



# THE DUTCHESS NEWSLETTER

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### President's Notes

Linda Koehler <[lckoeplr@optonline.net](mailto:lckoeplr@optonline.net)>

With the approval of the DCGS Board, your co-presidents signed a letter on behalf of the society and sent it to Dutchess County Executive William Steinhaus (copied to the Dutchess County Legislature) encouraging him to appoint a new County Historian. In his 2005 State of the County address, Steinhaus briefly mentioned the importance of the position in view of the rich history of Dutchess County. Our hopes were raised when the County Executive budgeted some funds in the 2005 county budget to fill a position that has been left vacant for 12 years. However, we are now well into the fourth quarter of 2005 and still, we have no County Historian. We have not received an answer from Mr. Steinhaus to our request for some idea of when we can expect to see that office up and running. But, on the bright side, for the second year in a row, Mr. Steinhaus has budgeted money for the position, so perhaps it will actually get filled in 2006.

I have heard from a few members about ideas for special projects for the Society, but I would like to encourage more of you to respond, even if it is only a sentence or two about subject matter or ways to publish information - quarterly, CDs, online? If you wish to use e-mail to respond, write to [lckoeplr@optonline.net](mailto:lckoeplr@optonline.net) with the subject line "DCGS special projects". Or you can write to DCGS, PO Box 708, Poughkeepsie, NY 10602.

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### DCGS Officers for 2005-2006

From Roland Ormsby, 10/27/2005

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Schneider, Dudley S.	Co-Pres.
Shortle, Eleanor J.	VP Publications
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### Next DCGS Board Meeting, 17 Dec 2005

Linda Koehler <[lckoeplr@optonline.net](mailto:lckoeplr@optonline.net)>

The DCGS Board meeting will be held, as usual, at my home (5 Miron Dr) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 17.

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### DCGS Meeting, 15 Nov 2005

From Roland Ormsby, 11/5/05

(outlined ahead of the meeting; edited by Ed.)

At the L.D.S Church, Spackenkill Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY

### "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?"

was the topic of the November meeting of the Dutchess County Genealogical Society, with speaker Nancy Malling.

Mrs. Malling's speech focused on the unique issues related to passing on personal possessions and was based on a course developed by social workers and attorneys at the University of Minnesota. She outlined a number of practical strategies to ease the transition of downsizing personal possessions and to help avoid conflicts among family members. Planning for the transfer of items that have sentimental value is a major challenge for everyone. This planning process has emotional as well as economic consequences.

Nancy Malling, attorney and genealogist is an active volunteer in New Canaan. She currently serves as program chairman of the New Canaan branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) and is president of a local investment club. She teaches Genealogy courses and "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate" at the Lapham Community Center. She has served on the New Canaan Board of Human Services and Nursing and Home Care, Inc.

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**Memberships**

11/28/05 By Roland E. Ormsby, Membership VP  
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(Member lists are not in the Newsletter's web versions.)

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**NYG&BS Notes**

From your Ed.

Among the latest additions to **Early American Newspapers** (available to members through our website) are many New York titles including papers from Albany, Ballston Spa, Catskill, Cherry Valley, Cooperstown, Herkimer, Hudson, Ithaca, New York City, and Otsego. New titles and issues are being added every month, so it is important to visit this site periodically and repeat your previous searches.

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**Projects Report -  
following DCGS Board Meeting of October, 2005**

Jeanette Foster 1 October 15, 2005

(Topic headings; details available from DCGS)

1. **Index to The Dutchess Quarterlies** -
2. **Spring Seminar 2006** - plan details of Spring 2006 Seminar - ideas welcome  
**Lead:** Christine Crawford-Oppenheimer
3. **Vital Records Data** -  
**Target:** January, 2006
4. **New Project** - Consider possible projects
5. **County Historian Letter** - to Dutchess County, need to fill County Historian position
6. **Obtain professional support of DCGS website.**  
**Target:** Spring, 2006
7. **Develop list of other genealogical and historical societies within Dutchess County**
8. **Identify and take steps to improve participation in DCGS.**

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Closed projects -

1. **Volunteer Roster** -
2. **Improve Project Tracking** -
3. **Spring Seminar Survey** -
4. **Website volunteer education** -

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**DCGS website**

Jan Foster, 10/3/05

The DCGS website at <http://www.dcg-gen.org> has again been updated, including the Fall Newsletter.

Please welcome our newest website volunteers, **Valerie LaRobardier** and **Robert Peck**. Many thanks to *all* for your continued efforts!

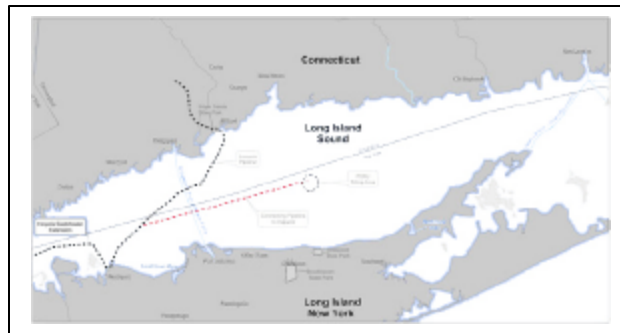
Take a look at our newest updates and, as always, any corrections or comments are sincerely welcome!

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At the "**Crossing the Boundaries**" conference in Suffern on 29 Oct 2005, genealogist **Fred Hart** presented a fresh and fascinating view of families and groups of families who migrated both directions across Long Island

Sound in the 1700s and 1800s, superimposing travel lines and towns on a map of Long Island Sound.

Mr. Hart mentioned a **Joseph Wood** among the migrants, and after his talk he arranged to send me some records relating to a "hobby" of mine of many years, looking for ancestors of one **Sheriff Ebenezer Wood** of Massachusetts and Rockland County, NY. This chance encounter and his generous mailing led to 3 or 4 more generations back from Ebenezer into England. The moral of this is that great serendipities can arise from attending genealogy meetings!  
-Ed.



The National Park Service is holding a Community Forum at the FDR place, 4097 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park NY 12538, on Wed 14 Dec 2005 on "**Creating a new Management Plan for the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites**" from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a preliminary open house and film at 5 p.m. It is not clear if just anyone can attend, but if you are interested, phone 845-229-9115, ext. 31. The previous 5-year plan ran from 2000 to 2005. There is much of



genealogical importance in these sites, and their care and nurture is important to all in Dutchess County and in the nation.  
Ed.

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**Next DCGS meeting is 7:30 p.m. on 17 Jan 2006, "Members Sharing with Members":** an open forum where attendees can discuss their research problems and see if others have suggestions to help them. Attendees are also invited to share research breakthroughs and how they did it. We especially encourage questions and discussions of problems related to computers at this meeting. Held at the LDS Spackenkill Church, but canceled if there is no school that day due to bad weather.

(Mar. 21, 2006: To Be Announced)