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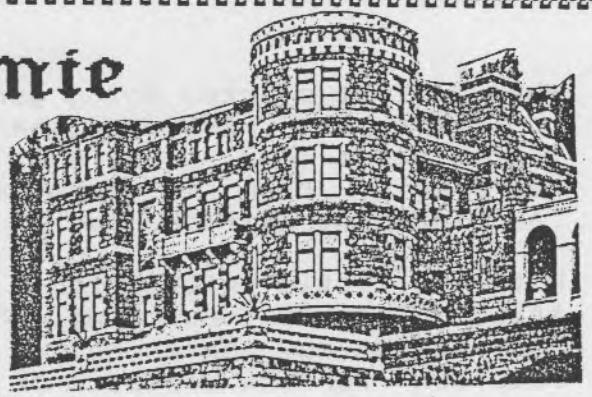

MINI-MINUTES OF PAST PROGRAMS

8 September 1990

Annita Zalenski reported on plans for the Club and for Lambert Castle restoration. Preparations for the Everton Workshop were crystallized. In the unexpected absence of the scheduled speaker, we split in two: one group received Library orientation, another was enthralled by David Van Dillen's illumination of the history of Acquackanonk Township.

10 November 1990

October's successful Everton Workshop was reviewed amid much acclaim. Shelby Hadeler described her accidental tumble into family history publishing, and shared the joys and heartaches she had learned from the experience, along with helpful tips on what to do and what to avoid. (Example: On Editing..."Buy lots of red pencils and be ready to cry a lot").

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OOPS — SNOW!

Program Calendar
Early 1991

January 12 - "Club Workshop"
... Bring Your Questions & Ideas ...

February 9 - "Sussex County Land Records"
Richard M. Stevens, PhD

March 9 - .....Open.....

April 13 - "Tracing German Ancestors"
Tom Peters

May 11 - *Research at National Archives (Bayonne)*
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The Kerwin Klan

When I first started doing genealogy I thought I would never get to first base with my husband's Kerwin Family as he knew very little about them. You see, his father died when he was only 8 years old, then 4 years later his mother remarried and the families just drifted apart.

With the little information I had gotten from my mother in law, I tried doing some searching. Of course not knowing too much about how to do any searching, I wrote to St. John's RC Church in Paterson for the baptisms of all the children of Patrick Kerwin. What a great surprise I got. Patrick had ten children (as far as the church knew). I got all their names, birth dates, names of their god parents and the mother's maiden name. What a find and I was on cloud 9!!!

Next I went to the National Archives in Bayonne to see if I could find out anything about my husband's paternal grandmother. According to my mother in law her name was Catharine Holden (a good plug here for soundex). I looked in the 1880 census because there are no 1890's, and I came across a Margaret HOLTON, passed that up without thinking much. Then came across an Elizabeth HOLTON, passed her up, then came across a Catharine HOLTON--- stopped, ran back to the Margaret and Elizabeth, they all were orphaned and were 2, 4, and 6 years old. I said to myself these must be sisters, all in the same orphanage. Wrote the information down on them. Went on looking for Holden's and can you believe it, I came across another HOLTON, Mary, age 8. I stopped right there, wrote everything on her and decided they must definitely be sisters and 4 of them to boot. I also felt that the Catharine was my husband's grandmother who married James Kerwin, son of Patrick.

My husband knew his father went to St. Agnes RC Church in Paterson, so we wrote to them hoping to get a copy of the baptism for all the children of James and Catharine Kerwin. A few weeks later we get a copy of four boys baptism, one being my husband's father, Harold. Can you guess who the some of the godmothers were,,, yes, yes, yes...Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth Holton. Oh, I was so happy, never in my wildest dream did I think my findings would be true. I had the feeling that Catharine was the grandmother and my mother in law just had the name wrong.

I don't know if any of you ever have a feeling like I get. Patrick Kerwin seems to draw me to him and his family. I always want to search the KERWIN name. Of all my own family and the rest of my husband Bob's family, KERWIN is the only one that information comes easy to find. I thought I knew so much about my paternal grandmother and her family, that it would be a cinch, but not so, WESTERVELT AND MASKER are the hardest for me to get any information on. Yes, there are a lot of WESTERVELT'S in our library and in this area, but I can't get a handle on the parents of Catharine Westervelt or Richard Masker.

Getting back to Patrick Kerwin family. Since doing this research I have come across about 25 Kerwin living relatives, young and old, most who live here in NJ and some in CT and CA. Bob didn't know any of them ever existed.

Patrick had 8 boys and 2 girls, his son James (Bob's grandfather) had 4 boys and 2 girls and we have 4 boys and 2 girls. I must mention here that Bob is an only child. There has only been one child in each generation to have many children. Most most have 2 or three or they never marry.

We have a daughter who has MS and I have found a cousin of Bob's father who died of MS. They don't know what causes this disease or how to cure it. And they say it is not inherited, and could come from a malfunction immune system, but who really knows. I just think this is more than coincidence.

Hope you liked reading my little research excursion of the KERWIN KLAN and hope you weren't bored.

We would like some of you to do the same and write a little story of your research travels or happenings. Come on, we need to get more items in our newsletter and have it more interesting to read.

Isabel Kerwin

"He that has no fools, knaves or beggars in his family was begot by a flash of lightning."

- Thomas Fuller

Embers From The Hearth

The State Archives in Trenton have received state-wide birth records complete to 1923. You have to do the researching yourself as they still do not have the manpower to do it for you. Also they are still not answering any correspondence for the same reason. You sign up for a film reader when you arrive and have it for 3 hours as it is very crowded and not all machines are working.

Someone has said that Glad Bags are made of Mylar and are safe to store your genealogy documents in them. This is not so...so please do not use them for all your genealogy hard work.

The IA Genealogical Society Magazine for December 1986 stated that "relict" on a tombstone means that the woman was a widow when she died, whereas "consort" means that her spouse survived her.

Who's Looking For Whom?

Here's the latest list of Surnames being searched for by members of our Club (and some others). If you want to contact one of the Searchers and don't have his/her address, look in the Index Card File in the Library, or ask Isabel Kerwin.

SEARCHING FOR...	Searcher
ADDISON	B. Addison
ANESI	Annita Zalenski
BAGLEY	Joan Springwaldt
BAILONI	Annita Zalenski
BALITZ	Claire Dykstra
BARRIE	Claire Dykstra
BARTOLD	Annita Zalenski
BENJAMIN	B. Addison
BERGSMA	Grace Pontier
BLAUVELT	Betty Rizzolo
BONNEMA	Grace Pontier
BORNEMAN	David & Dorothy Van Dillen
BOWMAN	Betty Rizzolo
BRADLEY	David & Dorothy Van Dillen
BURKART	Dorothy Everitt
CALLAHAN	Isabel Kerwin
CALLAHAN	Gus & Virginia Kunis
CAMPBELL	Jean Pellegrino
CAPEN	Dick & Marie Drake
CARRIGAN	Jean Pellegrino
CIOFFI	Dorothy Galluccio
CIPOLLETTA	Dorothy Galluccio
CLOVER	Dorothy Everitt
COMSTOCK	Dick & Marie Drake
CONKLIN	Dr. Felix Vann
COOK	Jean Pellegrino
COOK/KOEK	Grace Pontier
COOPER	B. Addison
COURTER	Betty Rizzolo
CUSHMAN	Dick & Marie Drake
CUSICK	Bill & Dottie Cusick
D'ARGENIO	Dorothy Galluccio
DAVENPORT	Jean Pellegrino
DE VRIES	Grace Pontier
DIETRICH	Joan Springwaldt
DOWLING	Gus & Virginia Kunis
DRAKE	Dick & Marie Drake
DUX	Joan Springwaldt
DYKSTRA	Claire Dykstra
EVANS	Betty Rizzolo
EVERITT	Dorothy Everitt
FALLON	Joan Springwaldt
FERRARI/FERRARY	Annita Zalenski
FIORE	Dorothy Galluccio
FISHER	Betty Van Hook
FLETCHER	Betty Rizzolo
FORSTER	J. W. Kuepfer
FRANKLIN	B. Addison
FULBACHER	Gus & Virginia Kunis
GALLUCCIO	Dorothy Galluccio
GARRABRANT	Fred Garrabrant
GOULD	Jean Pellegrino
GRANT	B. Addison
GRANT	Joe Hannan
GRIMES	Isabel Kerwin
GROENEWEG	Grace Pontier

SEARCHING FOR...	Searcher
HAGENBUCHER	Claire Dykstra
HANKINSON	Gus & Virginia Kunis
HANNAN	Joe Hannan
HARRIS	B. Addison
HENN	Joan Springwaldt
HIMBERG	Claire Dykstra
HODGE	Isabel Kerwin
HODGSON	Dorothy Galluccio
HOLTON	Isabel Kerwin
IRVING	Dorothy Galluccio
KANAPELL	J. W. Kuepfer
KENDALL	Fred Garrabrant
KIMBLE	Jean Pellegrino
KOEK/COOK	Grace Pontier
KUEPFER	J. W. Kuepfer
KUNIS	Gus & Virginia Kunis
LAST	Betty Van Hook
LE GRAS	Bill & Dottie Cusick
LOKKER	Grace Pontier
MACK	B. Addison
MANN	Betty Rizzolo
MARCHE	B. Addison
MARKHOUSE	Dorothy Galluccio
MASKER/MASSAKER	Isabel Kerwin
McCUTCHEON	Dorothy Everitt
MEINTS	David & Dorothy Van Dillen
MICKENS	B. Addison
MILLER	Jean Pellegrino
MITCHELL/MICHALUS	Isabel Kerwin
MONKHOUSE	Dorothy Galluccio
MONTANYE	Tom & Jessica Peters
MORGAN	Tom & Jessica Peters
MOUNT	Gus & Virginia Kunis
MUSETTI	Annita Zalenski
MYERS/MEYERS	Betty Rizzolo
NIBLANE	Betty Van Hook
O'BRIEN	Gus & Virginia Kunis
O'NEILL	Joe Hannan
ONDERDONK	Betty Rizzolo
PELLEGRI	Annita Zalenski
PIERSON	Jean Pellegrino
PONTIER	Grace Pontier
PORTALTI	Annita Zalenski
PRINS	Grace Pontier
REEVES	Jean Pellegrino
RENKEL	Claire Dykstra
RIGBY	Isabel Kerwin
ROPER	Betty Van Hook
RUEL	Betty Van Hook
RUSSELL	Betty Rizzolo

SEARCHING FOR...	Searcher
SCHLOTTHAUER	Joan Springwaldt
SCHNEBLE	Joan Springwaldt
SCHWARTZMAN	Isabel Kerwin
SCOWROFT	Dorothy Everitt
SHEERIN	Claire Dykstra
SMITH, HUGH	Joan Springwaldt
SNENIK	Isabel Kerwin
SOMERFIELD	Joan Springwaldt
SPRINGWALDT	Joan Springwaldt
STAPLES	Dr. Felix Vann
STURTEVANT	Dick & Marie Drake
SUMMERFIELD	Joan Springwaldt
SUTLIFFE	Dick & Marie Drake
TAK	Betty Van Hook
TRIBOU	Dick & Marie Drake
TURNER	Gus & Virginia Kunis
VAN BLARCUM	Betty Rizzolo
VAN DALE	David & Dorothy Van Dillen
VAN DILLEN	David & Dorothy Van Dillen
VAN HOUTEN	Betty Rizzolo
VANDER BOK	Grace Pontier
VANN	Dr. Felix Vann
VIVIAN	Dick & Marie Drake
WALSH	Joan Springwaldt
WASHINGTON	B. Addison
WESTERVELT	Isabel Kerwin
WESTERVELT	Jean Pellegrino
WHIPPLE	Dick & Marie Drake
WORTH	Claire Dykstra
YORK	B. Addison
ZALENSKI	Annita Zalenski

Everton Workshop

On behalf of the Club Board I would like to thank every one who helped to make the Everton Workshop a success. George and Louise Everton were great speakers and we had over 70 people attend. I personally want to thank every one who helped me put the workshop together, especially the ones who worked so hard setting up and cleaning up. It could not have been done without you.

Isabel Kerwin

The Library

The Passaic County Historical Society's Genealogy Library has received a copy of "Cora's Honeymoon" by David Van Dillen. We thank David, who donated the book, both for his generous gift and for the great story it contains. Please take some time after one of our meetings to drop in and look it over .... or even sit awhile and read it.

NEW BOOKS AT THE MORRISTOWN LIBRARY

Morris Township Times, 1740-1990, by Cam Cavanaugh. HM6.T Cav.

Dutch Immigrants in US Ship Passenger Manifests, 1820-1880, by Robert P Swierenga. H929.3 Swi.

Dutch Households in US Population Censuses, 1850, 1860, 1870... H929.1 Swi.

Ancestry's Concise Genealogical Dictionary, by Maurine & Glen Harris. H929.01 Har.

They Came in Ships, by John Philip Colletta, published by Ancestry. H929.3 Col.

Library of Congress: A Guide to Historical & Genealogical Research, by James C. Neagles, published by Ancestry. H929.01 Nea.

New York 1860 Census Index, by Ronald Vern Jackson, et al., published by AIS.

A Gift Of The Past

by
George Park Sellmer

I am "new" to genealogy and have enthusiasticlly put in order the many bits and pieces received in the past from parents and relatives. Time at the microfiche reader and correspondence with relatives has enabled me to assemble a fair-sized family history. Sensing not too many years left, I am loathe to see the effort wasted.

So, as a Christmas present this year, I have put together family history files for my son and daughter. Each file consists of a binder which has an ancestry chart and supporting family group record sheets. The binder title reads "Family History Record. The Sellmer, Johnson, Park, Leutenegger, Button, and Hagenlock Families." The first page begins:

A LITTLE ESSAY ON ANCESTORS

One could continue the front cover title with "....also the Campbell, Kingsbury, Parsons, Plüsz, Simani, Stanton, Avery, Benjamin, Rose, Thompson, and Chaplyn Families." It's amazing how many ancestors one has. Just look back only four generations and you'll find 16 great-great-grandparents! The mathematician would say, "It's two to the nth power (2^n) where n is the number of generations back"; in this case $2^4 = 16$. If you go back 10 generations to Robert Parke, born in England in 1580, you will find more than a thousand great-great-great .... grandparents ($2^{10} = 1024$). So, tracing family history obliges you to be choosy and to look for the important people, or at least the interesting ones.

Robert Parke came here in 1630 with John Winthrop, first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Parke had a son, Thomas, by his first wife. His second wife had a daughter from a previous marriage. The daughter married Thomas, her step brother. (I thought that was interesting.)

Then there's the consanguinous marriage of your paternal grandparents. Your grandmother's grandfather, Edward Button, had another wife from whom your grandfather descended, which made your grandparents half second cousins, distantly related enough to make the marriage legal.

Until recently, I was not particularly interested in genealogy, so when my mother and your mother's Aunt Olga gave us their precious records, we simply put them away. Years later, when the bug bit me, I was glad they had made the effort. It may bite you some time, so keep this record for the future. You'll find it's lots of fun.

Your Father

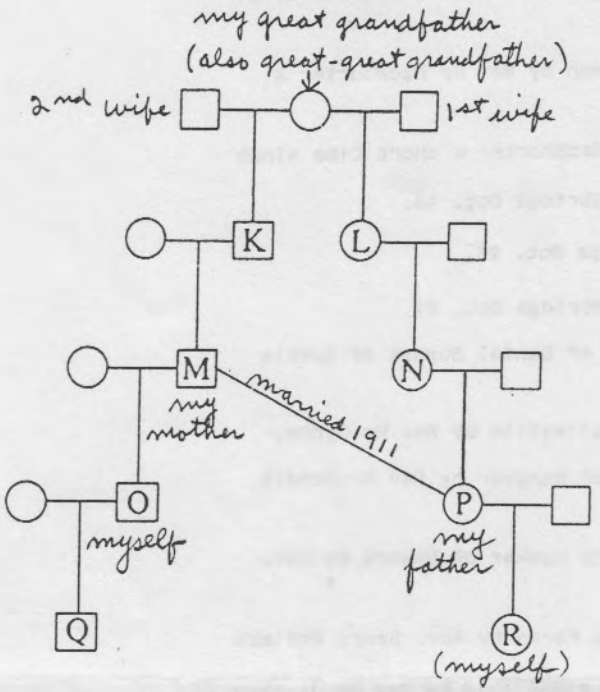
{Editor's Note: Later, George submitted the following emendation.}

According to the enclosed chart, which I have just found in a genetics book, I believe a slight change is necessary in my article.

It has always been family belief that my parents were half second cousins, as I stated. This is due to their sharing a common ancestor who had two wives. My father descended from one wife, my mother from the other. You will note in the chart, however, that the individuals labeled M and P (representing my Mater and Pater, respectively) are identified as half first cousins, once removed (see key at right). If

I read the chart correctly, I (O) am my father's (P) half second cousin. Also, I (both O and R) am my own half second cousin, once removed. Wow!

{Editor (again): As the song says, "I'm my own Grandpa!"}



KL	Half-siblings
MN	Half-first cousins
MP	Half-first cousins once removed
OP	Half-second cousins
OR	Half-second cousins once removed
QR	Half-third-cousins

MARRIAGE RECORDS FROM *"THE SENTINEL OF FREEDOM"* (continued)

We continue the extracts from the notebooks in our Library detailing marriage notices from *"The Sentinel of Freedom"* (Newark) during the years 1796-1820. The date shown is the date of the Newspaper in which the notice appeared.

Year	Mo/Day	Entry
1800	Aug 12	Halsey, Jacob to Polly Wheeler daughter of Caleb Wheeler of Newark by Rev Dr MacWhorter. Aug. 9
1800	Aug 26	Thomas, Isaiah of Trenton to Mary Smith daughter of William Smith of Burlington by Rev Mr Staughton at Burlington July 29.
1800	Aug 26	Holt, Charles of New London to Miss --- Davis of NY at NY.
1800	Sep 23	Canfield, David of Newark to Phebe Roberts Halsted daughter of Dr Caleb Halsted of Connecticut Farms by Rev Dr Smith.
1800	Sep 23	Ward, Samuel to Lydia Smith of Hanover by Rev. Mr. Condit a few days since.
1800	Oct 14	Williams, William to Phebe Harrison daughter of Captain Jotham Harrison both of Orange by Rev Mr Chapman Oct. 4.
1800	Oct 14	Kint, John to Susan Ward by Rev. Dr MacWhorter Oct. 7.

Year	Mo/Day	Entry
1800	Nov 4	Taylor, Henry to Katy Davis daughter of John Davis of Orange by Rev Mr Edwards Oct. 23
1800	Nov 4	Toler, Hugh K to Julia Johnson daughter of Daniel Johnson of Newark by Rev Dr MacWhorter Oct 25.
1800	Nov 4	Van Arsdale, Elias to Peggy Johnson daughter of Robert Johnson of NY a few days since
1800	Nov 4	Nutman, Samuel to Sally Bruen of Camp Town by Rev Dr MacWhorter a short time since.
1800	Nov 4	Roff, Stephen to Fanny Ball by Rev. Dr MacWhorter a short time since
1800	Nov 11	Freeman, Ezra to Mary Yarrington of Woodbridge Oct. 18.
1800	Nov 11	Long, David to Peggy Martin of Woodbridge Oct. 25.
1800	Nov 11	Leforge, Stephen to Rachel Payne of Woodbridge Oct. 31
1800	Nov 25	Miller, Enoch to Betsey Burnet daughter of Daniel Burnet of Bottle Hill by Rev Asa Hillyer.
1800	Nov 25	Williams, John to Rachel Van Riper at Belleville by Rev Mr Ogden.
1800	Dec 23	Fairchild, David to Rachel Morris both of Hanover by Rev Mr Condit at Hanover. Dec 11.
1800	Dec 23	Chandler, David of Lyons Farms to Charity Meeker of Newark by Rev. Dr MacWhorter Dec. 11
1800	Dec 23	Crane, Aaron to Elizabeth Clark of Lyons Farms by Rev. Henry Kollock
1800	Dec 30	Beam, Coonrad of NY to Sally Baldwin of Bloomfield by Rev Mr Jackson Dec. 24.
1801	Jan 29	Dodd, Amos to Polly Canfield daughter of David C Canfield of Newark by Rev Dr MacWhorter.
1801	Feb 10	Brown, Daniel to Abigail Congar by Rev. Dr MacWhorter Feb 7.
1801	Apr 7	Speer, Peter to Peggy Garrabrant both of Stonehouse Plains by Rev Mr Striker.
1801	Apr 7	Jones, James to Hannah Canfield daughter of Nathaniel Canfield both of Newark by Rev Dr MacWhorter.
1801	May 12	Pool, Henry of N.Y. to Mary Sanford of New Barbadoes Neck by Rev Dr Ogden at Belleville.
1801	Jun 16	Hedden, Edward to Mary Concklin both of Orange by Rev Dr Ogden.
1801	Aug 11	Losey, James to Anna Hoagland both of Mount Pleasant by Charles Hoff Esq. at Dover July 31.
1801	Aug 11	Benedict, Abner of Parcippany to Catharine Chevers, widow of Dr Cheves at Hanover by Rev Abner Benedict August 3
1801	Aug 11	Beach, Thomas to Betsey Curry by Rev. Dr. Ogden Tuesday evening last
1801	Oct 3	Kingsland, William Edmund to Sarah Jauncy of N.Y. by Rev Dr Ogden at New Barbadoes Neck.
1801	Nov 10	Wheeler, James to Sally Pierson both of Newark by Rev Dr MacWhorter on Saturday evening last.
1801	Nov 10	Edwards, Uzal to Polly Crane daughter of Elias Crane of Lyons Farms by Rev Mr Bryant on Saturday evening last.
1801	Nov 24	Hedden, Elezar to Massy Congleton by Rev Mr Tisdale at Hamburg, Sussex Co.

Year	Mo/Day	Entry
1801	Nov 24	Rude, Caleb to Betsey Simpson by Rev. Mr. Tisdale at Hamburg Sussex Co.
1801	Dec 1	Annin (Annik), William Cooper to Phebe Miller, daughter of Jonathan Miller both of Annins Corner by Rev Dr Findley Nov. 24
1801	Dec 1	Plum, Jacob to Mary Camfield daughter of Abiel Camfield by Rev Mr Griffin all of Newark.
1801	Dec 1	Harrison, Stephen of Orange to Eliza Dodd of Bloomfield by Rev. Mr Hillyer.
1801	Dec 1	Price, Edward of Elizabeth Town to Rozelter De Goyn of NY by Rev. Mr. Kollock.
1801	Dec 7	Price, William to Betsey Cooper both of Newark by Rev Mr. Griffin Saturday evening last.
1802	Jan 5	Waters, Merselis to Penelope Post of the county of Bergen by Rev. Dr Ogden in Newark.
1802	Jan 5	Andress, Elijah of Newark to Mary Kingsland of Barbadoes Neck by Rev Mr Striker a few days since
1802	Jan 26	Hedden, John to Hannah Brown both of So. Orange by Rev. Mr. Hillier Wedensday evening last.
1802	Jan 26	Fairchild, John to Lucia Kitchell daughter of Aaron Kitchell by Rev Mr. Condit at Hanover, N.J. Jan. 21
1802	Jan 26	Baldwin, Abraham of South Orange to Sally Baldwin daughter of Thomas Baldwin of North Farms by Rev Mr Hyllier Sunday evening last.
1802	Mar 9	Condit, Joseph of Orange Dale to Betsey Martin of Crane Town by Rev Mr Condit. Feb. 24
1802	Mar 9	Lewis, Isaac Jr. of Baskenridge to Phebe Jackson daughter of Benj. Jackson of Rockaway by Rev Mr Benedict at Rockaway Feb. 24
1802	Mar 9	Brian, Jacob of Mendham to Betsey Tredwell of Flanders by Rev Mr Fordham a few days since at Black River.
1802	Mar 20	Drake, Jonathan to Lydia Culner both of Schooley's Mts. by Rev. Mr Tims.
1802	Mar 20	Bellones, James to Anna Culner at Schooley's Mts. by Rev Mr Tims.
1802	Mar 30	Smith, Peter to Phebe Mulford daughter of Timothy Mulford at Hanover by Rev Mr Condit.
1802	Mar 30	Palmer, David to Delia Vanseekel both of Schooley's Mts. by William Woodhill, Esq.
1802	Apr 7	Burnet, Zenis to Betsey Baldwin daughter of Ezekiel Baldwin both of Morris Co. by Rev. Mr. Benedict.
1802	May 11	Willis, Anisa to Phebe Baldwin daughter of Jonathan Baldwin, Jr. by Rev Mr. Griffin Saturday evening last.
1802	May 25	Macintire, John of NY to Mary Kingsland daughter of James Kingsland of Belleville by Rev Dr Ogden at Belleville May 17.
1802	May 25	Adams, Edward son of Elisha Adams to Mary Mosher daughter of Ephriam Mosher all of Stanford.
1802	May 25	Ore, William Jr. to Anne Heddy at North East.

....Sorry! No index (no space). Look for it in next issue....

"NOTES ON NATURALIZATION"

- Aliens who have served in the military forces during wartime may petition for naturalization by proving 1 year of residence in the U.S. and providing proof of honorable discharge from the military. No *"Declaration of Intention"* is required.

- A woman who married an alien between the years 1907 and 1922 assumed the citizenship (nationality) of her husband. Upon termination of the marriage, she had to file a petition for American citizenship even though she had been born an American citizen.

- An alien woman who married a U.S. citizen....

  between the years 1907 and 1922 assumed the citizenship (U.S.) of her husband;

  in 1922 or later did not automatically become a U.S. citizen - she had to apply for U.S. citizenship on her own.

Reference: American Naturalization Processes and Procedures 1790-1985 by John J. Newman. Published by the Family History Section, Indiana Historical Society; 1985.

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