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• MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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NEW OFFICERS

At the May 2001 meeting, we held our annual elections. The new slate of Officers for 2001/2002 has a familiar look:

Elected:

President (Acting)	Linda Koehler
Vice- President	OPEN
Treasurer	Rod Link
Recording Secretary	Wendy Campion
Corresponding Secretary	Gilbert Leach
VP Membership	Roland Ormsby
VP Library	Linda Koehler
VP Publications	Eleanor Shortle
VP Programs	Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
VP Education	OPEN
VP Projects	Jan Foster
VP Publicity	Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
VP Search	Rod Link

Appointed:

Editor	Arthur Kelly
Newsletter Editor	J. Douglas Leith
Circulation Manager	Betty Griffin

I would like to thank everyone who served on the board this last year, they work hard for your society.

Art Kelly, with his daughter Susan Kelly, lately have been major contributors to our quarterly, **The Dutchess**. But they are in need of more original material to publish. There is a tremendous amount of material appearing on the Internet, including good primary source records and electronic versions of

traditional secondary sources like county histories. I would recommend that everyone try to establish some regular contact with "the web", through your own personal computer or perhaps through computers available at your local public library. But traditional print publishing is a proven permanent medium to record and disseminate your hard work, so don't overlook it. You can reach Arthur Kelly at 305 Cedar Heights Rd, Rhinebeck, NY 12572 (Tel.# 845-876-4592), by e-mail <kelly@kinshipny.com> or on the web at <<http://www.kinshipny.com>>.

After **The Dutchess** is printed, the Kellys deliver it to Eleanor Shortle, who stuffs envelopes and then lugs boxes of the quarterly to the post office for bulk mailing. Betty Griffin stores extra copies so that when someone joins the society in the middle of the year, we can send the already-published issues to them. She also stores back issues so that we can maintain an inventory to sell on demand.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Douglas Leith who has volunteered to take over the newsletter - all done via e-mail, since he lives in Massachusetts.

Rod Link who is our Treasurer and heads the Name Search Committee is a rock. He has been an active member of the society since it was founded in 1972 and has held virtually every elected office we have. If we "newcomers" have any questions about the history of the society, we ask Rod. As he answers mail queries that come in to us (we are still way behind for lack of sufficient volunteers), he is always going the extra mile to help someone out.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND THE DCGS MEMBER SURNAME LIST

We are planning to update and publish a new Member Surname List. We are going to ask our current members to send us a list of Dutchess County related surnames that they are searching and would be willing to share with others. Look for the announcement in your mailbox soon along with your renewal notice.

FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES (FGS)

The board decided at our February meeting that the Dutchess County Genealogical Society would join the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) for the 2001 calendar year. As an organization with 200-299 members, the cost of our dues is \$55. Member societies receive two subscriptions to the quarterly FGS FORUM and discounts on some products and services. We also support an organization that monitors events critical to the future of genealogy (such as records preservation and access) and seeks to marshal resources and national efforts of historical and genealogical organizations in support of such projects as the Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System Database. Details about this system are available at the National Park Service Web site <<http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss>>.

The quarterly FORUM runs about 40 pages, has product reviews of books and CD-ROMs, one or 2 articles, and regular columns - News in Brief, Ethnic/International, Records Access (warning of possible problems as well as spot-lighting new resources), Society Spotlight, Family Associations, State Reporting (publications), Web Spinings, The Writer's and Editor's Craft, and a national Calendar of Events.

The FORUM is available at an annual subscription of \$17, but individuals who belong to an FGS-member organization pay a reduced subscription price of \$11. It is well worth it for the overview it offers of genealogical activity at local, state and national levels. Subscribe now! Send \$11 to FGS Forum, PO Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940.

- **LIBRARY REPORT**

by Linda C. Koehler

DCGS Library hours remain the same during the summer: Tuesdays 9 am to 2 pm, Wednesday evenings 5 pm to 9 pm, and Thursdays 10 am to 1 pm and 7 pm to 9 pm. However, there is usually a period of 2 or 3 weeks in August when the library is closed. No schedule has been set yet, but if you are traveling from a distance and wish to use the library this summer it would be wise to call first and check if the library will be open. Special arrangements can be made, if necessary, with the librarian Linda Koehler (home phone # 845-462-2361).

Titles of periodicals and family newsletters received in the library this past year include:

FGS Forum

Dutchess County Historical Society Year Book 1997-1998 (Vol. 81). Focus of this issue is on craftsmanship - "Horse High, Sheep Tight and Hog Proof", "The Sampler and the American Schoolgirl", "The Ann Beadle Map Sampler", "Keeping Good Time", "Eleanor Roosevelt, Val-Kill, and the American Crafts Movement", "The Val-Kill Industries of Hyde Park", "Webatuck Crafts Village - Building a Craft Driven Community", "First Dutchess Quilters - Carrying on American Tradition", "Do It Yourself Craft Tour of Dutchess County", plus officers, Municipal Historians of Dutchess County, Historical Societies of Dutchess County, and index.

The Dutchess Historian - newsletter of the Dutchess County Historical Society with brief society news, events calendar, society activities.

NYG&B Record - The January, 2001, issue (Vol.132 #1) has an article entitled "... John and Van Rensselaer Darling of Chautauqua County". Although the article focuses on Chautauqua County, John Darling was born in Dutchess County about 1763.

NYG&B Newsletter - Although most of this newsletter relates directly to society members and activities, it also has useful articles on a variety of topics, such as New York State Supreme Court Naturalization Records, New York City's Potter's Field - Hart Island in Bronx County, Fire Insurance Maps and Genealogical Research, and "Families and Sources in the Suffolk County Historical Society Register".

Ulster Genie - The Ulster County, NY Genealogical Society quarterly usually publishes Bible records, as well as short family histories. Bible records published recently include Post, Dunn, Quick, and Brown.

Capital District Genealogical Society Newsletter - The Albany area genealogical society quarterly newsletter concentrates on society news and activity, but just finished publishing "Marriage records of St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Albany, New York, 1810-1855".

Heritage Hunters - The Saratoga county area genealogical society published bimonthly 5 times a year, is usually chock full of short genealogical news and how-to items. They are currently publishing the Saratoga County, NY, Surrogate Court index from a card file (they are up to "S").

Westchester County Genealogical Society Newsletter is published monthly September through

June. It usually contains meeting notices, society news & events, queries, new members, occasionally library acquisitions for the WCGS collection at the Yorktown Family History Center; the one extensive article for each issue is usually a report on the previous month's meeting. Meeting topics in the last year or so have included the value of class yearbooks, using military records, research at the NYG&B Society in New York City, and doing research in Westchester County. They also had a short article, "List of tax payers of Upper Part of the Manor of Phillipsburgh, 1732", which includes present Putnam County.

Tree Talks - The quarterly of the Central New York Genealogical Society, continues to publish extracts of vital records, surrogate and deed records for 15 or 20 counties per issue. In their continuing series of abstracts of the 1825 New York state census, they have recently published volumes for Herkimer County and Washington County.

SLVGS News - The quarterly of the St. Lawrence County, NY, area genealogical society is mostly society news and meeting notices, as well as a genealogical calendar of events, queries and book reviews. A continuing series currently being published is Depeyster Justice of the Peace Marriages, 1863-1882. Also, they often publish newspaper extracts and are currently covering "Dwellers in Massena Homes".

Connecticut Ancestry - This packed quarterly has numerous family history articles. They are up to Part 9 of "Descendants of Daniel Scofield" which includes some Dutchess County connections. They include many Bible records; book reviews, queries, and have some articles on using resources of various libraries in Connecticut.

Cape Cod Genealogical Society Bulletin - Issues received from this quarterly in the last year have included many Bible records and installments in a long continuing series of abstracts from Barnstable County Probate Records.

Family name and family association newsletters include "Burnett News" (1 issue), "Descendants of Daniel Cole Society", "Hallock Family Connections", "The Hubbell Family Historical Society", "Search Light (Light family)" and "De Bonte Koe (Ostrander family)".

• MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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Membership listings are a benefit of membership. Updates are published in the written versions of this newsletter which are distributed to all current members.

• MAY 15 MEETING

by Linda C. Koehler

The program of the May 15, 2001, meeting was "Finding Family in the Stacks: Genealogical Resources at Adriance Memorial Library" by Lisa Kochik, Local History Librarian at Adriance. Lisa can be reached by e-mail at: lkochik@poklib.org

Adriance Memorial Library is the main library of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District, which also has two branch libraries. The Local History Room and the Genealogy Room are both located at Adriance, 93 Market Street, Poughkeepsie, New York 12601. Presently, library hours are:

Mon - Thu 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Fri - Sat 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sun 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Voice telephone: (845) 485-3445

Fax: (845) 485-3789

Web site: <http://www.poklib.org/>

Lisa Kochik is a professional librarian, trained in archives, special collections and rare books. She is now in charge of acquisitions for the local history collection as well as other parts of the library collection. The Local History collection presently contains 900 linear feet of catalogued material, 33 linear feet of information files, 20 linear feet of genealogy files, and 700 maps, among other materials.

Access to the Collection

Adriance Memorial Library as a whole does have an on-line catalog, and also participates in GEOWEB, which is a regional catalog run by the Mid-Hudson Library System covering Dutchess, Putnam, Columbia, Greene and Ulster counties. However, at this time, there is only a local in-house card catalog for the local history and genealogy rooms. Lisa said that the library is hoping to get the genealogy collection on-line by the end of the year. There is a card catalog in the Local History Room

and another copy of the catalog in the Reference Room at Adriance Library so that even if you can not get into the Local History Room while at the library, you can search the catalog .

The library does not have enough staff to answer general genealogy queries or do research on a particular family. However, they will accept written requests to check facts in sources that are unique to the library or may be very local in their availability. For example, they will check the marriage/birth/death file cards in the Local History Room for up to 3 surnames at a time.

Access to the Genealogy Room

The Genealogy Room is a small room holding a non-circulating reference collection related to genealogy. It is open and accessible during all regular library hours. Some of the types of materials in this collection include published New York State colonial records, New York county histories , family histories, census indexes, published transcripts of New York church records, and a locally developed index to local newspaper obituaries 1872 to present. Because the Genealogy Room is small and crowded, material in series (for example, city directories) and/or fragile local materials tend to be assigned to the Local History Room.

Access to the Local History Room

The Local History Room is locked and access is limited to the times when there is staff available to supervise it. The librarian Lisa Kochik and her assistant Lynn Lucas both have other library responsibilities which means that the Local History Room cannot always be open when the library is open. There is no regular schedule of hours that the Local History Room is open. Lisa suggests that you call the Reference Desk at Adriance before you come, especially if you are coming from a distance. If Lisa or her assistant are not working on the desk themselves, staff will know where they can be reached. You can then arrange for a mutually agreeable time to use the Local History Room. There is only one table with seating for 3 or 4 people, which also limits access. However, the library is trying to improve their service , and if you are at the library and someone is working in the Local History Room, you are welcome to use the materials.

Among the types of materials in the Local History Room are high school yearbooks, county business directories, church transcripts etc that are fragile, family surname files, maps and photographs,

pamphlet files, and extensive newspaper clipping files.

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? **Letters & Queries** of genealogical interest are always welcome! Please include documentation for your claims whenever possible.

Send to: J. Douglas Leith; 162 Islington Road; Auburndale MA 02466-1012, or preferably by email to: jdleith@compuserve.com (plain text message is good; attachments & graphics OK).

• Editor's note

I welcome this opportunity to serve the DCGS as your new editor! My wife's Tremper family has many Dutchess County branches and a triennial reunion near Rhinebeck which we enjoy attending.

We are actively working on the entire Tremper descendency.

