



# THE DUTCHESS NEWSLETTER

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(Ed. Note: This issue is just two pages due to inclusion of the Member list in this mailing.)

• **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

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**New Officers**

We held our annual elections at the May 2002 meeting. The new slate of Officers for 2002/2003 is:

President (Acting)	Linda Koehler
Vice-President	OPEN
Treasurer	Rod Link
Recording Secretary	Melinda Carter
Corresponding Sec.	Gilbert Leach
VP Membership	Roland Ormsby
VP Library	Linda Koehler
VP Publications	Eleanor Shortle
VP Programs	Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
VP Education	Wendy Campion
VP Projects	Jan Foster
VP Publicity	Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
VP Search	Rod Link

Appointed:

Editor	Arthur Kelly
Newsletter Editor	J. Douglas Leith
Circulation Manager	Betty Griffin

I would like to thank our hard-working crew of officers for their work over the past year. The Kellys continue supporting our quarterly, editing, publishing and contributing material. Jan Foster has devoted a lot of time to developing our new website from scratch, learning as she goes. Our new Newsletter Editor, J. Douglas Leith, has done a marvelous job handling the newsletter, smoothly taking it over, adding some graphics and working with Jan to get newsletter material on-line at our website. Roland Ormsby has put together the first comprehensive update to our

Member Surname List in years, as well as handling his usual chores in Membership and keeping local members aware of upcoming meetings. Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, as usual, has found some wonderful speakers for our meetings as well as producing our fall seminar, and handling the publicity for our functions. Gilbert Leach continues working in his understated way, keeping us up-to-date in his job as Corresponding Secretary, but especially in his steady commitment to answering queries as a member of the Name Search Committee. Eleanor Shortle and Betty Griffin handle their jobs with the competence of long practice. Wendy Campion is changing hats to be VP of Education since this will better fit her busy schedule, and we welcome newcomer Melinda Carter to the board as our Recording Secretary.

A special thanks must go to Roderick Link for his constant contribution to the Society. Rod is the only board member who was an original member of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society when it was formed in 1972. (Dolores Chappell, also an original member, continues to index The Dutchess from distant Arizona.) Rod has held almost every office in the society, including President, has headed up the Search Committee for the last 10 years, and has worn 2 hats by also serving as Treasurer since 1999. If any of us in the local area have a question about what the Society did in the past, we can always ask Rod. He is working on DCGS business virtually every week of the year, and has been doing so since I have known him. We have had a number of volunteers over the years who have made significant contributions to the Society, but Rod Link has distinguished himself in both longevity and his day-to-day level of involvement. Thank you, Rod.

• **New Member Surname List**

The Board has decided to include our new Surname List as a special benefit of membership this year. Every current member of the society will receive the new Surname List with the quarterly mailing of The Dutchess this year. Many thanks go to Roland Ormsby for his work in collecting the data, producing the pamphlet and arranging for its printing.

• **Library Report**

Library hours remain the same. They are: Tuesday 9am - 2 pm; Wednesday 5pm - 9pm; Thursday 9am - 12 noon, and 7pm - 9pm. All DCGS materials are available whenever the library/FHC is

open, but the DCGS librarian works in the library on Tuesday. During the summer, our hours remain the same, but since the FHC is run by volunteers, there may be some temporary changes. Also, although a summer schedule has not been set as of this writing, the FHC is often closed for about 2 weeks in August. If you are planning a special trip to the library or coming from a distance, it is recommended that you call the DCGS librarian, Linda Koehler, to check the schedule before you come  
home telephone # 845-462-2361;  
e-mail <lckoehlr@optonline.net>.

### **New books in the library include:**

*Even More Palatine Families. 18th Century Immigrants to the American Colonies and their German, Swiss and Austrian Origins.* 3 volumes. By Henry Z Jones, Jr., FASC and Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, CG. Picton Press, 2002. 2381 pp. This set is a continuation of Hank Jones' earlier volumes on Palatine immigration to America. Volume 1 is about German immigrants to colonial New York in the 1717-1776 time frame, with names listed in alphabetical order. Volume 2, authored mostly by Rohrbach, consists of a study of the 1710 Swiss and German Settlers of New Bern, North Carolina, with transcribed records for Craven Precinct & County, as well as 2 additional chapters on Swiss migration from Zurich to America in the 1730's. Volume 3 has more miscellaneous materials and lists as well as the every name index for all 3 volumes. For Volume 3, although some of the lists have been previously published in some form, a concerted effort was made here to provide accurate transcripts of the original lists in their original order, including - 1709 Rotterdam Departure lists, lists of Palatines returned to Rotterdam, the Hunter Lists of New York, some corrections and additions to More Palatine Families, a few new passenger lists, etc.

### **Library Acquisitions not noted in earlier Newsletters:**

Frank J. Doherty has just published Vol.6 in his *Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, NY* series which covers genealogical records of the 18th century for the families Hadden through Hunt. 1,260pp., endpaper maps, an index of over 38,000 names. Published by the author, Pleasant Valley, NY, 2002.

*History of Orange County, New York, with Illustrations and Biographical Sketches of Many of its Pioneers and Prominent Men.* By E.M. Ruttenber and L.H. Clark. Higginson Book Company facsimile reprint. [Original edition: Philadelphia, Everts & Peck, 1881.] 820 pages, no index. Donated by W. Gordon Gemeny.

*Index to Ruttenber & Clark's History of Orange County, NY.* By the Orange County Genealogical Society. Every name index, 1979, hard cover, 262 pages.

*Early Orange County Wills (1731-1830).* 2 volumes in 1, photoduplication, 470 pages. Vol. 1 is abstracts of Orange and

Ulster County wills of 1731-1788 on file in the Surrogate's Office in New York City; Vol.2 has abstracts of 1787 to 1830 wills in the Orange County Surrogate's Office.

*The Burling Books. Ancestors and Descendants of Edward and Grace Burling, Quakers (1600-2000).* By Jane Thompson-Stahr. 2 vol. Baltimore: Gateway Press, Inc, 2001. Including: Barnes, Bedell, Bowne, Brown, Carpenter, Cornell, Cruger, De Zeng, Dusenbury, Ferris, Field, Ford, Griffin, Gummere, Hallock, Haviland, Hunt, Ketcham, Kimble, Lawrence, Lowerre, Mott, Nelson, Norrington, Parsons, Pixley, Roesch, Rogers, Sampson, Scheffelin, Shotwell, Smith, Street, Thompson, Titus, Underhill, Vail, Vincent, Way, Weeks, White, Wood. Well-documented family history covering up to 16 generations including women's lines as much as possible. According to the author, there are 3211 identified descendants and about 10,000 persons mentioned in the books.

*Directory of Professional Genealogists 2001-2002.* By the Association of Professional Genealogists, c2001. 208 pages. Names of members of the association listed alphabetically with research specialties and biographical information, indexed by specialties and geographic areas.

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### • **From the NY Genealogical & Biographical Society -- <<http://www.nygbs.org/>>:**

"The NYG&B has just opened an online community on its website. It is a bulletin board with forums for genealogical research, news, special projects, the Library and upcoming events.

"Since the bulletin board is open to members only, registration is a two step process: after someone registers, they are sent an email that says that their registration is waiting to be approved. Approval is done manually, so it may take a little time. After approval another email is sent out granting access.

"To sign up, please go to:  
<http://www.nygbs.org/members.html>  
122 East 58 Street, New York, NY 10022 USA

"Tel.: 212-755-8532 Fax.: 212-754-4218"

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