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• **PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

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Buck Collection & Adriance Library

It was mentioned in our last newsletter that Clifford Buck was a well-known local historian and genealogist who worked on Dutchess County genealogy into the 1990's. Some of his personal files have been deposited in Adriance Memorial Library, the main library for the Poughkeepsie Public Library District (93 Market St, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601; 845-485-3445; <http://www.poklib.org/>). The materials are stored in folders in 3 file cabinets. Much of this is correspondence and research on local families done over a 50-year period; there is also a particular emphasis on farms in the Pleasant Valley / Clinton area.

Because of severe space problems at the library, the file cabinets had to be stored in a basement location, and are not directly accessible. An alphabetical finding aid to the Buck Collection listing every folder by surname, farm or place has been created and is available at the Reference Desk. After you consult the finding aid and determine what you are interested in, the folders are retrieved from the basement and brought to you to use in the Reference Room.

One advantage of this arrangement is that the materials are available whenever the library is open, whereas materials held in the Local History Room may only be available by appointment when there is someone to staff it. Lynn Lucas, Local History Librarian, is aware of how this limits use of Local

History Room material and tries in various ways to make them more accessible through the Reference Desk.

The Local History Room card catalog and other finding aids are available for consultation in the Reference Room. At the discretion of the reference librarians and/or the Local History librarian, and based on the nature of the materials, some of the resources stored in Local History can leave that room and be used in the Reference Room. For example, these can include most of the published books and periodicals; high school yearbooks, old phonebooks, and post-1935 city directories (in groups of 3); select folders from the Surname File; and early church and cemetery record transcripts, many in pamphlet form.

Collections or materials which usually cannot leave Local History include photographs (including the "Vail Collection", proofs from a local photography studio from the latter half of the 19th century into early 20th century - most of it unidentified), maps (many are oversize and/or fragile), clipping files, the Primary Source Document collection, and postcards.

Dutchess County census records and newspapers are on microfilm, and are always available at the main library for patron use on the library's microfilm reader/printers. The microfilmed "Ancient Documents" are stored in Local History, but can be retrieved by reference librarians when needed, provided you know the exact number of the microfilm reel you want.

• **RESOURCES:**

SOME LOCAL GENEALOGISTS (cont.)

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Correction: Frank Doherty's series is correctly entitled "*The Settlers of the Beekman Patent*" (not "*The Settlers of the Town of Beekman*"). The series when completed will cover over 1,300 families who lived in the patent which included the present towns of

Dover, Pawling, Beekman, Union Vale and part of LaGrange.

And more about Clifford Buck. He also abstracted deeds and mortgages for the Beekman Patent and North East. His 50 years of research and correspondence is available at Adriance Library (see above).

• **RECENT DCGS MEETINGS**

(Held at the Latter Day Saints Church on Spackenkill Road in Poughkeepsie)
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September 17, 2002: "Using the 1930 Census" Jean Nudd, an archivist from the National Archives branch in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, discussed using the recently released 1930 census. There are four ways to locate people in this census:

1) Indexes are available for Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, and parts of Kentucky and West Virginia.

2) Enumeration Districts are the same as in the 1920 census, so if you have found the person in the 1920 census, use the same ED number.

3) For people in a small community, read the whole census for the community to locate them.

4) If you have a street address from a city directory or personal document, use it to locate the enumeration district (see the Internet site at <http://home.pacbell.net/spmorse/census>).

Ancestry.com is indexing the 1930 census state by state. See their site for currently indexed states.

The collection at the National Archives branch in Pittsfield includes microfilm of all US Censuses from 1790 to 1930, plus most book and CD census indexes; federal military records from the Revolution; indexes to records for the War of 1812 and the Philippine Insurrection; indexes to Civil War records from New England, New York, and Pennsylvania; and World War I draft cards from New England and New York. They also have immigration records for most of the eastern seaboard from 1820 on, plus many other federal records.

November 19, 2002: "What's in the Huguenot Historical Society Library?" Eric Roth, Librarian/Archivist for the Huguenot Historical Society in New Paltz, NY, pointed out that researchers should look for the people behind the genealogy and research

collateral lines as well as their own lines. Think about the things you own and how they reflect your life, and then carry that over to your ancestors. Mundane information can add to your ancestors' stories.

New Paltz was settled in 1678 by French Huguenots who fled religious persecution. The first objective of the Society is to collect materials related to the early Huguenots in New Paltz and their descendants, plus other Huguenots, but its collections include many more items, covering many of the other early settlers in Ulster County and their descendants. These include such things as probate papers, slave information, political materials, military papers, music, personal records such as letters, school records, and photographs of people, buildings, school classes, social events and family gatherings.

The Huguenot Historical Society is not a heritage society, but focuses on the historic stone houses of New Paltz and the history that surrounds them. Affiliated family associations collect genealogical information, and the Society creates collections of books and manuscripts to support them. To learn more about the Huguenot Historical Society, see their Internet site at: <http://www.hhs-newpaltz.net/index.html> or write or call them at: 18 Broadhead Ave., New Paltz, NY 12561, (845) 255-1660.

• **LIBRARY REPORT**

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There have been some changes at the Family History Center and DCGS library. A new Director, David Bishop, is in charge of the Poughkeepsie FHC. He is taking over from the former Director, Wayne Merrick, who will continue to work as a volunteer librarian. Wayne has always been very cooperative in working with the DCGS in his capacity as Director, and I wish to thank him for all his good-natured help in the last few years. David Bishop has met with the DCGS board and we look forward to a strong working relationship and continued cooperation that the LDS Church has always graciously offered to us. In fact, with the addition of David Bishop as a volunteer FHC librarian, the library will be open more hours per week with the addition of Saturday hours.

The new library hours are:
Tuesday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Thursday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday 7 a.m. - 11a.m.

All DCGS materials are available whenever the library/FHC is open, but the DCGS librarian works in the library just on Tuesdays. The schedule is subject to change due to holidays and bad weather. So, if you are planning a special trip to the library or are coming from a distance, you may want to call the DCGS librarian, Linda Koehler, to check on the schedule before you come (home telephone # 845-462-2361, or e-mail me at <lckoehlr@optonline.net>).

**Dutchess County information
in other genealogical magazines:**

Zubrinsky, Eugene Cole. "The **Penn(e)ys** of Harwich, Massachusetts, and Upstate New York." The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, 133 (July 2002): 201-216.

• **MEMBERSHIP**

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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.

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**COUNTDOWN TO DISCOVERY:
THE FGS/FSGS 2003 CONFERENCE**

The countdown has begun! The Florida State Genealogical Society will host the FGS/FSGS 2003 Conference at the Renaissance Orlando Resort adjacent to Sea World in exciting Orlando, Florida, on 3-6 September 2003. The conference theme is "Countdown to Discovery: A World of Hidden Treasures." The conference team has been hard at work for over a year planning excellent program content AND some very special surprises for the conference. To learn more about the FGS/FSGS 2003 Conference, visit the FGS Web site at <http://www.fgs.org> and click on the button for Conferences. And you'll also want to subscribe to the Conference e-mail "e-zine" to receive the latest updates so that you can map your plans to the treasures to be found in Orlando, Florida, in 2003. To subscribe to the e-zine, send an email message (no text or subject is necessary) to

fgs2003-announce-on@lists.csc.cc.il.us. You will receive a confirmation message to which you must reply within 24 hours. You can discover more

information about the conference in the e-zine, in the FGS FORUM, and in the FGS Delegate Digest. Get ready to blast off to Orlando in 2003!

The **Montgomery County, NY, Department of History & Archives in Fonda, NY**, combines a county office and an active historical society in a symbiotic relationship that enhances both and makes life easier for visitors looking for early Palatine and German immigrants. This is said to be the 3rd largest genealogy library in the State of NY, after the State Library in Albany and another [?NYG&BS]. Visit their web site to learn more!

<http://www.amsterdam-ny.com/mcha/>

It contains thousands of original county records - (common pleas, deeds, supreme court and surrogate's court), along with a vast collection of genealogical material - (census, cemetery, military, church, etc.) that are vital to the researcher. It has over 500 historical and genealogical folders compiled by the department over the past 54 years. An experienced staff is available to assist the more than 3000 visitors to the department, from all over the world.

