



# THE DCGS NEWSLETTER

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### President's Message

This quarter we have our newsletter already bulging at the seams, so I will hold off on adding more text this time and save it up for the next issue. Happy hunting, all!

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### DCGS meeting, January 2012

from Melinda Carter

January's meeting was attended by a hale and hearty few, unafraid of the potential of frozen precipitation. It was **Members Helping Members** night and a guided discussion was held as various questions were asked by a few newer genealogists. Two or three of the questioners were first time attendees to DCGS meetings. We talked about genealogy software, future planned software classes to be held locally and the various online resources that are good starting points for internet facilitated research.

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### DCGS Events: Mark Your Calendars!

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Church of Latter Day Saints. Our regular General Meeting begins at 7:30 PM. **Mary Colbert**, our Society Librarian, presents "**Researching Your Irish Ancestors**." This very popular presentation is a "must see" for anyone with Irish ancestry. Finding Irish ancestors can sometimes be a challenge, but many records are now available online, making success more likely than ever. Mary will show how to use American and Irish records to find the townlands of your Irish ancestors. Mary has been researching her New York-Irish family history for over 30 years. Her first ancestor arrived in 1843 and the last in 1901. She is currently writing a family history book which should be finished next year. She posts her progress on the book as well as family stories on her blog: <http://colbertwhelanfamily.wordpress.com/> **No registration necessary.**

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Dutchess County Court House, 22 Market St, Poughkeepsie. Meet at 10:30 AM for a **tour of our county court houses** led by DCGS President **Valerie LaRobardier**. We begin at the second floor records room learning how to access our land, mortgage, civil court, and other records. Microfilm and copy machines will be viewed in action. Learn how to request files and maps kept in other locations. From there we will go down the street a few doors to the Surrogate Court records room to learn how to access our county wills and related surrogate court records.

**Register by calling VP of Education Mary Ann Zatlukal at 845.440.3322. Attendance limited—first come first served.**

**Save the Date!** from CC-O  
"Who Do You Think Your Ancestors Were?", the DCGS 2011 Seminar which had to be cancelled in October has been rescheduled for **2 June 2012**. Brochures will go into the mail in mid-April. Also watch our website for details.

**June 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **East Fishkill Library\*** at 10:30 AM, **Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer**, MLS, Society VP of Program and Publicity presents **Writing Your Family History**. Christine has been doing genealogical research since 1979, has been a frequent and popular presenter at DCGS meetings and seminars. She is a member of several genealogical and professional societies, including the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the National Genealogical Society and state and local societies. Her training as a librarian is useful in her second profession as genealogist. In addition to numerous articles, Ms. Crawford-Oppenheimer's book, *Long Distance Genealogy: Researching Your Family History From Home*, was published by Betterway Books in 2000.

**July and August—help is needed for the Dutchess County Fair booth.** We welcome anyone who can give a few hours planning, contacting volunteers or helping staff the booth in August. This is a small commitment, but a big help! Call Mary Ann at 845.440.3322. Stay tuned for more Fair details in a future newsletter.

**September 10** –East Fishkill\* – "Researching your Dutch ancestors" by Valerie LaRobardier.

**October 8**, East Fishkill\* – "New York City Repositories" by Mary Colbert.

\* For East Fishkill Library session registrations, contact Cindy Dubinski at the library by email at

[reference@eastfishkilllibrary.org](mailto:reference@eastfishkilllibrary.org)

or by calling 845-221-9943 x225.

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Thanks to Lisa Yeager, a Library volunteer, we now have a spreadsheet for all the extended FHC films in the DCGS library. Visitors can find the films easily now. *Mary Colbert, Librarian*

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Hey, eager beavers! If you know your address in 1940, **you can already look up its E.D.** right now and be ready for the 1940 census images when they come out on April 2! See the Steve Morse web site on page 3 and move forward a notch!

*Ed.*

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Our library has just been given a large **LAPHAM** family genealogy book, *Four Centuries of Laphams in America*, by its author John Lapham of Shoreline, WA. The book, 1345 pages, is not actually printed, it is on the library's computer and also on a CD sent by Mr. Lapham. It is in PDF image form with an every name index and with a fairly complete series of the "Lapham Leader" newsletter included at the back, with many dated and named news clippings with photographs of family members. The book is available during normal library hours. This family had Dutchess origins and may also be useful for researchers on allied Dutchess lines. Although sources are usually not given, the book is probably reasonably reliable since it was written from family data collected over a 20 year period.

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### Westchester CGS

*Mary Colbert, Librarian*

Their webinars are pretty good, plus you can view them for a few days/weeks after they air.

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinarflyer.pdf>

The flyer lists programs far in advance, so print it out if you wish. Unfortunately, our Newsletter comes out too late for their March 7 program on the Census, presented by Thomas MacEntee: "Are You Ready for the 1940 U.S. Census Images?" by Thomas MacEntee.

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nywestch/>  
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nywcds/>

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### A piece of history

by Robin Flannery, [Robinflannery@optonline.net](mailto:Robinflannery@optonline.net)

You are so right about enjoying reading about others' findings! This will be helpful to DCGS both in a more enjoyable newsletter AND it will drive more Google type queries to the site –thereby more members!

I write a genealogy blog about my own family because I understand that not everyone belongs to the paid subscription services like Ancestry.com or MyHeritage, etc. and when they find my blog, they find much information as well as me! I've found some distant "cuzzins" – which I'm sure you understand to be very exciting!!! Nonetheless, I'll add a link to DCGS on my page.

**My reader contribution – a fragment about:**

Charles Agustis **TULLY** and family:



**The Tullys:**

Rear: Selma holding John, and Charles

Front: Thomas, Charles, Ruth, and Mabel

Charles Agustis Tully was born 15 July 1879 in New York to John Tully and Mary Manning. On 08 Oct 1903 Charles married Selma Mathilda Andersson (b. 1875 Sweden).

Selma and Charles had their first child, Thomas Charles Tully, on 24 Aug 1904. Thomas is my "Poppy" - my much beloved and gentle grandfather!

Selma and Charles had several more children: Ruth Agnes Tully 1906 – 1964, Mabel Elizabeth Tully 1908 – 1993, Charles Frederick Tully 1910 – 1983, John Francis Tully 1912 – 1987 and George Washington Tully 1918 – 1993.

Selma and Charles lived on Hudson Ave. in Fishkill Landing (now Beacon) New York. This is the Tully family in 1913 - 1914. (George was not born yet). Apparently at that time travelling photographers went door to door and asked if you'd like a photo.

If you would like to read more about this family, I invite you to my family genealogy blog at:

[http://robinscestors.blogspot.com/2011\\_11\\_01\\_archive.html](http://robinscestors.blogspot.com/2011_11_01_archive.html)

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(info from NYG&amp;B web site, 1/17/2012):

**NYG&B 2012 Repository Tours:**

Join us on this new addition to our repository line-up. Learn about the many collections of the five organizations housed at the Center. Staff will provide descriptions of the facility's five divisions from 1:30-3:00, followed by an orientation by a Jewish genealogy expert. Participants will have time for research after the formal program.

Registration: Each program \$20 members/\$30 non-members. Any three programs \$50 members/\$80 non-members, or all six programs \$90 members/\$150 non-members.

Tuesday, April 3, 2012 - 1:30pm - 4:00pm, at the Center for Jewish History. Sponsor: NYG&B. Visit:

[NYG&B 2012 Repository Tours: Center for Jewish History](#)

Also see <http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/2012cjh>

**Acquiring a Coat of Arms**

John Shannon and Paul Campbell will describe the process of acquiring English and Scottish arms. Both speakers are armigers. John Shannon is the chairman of the committee, as well as the president of the College of Arms Foundation, and acquired arms from the College of Arms in London. Paul Campbell, a member of the Heraldry Society of Scotland, acquired arms for his father from the Court of Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, and is an expert on Campbell arms, or which there are many variants.

The program is free but reservations are necessary as capacity is limited.

Monday, April 16, 2012, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Sponsor: Heraldry Committee of the NYG&B

Read more about Acquiring a Coat of Arms at:

<http://newyorkfamilyhistory.org/heraldrycoatoarms>

**Block & Lot: New York City**

Discover how you can use NYPL resources to unlock the history of a building, a block, or an entire borough. In this class you will learn how to use antiquarian maps, fire insurance atlases ("Sanborns"), online property data, books and historic real estate photos to document the history the City's built environment....Saturday, March 17, 2012 - 2:00pm - 4:00pm at: South Court Classrooms - NYPL, Steven A. Schwarzman Building, Fifth Ave between 40th and 42nd Streets, New York. Sponsor: NYPL

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**The DCGS has hatched a Facebook page!** It is still small, but we are working on it! See it at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Dutchess-County-Genealogical-Society/275887175799150>

Be sure to "like" us and share your news. Thanks to Mary Colbert for getting this page up and running. We hope it will generate more interest in our society and help increase our membership.

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**New DCGS Members-Only Web Page**

Watch our web site for a new member benefit. We will be launching a members-only page with slowly building content. You will receive an email when the page is ready with details about how to access it.

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**Beverly Kane's Library Resources File**

Member Beverly Kane, MLS, has provided us with a wonderful 25 page thoroughly researched publication showing the Dutchess County and neighboring Hudson Valley libraries with phone numbers and information about their relevant collections. This is a tremendous service to those researching their Dutchess, Putnam, Ulster, Columbia and Greene County ancestors. We plan to share it on the Members Only page in the web site. It is available at the Family History Library as well. Thank you Beverly!

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**Coming Soon! The 1940 census**

By Mary Colbert, DCGS librarian

Check any genealogical website and chances are you will see something about the release of the 1940 U.S. Census. The big day is April 2, 2012.

Unlike previous censuses the 1940 census will be released in a digitized version and the images will be immediately available on the internet. Several sites will have free access including NARA, Ancestry, and Family Search.

This Census asked some new questions including:

- Education Level
- Name of person furnishing the information
- Where the person lived on April 1, 1935
- Employment status for persons 14 yrs and older
- Income

**The Census will not be indexed at first, and you will need to find the Enumeration District to search the census. Here's how:**

**Step 1: Find the address:** Check your own records, city directories, phone books, vital records, World War II Draft Registration Cards, family stories and records.

**Step 2: Find the Enumeration District (E.D.):** Go to the Steve Morse One Step site <http://stevemorse.org> and scroll down to the "1940 Tutorial Quiz". Answer the questions and you will be guided to the right "Finder Tool" The E.D. will look something like:

E.D. 14-2 (number, hyphen, number). Use this number to begin your search in the census.

More information about the 1940 census is at:

**NARA:** National Archives Records Administration; check out the short films the Census Bureau made in 1940 for the general public and the enumerators:

<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940>

<http://www.archives.gov/research/census/1940/videos.html>

**Ancestry:** <http://www.ancestry.com/1940>

**Family Search:** <https://www.familysearch.org/1940Census>

**Steve Morse One Step:** <http://stevemorse.org>

And note these, too:

**March 7, 2012:** Legacy Webinar: Wednesday; 2:00 p.m. (Eastern) - FREE. "Are you Ready for the 1940 U.S. Census Images?" <http://legacyfamilytree.com/Webinars.asp>  
(This might remain available on their web site.)

**March 24, 2012,** 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New York Public Library  
South Court Classrooms, Steven A. Schwarzman Building  
Fifth Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, NY:

The NYG&B, the New York Public Library, and the National Archives at New York City host a full-day program at the NYPL to prepare researchers for the April 2 launch of the 1940 Federal Census.

**June 9, 2012:** Westchester County Genealogical Society: "Searching the 1940 U.S. Census"

"The 1940 census when released will not have a name index, and probably won't have a complete one for at least six months. In the interim, the only way to access the census is by ED. That means that researchers will have to determine the EDs for their locations. And the largest collection of tools for doing such is on the One-Step website." Come to the meeting to learn more about searching the 1940 census... [Dorothy Dougherty](#) will be the speaker.  
10 A.M. (9:30 A.M. social time) till noon, at the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 600 Broadway (US9), Dobbs Ferry, NY (across from Mercy College). Entrance is on the lower level adjacent to the parking lot.

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**Indexing:** It will take at least 6 months to index the census. Volunteers are needed! [You can](#) volunteer! For more information contact:

**Family Search:**

<https://www.familysearch.org/1940Census>

**Steve Morse One Step:**

<http://stevemorse.org/census/pickcity.html>

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## The 1940 Federal Census

### *Is my Census*

*Essay by John R. Mort <[mortjr@attglobal.net](mailto:mortjr@attglobal.net)>*

The 1940 Census is due to be available in April 2012, this year. For those born in the 1930 decade, this will be their first appearance, as for both my wife and myself.

When doing Census research, I have learned to allow the Census to talk to me and this one will have plenty to say. My first experience with the "Talking Census" occurred while reading my mother's girlhood enumeration in the Clearfield County 1910 census. I was using an 1880 map of Clearfield and "walking with the Census Taker" as he went from house to house. Rural areas did not change significantly during those years. As I came to the house of one of her uncles I heard my late mother's voice in my head say, "We would sled ride down the hill to Uncle \_\_\_\_ house. Being wet and cold, we would go in and Aunt \_\_\_\_ would make us hot chocolate and let us warm

by the fire." How did that come to the front of my memory from so many years I will never know.

Another less traumatic instance was recalling Aunt Mildred saying "we would walk thru the field to Uncle Buck's house" takes on a new light when looking at a County Atlas while "walking with the Census Taker" past Uncle Buck's place. Note: most rural Counties have one or more Atlases published over the years 1850-1900 showing the political boundaries and location of residents. While the Atlas-identified residents may not match exactly the Census Taker's tally, you will recognize the order of the enumeration.

Finding the maiden name of one of my aunts living not far from an uncle prior to their marriage was another bonus - this was confirmed by reading her father's will. Then finding out that three of my ancestors that resided in two different counties and three different districts, never moved once over 30 years. This was just due to political changes.

Neighbors in Frederick Co. Maryland were neighbors in Ogle Co. Illinois - "study the neighbors" should you not find one of your ancestors in the new location due to the Census Taker's spelling you might just find one of their friends and then the relative next door.

Now, back to the claim that this is "My Census." Born in 1932, I was 8 in 1940. We lived in a small rural town of 800 people. I visited that town a couple of years ago. I managed to find the house in which we lived but the neighborhood changes were quite significant. The pumpkin and watermelon patch was now a small development and streets are where none existed then. A little older, I delivered newspapers in that section. I hope that in that 1940 Census, I will again walk that hill, see people that I now do not remember, visit with children that I played with as a young boy and return to things as they were 70 years ago. This is my census.

My wife, her sister and parents lived on a farm. They had young boys living with them that were not family members. They will be recalled along with memories near forgotten. She too will walk the road and rekindle relationships that long ago ceased to exist. This is her census.

All these things are possible for all of you, but only if you read the Census yourself. Not if you have someone else get the Census Data for you or if you check the Index and then restrict your reading to the isolated family that you are researching. Study those Neighbors, read the data and then consider how they may have affected the life that they lived. Walk with the Census Taker and see more to how they lived in 1940.

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### Dutchess in Other Genealogical Magazines

Arthaud, John Bradley, Rachel (Schref) Levine, and Pat (Combs) O'Dell. "The Jacob and Mary (Millington) Odell Family of Vermont, Ontario, and Ohio." *The Genealogist* 20 (Fall 2006): 218-256.

*(To be continued)*