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President's Notes

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I am happy to say that Dutchess County has finally appointed a County Historian after leaving the position vacant for 15 years. On January 27, 2006, Dutchess County Executive William R. Steinhaus announced his selection of Stanley H. Mersand of Pawling to fill the position. Mr. Mersand formerly served as the Village of Pawling Historian. He was a local high school history teacher and more recently has been a member of the History Department at Marist College. Historians and genealogists are aware of the importance of preserving our historical assets and maintaining public access to public records. The county will be better served in the future having someone overseeing county-wide initiatives and historical interests, especially in regards to professional archival records management.

I want to thank Roland Ormsby for all his hard work putting together the Surname List which accompanies this newsletter.

Jan Foster, VP of Projects, is working hard at keeping us focused on our various society projects. We have new volunteers working on a variety of things -- for example, Vital Records data has been updated on our website and we are in the process of abstracting information from the Ancient Documents. Most of our recent volunteers live outside of Dutchess County, so if you live at a distance, but wish you could help - let us know and we'll find something for you to do!

CENSUS NOTES

PART 4 - Dutchess County Census and Indexes

continued from Vol.13 #4 (Summer 2005)

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1820 Federal Census

The Fourth United States Federal Census began on the first Monday in August, 7 August 1820. For the first time, some instructions were given to the marshals conducting the census. They had 13 months to finish the census, report the aggregate totals to the secretary of state, and file the original returns with

the clerk of their federal district court. The census marshal was supposed to collect all the census originals from his assistants and have 2 copies made to post in public places so that citizens could make corrections. It may not be obvious which of these versions ended up in the National Archives to be filmed for posterity; the Federal Court clerks were ordered to send any census originals they had to Washington in 1830.

The forms for Dutchess County were still hand-written and the name of the town and the headings for each of the columns usually appear only on the first census page for that town.

Data:

This is the first census to go beyond a simple count of people to seek other information, in this case about aliens and occupations. When you are counting up how many people were living in a particular household, be careful of these special informational columns - do NOT add them to the household total, because they are already included in the other age ranges. Having said this, keep in mind that sometimes the census-taker himself was confused about how to fill out the forms and who was counted where.

The number of "Males 16 to 18" should not be added to the total of males, because they should already be included in the column "Males age 16-26". The columns labeled "Foreigners not naturalized" and "Numbers of those engaged in agriculture, commerce and manufactures" are likewise not added to the totals because they are already included in the age ranges.

As for those "engaged" in Agriculture, Commerce, Manufactures - these questions were recognized as difficult because some people could answer yes to all 3. But they were intended to be mutually exclusive categories and include only those family members who were actually engaged in the specific activity. For example, "Manufactures" refers to activity other than "household manufactures" - they are for craftsmen who primarily worked with their hands and "not upon the field."

There were 722 slaves counted in Dutchess County in 1820; be sure that you look all the way to the right margin of each wide census page or you may miss some information.

Questions asked:

Name of head of the household; number of free white males (there are 6 age ranges - under age 10; age 10 - 15; between 16 and 18; age 16 - 25; age 26 - 44; age 45 and up); number of free white females (there are 5 age ranges, same as males, except there is no column for females age 16-18); number of foreigners not naturalized; number of persons engaged in agriculture, commerce, or manufactures; number of male slaves, female slaves, free colored males and free colored females (there are 4 age ranges for each of these categories - under age 14; age 14 -

25; age 26 - 44; age 45 and up).

Towns:

In Dutchess County, the towns which existed at the time of this census were: Amenia, Beekman (included present Union Vale and part of LaGrange), Clinton (included present Hyde Park and Pleasant Valley), Dover, Fishkill (included present East Fishkill, Wappinger, and part of LaGrange), Milan, Northeast (included present Pine Plains), Pawling, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford and Washington.

Putnam County was taken off of Dutchess in 1812 and so those towns were no longer included in the Dutchess County census.

Transcriptions:

DCGS is in the process of publishing abstracts of the 1820 census in our quarterly "The Dutchess"; the towns of Beekman, Clinton, and Amenia have been done. A search of Census Online at <http://www.census-online.com/links/NY/Dutchess/> has links to transcripts for the towns of Amenia, Beekman and Pawling. The entire 1820 census is transcribed and available online on the Dutchess County GenWeb site <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cenfiles/ny/dutchess/>.

Online digital images:

Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest Online [HQ] have digital images of the microfilmed census. Both databases have indexes for 1820. HQ has assigned their own page numbers to the digital images, a large clear number in the upper left hand corner of every image.

The handwritten census page numbers are usually found in the left margin of each page. The paging on Ancestry.com is: Amenia p.1-10, Beekman p.11-23, Clinton p.25-44, Dover p.45-53 (p.52 was apparently skipped in the original numbering), Fishkill p.54-77, Milan p.78-83, Northeast p.84-89, Pawling p.90-95, Poughkeepsie p.96-113, Red Hook p.114-121, Rhinebeck p.122-130, Stanford p.132-139, and Washington p.140-148. Although the page numbers between towns occasionally show gaps, no pages with names appear to be missing.

KNOWN ON-LINE ERRORS for 1820 census -

Ancestry.com has made a serious error in assigning parts of 2 Dutchess County towns to the incorrect county, which makes them impossible to find if you are just browsing the census. Stanford is not listed at all with the other Dutchess County towns, but instead is found in its entirety under Sullivan County. The town of Washington has been split between Dutchess and Sullivan Counties, with the beginning of the town census (p.140-145) listed with Sullivan County, and the last 3 pages (p.146-148) listed with Dutchess County. Ancestry has been informed of the error, but it is not yet corrected. If you are searching for names via the Ancestry index, names do link correctly to the image of the page, but they will be identified with the wrong county.

1830 Federal Census

The Fifth United States Federal Census changed the beginning date of the census to 1 June 1830. Federal Marshals

had 12 months to finish and return the results to Washington.

There were 2 copies of this census - the original and one handwritten copy, but neither was posted for public review. One was sent to the clerk of the federal district court and one was sent to the U.S. Secretary of State.

For the first time, enumerators were supplied with uniform, pre-printed forms to record names. This has the advantage of giving us the column headings on every page.

Data:

This census concentrated on counting people, and collecting a few social statistics - counting those who were deaf, dumb, and blind. Because the age data had so many subdivisions (13 columns to record ages to over 100), the census form spread across 2 facing pages.

There were no slaves enumerated in Dutchess County in this or later censuses.

Questions asked:

Name of head of the household; number of free white males (there are 13 columns of age ranges - under age 5; age 5 - 9; age 10 - 14; age 15 - 19; age 20 - 29; age 30-39; age 40-49; age 50-59; age 60-69; age 70-79; age 80-89; age 90-99; age 100 and up); number of free white females (same age ranges as males).

On the second page, questions for the same household continue: number of male slaves, female slaves, free colored males and free colored females (under age 10; age 10 - 23; age 24 - 35; age 36 - 54; age 55 - 99; age 100 and up); number of deaf and dumb white persons, number of blind whites, number of deaf and dumb slaves and free blacks, number of blind slaves and free blacks, number of foreigners not naturalized.

Towns:

In Dutchess County, the towns which existed at the time of this census were: Amenia, Beekman, Clinton, Dover, Fishkill (including present East Fishkill and Wappinger), Hyde Park, La Grange, Milan, Northeast, Pawling, Pine Plains, Pleasant Valley, Poughkeepsie, Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Stanford, Union Vale, and Washington.

Transcriptions:

I am not aware of any published 1830 census transcriptions for Dutchess County, printed or on-line.

Online digital images:

Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest Online [HQ] have digital images of the microfilmed census. Only the Ancestry.com database has an index for 1830, linked to the images.

When the 1830 census was microfilmed, each of the facing pages was filmed separately, so there are 2 pages with the same page number. (There are several different sets of handwritten page numbers; the number generally cited is the stamped page number and the handwritten page number that matches it.)

A handwritten page number can be found in the upper left corner of the "first" facing page and a stamped page number (the same number) can be found in the upper right hand corner of the "second" facing page. As they appear on Ancestry.com, the pages for each town are: Amenia p.167-182, Beekman p.184-193, Clinton p.195-208, Dover p.210-223, Hyde Park, p.225-240, La Grange p.242-254, Milan p.256-267, Northeast p.269-278,

Pawling p.280-291, Pine Plains p.293-301, Pleasant Valley p.303-318, Poughkeepsie p.320-364, Red Hook p.366-383, Rhinebeck p.385-403, Stanford p.405-420, Union Vale p.422-432, Washington p.434-451, and Fishkill p.455-506. Although there appear to be gaps in the page numbering between towns, comparison with the HQ database shows that Ancestry.com skipped blank pages that had no census data.

DCGS Library Report

by Linda C. Koehler

The DCGS Library located at 204 Spackenkill Rd. in Pkpsie at the LDS Family History Center is open 2 days a week - Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and evenings 7-9 p.m.; and Thursdays 9 a.m. to noon and evenings 7-9 p.m. There is always a FHC volunteer to help you at the library and our materials are always available when the FHC is open. However, as the DCGS librarian, I am most familiar with the Dutchess County materials in the library. I am always at the library on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the winter, the library may be closed occasionally due to bad weather. If you are coming from a distance, it is suggested that you call ahead to be sure the library is open. The library number at the LDS Church is 845-462-4618 but we can only answer the phone when the library is open.

The following titles have been added to the DCGS library collection in the last year.

All of the following *Vital Records* were transcribed by Arthur C.M. Kelly and published by Kinship of Rhinebeck, NY in 2004:

- *Vital Records of South Amenia Presbyterian Church, Wassaic, Dutchess County, NY 1756-1989*. Pt.1
- *Vital Records of South Amenia Presbyterian Church, Wassaic, Dutchess County, NY 1777-1989*. Pt.2
- *Vital Records of First Presbyterian Church, Amenia, Dutchess County, NY 1749-1956*.
- *Vital Records of Smithfield Presbyterian Church, Amenia, Dutchess County, NY 1787-1942*.
- *Vital Records of First Presbyterian Church, Millerton, Dutchess County, NY [Congregational Church of North East] 1829-1950*.
- *Vital Records of First Presbyterian Church, Pine Plains, Dutchess County, NY 1839-1978*.
- *Vital Records of Ancramdale Presbyterian Church, Ancramdale, Columbia County, NY 1877-1993*.

Also added to the library:

- Doherty, Frank J. *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, NY. Vol.7 Hunter to Leavens*. 2003.
- Doherty, Frank J. *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, NY. Vol.8 Lee to Millington*. 2005.
- Kelly, Arthur C. M. *Baptism Record of Reformed Church, Claverack, New York 1727-1899*. Rhinebeck, NY: Kinship, c1970.
- Dollarhide, William. *New York State Censuses and Substitutes*. Bountiful, UT: Heritage Creations, 2005. A new basic bibliographic reference; covers each of the 62 counties in the state discussing availability of state censuses (original, extracts, indexes, etc), state copies of original Federal census records, census substitutes and selected name lists (e.g., indexes to deeds, taxes, some vital records, directories, etc), and online

census databases. Includes 19 county boundary maps covering the period 1683 to the present; examples of actual state census schedules and extraction forms which can be used in personal research.

- Rudberg, B. L. *Hopewell Junction - A Railroaders' Town*. Hopewell Jct., NY: Hopewell Depot Restoration, Inc., 2005. Manuscript. Brief history of the railroads in the Hopewell Junction and East Fishkill areas with extensive captions for 188 pictures of old trains and scenes around Hopewell Junction.
- Roosevelt, Franklin D., ed. *Records of Crum Elbow Precinct, Dutchess County, New York, 1738-1761. Together with Records of Charlotte Precinct 1762-1785, Records of Clinton Precinct 1786-1788, and Records of the Town of Clinton 1789-1799*. Dutchess County Historical Society, 1940.
- Reed, Newton. *Early History of Amenia*, with *Impressions of Amenia* By Dewey Barry. Amenia: Harlem Valley Times, 1985. Fourth edition.
- Leonard, Roger M. *The Red Church*. 1990. Detailed history of the Red Hook church, no vital records.
- Hasbrouck, Frank. *The History of Dutchess County, New York*. Poughkeepsie, NY, 1909 [facsimile reprint 2005 by Higginson Book Company].
- Morse, Howard H. *Historic Old Rhinebeck. Echoes of Two Centuries*. Rhinebeck, NY, 1908. [facsimile reprint 2005 by Higginson Book Company].
- Tribbeko, John & George Rupert. *Lists of Germans from the Palatinate Who Came to England in 1709*. Baltimore: Clearfield Co, 1990. Pamphlet reprint of article published in *NYG&B Record*, 1909-1910. Donated by Dudley Schneider.
- Humphrey, Thomas J. *Land and Liberty. Hudson Valley Riots in the Age of Revolution*. DeKalb: Northern Illinois University Press, c2004.
- Aiello, John F. *The History of the Aiello Family from Corigliano, Calabria - Providence[sic] of Cosenza, Italy and Poughkeepsie, New York, U.S.A.* Manuscript. Immigrated from Italy to Poughkeepsie in 1923.
- Stuart, Carol. *Genealogy of Jacob Bonesteel Sr. (U.E.L.) and Christian Welch*. 2005. Computer-generated manuscript genealogy, donated by the author.
- Chamberlin, George Richard. *Judah Chamberlin (1761-1847) in his own words and in the words of his wife Phebe Mead*. subtitled "A short study of the Revolutionary War Pension and bounty land application filed by Judah Chamberlin..." Donated by author.
- Baselt, Fonda D. Wagner. *A Minkler-Minckler Heritage. Including Families: Becker, Bloodgood, Brown, Davidts, Dings, Donges, Dunschmann, Freer, Funck, Hegeman, Hemerick, Kilmer, Knickerbacker, LeRoy, Palmatier, Schneider, Sperbeck, Terrill, VanBommell, and VanKleeck*. 2004. A Palatine German family. Donated by author.
- Wheeler, Doris J. Muller. *Doris J. Muller - A Genealogy*. 2004. Manuscript computer-generated genealogy donated by the author.
- Baselt, Fonda D. Wagner. *A Wagner Family Odyssey From Germany to Russia to America*. 1994. Emigrated 1902 and settled in Orange County, New York. Donated by author.
- Way, Harry Abel, compiler. *The New York Way Family. Being the Descendants of Sgt. James Way of Newtown, Long Island*. Charlestown, RI, c1995.

From The NYG&B Society THE WEBSITE

The Society is creating an eLibrary, searchable digitized versions of source material from the NYG&B Library's Manuscript Collection, including church and cemetery records. Check it repeatedly as we continue adding materials.

Early American Newspapers - searchable, over 600 papers with over 137 New York titles have been added.

BOOKTALKS

Please join us for a free and wonderful booktalk at the NYG&B on April 4 (photo & bio from Luath Press web site) *Scots in the U.S.A.* Historian Jenni Calder will discuss her new book Tue 4 Apr at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium and will sell and sign copies of her book. She was born in Chicago, one of America's great melting-pot cities. She has lived in Edinburgh for over 20 years. In April 2004 Jenni traveled to Canada to help promote her book [Scots in Canada](#).



Pre-registration is requested for booktalks. Please contact Lauren Maehrlein at education@nygbs.org or call 212-755-8532, ext. 36, for information or to register.

From April 30 through May 6, NYG&B will sponsor **NYC2006: A Week of Guided Research in New York City**. This popular biennial program offers a wonderful opportunity for our out-of-town members who would like to take advantage of our city's fabulous genealogical resources but feel uneasy about doing it on their own. These programs always draw a large and congenial group of participants, and a corps of local members has already volunteered to help. For details see the Fall Researcher or <http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=99>.

Web Threads

<http://www.dcg-gen.org>

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Vital Records Section Update

Work was completed in January to verify and update all the information in the Vital Records section of our website. There were many changes made for this update for over 2 dozen towns, thanks to the hard work of several ambitious volunteers who helped - [Liz DuBois](#), [Valerie LaRobardier](#), [Bob Peck](#), and [Beth Schneider](#). For some volunteers, this was a first involvement with website work; for others, it was accomplished remotely from locations across the country. For all, a very special thank you for helping to produce a high quality update for our organization in a minimal amount of time!

Other Recent Updates include the addition of the Table of Contents of the Fall 2005 and Winter 2005-2006 issues of [The Dutchess](#) and the Winter 2005-2006 Newsletter. The January "Members Sharing with Members" meeting is highlighted on our entry page.

Items on the website include previous issues of this newsletter dating back to 2001, detailed information about obtaining Dutchess County vital records, and an up-to-date listing of all topics included in all issues of our quarterly publication, [The Dutchess](#), since it began over 25 years ago. Individual back issues of [The Dutchess](#) can be ordered using an online order form. An application for membership in the Dutchess County Genealogical Society can also be printed.

We welcome your comments and suggestions about our recent enhancements and any other aspect of the website via the e-mail address provided at our website. Unfortunately, we are unable to take genealogical inquiries of any kind at that address. Please address those to the society at:

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Society Projects Listing

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Following the December Board Meeting, there were three newly completed items and two new ones added. We are always looking for volunteers to help with Society projects so please let us know if you have an interest in assisting with one of these or a new project. And remember! Local residence is not a requirement! Quite a bit of volunteer work is accomplished by individuals who do not live in the local area.

Projects currently underway include:

1. **Index to [The Dutchess Quarterlies](#)** - led by Linda Koehler
2. **Spring Seminar 2006** - led by Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
3. **Vital Records Update** - led by Jeanette (Jan) Foster
4. **New Projects** - led by Linda Koehler
5. **Obtain professional support of DCGS website** - led by Jeanette (Jan) Foster
6. **Identify and take steps to improve participation in DCGS**
7. **[NEW] Ancient Documents** - led by Linda Koehler
8. **[NEW] Investigate technologies for publication of materials** - led by Dudley Schneider

Recently completed items include:

1. **Security and back-up for DCGS computer** - led by Linda Koehler
2. **Research and development of a list of other genealogical and historical societies within Dutchess County** - led by Dudley Schneider
3. **Write letter to Dutchess County regarding county historian** - led by Gil Leach

Dutchess County in Other Genealogical Magazines

(more in next issue!)

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Ullman, Helen Schatvet. "DNA Corroborates a Mills Family Hypothesis." *New England Ancestors* 4 (Holiday 2003): 52-53, 59.

Peterson, Nancy C. "Early Dutchess County **Tax Lists**, 1717-1779." *The New York Researcher*. 15 (Spring/Summer 2004):33-34 (discusses sources for the lists).