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THE TRUE REFORMED CHURCH OF ACQUACKANONK “THE SECEDERS”

William Winfield Scott, a prominent Passaic Attorney and local historian maintained a collection of area newspaper articles from dating from the late 19th century. He organized them into a series of five scrapbooks. Scott's family later donated these scrapbooks to PCHS and are now part of a collection that bear his name. The article below, possibly clipped from the "Passaic Daily Times," is dated November 16, 1885:

*An Ancient Congregation
The Seceders' Church of Passaic
and
Its Venerable Pastor
Peculiarities of the Old-Time Service*

*Abraham Ackerman's Handsome Bequest and
What It is Likely to Lead Up to
A Fortune Waiting for Some One*

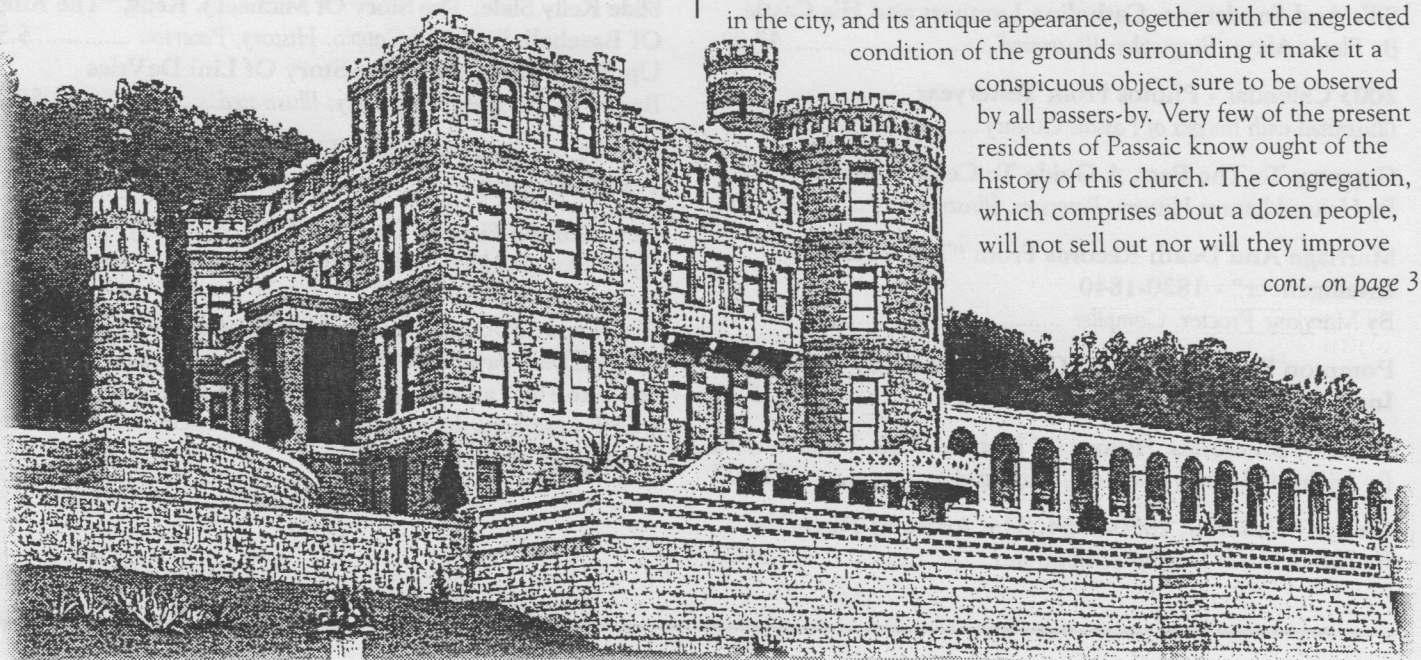
The wonderful progress in wealth and population made by the towns and cities surrounding New York has worked some queer changes, even within the past decade. It would be difficult to find another place which furnished a better example of this progress than Passaic.

Ten years ago, it was nothing more than a country village controlled by the descendants of fourteen men who in 1688 sailed up the Passaic River and founded the settlement of Acquackanonk under "letters patent" from the Lords Proprietors of the colony of New Jersey. Now this is all changed. The VAN WINKLE's, VAN RIPER's, TERHUNE's, VREELAND's, and KIP's, are in a hopeless minority. New life and new blood have worked great changes. Instead of country roads in a country village, Passaic is now a thriving city, with macadamized streets and the other customary modern improvements.

One of the most interesting and curious landmarks of the past is the True Reformed, commonly called the "Seceders" Church. It is located on Main Avenue, the most important thoroughfare in the city, and its antique appearance, together with the neglected condition of the grounds surrounding it make it a

conspicuous object, sure to be observed by all passers-by. Very few of the present residents of Passaic know ought of the history of this church. The congregation, which comprises about a dozen people, will not sell out nor will they improve

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Club News

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month at Lambert Castle.

Calendar

January 11, 2003

Program: "Show and Tell."

A popular program where members "show and tell" items of genealogical or historical significance.

February 8, 2003

"Using Newspapers as a Genealogical Resource."

Speaker: Joe Suplicki, Trustee of the Genealogical Society of Bergen County.

March 8, 2003

"Dutch Building Traditions in New Jersey."

Speaker: Clifford Zink, architectural historian.

April 12, 2003: Program to be announced.

May 10, 2003

Trip to New City Library

220 Main Street, New City, New York.

Speaker: Representative of the Rockland County Genealogical Society. Library worker Sally Pellegrini will show us around the Library, where we can study and do research. We'll be able to have lunch, after or before which we'll hear a presentation related to Rockland County holdings and research.

Welcome New Members

Forty-five family historians joined the PCHS Genealogy Club during September and October. Wishing a very warm welcome to:

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| Suzann Bauer | Marci Hirkaler |
| Johanne Beers | Linda Hunter |
| Edwin R. Bolton | Mona Bross Hylton |
| Rose Marie Brino | Robert A. Mayers |
| Kathy Canova | Diane R. Mapletoft |
| Alberta and David Cassells | Michael Nemeth |
| Marie J. Cataffo | Michelle C. Pohl |
| Ralph R. Colfax, | Harry G. Proctor |
| Nancy J. Conkling | A. Michael Rubin |
| Margie Curreri | John Ryle, Jr. |
| Ellen Boylan De Losh | Louise Santucci |
| George and Kathy Decker | Alfred and Hana Schiavo |
| Sharon Dalesandro | Madge A. Schiepan |
| Denise R. Doychak | Jan Shergalis |
| Don and Helen Duthie | Louise Singer |
| Genevieve Eckert | Judy Taylor |
| David and Patricia Fiorina | Barbara M. Toscano |
| Harold and Edith Floyd | Richard Westerfield |
| Paul R. Goranson | Doris H. Villarreal |
| Christine Guernie | |

We hope to see you at our monthly PCHSGC meetings and perhaps meet you researching at our Local History library.

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- Silk And Sandstone, Catholina Lambert and His Castle**
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By Flavia Alaya: *Biography: Illustrated*..... \$5.00

- Slide Kelly Slide, The Story Of Michael J. Kelly, "The King" Of Baseball,** By Alfred Cappio: *History, Paterson* \$.50
- Up From The Cellar, The Story Of Lini DeVries**
By Lini DeVries: *Autobiography: Illustrated* \$5.00
- Will I Ever Be Somebody, The 1918 Diary Of Mary Francis Denton**..... \$15.00
- Rev. Samuel Fisher's Census of Paterson, NJ, 1824-1932**
By D. Stanton Hammond, *Compiler: History, Paterson*\$5.00

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“THE SECEDERS” *cont.*

the property. While passing the edifice last Sunday, a World reported noticed a few ancient-looking carriages tied up under the shed beside it and moved by curiosity, determined to attend the service. Inside, he found the minister engaged in exhorting the brethren to obey the mandates of the Lord.

The pulpit stood about twenty feet above the floor, and behind it, with hands outstretched upon the pages of a Bible, was a figure such as imagination would conjure up as having dropped from the clouds. His almost snow-white hair hung over his shoulders, while his face had scarcely a wrinkle, and there was no more indication of beard than could be found on the face of a girl of sixteen. His voice was remarkably clear and strong and in contrast with the extreme old age which the general outline of his features indicated. Intermingled with his preaching were frequent quotations from the Psalms and the Old Testament, both of which he seemed to know by heart.

Cobwebs hung from every nook and corner of the roof and sides, and directly over the old man's head the industrious spider seemed to have concentrated his energy, for a complete network of webs formed a canopy having suspended from the low roof. Six persons--four males and two females--constituted the congregation and occupied the two front seats. The remainder of the pews were in the hands of the spiders, and the webs which they had woven, glistening under the rays of the winter sun, which shown through a window beside the pulpit, gave evidence of the industry of the insects.

The reporter sat and listened for about ten minutes until the close of the sermon. Then there was singing by the congregation, every one of whom bore the appearance of extreme old age. Their trembling voices ringing up among the bare rafters sounded strangely unnatural and caused the solitary visitor, whose presence the little congregation did not notice, to wish for the close of the service so that he could get out.

In order to get at the facts concerning the strange congregation, the reporter after leaving the church sought out an old resident in the vicinity and learned the origin and history of the “Seceders.”

About the year 1825, a division took place among the congregation of the Dutch Reformed Church, still in existence and prosperous, in the other end of the city. Abraham ACKERMAN, at that time the richest man in Passaic County, was the leader and instigator of the schism. He furnished the money for and built the “Seceders” Church, and after some persuasion, succeeded in inducing Domine FRELEIGH, then the pastor,

to accompany the Seceders. The new church started on its career

with a flourish. More than half the brethren joined them, but (trouble) soon followed which soon brought discredit on it.

Abraham Ackerman died in 1829 and in his will, bequeathed considerable property to the church. His relatives demurred and charged that their dead kinsman had been improperly influenced. Wild stories were set afloat about Domine Freleigh. One reverse followed another. The Dominie's two daughters took to drink and brought him into disgrace. In less than a year after the death of their patron, Abraham Ackerman, the Rev. Peter Freleigh cut his throat and was found dead one morning in bed. People said he could have had no better luck. The congregation went back to the old fold, but the bequest from Abraham Ackerman's estate remained.

On July 18, 1830, the present pastor, Rev. Jno. BERDAN, was called to take charge of the church and for a time at least stemmed the adverse tide. He was and still is a remarkable man in many respects. Born in Bergen County in 1797, he was but poorly educated in a common school and never studied for the ministry. In 1824, he was licensed a preacher and his subsequent call to the True Reformed Church was his first and only one.

The congregation has been thinned out gradually by death and desertion until it now numbers less than a score. Meanwhile, the money left by the will of Abraham Ackerman still remains, the interest upon it more than paying the minister's salary and the ordinary church expenses. At the time the will was made, the bequest amounted to about \$17,000 and the interest, since over and above expenses, makes it a desirable legacy for some one. It is believed that after Rev. Mr. Berdan's death there will be an interesting legal squabble over this money.

The History of Passaic County has the following concerning Mr. Berdan:

“He is a close and careful student, regular in his methods, and has averaged more than one hundred sermons a year during the fifty-six years of his ministerial service. He can recall at this day the text from which he preached on any particular day. His memory runs back to the pioneer days of the country, long before Passaic was thought of. He is well preserved and has never used tobacco or liquor during his life. He is tall and still erect as an elder.”

ANECDOTES TOLD BY "MOTHER" BERRY

Dr. William H. Rauchfuss

January 14, 1933

The following article was prepared by the late William Rauchfuss, former historian of the Passaic County Historical Society, and first curator of the Dey Mansion, Wayne. In the 1930's, Rauchfuss, by profession a chiropractor, was a leading figure in the movement to purchase and restore the Dey Mansion for museum purposes. Rauchfuss was a prolific author and published most of his essays as a regular newspaper feature, primarily in the Paterson Evening News. In the course of his research, Rauchfuss unearthed a considerable amount of new and interesting historical research material. These items would form the basis for his essays. The following article is a representative sample of his abilities as a historical researcher.

— E.A. Smyk

(Margaret MONKS BERRY was born April 20th, 1836 and was 97 years old at the time of this interview with Rauchfuss. Born in Winbeam, she resided in New York for seventy years but kept her acquaintances with all her friends in the vicinity of Pompton and Paterson. A near octogenarian, she had a remarkable memory, having seen and talked with eight generations.)

Introducing "Mother" Berry

One of the most wonderful and charming old ladies I ever met is the subject of this article, and to her the reader is about to be introduced. Oh, there is so much to tell you of her that I begrudge the limited space allowed in "the News," so will have to adapt the story to requirements.

Last Friday evening, I visited my friend, Stanely MORTLOCK, at Hawthorne, and there was introduced to "Mrs. Berry." And it was explained she was a relative of Mrs. Mortlock and made a visit there at least once or twice a year. As salutations were made, I learned she was the same person who I met at Ringwood Manor several weeks ago; and on that Saturday we both enjoyed a fine "talk fest" about old times and old people, wherein she was delighted to meet a "stranger" who knew so many folks who whom she knew, also.

She was surely "at home" up there at Ringwood Manor and Erskine HEWITT paid her every courtesy, for she was able to tell about this and that object that was even new to the gracious host himself. What a memory she has!

"Mother" Berry's Story

To several inquiries, and what she added, the story of "Mother Berry" was most interesting. So let me tell you what she told me:

"I was born at Winbeam and was christened Margaret Ann MONKS in my grandfather's barn, April 20, 1836. The church was too small for such an event, so we had to go to that great barn, which is still standing. What a beautiful place that old Winbeam Mountain is! (It has been illuminated in a book by Minnie May MONKS, a relative of "Mother" Berry.) All that section of many acres belonged to my grandfather, John ALLEN, he having bought his lands from the Indians — they were the Winbeam Lodge Indians. It seems he and his family met with favor with these Indians, for he made a legitimate and satisfactory purchase of his lands from them, so they protected them as friends. He built a frame house, which still stands; this is noteworthy for the Dutch who settled around that section, and in Bergen county generally, built theirs of stone as a protection, since they served as a fortress, in a way, from any Indian attack. He first set up three or four saw mills, built his house, and of course had a great use for these mills which were

valuable to his neighbors, if you might call them such, for they were a long way off.

"Up in that section where I was born they never kept slaves; Oh, no, for my grandfather didn't believe in that. I love the old Winbeam Mountain, even with the changes that have come to pass. As I grew up, I enjoyed the places here and there which I visited; we had our visitors, and would return these visits, but the social life of the "back woods" is very different from that of the city.

"I married Jacob H. BERRY of Pompton, son of one of the oldest families in North Jersey. They are distributed in almost every section of the country now.

"Way back at Boardville, Josiah BEAM, keeper of the hotel married a Beam, also; they had two sons, Anthony and James Bartholf BEAM. Anthony had a daughter named Rebecca; I was sixteen years old when I attended her wedding. She married John BARTHOLF (son of Rinehart); they had two daughters — Rebecca and Catherine. 1852 is the date of her wedding. The new barn they owned is still standing; it was secured with wooden pegs.

"At that time there was but one preacher, Dominie Isaac DE MUND. He was the father of the late Dr. DE MUND, Sr. of Ridgewood, who is dead now. He was the one who christened me. They made a big time of it and afterwards had a fine dinner.

"My other grandfather, William MONKS died in 1849; he is buried at Midvale burial ground. Years and years ago, we had a rose bush planted by my old home; recently I visited the spot, and there was that same old rose bush; the bloom was different from any other kind; it was there in 1849; early in June we visited the place, took a picture of it, and picked three roses. And oh, what wonderful orchards and fruit there were up there!

William Monks, Blacksmith

"My grandfather, William MONKS, was a wonderful blacksmith; he could make almost anything out of iron. When he died, he left a grandfather's clock; in this was found seven hundred dollars in silver. There were seven children left and each received one hundred dollars.

Pompton Church

"Of course I attended the Pompton Church and was the second one to get married from there, which was December 24, 1862. When they had the anniversary in 1915, I went there as an honored guest 'just for a day.' But when I was seen, Billy VAN ORDEN insisted that I go to his house to be taken care of, so my 'one day' was from Sunday to the following Friday.

First Presbyterian Church, Paterson

"I often attended the First Presbyterian Church in Paterson. And I went there also to its anniversary when Dr. Clarence

MACCARTNEY was the preacher. I used to go there when Dr. HORNBLOWER preached. And I think he followed the first preacher who was Dr. FISHER.

"A member of the church, Patrick GRURIEL – I think you spell it that way – married my father's sister, Mary MONKS. He connected with the Locomotive Works, was sent to Cuba with a locomotive to assemble it, and died there. A funny thing happened about his will. At his death, no will was found, so the division was about to take place, and the law at that time would not permit the Widow anything, as they had no children. His parents would then receive all, and he made a great deal of money. Well, when the day of the vandue had arrived and all the folks had assembled, all at once a lawyer arrived and produced his will that had been made out, leaving all to the widow.

Barnabas Rhinesmith, Iron Worker.

"My great-great grandfather, Barnabas RHINESMITH, worked at Ringwood Manor and assisted in making the celebrated iron links of the chain across the Hudson. I wish I could get the names of the ironworkers who were under HASENCLEVER and FAESCH. Do you think they are recorded? (I told her I did think so, in the book of Heusser's "The Forgotten General.")

Great Grandfather, John Rhinesmith

"My great-grandfather, John RHINESMITH, was born 1672 and died 1862, aged 99 years and 6 months. A ripe old age! He took care of the family while his father worked in the iron mines. He may have been born on a vessel on the way over here and was sixteen years old at the time of the Revolution. He was a most wonderful man, with a physique of iron. At the age of ninety, he walked all the way from Elmira, where he had gone years before to live, all the way to Midvale. Now he is buried at Pine City, PA, which is just south of Elmira. The grave is in the Baptist cemetery although he is also recorded in the Methodist Cemetery as well.

Astor House

"James Bartholf BEAM bought the old "Ol" Berry's place at Riverdale which John BERRY built. The old place is called the "Astor House" was recently cut in half to make way for the roadway. It was used as a hotel for years.

A "Colored" Joke

"In our family, we had a colored servant. She took a fancy to the Episcopal Church at Pompton, near the steel works; so the rector coached her, preparatory to her joining; this was in Lent, and he told her not to eat this and that. Well, she was faithful and made the sacrifice.

"One day the rector called and was asked if he would have a bite or two. Of course he said yes, and went in the kitchen where the colored woman was. It happened they had cooked some delicious jumbles and of these the rector ate with great relish. When he departed, the colored woman looked up – she was a great mimic – and said, "Huh! I mustn't eat dis and mustn't eat dat; Ah can' hab no sugah, nor 'lasses, and no honey? Well, de way he sat and ate dem jumbles! Ah don't want to join his old chu'ch no how!" (And she didn't.)

Blest with Kin

Mother Berry has seen and talked with eight generations; the first one she saw was Martin BERRY, who Married Elizabeth MANDEVILLE, and fought in the Revolution. She remembered well the stories he used to tell her of the experiences of the Revolutionary soldiers and Washington.

Incidents

Mother Berry told of the first people she met after her marriage was at Dundee; her friend Katy lived there; and she often called at the home of David P. and Charity Ann QUACKENBUSH.

She also said we should pronounce BARTHOLF this way; as if it were spelled "BAR-TOLF." Accent on last syllable.

When Mother Berry was married at high noon, December 24, 1862, she said men were plowing in the nearby fields, as it was so warm.

She also boasted that she had ridden on the cow catcher of the first engine of the Greenwood Lake train from Pompton Lakes to Wanaque.

Descendant of the Blauvelt Family

"Mother" Berry is a descendant of the old BLAUVELT family; a Dutch name meaning "blue field." Each year in September, the meeting of the descendants occurs at Tappan; she has attended every meeting. Last year she was given a huge bouquet and a poem was recited. Quick as a wink she turned and recited one herself, which she recited to me. It was a dainty and appropriate setting about giving her flowers while she is living.

Thomas BLAUVELT, an ancestor of "Mother" Berry married one, named Bridget. He was a Revolutionary soldier and lies buried at Pompton Lakes burial ground by the church.

She remembered seeing her father and grandfather after the Revolution drilling with soldiers near the Pompton Lakes station as it was a great open field then.

There is much more to tell of this remarkable soul. God has blessed her in many ways; she is not at all deaf, has her teeth (most of them), her memory is normal, she loves the church of Jesus Christ above all else, and lives a sweet, refined life of a modest Christian, and to meet her and ingratiate oneself with her is to bring back in your heart "the Something" that is sacred and which is blessed.

I hope as she reads this, or has it read to her by her loving and faithful daughter, who is always at her side, Mrs. Anna TILLINGHAST, of New York City, that it may serve as a tiny "flower" – a "posy" from life's garden, that may bring a gleam of joy to her heart of the long ago.

Of such a person I would say: "I am glad that she have lived, and moved, and had her being; the world is the better for it."

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Some time later, in an (excerpted) letter to William Rauchfuss dated only "Friday Evening," daughter Anna TILLINGHAST of New York City writes of "Mother" Berry's passing:

"Am so sorry I was not able to answer you on the phone. We were in the auto ready to go to the church as I wanted to see that everything was just right. We are to have the funeral in The Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, Fifth Avenue and 48th Street.

"Mother died of cardiac disease – heart just stopped. I held her in my arms for fifteen minutes as the doctor said he felt she was near the end. I said, "Mother, Mother, this is Anna." She opened her eyes, smiled, then closed them forever. I know her presence will always be with me, and it was only the earthly shell that was left behind."

AN 1845 CENSUS OF WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP

D. Stanton Hammond, J.D.

taken from "Bulletin of the Passaic County Historical Society - 45th Anniversary Issue, 1971"

Sometimes the strangest events occur in historical research. For an instance, the reappearance of an 1845 document concerned the New Jersey State census of that year in our West Milford-Pompton area. Correspondence on mapping work of this writer in the Hunterdon area, unearthed the document after an apparently century-old "burial." No one living today knows how this happened, but local historians rejoice for this addition to our scanty records of this part of presently booming Passaic County.

Census taking was quite usual in Colonial New Jersey – there being 4 state censuses before 1790, one which is the first U.S. census. West Milford Township was set up by New Jersey Law of 1834 (page 113) and so was available for the 1840 U.S. census, and it showed a return of 2,108 inhabitants. It seems strange in the face of population boom all over the United States, West Milford Township maintained an almost perfectly even "keel." The 1905 census showed 2,022 inhabitants when Passaic County of a whole had a 16-fold increase by that time (1905). There must have been a lot of migration from West Milford to help settle the West, etc.

in that 65 years. The present trend of migration is reversed now of course, and West Milford is no longer somnolent.

This 1845 document is a rag-stock sheet of 10"x16" dimensions, folded once to an 8"x10" size. The hand drawn map occupies the first page and the census listing, pages 2, 3, and 4. The chirography is difficult to decipher, and for that reason the whole listing has been typed. However, no change has been made in any symbol, mark, etc., and the same order and sequence have been followed as appearing in the original script. It is indeed regrettable that photographic reproduction in this case would be unsatisfactory. And it must also be noted too that only familiarity with local names had made some deciphering at all possible. It is admitted that some items as shown are probably questionable as to accuracy.

Also note that in 1845 author Ch. Baldwin called the village "Milford" even though the Townships 1834 set-up was officially named "West Milford," posing an interesting historical question: "Whence came the 'Milford' name?"

MILFORD

ALEXANDER
BAKEHORN
BATHRICK
BERRY
Blk. Sam - (black?)
CAHILLS (2 or 3?)
CAREY
CLARK
CONKLING, Rev. C.S.
COOLEY, J & B
COOLEY, Sq.(ire)
COOLEY, Wm.
DECKER
DOWLAND
FITZGERALD
GREGORY
HALL
HEARTY, Gen.
JONES
LARUE (3)
MC MICKENS
MEAD
MEEKER, Dr.
MONROE
MORSE (2)
P.A.W., The Dutchman
POULIS, Deacon
PULIS, Sq.(ire)
ROBINSON, Mrs.
RYERSON, Widow
SANDFORD
SMITH, Capt.
STEPHENS
TAYLOR
TAYLOR (?)
TERHUNE, Albert, Jr.
TERHUNE, Albert, Sr.
THORN
TICHENER, H.
TICHENOR
TOMPKINS

VALE

VALE (?)
WHITE
WILLIAMS
WILLIAMS
WOODRUFF
WOODRUFF
POSTVILLE
CISCO
CISCO, Dan.
CISCO, Widow
COLE
COOLEY
ECKHART (2)
FREDERICK
FREEMAN (3)
GARRETSON
HEPBURN (2)
HOGENCAMP
LARUE
MORSE
ODLE
POST, Ab. (2)
POST, Jno.
POST, P.
TERHUNE
VAN DIEN
VAN DIEN, Jno.
(off the road)
WILLIAMS
MACOPIN
_____, Mr. Blank (?)
_____, Mr. Blank
BABCOCK (2)
BAILEY
BALDWIN
BENYO (?)
CARMAN (2)
(of Carmantown)
CAWOOD
CISCO
CISCO (2)

CISCO, H.

(of Carmantown)
COOKE, Peter
COOKE, Widow
COOPER
DALE or TINTLE
DECKER, M.
DECKER, W.
DURIE
DURIE
FLETCHER
FREDERICK
GOULD
H A d
HENYIN
HIMBLE, Marion (2)
JACOBUS
KRUM
MABIE
MABIE, Widow
MARION
MARION
MC KINSEY
MULLEN
(over by the pond)
PAYN (2)
REINSMITH (2)
REINSMITH, S.
REMYNE
REREDON
ROBINSON, Mrs.
SAYHOLSTER (2)
SAYHOLSTER (2)
SCOFIELD
SHIPPEE (2)
SMITH
SPEAKER
SPEAKER, P.
SPEAKER, W.
STROUBEL
TIERS
TINDALE or

TINTLE (?)

TINTLE
TINTLE or DALE
TINTLE or TINDALE (?)
TITUS
TITUS, Sen.
V d, Mrs.
V d, Widow
VAN ERDER /
VAN ERDEN/
VAN ORDER /
VAN ORDEN
VAN ORDER -
2 in 1 house
VANATTA
VANZYLE
VREELAND
VREELAND
VREELAND J. & W. (2)
VREELAND, B.
VREELAND, G & W
(of Carmantown)
VREELAND, Jas.
WATERS
WATTS, Harel
(Germany)
WHITE
WICKUM
WICKUM (1)
WILSON
LONG POND FORGE
ANDERSON
COLEFAX
CRONK
DECKER
HARINGTON
MICKENS, Mr.
PETERSON, G.
RUMSEY
RYERSON
SCOFIELD
STALTER

WILSON

WRIGHTENOUR, Rev.
CONCLINVILLE
CONCLIN, Barton, Esqr.
STERLING, NY
BABCOCKS
DAILEY
DECALL
DEGROAT (2)
JENNINGS
O'CONNEL
SNYDER
STALTER
STONETOWN
ANDERSON
BUCHANAN
CAWOOD
DEGRAW (2)
DOWLAND
MAGIE
MONKS, J.P. & C. (3)
PATERSON, Sen.
PENNINGTON
TITUS
VANATTA
WALTON
THE GREENWOODS
_____, Mr.
ACRES, Sq.
BALTER
BANKER
BAYLEY
BENEDICT
BROWN (2)
CAREY
CAREY, N.
CINKE (?)
COOPER
DALETON
DAVIS
DECKER
DUE on 2 (?)

FREDERICS

GREEN
GREEN (2)
GREEN, R.
HIOT
HOPKINS
HORTON
HOWARD
HUNT
MANN (2)
MERGISON (?)
MONTROSE
MONTROSE
PADDOCK
POTTER
PULIS
RIDER
SANDFORD
SANDFORD
SANDFORD
SANFORD (2)
SEARS
SHAW
SMITH
SQUIER
TAYLOR
UTTER
UTTER, R.
WANAMAKER
WEEDEN
WEEDON, Jr.
WHITE
WILLIAMS
WILLIAMS, S.
WINTERS
WRIGHT
YARRY (?)
YOUNG

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 <bernice.forrest@att.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. **BARNES**: Seeking help finding information on Steven **BARNES** who was born in Passaic, NJ on January 7, 1888. His father was John **BARNES** who was married to a **HORLICK**. It is not known if **HORLICK** was Steven's mother or his father, John's, second wife. Steven was put into an orphan's home when his mother died. He was supposed to have had a brother John and a sister Belle. There is no information on them at all. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
Submitted by Darlene **NIESWIADOMY**, 829 Warren Ave., New Castle, PA 16101. Email: busdriver@ztrain.
2. **BRADY**: Seeking information on Dennis **BRADY** and family. Dennis was born in the 1860's in Ireland, died 1927 in Paterson. Dennis's parents were James **BRADY** and Elizabeth **McKEOWN**? Elizabeth died May 1893 in Paterson and James may have died before 1890. Dennis married Anna **CARROLL** about 1892. Dennis may have had two sisters, Catherine and Bridget, and possibly a brother named James. Submitted by Eileen. Email: Blebida@infi.net
3. **DAY**: Silas **BRANDT DAY** was married in Sussex County, NJ 29th of September 1855 to Ruth **BLOOM**, daughter of Richard **BLOOM** and Sarah **BROSS**. Need help finding parents of Silas. Three children were born to Silas and Ruth: Whitfield, b. abt 1865, Susan B. b. abt 1866 and Willie b. abt 1867. Can anyone provide specific info concerning the three children named above? Were there other children? The 1860 and 1870 Censuses show the family in West Milford Township, Passaic Co. NJ.
Submitted by Mona **BROSS HYLTON**, 31 South 17th St., Richmond, IN 47374. Email: MonaMusic@aol.com.
4. **EPP**: Looking for references to the **EPP** family of Paterson, circa 1860-1870. A likely daughter, Annie, probably married Josef F. **REICHERT** there in the latter half of the decade. All suggestions welcome.
Submitted by: Bob **EPP**, Virginia. Email: rdepp@crosslink.net.
5. **GAASBECK (GASBECK)**: Hoping to find information on William **GASBECK**. William married Petronella **VAN DER LINDEN** in the 1st Holland Reformed Church in Paterson March 10, 1891. Both were from the Netherlands. They had two children: Margaret who married John **DONNLLY** and Henry b. 1895. William's death certificate (1922) states that he was born in Holland and that his wife Nellie predeceased him. Nellie had two children by a previous marriage; Mary and Neil (Cornelius). Little information is known about these people. There are no records in the Census. Petronella may have died between 1912-1914. They lived at 179 Main St. Paterson. Would like information from Fairlawn Cemetery in Paterson where William was buried and possibly Petronella. Submitted by Pat **GIFFIN**. Email: PatGiffin@aol.com
6. **NAUGHTON**: Hoping to connect with others researching the name of **NAUGHTON** or to find a newsletter devoted to the family names. Stephen **NAUGHTON** b. 1841 in County Mayo, Ireland and Mary **GALLAGHER** b. County Cork emigrated to New York about 1845-46. They were married at St. Michael's' RC Church in Brooklyn. They had five surviving children: Barnard (b.1868), Mary (b. 1870), Michael (b.1872, d. 1923), John (b.1874, d. 1955) and Kate (b. 1874). They came to Passaic before 1880 because they are listed in that Census. The family remained in Passaic for several generations. Gravesites were found at St. Nicholas Church Cemetery in Lodi. Michael married Margaret **HANNIGAN** (b. 1872) in either Manhattan or Brooklyn approximately 1894 and had five children: Stephen (b. Brooklyn 1896, d. 1918), John (Jack) (b. Brooklyn 1897), Theresa (Tess) (b. Passaic 1898, d. 1972), Mary (Mae) (b. Passaic 1900, d. 1973), and Margaret (Peg) (b. Passaic 1904-died 1985). Other names in the family are: **McNULTY**, **McKAY**, and **HOTZ**. Submitted by Margaret **McKAY**, 54 Rodney Rd., Dover, DE 19901. Email: margmcka@comcast.net.
7. **RUSSELL**: Looking for Sanford **RUSSELL** who was born around 1800. He married Barbara **LOCEY** who was born in Sussex County Nov. 22, 1802. Submitted by Jon **RUSSELL**. Email:1940@clover.net.
8. **SCHNEPF**: Frederick **SCHNEPF** was the son of George **SCHNEPF** and Elizabeth **RANFT**. He was born 1872 in Newark, NJ. He married Frida **BRAUN** on 28th of July 1894 in Newark. Frida was born August 1871 in Germany, the daughter of John **BRAUN** (1848-1898) and Frederica **DOEBLING** (1847-1908). One son Charles F. **SCHNEPF** (1896-1966) married Mary Ellen **O'NEILL** (1896-1978). Charles **SCHNEPF** died in Clifton, Passaic Co. NJ. There were at least 5 children: Lorraine, Delores Marie, Charles D., George H., and Donald **SCHNEPF**. Charles D. (1922-1987) married Jean **FOSTER**. Can anyone help me with additional information on this family? Does anyone have the date and place of death of Frida **BRAUN SCHNEPF**? Frida was a sister to submitter's dad's mother, Frederica **BRAUN BROSS**.
Submitted by Mona **Bross HYLTON**, 31 South 17th St., Richmond, IN 47374. Email: MonaMusic@aol.com.
9. **SMITH**: Trying to solve the parentage of Albert G. **SMITH** born 1885 died 1895 and buried in the Wyckoff Cemetery. Originally it was thought that he was the son of Albert G. and Frances **KING SMITH** but now it seems he could be the son of Edward **VAN HOUTEN SMITH** and Mary Elizabeth **SYNDER SMITH**. Both Albert and Edward were sons of Garret A. **SMITH** and Eliza Jane **LAKE**. In conjunction with this search information is also being sought on the **HOLLAND HOME**, 110 Iowa Ave. Paterson where two relatives died. One died there on Dec. 12, 1936 and the other June 7, 1930. Both were in their 80's at the time of death. They were siblings whose spouses had predeceased them. Also does the funeral home of John Vreeland and Son still exist? They were the undertakers for Albert G. **SMITH** who died in 1895. Submitted by: Peggy **HARRIS**. Email: PPharris@aol.com