



The Castle Genie

NEWSLETTER OF THE GENEALOGY CLUB

Passaic County Historical Society, Lambert Castle, Valley Road, Paterson, New Jersey 07503

HIGHLIGHTS

**WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 18,**

PCHS
Genealogy Club
Planning Meeting

Elmwood Park
Municipal Building

7:00 pm

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 11,**

Passenger Lists
An informative talk,
By Annita Zalenski

Presidents Message

"I always seem to be at a loss for words when it comes to writing this letter, yet anyone who knows me knows that I have a "gift for gab" most of the time. I would just like to say "Thank You" to all the club members for making this another great club year. You have cared for the club's and each other's best interest; you have shared information with "old" and "new" members and anyone else who asked, and you have given your time and understanding to those who understood less. I have concluded that we may be genealogists searching for our families, but, through your efforts to make our club work we have become "Family."

"I would like to thank Richard "Dick" Drake for his generosity in staying as Club Secretary for so many years. You will not be forgotten! A special thanks to the Officers for their dedication and to the committees for all the extra work you do. So, with that said, I would like to add have a "Happy" and "Healthy" summer. Until we meet again in September, "May God Bless!"

~ Mimi Nicoll, President, PCHSGC ~

Club News

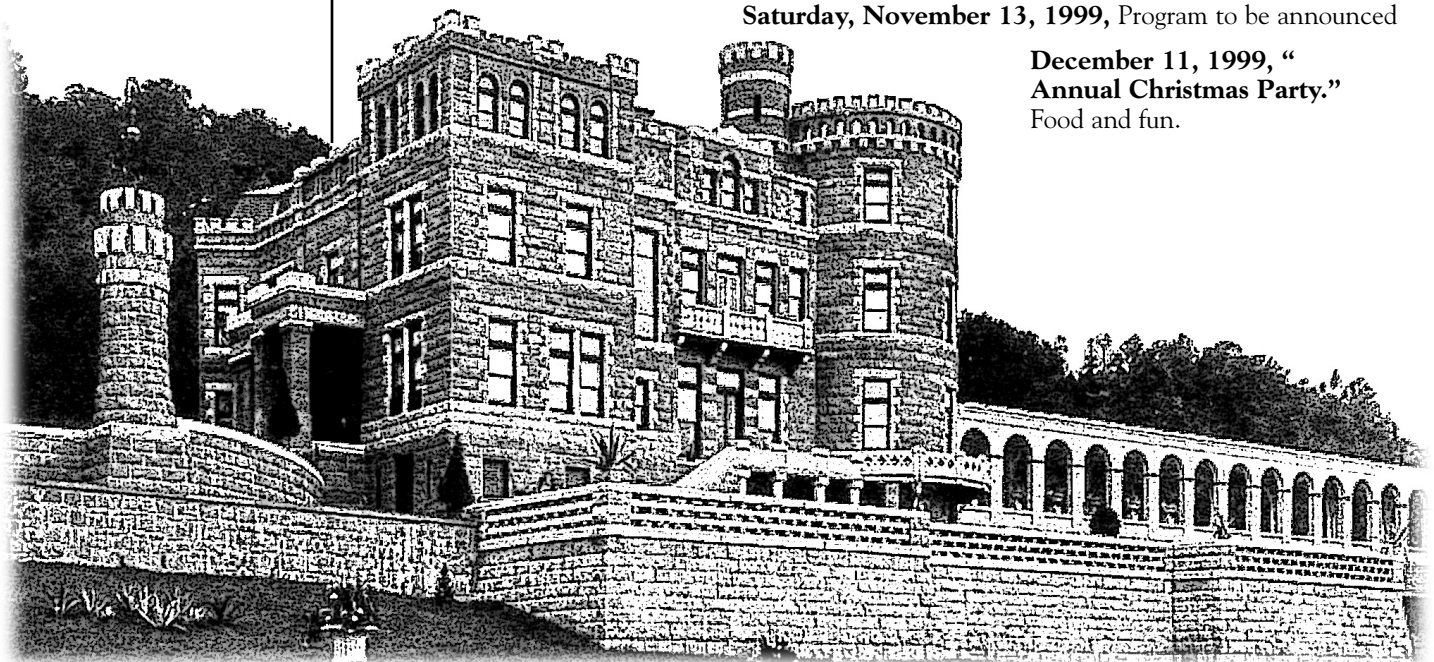
The latest word is that Lambert's Castle has an expected opening of March, 2000. Until such time, the Genealogy Club will meet at Louis Bay II Library, 345 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, 10 am, on the second Saturday of the month. Our program schedule for 1999-2000 year is still in progress. Dates and topics (as available at press time) are as follows:

Saturday, September 11, 1999, "Passenger Lists," an informative talk by former PCHS Trustee and past genealogy club president, Annita Zalenski.

Saturday, October 9, 1999, Program to be announced

Saturday, November 13, 1999, Program to be announced

December 11, 1999, "Annual Christmas Party."
Food and fun.



We mourn the loss of Jessica Peters who passed away in April. Jessica was a founding member of the Genealogy Club and a tireless worker who served in many capacities of the Passaic County Historical Society. We wish to express our sincere condolences to her family and friends. Jessica was a great asset to our organization and will be greatly missed.

Election of officers for positions of Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Corresponding Secretary was held at our meeting of April 10th. Respectively, Jean Pellegrino, Geri Mola, and Karen Rader were officially installed at our Annual Meeting in May. They join President Mimi Taylor and Treasurer Bernice Forrest.



(left to right) Vice President Jean Pellegrino, Recording Secretary Gerry Mola, President Mimi Nicoll, Corresponding Secretary Karen Rader, Treasurer Bernice Forrest.

A Bylaws Committee, consisting of Geraldine Mola, Chairman, Dorothy Jordan, and Annita Zalenski was appointed to review the genealogy clubs existing rules of governance. Having met and completed its work, the Bylaws Committee recommended the adoption of a complete revision of club bylaws. The revision and all proposed amendments from the floor were discussed in detail, voted upon, and approved at our meeting of March 13th. We wish to express our thanks to Geri, Dorothy, and Annita for their fine work on our revised bylaws. Thank you, ladies!

According to his own account, he began as our Recording Secretary just two years after the genealogy club was established. After 12 years of dedicated service to the Genealogy Club, Richard Drake has retired from his position, surrendering his meticulous and often animated notes to the care of our new Recording Secretary Geri Mola. Wishing you a well-deserved rest, Dick!



President Mimi Nicoll presents a small token of appreciation to former Recording Secretary Richard Drake at our Annual Meeting in May.

Due to other commitments, W. John Williams, stepped down from his position as Library Research Chair in May. We owe John a debt of thanks for his organization of the Library Research Volunteer Staff and for his work in the setup and implementation our Library Research Policies and Fees currently in use. As a parting gesture, John presented a sizable donation to the club which will be used to enhance our genealogical collections when we return to Lambert Castle. Our thanks to John for all his hard work and dedication during this past year. Ginger Nehrings has replaced John as Library Research Chair. Thank you John and Ginger.

Representing out-of-pocket donations received from our members at past meetings, a check for \$150.00 was presented to the Louis Bay II Library in May as a token of our appreciation for allowing us the use of their Library facilities during the Castle renovation. As the Louis Bay Library is currently expanding and upgrading their building, this donation will allow us to "purchase" a brick which will be inscribed with our name.



Library liaison Ginger Nehrings looks on as President Mimi Nicoll presents a check to a Louis Bay II Library official.

Wednesday, August 18th, we will hold our quarterly planning meeting 7:00 pm at the Elmwood Park Municipal Building, Market Street, Elmwood Park (the Municipal Building is located just east of Marcal Paper Mills). Please try to attend; we can use everyone's input.

~Out of the Mailbag~

Member Jack Lauber e-mails his comments concerning our piece titled "*Elizabeth C. (Dahlen) Lauber and the Hobart Manor House*" that ran in the Spring 1999 issue:

"I received my copy of *The Castle Genie* last Saturday. I was delighted to see how you positioned the article in the Newsletter on the Hobart Manor House. Thank you for going "the extra mile" and including the 1900 picture in the article. I appreciated your efforts of contacting the University and obtaining the picture and other information. If you do not need the picture and other information and material that they provided, I would be like to receive it. Of course, I would be happy to reimburse the Society or you for any expenses incurred on my behalf. Again, thanks for all your help. Sincerely yours, Jack Lauber, 1215 Gail Road, West Chester, PA, 19380-4028

William E. Serchak alerted me to omissions made from his original text titled "A Visit to Czara Gora" (Spring, 1999 issue) which may present confusion to readers:

"Received my copy of "*The Castle Genie*" upon returning

from a trip overseas last week. Thank you for publishing my article so quickly. At first I thought you had scanned it into WORD and reformatted it for publication in a column format. Then I read it through and realized that you must have retyped it completely to fit your editorial guidelines.

"Unfortunately, you deleted six lines of the original text I sent to you which changed the facts in such a way as to possibly confuse your readers. Let me show you what I found:

"On page 2 of my submitted text, last paragraph, line 12, has the sentence, "Jan, who lived to 99 years and 7 months of age, had four children: Josef (her husband whose grave I had seen earlier behind Jan's), Jan (John), Anna, and Maria. Josef and she had eight children," etc. The part in parenthesis was deleted from the article you published. In effect, it missed a generation between my great uncle, Jan and his grandchildren and is confusing in that it seems that Jan was the father of Anna & Josef and Sofia (the translator) instead of their grandfather.

"On page three of my submitted text, first paragraph, line 23, has the sentence ending, "his parents were given as Mich[ael] Jezierczak and Anna Heldak." The next four lines were omitted:

"Quickly turning to 1871-2, I located "Andreas Jezierczak" alongside the dates 14-16 November 1871 (on his Declaration of Intention for citizenship he gave his birth date as 12 November 1872 - close enough!) and his parents were also Mich[ael] Jezierczak and Anna Heldak."

"Now the rest of the paragraph makes sense in that Jan and Andrew were brothers as shown by their having the same parents. Without these four lines there is not enough information for the reader to conclude that "Bingo! Now I knew for the first time, the names of my great grandparents."

"Again, I am very grateful to you for publishing my article so quickly, and I hope to send you another one in the near future that you might consider publishing. It should be equally interesting to your readers. As concerns this article, perhaps you could publish a correction in your next edition clarifying the missing lines as I have described them above."

All the best, Bill

The Genealogical Society of Rockland County extends an invitation. They write:

"The Genealogical Society of Rockland County, NY, is planning a great event and we would very much like to see you and your members there. On June 26, 1999, we will be hosting "The Rockland Gathering," a combination genealogical data exchange, family reunion, and covered-dish social at the Historical Society of Rockland County in New City, NY. The weather should be fantastic for an outdoor event! (In case of rain, we can use the Society's facilities.) The location is only a couple of miles from the Thruway and the Palisades Interstate Parkway, and easy to find.

"Your ancestral "cousins" can't wait to meet you and get caught up on the research your members have been doing! The price of admission for this event is a "covered-dish" food item which will feed at least 4-6 people and your genealogy notebook/card file/ or laptop computer. There will be some fun contests (like who has the Blackest-of-the-Black Sheep relative on their tree, or who's the rottenest apple on the tree, and the longest documented lineage, show me yours and I'll show you mine!), and lots of good camaraderie!

"...(so) mark your calendars, set up the car pools, and consider setting up your own "club table" to let the whole family know about the special history of your area or what your group is doing as club projects."

Your "cousins" in Rockland, Karen Lamberton, Event Coordinator, Genealogical Society of Rockland County.

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Members who would like to have their WebPages posted here, are encouraged to submit their site addresses to Maryjane Proctor <MJPROCTOR@worldnet.att.net>. Also, don't forget to visit the club's homepage at <http://community.nj.com/cc/pchsgc>

Over the past two quarters, 16 family historians became members of PCHSGC. Wishing a very warm welcome to

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| Judi BONZKOWSKI | John POLHEMUS |
| Charles DEMES | Clariss ROCK |
| Karen DRENNON | Joan SCHMITT |
| Patricia FIORINA | Arthur SIMPSON, III |
| Joyce FITZGERALD | Joyce SVENDSON |
| Gertrude GRAY | Lorraine TIETJEN |
| Christin HAWKINS | Evelyn VAN BLARCOM |
| Lauren JANSEN | Richard VREELAND |

Perhaps our newest members would consider sharing the surnames they're researching by submitting a query to *The Castle Genie's* "Folk Finder" column. See page ____ (insert Folk Finder Page number) for details on submitting a query.

My personal thanks to Doris Bauer, George Becker, Al Brower, Richard Drake, and George Van Riper who all contributed material to this issue of "*The Castle Genie.*" Wishing you all a restful summer, ~ Maryjane Proctor, Editor, *The Castle Genie* ~

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

June 26, 1999 (Saturday)

"Rockland Gathering," a combination genealogical data exchange, "families reunion," and covered-dish social beginning 10:00 am by Genealogical Society of Rockland County at Historical Society of Rockland County, Zukor Road, New City, NY. Free with "covered dish" for 4-6 people. Info Karen Lamberton, (914) 357-4005 aft. 6 pm.

June 28, 1999 (Monday)

"Turning Oral Tradition into Family History," presented by Ken Franz. 7:00 pm by the Genealogy Society of Bergen County, Midland Park Library, 250 Godwin Ave., Midland Park. Free. Info (973) 694-8570

July 11, 1999 (Sunday)

"Picture This," Open discussion – bring favorite picture or photo album. 1:30 pm by the Monmouth County Genealogy Society, United Methodist Church, 247 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ. Info: (732) 671-0593 <nj5.injersey.com/~kjshelly/mcgs.html>

July 26, 1999 (Monday)

"Genealogical Workshop," using the resources of the Society Library. 7:00 pm by the Genealogy Society of Bergen County, Midland Park Library, 250 Godwin Ave., Midland Park. Free. Info (973) 694-8570

August 7, 1999 (Saturday)

Italian Genealogy Group *POINTers in Person* (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) holds its' quarterly meeting. Topic to be announced. 10:00 am Garfield Housing Authority Community Room, 71 Daniel P. Conte Court, Garfield, NJ. Public invited. Free. Info call 973-595-7685 <<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Valley/2707/pipwelc.htm>>

August 18, 1999 (Wednesday)

PCHSGC quarterly planning meeting. 7:00 pm Elmwood Park Municipal Building, Market Street, Elmwood Park (Municipal Building just beyond Marcal Paper Mills).

September 12, 1999 (Sunday)

"Mennonite & Amish Research," lecture by Neil Ann Levine. 1:30 pm by the Monmouth County Genealogy Society, United Methodist Church, 247 Broad Street, Red Bank, NJ. Info: (732) 671-0593 <nj5.injersey.com/~kjshelly/mcgs.html>

MINI-MINUTES OF PAST PCHS GENEALOGY CLUB PROGRAMS 1998-1999

Richard Drake

12 September 1998

A lively business meeting preceded a fascinating presentation by Mark Auerbach, Passaic City Historian, of enlarged poster-type reproductions of colored postcards of the city of Passaic, emphasizing the importance of the Passaic River to transportation and industrial needs before the ascendancy of the railroad.

10 October 1998

Maria Hopper, teacher by profession and genealogist by avocation, combined the two in a skillful and revealing look at the ways we can overcome or bypass genealogical research roadblocks, using alternative sources and cultural patterns to reach conclusions which would not normally be attainable.

14 November 1998

The genealogical gold waiting to be mined in the LDS Family History Centers was described by the knowledgeable and enthusiastic Bill Ware, who documented his talk with well-constructed and detailed handouts bringing to life the richly rewarding treasures of resources, both familiar and little known, waiting there.

12 December 1998

The gaiety of the Christmas Party was enhanced by a glorious and varied repast and by the high spirits and good fund engendered by the silent auction which saw most of the members the recipients of worthwhile, and sometimes unexpected, gifts.

9 January 1999

A business session which produced more items of genealogical excitement than usual was followed by a "Show and Tell" session in which several members produced antiques or family memorabilia, recited their provenance and historical significance, and related the unique family connection which makes the items of personal consequence.

13 February 1999

John Sass, frequent contributor to the Morris County Genealogical Society Newsletter, bared the secrets of doing "Genealogical Research in New Jersey," providing well-organized handouts which he clarified further with his insightful commentary and helpful suggestions for spending research time efficiently and effectively.

13 March 1999

It was all business, with a lot accomplished, as lively personal anecdotes were followed by the annual election of officers, then by a long (but attentively supported) presentation of the revised By-Laws which were adopted after a great deal of careful and purposeful review and amendment.

10 April 1999

Absence of our scheduled speaker gave opportunity to indulge in a spirited session of upgrading our computer knowledge, as several savvy members shared their experience and knowledge about online services, web sites, search engines, and research opportunities available on the internet.

“DOWNTOWN PATERSON” CHRONICLED

“*Downtown Paterson*,” a work edited by June Avignone, journeys through the beginnings of the “Silk City,” when thriving Main Street had elegant stores, vaudeville houses, and movie theaters. More than 100 photos of Paterson’s rich past and complicated present have been coupled together with text from noted historians and poets. Featured are essays by Candace Pryor (the city’s corporate beginnings), Steven Golin (Paterson’s labor past), County Historian Ed Smyk (downtown shopping area), Tom Carroll, folklorist with the Library of

Congress (movie houses), and poet Mark Hillringhouse (present day Paterson).

Concluding with a probing look at the City’s present day people and places, “*Downtown Paterson*” communicates an awareness of the Silk City’s varied contributions to the past and present history of the United States.

“*Downtown Paterson*,” priced at 16.99, is available at local bookstores and though the Paterson Museum, Thomas Rogers Building, 2 Market St., Paterson (973) 881-3874.

ONCE-MAJESTIC MANSIONS OF PATERSON ELITE DESTROYED BY FIRE

(as reported by in part by the Herald News - April 19, 1999)

April 18, 1999, 12:26 pm - Flames engulf the vacant two-story home at 165 Hamilton Ave., shooting through its boarded windows, jumping across to the third floor of the palatial Victorian house next door at 171 Hamilton. One home is reduced to a charred shell, the other suffers heavy damage on the upper floor. In their heyday, these once stately homes represented Paterson’s prosperity.

The rubble that remained at 165 Hamilton, was once the proud residence of Isaac HALL. The Hall family were proprietors of the I.A. Hall & Co., a handsome three-story brick mill on Division Street, where reeds, harnesses, general weavers supplies, and all furnishings needed for the manufacture of textile goods were manufactured. Isaac Hall was born in Paterson in 1860 and was a graduate of Latimer’s

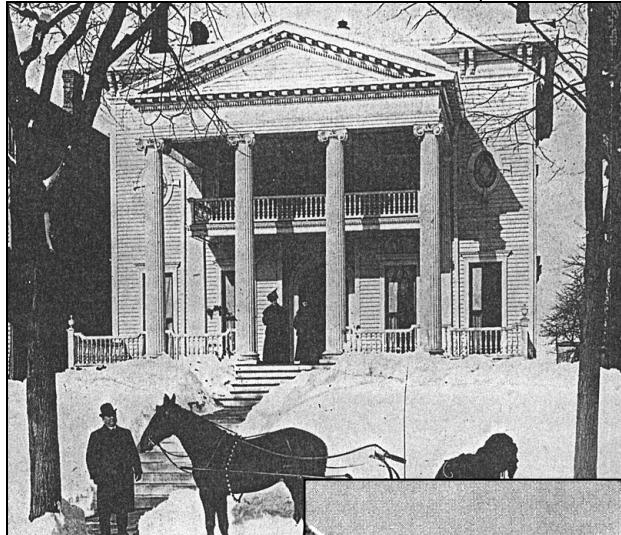
Paterson Business College. He entered the Navy in the spring of 1879, but after serving only one year, sought the assistance of President Hayes for an early out. After securing the Presidents signature, he was honorably discharged and entered the family business. Mr. Hall was described as a gentleman of “genial and entertaining manners,” who found time to pleasantly attend to social commitments although his business was his first priority. Hall was a popular and prominent figure, active in the Masonic Lodge and other organizations.

Hall’s neighbors at 171 Hamilton were the HINCHLIFF family, prominent Paterson brewmisters who conducted business under the name Hinchliffe Brothers and later Hinchliffe

Brewing and Malting Company. The Hinchliff’s brewery was the largest of its kind in the city of Paterson, enjoying a reputation for fine ales and porters. It was run under the direct supervision of John Hinchliffe, President; William F. Hinchliffe, Vice President; and James Hinchliffe; Secretary Treasurer. In addition to the brewing and malting business, the brothers were also involved in several land companies.

Like the Hall’s and the Hinchliff’s, many of Patersons elite built large, stylish homes with all styles of Victorian architecture were represented, especially Queen Anne, Italianate, and Colonial Revival. Many of these impressive mansions were built in the Park Avenue and Broadway areas, and the Eastside section of Paterson. Once symbols of great wealth, many of these grand homes today stand decayed, abandoned and vandalized, a haven for drug addicts, vagrants, and the homeless, standing as silent testimonials to a city now plagued by poverty.

Isaac Hall’s home in its heyday. (PCHS Photo)



Hall and Hinchliffe homes ablaze, (Herald News Photo of 1999 Apr 19)



NEW JERSEY ARCHIVES SEARCH RATES INCREASE FOR SELECTED YEARS

The New Jersey Archives (P.O. Box 307, 185, West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625-0307) recently issued a notice concerning an increase in search rates. It read:

"As part of a long-term preservation strategy at the State Archives, effective March 1, 1999, the basic fee for searching vital records - for the period May, 1848, to May, 1878 only - will be raised from \$4.00 to \$10.00 per record searched. The fee will cover a search of up to five (5) consecutive years for each requested record. Each additional block of five consecutive years searched at the same time will cost another \$10.00.

"All funds raised from the increased fee will be designated exclusively for preserving and re-microfilming the vital records in the State Archives. Currently, the original volumes must be handled for each search because most of the existing microfilm copies are partly illegible. With thousands of searches done annually, these heavy, oversize volumes have already deteriorated significantly over the past thirty years. The bindings are loose or broken, and thousands of pages are ragged and torn. Professional conservators charge up to \$3,000 per volume to disband, deacidify, and mend them; the microfilming will cost an additional \$1,000 each.

"Due to the size of the vital records collection (100+ volumes) and the high cost of preservation, the State Archives expects that this will be a long-term project, taking up to a decade to complete. While we regret the necessity of raising the search fee for these popular records, we firmly believe it will be an effective, timely, and equitable way to prevent the disintegration and loss on one of New Jersey's most important historical and genealogical resources.

"If you have questions or concerns about this policy, please contact Archives reference services at (609) 292-6265."

TOTOWA'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATED IN HARDCOVER

Totowa's 100th Anniversary Book (1898-1998) is the final event of the borough's centennial celebration and is now on sale at several locations. Book committee president Robert Coyle reports approximately 1,000 copies have already been sold, and brisk sales may require a second printing.

Produced by 23 book committee members and several Totowa historians, the 256-page, hardcover book explores Totowa's rich history and contains many maps and photos, in both color and black and white. It features a depiction of Totowa in the year 1780 along with historical anecdotes from long-time Totowa residents and overviews of community organizations. The center of the book is filled with color montages of the anniversary parades and festivals.

Subsidized by many local businesses, Totowa's Anniversary Book is a great value priced at only \$10. The book is currently on sale at the following Totowa locations: Eisenhower Library at Cherba Place, the Municipal Clerk's Office at 537 Totowa Road, Apollo Card Store at 465 Route 46 west, Hughie's Red Kettle at 377 Union Blvd., and Great Falls Bank locations at 55 Union Blvd. and 100 Furler Street.

According to Robert Coyle, enthusiasm over the Anniversary Book presents the possibility of forming a Historical Society, and meetings are scheduled to discuss its formation. The Society's primary mission will be to document the borough's

heritage and search for documents and photos depicting the depicting the towns origins and emergence. Purchase of a computer and set up of a storage facility in the Eisenhower Library for the preservation of memorabilia is also being discussed. For information on becoming involved in the Totowa Historical Society, call Robert Coyle, Sr. at (973) 256-0821 or Joan Krauthem of the Eisenhower Library at (973) 790-3265.

PRIVACY ISSUES IN GENEALOGY

Myra Vanderpool Gormley, CG via Missing Links, March, 1999

Privacy. Everyone wants theirs respected, but are we invading that of others? Technology enables us to share genealogical information easily and quickly via e-mail, mailing lists, chat rooms, bulletin boards, Newsgroups, GEDCOMs, CDs, and Web sites, but has it created a monster? In our eagerness to obtain and to share information about our families, are we forgetting that our living family members have a right to privacy? Permission should be obtained before sharing any information about others — in any format, via any means.

Researchers report reading downloaded files containing the names of persons born within the last 70 years and are shocked and dismayed to find someone has copied their entire GEDCOM file and put it up on their website. While there may not be an objection to anyone using dead ancestors, many times the living are included as well.

Some genealogists may claim it does not matter what is put up on the Web since "this information is all public information, anyway." When researchers were queried to provide the source of the information posted on home pages, it turns out in many instances that the data was either supplied by a cousin or obtained from a GEDCOM file. In other words, the information was not found from a public source at all.

The Texas GenWeb Project, for example, has a policy to protect the rights and privacy of our living relatives. They strongly encourage all involved to do their best not to place information on the Internet about anyone who is still living, unless they have their express permission to do so.

British genealogists use the "GEN100" logo to signify that their Web site respects a cut-off date of 100 years and to advise that information which is less than 100 years old will not be divulged. Many Americans use 1920 as the cut-off point since that is the most recent census available to the public.

Suggested ways to protect living family members are:

- When requesting information (via e-mail, chat, queries, etc.) do not include personal information on living persons.
- When responding to requests for information, especially to someone you really do not know, do not provide them with personal information on living persons. They could post it on the Web or do who knows what else with it.
- Before sharing GEDCOM files with others, remove information on all living persons. Programs such as GEDClean, GEDLiving, and GEDPrivy will do this for you.
- If you have a genealogy Web site, be sure to remove information on all living persons. (Cyndi's Genealogy Home Page Construction Kit <<http://www.cyndislist.com/construc.htm>> has tips and links to the GEDCOM utility programs that will exclude information about the living.)

There is an excellent article by Candace L. Doriott on this subject in the recent issue of "Genealogical Computing" (Winter 1999, Vol. 18, No. 3). It is entitled "Competing Values: Privacy Issues in Genealogy." Subscription information to this periodical can be found at Ancestry's Web site: <<http://www.ancestry.com/>>

MEMORIES OF ALFRED HENRY BROWER IN HIS LIFETIME

Al Brower

I was born November 20, 1902 on Market Street, Dundee Lake, Saddle River Township, Bergen County, New Jersey. First, well, I remember when my mother took care of my umbilical cord on the couch of our kitchen in our home.

Second, my schooling. I remember going to Kindergarten to the Lincoln School Number 2, Dundee Lake, on Market Street. My first teacher was Mrs. HILL (a good teacher) for first and second grades. Third and fourth grade teachers were Mrs. ECCLES and Mrs. MORRISON, both fair teachers. Mrs. MILLER taught fifth and sixth; she was the best of all teachers. Seventh grade was with Mrs. Annie C. DEMEREST. My view of her was that she was a dictator! And I was a strong individual, head strong! Oil and water didn't mix, and I was taken out of school. I received my working papers at age 14 from Mr. Albert GALL, the Clerk, and worked the rest of my life, working until my retirement. (I knew what hard work was, and the end result was that I came out with flying colors; a success, but not easy.)

I remember my first Sunday School teacher; she was a great influence on me, gray haired Mrs. Samuel PHILLIPS, the wife of Col. Samuel PHILLIPS. I remember how my mother used to dress us up, and how we had to wear a celluloid collar and tie for school and Sunday school. She really cared for us; we must have been dolls! A second Sunday School teacher, Miss May VAN SAUN, who married Earl BOWEN (all members of our Presbyterian Church), was also a great influence on me.

I remember my father when he went to work in the morning. He would tell my mother to see that both my brother and I had chores to do after school and to make sure we had them done. We did have time for some fun also, but chores had to be done first. I loved to run, swim, play baseball, skate, wrestle, and play many other games.

(Editors note: Al Brower was born at Dundee Lake (a part of the former Saddle River Township) which changed its name East Paterson in 1916 and changed its name again in 1973 to Elmwood Park. Al has the distinction of being Elmwood Park's oldest living native. On his ninetieth birthday, he was honored by Mayor Richard MOLA via a proclamation naming November 20, 1992 "*Alfred H. Brower Day in Elmwood Park.*" Al recently celebrated his ninety-six birthday this past November! Wishing you many, many more good years ahead, Al.)

SETON HALL MAY SOON HAVE BEST ITALIAN LIBRARY IN US

The Herald News reported in April Mr. Salvatore Valente, a North Caldwell resident, has established an Italian reading room in the Walsh Library on the third floor rotunda of Seton Hall University, South Orange, in memory of his Italian immigrant father, Bruno, who achieved the American Dream.

The "Valente Collection" presently contains more than 10,000 volumes covering from the time of the fall of the Roman Empire to the present. It also holds most of the books published on Italy in the last five years. Among items available are a multi-volume registry of passengers from Italy to America in the 19th and 20th centuries, a 50-volume collection of authoritative biographical articles on Italians, a comprehensive dictionary of the Italian language, and a collection of valuable histories and chronicles covering the Italian peninsula.

William J. Connell, Ph.D., an Italian scholar at Seton Hall, says the Valente Library also contains 350 volumes of fundamental historical documents published by Istituto Storico Italiano in Rome and Iter Italicum, an authoritative CD ROM source for manuscripts of Italian humanists. Connell, who serves as Joseph M. and Geraldine C. LaMotta chair for Italian studies at the University, is currently conducting a drive to increase the Valente Library's collection of Italian books. All themes will be accepted—politics, music, art, history, civilization, etc. He says many of the books already in the collection have been acquired through personal contributions, and the greatest area for future growth lies in collecting older, and out-of-print books. Dr. Connell also plans to create an archive of manuscript material, personal records and photographs, and other material chronicling the Italian experience in America. He is optimistic about producing "the best Italian library in the country."

The Walsh Library already contains baptismal and other documents and records of the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Valente Collection is open to the public. For more information on viewing hours or donations or contributions, contact William Connell, Ph.D., Dept. of History, Seton Hall University, 400 So. Orange Ave., So. Orange, NJ 07079 Ph: 973-761-9000 ext. 2928.

FLEMINGTON CHURCH CEMETERY DEDICATES SLAVE MEMORIAL

Doris A. Bauer via The Star Ledger, 1999 Feb 25

Flemington Presbyterian Church was founded in 1792 by Scottish and Irish settlers with its present church constructed in 1883. Few current members of the church knew that slaves were buried in an unmarked section of the church cemetery in the early 1800's. The graves remained unnoticed until a crumbling 1800 map of the cemetery was discovered by church historian Glenn Hooper. Since the graves are unmarked, Hooper is not sure how many people are buried in the section; church documents reference eight, but there could be more.

In 1820, the state Legislature passed a law giving freedom to children born to slave parents after July 4, 1804, with men emancipated at age 25 and women at 21. Some born before that date remained slaves until the ratification of the 13th Amendment in 1868.

In researching the minutes of a church meeting held July 12, 1822, Hooper found a woman named Leah, a slave belonging to a local family, was accepted as a member of the church. But when Leah died, she was segregated even in death to the most distant end of the cemetery in an unmarked grave. Hooper also found references to other people of color who joined the church in the 1800's. Except for Mary Hackett in 1851 and Mary Smith in 1876, most are referred to only by their first names, Flora, Margaret, Phebe, Thomas, Joseph, and Maria. After 1876, there was no more mention of a person's race in the church records.

On April 18th, in a service of reconciliation, a Vermont granite memorial was dedicated, engraved with the following in English script:

"Here repose early 19th century slaves, freed slaves, an other Americans of African ancestry, some of whom were members of the Flemington Presbyterian Church — segregated even in death and interred in unmarked graves. Lord, forgive us."

FOLK FINDER

Bernice L. Forrest

The Folk Finder Column is devoted to helping genealogical researchers locate Northern New Jersey ancestors/descendants. We invite researchers to submit requests for help, inquiries about family names, or queries concerning the exchange of information.

Requests and inquiries may be e-mailed to me at: bforrest@bellatlantic.net or faxed to me at 201-337-1679.

Queries by mail should be sent to: Passaic County Historical Society, Lambert Castle, Valley Road, Paterson, NJ 07503
Attn: Bernice Forrest - "Folk Finder." If you can help any of our submitters, please contact them directly.

1. **BRIGGS**: Looking for information on Samuel **BRIGGS**, b. 1833 d. 1905, and his wife Elizabeth Judson **TIEBOUT**, b. 1838 d. 1926. Their son Bertram Samuel **BRIGGS** (b. 1865 d. 1939) was Town Clerk of Little Falls, NJ in early 1900's, who married Emma Lena **VAN NESS** (b. 1869 d. 1907), of Little Falls. Submitted by Karen **RADER**, 107 Second Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506, Ph: 973-423-3323.
2. **DIBELLA**: Searching for any information or descendents of Domenico **DIBELLA** b. 1843 Apr 19 (d 1899 July 28) at Sassano, Salerno province, Italy. Parents were Giovanni **DIBELLA** and Maria **VIDETTA-TROTTA**. Married Giovannina **CASTELLO** of San Giacomo, Salerno province, abt. 1880. Domenico and Giovannina had five known children, Michele (Michael) b. 1881 Feb 13; Giampaolo (John Paul); Rosina; Maria; Domenica (Minnie) b. 1899 Oct 4. Daughter Domenica (my grandmother) immigrated to Paterson, NJ in 1924. Some of Domenico's sons are reported to have immigrated to Argentina following WWI; other children remained in Sassano. Also researching **DAMATO**, **FERININO**, and **RUBINO** of the Sassano, Italy area. Submitted by Maryjane (**FIRMENDER**) **PROCTOR**, 210 Church Lane, Wayne, NJ 07470-3323 Ph: 973-872-0589 <MJPROCTOR@worldnet.att.net>.
3. **HALLEY**: Looking for information on William **HALLEY** of Ireland born abt. 1833. Moved to Boonton, NJ from Connecticut with wife (?) and eight children; William, Peter, Patrick, Margaret, John (m. 1881 to Henrietta **WITTY**), Ellen, Catherine, and Bridget. Submitted by Karen **RADER**, 107 Second Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-423-3323.
4. **MORSE**: Looking for information on **MORSE** family of West Milford. Benjamin **MORSE**, b. 1830, married Emily (?). Their son was George **MORSE**, b. 1846, and granddaughter was Charlotte **MORSE** b. 1866. Submitted by Karen **RADER**, 107 Second Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-423-3323.
5. **RADER**: Looking for the parents of Harry **RADER** b. 1878 in Boonton, NJ area, d. 1938 in Midland Park, NJ. Married Ida Jane **TITUS** abt. 1900 in Pompton, NJ. Harry and Ida had four children; William Lester, Louis Kenneth, John Charles, and Emma. Married second to Violet Victorine **TITUS** and had two children, Esley, and Herbert. Submitted by Karen **RADER**, 107 Second Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-423-3323.
6. **VAN RIPER**: Looking for information on John **VAN RIPER** b. 1810 and his wife Elizabeth **WHITTY** b. 1813 of Pompton, NJ area. Elizabeth's parents are Henry **WITTY** or **WILLIGH** and Hester **VAN NESS**. John and Elizabeth had 10 children; Hetty Jane, William Henry, Catherine, Anna Elizabeth, Emma b. 1843 (m. John C. **VAN NESS** of Little Falls, NJ), Sarah, Amelia, George, Phebe, and Alida. Submitted by Karen **RADER**, 107 Second Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-423-3323.
7. **VREELAND**: Looking for information on Abraham H. **VREELAND**, b. 1825 d. 1899, and his wife Hester **FRIANT** (b. 1830 d. 1919), of Bloomingdale, NJ. Children were Abraham b. 1862 (m. Amelia **MORSE**) and William b. 1866 (m. Charlotte **MORSE**, b. 1866). Submitted by Karen **RADER**, 107 Second Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-423-3323.
8. **POST**: Looking for information/parents of Cornelius I. **POST** b. 1783 June 6; d. 1854 Feb 15, and his wife Hanna **CORCORAN** b. 17 May 1788; d. 1870 Dec 13. Both lived and died in Preakness (now Wayne) NJ. Cornelius and Hanna had seven children, Nicholas b. 1811 May 6; Jane (Jannet) b. 1812 July 7; Peter C. b. 1814; Cornelius; Elizabeth b. 1820 July 23; James M.; Adrian C. and Tunis C. (twins) b. 1825 Nov 11. Submitted by Robert **HAZEKAMP**, 179 South Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-427-4459.
9. **TANIS**: Looking for information on Leonard **TANIS** b. 1864, d. 1936 and his wife Kathrin **POWERS** b. 1872, d. 1908 of Paterson, NJ. Children were John b. 1886, d. 1922; Kommer b. 1887, d. 1958; Cornelia b. 1890 May 28 (m. John **MILLER**); Joseph b. 1894; Clara b. 1900; James and Nicholas. Submitted by Robert **HAZEKAMP**, 179 South Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506 Ph: 973-427-4459.

PASSAIC COUNTY VOLUNTEERS FOR THE UNION • 1863 ~ 1864 (Continued)

Nearly 1,900 men were extracted and sorted from the "Soldiers Directory" of the Paterson Directory, 1863 - 1864. This listing of Passaic County volunteers will continue to appear until completion in future issues of *The Castle Genie*

BETT, John		Co. M - 2nd New Jersey Cavalry	BROTHERTON, Thomas		Co. M - 2nd New Jersey Cavalry
BEYEA, Harvey	1st Lieutenant	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BROUGHTON, Grimshaw	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BEYER, William	Private	Co. A - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade	BROWER, Cornelius	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BILLINGS, Joseph		Co. M - 2nd New Jersey Cavalry	BROWER, Ellsworth	1st Sergeant	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BIMSON, Robert	Private	Co. C - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BROWER, Francis M.	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BIRLEY, Edwin	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade	BROWER, George W.	Musician	Co. K - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BIRMINGHAM, Patrick		Co. K - 3rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BROWER, James A.		48th Regiment, New York Volunteers
BLACK, Daniel, Private		Co. I - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson	BROWER, John, Private		Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BLAKE, Alexander	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BROWN, Alexander	Private	Co. C - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BLAKE, Windsor	3rd Corporal	Co. I - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson	BROWN, Amzi	Private	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BLANCHARD, A.J.	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade	BROWN, Archibald	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BLAUVELT, Cornelius		Co. G - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson	BROWN, Charles		U.S. Gunboat Crusader
BLYTHAN, William H.	Private	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BROWN, J.		Co. E - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BLYTHE, Henry W.		Co. E - 35th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BROWN, John R.		Co. M - 2nd New Jersey Cavalry
BOARDMAN, William J.	Private	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BROWN, Robert		Co. A - 11th New Jersey Reg.
BOGERT, Cornelius	Private	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BROWN, Walter W.		Co. D - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BOGERT, David A.	Private	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BROWN, William C.		Co. H - 49th New York Volunteers
BOGERT, David C.	2nd Sergeant	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BROWN, William P.	Private	Serrill's Engineer and Artisan Regiment
BOGERT, David	Private	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BROWN, William	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade
BOGERT, John C.	2nd Lieutenant	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade	BROWNEE, Thomas		1st Cavalry New Jersey Volunteers
BOGERT, William	Private	Co. K - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BROWNLEY, Thomas	Private	Co. E - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BOHEN, James	4th Corporal	Co. A - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BRUMER, Frederick		Co. G - 1st New Jersey Cavalry
BOHEN, John		Co. H - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BRYLIE, John	Private	Co. C - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BOLSON, James	Private	Co. I - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson	BUCK, Chester H.	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BONES, John	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade	BUCKELY, John	1st Lieutenant	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BONNEY, C.C.		Co. E - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BUCKLEY, John F.	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BOONE, William C.		Co. H - 49th New York Volunteers	BUCKLEY, John	2nd Lieutenant	Co. A - 11th New Jersey Reg.
BOROUE, John M.		Co. D - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BUCKLEY, Joseph	Private	Co. C - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BOSSET, Louis		Co. A - 1st New Jersey Cavalry	BUCKLEY, Rev. Charles A.		Chaplain to 1st Regiments, NY Excelsior Brigade
BOTT, Frederick	2nd Corporal	Co. A - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BUCKLEY, William I.	1st Sergeant	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BOUDINOT, Henry B.		48th Regiment, New York Volunteers	BUGGINS, George	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade
BOWLEY, William	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BUGSLER, William	Private	Co. K - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BOWMAN, Peter	Private	Co. K - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BUNCE, Charles		Co. K - 11th Massachusetts Regiment
BOWNE, Curtis	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BUNCE, J.	1st Corporal	Co. I - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson
BOYD, William	Private	Co. A - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BURBY, James	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BOYLE, James	Private	Co. A - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BURCHIL, James		U.S. Flagship Minnesota (U.S.S.)
BRADDOCK, William	Private	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BURGOURE, William	Private	Co. G - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BRADLEY, Bernard	Private	5th Regiment, New York Artillery	BURK, Michael	6th Corporal	Co. G - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BRADLEY, Thomas		Co. G - 13th Reg. New Jersey Volunteers	BURK, Myles		Co. M - 1st New Jersey Cavalry
BRADY, John	Private	Co. G - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BURKE, Emmett		Co. A - 11th New Jersey Reg.
BRANT, Joseph		Co. D - 33rd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BURKE, Henry	Private	Co. G - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BREMEN, John		Hawkins' New York Fire Zouaves	BURKE, John	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade
BREVOORT, Jacob T.	1st Corporal	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.	BURNETT, Thomas		48th Regiment, New York Volunteers
BRIDGE, Robert	Private	Co. I - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson	BURNHAM, Sylvanus I.	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BRIDGE, William,		3rd Company, 79th New York Highlanders	BURRIS, Andrew G.	Private	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BRIEN, William O.		Co. L - 1st New Jersey Cavalry	BURRIS, Charles B.	Private	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BRIGGS, John	Private	Co. G - 7th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BURRIS, David H.	Private	Co. C - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BRIGGS, Joshua A.		Co. F - 6th Regiment, N.Y. Vols., Col. Wm. Wilson	BURRIS, James P.	Private	Co. H - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BRIGGS, Thomas D.		Co. M - 2nd New Jersey Cavalry	BURRIS, R.A.		Co. E - 9th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BRINKERHOOF, E. Boardman	Private	Co. E - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BURTON, George	Private	Co. A - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BROGLAN, John		Co. E - 35th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BURTON, George	Private	Co. C - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BROOKS, Abraham	Private	Co. K - 25th New Jersey Regiment	BURTON, John H.		Co. D - 1st New Jersey Cavalry
BROOKS, David		Co. H - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BUSBEE, Edward		Co. C - 8th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers
BROOKS, J.H.	Private	Co. I - 1st Regiment, Excelsior Brigade	BUSH, Abraham A.	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BROOKS, Leonard D.		48th Regiment, New York Volunteers	BUSH, Andrew		Co. C - 74th New York Regiment
BROOKS, Leonard	3rd Sergeant	Serrill's Engineer and Artisan Regiment	BUSH, George D.	Private	Co. E - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BROOKS, William F.	Private	Co. I - 2nd Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers	BUSH, Henry H.	Private	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.
BROOKS, William	Private	5th Regiment, New York Artillery	BUSH, James H.	Private	Co. C - 25th New Jersey Regiment
BROTHERTON, Thomas		1st Cavalry New Jersey Volunteers	BUSH, John	4th Corporal	Co. K - 13th New Jersey Reg.

HOW THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ENGLAND BECAME THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE US

Maryjane Proctor via "The Voice," January/February 1998

Being raised Roman Catholic (and researching Protestant roots in England), I had always been puzzled why the Episcopal Church was known as the "Anglican" Church outside the U.S. Interestingly, I stumbled upon an article in "The Voice," (an Episcopal publication of the Newark Diocese), which clarified my question with an historical background of the "Anglican/Episcopal" Church in the United States.

It seems our ancestors were not eager to be identified with things English following the War for American Independence. Most Anglican clergy in the colonies were missionaries assigned for a term of duty and had been Tories in the Revolution, their loyalties significantly rooted in their homeland. These Anglican clerics greeted victory by the patriots with despair and returned to England in great numbers. Their identification with England did not make the Anglican church very popular in the fiercely independent new nation. The Anglican missionaries to the colonies had been under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of London, and following the Revolutionary War, he withdrew all his previous support by recalling missionary priests under his authority and cut off all financial sources. If Anglican worship were to continue in the new United States, the church would have to find a way to consecrate its own bishops and become fully independent of England.

The Patriots choose a man named Samuel Seabury to be the first American Anglican bishop. But there's a problem. Anglican tradition requires that a bishop must be consecrated by a minimum of three other duly authorized Anglican bishops. And there are no other bishops in America.

So Dr. Seabury is dispatched to England to seek ordination from the Church of England. He is not well received. The English are still smarting from the war and the loss of their colonies. Feelings are raw, and they are not eager to assist the upstart Americans in any way. The Bishop of London refuses to provide ordination for Bishop-elect Seabury. Other English bishops follow his lead.

Rejected, Bishop-elect Seabury journeys to Scotland to find a warm reception by the Scottish Episcopal Church. The Scots have no great love of England and relish the opportunity to irritate the English.

And so it was that the first American Episcopal bishop was given his ordination from the Scottish Episcopal Church. As a sign of gratitude, the Anglican Church in America adopted the name of the Scottish Episcopal Church as its own which is why it is known here as the Episcopal Church rather than the Anglican Church.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETS BURIED AT BELLEVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

George Van Riper

The following is a list of the Revolutionary Soldiers buried in the rear of Belleville Reformed Church, Belleville, New Jersey:

John Bayley	Abram King
Henry Brown	Aurey King
Isaac Brown	John King
John Brown	William King
Henry Cadmus	Isaac Kingsland
Issac Cadmus	John Luker
John P. Cadmus	Joseph Miller
John H. Cadmus	William Nixon
Peter Cadmus	Ensign John Peer
Lt. Col. Thomas Cadmus	Jacob Pier
James Campbell	Jacob Riker
Neward Cohen	Daniel Rutan
Capt. Amos Dodd	Capt. Thomas Seigler
Thomas Doremus	Capt. Abraham Speer
Anthony Francisco	Capt. Cornelius Speer
John Francisco	Capt. Henry Speer
Jacob Freeland	Francis Speer
John Garland	Lt. Herman Speer
Garrabrant Garrabrants	James Speer
John Harrison	John Speer
James Hornblower	John Spier
Josiah Hornblower	Lt. John Spier ,Jr.
James Jacobus	Christian Stimets
John Jacobus	Daniel Tuers
Henry Jacobus	Thomas Van Riper
Richard Jacobus	Simeon Van Winkle
Capt. Henry Joralemon	Michael Vreeland
Helmich Joralemon	Capt. Ezekial Wade
Lt. Capt. James Joralemon	Samuel Ward
Capt. John Kedney	John Wenne

The Belleville Reformed Church was organized in 1697, becoming a National Historic Site in 1981. In 1927, the Daughters of the American Revolution honored these Revolutionary War soldiers buried in the rear of the church with a plaque bearing their names. Today the plaque is located in the vestibule of the church.

“NOTABLE KIN” UNCOVERS STRANGE RELATIONSHIPS

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Gary Boyd Roberts, senior research scholar at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, notes that millions of Americans are related to probably dozens of notable historical figures via either New England or Southern ancestors.

Some family trees have wildly entangled branches. Elvis Presley, for example, was related to former president Jimmy Carter, and Carter has kinship to Jesse Helms. According to Roberts in his latest book *“Notable Kin”*, Elvis Presley was a sixth cousin once removed of Carter. Presley and Carter descend from a German immigrant by the name of Andreas (Andrew) Preslar (born circa 1701), who married Anne (Antje) Wells.

In the last several decades an enormous quantity of source material on the so-called “non-plantation South” families has been published, and many kinship's can now be traced among descendants of the Southern migratory pioneers. This was a mobile group of German, Welsh, and Scots-Irish immigrants who flooded the South from the beginning of the 18th century. Presley, Carter and Helms, as do millions of Americans, have ancestors who were in this group.

While Volume One of *“Notable Kin”* dealt with personalities in politics and belles-lettres, Volume Two covers “tycoons, folklore, and Hollywood.” In the latter are full chapters on the probable Rhode Island ancestry of Marilyn Monroe; the Quaker and New England ancestry of James Dean; Elvis Presley's kinship to Jimmy Carter, and Carter's to Jesse Helms; and the ancestry of playwright “Tennessee” Williams. Some of the family ties provided are:

- John Wayne, Western movie star, was fifth cousin, twice and

thrice removed, of Sir Winston Churchill.

- Outlaws Frank and Jesse James were distant cousins of the Duchess of Windsor.
- “Wild Bill” Hickock was second cousin four times removed of former president George Bush.
- The actor James Dean shared all of his New England ancestry with former president Richard M. Nixon.
- Joan (Bennett) Kennedy is a descendant of Salem witchcraft victim, Mary Estey.
- Actress Tallulah Bankhead and writer Truman Capote were sixth cousins and sixth cousins once removed. Bankhead was also the fourth cousin twice removed of Mark Twain.

The term “removed” in genealogy refers to the distance by a given number of degrees of descent or kinship. For example, a first cousin once removed is the child of your first cousin – being one generation removed from the original cousinship.

Roberts observes that in other countries, neighbors of different ethnic groups or religion often fight. Americans, instead, intermarry. Indeed.

Roberts has authored several other books, including *“Ancestors of American Presidents”* and *“American Ancestors and Cousins of the Princess of Wales.”* His regular and archived columns, “Genealogical Thoughts” can be accessed on the Web at <<http://www.nehgs.org/GBR/GBRColumn.htm>>. Both volumes of *“Notable Kin”* are available (\$34 each, postpaid) from the publisher, Carl Boyer, 3rd, P.O. Box 220333, Santa Clarita, CA 91322-0333; e-mail: <cboyer@sosinet.net>.