and new numbers for each house. This is useful for family history researchers who are attempting to identify the present location of places where their ancestors lived prior to 1908, enabling one to convert 1900 census addresses to current ones.

J. F. DeYoung WWI Veteran of Theresa

by JCNYS Member Roberta Calhoun-Eagan

Jeremiah Fisher DeYoung (1894-1970), the oldest son of William F. DeYoung and Ida Sophia Evans, was the only one of this couple's nine children born outside of Jefferson County. In 1894 the family briefly resided in New Brighton, Staten Island after William joined brothers Clarence and Walter to work as a stationary engineer. Named for two relatives, the boy's paternal great uncle was Jeremiah Geru, and his great-grandmother Friendly Fisher Evans was the oldest resident of Redwood at the time of his birth. DeYoung's mother belonged to the large Evans family of Evans Mills, while his father, a ninth-generation Canadian carpenter from Brockville, descended from Quebec's first stone mason, Jean Guyon du Buisson.

According to family historian Gerald Desormeau, DeYoung was "farmed out" like many young people of the day, boarding with great uncle Jerry Geru ca. 1909. He worked after school at Fred Soper's store in Theresa. In 1911 DeYoung served as captain of the Baraca Boys Brigade, a Methodist youth group. After completing his studies at Theresa High School, he attended post-graduate classes at Watertown High. In 1913 he enrolled at the Carnegie Institute of Technology (CIT) to study architecture. And by 1916 while still a student, DeYoung was already employed as an architect for the Pittsburgh firm of McClure & Spahr.

DeYoung's studies at the CIT were interrupted by war, despite being originally rejected from the Navy in 1917 due to a failed eye exam. In 1918 he enlisted as a Sergeant in the WWI Sanitary Corps, where he served as a draftsman and supervisor for military hospital construction in France. Promoted to Second Lieutenant in December (after the Armistice), DeYoung was discharged on August 16, 1919. His military records later

burned in St. Louis, but it was said that he remained behind in France to help rebuild devastated sections.

During the war, DeYoung's illustrations of French scenes appeared on the front pages of camp newspapers. And in 1919, over fifty of DeYoung's paintings of areas in Europe touched by war were exhibited at the



Jeremiah Fisher DeYoung, WWI

Theresa Free Library, Progress Club and area churches. During the 1960s, two of DeYoung's watercolors of scenes from Rheims, France, were donated to the Jefferson County Historical Society. Now, one hundred years later, those paintings that survive preserve a rare glimpse of France at the close of the war.

DeYoung returned to CIT, graduating in 1920 with a degree in architecture. On June 25, 1921 he married his schoolmate and fourth cousin Blanche Theresa Loucks of Theresa, daughter of Wilbert Martin Loucks and Abbie Rosella Thomas. The ceremony took place at the Loucks family home.

Also in 1921, DeYoung designed the Memorial Arch at 11th Avenue and Memorial Boulevard in Huntington, West Virginia. Patterned after the Arc de Triomphe in Paris and erected by the Cabell County War Memorial Association as a tribute to county soldiers who fought in WWI, the cornerstone for this memorial was laid in

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Huntington, WV Memorial Arch Designed by DeYoung

1924 and the work completed in 1929. The Memorial Arch was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

DeYoung remained in Huntington for the rest of his life. In about 1932 he illustrated the book *Robert E. Lee, The West Pointer*, with pen and ink drawings later housed at the Tidewater Historical Society in Stratford,

VA. (This achievement inspired a contemporary biography by Theresa's Ernest G. Cook in the *Watertown Daily Times*). DeYoung variously taught art, mechanical drawing and shop math at Cammack Junior High School for ten years, moving on to Huntington High School for ten more years.

DeYoung retired in 1959, the same year Huntington adopted his design for the new city seal. In 1967 DeYoung published a handwritten and illustrated family genealogy, *The DeYoung Lines and Lives*. Not only did his drawings bring Dion/DeYoung family history vividly to life, many of them now provide the only sketches of early homes and farm buildings constructed by his ancestors. Relatives trace



DeYoung's Design for the Huntington, WV City Seal

DeYoung's footsteps now as we search for the old 1871 farmstead without the aid of photographs or living memory for guidance: "He bought a small farm on a big bend of the Chippewa Creek in North Hammond to the south of a forested hill... Up the steep hill and through the forest and down the road was a landing on the St. Lawrence River, and across it could be seen Canada."

A family man who frequently visited relatives, DeYoung was admired by his nephew John Calhoun, who followed his lead in taking art classes at Watertown High School after graduation. DeYoung also nurtured this writer's interest in genealogy, and provided patient instruction geared for children on the art of skipping stones. A man who adored his beloved grandchildren, DeYoung published a booklet of sketches and poems, *Among My Memories*, celebrating his years as a grandparent.

DeYoung died July 30, 1970 in Huntington, WV. He and Blanche had one son, Jerry William, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and now four great-great grandchildren. As a descendant of Evans ancestors who first settled the North Country just after 1800, DeYoung nourished strong connections to the area throughout his life by painting scenes of rural Theresa, of local churches and area lakes, and by spending summers at the two Clear Lake cottages, Sunny Nook and Sunny Brook, that he had built.

Genealogy Etiquette

By JCNYS Recording Secretary Mary Blanchard

While searching a particular topic I found a new term – "Genetiquette". It refers to minding our manners when dealing with sensitive issues of online genealogy, which now includes DNA sites. There has always been bad information out there. It seems perpetuated as a cat having kittens, and the new wave of research has created a conundrum of something similar to a family reunion social media site.

There are no copyright laws for family trees. Therefore, anything posted online is subject to downloads and copying, regardless if the information is correct or not. Much of it can be unsubstantiated. In addition, secrets unfold in the DNA matches now available. It can be disarming to find conflicting information from what we thought we knew, and others may have no idea of this info; one must consider their rights, also. Issues of placing living people on family trees can become troublesome when a person finds themselves on another's site.

All of these fall under the heading of Privacy. Any site I visited stated it is never proper to put living people online. Ancestry.com states that this is remedied by using Privacy Settings and that any person marked as "living" is not visible in searches at any privacy level. However, this is not a guarantee, as I have found my personal information connected to another's site, via the DNA matches, with bad information included!

It takes time to become a certified genealogist. Having a membership to an online site does not make us one. Many of us are beginners or not far from it. The best we can do is make wise choices, back up our research, and utilize the Privacy Settings on our genealogy sites if we are concerned about identity. Ancestry offers various settings, giving one control over who views our tree. Family History offers an online Ancestry Crash Course. And if you type in "genealogy etiquette" you will find an abundance of information on the dos and don'ts tips. In the end, it is perfectly within your rights to request, politely, that your information be removed from another's tree, either from the tree owner or the site management. Using the "Private" block on a tree is just simple etiquette.

FORMER SLAVES CAME TO JEFFERSON COUNTY FOLLOWING THE CIVIL WAR

By JCNYS Acting Vice President Larry Corbett

Following the March meeting of the Society, I asked our presenter, Tim Minnick, Theresa Town Historian if he had any further information about "Doug", a young black man who had come to Theresa following the Civil War and who died of tuberculosis and was buried in the Yost family plot in the Oakwood Cemetery there. Tim was quick to email Doug's obituary to me, along with a photo of Doug's grave and an Ernest G. Cook article, written some 50 years after Doug's death in 1888.

DOUGLAS LUCAS

According to his obituary, published in the *Watertown Herald* on March 10, 1888, Douglass Lucas was born in Washington, D.C. in about 1854, of free parents. He 'attached' himself to Company C of the 20th NY Cavalry as an errand boy to Lt. W. Fred Ryther of Gouverneur, probably in late 1863, and remained with the regiment until they were mustered out of service on the last day of July, 1865, when he came north with Lt. Ryther.

It isn't known if Doug lived with the Ryther family after coming north. His obituary states that he lived for a time with Dr. N. M. Davison in Theresa. Grace Yost Ostrander recalled, years later, that Doug lived in a barn on the George W. Yost property where he was employed to care for the horses. He is listed as a 17 year old laborer in the 1870 Census in the household of George Dresser, a cabinet maker and part-time



Doug's stone in the Oakwood Cemetery, Theresa

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

undertaker in Theresa, where he was remembered by George's daughter, Florence in the later article. "He was deathly afraid of a dead person and must have had some real frights, working about and with an undertaker." By 1875, at age 21, Doug was living with the Ambrose W. Clark family in Watertown, employed as a coachman.

Doug returned to Theresa and to the employment of George E. Yost, the village banker, where he cared for the carriage house and Yost's stable of fine horses. She reported that Doug was popular with the young people of Theresa and got many invitations to sports events.

It was while living with the Yosts that Doug developed tuberculosis. Grace Ostrander remembered that, when Doug was close to the end of his life, he called George Yost to his room in the Yost home and gave to George the pearl-handled pen knife that Doug treasured. Douglass Lucas was buried in the Yost family plot in the new Oakwood Cemetery. "And there he sleeps today," she told Cook.

ROBERT FREEMAN

In December, 1864, Major Abram D. Sternberg of Perch River, an officer in the 186th NY Infantry came home on furlough and brought Robert Freeman with him. Major Sternberg had spotted young Bob hiding behind a tree near their encampment and offered to employ the boy as his body servant. (While the enlisted men slept in tents, officers shared cabins while encamped for extended duty, and were allowed to hire male servants. Adult males were in short supply, as Congress had authorized them to serve in colored regiments. As such, officers mostly had black boys, too young to fight, to care for their horses and their uniforms, to clean their boots, to cook and to keep house.)

Robert found a strong liking for horses and was quick to agree to come north with Sternberg when the Major was furloughed.

"Maj. Sternberg of the 186th has just returned to our village on a leave of absence... He brings with him an 'intelligent contraband' named Robert Freeman. He is an African of the darkest dye, is very pious, sings a good song and tells the most marvelous stories."

Robert had a room in the Sternberg stable at their home at Reynolds Corners on the Morris Tract Road, where he cared for the horses and did general work for the family. Harness racing was a popular sport in the years following the war. Men of means spent considerable sums on well-bred trotters and took great pride in having a champion stable. Watertown alone had three racetracks; one at the county fairgrounds, the Riverside track which was adjacent to the fairgrounds, and the Young Men's Driving Park on Washington St., its location recalled in today's Park Avenue.

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Following the death of Major Sternberg in 1891, Robert became associated with Jack Phillips, a well-known horse trainer, and with Mr. Dewolf of Sackets Harbor before going to work for Dr. Isaac Munson of Sterling Street in Watertown, caring for Munson's horses and serving as coachman for 28 years. Robert was active in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Watertown and major domo of the 39th Separate Company of militia. In 1898, when the men of the 39th gathered at the Watertown Depot on their way to the Spanish-American War, Robert Freeman was there at the station to see them off. His face was streaked with tears. "I'se sorry to see the boys go," he said. "I know war."

Robert worked for Mr. A.T.E Lansing of Watertown and died in August, 1913. He was buried in the Freeman Cemetery at Reynolds Corners near the graves of Major and Mrs. Sternberg.

JAMES WESLEY

James Wesley came to Jefferson County with a Union officer from Rossie, Captain Walter Robb of the 20th Cavalry, settling in Antwerp. Born into slavery in Georgia, James was sold to the Sheriff Otis of Richmond, Virginia, escaping to Union lines where he attempted to join the 20th NY Cavalry. (His name does not appear on the unit roster, possibly because units were segregated by race.) He joined a body of irregulars commanded by Captain Robb. At the conclusion of the war, Wesley came north with the Captain and hired on as a farm laborer to James Austin. In about 1870, he was employed by Julius Gill of Spragueville, where he remained for about 35 years. He then started a livery business in Antwerp, residing in the Baldwin block in that village, dying at age 71 in 1924. He is buried in St. Michael's Cemetery in Antwerp.

PETER BOOKER

Peter Booker was enslaved longer than the others, about 45 years when he escaped slavery in Virginia and sought refuge in the camp of the 35th NY Infantry. Captain S. J. Mendell of Adams hired Peter as his servant. In a long letter to the *Jefferson County Journal* after Peter's death, Capt. Mendell wrote, "(In) April, 1862...slaves of both sexes, young and old, poured into our lines day and night. At one time, nearly every soldier had his black 'squire' to carry his rations and knapsack on the march and cook his gruel in camp."

The Captain hired Peter on July 31, 1864 while the 35th was encamped at Falmouth, Virginia. Peter became a favorite in camp and did extra work for the other officers, for which he was paid well, but none could lure him away from Capt. Mendell for higher wages. Peter remained with him until the Regiment was mustered out at Elmira and came home with him to Adams.

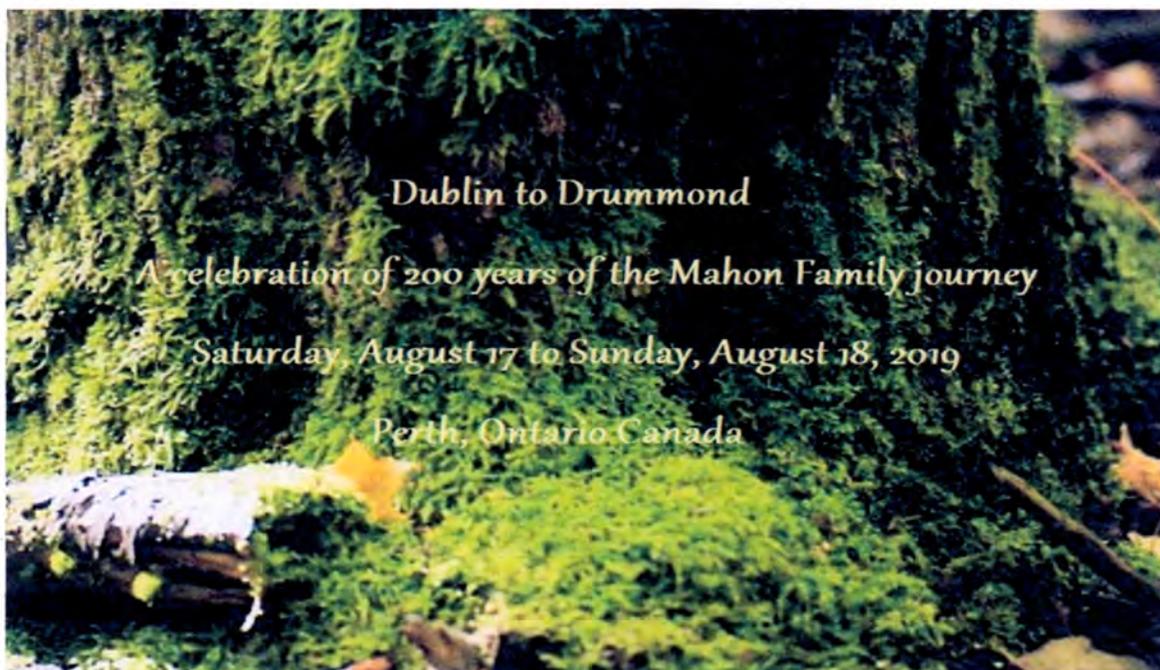
Having accumulated considerable cash savings from his work, Mr. Booker acquired a horse and wagon and became a cartman in Adams, hauling furniture, construction materials and freight for villagers. He married Miss Susan Anderson of Pillar Point and they had ten children. Four died during an influenza epidemic and four others died in a diphtheria epidemic in the 1870s. Susan survived along with one son Fred. Peter died in 1883. Susan moved to Watertown to live with her son's family on Morrison Street. Along with Fred and his wife, Mary, Susan was an active member of the Thomas Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, raising money door to door to support the church. She worked as a laundress for many years, celebrating her 85th birthday by washing, by hand, a load of laundry. She died at age 87 in 1928. Mary Booker died in 1950 and Fred in 1969. They are all buried in North Watertown Cemetery.

ELIZA GORDON

For the most part, the Civil War was fought during dry weather, as it was extremely difficult to march or haul cannon and supplies when roads were deep in mud or snow. During their winter encampments, officers often had the comfort of a cabin with stove or fireplace. Many received leaves of absence to travel home by train to visit their families during the holidays, while some families came south and rented homes for weeks or months to be near their husbands or sons. Captain S.J. Mendell wrote a long letter that detailed a visit by his wife and two daughters in the winter of 1864 to his camp near Washington. While she was visiting, Peter Booker brought a young escaped slave named Eliza Gordon to Captain Mendell, seeking work for the girl. Mendell explained to him that General Patrick had ordered all women out of camp and for that reason he couldn't hire her. Mrs. Mendell persuaded Eliza to come with her when she returned to Adams when the Spring campaign began. Eliza agreed to this, and she hadn't been in Jefferson County very long when she met and married David Leonard. David's father, Cato Leonard, was a free black man who lived on Grindstone Island in the St. Lawrence River, and who had been active in the last leg of the Underground Railroad, rowing escaped slaves across the River to Canada in the dark of night. Captain Mendell sent Eliza to school in Adams where she "made great proficiency in her studies - studying spelling, reading, arithmetic, geography and grammar, and wrote nice letters... she bought a home and in her effort to pay for it, overtaxed her strength and endurance and death came --- to her relief."

OTHERS ALSO CAME NORTH

A number of other former slaves came to the county following the war. Some of them likely came with other officers as the post-war censuses are marked with the names of African-American residents who had been or were born in the South in the days of enslavement.



In 1819, James Mahon and his wife Ellen (Troy) along with their eight children left Dublin, Ireland and sailed to Quebec City, Canada. From there they made their way to Drummond Township, Lanark County, Ontario. Many of their descendants remain in the area to this day.

To honour James, Ellen and family we are celebrating their journey and our family with the Dublin to Drummond – Mahon Family 200th Reunion in Perth, Ontario this August. Perth is an hours drive north of the Thousand Islands Bridge.

Listed below are our Watertown, Jefferson County connections. If your family is listed, please feel free to contact us at dublintodrummond@gmail.com for more information. We have a FB page: Dublin to Drummond, as well as a website: DublintoDrummond.com.

Watertown, Jefferson County, New York

Descendants of **William Mahon** (born 1861 Lanark County ON, died Watertown, Jefferson County NY), son of Catherine Walsh & John Mahon, son of James Mahon & Ellen Troy, and **Rose Larock** (born 1876 Jefferson County NY, died 1960 Watertown, Jefferson County NY); descendant surnames include Adams, Aldrich, Beach, Bellanger, Beltz, Berkman, Bush, Chapman, Corey, Cota, Crews, Cronk, Denicola, Donato, Endres, Fallen, Fayette, Feisthamel, Gardecki, Hadley, Jones, Locy, Mahon, Mason, McGregor, Miner, Monroe, Montondo, Paris, Parker, Phillips, Pleasant, Porter, Putnam, Roberts, Robertson, Samson, Stanford, Thomas, Wood

Thank you for allowing us to reach out to our Watertown cousins. We hope to see you there!

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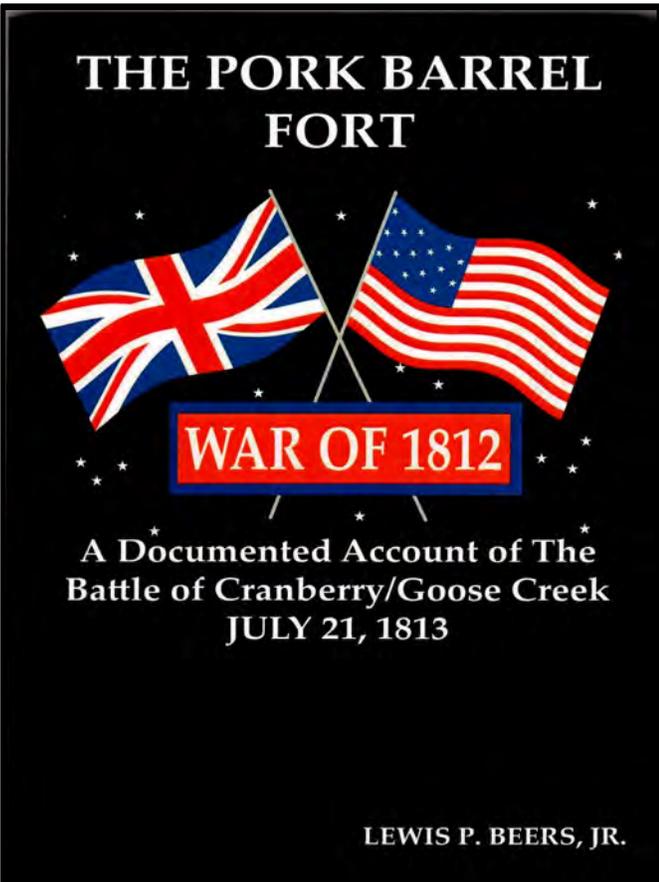
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- ✓ Visit Historic Paddock Mansion
- ✓ Tour the One Room School House
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Last year's major sponsors included Knowlton Technologies, the Clayton Rotary Club, Timothy A. Farley Attorney at Law, and the Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society. We hope they will each be sponsors again in 2019.



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Author Lewis P. (Paul) Beers, Jr. recently published his book *“The Pork Barrel Fort”* which is the documented account of the Battle of Cranberry/Goose Creek which took place on July 21, 1813 during the War of 1812.

As written by Paul, his interest in the Battle of Cranberry Creek goes back to his high school days with the tale of the lost payroll gold. A local legend, dating back to the mid-1800s, tells the story of British troops stuffing a brass cannon with a payroll of gold and throwing it overboard in Goose Bay so the Americans would not capture the payroll. Realizing this was just a legend, Paul decided to downsize his illusions of grandeur and limit himself to a more reasonable goal of finding a cannonball or other relics from the Battle of Cranberry Creek to add to his artifact collection.

His book encompasses the details of the Battle, including the planning, historic maps, capturing the goods, the return to Sackets Harbor, and the return of the boats to Goose Bay three weeks later. Also included are battlefield tactics with maps, diagrams, American and British positions, and the locations of retrieved artifacts. Also revealed are the names of the wounded and possible dead. Local legends and myths relating to the battle, which have evolved over the years, are also addressed. The book is 176 pages, with illustrations, and can be purchased by contacting Paul directly at e-mail: gldnbrew@gmail.com



Early Watertown Church Tidbits

By JCNYS Acting Vice President Larry Corbett

Many of Watertown's church congregations have changed location over the years. The First Baptist started out on Factory, then moved to Public Square. St. Mary's Catholic Church took over the building. Then they moved to Thompson Street and became Sacred Heart. Sacred Heart built a new church on the corner of West Lynde and sold the old church to the North Side League who moved the building to Davidson Street and added a second floor to the inside. The church on West Lynde burned and they built a new one at the same location. The Universalists were on Public Square from the early days of the village, then Washington Street, then a fire destroyed the church. Now they are located on outer Gotham Street. Bethany was a chapel on West Main and Edmund Street. They moved the whole building to West Lynde. Then they replaced that building with a new church, which they outgrew. They built a newer church next door and demolished the old one. Stone Street Presbyterian was burned, and the congregation built a new church on Chestnut Street. The State Street Methodist Episcopal Church on State Street became Asbury Methodist on Parker. The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church started on River Street and the congregation moved into a new, modern church on Morrison Street. Faith Chapel, on Boon Street was begun as a mission of First Presbyterian. They built a church on Arsenal Street. The congregation merged with First Presbyterian and sold the building to the Lutherans who had previously been on North Massey Street. Concordia built a new church at the Faith Chapel site. The old Trinity Episcopal on Court Street was demolished, and the congregation moved into their present location on Sherman Street. The First Methodist Church on Arsenal Street was destroyed by fire. They renovated and enlarged Emma Flower Taylor's Carriage House and occupy those quarters today. And when this was posted on Facebook, Maureen Gorman added that the 1st Presbyterian Church on Washington Street, started in a barn in Burrville.

HEUVELTON WOMAN FINDS BROTHER SHE NEVER KNEW SHE HAD

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Watertown — Unexpected snow fell outside the 167 Polk St. office window of William W. Bowman Monday morning, the day before his 59th birthday, as he waited to receive what was, four days earlier, another unexpected surprise. Mr. Bowman was about to meet the sister he never knew he had.

The executive director of PIVOT 2 Health, Mr. Bowman was raised in Carthage as an adopted child, by a truck driving father and “superwoman” mother who was involved in volunteer organizations and was “a visible woman in the community.”

An only child, he said he had always wanted a brother or a sister, and on Thursday he found out he was not only going to be a brother, but also a big brother that somebody else was looking for.

Now a Watertown resident, Mr. Bowman, told “from minute one” by his parents that he was adopted, had never been curious about exploring who his biological family was. Then, around Christmas time 2018, his friend, Randy Gibbs, told him about the positive results he had, and then informed him that ancestry.com was having a half-price deal. He said his adoptive mother was nothing but supportive and that made everything right in his world. Mr. Bowman was convinced and sent in his DNA.

Less than an hour and a half away in Heuvelton, 55-year-old Lori-Anne Paquette was also sending her DNA to ancestry.com around that same time, continuing her years-long search for the big brother she never knew. In 1959, a 17-year-old Carolyn Paquette was taken away from her Ogdensburg home by her aunt and brought to the Swancott Home for Unwed Mothers in Utica, where she gave birth on Feb. 19, 1960, to what was her first child, a son, 59 years ago today, and gave that son up for adoption.

On Monday morning, as she looked out over the falling snow from the Times’ office building on Washington Street, Ms. Paquette recounted her mother’s ordeal nearly 60 years ago. She said her mother ran away from the home and wanted to keep her child, but to no avail, believing it was a sign of the times, that there was a secretive nature about such things. And up until 2015, a decade after her mother died of cancer at the age of 63, Lori-Ann Paquette believed she was the eldest of three siblings. “From what I hear, they said my mother tried to find him several times and it’s just so sad because she never

said anything to any one of us, me, my brother or sister,” Ms. Paquette said. “After I found all this out from my relatives, I just felt so bad for my mother. I remember going home that night, I just cried. It was just so heartbreaking that she couldn’t tell us before she passed away.”

That was the impetus for what she said was her life’s quest, to find what she said she always wanted, an older brother. She registered with the State Department of Health’s Adoption Registry and on July 31, 2015, she received a letter stating that her adopted sibling was not registered at that time. Then, on May 11, 2016, Ms. Paquette posted a message to the home for unwed mothers’ search and reunion Facebook page explaining her mother’s story and her ongoing search, seeking help only for a response suggesting she try DNA testing. That finally came in January, after she received an ancestry.com DNA kit as a gift.

At about 9 a.m. Friday, about a month later, she arrived at work and her search was nearly at an end. “I checked my email before I started working and there was a message and it said, ‘Hi, my name is Bill Bowman. My birthday is 2-19-60,’ and that was all I had to see. I almost died,” she said. “I just could not believe it. He wanted me to call him. He was just so excited.”

Mr. Bowman had received his ancestry.com results Thursday morning in the midst of a tumult of work. He gave his friend Randy his account information and asked him to check it out. “Well, at about three o’clock he sends me this long text with, ‘I found your entire family. I got all your great-grandparents, your grandparents, all this,’” Mr. Bowman said, adding he also received information about his biological father’s family, including other siblings.

The newly found siblings spoke twice on Friday and she was told he had a ticket for her to join him in May for a four-day jazz festival in New Orleans. “This is one of the best moments of my life, besides having my daughter,” she said, then saying to her mother, “What do you think about this today, mom. This is your dream come true. You get to finally meet your son.” Ms. Paquette said her brother, sister and daughter all expressed joy that her search was over.

And even after 59 years of not knowing him, after a weekend of waiting to meet him, even on the morning in which the meeting was supposed to take place, the anticipation was increased by one delay after another: snowfall slowing traffic, what seemed like an eternity for the elevator in her brother’s building to carry Ms. Paquette to the top floor where she would first see him and, even after knocking and ringing the buzzer at his office, Ms. Paquette waited.

And then, he was there, tall, lean and wearing an expression of disbelief and wonder, Ms. Paquette’s
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big brother, "Bill." They embraced. "This is my big brother right here," she said, with giddy laughter. "This is my little sister," Mr. Bowman said, still in wonderment. "You're just like mom," Ms. Paquette said. "Your expressions and everything. It's like having my mother sitting right next to me. We both have the same nose. Mom would be so happy."

The siblings sat closely on a love seat in Mr. Bowman's office, their faces beaming as they laughed and smiled in disbelief at finding each other, despite their having lived so close without knowing the other existed. "Four days ago none of this existed," Mr. Bowman said. "Saturday morning I was going around, picking up the house, doing dishes and I cried three or four times, thinking about my mother forced to go down, dropping me off and just knowing that . . . That there's a separate world that should have existed, that I should have been a part of, but at the same time I have a wonderful family. It's the only reason I'm here still, is because I am an only child and my mother is 84."

Each year, on his birthday, he would wonder if his biological mother was out there wondering about his well-being, but it was discovering his sister's 2016 Facebook post seeking help in finding him that he found most moving, he said. "It's beyond a (birthday) gift. I mean it's unbelievable. It's incredible," Mr. Bowman said. "When I saw your post on Facebook about my birthday, and looking for me, I . . . I . . . I was just overcome. I haven't wept like that in years."

"Now I wouldn't want it any other way and I can't imagine not being all in on it, and I'm all in," he said. "I mean, I just know from our conversations that we fit. I mean, I know that. I know I'm going to be the best thing for you. It's going to be a mutually supportive relationship . . . And I want it to be rich and I want it to be vibrant." "Yes," she said. "I'm sure you are and I know you're going to be for me. That's for sure."



Lori Paquette, left, and her brother, Bill Bowman, pose for a portrait on Monday after meeting for the very first time in Watertown, one day before Bill's 59th birthday. Photo by Sydney Schaffer, *Watertown Daily Times*.

Scouting Genealogy Merit Badge

Were you aware the Scouts BSA of America has a genealogy merit badge? Here are the requirements as listed on their website.

Possibly you have a child, or grandchild, a niece, a nephew, even a friend you would like to see explore further in the realm of family research. If so, some of these guidelines could be adopted.

Remember to cite the BSA as the source of your guidelines in the project.

Thanks in advance, your JCNYSG Presidency.



Requirements

1. Explain to your counselor what the words genealogy, ancestor, and descendant mean.
2. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Create a time line for yourself or for a relative. Then write a short biography based on that time line.
 - b. Keep a journal for six weeks. You must write in it at least once a week.
3. With your parent's help, choose a relative or a family acquaintance you can interview in person, by telephone, or by email or letter. Record the information you collect so you do not forget it.
4. Do the following:
 - a. Name three types of genealogical resources and explain how these resources can help you chart your family tree.
 - b. Obtain at least one genealogical document that supports an event that is or can be recorded on your pedigree chart or family group record. The document could be found at home or at a government office, religious organization, archive, or library.
 - c. Tell how you would evaluate the genealogical information you found for requirement 4b.
5. Contact ONE of the following individuals or institutions. Ask what genealogical services, records, or activities this individual or institution provides, and report the results:
 - a. A genealogical or lineage society
 - b. A professional genealogist (someone who gets paid for doing genealogical research)
 - c. A surname organization, such as your family's organization
 - d. A genealogical educational facility or institution
 - e. A genealogical record repository of any type (courthouse, genealogical library, state or national archive, state library, etc.)
6. Begin your family tree by listing yourself and include at least two additional generations. You may complete this requirement by using the chart provided in this pamphlet or the genealogy software program of your choice.
7. Complete a family group record form, listing yourself and your brothers and sisters as the children. On another family group record form, show one of your parents and his or her brothers and sisters as the children. This requirement may be completed using a genealogy chart or the genealogy software program of your choice.
8. Do the following:
 - a. Explain the effect computers and the Internet are having on the world of genealogy.
 - b. Explain how photography (including microfilming) has influenced genealogy.
9. Discuss what you have learned about your family and your family members through your genealogical research.

Jefferson County Queries

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SMITH, DeGROAT, LEONARD, TALLMAN, RANDALL

William C. **SMITH** was born around 1816 in Oneida County, NY. He was the son of Lucinda **DeGROAT** and Rufus **SMITH**. The family was living in Jefferson County by the 1830s. Around 1835, William married Mary Ann **LEONARD** of Sandisfeld, Massachusetts, and they had 8 children. William had a farm in Orleans/LaFargeville and he died around 1884. Their children were Caroline (**TALLMAN**), Rufus, John, Lyman, Ellen (**RANDALL**), Mary, Charles and Samuel. A few years after William's death, his widow Mary Ann and daughter Mary moved to Iowa where their sons Lyman and Samuel were living. Mary Ann died in Trenton, Missouri, in 1901 and is buried there. While most of William's family, including his parents, grandfather, and many siblings and children are buried at cemeteries close to his farm in Jefferson County, I cannot find where William himself was laid to rest. The location of his gravesite is what I am hoping to find.

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HALE

Edward Charles **HALE** was born February 21, 1891. He was in the Navy. He was claimed to have left Watertown in 1905. That would have made him about 14 when he entered service. He failed to complete his enlistment. He was stationed on the USS Connecticut (BB18) and sailed with the "Great White Fleet." Any info on locals who were on that ship would be helpful. It would have been major news back then.

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BUTTERFIELD, KELLOGG, FARR

Mary (Polly) **BUTTERFIELD/KELLOGG** born 1785/6 in CT or VT. She married 30 March, 1806 at Rodman, NY, Harvey **KELLOGG**. She died 28 November, 1839 at Rodman, NY and was buried at Fairview Cemetery, Rodman, NY. I am looking for the names of her parents. Family Search says Luke **BUTTERFIELD** and Mary (Polly) **FARR**. Martha **KELLOGG/PARKER** had 12 children? total, but other sources say they only had 1 child, a son.

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HOUGHTON, PARKER, BARKER, ROBSON

For my application to the Mayflower Society, I would appreciate any suggestions on where I could look for the records for the **bolded** items I have include here:

Gen 8: Roswell Houghton, b. Fairlee, Orange, VT 14 Sep 1784; d. Alexandria Bay, Jefferson, NY 1868; **m. Sharon, Windsor, VT 20 apr 1806**; Percy Parker, b. Fairlee, VT 4 Jan 1786; d. Alexandria Bay, NY 29 Jan 1875

Gen 9: Hiram Houghton Sr., **b. Jefferson Co., NY 24 Oct 1822; d ?Alexandria Bay, NY; Rhoda Barker b. Alexandria Bay 1826/7; d. ?Alexandria Bay abt 1860-65**

Gen 10: Hiram Houghton Jr. b. Alexandria Bay, NY 1860/1; Sophia Robson b. Belleville, Ontario, CA; **d. Alexandria Bay, NY 1946 (no parents named)**

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Frank Potter's Blacksmith Shop

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This week's picture takes us back to the time when the blacksmith's shop was a part of the local scene. Frank Potter had a blacksmith shop on James Street in the early 1900's, located near Gay Head. As the locals know, Gay Head is the area where the stop light is on James Street, so called as this area once had water on three sides. In those days, people used horses as a main mode of transportation, so the blacksmith was an important part of the community. You can see a rack of horseshoes on the right side of the picture as well as some hanging from the rafters on the left side of the picture (See page 23).

Frank was born on Grindstone Island the first of Nov 1874,

the son of Albert and Amy Stotler Potter. He was the grandson of one of the first physicians of Jefferson County. He married Anabel Sheley, a girl from Theresa in 1910. Frank and Anabel were parents of four daughters, Amy, Eleanor, Grace, Lois and one son, Carl.

After his marriage he worked for a blacksmith in Theresa for two years before moving to Clayton where he opened his own blacksmith shop. For twenty five years, Frank worked as a blacksmith, carriage maker and wheelwright. He later purchased a dairy farm in Glen Park which he operated for 30 years. His wife, Anabel died in 1953 at the age of 77. Frank continued to operate his dairy farm until 1956, when he retired. After his retirement he moved to Wappingers Falls. Frank passed away in 1960 at the age of 86.

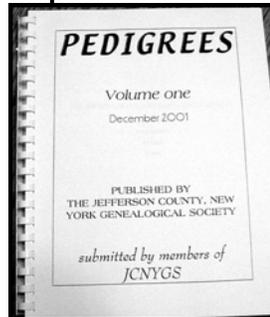
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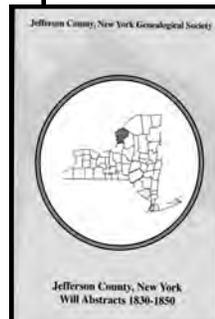


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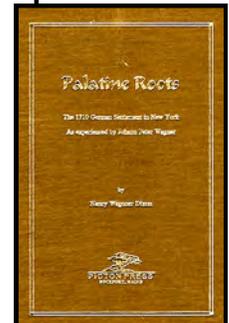


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FUTURE JCNYGS PROGRAMS

8 Jul (Monday): 6:00PM. Held at the **Redwood Historical Society**, located in the old Redwood National Bank building, 43543 New York State Route 37, Redwood. Parks Honeywell, President of the Redwood Historical Society, and member of JCNYGS, will open the doors of the museum for a JCNYGS meeting and tour. Redwood is a village in the Town of Alexandria.

8 Aug (Thursday): 6:00PM. 25th Anniversary of JCNYGS! The society's inaugural meeting was held 8 Aug 1994 in the Dillenback Room at the Flower Memorial Library. Tonight, we celebrate exactly 25 years, to the day, since that initial gathering. We will highlight people, events, and many achievements over the years. A celebratory cake and appetizers will round out the special anniversary event!

9 Sep (Monday): 6:00PM. Kim Hayden, Jefferson County Records Manager and Historian, "the keeper of the records," will provide an overview of what Jefferson County records are available and how to best secure copies for genealogical purposes. Kim replaced Jim Ranger, who retired in the recent past, and comes in with fresh set of eyes. She'll highlight available county records while offering varying insights.

14 Sep (Saturday): 10:00AM to 3:00PM. The 5th Annual History and Genealogy Fair will be held at the Jefferson County Historical Society, 228 Washington Street, Watertown. Co-sponsored by JCNYGS, upwards of 20 Historical and Genealogical Organizations will be represented. Attendees are asked for a small donation to support the Historical Society.

JCNYGS lectures begin at 6 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building **unless otherwise noted**. Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

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 IHCS. 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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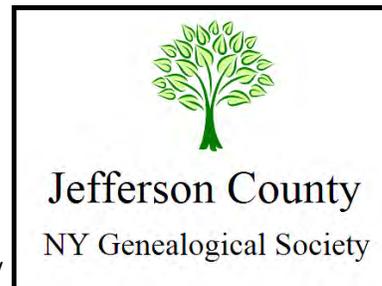
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From The Outgoing President

These past few months we have enjoyed a few exciting activities in the society. Of special note was JCNYGS's 25th Anniversary celebration on 8 Aug 2019. Patricia "Pat" Latimer James worked tirelessly for many years to establish a genealogical society in Jefferson County. Her efforts paid off in that a society was established in July 1994. The six-member inaugural presidency held their first board meeting 24 July 1994 and the first formal meeting of JCNYGS was held 8 Aug 1994. Besides highlighting Pat's work, it was an honor to welcome the first president (Gus Rogers) and the first vice president (Nan Dixon) to the anniversary celebrations. We also welcomed and recognized over two dozen past leaders and members who served in pivotal positions. A moment of silence honored all those leaders and members who have passed on. In the early planning stages, we reached out to Pat James, hoping she could attend, but sadly learned she passed of an untimely illness in Nov 2015, at age 67. To honor her memory and research, her husband Rex James mailed JCNYGS a complete set of Pat's *Genealogical Journals of Jefferson County New York, 1989 – 2008*. In addition, Rex sent several photos of Pat, and a dozen or more research books Pat used through the years. Rex was grateful for the opportunity to have Pat's work returned to Jefferson County, and we were grateful to receive them. After the anniversary celebration, the journals were turned over to the Flower Memorial Library Genealogical Department for public use and safe keeping. Throughout this *Informer* we attempted to share photos and information; capturing an essence of the

25th anniversary celebration. We give thanks to all who were on the planning committee as well as the many who attended and shared in this significant milestone.

JCNYGS was delighted to attend the 5th annual History and Genealogy Fair at the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) on 14 Sep 2019. JCNYGS has been a gold sponsor of the event each of the five years. Furthermore, several JCNYGS members have played an integral role in planning and executing planning that ensured the annual event's success. The fair has continually brought together over 25 history and genealogically focused agencies under one roof and provided an information ripe environment for the general public attending. Just as important, if not more important, the forum has proven invaluable for the county-wide agencies to socialize and synergize with one another.

Lastly, the society saw a new president take the leadership helm effective 1 Oct 2019. We welcome Kevin Leeson to the president's position. Kevin, and his presidency members, will undoubtedly infuse fresh ideas and vision to JCNYGS and continue the path of genealogical attentiveness that we have all enjoyed since the organization's beginning in 1994.

In departing the presidency, speaking on behalf of Larry Corbett as well, where we have served as president or vice president for five years, we both leave with grateful hearts giving thanks to all those who have assisted us along the way. We give special thanks to those who have served in the presidency, or as an arm to the presidency, with us! It takes a village to raise a child and it takes a village to keep a genealogical society running smoothly. Thank you to all those in the village for your help and support. Both Larry and I look forward to assisting Kevin in other capacities outside the presidency. We call on your support to Kevin and his team, just as you have supported us.

Respectfully, Tom LaClair
 Outgoing President, JCNYGS

Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, July 8, 2019
By JCNYSGS Secretary Mary Blanchard

The July meeting of JCNYSGS was held at the Redwood National Bank building. Those present were: Thomas LaClair, Larry Corbett, Jerry Davis, Mary Blanchard, Parks Honeywell, Janice Felder, Joyce Manning, Pat Monroe, Jeannine Walts, Linda Hartman, Bruce H. Chamberlain, Barb Hunt, Roberta Calhoun-Eagan, Jim Eagan, and George Kabel.

The business portion of the meeting opened at 6:02. Acting President Tom LaClair began with the financial sheet. Currents figures are Ckg \$4193.14, Savings \$405.81, and CD \$2456.94.

A reminder was given about the 25th Anniversary of the Society, which will be on Thursday, August 8, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints starting at 6 pm. Also upcoming is the History and Genealogy Fair at the Jefferson Historical Society on Saturday, September 14, from 10 am to 3 pm.

Elections are on Monday, September 9. Acting President Tom LaClair and Acting Vice-President Larry Corbett will both be stepping down, having served a number of years, and the society is in need of new leaders.

A motion was made by Jerry Davis to donate \$250.00 to the Jefferson County Historical Society. It was seconded by Parks Honeywell. A vote was taken and passed. There were no other important announcements and Roberta Calhoun-Eagan moved to close the meeting at 6:15.

Acting President Tom LaClair introduced Parks Honeywell, President of the Redwood Historical Society. The original bank building is still set up as it was when in business, with teller windows, walk-in safe and original wood and hardware.

Parks gave a wonderful lecture on the history of one of the first prosperous companies in the area. Redwood was originally called Jamesville. The name change was the result of the Redwood Glass Works, a company started by John S. Foster. The success of the glass company created the bank, which prior was largely verbal loans, trusts and small-time dealings.

The resources required for glass making were limestone and wood, which were abundant in the area. The process included glass blowing, stretching, cutting it at both ends, laying it flat and running a roller over it to flatten it. At times they had "flattening days" when the stored glass tubes were then run through the final stage.

When coal became prominent and easier means of



transportation increased, other locations took over the business of glass making and it became a thing of the past in Redwood.

The Redwood Historical Society is open Saturdays, noon – 3 pm. It has Ancestry.com and local scrapbooks for researching families. There are numerous rooms housing artifacts from days gone by and showing the local history, including two beautiful glass canes created by the Redwood Glass works.

A donation of \$150.00 to Redwood Historical Society was motioned by Larry Corbett, seconded by Jim Eagan, and carried by a vote.



Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society

Meeting Minutes, September 9, 2019
By JCNYS Secretary Mary Blanchard

The September meeting was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 6:00 pm. Those present were: Jerry Davis, Greg and Tammy Plantz, Mary Blanchard, Bruce Coyne, Mary Erskine Coyne, Lynn Thornton, Anne Davis, Ed Davis, Tom and Judy Wood, Kathie Compeau, Joanne Woodward, Rose and Don Dillenbeck, M. Russell Lee, Tina Thorp, George Inglehart, Kevin Leeson, and Tom French. Acting President Tom LaClair and Acting VP Larry Corbett were absent.

The meeting was directed by Treasurer Greg Plantz and began at 6 pm. The Treasurer's report showed \$5179.49 in checking, \$2456.94 in the CD and \$405.81 in the savings. Three checks were written to Tom LaClair, Mary Blanchard and Tina Thorp for reimbursement for the 25th Anniversary preparations. Also, \$235.00 for the Post office box, \$647.81 for Coughlin Printing, and \$250.00 to the Jefferson County Historical Society.

Members were reminded of the upcoming History and Genealogy Fair at the Jefferson County Historical Society on Saturday, September 14 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Elections for positions in the JCNYS were held. Kevin Leeson accepted the nomination for President. There is a possible VP which will be finalized at a future meeting; the Treasurer and Secretary remained the same. The votes were all "ayes" and the motion was passed unanimously. The President is Kevin Leeson, Treasurer is Greg Plantz, and the Secretary is Mary Blanchard.

The business portion of the meeting ended at 6:06 pm. The presentation for the evening was Tom French, author of *Riverviews*.



Treasurer Greg and Speaker Tom

His collection of 1500-2000 historic photos are in stereoviews. Stereoview is the process of two photographs on one page, giving the viewer a 3D picture of a scene with the use of a special viewer. The two pictures would have a slightly different angle from each other, and the best images would have three subjects – a front, middle and back drop.

Photography in the early days used glass plates, emulsions and a dark room. Timing was essential



Anne Davis helps her husband Ed with the stereoviewer.

because once the picture was taken the emulsions needed to be washed off. There was no flash or light meters in the early 19th century, and subjects were required to sit still for many minutes. It was often necessary for the photographer to carry a dark room with him to complete the process.

Mr. French's pictures were beautiful. His concentration was the Thousand Islands region, and he was able to zoom in to show details one could miss. This was interesting but also gave a time frame to the images when identifying businesses and structures.

The many islands and hotels or resorts in the Thousand Islands were presented in the images of ages past, and allowed for a look into a time of change with the growth of tourism.

The program ended and meeting dispersed at 7:11 pm.

Editors Note: An audit of the JCNYS finances has been completed. We have gone a couple of years without an audit and it was recommended that an audit be taken annually. In discussions with the treasurer, the possible use of a computer program for finances would make it easier to record entries, reconcile with monthly bank statements and print out reports. It was also recommended that the bank signature cards with two or more individual signatures be updated. That would enable a second person to write checks when the treasurer is not available.

While speaker Tom French autographs one of his books, *Riverviews*, others took the opportunity to try out the various stereoviewers and, of course, get in some friendly genealogy talk with friends.



25th Anniversary Meeting August 8, 2019

There was no August JCNYS business meeting because of the celebration of 25 years of genealogy work from the **JEFFERSON COUNTY NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**.

The events of the evening's celebration were reported in the *Thousand Islands Sun* as shown in the picture below and also in the *Watertown Daily Times* as shown in the picture to the right.

President Tom LaClair presented a tribute to Patricia James for her efforts in getting the Jefferson County Genealogical Society organized in 1994, 25 years ago. The celebration was deliberately scheduled for August 8th as after a few informational meetings, the first organized meeting was held August 8th 25 years ago. See a copy of the program on Page 6.

We thank all those who worked on the celebration as well as those honored for their work in the past.



HONORING COUNTY HISTORY – The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society (JCNYS) celebrated its 25th anniversary on Aug. 8 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Watertown. Highlighting the festivities was a cake-cutting performed by Nancy Dixon, left, the first vice president, Jeannie Brennan, center, longtime history and genealogy researcher in Jefferson County, and A.E. "Gus" Rogers, the society's first president. JCNYS President Tom LaClair offered a talk on Patricia (Latimer) James, the inspiration behind the group's organization in 1994. Larry Corbett, JCNYS vice president, shared comments on future goals of the society. More than 30 past leaders and community individuals were recognized with certificates, and a moment of silence honored those who have died. A reception followed at which members and guests reminisced on 25 years of memories. Jerry Davis photo



Celebrating the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society with a cake-cutting are, from left, Nancy "Nan" Dixon, Jeannie Brennan and A. E. "Gus" Rogers. Courtesy of Thomas LaClair

Genealogical society fetes 25 years in Jefferson County

Times staff report

WATERTOWN — The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society celebrated its 25th anniversary Aug. 8 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Ives Street.

Society president Thomas LaClair, also Clayton town historian, gave a talk on Patricia "Pat" Latimer James, the inspiration behind the group's organization in 1994.

Larry Corbett, society vice president, then shared comments on the goals of the society.

More than 30 past leaders and community members were recognized with

certificates. A moment of silence honored those associated with the society who have died.

A reception followed, where members and guests reminisced. Highlighting the festivities was a cake-cutting performed by A. E. "Gus" Rogers, the society's first president; Nancy "Nan" Dixon, first vice president, and Jeannie Brennan, longtime history and genealogy researcher in Jefferson County.

For more information on the genealogical society, contact Mr. LaClair at 315-285-5032 or write to him at tomclair624@yahoo.com or visit www.jcnys.com.

T.I. Sun 21 Aug 2019



Jefferson County
NY Genealogical Society

25th Anniversary

August 8, 1994-August 8, 2019
6:00 PM at The Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Ives Street, Watertown

Sequence of Events

Welcome
By Anne Davis

Early Days of JCNYS
By Thomas LaClair

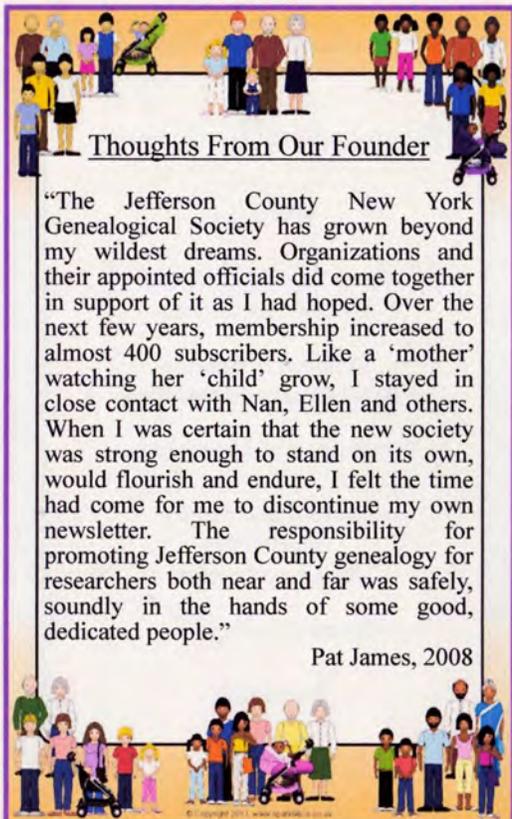
Moment of Silence
For All Deceased Members

Certificates of Appreciation

Current and Future
of JCNYS
By Larry Corbett

Closing Comments
By Anne Davis

Reception



THE VISION AND EARLY STAGES OF JCNYS

By JCNYS President Thomas F. LaClair
8 August 2019

Welcome to tonight's special event! It's an honor to have each of you, and your guests, here for this 25th anniversary celebration of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society. In many ways 25 years may seem like a short time. Like me I suppose, many of you here may have seen 25 years come and go in a seemingly blink of an eye and often caught asking "where did the years go?" Time does fly—I have children age 33 and 30. I am almost certain they were born less than 25 years ago. However, for an organization with monthly meetings, guest speakers, quarterly newsletter, leadership changes, annual membership renewals, financial audits, annual by-laws reviews, special projects, internet and Facebook page management, History and Genealogy Fairs, treasury reports, and much more, 25 years can feel twice as long. Thankfully a rotating team of dedicated individuals have kept and keep the processes moving along.

Tonight, I will not talk about each of those 25 years but will briefly discuss the vision and the earliest days of the society. More specifically, Patricia "Pat" Latimer James, the driver behind and the creation of this society. Without her inspiration and perspiration, we would all be spending our evening elsewhere tonight.

Through her writings in several publications, we learn that Pat's 'roots' were in Massachusetts and New York. Her Dad grew up in Geneseo, New York and her Mother, of pure Sicilian heritage, in Massachusetts. Pat says her greatest transition in life was conversion to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Through her membership of the Mormon church, and belief in pursuing ancestors, her unquenchable interest in genealogy was sparked. To Pat, her ancestors were very real, and she hungered to know as much about them as she could. In the mid 1980's, she stated her top lifetime goals were:

- 1) to write a family history on her Italian lines;
- 2) dedicate a work to her deceased Mother-in-law's life thru publishing her best-beloved poetry and sayings;
- 3) combine Gotham Ties issues into a published genealogical history;
- 4) write serious history/romantic novels (those with Merit!)
- 5) And lastly, become a resource person for other genealogists researching in Jefferson County, New York.

It was this fifth goal, that would set goals in motion that would eventually lead to the creation of this organization years later. One of Pat's early paths for fulfilling this goal was to begin publishing her very own newsletter, *The Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County, New York*, from her home out west. The first edition was dated March 1989. In its first volume, she introduces herself: Dear Researcher: Hi! My name is Patricia R. James. Just call me "Pat." This is the latest attempt in expanding and coordinating genealogical information relative to Jefferson County, New York. It's a big undertaking and I'm excited! Hope you are, too, and will show your support by sharing your ancestors with the rest of us through family histories, family group sheets, pedigree charts, etc.

She goes on to comment, "How did I become interested

in a whole county, that I dared to dream of such an enterprise as this?" Well, from personal research through my paternal lines, I became acquainted with my great-great-grandparents, William LATIMER and Rebecca GOTHAM and I knew little about her family of origin and less about his, but what I did know fascinated me. As I found others researching her siblings, my third and fourth cousins, I became obsessed with the desire to find out as much as I could about her father and his family, the Solomon GOTHAM family in Clayton, Jefferson County, New York. In was then, in June 1985, I started my publishing career with the first issue of the GOTHAM TIES.



Patricia Latimer James

Between her first publication GOTHAM TIES, and her subsequent publication *The Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County, New York*, she had become acquainted with many Jefferson County researchers. In 1992, seven years after GOTHAM TIES and three years after her *Genealogical Journal* newsletter started circulation, she worked in earnest to get a local society up and running. In multiple annual trips to Jefferson County, she met with members of her newsletter at local restaurants and encouraged getting an organization established. She succeeded in 1994.

In May 2008, Pat wrote an article called: *The 'Team' that Unknowingly Led to the Founding of JCNYS*—her description of the actions leading to the formation of Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society. She writes: Except for two years, I lived in Idaho during the decade of the 1990's and made five trips to northern New York. Each time I went, I collected information for future newsletters. Among my many treasured memories of the North Country, I will always remember three notable outings. Maurice Herron showed a friend, Lou Anne Hager, and me around Brookside Cemetery. My friend, Wanda Overton, and I were given a personal tour of the Thousand Islands by Helen McDonald and her husband, Ken. Another year, I was invited on a 'field trip' by Gus Rogers, Ellen and John Bartlett to a cemetery where they described how they went about cleaning up and transcribing the gravestones.

Building Friendships: On each trip back East, I arranged a supper where subscribers of *The Genealogical Journal of Jefferson County, New York* who lived in the North Country could get to know one another. My intent was to build friendships and meet the people who may well have been descended from my ancestor's neighbors... I remember chatting with such nice people as Nan and Bill Dixon, Linda Malinich, Gwen Acheson, Dorothy Allen, and Julie Gosier. My efforts to build a strong network of researchers extended to museums, libraries, and historical societies: Jefferson County Historical Society, the Historical Society of South Jefferson, Lyme Heritage

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Center, Cape Vincent Museum, Clayton Historical Society and Flower Memorial Library. Each of these organizations was doing a wonderful job separately but the one thing that stood out about the condition of genealogy in Jefferson County was how fragmented it was. The summer of 1994, I decided to do something about that.

The Founding of the Society: During my past visits, I had talked with various people about forming a society. There just didn't seem to be a consensus about how to organize it, who would lead it, where it would meet, etc. Too many details, too many questions! People were already so busy, dedicated as they were in their own sphere and chosen work. Still, I had a feeling that wouldn't leave me that it could be done. As usual, I invited several of my newsletter subscribers to dinner. Prior to that evening, I laid the groundwork for the establishment of a society. Only one other person knew what I was up to! On that hot July day in 1994, alone and unaccompanied, I applied for a license for The Jefferson County Family History Association—my chosen name for the fledgling organization. Next, I obtained a Post Office box in Watertown in the new Society's name—P. O. Box 6453. Finally, I set up a bank account. Everything was ready. All the new society needed was a set of officers to run it and members!

The Best Western had given us the banquet room. After supper, I stood to introduce the evening's program. This is what I recorded of that memorable evening in my newsletter's September 1994 issue: "At my request, Julie Gosier and John Bartlett volunteered an unusual family history story. All of us experienced the heart-warming and tender feelings that accompany researching our ancestor's lives. I continued: 'New York State has not only been farsighted, but a leader in the preservation of history. It is the only state that appoints an historian in each town to gather records. To my understanding, the intent is to keep the history for future generations.'

At this point, I asked that all those present to stand who had Jefferson County heritage and who lived in Jefferson County. Almost 90 percent did. I drew attention to them by saying, 'These people here – those that you can readily see, hear, and speak with – are the 'people' that Town Historians are called to serve.'

Next, I asked those to stand who had Jefferson County lineages but who did not live in Jefferson County. Only a handful stood. 'These are the people who are lucky enough to be able to travel here and see the Jefferson County records.' Then I told them that my business, *The Family Tree*, had a database containing fully 1,000 names of people who are interested in Jefferson County. I explained, 'There are 900 people that aren't here with us tonight because they can't afford to travel the long distances to see the Jefferson County records.' I pointed to an empty portion of the room to emphasize that large missing group of people.

I continued, 'There are a number of organizations now in place – libraries, museums, historians, societies, etc. – which have acted independently of each other. This fragmentation has greatly affected the 900 researchers that you can't see. They are the ones that have suffered from the lack of county-wide cooperation.' After a

significant pause, I added: 'Let us join tonight in forming an association that will have as its primary purpose the establishment of good relationships between all those groups for the good of all involved.... In a few short years, Jefferson County will celebrate its bicentennial. Even now, historians are laying plans for their own towns' part in the anniversary events. Wouldn't they appreciate hearing 'the rest of the story' from the Jefferson County families that went West?'

After I closed my speech, I went around to several tables. I had it in my mind who those people were that I thought would make good officers. With one exception, all accepted! (Note: The membership later voted to call the new organization, The Jefferson County, New York, Genealogy Society. Their first board meeting was held on July 24th. Their first membership meeting was held the second Monday of August—August 8th, 1994—25 years to the day of tonight's gathering.)

She went on to say this in 2008—14 years after the society was created. "Thanks to the team! The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society has grown beyond my wildest dreams. Organizations and their appointed officials did come together in support of it as I had hoped. Over the next few years, membership increased to almost 400 subscribers. Like a 'mother' watching her 'child' grow, I stayed in close contact with Nan, Ellen and others. When I was certain that the new society was strong enough to stand on its own, would flourish and endure, I felt the time had come for me to discontinue my own newsletter. The responsibility for promoting Jefferson County genealogy for researchers both near and far was safely, soundly in the hands of some good, dedicated people.

The credit, I firmly believe, for the existence of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society today belongs to those early founding local members. Without the efforts of Nan and Bill Dixon, Gus, Ellen and John Bartlett, Helen McDonald, Maurice Herron, Julie Gosier, Phyllis Putnam, and others, the Society would have soon folded. We who live at a distance from Jefferson County have much to thank them for and I do! From the bottom of my heart, I thank you all for listening to the plea of 900 absent Jefferson County descendants that warm night in July 1994." This is where Pat's comments conclude. Sadly, Pat James passed away in November 2015, age 67.

So, there you have it, the story of how the society came into existence. The early members did so much to make the organization flourish. From creating an organization with a constitution and by-laws, developing a program of events, printing a newsletter every two months, to special projects such as publishing Pedigrees 1 and Pedigrees 2—a compilation of ancestry charts of many of the early members. The society also published an index of Wills at the Jefferson County Clerk's Office here in Watertown. For members today, we have the internet—not a luxury in 1994. The "members only" portal of the society's website has every newsletter the society published since 1994. Today we are blessed to follow in the footsteps of the early members and the work they did to open doors for members in the new century and onto today! Thank you for the part you play in the continued success of the Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society. And thank you for attending tonight's event.

Getting Organized



WE ARE THE CHOSEN
Della M. Cummings 1943

In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes.

Those who have gone before cry out to us, "Tell our story!" So we do. In finding them, we

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25 Years of Officers!

PRESIDENT		1st VICE PRESIDENT		2nd VICE PRESIDENT	
A. E. "Gus" Rogers	1994	Nan Dixon	1994		
John Bartlett	1995	Phyllis Putnam	1995		
Helen McDonald	1996		1996		
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ENJOYING THE RECEPTION



Patricia R. Latimer James

(1948-2015)

One of the founders of the Jefferson County, New York Genealogical Society



Patricia's favorite Jefferson County Connection Rebecca Gotham and her husband William Latimer



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

Obituary for Patricia Rosemarie James

Printed July 30th, 2019, from the Meldrum Mortuary & Crematory internet page.

Patricia Rosemarie Latimer James, affectionately known to many as "Sunny", went to be with Heavenly Father on Thursday, November 5, 2015. A resident of both San Tan Valley, AZ and Cascade, ID, she was born on August 3, 1948 in La Paz, Bolivia, and had recently celebrated her 67th birthday.

Patty was the eldest child of five, growing up in Maryland and Massachusetts before moving west. Married for 35 years to her devoted spouse, Patricia was blessed with a large and loving family. As a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, her spiritual life was very important to her. She had several church callings, and especially loved working with the Young Women's group and as Chorister in the LDS Cascade Branch in Idaho.

Patricia enjoyed spending time with family and friends playing games such as cribbage, canasta, and scrabble. She was sincerely interested in people and their stories and parlayed her passion for family genealogy into a successful business, "New York Ancestry", researching old records and writing, publishing and selling family histories.

True to her "Sunny" nickname, Patricia remained optimistic and brave through the final months of a long illness. She will be dearly missed by her husband, Rex LaMar James, and children Robert Lyle James Wendy, Stephen Lamar James Sabrina, Lisa Marie Stiner, Carol Ellen Measles Dirk and Michael David James. She is survived by grandchildren Brandon, Ty and Zack Robert; Lauren and Garet Stephen; Ashley, Derryn, Amanda, Daniel, Marissa, Adam and Chloe Lisa; Jackson, Austin, Whitney and Abigail Ellen. Her great grandchildren are Christian, Declan, Nolan and Avalyn Ashley.

Predeceased by her mother Josephine Puliafico Latimer from Mesa, AZ and her father Joseph Latimer of Costa Rica, she leaves three sisters Susan Healy (William), Roberta Kupiec, Janet Piche (Michael); and one brother Charles Latimer Angela and nieces and nephews Randi, Robin, Windy, Chantz, and Alex.

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ASK AUNTY JEFF



By JCNyGS Member and Genealogist
Jean Wilcox Hibben, PhD
Riverside County, California

This month's question: Where did immigrants enter the United States?

Well, this question involves a lot of locations. Wherever they can, I guess, would be the most all-inclusive response. But, beyond that, let me add that you not assume. My New York City ancestor (great-grandfather), who eventually moved to Chicago, was sought in the passenger lists of ships arriving when he said he immigrated to America (per the Federal Census) and I could not find him listed. Well, we know that not all passenger lists survived, so I continued to seek information on his immigration to the Port of New York until I was convinced that he either came under an alias or just sprouted from the ground. It was not until I was finally able to get his military records that I learned I had been barking up the wrong family tree. I won't detail the years spent in this research or how I got the needed records (that's irrelevant to your question), but I will include here a location I had never considered for a moment: Philadelphia. His military records showed him serving in the Civil War from Pennsylvania. No one in the family had ever mentioned his life in Pennsylvania, but he was there for a number of years before joining the Army and was discharged at a hospital there, following an injury. Only after his recovery did he head to New York. But I did locate him on a Philadelphia port passenger list arriving, just as he had claimed, in America about ten years before the Civil War.

In doing research for others I have discovered immigrants arriving through ports in Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, Canada (different locations therein, then into America), Galveston (Texas), and various places on the West Coast, such as San Francisco and Seattle. Do not get locked into a conclusion that your ancestor arrived at a port that is closest to the eventual settlement location. Look at the year when your ancestor arrived: what was happening in America (and Mexico) at that time? What laws might have affected their arrival? What areas were being settled? Which ancestor(s) came first (others might have headed to live near them)? Check this website for more information (no Ancestry subscription is necessary):

<https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2016/11/majorusports.pdf>

and this one for more ideas of where to search:

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/United_States_Emigration_and_Immigration

So, this is a question that cannot be answered in a few paragraphs or even a few pages. Many factors govern when and where an immigrant landed (certain routes were out of the question during winter months). Check the information on the different immigration routes as listed in the website articles noted above. And keep in mind that, once in America, there might have been additional water travel involved: the Great Lakes and major rivers being worth exploring (my Chicago ancestor arrived in the Port of New York but ended up heading up the Hudson River to the area around Kingston). While that ancestor is not listed on any known passenger list, other records clearly put her in that location in 1864 as having just arrived. I'm glad I kept an open mind.

DUES PAST DUE

DUES ARE DUE FOR 80 MEMBERS. More than two-thirds have paid their dues—thank you! However, a little less than a third of our members still owe dues for 2019 - 2020 membership.

Please see the mailing label on the back cover of your *Informer* for the status of your dues. Annual dues are \$18.00 individuals, \$20.00 family. This is no change from the previous year. Payments are accepted by cash (in person at monthly meetings) or checks (by mail). All members will receive the login and password for the on-line version, if they choose to access it, 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 place it in a location frequented by others who could become interested in genealogy.

Comments received at JCNyGS following the 25th anniversary event.

You always do a bang-up job of whatever you tackle. Thanks for last night. It was wonderful seeing all of the old (former) friends again. Thank you again for all you do. Phyllis Putnam.

What a memorable event! It was very well done and interesting all the way through. I really enjoyed seeing so many people from my past. Thank you again for a delightful evening. Lynn Thornton.

Thanks for pulling together such a great event. Mom (Jeannie Brennan) had a wonderful time talking with so many people all at one event. That is a rare occasion these days! Connie Barone.

Where are the original memoirs of Joel P. Rice?

A request from JCNYS member Shelly Morrison (morrisonshelly@gmail.com)

What happened to the original memoirs of Joel P. Rice (1781-1873)? A typed copy of his memoirs was found at the Flower Memorial Library and the Carthage Free Library. *The original, I was told, was held at the CFL.* A July 2019 visit to the Carthage Free Library Heritage Room found his memoirs are not there. This researcher was highly disappointed. I needed to see the primary source. With the help of the Heritage Room's two volunteers, they were able to find a copy of the first four handwritten pages from his original memoirs.

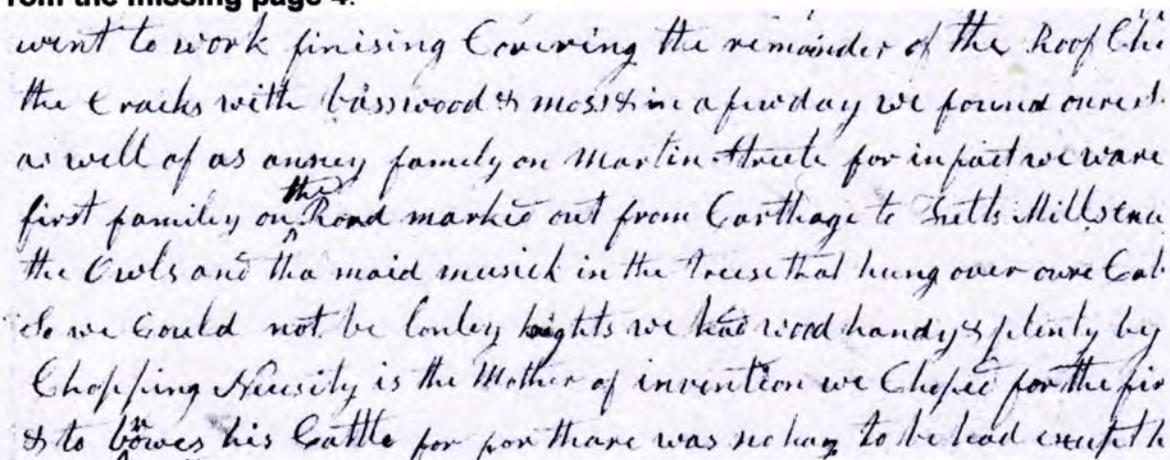
Copy typed memoirs: Where are the original typed memoirs? My two copies appear to be from the same source but copied badly. There are missing sections in one copy but found in the other copy. The same with words chopped off when copied. Both state page 4 is missing. Other issues:

- Who typed up Joel's memoirs from the original and when?.
- Unknown what changes/errors were made from the original work when typed up.
- Typed memoirs pages 1-3 are different from the original handwritten pages 1-3.
- There is a date issue on page 9. Should it be 1804 or 1805? Another reason to see the primary source.

Copy original handwritten four pages: Appears the original was, at one time, folded into thirds; the creases making a sentence difficult to read. Other issues: words can be hard to make out because of how they are spelled or written (ex: f for s); ink blobs and smears; the lack of punctuation; the fact that it is a 'copy' and not the primary source.

So what happened to the original memoirs my 4th great-grandfather wrote? If his handwritten memoirs have gone missing, it is a huge loss of a valuable primary source for current and future researchers.

From the missing page 4:



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FRENCHMAN RESEARCHING CARTHAGE WWII PILOT

Watertown Daily Times Newspaper, May 26th, 2019
By Elaine M. Avallone: eavallone@lowville.com

A French researcher is seeking relatives of Lt. Paul E. Chaufy, a U.S. pilot from Carthage who was killed in a plane crash in France during World War II.

Last fall, Marti Hayotte of Normandy contacted the *Tribune Carthage Republican* through Facebook.

"I am currently working on the crash of an American plane on the territory of my village," Mr. Hayotte wrote, also asking for any information on Paul E. Chaufy (1915-1944). "The pilot who died in the accident on August 13, 1944, was a child from Carthage. I am looking for a member of his family." He later explained he is writing a book on the liberation of his sector in August 1944.

"Paul Chaufy is one of the only American soldiers who died in this area so I would like to highlight his career and his life," wrote Mr. Hayotte. "Moreover, it's a friend who died this year at the age of 95 who had discovered Paul's body in a field the day after the crash. My goal would also be to put a stele (stone) in his honor in the village."

Since that time, volunteers at the Carthage Free Library Heritage Room and *Watertown Daily Times* librarian Kelly Burdick found some information on the pilot. According to newspaper accounts, the Carthage native, born Jan. 3, 1915, the son of Charles and Carrie Chaufy, graduated from Carthage High School in 1924 and enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Forces on July 8, 1941, and following Pearl Harbor, transferred to the U.S. Air Forces.

The lieutenant's death was reported in the Nov. 9, 1944, edition of the Carthage newspaper. A telegraph had informed his family he had been missing in action since August of that year. In August 1948, the remains of Lt. Chaufy were returned to the United States, followed by interment in Fairview Cemetery in September of 1948. According to a *Carthage Republican Tribune* account, full military rites were conducted by members of the American Legion Bassett-Baxter Post 789.

His father's obituary from the *Watertown Daily Times*, dated Sept. 18, 1944, states "First Lieut. Paul Chaufy, pilot of a P-47 Thunderbolts, was on Sept. 1, reported missing in action since Aug. 18, following an attack by U.S. Army Air Force planes over France. He had completed more than 40 missions."

The senior Mr. Chaufy, son of Joseph and Amelia Keller Chaufy, moved to Carthage as a young boy, living on a farm on the Carthage-Croghan state road, then moved into the village, residing on South James Street. The Chaufys had nine children. Besides Paul, there were Adelaide (Mrs. Charles Jenks), Helen (Mrs.

A. L. Becker), Harold, Francis, Mason, Reuben, Robert and Melvin. When Lt. Chaufy's mother, Carrie M. Brierton Chaufy, passed away in 1957, her obituary said he was killed in France while on a mission Aug. 13, 1944, in World War II. Mrs. Chaufy was a native of Carillon, Quebec.

Mr. Hayotte said his research is on hold until he finds relatives of Lt. Chaufy.

STORIES THAT CONNECT US

From JCNYS member Shelly Morrison
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The following was sent to JCNYS in May 2019 by JCNYS member Shelley Morrison of Chicago, Illinois referencing to the article in the left column. "Remember that Chaufy collection? I don't know if the following is worthy of a mention in the JCNYS publication but here goes.

Before sending the collection to the Flower Memorial Library (earlier this year) I scanned the WWII letters written home during the war by my Aunt Gloria Chaufy's uncles. One uncle, 1st Lieutenant Paul Chaufy was killed-in-action in 1944 over France. So, I scanned everything; letters, newspaper articles, etc. I found on him in the collection. This past Memorial Day I posted a tribute to Paul in remembrance of his service on my Facebook wall.

Soon my cousin in West Carthage tells me that there was an article in the *Carthage Republican Tribune* about a French researcher looking for information on Paul Chaufy. It was his plane that crashed in their village in 1944. She sent me the article. I went looking for the researcher. Long story short, I found the researcher, Marti Hayotte, on Facebook. He told me that a friend of his, who was 94 and had just passed away, was the one who found Paul's body the day after his plane had crashed in their village. He then sent me a picture of two pieces from Paul's plane that had just been found last year. I was floored, which is probably an understatement. I emailed Mr. Hayotte all the documentation I had scanned on Paul, some Chaufy family history and sited the Flower Memorial Library as the holder of the collection and the source of primary materials. I somehow think my Aunt Gloria, who passed away in 2006, had a hand in all of this!"

JCNYS comment: Shelly, thank you for sharing this incredible story with us. Through this shared story, we are reminded that our personal experiences connect us... most times near, but across the globe as well! We understand you and Marti Hayotte have communicated further and that you even shared Paul's local headstone photo with Marti. How wonderful to know members, such as yourself, are creating and sharing such delightful memories through family history and research.



The Jefferson County New York Genealogical Society celebrated their 25th anniversary on August 8th, 2019. As part of the celebrations, Mr. Rex James of Idaho, husband to the late Patricia "Pat" Latimer James, donated a complete set of Pat's *Genealogical Journals of Jefferson County, New York, 1989 - 2008*. Five days after the anniversary event, the society in-turn, donated the complete set of writings to the Flower Memorial Library Genealogy Department for both preservation and researcher accessibility. The journals, compiled in three large three-ring binders, represent a phenomenal resource for those researching their ancestors and serve as a tribute to Pat James and her unwavering genealogical commitment. In this August 13th, 2019 photo, right to left, is Tom LaClair, President, JCNYS; Amanda Presley, Reference Librarian, Terry Mandigo, Genealogy Department Lead Volunteer; Yvonne Reff, Director of the Flower Memorial Library; and Larry Corbett, Vice President, JCNYS.

Comments received from Rex James in June 2019.

"Hi Tom, I received your letter about contacting Pat today. This is her husband Rex responding. Sadly, Patricia passed away 3 1/2 years ago after a valiant fight with cancer. We miss her a lot and recognize all she did to help others, especially in her work on Family History. I was glad to receive your letter because I have been trying to tackle the job of going through her Family History material and deciding how to share it. I was wondering if there is someplace, I could donate copies of the Jefferson County (and Oneida County) Journals she did. Also, I have a number of original books regarding local history in the area she had collected. I know printed material is

"going out of style" with all the digitization now but I find it hard to trash these treasures. I am willing to donate them and ship them if there is any place that would find them valuable. Also, I could provide a detailed list so someone could pick and choose. Also, if you are going to have some type of "public" celebration like an open house or such I would be glad to frame Patricia's picture and maybe a piece representing her research work in Jefferson County if it would be appropriate to display it. Thank you so much for your letter, Sincerely, Rex James."

As you heard in my presidents' message, we took Rex up on his offer and Pat's journals were on hand for the anniversary celebration, and in the week following were donated to the Flower Memorial Library Genealogical Department.

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Dion, Deion, Dean, Dooune, Da Youn, and D'Yon. I found Charles IV as Charles D. Young. And at least one spelling was influenced by geography: "D. Yonge" near Yonge, Ontario, in the 1861 Canadian census.

On top of all that, I faced the challenge of deciphering old handwriting in a foreign language, and I knew just enough French to get into trouble. The more I pondered this task the taller the roadblocks grew. I conceded regional variations in pronunciation, indexing and transcription errors, the Americanization of French-Canadian names, and the Anglicization of French names as insurmountable barriers.

But mostly, I allowed these challenges to hold me back because I didn't want to tarnish the family heirloom. It was perfect as it was, and the original artist could not return to us to repair any harm I might inflict by new findings.

Canadian Records

Once Canadian records appeared at familysearch.org and ancestry.com, I simply had to look. "Charles DeYoung III" had married Josephine Bayette at Notre Dame, yet I never found her under any surname I could imagine.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with French Canadian records, let's take a brief detour as I introduce you to them, by first showing you a marriage record in English that originated in Ontario: *May the twentieth one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, after three proclamations of Banns made in the parochial Church of Saint Raphael on the preceding Sundays without any impediment nor opposition having been found or discovered; Joachim Girouard, widower of Maria Boucher, residing at Williamstown, and Francoise Langlois, who has not yet attained the age of majority, daughter of Francois Langlois and of Catherine Saint Denys from Williamstown, were joined in marriage by me the undersigned priest, curate at Saint Raphael, in presence of Francois Langlois, of Michael Brunet, of Joseph Pilon, and of several others.*

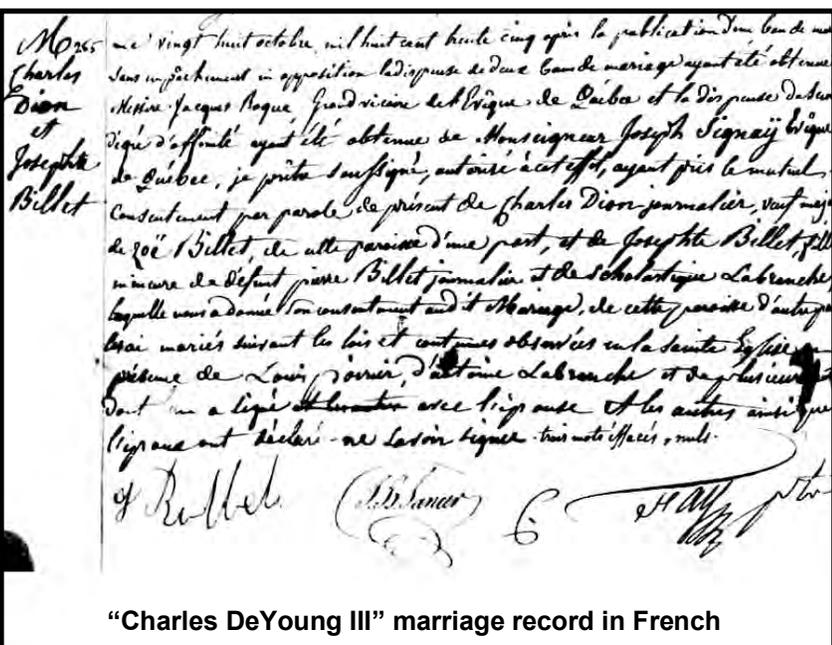
"Banns" are a public notice. Within these records you may notice the same subjects appearing in roughly the same order, with the date fully written out and appearing early, the couple and their parents (omitted for widows and widowers), the priest, and witnesses. The name of the parish often appears on the side of the document, making it easy to overlook.

A Genealogical Hairpin Turn

"Charles III's" marriage appeared after I searched using a number of spellings. Translation: *The 28th October 1835 after the publication of one marriage bann, without any impediment or opposition and with the dispensation of two marriage banns obtained from Msgr. Jacques Bogue, Grand Vicar, said Bishop of Québec and the dispensation of the second signature having been obtained from Monseigneur Joseph Sinay, Bishop of Québec, I priest undersigned authorized to this effect, haven taken the verbal mutual consent of present Charles Dion, day worker, widower of Zoë Billet, of this parish on one part; and of Josephite Billet, minor daughter of deceased Pierre Billet, day worker, and of Scholastique Labranche who has given us her consent to said marriage, of this parish on the other part.*

They have been married following the laws and customs observed by the Holy Church in the presence of Louis Poirier, of Antoine Labranche and many others from one who has signed and the others along with the spouses have declared not knowing how to sign. Three words erased and nul.

So in that particular record, Josephine Bayette was Josephite (Josette) Billet. But she was a second wife! I had to locate the marriage record of Charles to Zoë (Josephite's sister) to identify his parents as François Dion and Marie-Anne Poirier. I rechecked the work repeatedly to ensure I had it right, and finally asked a research group for verification. Apparently the Charles naming tradition did not go that far back. In fact, I realized that the name Charles originated from the Poirier family, as it was the name of Marie-Anne's father.



"Charles DeYoung III" marriage record in French

Help from the American French Genealogical Society (AFGS)

With these leads I reached out to AFGS to verify the work, to translate records, and locate the birth record of Charles-Josephite's first son Charles, born three months before their marriage. It was a good move despite the fee they charged. I never would have found this record on my own, as Charles was only listed under his first name: We found the baptism of an illegitimate baby that has connections to your line. As is very common in Catholic churches in this time period, the priest who baptized the baby put down that the parents were unknown, even though everybody in town knew who they were. ...The godparents...are Pierre Dion/Euphrozine Lauzon. They are the uncle/aunt... Charles/Josephite were married in October of that year... Seeing that our birth record agrees with your death record and knowing that Charles' first wife died too early, we believe Junior is from the second wife

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I could fully translate few records without help, and here I found an AFGS advantage: I did not have to go it alone. Inching forward, I broke down tasks into smaller pieces until barriers felt small enough to navigate. Using French genealogy word lists from FamilySearch Wiki, I could often get by without a full translation. For example, I started to recognize that “Je prêtre soussigné” meant I, the undersigned priest, and that “paroisse” meant parish. Learning the words for widow (veuve) and widower (veuf) came in handy. And because years appear written out as “eighteen hundred” rather than 1800, I had to remember that the French count higher numbers from 70-99 and 700-999 more like “fourscore and twenty” than the simpler method we have used all our lives.*

How Canadian Records Differ From U.S. Vital Records

As I accessed French-Canadian Records, I grew to appreciate their advantages. Birth names appear on all official documents, both church and civil, meaning that women’s birth names do not disappear in the genealogical record. A surprising percentage of preserved records take you back to the family’s arrival in Canada. Once I found the couple François Dion and Marie-Anne Poirier, I could trace the Dion/DeYoung family all the way back to Jean Guyon du Buisson, who arrived in Québec from France in 1635. No one had expected such deep Canadian roots!

Rather than births and deaths, I learned to think in terms of baptisms and burials. Baptisms (baptêmes) occurred at any time from the child’s day of birth or days later, to years later with several siblings baptized at once. Godparents, often close relatives, were named. Burials (enterrements) recorded dates of death. Marriage records included both parents’ names, whether deceased, and if from another parish. If widowed, the earlier spouse was named rather than the parents. Only select witnesses were named, usually only one or two. Note that in Canada, marriage records are used as a starting point in genealogical research. AFGS links generations marriage-to-marriage rather than sending you the birth and death dates of your ancestors.

In the end, our assumption that each generation covered twenty years obscured useful clues, as we’d never considered the possibility of widowers or second/third families. “Charles III” was actually the firstborn in the *third* marriage of François Dion, whose birth in 1767 was thirty years sooner than dates suggested by our estimates. My beloved family heirloom served both as a fragile treasure and a formidable barrier, promoting ways of thinking about our family that had to be relinquished before the true richness of our history could be embraced.

**Before using lists of common words found in French genealogical records, be aware that the French count some numbers differently than we do. In genealogy this especially affects dates between 1700-1999. Helpful web sites include the following:*

<http://www.woodwardfrench.com/lesson/numbers-from-1-to-100-in-french/> and <https://www.thelocal.fr/20190320/so-how-did-the-french-end-up-with-their-crazy-numbers>. Many French number lists are online, such as <https://study.com/academy/lesson/how-to-count-to-100-in-french.html> and <http://www.marijn.org/everything-is-4-counting-0-to-100/french/>

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

POMEROY FOUNDATION SIGNS

From a Sons of the American Revolution email: Attached is the sign wording for the Pomeroy Foundation signs that we will be installing across Jefferson County cemeteries this summer. We will provide more information regarding day, time, location as we finalize coordination with the various cemeteries in the hope that many of you will be able to attend to support this recognition of our Patriot ancestors. This marks a notable opportunity for each of us, and we will endeavor to garner news media attention. Many thanks to Parks Honeywell’s significant work in getting us to this point. It would never have happened without his dedication, encouragement, and sacrifice. Libertas et patria, John Eisenhower, Secretary, Thousand Islands Chapter, ESS-SAR.

Adams State Road Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
ADAMS STATE ROAD CEMETERY.
AKA HONEYVILLE CEMETERY.
BURIALS AS EARLY AS 1814.
SEVEN REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS INTERRED HERE

Adams Rural Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
ADAMS RURAL CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY AS 1801
TWELVE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS AND TWO U.S.
CONGRESSMEN INTERRED HERE.

Brookside Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
BROOKSIDE CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY AS 1807.
AT LEAST 15 REVOLUTIONARY
WAR VETERANS INTERRED HERE &
NYS GOVERNOR ROSWELL FLOWER

Carpenter Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
CARPENTER CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY
AS CA. 1800.
NINE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS INTERRED HERE.

Ellisburg Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
ELLISBURG CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY
AS CA. 1805
ELEVEN REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS INTERRED HERE

(Champion) Hillside Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
HILLSIDE CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY
AS CA. 1805. AT LEAST
TEN REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS INTERRED HERE

Muskellunge Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
MUSKELLUNGE CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY
AS CA. 1812
SIX REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS INTERRED HERE

(Old) Evans Mills Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
OLD EVANS MILLS CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY
AS CA. 1816
TWELVE REVOLUTIONARY WAR
VETERANS INTERRED HERE

Union Cemetery
PATRIOT BURIALS
UNION CEMETERY
BURIALS AS EARLY AS 1910.
REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS
ASA MAXON & ISRAEL WARRINER
INTERRED HERE



Here is a photo of two Watertown based Coughlin Printing employees that play an integral role in ensuring the JCNYS quarterly *Informer* newsletter is printed and mailed so you receive it in a timely manner. On the left is Brenda Young and Tina VanHatten on the right. These two friendly and helpful ladies have worked the *Informer* for many years and have the appreciation of all of us at JCNYS!

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Bicentennial Tribute to Veterans of 1776

A Reprinting of *Watertown Daily Times*
Articles from 1976

Original biographies researched and written by members
of the LeRay de Chaumont Chapter NSDAR,
Watertown, New York

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George Edner. George Edner died 18 April 1847 and was buried in Kinnie Cemetery, Town of Antwerp. His wife's name was Susan.

Asa Eggleston, Jr. Asa Eggleston, born 19 February 1763 in Voluntown, Connecticut, enlisted at Voluntown in the Rhode Island Troops, Colonel Dyer's regiment, Captain Burdick's company. During 1778 he served one and one-fourths month. In 1779 he enlisted as a Minute Man and served during the remainder of the war. He married Content Hadsell, daughter of Joseph Hadsell from Wales, on 27 March 1786 in Dutchess County (possibly Oswego County). The couple had 11 children: Cynthia, Asa, Jr., Mary, Perry, Rachel, Dorcas, Samuel, Patty, John W., David and Harriet, all born in Hebron, Washington County. Asa and his wife moved to the Town of Antwerp, where he died 10 August 1840 and she died 13 April 1850. Both are buried in the Kinne Cemetery, Town of Antwerp.

Sherbiah Fay. Sherbiah Fay, born in 1758 at Westborough, Worcester County, Massachusetts, served three years in detached companies in the Revolutionary War and for the most part campaigned in the militia of his native state. He was on board one of the ships in the American Flotilla on Lake Champlain commanded by General Waterbury. He was engaged in a severe encounter with the enemy, which resulted in the dispersion of our little fleet. He was at Tappan, New York, on 2 October 1780, and witnessed the execution of Major Andre. Soon after the close of the Revolutionary War, he and his brothers moved to Vermont and settled at Reading. He married Eleanor Stanley, daughter of Captain John Stanley, about 1786, at Reading, and in the winter of 1792 – 93 he moved his family in a sled by a single yoke of oxen, to the "west" just south of Herkimer. After three years he settled in Augusta, Oneida County. Hearing of the "Eldorado" of Northern New York, he came north with his brother-in-law in 1801 and bought 100 acres of land. In 1802 the two men moved their families into log cabins built along the north branch of Sandy Creek. Here Sherbiah Fay lived until his death in March 1839. He is buried in Brookside Cemetery, Watertown.

Thomas Featherly. Born 24 July 1764, Thomas Featherly enlisted at Canajoharie in March 1781 under Captain Jacob Wright of the Second New York regiment. He served until June 1783 and was in the

battle of Yorktown. He married Jineas (Jane) Sechner, and the couple had six children: John, Elizabeth, James, Thomas, William, and Daniel. Thomas Featherly came to the Town of Clayton from German Flatts, Herkimer County. He was among the first settlers of Clayton. He died 10 March 1841 in the Town of Clayton. His wife was living in 1844 at age 69. It is not known when she died or where either is buried.

William Fellows. William Fellows was born in 1759 in Massachusetts. He enlisted in March 1778 and served three years as a private in Captain John Bryant's Company, Colonel Crane's regiment, Connecticut Line. He married Aliff Peck 6 February 1783 in Lyme, Connecticut. The following is taken from an early Watertown paper: "Dea. William Fellows aged 77, was a soldier of his country in the Revolutionary War and for about one half a century was a soldier of the Cross. He was one of the first deacons in what is now the First Presbyterian Church, but which was then a Congregational Church and met at Burrville. With unusual fidelity he served the Captain of our Salvation in all the relations of life everlasting remembrance. He died the peaceful, joyful and happy death of the righteous." William Fellows came to Watertown Village about 1803, at the time Henry Coffeen, Zachariah Butterfield, Hart Massey and others came. He died in Watertown 23 March 1836 at age 77. His burial place has disappeared as has his wife's. They had settled in the eastern part of Watertown, near Burrville.

John Evans. John Evans was born in Hindsdale, New Hampshire, in 1760 and was drafted March 1777, serving seven and one-half months as a private in Captain John Scott's Company of Colonel Ellis' regiment. He left home 1 April 1777 and joined the army at Mt. Independence. He was at the surrender of Burgoyne. He married a girl named Rhoda and the couple moved to Evans Mills. He died 19 February 1836, at age 77. His wife died 3 September 1838, at age 83. Both are buried in the village cemetery in Evans Mills.

Eliphalet Everett. Born 3 December 1756 in Ellsworth, Connecticut, Eliphalet Everett served as a private in Captain Theodore Woodbridge's company, also designated Colonel Swift's company in the seventh Continental regiment commanded by Colonel Herman Swift. He enlisted 3 March 1777 for three years and was transferred 1 April 1778 to the Commander-in-Chief's Guards of continental troops, being discharged 3 March 1780. He married Rhoda Peck and the couple moved to Brownville. They had the following children: Austin, Lronia, Mary, and Hampton. Eliphalet died 27 March 1815 in Brownville. Rhoda died 2 June 1851 at the age of 89, also in Brownville. Both are buried in the Brownville Cemetery.

Urial Evans. Urial Evans was the brother of John and Eldad Evans of Hindsdale, New Hampshire, born 1750. He married Lusenda on 10 October 1774 and later moved to Theresa. He died 21 August 1825 and was buried in the Kelsey Cemetery, Town of Theresa.

From Lockport to Truckville

By Ernest G. Cook

From JCNYS Member Jean Coyne (In a 2004 email)

"From Lockport to Truckville" was not an uncommon expression in the days of the pioneers for the two settlements were started quite early in the history of the county and it was at Truckville that many claim was located the very first gristmill in the county. The gristmill was started as early as 1801, if not before, for work was commenced upon the building of the mill in 1800.

Nowadays we say from "Black River to Felts Mills" for that is how these two places are known today.

Lockport was changed to Black River, and when the post office was established at Felts Mills, Truckville took the official name of Felts Mills. The mail was carried from Watertown to Alexandria Bay by way of Felts Mills, some say, going one day and returning the next, so it was actually a tri-weekly mail in those days.

Of course the average traveler follows the fine state highway from Black River to Felts Mills, but there is a pleasure in going out of Black River on the LeRay side of the river and following the county highway to Felts Mills. This brings one into Felts Mills near the entrance of the old Riverside camp meeting grounds, long the leading camp meeting association of the north with an attendance that ran into thousands at the peak of its popularity. It was a week when about all of the leading Methodists in the north took time to go to meeting, visit with neighbors and take a sort of rest by changing their activities. The grounds were located right where the highway comes down from off the Pine Plains to join the county road to cross the two iron bridges that span the Black river at this point.

They tell us that at one time the island in the center of the river was changed from one town to the other so that the town of LeRay would have complete ownership of one bridge and Rutland the other. But in the year 1800 the Black river was too powerful to be utilized by man, so David Coffeen, the builder of the mill, located his venture upon the creek which at this point flows into Black river. The proprietor of the township gave ten acres of land to Mr. Coffeen because of his enterprise in founding a mill in the place, a pioneer mill of all there region.

It is related that the mill stones were taken right from the locality and they were not well fitted for the work they had to do as the stones were not of a firm texture. It is told that William Hadsall of Champion came down with the first grist and the stones were put into motion and as they revolved they ground off so much grit and sand that when the flour was used for bread it had almost as much rock sand as flour

and it was sometime before this defect was corrected.

The pioneer, David Coffeen, did not make a flume, it being hardly workable in his design, so he took big pine logs, cut from the plains, scooped them out to form troughs, and carried the water from the mill pond to his water wheel several rods below the dam. Later, it was in 1804, a better dam was constructed nearer the mouth of the creek, so as to obtain a better head of water and two runs of stones were put into this mill.

Today we pass at our right as we cross the bridge at what is known as the old stone mill. This brings us to the days of John Felt, who had entered the mill business and decided to make use of Black river itself and put a dam out to the island and built this mill.

Once upon a time Felts Mills had a carding factory as did most other early communities and in time a stock company owned the business. But that passed into history long ago as did other pioneer enterprises. However, one factory which was a leading one in Felts Mills, was the pump works. In this shop splendid pumps were laid aside with other ancient machinery.

If one drives out of Felts Mills toward the Rutland hills he will hear people telling about the Jackson school district, or perhaps it will be called Jacksonville. This name came from Andrew Jackson we are told, for when the old district at Felts Mills was divided with the increase in population, it was in the days of Andrew Jackson. So somebody said we will call the new district Jackson school and the name clung.

Just how the name Truckville came about no one today knows for certain. One has said that in pioneer days, where there were several distilleries in operation at Felts Mills and vicinity, there would be cases of some undesirable characters being about. Certain leaders formed a plan to run them out of the section, or as some expressed it, "truck them out," and folks got to speaking of the community as where they trucked them out, or Truckville.

**"In one opinion, the house in which you stay, the church you attend and the town in which you reside may not determine the size of your dreams, but they can influence the rate of maturity of what you have planted."
— Israelmore Ayivor**

Handwriting Primer from 1800 Census

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~vaodcdar/script.htm>

In a search through the census schedules, it is helpful to become familiar with a few variants of spelling and letter formation. Until the turn of the century, spelling was phonetic. Words were spelled as they sounded. To obtain complete use of any census index, it is important to anticipate the different possibilities then to use the index accordingly.

Each scribe had his own peculiar style. Nevertheless, it is possible to form some generalities, the study of which will greatly improve the thoroughness of research. The guidelines to the right are based on editorial conclusions from the 1800 census and should not be taken as definitive statements on early penmanship.

Additional notes:

- terminating e is often added
- double consonants are often reduced to a single consonant
- single consonants are often doubled

Excerpted from New York in 1800: An Index to the Federal Census Schedules of the State of NY, with other aids to research edited by Phillip McMullin, Provo, UT: Gendex Corp., 1971, pgs. ix and x.

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Jefferson County Queries

Use the "ONLINE QUERY" on www.jncygs.com or mail queries to:
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(Some readers don't have internet access. Please include mailing address &/or phone numbers as well as email.)

PENNEY, GARDNER

Mary Polly PENNEY's (1807-1868) husband is George PENNEY and they are both buried in Adams Rural Cemetery along with George's second wife Diantha. I cannot find anything regarding Polly or her maiden name other than a marriage certificate from Ottawa, IL that indicated her last name was **GARDNER**. There are many assumptions it is **GARDNER** but I need proof but there is just nothing I can find. Names of children are John G., Guinette, Seth, George, Sally, William and James.

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PATTERSON

Horace Patterson, born in CT abt 1794. 4 children born in CT. 3 sons born 1838-1844 in Ellisburg, 1840 Census listed in Ellisburg. 1855 NY Census in Paris, Oneida County shows him widowed. 1880 Census Horace lived with son Edward in Paris NY. Per Newspaper clip, July 1881, Horace Patterson, age 85 and fully deaf, killed when hit by train cars and thrown against the depot in Sauquoit, NY. Children were Sophia, James, Mary, Albert (Born in Connecticut). George, Edward, Nelson (Born in Ellisburg NY). Unknown wife's name, date or location of her death (estimate between 1844-1850), possibly in Ellisburg or in Oneida County. 1850 Census shows him living apart from his children as a farm laborer in Adams, Jefferson County NY. For 1850 Census, I've found most of his children living with other families (some are relatives) as farm laborers or domestic help, mostly in Oneida County (Floyd, New Hartford, others).

Kathleen Henry
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LUKENS, CHIDESTER

I am looking for information on Dr. Charles Marion **LUKENS** who was born 12 Feb 1847 in Deersville, Ohio. He died 12 Jan 1827 in Gnadenhutten, Ohio. He married Hattie Florence **CHIDESTER** in 1865 in Alexandria Bay, NY.

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ENOS, CALKINS

William E. Enos was born in Rutland, NY on March 3, 1815. But I need to know who his parents were. I believe his mother was Zeruah/Zerviah Calkins-Enos. But I'm not sure if his father was Orange Enos or Elisha Enos, Jr. I would also like to learn about the marriage of his parents if it took place in Jefferson County. He lived in Rutland, Jefferson County. Military service was 1862 in the Ohio 88th Infantry Regiment. Children's names were Louis/Lewis (1842-1865), Sarah Elizabeth (1843-1925) and Benjamin Franklin (1851-1917).

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Fifth Annual History and Genealogy Fair

With 27 booths from individuals and organizations, hamburgers and hotdogs, speakers Aaron Hall, Kelly Burdick, Christina Knott and Ann Fillhart, items for auction, Jordan's cat, table of freebies, meeting old friends, making new friends, getting genealogy & history information and so much more, this was a most enjoyable and successful **History and Genealogy Fair!**

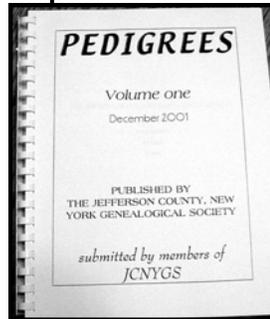


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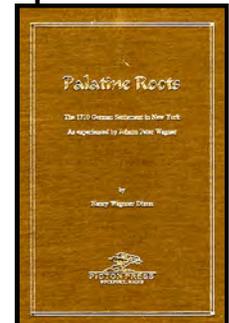
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Meet Your President

Kevin P. Leeson, JCNYGS President

Kevin was born and raised in Philadelphia, NY, and graduated from Indian River High School in 1975. He graduated from SUNY Morrisville in 1977 with a degree in Wood Technology. He worked at Charles Garlock and Sons in charge of the millwork shop. After a life changing experience he graduated from SUNY Canton as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. He retired at the end of September from Jefferson Rehabilitation Center in Watertown.



Kevin has lived in Redwood, NY since 1988. He is chairman of the town of Alexandria zoning board of appeals and active in many Masonic activities in Jefferson and St. Lawrence Counties. He and his wife Sharon have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

Thanks to JCNYGS

We received this nice letter from JCNYGS member Donald Weber in early August 2019. Donald is from Indianapolis, Indiana. "JCNYGS – Watertown, New York. Thanks to all of you who keep the Society up and running like you do. It is hard work and dedication and I appreciate it from way out here. My 3rd great-grandfather Benj. Taylor, b. R. I. 1761 brought his sons and daughter to that area in 1800. He died between 1820 and 1830 and his son John, b. 1790, R. I., and served at Sacket's Harbor, came to Indiana or I'd be there with you very fine people."

Thank you, Donald. JCNYGS leadership appreciates your kind letter and words of gratitude. Remember, you can always move to Jefferson County, New York, and live in the area of your ancestor. 😊

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FUTURE JCNYGS PROGRAMS

12 October (Saturday): 1:00PM. What's in a first name? Tom LaClair will discuss naming practices among ancestors—often set by religious precedents. Close relatives can have the similar given names. Children can be named after relatives, living or dead. First names may even be repeated in the same family in the same generation. Use names of newer ancestors to learn potential clues in your older ancestry

16 November (Saturday): 1:00PM. Author Joyce Hawthorne Cook. In her book, *Elmina Spencer: Oswego's Civil War Battlefield Nurse*, Joyce brings this extraordinary 19th century woman – U.S. Special Agent, nurse, and confidant for Union soldiers into the spotlight. Elmina, a woman devoted to the care and well-being of Union soldiers before, during and after battle. Joyce's heavily researched piece allows the reader to almost hear the voices of Elmina, her supporters, and Civil War soldiers speaking to us directly.

Note: Special events like a society summertime picnic, Memorial Day tour of Fort Drum Lost Cemeteries, annual History and Genealogy Fair, and a Christmas Party may also occur. These events will be discussed and advertised as needed in monthly meetings and our quarterly newsletter. Events such as these will be advertised on the society Facebook page. To find the page, go to Facebook and search: *Jefferson County NY Genealogical Society JCNYGS*. Be sure to like the page so newer announcements will be seen.

JCNYGS lectures begin at 6 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints building unless otherwise noted. Come 30 minutes early to get to know other members and share new finds and experiences.

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 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 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 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 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 IHCS. Take Washington Street to Barben Avenue. Turn on to Barben and take it until it ends at a T. Turn left and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be 300 yards on the left.

Or, from Watertown take Massey Street south, veer right onto South Massey, left on to Ives.