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President's Summer Message

Valerie LaRobardier

My eldest brother passed away in April, prompting reflection, to a degree greater than normal even for a genealogist, on matters of family, lives well lived and rites of passage. What is it exactly that makes us do what we do? Is it the allure of solving mysteries, or perhaps collection mania? For me it is certainly both of those, but even more compelling is the desire to find and tell the stories of those who have gone before us but may have faded into obscurity. Their stories provide learning for us all—even our "bad" ancestors provide a lesson through their mistakes. Some, who lived through war or natural disasters and suffered tremendous loss, can teach us about strength and courage. In this season of tornado and flood and Memorial Day, we all reflect a little more on these ancestors. Those who immigrated and pioneered can teach us about adventure. Join us at the East Fishkill Library June 13th at 10:30 as Mary Colbert teaches us how to learn more about these ancestors.

My brother was an avid gardener. At his memorial his youngest son spoke of how he had planted seeds, and how his influence could live on in all of us if we continued on with the seeds he planted. Our ancestors can all speak to us in this way, if we listen carefully to their stories and nourish the seeds they planted during their lifetimes.

We all have favorite ancestors, those who speak to us more strongly, we admire most, or find compelling. Many times they are those ancestors that we know most about. Others favorites we keep returning to are our brick wall ancestors that we struggle to learn more about. In between these two ex-

tremes lies a sea of ancestors, dryly called out with their birth, marriage and death events known and perhaps a scant bit more. I now resolve to try to flesh these people out better to see what I might learn from the seeds they planted in their lifetimes.

The Last Place You Look...Keep Looking

The statement "It's always in the last place you look" has long amused me. If you are looking for your car keys in your own house, for example, of course you know when you find them and therefore stop looking—how could it be otherwise? The same is not true of genealogy. Still, even the experienced genealogist often stops looking as soon as a good match is found. The proper match could be the first or the last one you find, but you will not know until you have located and evaluated them all.

Imagine you are seeking the father of Isaac Jones, born in New York ca 1837, and you know that his parents are born in Connecticut. A preliminary search turns up a Zebulon Jones, born ca 1805, who migrates to New York. Your Isaac has a son Zebulon Thorne Jones—bingo! That was easy. What if you continued to look and found another Zebulon Jones, born ca 1797, married Anne Thorne, and migrated to New York? That certainly complicates matters doesn't it?

The next step is to research all the candidates and use logic to rule out the less likely ones. Certainly if Zebulon Thorne Jones names a daughter Anne Thorne Jones and other of Zebulon the elder's offspring can be found in the cemeteries or vital records in close proximity to Isaac Jones it helps cement the case. However, if no such evidence is found it does not disprove the relationship. It is just this tentative nature of the research process that demands a very careful analysis of all the prospects before forming a conclusion. Find them all, research them all, describe them all—and only then make your choice. [These names are hypothetical for illustration only.]

Genealogy 101 Classes A Big Hit!

Our Genealogy 101 classes at the East Fishkill Library have proven a huge success with all sessions

filling the room to bursting capacity. Thanks goes out to the library for hosting us and providing refreshments. We continue on with Mary Colbert presenting Immigration and Naturalization June 13th at 10:30. This Autumn we resume September 12th to learn more about Finding Vital Records and Requesting Copies with Valerie LaRobardier. Details and registration information can be found by clicking the link on the home page of our web site.

Also, please watch the web site for news of our Fall Seminar to be held in October.

DCGS will be at the Dutchess County Fair... YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!



The Board is happy to announce that we will be at the fair this summer in Rhinebeck. Mary Ann Zatlukal has arranged for us to have a booth indoors and we are busily preparing activities for fairgoers.

Shifts are just three hours and come with a free admission to the fair. Volunteers do not need to "know anything"—your presence only is needed to make this a success. We will have a kiosk of continuous playing presentations along with literature and membership flyers. We need shift volunteers, back up volunteers to fill in for unexpected absentees, and telephone contact coordinators. The most pressing need right now is for shift volunteers.



Please email us to learn more at - - dcgscontact@aol.com. The fair runs 23-28 Aug 2011.

Also visit the Fair's site at: www.dutchessfair.com

Hudson Valley History Conferences (HVHC)

from: feinmanp@verizon.net

in his email of 3/14/2011.

7/18-22 MOHAWK VALLEY Teacherhostel

For details see <http://www.ihare.org/teacherhostel.htm>

Also planned for 9/10/11 is HVHC - Rockland County History Conference - TBD (no details yet)

Do you have a relative buried in the Normandy American Cemetery?

By Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer

The *Poughkeepsie Journal* for May 29, 2011, includes a front page article, "Family Goes to France to Honor WWII Dead." The family of Jeff Hammond did research before their visit to France and identified nine Dutchess County men with headstones in the military cemetery at Normandy. They visited these graves and spread some Dutchess County soil on them. The men are: Wesley W. Andrews, Leonard Bowe, and James E. Young of Poughkeepsie; Marvin Barton of Dutchess County (monument only; buried at sea); George N. Burr of Pawling; Vincent DeWitt of Red Hook; George Monsees of Salt Point; Richard Sutton of Beacon; and Alvin H. Worden of Amenia. If you are related to any of these men, the Hammonds would like you to call them at (845) 462-0456." 'We'd like the surviving family members to know that after all these years these men have not been forgotten—that their ultimate sacrifice for the common cause of humanity lives on,' said Steve Hammond."

March 2011 Meeting

By Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer

Carney Rhinevault, Town of Hyde Park Historian, discussed his book, *The Home Front in Roosevelt's Home Town*. Approximately half of the stories in the book relate to the Roosevelt family and many of these are humorous. The remaining stories are about everyday people, both those who stayed in Hyde Park and those who served in the military. Many of the stories from military people are ones they had never told anyone before Mr. Rhinevault interviewed them. To learn more about the book, contact Mr. Rhinevault at carneytatiana@yahoo.com

May 2011 Meeting

By Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer

Edward J. Shaughnessy spoke on the topic, "The Civil War Sesquicentennial: Has Research Gotten Easier?" Yes, research has gotten easier, but in some cases you may have to search through paper records the old-fashioned way. More books have been written about the US Civil War (CW) than any other war. A recent study used medical reports in CW pension records to demonstrate the many veterans suffered from what is now called post-traumatic stress syndrome, which had not yet been recognized at the time. The US National Archives has service records and, in many cases, pension claim files for CW soldiers. If you know or suspect that a relative served, you can request a search of service records and pension records from the National Archives. There is no charge if records aren't found. If records are found, the charge is \$25.00 for service records, and \$75.00 for pension records. To request records, go to <http://www.archives.gov/research/military/genealogy.html> Near the bottom of the page, under Obtaining Copies of Military Service Records, click on "Order online" after the type of records you wish to request. Pension files often include much

genealogical information, such as the names of wife/wives and children of the veteran, but rarely include names of parents. The New York State Archives has records relating to CW soldiers from New York. For information, see their web page at: http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/research/res_topics_military_s.html

To investigate whether a relative might have served in the Civil War without incurring the cost of military records, search for the name in the Civil War Soldiers & Sailors System at: <http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss/> If your first search isn't successful, try again with varying forms of the name — for example, using no middle initial, initials only, variant spellings of the first name and surname, etc.

Upcoming DCGS Meetings

By Christine Crawford-Oppenhimer

*20 September 2011: "Caring for Heirloom and Modern Scrapbooks," presented by Christine Crawford-Oppenhimer.

*15 November 2011: a presentation by Harvey K. Flad, professor emeritus of Vassar College, based on his book, *Main Street to Mainframes: Landscape and Social Change in Poughkeepsie*.

*17 January 2012: Members Sharing with Members. An informal discussion of brick walls (maybe someone else can help!) and breakthroughs (maybe your breakthrough will give someone else an idea!).

*20 March 2012: "Irish Research," presented by Mary Colbert.

*15 May 2012: to be announced

Membership

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(Membership data are published only in the printed copies mailed to members, not in this web version.)

More on the Ring House Museum in Iowa

From Gil B Leach

In the Winter, 2010-11 Newsletter, I had written an article called "A Special Opportunity" which described my trip to Mapleton, Iowa to visit the home of an ancestor, William L. Ring as that home is now a museum to his life and history. On Saturday evening, April 9, 2011, a strength 3 tornado severely damaged about one third of this small city. After some long hours of trying, I was able to contact Keith Robinson the local historian, and learned more about the tornado. Fortunately no one was killed, and injuries were minor, affecting only three persons. All of the people we met during the visit are all right, and live in the eastern part of town. The storm essentially wiped out the western third of town. And, fortunately, The Ring House Museum was not damaged at all, either. Now the

many months of cleanup and rebuilding are in process with many volunteer groups from the general region as well as those directly affected.

Gil Leach

Dutchess County Trempers

Contrib. by Priscilla M. Tremper Leith

This article is an excerpt from the book *The Johan Jury (George) Tremper Family of Dutchess County, Columbia County and Delaware County NY and the Wilhelmus Tremper Family of the Hudson River Valley and Philadelphia PA* published on September 9, 2009 (364 p.) by Priscilla M. Tremper Leith and John Douglas Leith (*your Newsletter editor, jdleith@verizon.net*), of Newton, MA.

The Trömper Family from Europe to America and Dutchess County, NY /*/

This family's surname was originally listed as Trömper when the immigrants **Johan Jacob Trömper** and **Anna Christina Welcker** came to Manhattan in the early 1720's from Neuwied, Germany. Their 5 sons each spelled the name phonetically, and it became Tremper, Trimper, Trumper or other variants throughout the Hudson River Valley and in other states where they migrated.

Among the early settlers to Dutchess County, NY was their son **Johan Jury (George) Tremper (1709-1769)** with his wife **Anna-Madelena Denemarken (1716-1753)**. The Trempers were Palatines who came to New York State under the auspices of Governor Hunter on the Manor of Robert Livingston in what is now Columbia County NY, but there is no evidence that they actually lived at Livingston Manor. Rather, they settled in New York City, where their earliest records are found. They joined either the Reformed Dutch Church or the Lutheran Church, where they baptised their children, married, and held funerals. These churches kept excellent records until the Revolutionary War disrupted their lives and their churches. Thanks to the early church records and their frequent use of the naming patterns used by members of the Reformed Dutch Church, it has not been too difficult to trace descendants in Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster, Rockland, and Orange Counties. New York City has been more difficult, since so many Trempers had the names Jacob, Johannes, Johan Jacob, Herman/Hermanus, Anna Christina, Maria, Catherine, and so on.

From New York City, the 5 Tremper sons went to different areas of the Hudson Valley. **Johannes (1703)** married **Maritta Felton/Velten** and settled near Tappan in Orange (now Rockland) County. **Johan Jury (George) (1709)** married 1st **Anna-Madelena Denemarken**, and 2nd **Susanna Toppel**. He settled in the Rhine-

beck area of Dutchess County. **Wilhelmus (1712)** married **Madelena Huyk/Huyck**. A child of theirs was born in Raritan NJ and baptised at Harlingen Reformed Dutch Church in Somerset County NJ in 1747. They settled in Northern Liberties, Philadelphia County PA. **Johann Jacob 'jr' (1715)** married **Anna Maria Pfeiffer** at the New York City Reformed Dutch Church in 1738. Some of their children remained in New York City, others went to Kingston in Ulster County. The youngest son, **Hermannus (1718)**, married **Anna Elisabetha Felten/Velten** at Tappan about 1735 and settled near Tappan, Rockland County.

Johan Jury Tremper had a second wife named Susana Typel whom he married on 25 May 1754 at the Rhinebeck Flats Reformed Dutch Church, and they had a daughter named Catharine, born in 1755. However, there is no further record of her and she is presumed to have died young. Trempers in Dutchess County, and then Columbia County, derive from the children of Johan Jury (George) Tremper and his first wife Anna Madelena Denemarken, who were:

Jacob 'Skipper' Tremper, born in 1734. He married Catharine Deal/Teal.

Johannes 'John' Tremper, born in 1736. He married Catharina Typel, born in 1745 in Dutchess Co, a relative of his father's second wife.

Catharina, baptised on 1 November 1739 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hook, who died young.

Helena 'Lena', born and/or baptised on 10 May 1740 at the Rhinebeck Reformed Dutch Church. She married Abraham Roel Kip.

Christoffel, christened 17 April 1743 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Red Hook.

Christina, christened 28 August 1750 at Rhinebeck Reformed Dutch Church.

Jacob 'Skipper' Tremper, the eldest child, was baptised on 8 December 1734 at the Kingston Reformed Dutch Church. Sponsors at his baptism were his mother's sister, Catharina Denemarken and her husband Johannes Weber. Jacob 'Skipper' was married on 19 January 1759 at either New York City or Dutchess Co. to Catharine Deal, who was born in 1735 and baptised in Rhinebeck at St. Peter's Lutheran Church on 29 June 1735. She is named in the will of yeoman Laurentz Deal as his daughter.

Jacob 'Skipper' Tremper was a brewer and innkeeper. He signed the Articles of Association at Rhinebeck, along with Everardus Bogardus, Henry Beekman, David and John Van Ness, and P. G. Livingston. He served first as a 2nd Lieutenant in Company 5 of the NY State Militia under Jacobus Kip, then in Cantine's Regiment of the New York Militia in 1779 during the Ameri-

can Revolutionary War. He died in Rhinebeck leaving a will that was filed in Dutchess Co. Surrogate's Court on 17 October 1788. It bequeaths "living and privileges as in my late father's will" to his (step) mother, Susanna (Typel) Trimper. It mentions his sister, Catharine Trimper. It grants to his wife, Keturah (Catharine) "my brew-house and brewing implements...my lands and tenements in...Rhinebeck, ... (and) the Negro man named Toby." It names sons Hermanus, John, Jacob, George, Lawrence, and Wilhelmus and daughters Mariche or Marike, Catherine, and Eleanor Trimper. Thus, we know he died prior to 17 October 1788 and that his step-mother Susanna, sister Catherine, wife 'Keturah', 6 sons and 3 daughters all survived him. The will was proved on 27 January 1789 before Gilbert Livingston, Surrogate of Dutchess County.

- end of installment #1 – *To be continued.*

/*/ ed.: The immigrant family from Neuwied is on p. 291-292 in *More Palatine Families* (1991) by Henry Z. Jones, Jr.

