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## President's Message – An Ethnic Smorgasbord

*Valerie LaRobardier, President*

The historic community the past few months has provided me with quite an assortment of ethnically oriented learning experiences. Two of these touched on client projects and one on a group that interests me as town historian. Fergus Bordewich speaking on the Abolitionist movement and the Underground Railroad in the Hudson Valley was the first talk in this season's Heritage Lecture Series. Professor Bordewich is the author of *Bound for Canaan, the Epic Story of the Underground Railroad, America's First Civil Rights Movement*. A group of the Mid Hudson Antislavery History Project [MHAHP] added to the evening. This dovetailed nicely with a genealogy project I am working on tracing Dutchess County roots as the MHAHP had heard of the freed slave we were researching. In September we heard Philip Otterness speak on the Palatine Migration to New York. His talk painted a picture of these immigrants' journey against the backdrop of economic and political conditions in Europe and was supplemented with slides illustrating German buildings and maps. Four of my client projects involve Palatine ancestry, making this a valuable learning experience. Neither lecture gave me any direct answers or documentation for related projects. But in researching genealogy, the more in depth knowledge you have of the historical background the better your chances are of spotting clues and relationships that deserve a second look.

A chance meeting arising out of my duties as Dover Town Historian shed light on the history of the Pequot and Schaghticoke nations, who figure in the history of Dover and of nearby Kent, Connecticut. I received an email from a descendant of Gideon Mauwee, who was the last Sachem of the Schaghticoke. He wanted to learn more about the tribe's history in Dover. I think it may have actually been more a case of me learning from him as we chatted on a variety of local history and genealogy topics. I have long wished to learn more about Gideon's granddaughter Eunice to give her a proper place in our history. We were able to make a beginning to that quest.

In the beginning of October the Village of Millbrook unveiled its Museum in the Streets. The bilingual display panels use Italian, in recognition of the contribution of the Italian immigrants to the town and region. A driving rain and wind whipping at the walls of the tent did nothing to dampen the spirits of the crowd as we listened to presentations by Italian and local dignitaries including David H. Thorne, a former U.S. Ambassador to Italy. Quakers and Irish groups as well as railroad history were also covered as we went on a virtual tour around town and sang songs for each "stop". For those of you who missed it, Millbrook Town and Village Historian David Greenwood is speaking November 6th at 7:00 PM at the Millbrook Village Hall, 35 Merritt Avenue, Millbrook NY. Hear the tale of how the chance discovery of a 1913 insurance map opened a vivid window into the development of Millbrook's Italian community. The presentation ties into the Museum in the Streets exhibit.

These recent local history glimpses illustrate even more vividly the patchwork quilt comprising Dutchess County. Waves of different peoples moving east, north and south throughout the county created an exciting and sometimes noisy mixture, leaving stamps on our culture and people that still survive today.

## Volunteers Needed

*Valerie LaRobardier, President*

We are still looking for individuals who would like to help out by transcribing for our members only page. This activity can be handled remotely so any member might apply. If you would like to learn more please send an email to [dcgsinfo@aol.com](mailto:dcgsinfo@aol.com) with "Volunteer inquiry" in the subject line.

## Upcoming Genealogy Programs

*Mary Colbert, Vice President-Library*

Monday November 17, 2014 10:30am- noon Alley Room

### [Genealogy Basics and Beyond - Researching Vital Records](#)

Members of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society will offer several classes on the *Basics and Beyond of Genealogy*.

Learn where to locate the vital records for your family, including civil registration, church records, cemetery transcriptions, newspaper notices and court cases. Participants will also learn how to use these records as a jumping off point for other information available on their ancestors. Methods for tracking and documenting your research will also be covered in this presentation. DC Genealogical Society President **Valerie LaRobardier** will lead this workshop.

Registration is required and limited to 36 participants <http://eflibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails.aspx?EventId=4720&lib=>

Monday December 15, 2014 10:30am- noon Alley Room

### [Genealogy Basics and Beyond – Researching Census Records](#)

Members of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society will offer several classes on the *Basics and Beyond of Genealogy*.

Census records contain a wealth of information. Learn about finding your ancestors in US Census Records 1790-1940. Learn where you can find these records, how to find "missing" ancestors, what the census records can tell you about your ancestors and how to find clues that lead you to other records.

**Mary Colbert**, Librarian of the Family History Library in Poughkeepsie will lead this workshop. Registration is required and class is limited to 36 participants.

<http://eflibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails.aspx?EventId=4719&lib=>

## Dutchess County in Other Publications

*Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, Vice President - Program*

Arthaud, Joshua Bradley and Richard Williams Schmidt. "Four Peleg Ballads of Dutchess, Putnam, and Delaware Counties, New York." *The American Genealogist* 85 (October 2011 [published May 2013]): 291-312.

McDonald, Capers W. "Warner Lockwood of New York, North Carolina, and Illinois." *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 145 (July 2014): 185-201.

Harris, Gale Ion. "Early Coy and Harris Families of Eastern Connecticut: A Further Analysis of the 1798 Estate of Martha Harris." *The New England Historical and Genealogical Record* 168 (January 2014) 62-71 (Part 1); (April 2014) 148-156 (Part 2); (July 2014) 206-218 (Part 3--conclusion).

Hart, Frederick C., Jr. "Early Austins of Greenwich and Stamford, Connecticut." *The New England Historical and Genealogical Record* 168 (April 2014) 84-100.

Metsch, Patricia A. "Identifying the Parents of William H. Mackey (1786-1864) of Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York." *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* 145 (January 2014): 5-24.

## Wanted: Corresponding Secretary

*Valerie LaRobardier, President*

All good things do come to an end and we learn with regret that our Corresponding Secretary Gil Leach will soon retire from the board after serving faithfully for 15 years. We very much appreciate his service! The new board member will have good support in the transition period as well as encouragement from other board members. We are an informal group that enjoys our meetings and duties. The corresponding secretary should be located somewhat near the library and post office so that it will not pose a hardship to collect and distribute the mail. Please get in touch with us to suggest a friend, volunteer or just ask questions by emailing us at [dcgsinfo@AOL.com](mailto:dcgsinfo@AOL.com).