



# DCGS NEWSLETTER

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## President's Notes

It is amazing how fast the summer has gone. I recently bought a new scanner, so my personal project for the summer has been to learn more about scanning photos and how to use unfamiliar software programs that process the photos. Software not only lets you fool around with the photos themselves, they also provide a variety of ways to share photos with others in formal and informal ways.

Even though I am familiar with a variety of software programs, when I first start trying to learn a brand-new program, it is usually very frustrating. Many programs like to advertise that they are "intuitive" to use, but it sure doesn't feel like that when you start from scratch without knowing the vocabulary or "obvious" shortcuts. This experience is just another reminder that everyone is a beginner in something, especially in the field of genealogy. We are always learning about new search techniques to use, historical and scientific sources to find, unfamiliar geographical places to search, out-of-the-way Internet places to search, ethnicities and nationalities to discover....

By the way, I saw a CNN story recently about the number of people who read books. A study found that 1 in 4 adults have read no books in the past year. They also said that a 2004 National Endowment for the Arts report found only 57 percent of American adults had read a book in 2002. The study faulted "television, movies and the Internet". I have a feeling that they weren't interviewing enough genealogists.

I hope all of you have found something new this summer and are ready to plunge into fall with fresh ideas for your own family history, whether it is researching, writing, or preparing materials of all kinds to share with your friends and relatives.

## Adriance Memorial Library Temporarily Relocating

Adriance Memorial Library, the public library for the greater Poughkeepsie area, has a Local History Room and a separate non-circulating Genealogy collection at their main branch on 93 Market

Street, Poughkeepsie, NY. Construction of a major expansion of that main library building is scheduled to start near the end of October 2007 and will take until 2009 to complete. The building will be closed to the public from Sunday, September 30, 2007 until the end of construction.

All main branch library services will relocate to the former YWCA building at 18 Bancroft Road in Poughkeepsie. It will probably take most of the month of October to transfer the Market Street collection to Bancroft Road, and during that time only the Arlington Branch Library will be open. After the main library re-opens at Bancroft Road near the end of October, some of its normal services may be somewhat contracted for the duration of the two-year build period.

The Local History collection and the Genealogy collection will be available to the public - they will not go into storage. But, for example, the relocation could affect the number of hours that the collections are available.

If you plan to visit Adriance Library to do any kind of genealogy research, especially around the time of the move, but probably for the entire period of the main library relocation, it is strongly recommended that you call ahead to check on any restrictions you might find. The library has a website at <http://www.poklib.org/> where you can also find e-mail contact information; their telephone number is (845) 485-3445.

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## Membership

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(Membership lists are omitted from the web version.)

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## NEWS FROM THE NYG&B

The following is now in the e-library collection:  
Indexes to the *Record* 1995-2001

(6/7/07)

## September 27 & 28: NGS ELDERHOSTEL EVENT AT NYG&B:

The NYG&B will host a National Genealogical Society sponsored Elderhostel program: A Day of Discovery, Your Family History: A Beginner's Workshop, in September and December, at Society headquarters, 122 E. 58th St., in New York City.

The one-day beginner's workshop will include an introduction on how to research vital records, church and bible records, census,

newspapers, and county histories and will include a discussion of records available at the NYG&B and a tour of the Library.

The program will be offered on four different dates: September 27 & 28, and December 11 & 12. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the program concludes at 4:00 p.m. The one-day program is \$79.00, including a box lunch. To enroll visit <http://www.elderhostel.org> or call (800) 454-5768. This is program #15873.

September's workshops will be taught by Marty Hiatt, CG, who developed the program in 2006 for the National Genealogical Society. In December the one-day workshop will be taught by Arlene V. Jennings, CG, a Director of NGS; Lauren Maehrlein, MA, Director of Education; and Edward H.L. Smith III, MLS, Director of the Library and Research. All are members of the NYG&B Education Committee.

### **OCT. 27 & 28: FAMILY HISTORY WRITING WORKSHOP:**

Following the success of our October 2005 program we are once again offering an intensive two-day course on Writing Your Family History. You will be taken through the process and actually begin writing your story. Guiding you will be Sharon DeBartolo Carmack, author of the course text *You Can Write Your Family History* and thirteen other books, and James Warren, author of *Getting the Most Miles from Genealogical Research Trips* and other books.

The course is split into two four-hour sessions with a pre-class assignment. Saturday morning will offer lectures and hands-on writing, and will be followed by a buffet luncheon at an additional fee. Registrants will be assigned an off-hours writing task to be completed overnight.

After learning how to put your research together, you'll meet Sunday afternoon. The second session will provide participants with positive, in-depth critiques of the writing homework. Time is allocated to show the next steps. The course ends with a clear outline for finishing your family history.

Class size is limited to twenty students. Schedule:  
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007

AM Session: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007

PM Session: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Cost: \$175.00 members/\$250.00 non-members

(fee includes a copy of *You Can Write Your Family History*)

Register via our online store  
<http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org>, or by calling 212-755-8532, ext. 36.

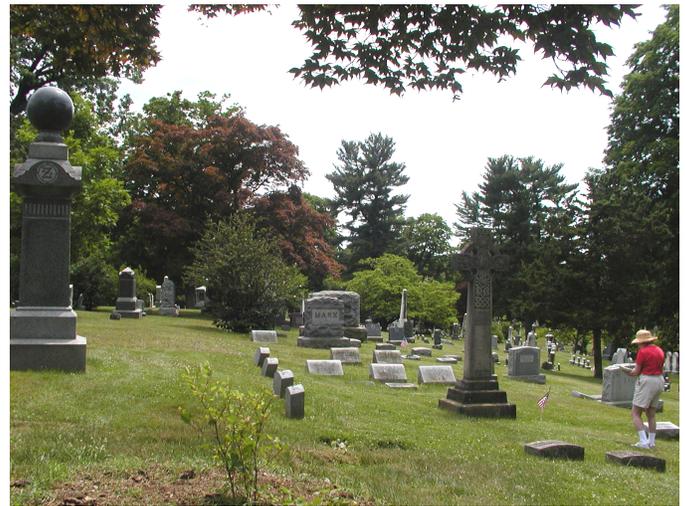
### **November 7-9: RESEARCH IN ALBANY:**

Although we usually provide this program every other year, our 2006 visit sold out long before the date of the event and we had many requests from participants that it be repeated in 2007.

Therefore, the next "Research in Albany" program will be held Wednesday, Nov. 7, through Friday, Nov. 9, 2007. Once again we will provide our members with three days of guided research at the New York State Library and State Archives.

The program fee, including the banquet, reception, and all other arrangements, is \$110 for members, \$135 for non-members. We have arranged a special room rate at the Crowne Plaza of \$99 per night, single or double. Please call the hotel directly at 518-462-6611 and mention that you are attending the NYG&B program to get this rate. To register, please use the form on the back page of the *Spring Researcher* or contact Lauren Maehrlein, [education@nygbs.org](mailto:education@nygbs.org), telephone 212-755-8532, ext. 36, or you may register online at <http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org>.

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Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery (Zimmer plots), 6/2007

## BUDGET 2007-2008

	INCOME			EXPENSES		
	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 BUDGET	2006-07 Budget	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 BUDGET
BALANCE CARRIED OVER		\$25,122.25	<b>\$30,715.09</b>			
Membership	\$4,500.00	\$4,625.00	<b>\$4,500.00</b>	\$225.00	\$251.25	<b>\$275.00</b>
Publications	\$600.00	\$224.00	<b>\$200.00</b>	\$4,700.00	\$4,315.65	<b>\$4,125.00</b>
Electronic Publication	-----	-----	-----	\$300.00	\$300.00	<b>\$300.00</b>
Research	\$1,000.00	\$978.00	<b>\$700.00</b>	\$100.00	\$107.72	<b>\$100.00</b>
Donations	\$200.00	\$5,142.00	<b>\$150.00</b>	-----	-----	-----
Program	-----	-----	-----	\$300.00	\$674.71	<b>\$550.00</b>
Seminar	\$1,200.00	\$697.50	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	\$1,200.00	\$1,043.00	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Library	-----	-----	-----	\$425.00	\$578.56	<b>\$500.00</b>
Other	\$400.00	\$855.62	<b>\$800.00</b>	\$650.00	\$774.40	<b>\$500.00</b>
Totals	\$7,900.00	\$12,522.12	<b>\$7,350.00</b>	\$7,900.00	\$8,045.29	<b>\$7,350.00</b>

Overall numbers 2006-07 :

Total annual income \$12,522.12 ; total annual expenses \$8,045.29

Net gain \$4,476.83

Annual income less the \$5000 donation is \$7,522.12, with same expenses

Net loss \$ 523.17