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## DCGS has new library volunteers!

*Gil Leach*

We happily report that two people have volunteered to help in DCGS library, and they also have joined the DCGS board. Mary Ann Zatlukal agreed to be the VP of Education, including working with Christine to define the position in greater detail. Mary Colbert agreed to try the VP Library position and to be The Librarian. We hope they will find this a challenging and rewarding way to serve our genealogical community, which extends far beyond the borders of Dutchess County. The library is, truly, a Dutchess County gold mine!



MaryAnn Zatlukal (left) & Mary Colbert (right)

We have really lucked out with these two ladies! When they answered my call, and appeared at the library, we experienced a new beginning. Their interest never waned, in fact grew with each passing day (and each new stumbling block). We are fortunate to have both of them in their new capacities.

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## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

- ❖ To conduct name searches in the DCGS Library collections
- ❖ Training provided by experienced researchers
- ❖ Set your own hours

If you would like to learn more about Dutchess County genealogy and help other family genealogists

Contact us at:

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**Rhinebeck - in the news for weddings...**

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Chelsea & Marc...?  
The Beekman Arms Inn

“They say Rhinebeck is the Hamptons of the north, but we argue with that. We just want to be Rhinebeck! Lots of art, culture, fabulous galleries and food.” – a close-mouthed restaurant owner, asked about the wedding.

The Beekman Arms was established around 1766 and has been owned at different times by four men of the Tremper family, an old family of Ulster and Dutchess counties of interest to your editor – first, from 1837-1840, by Jacob H. Tremper, and then from 1873-1884, by the brothers Harry and Alvin and their uncle George Clinton Tremper. Harry Tremper also invested in a putative gold mine a bit east of Rhinebeck, along with Pierre Lorillard of tobacco fame. The mine was worthless but generated a few breathless and wry blurbs in the Rhinebeck Gazette and the New York Sun in 1880. The “Grand Dutchess Gold Mining Company” was formed and a prospectus issued. But then we find no more news about it – it quietly sank into obscurity. Your editor may have found a short mine tunnel related to this in his wanderings some years back – but no nuggets turned up! In a book listing some 25,000 obsolete securities we find this entry: “Grand Dutchess Gold Mining Co Office in New York Dissolved 1883”

Cf. *Obsolete American securities and corporations, Volume 2*, by Roland Mulville Smythe, pub. 1911, found via Google.

We wrote about the gold mine in the DCGS Newsletters of Fall 2003 and Summer 2004.

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Here is another Dutchess County Tremper, Jacob Lawrence Tremper (1836-1920), in front of his Rhinebeck meat market about 1892. He married Minerva Rikert (1842-1920) in 1862.

(photo courtesy of Kay Tremper Verrilli)



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**Bright Lights - Urban Research – NYG&B session –**

Tuesday, 30 November, at 5:30 pm

Tracing your city ancestors can be a daunting task compared to your country cousins. There are too many people with the same names living in cities where they are creating different kinds of records. How do you identify your needle in a city haystack?

Suzanne McVetty, CG, is an experienced researcher and lecturer, who has done client research on New York City and Long Island families and has worked identifying missing heirs to estates and testifying on their behalf. She currently is taking on some historic research clients. Ms McVetty has written numerous articles for a number of leading genealogical publications and has spoken at many local and national genealogical conferences. A past president of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and treasurer of the Association of Professional Genealogists, she is a long-time member of the Education Committee of the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society.

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