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## President's Message

by Linda Koehler

At the meeting held on May 20, 2008, we nominated and elected a new board of officers to serve for 2008-2009. We still have a vacancy for the office of VP of Education and the VP of Library.

The new board of officers elected to serve 2008-2009:

President -	Valerie LaRobardier
Vice President -	George Trigg
Treasurer -	Wayne Merrick
Recording Sec'y -	Melinda Carter
Corresponding Sec'y -	Gilbert Leach
VP Membership -	Roland Ormsby
VP Education -	Vacant
VP Library -	Vacant
VP Publicity -	Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
VP Projects -	Valerie LaRobardier
VP Program -	Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
VP Name Search -	Bernard Rudberg
VP Publications -	Eleanor Shortle

I would like to thank the Executive Board for all of their work during my tenure as president. I offer my best wishes to our new President Valerie LaRobardier; this really is a wonderful group to work with. The board officers listed above, as well as Circulation Manager Betty Griffin, have willingly attended innumerable board meetings that I have presided over.

I would also like to thank Beth Schneider who has been helping Ellie Shortle with mailing out *The Dutchess*. In addition to Gil Leach and Roland Ormsby, Tony Ippolito and Shirley Maul have done yeoman's work over the last 5 years on the Name Search committee. And there should be a special award for our

newsletter editor, Douglas Leith, who doesn't even get the opportunity to hang out at board meetings, since he lives in another state.

It has been my honor to work with all of them. I have always felt very strongly that serving in my local genealogy society is my way of giving back to the genealogical community - I have gotten so much help in my own genealogical research from volunteers in other parts of the country.

And now the bad news --

## Proposed Dues Increase for 2009-2010

At the April, 2008 board meeting, the Executive Board discussed the necessity for an increase in dues to cover the costs of publishing and mailing out our quarterly *The Dutchess* and the *DCGS Newsletter*. We have had to reduce the number of quarterlies we print because of a steady drop in the number of members in the society. In conjunction with an increase in printing expenses this year, the cost of printing the quarterly and newsletter has increased from \$3.34 per copy to \$4.28 per copy, even before adding the cost of postage and mailing envelopes. Although we have a healthy balance in the society treasury, our policy for some time has been to cover the annual costs of our quarterly publications with our annual membership dues. Therefore, the Executive Board unanimously approved a recommendation to increase Annual Membership dues from \$20 per year to \$25 per year. Life Memberships will cost \$250. The cost of back issues will increase to \$7.00 per issue (\$28 per annual volume of 4 issues). This increase will be effective as of July 1, 2009 for our 2009-2010 fiscal year.

An increase in dues constitutes a change in our By-laws. Therefore, this proposal for a dues increase and the Board recommendation that it be accepted will be presented to the September, 2008, membership meeting for discussion. A final vote on the proposal will be taken at the November, 2008, membership meeting; approval by 2/3 of the membership voting at the meeting is needed to pass the proposal. This notice fulfills the obligation to present written notice to the membership of proposed changes to the By-laws.

## Cooperation with the Dutchess County Historical Society

I was invited, as President of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society, to a meeting in April, 2008 with Steven Mann, President of the Dutchess County Historical Society and several other members of the historical society. The meeting was

largely an invitation and proposal to have the two organizations work together more closely. The Historical Society is preparing for their 100th anniversary in 2014, as well as for several other important historical anniversaries coming up for the Mid-Hudson area, including Henry Hudson's arrival on the Hudson in 1609 and the Palatines arrival in 1710. Bernard Rudberg and Gilbert Leach were named as DCGS liaisons to the Dutchess County Historical Society to explore various proposed ideas, including working toward a more professional research-friendly Dutchess County archives.

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### DCGS Meeting

March 2008

*Reported by Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer*

#### "Westward in New York and Beyond"

*Presented by Joe Lieby*

The completion of the Erie Canal in 1825 made it vastly easier and quicker to go across New York state, and encouraged migration both to western New York and to the states further west which were accessible both by land and by travel on the Great Lakes. Some of these settlers came from eastern New York; others came from New England. The Holland Land Company purchased 3.5 million acres in western New York; their records were very detailed. People settled on Holland Land Company land, and if they made improvements on the land, were allowed to purchase it; otherwise, it would revert to the Company. Another huge land purchase was that of **Phelps and Gorham** /\*/. People also settled on military bounty land earned in the Revolution and the War of 1812. Records that can help you track these people include land records, military grant records (on National Archives microfilm NARA M848, on 14 rolls of microfilm), Erie Canal Board records, local histories, church and cemetery records, and newspaper articles, including obituaries.

/\*/ Ed. note: For more, Google on Phelps and Gorham, and also see the Wikipedia article at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phelps\\_and\\_Gorham\\_Purchase](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phelps_and_Gorham_Purchase)

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### DCGS Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2008

#### "Organizing Your Genealogical Materials"

*Presented & reported by Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer*

It's important to understand that there is no "right" way to organize your genealogical materials. There are many ways of organizing, and you should find and use one with which you feel comfortable. You should also be consistent in organization. One simple method for filing papers is that have a separate file for each family; if the folder gets too thick for you to find things easily, subdivide into folders for different kinds of records (birth, marriage, death, probate, church, etc.) and/or different geographical locations for that name. You can organize computer files with similar folder titles. Computerized genealogical programs help with organization, and are especially useful when you find corrections or new information; you can easily print out a clean, corrected family

group sheet. However, if you aren't comfortable using a computer, it is perfectly acceptable to make family group sheets, etc., the old-fashioned way, with pencil and paper.

Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer, MLS, is the reference librarian and archivist at The Culinary Institute of America, as well as a genealogical author and speaker. Her publications include a book, *Long-Distance Genealogy*, and articles in several national and regional genealogical periodicals, including the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

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### Library Report

*by Linda C. Koehler*

Doherty, Frank J. **Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, NY. Vol. 9. Mills to Page.** Published by the author, Orlando, FL, 2007.

Schneider, Richard Edgar, compiler. **A Mosher Family Genealogy.** Descendents of Edgar 7 Mosher (10/18/1804 - 1/30/1874), Sarah 7 Mosher (6/21/1804 - 1/10/1891) of Cayuga County, New York. *With* : Volume 2. Ancestors of Edgar 7 Mosher (10/18/1804 - 1/30/1874), Sarah 7 Mosher (6/21/1804 - 1/10/1891) of Cayuga County, New York. Computer manuscripts in 3-ring binder. 88pp + 30pp, no index, lists of references. There is no particular numbering system except for generation numbers. There are many small sections with biographical information.

Pells, Harrison W., compiler. **Pells Papers.** [1985] Manuscript collection (currently stored in a box) consists of 2 parts relating to the descendants of Evert Pells of Dutchess County, NY: a manila folder filled with about 163 pages of family group sheets and a 3-ring binder of photocopied pages from various sources (usually published).

Worden, Jean D., transcriber. **Katsbaan and Saugerties Reformed Church, Ulster County, New York.** Higginson Reprint, 1982, 355pp, index. Abstracted records in column format include baptisms 1730-1875, and marriages 1735-1875.

Coon, Edwin C. **Old First. A history of the Reformed Church of Poughkeepsie, New York.** NY: William-Frederick Press, 1967. Hard cover, 81pp.

Gustafson, Julia and Irena Stolarik, comp. **Union Vale. Brief History.** Union Vale Historical Society, 1975. Pamphlet

Phinney, Rev. William R. **A Brief History of the Millerton Methodist Church.** 1951. Pamphlet

**Touring Old Pleasant Valley.** Book 1, 1987. Pleasant Valley Historical Society, 1986. Pamphlet. Photos with brief descriptions of houses in town known to be 100 years old or older on which the society has placed a plaque.

McManis, Geraldine Freeman. **Horton 1310-1972. The Descendents of Elgeva V. & Elizabeth J. Horton.** Manhattan, KS, 1972.

*bound with a reprint of an earlier volume:*

Horton, A.J. *The Descendants of Thomas Horton*. Buffalo, NY: Ward Printing Co, 1912. 275 pp., 2 indexes, photos.

The first part of the book is a genealogy of 2 generations of descendants of Elgeva Victory Horton and his wife Elizabeth Jane Fletcher, mostly in Kansas. The second part of the book is a reprint of a genealogy that starts with Elgeva's ancestor, Thomas Horton and his wife Hannah Hix of Rehoboth, Massachusetts who settled in New Lebanon, Columbia County, NY in 1773.

Grove, Ann. *Terwilliger Descendants of Evert Dirksen*. Huguenot Historical Society, 1997. Hard cover, 220 pp., limited index, photos. Covers 5 generations of descendants of Evert Dirksen who arrived in New Netherlands in 1662.

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#### **Membership**

- *By Roland E. Ormsby, Membership VP*  
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(The member list is not available in the web versions of the Newsletter.)

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#### **NYG&B News**

<http://www.newyorkfamilyhistory.org>

#### **AMERICAN HERALDRY**

Wed., June 25 at 6:00 p.m., American Military and Official Heraldry: An Illustrated Talk. Given at The Portrait Gallery, 122 East 58th Street, 3rd floor, New York City

Join us for a rare and special look at the elements, colors, symbols, and quality of American heraldry, presented by Charles Mungo, Director of The United States Army Institute of Heraldry, Fort Belvoir, VA.

Sponsored by the NYG&B Society's Committee on Heraldry and the College of Arms Foundation, Inc.

\$20 per person includes light refreshments; reservations requested. For reservations and additional information, please email: [John.Shannon@coaf.us](mailto:John.Shannon@coaf.us)

#### **TEACHERHOSTEL™ - 2008**

Lower Hudson Teacherhostel™: The War, Art, Ecology, and Stories.

Dates: July 19, 2008  
Location: Garrison and vicinity  
Contact Hours: 7  
Cost: \$95 (lunch included)  
Cutoff Date: June 19

Experience the art, ecology and history of the Garrison, New York, area. Participants will walk the preserved roads from colonial times, stand at the redoubts constructed to thwart the British during the American Revolution, hear the stories of the Hudson Highlands, and see the art that glorified a river.

#### Schedule:

9:00 Old Road Society: Eric Wagner, Bird Bottle Inn, 1751 Route 9: Following a talk about the efforts to preserve and maintain the roads of the colonial era, we will walk on the old dirt roads that once were the post roads and where many people live to this very day.

11:00 North and South Redoubts: Jim Johnson, Marist College Led by former West Point Colonel and American Revolution historian, we will walk to the redoubts which were constructed during the American Revolution to prevent the British from moving north.

1:00 Lunch: The Garrison Terrace Grill

2:00 Lower Hudson Symposium at the Alice Curtis Desmond and Hamilton Fish Library: The speakers will review the ecology, history, and stories of Hudson River Highlands.

“Cultural Encounters in Colonial Times: The Legacy,” Laurence Hauptman, SUNY New Paltz  
“The Hudson River,” Fran Dunwell, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
“Stories of the Highlands,” Jonathan Kruk, storyteller

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#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

ATTENTION: The G&B Library will be closing at our long-time location on June 1<sup>st</sup> and packing its materials away.

#### **LATEST PUBLICATION FROM NYG&B**

We are very pleased to announce the publication of **Methodist Protestants and the Union Cemeteries of Brooklyn (1844-1894)** on CD. Collected and compiled by long-time NYG&B member Frank A. Biebel, this volume is the result of years of painstaking transcription and analysis. The nearly 1,100 electronic pages are every-word searchable and list over 20,000 extant U.C. interments, plus Brooklyn City Register title (land) records for private lot holders, maps, histories, and more.

Purchase this CD for \$22.00/Members and Libraries; \$27.00/Non-Members.

The NYG&B Publications Department is pleased to announce a new reduced rate for the purchase of a full set of The NYG&B Record CD-ROM collection. Since the introduction of our well-received Worden's Index to the NYG&B Record, followed by the NYG&B Record Discs 1-5, we have sold each individual disc for \$32.00 members/libraries and \$42.00 non-members. You may now purchase a complete five CD set of the NYG&B Record covering 1870-1960, along with the Worden's Index 1870-1998 (six discs total). This item #FULLSET is available for \$150.00 members/libraries and \$200.00 non-members.

SAVE THE DATES  
YORKERS, YANKEES, AND BEYOND:

Tracking New York Ancestors Into, Across, and Around the State, A Conference for Genealogists and Historians to be held October 30-November 1, 2008, at the Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Complete details in the Spring 2008 Researcher.

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**Ed. Note:** I'm always looking for interesting tidbits on Dutchess genealogy, not including formal genealogical data and chart type material which belong in the *Dutchess* journal. Stories, anecdotes, historical notes, personal experiences of researchers, procedural hints and collected wisdom that needs to be passed on, photographs, etc. This is your Newsletter where you can share your moments with others who might benefit or be interested in what you have! Publishing is the only way you can be sure your contributions can serve those who come after us in time.

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If you mail original papers or photos, I will be sure to return them after use.

Also of note, the **400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hendrick Hudson's sail up our river in 1609** will be widely celebrated in NY state especially along the river, emphasizing historical and family matters and our Dutch heritage. There will be room for volunteers with ideas, time, help and other support if you have something along this line! Browse the web for more, or go to <http://www.exploreny400.com/> for starters.

One other side note. The western NY land speculation after the Revolutionary War by **Phelps and Gorham** (see page 2 above) involved indirectly at least a few Dutchess County people. **Henry Tremper** (1754-1826), a wealthy Philadelphia merchant and son of Wilhelmus Tremper (1712-1782), became part of the Lessee Company connected with Phelps and Gorham. Henry's uncle was **John George Tremper** (1709-1770), progenitor of the Dutchess County line of Trempers who settled around Rhinebeck. Henry died at his home in Philadelphia. See: Bean, Theodore W., *History of Montgomery County, PA*, (1884, Philadelphia, Everts & Peck), p. 830, also cf. Yates Co. Deed Book 3:127 filed 19 Aug 1826.

Tremper often visited a Mr. Maley, his brother in law who lived at "Johnson Hall" in the Mohawk Valley, where they planned their land deals - photo below from Bean's book:

