



# THE DUTCHESS NEWSLETTER

*Dutchess County Genealogical Society*

P. O. Box 708, Poughkeepsie, New York 12602-0708

<http://www.dcgs-gen.org>

Vol. 13, No. 4

Summer, June 2005

## In this issue...

President's Notes: New Officers	1
DCGS meetings, March, May	1
Library	1
Membership listings	2
Census notes, cont. - 1800, Dutchess Co.	2
Census notes, cont. - 1810, Dutchess Co.	3
From the NYG&B	4
Web Threads	4

\*\*\*\*\*

## ◆ PRESIDENT'S NOTES

2/05, from Linda C. Koehler, [lckoeplr@optonline.net](mailto:lckoeplr@optonline.net)

The May meeting is our Annual Meeting when elections for officers for the new year are held. Gil Leach, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented a slate of officers which was accepted. The new officers are:

Co-Presidents - Dudley Schneider and Linda Koehler  
Vice President - George Trigg  
Treasurer - Wayne Merrick  
Recording Secretary - Melinda Carter  
Corresponding Secretary - Gilbert Leach  
V.P. Membership - Roland Ormsby  
V.P. Library - Linda Koehler  
V.P. Publications - Eleanor Shortle  
V.P. Programs - Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer  
V.P. Education - OPEN  
V.P. Projects - Jan Foster (acts as webmaster)  
V.P. Publicity - Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer  
V.P. Search - Bernard Rudberg

I would like to welcome Dudley Schneider to the board. He and I will be coordinating the responsibilities of President and I look forward to working with him. Congratulations to the new officers, almost all of whom are experienced in their current positions, and many thanks for their service to the society in the last year.

\*\*\*\*\*

## ◆ DCGS Meeting

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

### "Ten Things Every Family Historian Should Know"

Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer discussed ten basic rules that all family historians, beginning or advanced, should keep in mind when researching their family tree.

Attendees were invited to contribute stories of how these maxims have helped them in their own research.

Ms. Crawford-Oppenheimer is our Vice-President for Programs and the author of the book *Long-Distance Genealogy: Researching Your Family History from Home*. She is also the reference librarian at The Culinary Institute of America.

Christine C.-O.



5/27/05, from Linda C. Koehler

\*\*\*\*\*

## ◆ DCGS Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

"The German Palatine Emigrations to America" was the topic of the May meeting of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society, with speaker Dudley Schneider.

The talk included information about the pre-1710 settlement of East and West Camp, Palatine immigrations to Ireland and Newburgh, NY, and the 1710 immigrants to East and West Camp. The last section included information about the immigration from the Palatinate to Holland, then to England, and then to New York City, and to the East and West Camp settlements, followed by the scattering of the Palatines.

IBM retiree Dudley Schneider is a long-time resident of the Town of Poughkeepsie who discovered his Palatine ancestors in 1995.

Roland Ormsby, rcvd 5/11/05

\*\*\*\*\*

## ◆ Library Report

by Linda Koehler

Periodicals received in the DCGS Library over the past year include:

*Ulster Genie* (Newsletter of the Ulster County Genealogical Society).

*Westchester County Genealogical Society Newsletter*.

*Record* (quarterly of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society) - Vol.135 #2 (April 2004) the article "Connecting Parker Burdick Crandall to the Rhode Island Crandall Family" mentions a Dutchess County Crandall.

*The New York Researcher* (formerly NYG&B Society Newsletter) - Vol.15 #2-3 (Spring/Summer 2004) includes an article "Early Dutchess County Tax Lists 1717-1779".

*Heritage Hunters* (Saratoga County, NY area) - Vol.12 #4 (Aug-Sept 2004) includes an article "Smith Family of Halfmoon" (about 1877; they came from Dutchess county); Vol.12 #5 (Oct-Nov 2004) "In Days of Yore" column of newspaper excerpts includes item on Albert Clements 96<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1877 (Albert was born in Dutchess County).

*Tree Talks* (quarterly of the Central New York Genealogical Society).

*SLVGS News* (St. Lawrence County, NY area).

*Newsletter Historical Society of Shawangunk and Gardiner.*

*Capital District [Albany, NY] Gen. Soc. Newsletter.*  
*Connecticut Ancestry.*

*Cape Cod Genealogical Society Bulletin.*

*Forum* (quarterly of the Federation of Genealogical Societies).

Family newsletters included:

*Hallock Family Connections.*

*De Bonte Koe* (Journal of the Ostrander Family Association). Vol.21 #3 (April, 2004) includes Corrections as of April 2004 to *Ostrander Genealogical Record 1660-1995*, published in 1999.

*Search Light* (Light family).

We received a sample issue of *The Palatine Immigrant*, a quarterly published by Palatines to America, a subscription being one of the benefits of a \$35 membership. Vol.29 #4 (September, 2004) included a note from the editor; Immigrant Ancestor Register (society members submit name and vital record data about their German-speaking immigrant ancestor, in any time period); Book Reviews; "Selim Armentrout - His Mark during the Civil War, March 13, 1862- June 10, 1865"; Kansas, 1895; Naming Patterns; index.

\*\*\*\*\*

### ◆ Membership

by Roland E. Ormsby, Membership VP  
wf\_are@juno.com

New members and those submitting address corrections or a new set of surnames are listed by membership number. NOTE: E\_mail addresses are updated only if a new US Postal address or surname list is change is included. Names being researched are in **bold** type.

(These lists are for members only and therefore are not posted in the web version of the Newsletters.)

\*\*\*\*\*

### ◆ Census Notes, Part 3 - Dutchess County Federal Censuses and Indexes

By Linda Koehler

### 1800 Federal Census

The 1800 and 1810 Federal censuses were very similar to the first in 1790, beginning on the first Monday in August. From 4 August 1800, Federal Marshals had 9 months to finish and return the results to Washington. Again, no particular instructions were given to the census-takers. A printed schedule was supplied by some states, but the forms are all handwritten for Dutchess County for both 1800 and 1810.

These, again, were simple population counts, but with a few more age categories added. Information includes: Name of the head of household; number of free white males in 5 age categories: under age 10, age 10 through 15, age 16 through 25, age 26 through 44, age 45 and older; number of free white females in the same 5 age categories; number of all other free persons; and number of slaves. The age categories were identical for 1800 and 1810.

In Dutchess County, the towns which existed at the time of this census were Amenia, Beekman (including present Union Vale and part of LaGrange), Clinton (including present Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley), Fishkill (including present East Fishkill, Wappinger, and part of LaGrange), Northeast (including present Milan and Pine Plains), Pawling (including present Dover), Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck (including present Red Hook), Stanford and Washington.

Also included in the Dutchess County census were towns now part of Putnam County. All of these towns went through changes in borders and/or name between 1790 and 1800: Frederick (formerly called Frederickstown, now called Kent, smaller than in 1790), Carmel (new, formerly part of Frederick), Phillips (formerly called Phillipstown; included present Putnam Valley), Franklin (now called Patterson, was formed from parts of Frederickstown and Southeast,) and Southeast (smaller than in 1790).

In the Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest online versions of the 1800 census record, you will find a complete digital image of the original microfilm; both databases have indexes for this year. There is also a published index for the entire state: Barbra Kay Armstrong's *Index to the 1800 Census of New York* (Baltimore: GPC, 1984).

A search of Census Online at <<http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/Dutchess/>> and Cyndi's list at <<http://www.cyndislist.com/>> does not show any transcription of the Dutchess County 1800 census online at this time.

Census pages on the microfilmed/digital image are clearly numbered - twice. Evidently there was different page numbering for different purposes added at different times after the census was first recorded.

Census paging covered by town listing on Ancestry.com: Beekman, p.5-19, Fishkill p.19-42, Pawling p.42-59, Poughkeepsie p.59-71, Phillips p.71-82, Carmel p.82-90,

Frederick p.90-97, Washington p.97-106, Clinton p.106-124, Stanford p.124-132, Amenia p.132-141, Northeast p.141-153, Rhinebeck p.153-166, Franklin p.166-172, and Southeast p.172-178.

KNOWN ON-LINE ERRORS - Ancestry.com will only allow you to go up to p.178 of the Southeast town enumeration; however, there are 4 additional names on page 179. Heritage Quest Online can scroll to that page. Neither the Ancestry.com index, nor the Heritage Quest index picks up those 4 names. The names are Caleb Fowler Jr., Hezekiah Townsend, John Raymond, and Margaret Moss.

### 1810 Federal Census

As with the earlier censuses, this one began on the first Monday in August. From 6 August 1810, the Federal Marshals had 10 months to finish and return the results to Washington. The forms were handwritten and the five age categories for men and women were identical for 1800 and 1810.

In the 1810 census, the Federal government was interested in collecting more statistics about agriculture, commerce and manufacturing. Virtually all of these early "non-population" schedules (before 1850) have been discarded or lost. However, for those searching in Fishkill and Beekman in 1810, the census-taker offers a bonus. Instead of collecting the statistical information on a separate schedule, he added columns on the same page as the population schedule, at the far end of the second page (for each person's entry, the columns spread across 2 open pages of the census book). Therefore, in addition to the population count, you will find 5 more columns labeled "horses", "cattle", "sheep", "looms", and "yds. of cloth". There are also notes on grist & fulling mills, carding machines, distillers, tanneries, even hat factories. This information for Fishkill is not always included, and it is not clear that the information in the columns at the far end of the page relate directly to the heads of household on whose line the numbers are written.

The population schedule for the 1810 census of Dutchess County was extracted and published in the DCGS quarterly *The Dutchess* from Vol.2 #4 (June 1975) to Vol.4 #2 (December 1976). In the transcription, names are listed in enumeration order with extracted data - a set of 5 numbers for the count of males in the different age categories and a second set of 5 numbers for females in the age categories (see information on the 1800 census above for a description of the age categories). The 1810 census for Dutchess county was later published by DCGS as a separate book with an index, now out of print.

In Dutchess County, the towns which existed at the time of this census were: Amenia (originally written "Armenia" on the census pages, and used in the Ancestry.com town listings), Beekman (including present Union Vale and part of LaGrange), Clinton (including present Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley), Dover, Fishkill (including present East Fishkill, Wappinger, and part of LaGrange), Northeast (including

present Milan and Pine Plains), Pawling (written "Pawlings"), Poughkeepsie, Rhinebeck (including present Red Hook), Stanford and Washington.

Still part of Dutchess County were towns now comprising Putnam County: Carmel, Frederick (presently called Kent), Patterson (name changed from Franklin in 1808), Phillips (formerly called Phillipstown; included present Putnam Valley), and Southeast.

A search of Census Online at <<http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/Dutchess/>> and Cyndi's list at <<http://www.cyndislist.com/>> does not show any transcription of the Dutchess County 1810 census online at this time.

In the Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest online versions of the 1810 census record, you will find a digital image of the original microfilm, although Heritage Quest includes every page of the microfilm version, and Ancestry.com will often skip blank pages and/or pages which only include population totals (no names). Both databases have indexes for 1810.

The census paging is varied and confusing - sometimes there are two and three different page numbers, some handwritten, some stamped, some for every "page", some for every other page. Often because the pages themselves were cut off at the top or bottom in the microfilming or because of wear and tear on the original pages, it is hard to read or to find the page number on the page itself - and some data may possibly be missing as well. This is probably the reason why Heritage Quest Online uses its own page numbering sequence, a large clear number in the upper left hand corner of every image.

While trying to extract as much information as possible from the data on census pages, a common technique is to note the neighbors of the families you are researching. An examination of the physical layout and varied page numbering of these early, non-standard census pages appears to show that in some cases separate sheets of paper may have been sewn/bound together in a random order before being microfilmed. So conclusions that can be drawn about where families lived in relation to "neighbors" may be restricted to those names appearing on a single "sheet".

Stamped census page numbers as covered by each town listing on Ancestry.com are: Beekman p.42-85, Fishkill p.90-163, Phillipstown/Phillips p.168-180, Dover p.182-190, Patterson p.192-197, Southeast p.198-205, Carmel p.206-211 (paging includes p.208, 208a, 208b, 209), Frederick p.212-219, Pawling p.220-227, Washington p.228-237, Poughkeepsie (town) p.238?-243, Poughkeepsie (village) p.244-252a, Stanford p.254-262, Clinton p.264?-284, Rhinebeck p.286-301, Amenia p.302-312, Northeast (also written North East) p.314-326. Although the paging appears to show gaps in coverage, a comparison with HeritageQuest online images shows that all pages with names on them are included in the Ancestry imaging.

KNOWN ON-LINE ERRORS – Ancestry.com mistakenly divides the [now Putnam County] town of Phillips into 2 separate towns when it is really only one town; “Phillipstown” includes the first 3 pages of the census listing, and “Phillips” includes the next 10 pages.

\*\*\*\*\*

### ◆ News from the NYG&B

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

July 10-16: The National Institute on Genealogical Research (NIGR) will be held at the National Archives in Washington, DC. Visit their website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~natgenin/> or write NIGR, P.O. Box 724, Lanham, MD 20703.

July 10-15: The 25th IAJGS International Conference on Jewish Genealogy will be held in Las Vegas, NV. Please visit their website <http://www.jewishgen.org/jgs/jgs-southernnevada/Shelley/index.htm>

\*\*\*\*\*

### ◆ Web Threads

<http://www.dcgsgen.org>

Jeanette (Jan) Foster  
[jfos@fosterswebsite.com](mailto:jfos@fosterswebsite.com)

### More Volunteers Needed

Thanks to the volunteers who have come forward as a result of the recent request for help with the Dutchess County Genealogical Society website. Work has begun to distribute some of the tasks associated with maintaining our website - now well over 100 pages and serving an average of more than 375 genealogists monthly.

We currently have several projects in progress and several more new ones in mind. It is not too late to help out - we could still use an additional volunteer or two! If you are at all interested helping, please contact me directly at [jfos@fosterswebsite.com](mailto:jfos@fosterswebsite.com).

The skills involved are not intensive - some basic computer typing, cutting and pasting. Additionally, you must have a computer with an up-to-date security product (something like Symantec's Norton product) and internet access. If you can spare a few hours a month - that's all it need be - you can make a meaningful contribution to the Society. As any genealogist researching ancestors who hail far from their own home knows, it is often the efforts of distant volunteers that help move each of us forward in our searches. This is a great way to "give back" to the genealogy community in general and to those researching in the Dutchess County area specifically.

### New Online Newsletter Format; Other Updates

You may have noticed that we have recently begun displaying the online version of *The Dutchess Newsletter* in pdf format. If you need the free **Adobe Reader** for this

format, we provide a link to the Adobe site.

We hope you will be as pleased with the change as we are. You will find that the online image of the newsletter in pdf format looks *exactly* as does the published version you receive in the mail. We hope to eventually provide all the newsletters, past and future, in this format. Special thanks are due to our Newsletter Editor, J. Douglas Leith, who has worked closely with me to make this improvement possible. By Board decision, we omit the Membership listings from the online versions.

Other recent updates to the website include agendas for upcoming meetings, the two most recent "Dutchess Newsletter" in pdf format, and a link to a new site regarding Rhinebeck history. The hours of our library are posted, but due to the possibility of sudden scheduling difficulties, we always suggest that you call before coming, especially if you are traveling a long distance.

Items on the website include this newsletter back to 2001, detailed information about obtaining Dutchess County vital records, and an up-to-date listing of all topics included in all issues of our quarterly journal, *The Dutchess*, since it began over 25 years ago. Individual back issues of *The Dutchess* can be ordered using an online order form. An application for membership in the DCGS can be printed from our website for those who might be interested in joining.

We welcome your comments and suggestions about our recent enhancements and any other aspect of the website via the e-mail address provided at our website. Unfortunately, we are unable to take inquiries of any kind at that address. Please address those to the society at:

Dutchess County Genealogical Society  
P.O. Box 708  
Poughkeepsie NY 12602-0708