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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

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A cemetery problem

partly from: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nydutche/>
dated 9/15/02:

The condition of a cemetery located at the former Dutchess County Infirmary (poor house) in the Town of Washington has come up in connection with county plans to use the old buildings and location. Ginny Buechele, who is active on the Dutchess County mailing list on Rootsweb, has already put a good deal of work into the issue of protecting this cemetery. See her page at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/2843/saveacemetery.html> [Ed. note: some users may not be able to access the [saveacemetery.html](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Acres/2843/saveacemetery.html) page]. It explains the issue and includes recent articles from the *Poughkeepsie Journal* that show why the subject is coming up now. She also includes links to [contact county legislators](#). This issue is still current as of March 2003. Please help by adding your voice to our appeal to county legislators to preserve the cemetery and any available records. The more voices that join hers the better to convince county government that genealogists have a lively interest in how the county protects its historical and genealogical resources. Both local DCGS members who live in the county, and those who live at a distance can contribute.

Bible Records

The current issue, 90(4), Dec 2002, of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* is devoted entirely to Bible records. As well as publishing a number of transcripts, various articles discuss how to examine and analyze a Bible record to get the most out of it, how to cite a Bible record, and places to look for transcripts and collections of Bibles.

NGS also announced a couple of new projects. Realizing that Bibles and other personal family records are among the most inaccessible of vital records, NGS (p. 301) is planning a Digital Bible Archives (DBA) Project to act as a records repository on the Internet. They will encourage

visitors to their website at www.ngsgenealogy.org to contribute transcribed copies of records, and also offer a place for digitized, scanned copies to accompany the transcriptions. On the DBA web pages, they will include links to, and details of, similar projects both online and offline, to avoid duplicating the efforts of others.

NGS (p. 303) is also sponsoring an "Orphaned Bible and Family Record Rescue Project" in which people are encouraged to buy and then donate (as a tax-deductible gift) Bibles, or other books used to record family information, that they find for sale at used bookstores and antique stores, on auction sites, or at garage or yard sales. NGS will extract the family information for their DBA project, and then try to find a home for the Bible itself with anyone who has a connection. I'd like to encourage our members to keep this project in mind (it is not yet started) for family records that you know are valuable, but not particularly accessible. And of course, we would be happy to publish a transcript of your relevant Bible record in "The Dutchess". At a minimum, a transcript should include the title, publisher and publication date of the Bible, as well as the family information. It is desirable to have information on its provenance as far as you know it - who first owned the Bible, who wrote in it, where is it presently and how did it get there. A description of the record itself is also valuable - was all the information written at one time, in one hand, after the events recorded; or perhaps as each event happened; or for groups of events.

Settlers of the Beekman Patent

The New England Historic Genealogical Society has announced an agreement with author Frank J. Doherty to co-publish upcoming volumes of his authoritative series "*The Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York: An Historical and Genealogical Study of All the 18th Century Settlers in the Patent.*" In addition to printing future books of this series, NEHGS will also be offering previously published volumes as searchable databases on its website, NewEnglandAncestors.org.

The first volume of the series (1990) included all early information available on the Patent - the lease system, precinct (town) records, road dedications, the rent wars, over three hundred pages of local Revolutionary War data, previously undiscovered Revolutionary War muster rolls for four of the nine companies of minutemen in Dutchess County, important information from the two newspapers published in the county during the Revolution, and more.

Subsequent volumes of *Settlers of the Beekman Patent* contain detailed family histories of the eighteenth-century residents of the Patent, many of which were drawn from sources previously unavailable to family historians, such as the original lease records of Henry Beekman and original daybooks and over sixty ledgers from early Dutchess County stores. Beginning with Volume 4 (1997), the author has included all references to the Beekman Patent family names found in New York State Probate up through 1830-1840. Mr. Doherty expects to publish six to eight more volumes before the series is completed.

Volumes 1-6 of this series are currently available as books and on CD from NEHGS and from the author at his website, www.beekmansettlers.com, which also offers individual family chapters. For further information, contact Lynn Betlock, NEHGS director of marketing, at 617-226-1210, fax 617-624-0325, email to: lbetlock@nehgs.org, or visit their website at <http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org>

Ed. note: This series is in some libraries currently: Adriance Memorial in Pkpsie, Ulster County Gen. Soc. in Hurley, NYG&B Soc. in New York City, also Beekman, Dover Plains, East Fishkill, LaGrange, Pine Plains, and the NEHGS in Boston.

MEETING OF 18 MARCH 2003

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"Genealogical Magazines: What's Available? How Do I Access Them?" was the topic of the March 18 DCGS meeting, presented by Christine Crawford-Oppeneheimer. She said that the five major popular print magazines for genealogists are **Ancestry Magazine** (MyFamily.com, Inc., 360 W. 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604); **Everton's Family History Magazine** (65 E. Wadsworth Park Drive, Suite 110, Draper, UT 84020); **Family Chronicle** (Moorshead Magazines, Ltd., US Office of Publications, 2221 Niagara Falls Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY 14304-5709); **Family Tree Magazine** (F&W Publications, Inc., 4700 E. Galbraith Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45236); **Heritage Quest Magazine** (669 West 900 North, North Salt Lake, UT 84054), plus **Genealogical Computing** (MyFamily.com, Inc., 360 W. 4800 North, Provo, Utah 84604) which deals with using computers for genealogical research.

These magazines vary in coverage and scope, but all include articles about doing research in various areas and using different types of records. Look at the magazines at libraries to determine which ones best suit your needs.

The national scholarly magazines for genealogists include: **The American Genealogist** (PO Box 398, Demorest, GA 30535-0398); **The Genealogist** (Picton Press, PO Box 250, Rockport, ME 04856-0250); and **National Genealogical Society Quarterly** (a benefit of membership in the National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street N, Arlington, VA 22207-2399). New York researchers will be interested in **The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record** (a benefit

of membership in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, 122 East 58th Street, New York, NY 10022). Articles in scholarly magazines, even if they are not about the genealogist's family, may suggest sources or research techniques that could help with a lineage problem.

The most commonly used index to genealogical magazines, **PERSI (Periodical Source Index)**, is available in some libraries in paper format, but it's easier to search on the comprehensive CD-ROMs, issued yearly by Ancestry, or online as a subscription database from Ancestry at <http://www.ancestry.com>

∇ Many of the popular magazines have web sites that include some articles from the magazines; some also have e-mail newsletters. There are many other genealogical magazines and columns available online or by e-mail.

∇ Cyndi's List <http://www.CyndisList.com> See "Magazines, Journals, Columns & Newsletters" for links to both print and electronic publications on *Ancestry*: <http://www.Ancestry.com> Click on "Free Genealogy Newsletters" under "Genealogy Research Help" to get to a page where you can subscribe.

∇ Ancestry has several columnists whose columns are posted online. See them at www.ancestry.com/learn/library/columnists/main.htm

∇ Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter <http://www.rootsforum.com/newsletter.htm> specializes in news about computer and electronic related items.

The National Genealogical Society has an e-mail letter, *UpFront*. To subscribe, send an e-mail message to: NGS-L-request@rootsweb.com Type only one word in the body of the e-mail: subscribe.

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LIBRARY REPORT

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Library hours remain the same: Tuesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Wednesday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. All DCGS materials are available whenever the library/FHC is open, but the DCGS librarian works in the library on Tuesdays. If you are planning a special trip to the library or coming from a distance, you may want to call the DCGS librarian, Linda Koehler, to confirm the schedule before you come (home telephone # 845-462-2361; e-mail <lckoehlr@optonline.net>).

New materials

New York State Probate Records. A Genealogist's Guide to Testate and Intestate Records. By Gordon L. Remington. NEHGS, 2002. 161 pages. This book has an extensive introductory section that discusses the New York court system for handling estates, types of records and repositories, and how original records and abstracts, etc have been published with

special emphasis on the resources of the Family History Library (FHL) in Salt Lake City. This is followed by a listing for each county which includes the date formed and parent county, county seat, Surrogate's Court address, phone and hours, Checklist of records on microfilm at the FHL, published records and indexes including periodicals. \$17.95

New York State Towns, Villages, and Cities. A Guide to Genealogical Sources. By Gordon L. Remington. NEHGS, 2002. 70 pages. This quick reference source lists the names of all incorporated towns, villages and cities, under current as well as former names. In column format, with many abbreviations, it gives the name of the locality, its county, legal status (town, village or city), date of formation, published history (check mark indicating that one exists), church (if at least one church record has been published, a key shows denomination of the record), Cemetery (if at least one cemetery record has been published, a key references the repository), TCR - Town Clerk's Registers (a check mark indicates that one exists for the locality - these were registers compiled by town clerks after the Civil War for state reimbursement to the towns of enlistment bounties paid by the towns to volunteers and they include much genealogically significant information). \$19.95

Clinton County [NY] Abstract of the 1790 Federal Census. Central New York Genealogical Society. December 2002. This publication includes outline county and township maps, a transcript of names and data in the order of enumeration, and an index.

New family histories donated to our library collection by the compilers include:

Chevalier Genealogy - Shevalier/ Chavalier/ ShavalierShavalear. Compiled by Robert & Sheila Webb. 2003. Pedigree Chart starting with Robert L. Webb includes a line through Canada which leads back to a Chevalier family in upstate New York, Dutchess County, NY and Connecticut. The materials in this 3-ring binder include 5 pages of pedigree charts and 130 pages of family group sheets of Chevalier families in their numerous variant spellings, some sources included.

Isaac Vale/Phebe Mitchell of Dutchess County, New York: Their descendants and extended family. This compilation is based on private family records, a published Moses Vail genealogy by William Penn Vail, and a family scrapbook. Outline descendancy chart to the present is followed by a report on the families. The compiler, Shirley (Davenport) Learned, is interested in contacting descendants. Report cover, 34 pages, indexed. Filed in Vail Family File folder.

The Dabros Family from Poland to Poughkeepsie and Beyond. Compiled by Mary Lou and Jim Davison of Poughkeepsie, NY. 2002. This family history about Polish immigrant Adam Dabros, who settled in Poughkeepsie about 1895, and his descendants, is copiously illustrated with photos, charts and maps. 3-ring binder, 84 pages, indexed.

The Hosier Family of New York & Pennsylvania. Chapters C, D, M, N & Z. John Hosier of Rye, Westchester County 1680-1724. By Scott F. Hosier. 2001. This manuscript

family history is in the form of a computer print-out in a 3-ring binder. It is divided into sections or chapters and each chapter has its own index. Most chapters start with an outline descendancy from a particular individual, then is followed by a "Modified Register" format report on those descendants; few sources are cited. Sections include - John Hosier, 1680-1724; Peter Hosier of Columbia Co., NY 1820-1906; John Hosier of Chautauqua Co., NY 1756-1822; Samuel Hosier of Dutchess Co., NY born before 1734; and Henry Hosier of Broome Co., NY 1832-1914.

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Membership listings are a benefit of membership. Updates are published in the written versions of this newsletter which are distributed to all current members

WEB THREADS

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DIGGING FOR DUTCHESS COUNTY VITAL RECORDS

New York State vital records, including those for Dutchess County, are held in Albany and at the local municipality. Fees from the State office will be almost doubled in the near future. Usually you will get a faster and soon cheaper response (at least for a while) from the local municipality than from

Albany - two reasons to request vital records from the specific involved town - at least until they catch up with the State fees.
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Our DCGS web site can help locate where to write. This section is now complete for each town, village and city in Dutchess County, giving name and address of each Town Clerk or Registrar, what records are available (birth, death, marriage) and for what time periods, the copy format (transcriptions, photocopies, etc.), and current fees and preferred method of payment. Simply go to our website at <http://www.dcgsgen.org> and click on "Dutchess County Vital Records." We also link to a NY State form for making these requests to local agencies.

EDITOR'S NOTES

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From *NYG&B Newsletter 13(4):60* : 2 items —

The German Genealogy Group has posted on-line indexes to baptisms & marriages at two defunct Roman Catholic churches both of which began as German congregations: Brooklyn's Our Lady of Sorrows (1890-1942), and St. Leonard's of Port Maurice (1872-1978), also first communions for the latter (1920-1978). Information on how to obtain transcripts of the actual records is provided at <http://www.germangenealogygroup.com/gggdb/dbindex.html>

And, "The New York City Municipal Archives has acquired the indexes to marriage licenses for 1930-1951. Licenses for all five boroughs are indexed by both bride and groom. Files are still available only from the City Clerk. The Archives already had the marriage license indexes and files from 1908-1929. These records are not to be confused with the Health Department Marriage Certificates which are available to 1937 at the Archives; indexes to those certificates are also available in the G&B Library."

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