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NEWSLETTER OF THE GENEALOGY CLUB

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

THE HAMILTON CLUB

Paterson, New Jersey
1905

(taken from the book of the same name)

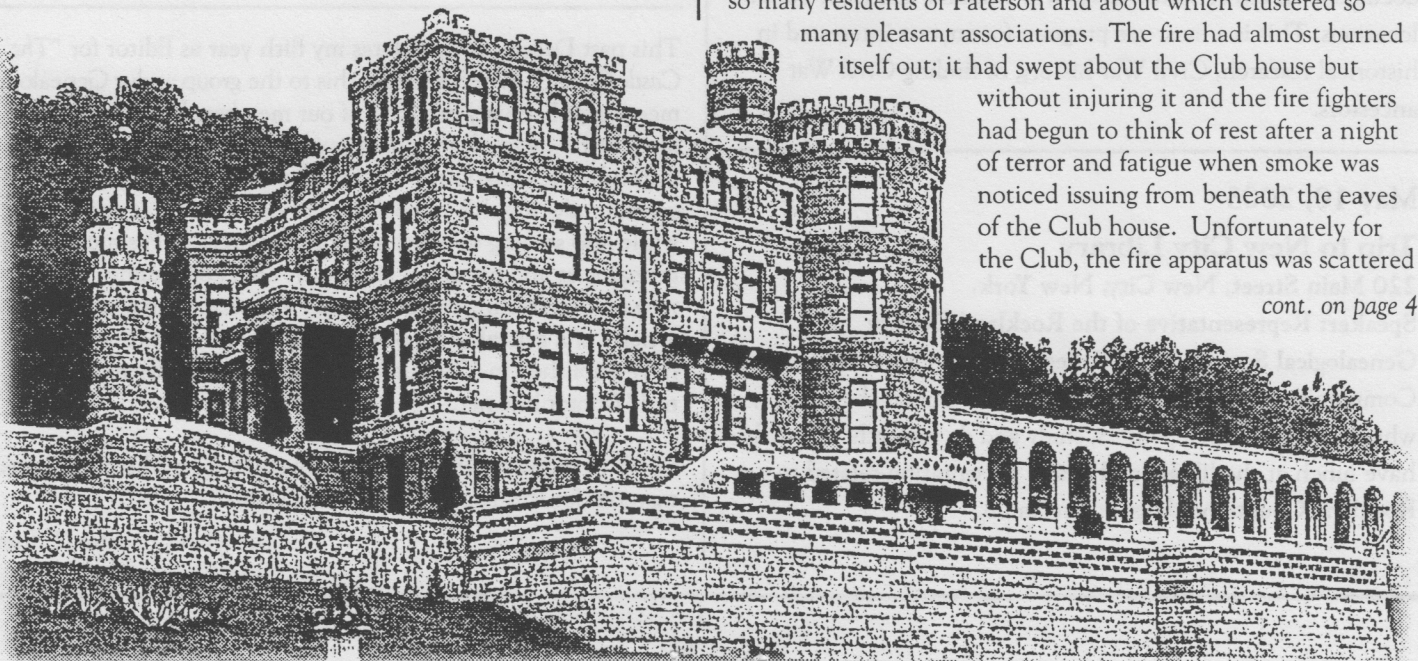
The Hamilton Club owes its origin to a discussion which took place one evening during the summer of 1890 at the residence of Garret A. HOBART, Vice President of the United States. The absence of club facilities in Paterson had been adversely commented upon and all present agreed that there was no reason why a properly equipped club with desirable membership could not be organized. The formal organization of the Club, under the laws of the state enacted for such purpose took place on September 20, 1890, the charter members being John CAMPBELL, Joseph W. CONGDON, Jacob WEIDMANN, John H. REYNOLDS, James JACKSON, Peter RYLE, William BERDAN, Henry I. BUTLER, Robert I. HOPPER, John H. HOPPER, Garret A. HOBART, Henry C. KNOX, John W. GRIGGS, William RYLE, Charles N. STERRETT, and Albert A. WILCOX.

The question of a name for the new organization was quickly disposed of. Certainly no name more appropriate could have been selected than that of the founder of Paterson, Alexander Hamilton, a man whose distinguished services as Secretary of Treasury in the infant days of the republic will ever lend luster to everything with which his name is associated.

The premises in Church Street were occupied until on account of the increasing membership they were found to be wholly inadequate. A committee was appointed to secure more commodious quarters and their labors resulted in the purchase of the property on the northwest corner of Church and Ellison Streets and the completion there in 1897 of the present home of the Hamilton Club. The conflagration of February, 1902, for some time spared the home of the Hamilton Club, as if loath to add to its ravages in the place which had become endeared to so many residents of Paterson and about which clustered so

many pleasant associations. The fire had almost burned itself out; it had swept about the Club house but without injuring it and the fire fighters had begun to think of rest after a night of terror and fatigue when smoke was noticed issuing from beneath the eaves of the Club house. Unfortunately for the Club, the fire apparatus was scattered

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Club News

The Passaic County Historical Society Genealogy Club holds meetings at Lambert Castle 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of the month. Program Chair Geri Mola announces our schedule is as follows:

Calendar

March 8, 2003

“Dutch Building Traditions in New Jersey.”

Speaker: Clifford Zink, Using illustrative slides, architectural historian Clifford Zink will explain the unique characteristics of New Jersey colonial Dutch homes and buildings, relating these qualities to existing structures. He will also present his theory concerning the role slaves had in building during the 1700s. His topic covers information he has compiled doing research for a book on New Jersey Dutch buildings, which is being funded by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission.

April 12, 2003

“Our Brothers Gone Before – New Jersey’s Civil War Veterans.”

Speakers: Robert MacAvoy & Charles Eckhardt. With a common interest in “forgotten soldiers” of the Civil War, historians Robert MacAvoy and Charles Eckhardt have spent 13 years of sleuthing to locate more than 40,000 New Jerseyans who served in the Civil War. By painstakingly tracking down death certificates, military records, pension applications and state cemeteries, they have managed to identify not only soldiers, but also medical assistants, nurses and chaplains who served in the war. Their important findings will be published this spring in “Our Brothers Gone Before,” the first book to document an entire state’s Civil War veterans and their burial locations. This is a must-see program for anyone interested in historical research, Civil War history, or finding Civil War ancestors.

May 10, 2003

Trip to New City Library

220 Main Street, New City, New York.

Speaker: Representative of the Rockland County Genealogical Society. Sally Pellegrini, New City Library Community Affairs Director, will show us around the Library, where we can, if time permits, study and do research. We will have lunch at the library and hear a presentation related to Rockland County holdings and research.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Wednesday, February 19th through Sunday, April 27th, 2003: “Feather, Fruit & Flora: Elegant Hats from the 1880’s to 1960’s” by Friends of the Hermitage, 335 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ 07423. Reception March 2, 2003 2pm-4pm (wearing of hats optional). Info call 201-445-8311 www.thehermitage.org

Monday, March 10th, 2003: “Montville’s Stone Out Kitchen and Dutch Building – the Only One in Morris County.” Lecture by Tim Adriance for the Montville Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. Pio Costa Auditorium, Montville Public Library, 90 Horseneck Road, Montville.

Saturday, April 5th, 2003: “Joint Educational Program” by the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania at NJ State Museum Auditorium, West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625. All day seminar features George Redmonds, Ph.D. (“Surnames, Genes, and Family Origins” and “Kith and Kin – Tracing Ancestors thru Their Names”), with Colin Brooks (“Which Way Did They Go? Scotch-Irish Research”) and John Konvalinka (“Discovering London’s Genealogical Resources”). Registration fee \$40 includes box lunch, tour of NJ State Archives and NJ State Library, and Door Prize Drawing. Contact John Konvalinka 609-924-9742 for additional information.

Monday, April 14th, 2003: “More Than a Singer, Francis Hopkinson.” Tentative historical reenactment. Montville Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. Pio Costa Auditorium, Montville Public Library, 90 Horseneck Road, Montville.

Saturday, May 3rd, 2003: POINTers In Person (Pursuing Our Italian Names Together) Chapter 15, Italian Genealogy Group’s quarterly meeting. Topic to be announced. 10:00 a.m. Elmwood Park Municipal Building, Market Street, Elmwood Park, NJ. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~njpoint/>

This past December completes my fifth year as Editor for “The Castle Genie.” When I related this to the group at our Genealogy meeting of February 8th, one of our members later remarked to me that he (fearfully) thought my comment was my prelude to impending resignation as Editor. Quite the contrary. Over the years, producing this journal has provided me great enjoyment, while also serving to educate me in the areas of Passaic County genealogies and history. I am always on a continuing quest for new and interesting material, and I encourage anyone with articles of a genealogical or historical nature that they wish to have published in “The Castle Genie” to submit them to me at mj13@optonline.net.

I wish to thank Arlette Keri and Robert Probert who contributed material for this issue of “The Castle Genie”

Maryjane Proctor, Editor

PCHS GENEALOGY CLUB TRIPS 2003

These trips are currently planned for 2003. More specific details concerning these trips will follow shortly in a separate mailing.

All-Day Train Trip to Port Jervis, New York. Plans are being made for a train ride to Port Jervis on a Saturday morning at 9 a.m. in the spring or fall. Upon arrival, participants can choose to sightsee, do research, or a bit of both. Cost has not yet been determined. Estimated cost for round-trip fare, lunch, and perhaps some admission fees: maximum \$25.

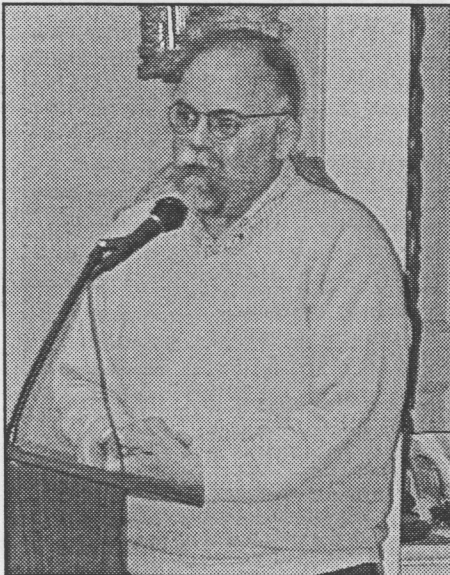
4-Day Research Trip by Chartered Bus to Washington, D.C. Morning departure from Lambert Castle, arrive in Washington by early afternoon. Three-night motel accommodations close to places of research (National archives, D.A.R., Library of Congress) and sightseeing. Food, Metro fare, and other incidentals not included. Further details to be announced.

In addition, if there is sufficient interest, these "small group" Research Trips to these facilities can also be planned and organized:

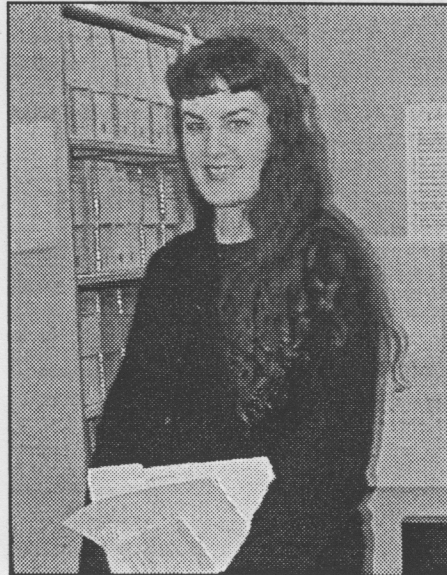
- National Archives, New York City
- New York Public Library, New York City
- New Jersey Historical Society, Newark
- Morristown Library
- An LDS Library

New Director, Curator and Librarian join the Passaic County Historical Society

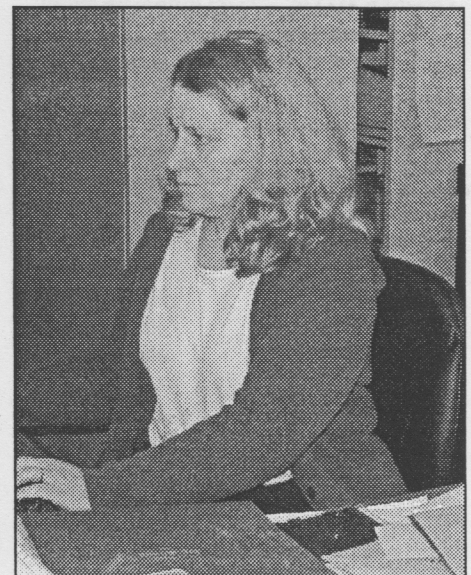
We would like to take this opportunity to wish a warm welcome to the new Director, Mr. Richard Sgritta and Curator Mrs. Rebecca Petropoulos who joined the Society just after the first of the year. And in December, for the first time in its 75 year history, the Society has hired a professional Librarian, Mrs. Kathleen Grimshaw-Haven. In the months ahead, our new management team will be developing the library, exhibits, displays, and other events that we hope will engage the attention of the many individuals who visit Lambert Castle from Passaic County and elsewhere.



Director,
Mr. Richard Sgritta



Curator.
Mrs. Rebecca Petropoulos

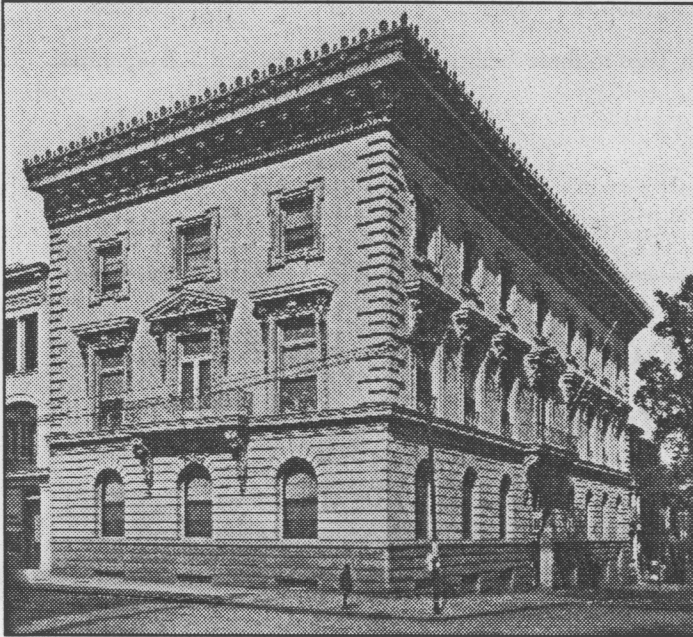


Librarian,
Mrs. Kathleen Grimshaw-Haven

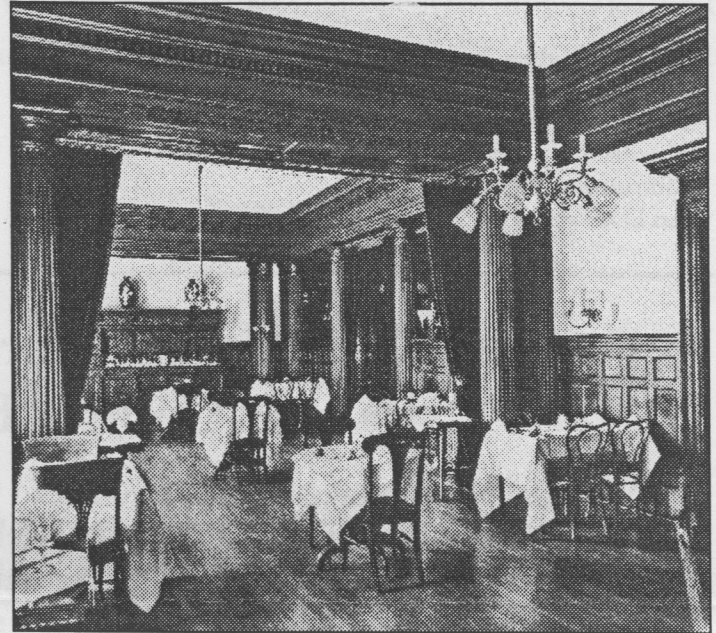
The Hamilton Club *cont.*

in parts of the city deemed more vulnerable than the corner of Church and Ellison Streets. Members of the Club, assisted by the friendly hands of many outsiders, worked hard to save the structure, but the building succumbed to the flames, and when the return taps were sounded on the fire alarm there was nothing left of the home of the Hamilton Club excepting the charred walls and such furniture as had been removed before the flames spread

to the lower stories. No greater compliment could have been paid to the efficiency of the original building committee than the unanimous adoption of a resolution that the Clubhouse should be restored even to the minutest detail as it was before the fire. This was done and the Clubhouse stands today just as it did when it was first taken possession of by the Club.



The Hamilton Club



The Hamilton Club Dining Room

1905 Membership Roster

MEMBER NAME / MEMBERSHIP TYPE

ACKERMAN, William S. Resident
 ADAMS, William F. Deceased
 AGNEW, Charles Resident
 AGNEW, Dr. Frank E. Resident
 AGNEW, John P. Resident
 ALEXANDER, Dr. A.F. Resident
 ALLEN, Alpheus S. Resident
 ALLEN, Frank R. Non-Resident
 ALLEN, Henry C. Resident
 ANDERSON, John H. Non-Resident
 ANDREAE, Otto, Jr. Non-Resident
 ANDREWS, C.A. Non-Resident
 ARNOLD, William A. Resident
 ASPINWALL, H.C. Deceased
 ATTERBURY, R.R. Resident
 AUGER, Charles L. Resident
 BAILEY, Josiah J. Resident
 BAKER, George B. Resident
 BALDWIN, James M. Deceased
 BALL, Frederick W. Non-Resident
 BALLERAY, Dr. George H. Resident
 BANTA, Dr. John J. Resident

BARBOUR, J. Edwards Resident
 BARBOUR, Johnson Non-Resident
 BARBOUR, Robert Deceased
 BARBOUR, William Resident
 BARKALOW, Daniel Resident
 BARKALOW, John S. Resident
 BARKALOW, Sidney Resident
 BEACH, Henry M. Resident
 BEAM, John R. Deceased
 BEARDMORE, Thomas J. Resident
 BEATTIE, Robert Non-Resident
 BEATTIE, Robert, Jr. Non-Resident
 BEATTIE, William Deceased
 BEATTIE, William H. Resident
 BECKER, Edwin J. Non-Resident
 BEGGS, Frederic Resident
 BELL, Edward T. Resident
 BELL, Edward T., Jr. Resident
 BELL, Henry F. Resident
 BENTLEY, Thomas W. Resident
 BERDAN, Charles K. Resident
 BERDAN, John H. Deceased
 BERDAN, William Resident
 BERGEN, Charles A. Resident
 BERGEN, Joseph A. Resident

BERRY, J. David Deceased
 BERRY, William H. Resident
 BEVERIDGE, Thomas Resident
 BLACKBURN, W.H. Non-Resident
 BLAKELEY, George H. Resident
 BLAUVELT, Erastus Resident
 BLAUVELT, J.J. Resident
 BLAUVELT, James G. Resident
 BLAUVELT, William D. Resident
 BLUM, Edwin Non-Resident
 BLUM, Frederick Non-Resident
 BLUM, Henry L. Non-Resident
 BLUNDELL, Dr. William Resident
 BLUNDELL, John W. Resident
 BLUNTSCHLI, John Resident
 BOETTGER, Theodore Non-Resident
 BOND, Harry K. Resident
 BOOTH, Charles H. Resident
 BOOTH, J. Morgan Deceased
 BRANDES, Julius Resident
 BRAUN, Louis F. Resident
 BRIESON, R.V. Non-Resident
 BROCK, William M. Resident
 BROWN, Edwin S. Non-Resident
 BROWN, John J. Deceased

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BUCKLEY, John F.	Resident	ENTWISTLE, James	Resident	HINCHLIFFE, James C.	Resident
BUELL, Wallace	Resident	EVANS, S.S., Jr.	Resident	HINCHLIFFE, John	Resident
BURNETT, David	Non-Resident	FAIRCHILD, A.C.	Resident	HINDLE, Charles B.	Deceased
BUTLER, Henry L.	Deceased	FAIRHURST, Joseph	Resident	HINE, Edwin W.	Non-Resident
CADE, John T.	Resident	FARNUM, Samuel B.	Resident	HOBART, Garret A.	Deceased
CAMPBELL, Daniel L.	Resident	FAYERWEATHER, W.O.	Resident	HOFFMAN, William T.	Non-Resident
CAMPBELL, Henry G.	Resident	FENWICK, A.G.	Non-Resident	HOLMES, William J.	Deceased
CAMPBELL, John	Deceased	FERGUSON, John W.	Resident	HOPPER, John	Deceased
CARTER, Robert D.	Non-Resident	FIFIELD, Edward	Deceased	HOPPER, John H.	Resident
CATLIN, George L.	Deceased	FISCHER, August A.	Resident	HOPPER, Robert I.	Resident
CHANCELLOR, W.E.	Resident	FLEISCHER, Nathan	Resident	HOPSON, Edwin N.	Resident
CHISWELL, George S.	Resident	FLETCHER, William H.	Resident	HORTON, Rayton E.	Resident
CHISWELL, Richard R.	Resident	FOOT, Sandford D.	Non-Resident	HUDSON, Walter R.	Resident
CHRISTIE, F.B.	Deceased	FORBES, Harry A.	Resident	HUGHES, Robert S.	Resident
CLARK, Henry I.	Resident	FORD, Frank R.	Non-Resident	HUGHES, Robert G.	Deceased
CLARK, Herbert H.	Resident	FORDYCE, Robert H.	Resident	HUMPHREYS, John B.	Non-Resident
CLARK, John E.	Resident	FORMANS, Joseph	Resident	HUNTOON, Oscar C.	Resident
CLEVELAND, J.W.	Resident	FRAZIER, John	Resident	HUNZIKER, A.	Resident
COLLIER, Abram	Resident	FREUND, Alfred L.	Deceased	HURLEY, John R.	Resident
CONGDON, Joseph W.	Resident	GAEDE, Robert	Resident	INGLIS, Archibald W.	Resident
CONGER, Kenyan B.	Non-Resident	GARDINER, E. Le B.	Non-Resident	INGLIS, James, Jr.	Resident
COOK, John H.	Non-Resident	GARTNER, Alfred	Resident	INGLIS, William M.	Resident
COOKE, Charles D.	Resident	GEDNEY, Edward E.	Non-Resident	JACKSON, Charles E.	Resident
COOKE, Fred W.	Resident	GEERING, Emil	Resident	JACKSON, James	Deceased
COOKE, J. Barclay	Resident	GERZOG, Edwin N.	Non-Resident	JAMISON, John A., Jr.	Resident
COOKE, James W.	Resident	GILLESPIE, Thomas A.	Non-Resident	JOHNSON, Dr. Walter B.	Resident
COOKE, John K.	Resident	GILLESPIE, Thomas H.	Non-Resident	JOHNSON, John	Resident
COOKE, John S.	Resident	GILLSON, Dr. John T.	Resident	JOHNSON, William M.	Non-Resident
COOKE, Watts	Deceased	GLEDHILL, Frank	Resident	JOHNSTON, James	Non-Resident
COOPER, Everitt, A.	Non-Resident	GODDEFROY, Richard	Resident	KATZ, Arthur	Resident
COX, Winfield S.	Non-Resident	GOODBODY, Robert	Resident	KATZ, Bernard	Resident
CRANDALL, H.B.	Resident	GOODENOUGH, L.A.	Deceased	KATZ, Herbert	Resident
CREW, Alfred	Resident	GORDON, R.B.	Non-Resident	KATZ, Philip	Deceased
CUNNINGHAM, R.H.	Resident	GOURLEY, William B.	Resident	KEARNS, William H.	Resident
CURIE, Charles	Non-Resident	GRAEF, Walter, H.	Non-Resident	KEELER, Edward A.	Deceased
CURRIE, Dr. D.A.	Non-Resident	GRAHAM, Archibald	Resident	KENT, Benjamin	Resident
CURTS, Dr. Robert M.	Resident	GRIGGS, J. Leavitt	Resident	KING, Charles M.	Resident
CUTLER, Otis H.	Non-Resident	GRIGGS, John W.	Resident	KING, Nathaniel	Non-Resident
DANFORTH, Charles	Deceased	GRIMSHAW, David H.	Resident	KINNE, Dr. Porter S.	Resident
DAVIDSON, George	Non-Resident	GRIMSHAW, John	Resident	KIREKER, C. Frank	Resident
DAVIS, William H.	Non-Resident	GRINSHAW, George	Resident	KIREKER, Charles F.	Resident
DE YOE, J. Willard	Resident	GRUND, Ernest	Resident	KLIPSTEIN, E.C.	Non-Resident
DENNER, Dr. E.F.	Resident	GSELLER, Albert H.	Non-Resident	KNAPP, A.H.	Resident
DERY, D. George	Non-Resident	GUTHERSON, Robert S.	Resident	KNISCHER, W.E.	Resident
DIXON, Jonathan	Honorary	HALDANE, Andrew P.	Resident	KNOX, Henry C.	Resident
DOERKIN, Edward	Resident	HALL, Isaac A.	Resident	LAMBERT, Catholina	Resident
DOHERTY, Henry	Resident	HALSTED, Elmer Z.	Resident	LAMBERT, Samuel S.	Resident
DRUKKER, Dow H.	Non-Resident	HAMMOND, John	Resident	LEAL, Dr. John L.	Resident
DUMONT, Wayne	Resident	HAND, Thomas	Resident	LEE, John R.	Resident
DUNCAN, Dr. O.B.	Non-Resident	HAND, William	Resident	LEVI, Lewis	Resident
DUNN, Charles B.	Resident	HANNAH, George E.	Resident	LEWIS, Vivian M.	Resident
DUNN, Michael	Resident	HARDING, John W.	Resident	LEWIS, William I.	Resident
DYNAN, Thomas D.	Non-Resident	HARRIS, Dr. P.A.	Resident	LIENARZ, A.A.	Resident
EASTWOOD, Benj.	Deceased	HAVRON, John	Non-Resident	LOBDELL, Fred W.	Non-Resident
EASTWOOD, Benjamin, Jr.	Resident	HEISLEY, Wilbur A.	Non-Resident	LOCKWOOD, William J.	Resident
EASTWOOD, James	Resident	HENRY, David	Resident	Longbottom, G.H.	Deceased
EDWARDS, Charles	Resident	HERRICK, Carlton M.	Deceased	LOTTE, Charles E.	Non-Resident
EDWARDS, Edmund G.	Resident	HERSEY, Clinton B.	Deceased	LOWE, Dr. William Herbert	Resident
ELLENBOGEN, M.H.	Resident	HESS, Walter L.	Non-Resident	MAASS, Frank	Resident
EMLEY, Eugene	Resident	HEWAT, Henry J.	Resident	MAC ALISTER, Dr. W.W.	Resident
ENSIGN, Charles E.	Non-Resident	HILL, Adolf	Resident	MACKINTOSH, Dr. M.A.	Resident

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MACMAHON, E.J.	Deceased	PITNEY, Henry C.	Honorary	STEVENSON, Eugene	Resident
MADDEN, James T.	Non-Resident	PITNEY, Mahlon	Honorary	STEWART, James F.	Deceased
MARSH, Dr. Elias J.	Resident	PLATT, Thomas E.	Resident	STITES, Charles S.	Non-Resident
MARSH, Dr. Elias J., Jr.	Resident	POST, George A.	Resident	STOREY, John A.	Deceased
MARSHALL, J.B.	Resident	PRINCE, John Dyneley	Non-Resident	STRANGE, William	Deceased
MASON, John B.	Resident	PRUDEN, Dr. William H.	Resident	STRICKLER, Dr. A.G.	Resident
MAY, Charles H.	Resident	PULVER, George B.	Deceased	SUMNER, W.A.	Resident
MC ADOO, Malcolm R.	Resident	QUACKENBUSH, Peter	Resident	TAYLOR, A. Mierritt	Non-Resident
MC BRIDE, Dr. A.F.	Resident	QUACKENBUSH, Peter C.	Resident	TILT, Albert	Resident
MC CARTER, George S.	Resident	READ, Jerome C.	Resident	TILT, Albert	Deceased
MC CARTER, Thomas N.	Non-Resident	RETTGER, C.C.	Non-Resident	TILT, Benjamin B.	Non-Resident
MC CLAIN, Robert	Non-Resident	REYNOLDS, Charles	Resident	TODD, Dr. Francis H.	Resident
MC CONNELL, Niven	Resident	REYNOLDS, F.R.	Resident	TOWNLEY, George A.	Resident
MC COY, Dr. John C.	Resident	REYNOLDS, John H.	Resident	TOWNLEY, William G., Jr.	Resident
MC CRAN, Thomas F.	Resident	RODGERS, David G.	Resident	TOWNSEND, Zebulon, E.	Resident
MC CRYSTAL, Joseph	Resident	ROGERS, William H.	Resident	TURNER, Roger C.	Resident
MC CULLOCH, A.L.	Resident	ROMETCH, William H.	Non-Resident	TURNER, A.R., Jr.	Resident
MC CULLY, Francis K.	Resident	ROSENHEIM, Ralph	Resident	TUTTLE, Hobart	Resident
MC CULLY, Fred W.	Non-Resident	ROSSITER, Richard	Resident	VAN BUREN, C.M.	Non-Resident
MC GILL, William	Resident	ROWSON, Peter R.	Resident	VAN CLEVE, Frank	Resident
MC KEE, L.T.	Non-Resident	ROYLE, Heber	Resident	VAN CLEVE, Garret	Resident
MC KEE, Wood	Resident	ROYLE, Vernon	Resident	VAN DUSEN, Thomas D.	Resident
MC LANE, Alexander	Non-Resident	RYER, George S.	Non-Resident	VAN HOUTEN, Isaac	Resident
MC MURRAY, Charles J.	Resident	RYLE, Arthur	Resident	VAN KIRK, P.S.	Resident
MECKEL, Aurel	Resident	RYLE, Ernest	Resident	VAN OLINDA, F.F.	Resident
MEDING, Charles E.	Resident	RYLE, Peter	Deceased	VAN RIPER, Alfred J.	Resident
MENNEL, Christian	Deceased	RYLE, William T.	Deceased	VAN WAGNER, P.H.	Resident
MERSELIS, Edo I.	Resident	SAMWORTH, Joseph	Resident	VAN WINKLE, Franklin	Resident
MEYERS, Harry	Non-Resident	SANDFORD, E. Harrison	Deceased	VAN WINKLE, J. Albert	Resident
MILSON, Thomas H.	Resident	SCEERY, Edward	Resident	VOORHIS, Garret D.	Deceased
MORRIS, Michael J.	Deceased	SCHAUM, Otto W.	Non-Resident	WADSWORTH, Joseph	Resident
MORRISSE, James A.	Deceased	SCHICK, F.A.	Resident	WALDEN, James H.	Non-Resident
MURRAY, Alexander	Resident	SCHIFFER, Alfred	Non-Resident	WALKER, Alexander D.	Non-Resident
MUZZY, Edward H.	Resident	SCHLAEPFER, Charles	Resident	WALKER, H.F.	Resident
MUZZY, Henry	Resident	SCHLEICHER, R.H.	Non-Resident	WATSON, George H.	Resident
MUZZY, Samuel V.S.	Resident	SCHMIDT, John	Non-Resident	WATSON, Samuel J.	Resident
MYERS, C.F.W.	Deceased	SCOTT, Francis	Resident	WATTS, Charles E.	Resident
MYERS, George A.	Resident	SCOTT, W. George	Resident	WEIDMANN, Jacob	Resident
NATHAN, Samuel	Resident	SEARING, F.F.	Resident	WELLS, Reuben	Resident
NELDEN, Robert J.	Resident	SHARPE, J. Wilson	Resident	WENTWORTH, F.W.	Resident
NELSON, William	Resident	SHAW, Ralph	Resident	WHITE, Fred S.	Non-Resident
NEWKIRK, William T.	Resident	SHAW, Willard P.	Resident	WHITEHEAD, Joseph	Resident
NEWTON, Dr. W.K.	Resident	SHEEHAN, Daniel J.	Deceased	WHITNEY, Joseph B.	Non-Resident
NORWOOD, William G.	Resident	SHERWOOD, S.S.	Resident	WILCOX, Albert A.	Resident
O'CONNELL, Daniel	Non-Resident	SHIELDS, P.J.	Resident	WILLARD, Dr. H.S.	Non-Resident
O'NEILL, John J.	Non-Resident	SHIELDS, Thomas E.	Resident	WILLIAMS, H.E.	Deceased
OBORSKI, Florian	Deceased	SHRINER, Charles A.	Resident	WILLIAMS, William H.	Resident
OLDEN, Eugene H.	Resident	SIMON, Charles	Resident	WILSON, James	Resident
PALMER, S. Fielder	Resident	SIMPSON, James	Resident	WINFIELD, Albert D.	Deceased
PARKE, Dr. Henry	Resident	SLATER, John J.	Non-Resident	WISE, Leo P.	Non-Resident
PARKER, John A.	Non-Resident	SMITH, Carlton C.	Resident	WISKE, C. Mortimer	Resident
PARKER, John A.	Deceased	SMITH, Charles R.	Resident	YERGASON, John S.	Non-Resident
PARMELEE, Henry H.	Resident	SMITH, Dr. James W.	Resident	ZABRISKIE, Albert	Resident
PAUL, Henry L.	Resident	SMITH, J. Julius	Deceased	ZABRISKIE, John C.	Resident
PENNINGTON, William	Resident	SMITH, J. Waldo	Non-Resident		
PERRY, James	Non-Resident	SPEIDEL, Hugo S.	Resident		
PETERS, Franklin A.	Resident	SPENGEMAN, E.A.	Resident		
PHELPS, John J.	Non-Resident	STALTER, W.W.	Resident		
PHIELDS, Sheffield	Deceased	STEPHEN, James Brown	Non-Resident		
PHIN, John	Honorary	STEPHENS, H.T.	Resident		
PIAGET, Louis A.	Resident	STERRETT, Charles N.	Resident		
PINNEO, James B.	Deceased	STERRETT, Robert H.	Resident		

"THE BOTANIST"

News Journal of Botany Worsted Mills, Passaic NJ

The Botany Worsted Mills on Dayton Avenue (and Mattimore Street) was of the largest industrial plants ever built in the City of Passaic. Opened in 1889, Botany Mills became a major area employer and contributed to the rapid growth of Passaic at the turn of the century.

"The Botanist" was a monthly news journal published by and for the Employees of Botany Mills. Departmental "roving reporters" covered the latest news, gossip, and events for their respective areas, giving us a sense of the life and times at the Mill. Photographs, Household Hints, Health Hints, and Organization News were also featured in the journal.

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"AROUND THE MILL"

Weaving Dept., Anthony Schimpf

That Miss Rose Lemmo was married on June 4 is no longer a secret. Congratulations, Mrs. Porcoro.

Mr. Bauer's sunburn shows that he must have had a swell time at Green Pond, Sunday, July 1.

Mr. Arthur Lavers did not make a Cadillac out of his Ford when he paid one dollar for that paint he used. We know a lot of cars that get by with ten cents worth of paint.

Bill Holzel, we understand, did not have very much luck while fishing at Budd Lake. He heard that Andy Singlary and Charlie Sovich had a "way" with the big fish and invited the boys to help him rid the lake of some whoppers that had gotten away. They fished, trolled, and angled with no success. Charlie become so-o-o discouraged he gave up. We suggest that he try again.

Beside being the champion horseshoe pitcher, Mr. Paccioretti steps off with high honors for the longest name among our loomfixers, though he has three rivals, Messrs. Fitzgerald, Tarkanisch, and Rubendunst.

The Weaving Department was well represented at Lake Hopatcong on Sunday, July 23. Eddie Liebowitz, Bertha Rego, and A. Schumpf, all enjoyed themselves in the cool waters.

Worsted Spinning Maintenance

John Kesselring

Frank Litchenberger used to get away to the "ol' swimming hole" in the country quite a bit, but lately Barber's Pond has had to answer. Any place at in this kind of weather.

Moose Musial was quite an attraction at Jones Beach not long ago. Or was it Atlas Beach?

Somehow or other, Shadow Librizzi has gained reputé as a fisherman but we now understand that after one attempt at deep

sea fishing, he decided to forevermore keep his feet on shore. It's a wonder he got back safely without someone trying to use him for bait.

I Cover the Cafeteria

Erich W. Schoeppe

...we see Emil Lipitka, who has been a cafeteria co-worker for a number of years, is quite a lady killer. We understand that the girls in the various departments have daily discussions to who is going to the Caf. for some pink lemonade – and a glimpse of Emil.

Johnnie Mihalik, the counter man, doesn't make much noise except when he beats the big base drum in the American Legion band. John, we understand, is a Bill Tilden on the tennis courts.

A glimpse of Dick Reismann, the chef, going through his act cleaning out ice box No. 2 is worth seeing. Dick never liked the idea of storing sodas in that ice box.

Mr. Williams, our daily guest, discussing the respective fights of bass and other fish somewhere up New York State.

Miss Hart can vouch for our salads. They are really a treat!

Dom Tuminello, better known as Jerry, is having a time growing what he calls a mustache.

Mr. Schmidt is fond of oxheart cherries.

Eddie and Louis Leibowitz, of the Weaving, will be lawyers in three or four years.

Charles Kaiser, another of us, is the handsome lad who collects milk bottles in your department every day.

Mr. Davis dining and discussing the 40 hour week. His pad outlining the code looked like a statistical report of the Woolen industry.

John Saccomanno, Dick's helper, received that black eye, playing twilight baseball.

We're pleased to have Mr. De Liagre back as our guest once again. We understand he was in quite a serious automobile accident.

Mr. Hardin, secretary to Colonel Johnson, celebrated a birthday anniversary on the 19th.

Mr. Zola is a keen follower of Izaak Walton and takes great pleasure hauling in denizens of the deep.

Joseph "Fritz" Kasiewniak, of the Filling Department, once went to a mining college in New Mexico. He tells us he can spot a gold digger like that.

Joe Taub can't get a fellow to ride with him in his car a second time.

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William Neuenhausen, head waiter, has sailed practically the seven seas.

We notice Charles Johnson, Jr., is a postage stamp fan.

Our old newspaper friend, John Surgent, who was writing sports down south, is now with us.

Emily Berta is calling for orangeade.

Drawing-In Department

Patsy Rutkowski will celebrate her birthday August 23. Congratulations, Pat, and we wish you many more.

Mary Pitoniak celebrated her birthday by giving a party. Many of her friends attended and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

We welcome two new girls, Anna Dear and Emma Gulrich, and hope they will like working with us.

Sally Eilers of our department has acquired a coat of tan, and it certainly is becoming to her.

Margaret Maguth and some of her friends made a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada.

Mina Eichelberger spend the weekend at Altoona, Pa., with friends.

Mrs. Clara Tomka gave a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Goldie, who celebrated her 17th birthday.

We were sorry to hear that Mrs. Tenetta De Graf was confined to her home for two weeks due to illness.

Dying Department

Charles Biermann

We want to extend a welcome to the following new employees of our department: Louis Rossi, Sylvio De Lucia, Fred Koehler, John Mamer, Frank Searka, Mariano Tiparina, and Joseph Gedde.

We also wish to welcome Alfred Kayser who joined us recently. He sure does like the Dye Laboratory work. Go to it, Alfred, and absorb all the experience you can.

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THE LEARNED SHOEMAKER

Arlette Keri

John T. Probert (June 16, 1829 – August 17, 1902), an English-born cobbler of Welsh descent, rose to become one of the most successful shoe manufacturers in the City of Paterson. While his formal education was limited, "The Learned Shoemaker" was a well-spoken studious man and an avid reader, having amassed a considerable library over his lifetime on a wide range of subjects.

He was appointed by the government as Paterson's official Meteorologist, a position he maintained for 25 years. Probert

was also considered an authority on geology and often organized excursions in northern New Jersey. A staunch Republican, he served several terms as Commissioner of Public Instruction, having been instrumental in passing laws for admission of African-American children to public schools.

Probert traveled to Wales circa 1891 and researched his family genealogy that extends beyond the 1700's. He compiled his work into a publication (excepts of which follow).

HISTORY OF THE PROBERT FAMILY

As Written by John T. Probert - 1891

J.T. Probert & Sons Shoe Factory



"John T. Probert (far left) and his sons standing in front of his Beech Street Store, circa 1890."

The name of this firm is now known from one end of the States to the other. In March of '91, an article appeared in the Boston Boot and Shoe Recorder, which it may be well to quote, as it was at the time written by one, who from his position as a traveler for the trade was undoubtedly better qualified to write than most men. He says:

"A Literary Pen is needed to write of this interesting firm – from the father who has written many an article for the paper, down to the baby.

"The Principal business of this firm is custom work and repairing and such is the demand upon them, that ten hands are employed, and the business is steadily increasing. There is not a custom and repair shop in the United States that can equal this, in the amount of work or Labor Saving Machines employed.

"Last year about 16,000 pairs of shoes were turned out of this establishment. There are few factory's that are better equipped than this. There are Strippers and Splitters, Skivers and Rolling Machines and a Cable Wire Machine, a Sole Sewing Machine, Crimpers, Eyeletters, 7 or 8 Sewing Machines for various kinds of work.

"And a number of other Machines, also several that are the inventions of J.T. Probert to facilitate their work.

"The Machinery could not be duplicated today for \$2500.00, and I think I have underrated it at that."

The members of the firm at present are John T. Probert, Jonathan J.D., Marion T., and George L., each one taking charge of his part of the business.

Such is the nature of the business at the present time that orders for work comes to us from all parts, and no better class of customers can be seen in any Shoe Shop anywhere that can be found at this place.

At the present time, three floors are needed for our ever-increasing business. The building which is now sixty-five feet deep.

And for several years past, every two or three years we have been compelled to add to it. At present we are contemplating a new change of an addition of 10 by 35 feet to enable us to keep pace with our increasing trade.

To the custom business has been added a retail store department which like the custom trade is also constantly on the increase, under the system followed of good goods and fair dealing.



This family group was taken in the month of May 1887 of the entire family of John T. and Isabel, consisting of seventeen members.

As they appear in the group, Marion T. is kneeling upon the grass holding his daughter May, near who sits his wife Clara. In her rear stands Heber A., and alongside John M. Cocker, and

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his wife Maude E., in front, holding her son George R. John T. is in the centre supported by John E. upon the right and Sherman J. upon the left. In front sits Isabel, wife of John T.

And alongside sits Libbie with her daughter Nellie I., wife of Jonathan J.D., who stands in her rear and alongside is George L., with his wife Polly in his front and Thomas J. at the end of the line.

Since this photograph was taken, several additions have been made to the family group. Sherman J. has been married about three years to Maggie and have two children namely John Sherman and Elmer Marion. John E. is also married to Emma and have one son Roy E. John M. Cocker and Maude have added to the list two sons, James P. and a baby boy not yet named. George L. and Polly also added a son Walter L.

So at the present time, June of 1891, the family group consists of twenty-five members.

One loss by death has occurred in the family, that of Etta, daughter of Maude and John M., who now lays at Cedar Lawn Cemetery, where sooner or later a group will gather that will not be photographed as they will then appear. ~ June 29, 1891.

News of John T. Probert's death made front page news in the "Paterson Morning Call" on August 18th, 1902.

JOHN T. PROBERT – DEATH'S VICTIM

Veteran Shoemaker of Beech Street
Succumbed to an Attack of Jaundice Last Night

Paterson's Meteorologist.

For Years the Deceased Kept The Government Record of
Weather for This City

Was a Man of Wide Knowledge and Earned a Reputation for
Probity and Good Workmanship.

After an illness of three months, John T. Probert, the shoe dealer of 73 Beech Street and one of the oldest and best known residents of the Ninth ward, died last night at half past eight o'clock. Mr. Probert, who was in his seventy-fourth year, had been suffering from liver trouble, but it was not thought that he was in danger of his life, his physician, Dr. Blundell, having told the family only a few days ago that the old man was much improved and would shortly be able to leave his bed. Two days ago, it was noticed that Mr. Probert was getting worse and as Dr. Blundell had left the city, Dr. Parks was called in, he being an old friend of the deceased. It was even then not thought that the case was a serious one. Mr. Probert continued to get worse and yesterday, and one of his sons telegraphed to a number of the members of the family who lived out of town that his condition was serious. He continued to get worse, and the end came at 8:30 as stated above, the deceased being conscious to the end.

Mr. Probert, while he lived a quiet life, was nevertheless one of the best known of our older citizens, having many personal friends among the prominent men of the present day. He is survived by a large family, besides his wife there being eight children and a score of grandchildren. The children are Jonathan J.D., Marion T., Mrs. John M. COCKER, George L., Sherman J., John E., Heber A., and Thomas J., three of them being engaged in business with the subject of this notice.

The deceased was of Welsh extraction, but was born in West Drayton, Middlesex County, England. In 1831, when Mr. Probert was but two years old, the family made a visit to this country, but remained there only as short time (before) going back to England. They remained there until the deceased was eighteen years of age, when they again came to this country and settled in Paterson. Mr. Probert had learned the cobbler's trade and secured a position with the late John O'NEILL, a Main Street shoe dealer. After remaining with him for a number of years, Mr. Probert started in business for himself in a small way. He was the first man to make the old copper nailed shoes, and after he manufactured a number of them, used to take them to New York in a bag and sell them. His business prospered, and in 1856 he opened a small shop on Beech Street, where his present large store and workshop is located. He was a through workman, and people from all sections of the city came to have their shoes made or mended at the shop of John T. Probert. As his business increased, he gradually enlarged his shop and dwelling, until it reached its present dimensions.

While the deceased had never had much schooling, he was a studious man and spent all leisure time reading until even at an early age he had acquired a considerable library and had a wide knowledge of various subjects. He was a student of nature and was considered an authority of the geology of northern New Jersey. Meteorology was another subject that took a good deal of his time, and nearly 25 years ago, the government appointed him its official meteorologist for this district, a position he had filled ever since, his records being models of accuracy. His versatility and ability to talk well on all subjects made him a great favorite with many young men who had a leaning toward his favorite subjects. Mr. Probert frequently got up excursions to various sections of the northern part of the state when rambles were made through the mountains in search of geological specimens, the deceased in the course of the walk learnedly discoursing on the flora and fauna of the state and its geological history. Many men now prominent in the city were members of these parties and thoroughly enjoyed them. His love for books and quiet study earned for him the sobriquet of "The Learned Shoemaker," which has clung to him ever since.

Mr. Probert was an ardent Republican, as are all members of his family, and he served several terms as Commissioner of Public Instruction in the early seventies. During his incumbency of that office, he was instrumental in having passed laws for the education of colored children, they not being permitted to attend the public schools of this city at that time. This was the only public office ever held by the deceased, he having no love for ward politics as they are sometimes conducted. The Republicans of the then Fifth Ward desired to run him for Alderman several times but could never induce him to accept the nomination. He was a member of Joppa Lodge and a Nineteenth Degree Mason. He also belonged to a number of others, being Grand Chaplain of the American Legion of Honor.

The arrangements for the funeral have not been completed as yet.

John T. Probert is submitter Arlette Keri's great-great Grandfather. Those interested in learning more on the Probert Family may contact her via email at Akpromis@yahoo.com

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. GASBECK: Seeking information on William **GASBECK** and his wife Petronella. We know that Petronella died between 1912-1914, before her son went to serve in WWI. Their son Henry was baptized in the 1st Reformed Church but no birth record was located by the state. Any help would be appreciated.
Submitted by: Pat **GIFFIN**. Email: PatGiffin@aol.com.

2. HOCKER: Looking for information on the family of August Joseph **HOCKER** b. Jan. 26, 1851 and d. July 30, 1909. He arrived in the US from Hungary April 25, 1896. His wife, Josephine **KILLER**, b.1854, d. 1942 was buried in Hackettstown, NJ. Their son, Louis August **HOCKER**, was born Dec. 15, 1885 and died Dec. 5, 1967. Louis was married to Louise **LAMBERTI** (1889-1969). The **HOCKERS** lived primarily in Passaic, Hackettstown, West Orange, Belvedere and Lake Hopatcong. Submitter is also seeking data on the **DEVOE** side of the family who lived in Beattystown.
Submitted by: Doyle **KEMP**. Email: doylewkemp@earthlink.net.

3. KLINGER: Need help finding information on Marian Eleanor **KLINGER** who married Oliver **BALLARD**. She was born in 1921 and died around 1962. She was born in Pompton Lakes and had at least 6 or 7 children. Her last known address is in Ringwood when she gave birth to a daughter Carolyn Aug. 30, 1957.
Submitted by: Rose. Email: Imoverage@aol.com.

4. REIHL (RIEHL): Trying to verify parentage of Frederick **REIHL** who was born in March 1861. Frederick was married to Jeanette (unknown) around 1892 and they had two sons Alfred b. Nov.3, 1893 and Raymond b. May 1895. Jeanette died shortly after the birth of Raymond. Frederick may have died between 1913 and 1916. Parents may have been Johan and Dorothea **REIHL** who came from Germany in 1853. Children of Johan and Dorothea were Louisa b. 1857, John Jr. b.1858, Frederick b. 1861, William b. 1863, Edward b. 1868, Herman b. 1870 and Frank b. 1877. Johan died July 12, 1882. Frederick may have married again and had some step-children. Submitter has been unable to trace any of these other children or descendants.
Submitted by: Iva **REIHL**. Email: reihlthing@myexcel.com.

5. SISCO: Looking for marriage records for GGrandparents John **SISCO** b. 1828 and his wife Mary **WHRITENOUR** b. 1832. They were both born in Bloomingdale. They may have been married about 1858 or earlier since there was a child born in 1860. It is known that their children were all married in Paterson in either the Dutch Reformed, Presbyterian or Episcopal Church. Submitted by: Richard **SISCO**, 72 Disepo Ave., Hawthorne, NJ. 07506-3542. Email: richard.sisco@mindspring.com.

6. WESTERVELT: Looking for death, birth or marriage information on James **WESTERVELT** born about 1834. He married a Kate or Katherine **REEVES**. They lived in Pompton Township and had six children. A daughter Inez was born in Pompton in 1895 but Kate is listed as a widow on the 1900 census. Submitter needs middle name of James in order to determine history with many families of that name.
Submitted by: Sharon **WESTERVELT**, 6730 Douglas Blvd, Granite Bay, CA 95747.
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(Note: Sharon is a member of the Roseille California Historical Society. If anyone is looking for information in the Sacramento area she will be glad to help).