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“BOOTS ON THE GROUND”

*The Search for Family Members of WWII Pilot
Lewis C. Williams, Hawthorne NJ
KIA 1944 Nov 8*

David Berry, Pathfinder Historian, Dayton, Ohio

On Saturday afternoon (10/30/2004), I was at the local Home Center Store and ran into a WW2 vet wearing a 100th Bomb Group ball cap. Naturally I started a conversation. His name was Bob Hedges. He told me that he was a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber and was shot down over Belgium on his fourth mission. Nine of the crew survived the bail out, but the pilots parachute unfortunately caught on the tail of the plane when he jumped, and the pilot went down with the plane.

Hedges told me that he reconnected with his veteran bomb group comrades several years ago, and five years ago he went back to Thorpe-Abbots, England where their base was located and also went to the town in Belgium where the plane crashed.

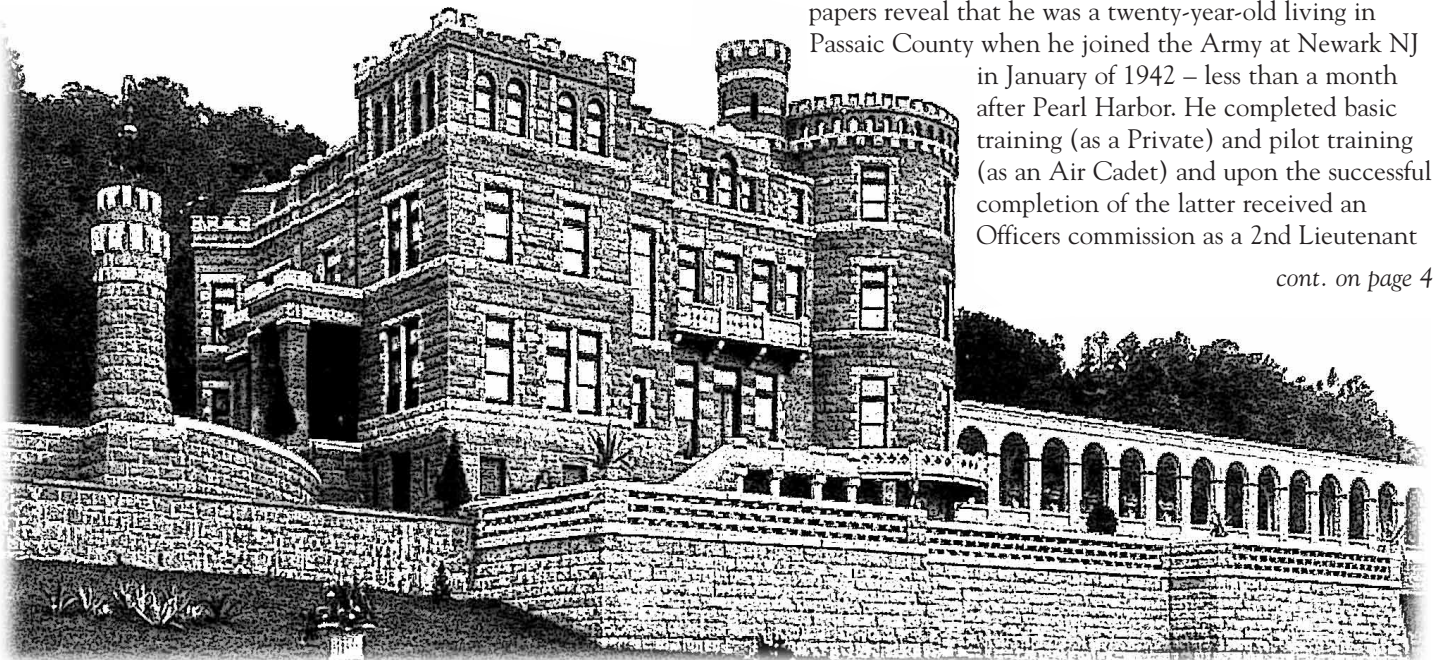
In both places he was treated like royalty.

He told me that in Belgium he was presented with a folded American flag in honor of his service. In telling me his story he said that he didn't feel like he deserved it (after they were shot down they were given two weeks "flak leave" and then reassigned – he flew 24 more missions – can you believe that!) Hedges wants to try to find his pilots family as he feels they were the ones who deserve to have the flag, and this has been his mission for the past five years.

Bob Hedges was Lewis C. Williams tail-gunner on that fateful day in 1944. He is now 80 years old. He's told me that I had discovered more information about his pilot in three days than he had found out in over five years. He is hopeful that I will be able to find some part of Lewis Williams' family so that he can present them with the flag he was given.

The pilot's name was LEWIS C. WILLIAMS. His enlistment papers reveal that he was a twenty-year-old living in Passaic County when he joined the Army at Newark NJ in January of 1942 – less than a month after Pearl Harbor. He completed basic training (as a Private) and pilot training (as an Air Cadet) and upon the successful completion of the latter received an Officers commission as a 2nd Lieutenant

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Club News

The Passaic County Historical Society Genealogy Club holds meetings 10:00 a.m. at Lambert Castle Museum on the second Saturday of the month, September through May (unless otherwise specified). Meeting dates and programs (where available) are as follows.

Saturday, February 12th, 2005 –

Guest speaker Barbara Flurchik, historian and genealogist, is making a return visit to PCHSGC to repeat her tremendously successful how-to session of 2002, "*Troubleshooting your Genealogy Problems.*" A dynamic and knowledgeable speaker, she will invite members to pose their genealogy and research questions and use these as the basis of a practical and informative discussion of problem-solving.

Saturday, March 12th, 2005 –

Ken and Edna Franz, long-time genealogists and genealogy instructors, will present "*Border Crossings and Name Changes,*" the result of their experiences seeking their French-Canadian family heritage. The families involved migrated in the 1830s and 1840s.

The problems encountered and overcome during the research behind this presentation are applicable to any genealogist's research. The searching and melding techniques presented are adaptable to almost all migration in most time periods. Only the names, places and modes of travel change.

Entries in the family Bible and the oral tradition are analyzed for reliability. Pertinent family history and heirlooms, geography and selective local history are woven into this quest. The variety of places visited and sources consulted are discussed, including their inter-relationships. The talents of knowledgeable genealogists and historians who aided their quest are highlighted.

All these parts are drawn together and melded to establish the preponderance of evidence for this migration and the identification of the French-Canadian surnames and origins of these ancestors. A display of maps and charts will augment the presentation.

Franz holds a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, and his wife, the former Edna Besaw, holds a BA in Special Education. They have been researching their family heritage since the late 1940s.

For 17 years they coordinated and taught the Basic and Intermediate courses in Genealogy and Family History at the Ridgewood, NJ, Community School. Since 2002, they have taught the Basic Genealogy course at Bergen Community College in the Elderhostel Program.

These courses are co-sponsored by the Genealogical Society of Bergen County, in which both have served as trustees. They are also members of several other societies and have made presentation to various societies and community groups. Ken has also written genealogical articles for publication.

Saturday, April 9th, 2005 –

Dr. L. Dale Patterson of the *United Methodist Archives Center*, Drew University, will speak on the holdings and types of resources at the Archives and how the genealogist can best utilize them.

Saturday, May 14th, 2005 –

Catherine Medich, of the *New Jersey State Archives.*, will be guest speaker. Specific topic to be announced.

Saturday, June 11, 2005 –

Bus Trip to historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, New York, for a formal tour of two stone houses after an introduction in the old French Church. In addition the Archivist/Librarian of the Huguenot Historical Society Library and Archives will provide a brief overview on the Archives and Collection as well as speak to our group on the topic, "Huguenot Street, an American Story," which "overlaps the tours and the orientation exhibit but will go into more detail about certain aspects." Lunch may be purchased at a number of nearby restaurants in this college town. Reservations for the all-day bus trip, tours and lecture is \$25 for members, \$30 nonmembers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –

for the PCHS's Elizabeth Ann Beam Memorial Research Library. No formal library experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Volunteers are needed to assist patrons, answer queries, shelve books, and work on special projects during the library's normal hours of operation;

- Every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00
- The Second and Fourth Saturday's of the month between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00.

A broad volunteer base may someday help us to achieve our goal of expanding our library hours of operation. Volunteerism can be both enjoyable and rewarding and I've found from my own experience, it serves as a way of "giving something back." Can you help a few hours per week or per month as your schedule permits?

Please contact Mrs. Ruth Bauer, Library Volunteer Chair, at (201) 652-5004 email birdladyruth@aol.com We look forward to working with you!

Anyone with material or photographs of a genealogical or historical nature to share is encouraged to contact me at: mj13@optonline.net

~Maryjane Proctor, ~ Editor, "The Castle Genie."

Out Of The Mailbag

A most interesting query arrives from a Mr. David BERRY, a military historian out of Dayton, Ohio. Please, read on....

"My name is Dave Berry writing from Dayton, Ohio. I have just been reviewing your website and thought this study I am doing might be of interest to you.

I am a military historian – of amateur standing going on 30 years. I spend a lot of time helping people reconnect with their own military history, and families to learn about relatives.

"My objective is finding a living relative of Second Lt. Lewis C. WILLIAMS. If a relative can be located, it is the intention of Mr. Robert HEDGES, of Xenia, Ohio, to present them with the flag he was given when he revisited the site of the plane crash which claimed Lt. Williams. Mr. Hedges was the tail gunner on Williams crew. He has contacted and/or accounted for the other survivors of the crew but has never been able to develop any information in Lewis C. Williams.

"Off the top – I am a card-carrying "civilian." The WW2 vets of the AAF and Airborne Pathfinders gave my Pathfinder moniker to me. I have been researching their stories for over 25 years, and they call me "the youngest WW2 vet they know" (I'm 50). These Pathfinders were the guys who parachuted in first – and the crews that flew them – into such places as Normandy and Holland. I was successful in getting their story on a special program on the History Channel that runs every now and then.

"Does your historical society maintain any records regarding marriages for the war years or after? Were any memorial books published for servicemen, lost from Passaic County, after the war? Are there news clipping scrapbooks from the war years? (I have found these in several libraries around the country and they are treasure troves of information).

"A curious question: If a woman was widowed and remarried would she be listed in the new marriage document by her previous married name or by her original maiden name?

"I look forward to hearing from you at your convenience if you might have any suggestions of where to look for more information locally. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone – I'm always here. I want to be able to contribute whatever additional information I can and actively work the case. But please keep me in the loop and do let me know if there is any practical help I can offer being as far away as I am.

"Research Librarians and Archivists are my favorite people!

"(p.s. I noticed on the website a notation regarding wartime vintage "clipping files" that are housed at the Society Library. I love clipping files....!)"

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Member Susan Hopkins from Illinois emails us an article for this issue of "The Genie" titled, "Meyer & Related Family Obituary Excerpts." (She has also submitted a collection of PROBERT Family Bible Records that is currently being formatted for publication in our Spring issue.) Susan writes us in part:

"I know that the (PCHSGC) website does not currently have obituaries. In about six months, I might be able to free up some time to do transcriptions from microfilm newspapers, if I can borrow them through interlibrary loan. I live in Illinois and found the following obits on a rare trip to Passaic County in 2000. I would be particularly interested in transcribing the period 1903 - 1910 as I am looking for a particular death in that period. My local library has microfilm readers." Susan Hopkins

Thank You, George!

At the December meeting

of the PCHS Board of Trustees, Trustee and Genealogy Club member Mr. George M. Decker was presented with a richly deserved plaque in recognition of his years of his tireless service to the Society. George, a long-standing member of the Society, has contributed so much, much more perhaps than most of us know. For his many years of service, we are grateful, and I am grateful. Thank you, George, thank you very much – from all of us...

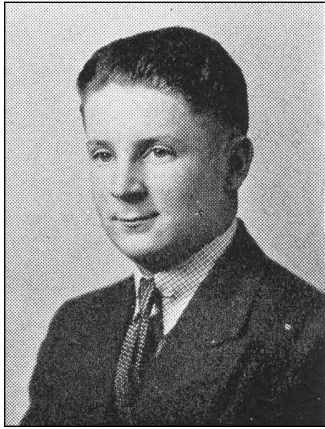
Maryjane Proctor,
PCHS Board President



Trustee George Decker receiving plaque at December 2004 Board Meeting. "In Grateful Recognition of Faithful and Dedicated Service. George M. Decker. Member of the Board of Trustees Passaic County Historical Society, 2001-2004" (Pictured left to right: Director Richard Sgritta, Board President Maryjane Proctor, Trustee George M. Decker, Trustee and County Historian Edward A. Smyk.

Lewis C. Williams *cont. from page 1*

in the Army Air Corps – specifically the Army Air Forces (AAF). Upon commissioning, he “retired” his Enlistedman’s service number and was given a completely new Officer’s number. Being “pinned” as an officer and earning one’s wings were both newsworthy events. He was deployed to England as a commander

**Lewis Williams**

“CHUMP”

533 Lafayette Avenue

If fun interferes with work,
Lew forgets the work.

Riding on trucks.

Own a large trucking company.

Rod and Gun Club, Acrobatic Club,
Stamp Club, Airplant and Boat
Club.

General Course.

2nd Lt. Lewis C. Williams as he appeared in Hawthorne High’s Class of 1939 yearbook.

of an aircraft with a replacement crew and assigned to the 100th Bomb Group (The Bloody Hundredth) which was stationed at Thorpe-Abbotts, Norfolk, UK.

Lewis C. Williams was killed in action on 8 November 1944. He is still today buried overseas at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium.

In doing what I do I have made some interesting discoveries.

His enlistment record reflects Lewis C. Williams (Army Serial Number 12050342) entering the Army as a Private. His having Enlisted is verified based on his service number which begins with a “1,” meaning he Enlisted Voluntarily. The second digit, “2,” is a geographic locator based on the Army Corps Area for New York and New Jersey (Pennsylvania is Corps Area 3; New England is Corps Area 1; Ohio is in Area 5; California is in Area 9, etc.). The other 6 digits in his enlisted service number are purely sequential. The other significant item gained from the enlistment record is that as of 16 January 1942 he was “Single Without Dependents.”

It is not known where he took his pilot training, and for an individual with basic labor skills to be selected for pilot training was a RARE occurrence. Everybody wanted to be a pilot but more gunners and armorers and mechanics were needed than pilots. College educated men were the first choices for pilot training. For Williams to be selected from a blue collar trade and be considered for pilot training would seem to indicate that he scored incredibly high on aptitude tests or that he had already achieved some degree of aeronautical skill such as having already earned a private pilots license. He would have had to have been one of the sharpest knives in the drawer to bypass college educated men to become a pilot. At each step of pilot training an individual could “wash out.” Many pilot trainees who washed out became Bombardiers or Navigators. Some who washed out early went back to being an enlisted man – and could have gone to the Infantry, or have been retained in the

Air Corps as a gunner or in some other air-oriented skill area.

It wasn’t unusual that reports didn’t come back for notification of the family and publication in the local press until weeks or months later. In my search for his family, I scanned the War Casualty Lists of the New York Times, and found 2nd Lt. Lewis

C. Williams listed in the 4 FEB 1945 issue. His next of kin is listed as Mrs. Emelie WILLIAMS of Hawthorne. (There was no standard time lag for listings – they could run from 30 days to 6 months after the fact.)

Families of deceased servicemen were allowed the opportunity to have their loved ones returned to the USA for burial during the period 1947-1950. Emelie Williams would have been the primary point of contact for the family regarding the disposition of his remains. Based on my discoveries, I would expect that anything in the paper would have appeared between late November of 1944 and 10 February 1945

(around the date that the notice appeared in the New York Times).

If I thought there was any benefit of contacting American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) to obtain additional information I would do so, but having done this over the years I know there is nothing they can tell me that I don’t already know. It seems there is a problem with Government archives where they have a lot of fires. The 1973 fire at National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis is the most infamous, and three years ago the current director of ABMC pleaded the same problem with their records in DC.



Part of the Lewis C. Williams Crew (left to right) Aubrey Blockson (CP), Willis McGuire (NAV), Robert Swan (BOM), Joe Feagans (ROG), Unknown WAAC, Robert Hedges (TG) 100th BG Photo Archives

The other resource at my disposal is what is called an IDPF (Individual Deceased Personnel File) which is housed at PERSCOM in Alexandria, VA. This was the file kept on any soldier KIA or Missing. These can be had, but they quote six months delivery, and it usually takes nine. The last one I got – with endorsements from a Senator and a Major General – took eleven months. While it would be marginally helpful, I don’t think Mr. Hedges (Williams’ tailgunner) has the luxury of time.

Lewis C. Williams *cont. from page 4*

There is an expression in the Airborne...Boots on the Ground. I have great hope now that we have "Boots on the Ground," and this connection will move forward. As Mr. Hedges told me yesterday, "I ain't gettin' any younger..."

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Editors note: Since the time this article was written, additional information has been found on 2nd Lt. Lewis C. Williams:

- Lewis C. WILLIAMS was the son of Louis (an electrician) and Emilie M. WILLIAMS
- Lewis and his parents resided at 533 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne NJ
- Lewis appears to have been an only child
- Lewis graduated in June 1939 from Hawthorne High School and belonged to the Rod and Gun Club, Acrobatic Club, Stamp Club, and Airplane and Boat Club.

As you can see from this article, in a very short time Mr. Berry, along with local PCHS volunteers, have done an enormous amount of research in hopes of locating family members of Lt. Williams. WE NEED YOUR HELP to bring this case to a successful conclusion! Given the advancing age of Mr. Hedges (the WWII tail-gunner who wishes to present his flag to a member of the Williams family), there is little time to waste....

As a rule, I don't usually get involved with queries that land in my email box from the outside....I just don't have enough time in the day to devote to it. But, this particular case caught my attention in a very big way. I have a special spot on my heart for our nation's veterans, and for them, I will always go the extra yard. Please, ANYONE with the least little tidbit of information on the Williams family from Hawthorne, is urged contact:

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Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Henri-Chapelle, Belgium. Second Lieutenant Lewis C. Williams of Hawthorne NJ, killed in action 1944 November 9, is buried at Plot A, Row 8, Grave 27. He served with the US Army Air Force, 394th Bomber Squadron, 100th Bomber Group, Heavy, and was awarded the Air Medal and Purple Heart.



Robert HEDGES in Belgium (1999) being presented with a folded American flag in honor of his service. Hedges resides in Xenia, Ohio.



Handsome and youthful looking, Tailgunner Robert HEDGES, circa 1942.



The monument honoring the war dead at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium

BIBLE RECORD COLLECTION of the PASSAIC COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Within the Elizabeth Ann Beam Memorial Research Library files at the Passaic County Historical Society, is a rather unique collection of Bible Records pertaining to individuals associated with the greater Passaic County area. These records appear to have either been donated to the Society by the various families or were transcribed from other Bible documents by Society volunteers. Below is a sampling of some of the records contained in this collection.

Of note, the data in these Bible Records has been copied as found and has not been verified.

Additional Bible Records from the collection will appear in future issues of "The Castle Genie."

John ACKERMAN – Catharine POST Bible Record

This data was recopied by J.D. QUACKENBUSH, Jr., on April 29, 1968 from material in Notebook #17, owned by the PCHS. While the notes do not give the source, it is apparently a bible record

Abraham ACKERMAN born September 19, 1831
Margaret Ann ACKERMAN born July 18, 1833
John A. ACKERMAN born December 30, 1836
Samuel H. ACKERMAN born October 23, 1838
Mary Catharine ACKERMAN born December 24, 1840 –
died January 12, 1841
Mary Catharine ACKERMAN born June 25, 1843
Hester Louise ACKERMAN born November 5, 1847 –
died January 7, 1848
Edward J. ACKERMAN born September 7, 1850
John ACKERMAN born February 11, 1808 –
died March 29, 1892
Catharine POST born February 5, 1810 –
died January 29, 1889 – married March 5, 1831*
(note: *another bible record give this marriage date as
March 5, 1830 – JDQ)

Family Bible Record of Richard B. ACKERMAN – 1869-1925

Bible printed by Isaac Hough, 92 S. Pearl Street, Albany, NY (no date). Bible now in possession of Walter E. ACKERMAN, 203 Prospect Street, Midland Park, NJ – July 1949.

Marriages

1892 May 11 Richard B. ACKERMAN and
Rachel M. ZABRISKIE
1920 Jul 31 Clarence R. ACKERMAN and
Meta WOESENER, Galway, NY
1922 Aug 3 Percy J. ACKERMAN and
Mildred B. GREBE, Bethlehem, PA
1927 May 2 Richard B. ACKERMAN and
Edna D. KIEL, Paramus, NJ

1929 Oct 15 Walter E. ACKERMAN and
Bertha L. ANDERSON, Arcola
1934 Jun 23 John Warren ACKERMAN and
Helen Marie DAVIS, Rochelle Park, NJ

Births

1869 Feb 3 Richard Boothroyd ACKERMAN
1874 Oct 25 Rachel M. ZABRISKIE
1893 Aug 31 Percy J. ACKERMAN
1896 Jul 31 Clarence R. ACKERMAN
1906 Jul 10 Richard ACKERMAN
1907 Nov 25 Walter E. ACKERMAN
1910 Sep 13 J. Warren ACKERMAN
1921 Sep 23 John Clarence ACKERMAN
1924 Sep 8 Clarice ACKERMAN
1825 Sep 3 Percy J. ACKERMAN, Jr.
1926 Jul 23 Clarence Edwin ACKERMAN
1927 Feb 25 Arleen M. ACKERMAN
1928 Jun 24 Robert E. ACKERMAN
1928 Aug 25 Dorothy G. ACKERMAN
1930 Mar 5 Richard George ACKERMAN
1934 Apr 26 Joyce Karen ACKERMAN
1942 Sep 27 Rachel Ann ACKERMAN

Deaths

1925 Apr 28 Richard B. ACKERMAN – Paterson, NJ
1939 Jul 11 Clarence ACKERMAN – Paramus, NJ
1940 Jan 27 Rachel Maria ACKERMAN – Bergenfield, NJ

ACKERMAN Bible Records

Records obtained from H.S. ACKERMAN, 35 Warren Street, New York, New York circa 1922 June 23.

Marriages

1873 May 15 James Alfred ACKERMAN
and Sarah Elizabeth ACKERMAN
1902 Apr 30 Harry B. HARING and
Ella ACKERMAN

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ACKERMAN Bible Records cont.

1898 Sep 28	G.W. POST and Mary E. ACKERMAN
1897 Aug 17	H. P. ACKERMAN and Ida COLE
1908 Nov 11	Charles N. ACKERMAN and Irene ACKERMAN
1905 Apr 5	John ACKERMAN and Mattie V. STORMS
1919 Dec 27	John Grover HUYLER and Margaret H. ACKERMAN

Births

1822 Aug 12	Henry Z. ACKERMAN
1826 Jan 22	Hannah COOPER
1846 Jun 27	John ACKERMAN
1847 Dec 7	Peter ACKERMAN
1849 Jul 7	Richard ACKERMAN
1851 Dec 6	Sarah Elizabeth ACKERMAN
1854 Mar 21	Alfred Z. ACKERMAN
1856 Nov 27	James ACKERMAN
1872 Apr 16	Mary E. ACKERMAN
1875 Jul 19	Henry P. ACKERMAN
1825 May 3	John ACKERMAN
1824 Mar 4	Margaret HOPPER
1850 Feb 6	James Alfred ACKERMAN
1876 Aug 29	John ACKERMAN
1878 Aug 9	Ella ACKERMAN
1883 Oct 6	Irene ACKERMAN
1886 Aug 6	Margaret Hopper ACKERMAN
1879 Jun 26	Harry B. HARING, Sr.
1903 May 18	Harry B. HARING, Jr.
1904 Nov 17	Dorothy A. HARING
1885 July 16	Mattie V. STORMS
1881 Oct 24	Charles N. ACKERMAN
1919 Jun 16	Charles Norwood ACKERMAN
1887 Mar __	John Grover HUYLER

Deaths

1854 Oct 23	Richard ACKERMAN
1858 May 23	Hannah COOPER
1887 May 3	Henry Z. ACKERMAN
1889 Sep 24	Peter ACKERMAN
1901 Aug 21	John H. ACKERMAN
1907 Nov 24	James B. ACKERMAN
1906 Jun 6	Margaret ACKERMAN
1902 Nov 22	John A. ACKERMAN

ACKERMAN's from WHEELER Bible TERPENNING Family Ground, Esopus, NY

Taken from a letter written by "Barbara" dated May 20, 1969:

Dear Bill,

Received your two envelopes regarding David (D512) and the TERPENNING Family ground in Esopus, New York.

I went to Terpenning. It is not set up in plots as is usual but rather in long rows. It is rectangular, with a big tree in each corner, and the rows running the long way. All stones facing the same way.

In one of the rows,

Oliver ACKERMAN, died Jan 18, 1862 (ae 44.2.2)
Rev. Liverus ACKERMAN, died Oct 22, 1870 (ae 2 9.7.6)
Jane A. DE GRAFF*, wife of Oliver ACKERMAN,
Sep 27 1816 – Apr 6, 1900

These are side by side, left to right, so your theory that Rev. Liverus was a son is reasonable since he is buried between them. There were other DEGRAFF stones right behind these three which may account for why they are here. *Your sheet, and the information I copied last December from the book of inscriptions called her Jane DECKER. She may have married a second time which accounts for the church entry, but the stone says DEGRAFF!

In another row, right to left:

Here Lieth the Body of Mary, wife of David ACKERMAN, who departed this life August 9, 1812 ae 62.5.26 (this is a red sandstone marker)

Sacred to the Memory of David ACKERMAN, who died June 1, 1833 ae 80 y. 8 mo. (this is white with a tree and urn motif on top)

John, son of Henry and Mary HAMMOND, Jan. 6, 1826 ae 17.9.21

Mary, wife of Henry HAMMOND, died Nov. 11, 1821 ae 37.11.1 (a long inscription below, unreadable)

Not clear; HAMMOND, died Oct 2, 1819

Henry HAMMOND died November 3, 1826 in his ? year (long inscription below)

Maria A.*, wife of Marinus V. WHEELER, who died July 14, 1840 ae 36.11.17

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ACKERMAN Bible Records cont.

Jesse HAMMOND Sept 12, 1854 ae 42.5.12 On back of stone: Son of Mary and Henry HAMMOND. (This is the only really big stone in the cemetery.)

David Ackerman HAMMOND who was drowned August 16, 1950 ae 43.8.25

Continues with HAMMOND's.

Catharine M. ACKERMAN, daughter of David and Eliza J. ACKERMAN, died June 11, 1833 ae 2.8.21 and Amanda Jane, daughter of David and June ACKERMAN, died August 27, 1837, are right behind David, 1833.

There was another; Mary M. ACKERMAN, wife of _____ TERPENNING. I'll look at this one more carefully.

I didn't have the list with me, so I missed Leander, son of Alfred S. and Mary Ann TERPENNING.

This cemetery is located on a hill, quite far off the road, on private property, so I stopped in at the house to get permission. It is an old, old brick house with a big fireplace with oven in the kitchen. It was bought by the FL. SPENCERS in 1950 from Ann TERPENNING.

Mrs. SPENCER invited me in to see an old Bible which had been given to her by a Mr. STORY of Kingston. She is uncertain what she should do with it as they have no children.

Deaths:

- 1812 Aug 9 Mary STOCKHOLM,
wife of David ACKERMAN
- 1821 Nov 18 Mary ACKERMAN,
wife of Henry HAMMOND
- 1826 Jan 6 John H. HAMMOND,
son of Mary and Henry HAMMOND
- 1826 Nov 3 Henry HAMMOND

Marriages:

- 1802 Oct 6 Henry HAMMOND
to Mary ACKERMAN
- 1824 Jan 7 Henry HAMMOND
to Lorrain GORHAM
- (another page of marriages)
- 1825 May 19 Marinus Van Aken WHEELER (b 1800 Dec 22)
to *Maria A. HAMMOND

Births:

We checked this. It is the same as on the Family Record of the Births and Deaths of the Family of Henry HAMMOND and Mary ACKERMAN and Lorain GORHAM, his wives, by Jesse HAMMOND.

We decided it would be called a WHEELER Bible and entries made by Maria A. Hammond WHEELER, granddaughter of Mary STOCKHOLM and David ACKERMAN.

I'll keep trying to track down why she is called Mary HAMMOND in the New York Church record and in the BEERS book, but here is a STOCKHOLM in handwriting.

There is no record of an Oliver ACKERMAN in Ulster County Surrogate Court.

All for now. I'll go back to Terpenning and St. Remy.

Regards, Barbara.

Garret ACKERMAN Bible

Presented to the David ACKERMAN Descendants by Clara FISH. Family Bible owned by Benjamin Francklin ACKERMAN (b 17 Aug 1850) and later owned by his son William C. ACKERMAN (b abt 1886). -W.F.A.-

Copied and typed by J.D. QUACKENBUSH, Jr.,
January 27, 1975

Births

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|---------------------|---|
| 1797 Sep 1 | Garret Holenbeck* ACKERMAN |
| 1798 Mar 15 | Hannah VAN HOUTEN
(1st wife of Garret)
d 1836 Apr 8, Picton Ont |
| 1820 July 3 | Rebeckah Ann ACKERMAN |
| 1822 Sep 5 | Elizabeth ACKERMAN |
| 1824 Aug 9 | Edward ACKERMAN |
| 1826 Sept 25 | Malvinia ACKERMAN |
| 1828 (1829?) Apr 6 | John Henry ACKERMAN |
| 1831 (?) | Hewig ACKERMAN |
| 1830 (1832?) May 11 | James ACKERMAN |
| 1832 (1835?) Jun 22 | Christopher McKernan ACKERMAN |
| 1810 Jul 13 | Jemimah MINAKER
(2nd wife of Garret) ACKERMAN |
| 1838 Aug 7 | Samuel ACKERMAN |
| 1841 Jul 8 | Joseph Donaldson ACKERMAN |
| 1844 Apr 23 (or 25) | Sarah Mackrell ACKERMAN |
| 1848 Dec 9 | Mary Amelia ACKERMAN |
| 1850 Aug 17 | Benjamin Francklin ACKERMAN
d. 1933 Sep 19 |
| 1853 Apr (10?) | Isaac Nuten ACKERMAN |

Marriages

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| 1819 Jun 29 | Garrett ACKERMAN
and Hannah VAN HOUTEN |
| 1837 May 29 | Garret H. ACKERMAN
and Jemima MINAKER |

POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

Pompton Lakes, Passaic County, New Jersey

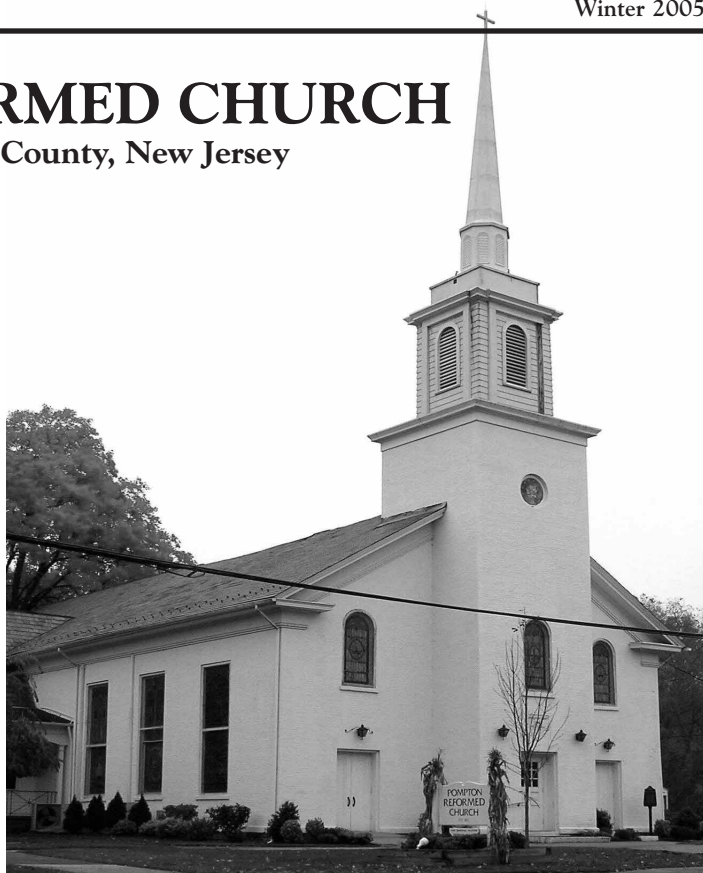
The Pompton Reformed Church is the oldest existing church in Pompton Lakes. Founded in 1812, its first meeting of organizers was held on February 20th of that year. The church was built and dedicated in 1814 on land donated by Martin RYERSON, owner of the Pompton Ironworks. Noted author Albert Payson TERHUNE (1872-1942) was a long time member of the congregation.

On a plaque placed by the Garret A. Hobart Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Paterson NJ in 1926, inscribed are names of those known soldiers of the American Revolution buried in the cemetery adjoining the church:

John BEAM, David BOARD, James BOARD, Capt. Joseph BOARD, Robert COLFAX, David D. HENNION, Capt. John P. MEAD, Major Adrian POST, Garret POST, Capt. Martin G. RYERSON.

The Pompton Reformed Church, located at 59 Hamburg Turnpike, was declared a local historic landmark in 2001.

The marriages occurring at Pompton Reformed as listed below were copied by John D. Quackenbush, Jr. in 1967 and are part of Passaic County Historical Society collections. Items in parentheses have been added to the original date. Successive marriage listings will appear in future issue of "The Castle Genie".



Pompton Reformed Church Marriages 1816-1864

DATE	GROOM	BRIDE
1826 May 13	BOWNE, Joshua	BROSS, Catharine B.
1827 Feb 17	SMITH, Peter	VAN ORDEN, Maria
1827 Apr 2	SLOAT, Peter T	BEATY, Agnes
1828 Oct 18	RYERSON, George	DEBOW, Christiana
1828 Oct 23	CONKLIN, James	SMITH, Hannah Matley
1829 Jan 14	GALLOWAY, Charles F.	LINES, Elenor B.
1829 Feb 26	BERRY, Albert	VAN WAGNOR, Elizabeth
1830 Aug 28	WORDEN, James	CHANDLER, Sarah Ann
1830 Dec 2	RYERSON, Manning	ACKERMAN, Eliza
1830 Dec 2	DEMAREST, Simon A.	RYERSON, Maria
1830 Dec 25	BEAM, Martin R.	WESTERVELT, Rachel*
1831 Jan 6	BULL, James H.	BOARD, Eleanor
1831 Feb ___	ROBINSON, Samuel	MORGAN, Elizabeth
1831 Mar 5	ACKERMAN, George E.	BEAM, Margaret M.
1831 Mar 26	VAN WAGONER Adrian	BERRY, Susan
1831 July 30	ROSS, George	FRANCISCO, Anna
1831 Aug 18	POST, Bartolph	JACKSON, Mariah
1831 Dec 22	WARREN, Morris	ROMEYN, Elizabeth
1832 Jan 21	KANOUSE, David J.	TITUS, Ann
1832 Mar 3	MCCLAUGHRY Thos J	TOWNSEND, Elizabeth
1832 July 4	DOREMUS, John	SLINGERLAND, Ann
1833 Jan 10	THOMPSON, Aaron P.	RYERSON, Eliza
1833 Jan 24	BARTOLPH, James	FRANCISCO, Margaret
1833 Feb 7	BROWN, Daniel C.	VAN NESS, Jane
1833 Apr 4	SMITH, James E	VAN WAGONER, Hannah
1833 May 4	MEAD, Thomas	DEWITT, Dinah
1833 July 4	LINES, Peter J.	SPEER, Maria
1833 Dec 2	HAMILTON, Henry	SMULLIGAR, Margaret
1834 Jan 9	SISCO, Johnson	ACKERMAN, Margaret
1834 Jan 18	VAN VOORHIS, Peter	LUKE, Margaret
1834 Feb 12	MCCARTY, Cummins	BEAM, Elenor B.
1834 Mar 20	COOPER, John Edward	SPIER, Maria
1834 Mar 29	SISCO, John	MARIEN, Phebe
1834 Oct 18	GARETSON, John	RYER, Mary Ann
1834 Nov 1	SPEAR, John	CHRISTIE, Rachel

DATE	GROOM	BRIDE
1834 Nov 13	ROMAINE, Nicholas J.	FOLLY, Sarah*
1834 Nov 20	VAN NESS, Cornelius	VREELAND, Hetty
1834 Nov 22	CRANE, Joseph H.	BROWN, Sarah B
1834 Dec 4	ROAT, Moses	VAN RIPER, Jane
1835 Jan 13	RYERSON, John	STORMS, Catharine
1835 Feb 21	PLUMSTEAD William W	ROMINE, Margaret
1835 Apr 25	MILLER, Samuel	TITUS, Catharine
1835 May 9	BLAUVELT, Henry	PULIS, Catharine
1835 May 16	NICHOLS, Abraham	BROWN, Mary
1835 June 20	VAN VOORHEES, Wm	HOPPER, Sally Ann
1835 July 4	HAYDEN, Clement	AULAND, Mary A.
1835 July 25	PULIS, John	HOPPER, Sally Ann
1835 Sept 3	CODWISE, David O.	WORDEN, Mary
1835 Sept 17	ACKERMAN, John	SISCO, Ann
1836 Mar 5	TITUS, John I	MILLER, Phebe Ann
1836 Mar 5	GARRABRANT, Calab T	BROWN, Sophia
1836 Mar 5	BALDWIN, George W.	TICE, Mary Ann
1836 Mar 5	SPEAR, William	STILES, Adaline
1836 Mar 21	FREDERICKS, Peter P	KIMBLE, Ann
1836 June 1	GREEN, Nathan A.	RYERSON, Jane
1836 Sept 4	COLVILLE, Robert Kerr	BARTOLPH, Catharine
1836 Sept ___	LINES, Ryerson	LOZIER, Sophronia
1836 Oct 13	CARMAN, Cornelius	MILLER, Ellen
1836 Dec 1	GARRABRANT, John	JACOBUS, Margaret
1836 Dec 10	VAN TASSEL, Abram	WINTER, Elizabeth
1837 Feb 2	CHANDLER, Henry	VAN WAGONER, Helena
1837 Feb 4	DOREMUS, Michael	DEMOTT, Mary
1837 Feb 25	PIER, Cornelius	MILLER, Ann
1837 Mar 18	HAYCOCK, Peter	WINTER, Martha
1837 Mar 18	MILLER, James	VREELAND, Martha
1837 Mar 25	RICKER, John	PETERSON, Hannah
1837 Apr 27	ANDRUSS, Jonathan	MANDEVILLE, Margaret
1838 Jan 3	ZABRISKIE, John C.	BOARD, Sarah Jane
1838 Jan 11	JAMES, John	DREW, Cynthia
1838 July 4	DOUGHTERY, Anthony	HENNION, Eliza
1838 Aug 12	HAYCOCK, William	STORMS, Elizabeth
1838 Oct 13	THOMPSON, Robert	MARION, Judy

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Pompton Reformed Church Marriages 1816-1864

DATE	GROOM	BRIDE	DATE	GROOM	BRIDE
1838 Nov 10	TITUS, Andrew Tunis	WAIN, Maria	1842 Mar 31	GALLOWAY, Duane	LINES, Rachel B.
1838 Nov 15	OLICER, Francis	VAN WINKLE, Mary	1842 Apr 4	VAN WAGONER, Henry	BROWN, Clarissa
1838 Dec 20	MONKS, Charles	FREELAND, Phebe	1842 Apr 18	BEAM, Abraham	MURRAY, Catharine
1838 Dec 22	VAN WAGONER, Peter	BERDAN, Maria	1842 Apr 21	MONROE, Charles	LOZIERE, Leah
1838 Dec 24	ALLEN, John	VAN HOUTEN, Elizabeth	1842 Apr 25	WOOD, Henry	THOMPSON, Harriet
1839 Jan 2	BERRY, Jacob	WESSELS, Margaret	1842 May 18	MILNE, Charles	VAN HOUTEN, Sarah Ann
1839 Feb 3	DOREMUS, Garret B.	SPEAR, Hannah M.	1842 June 30	PIERSON, Charles	SMITH, Jane
1839 Feb 28	VAN RODEN, William	ACKERMAN, Rebecca Nancy	1842 July 24	LARNE, Peter	SMITH, Hannah
1839 Mar 2	VREELAND, Henry	TICE, Letitia	1842 Oct 6	TICE, Coonrad	BARTHOLPH, Eliza
1839 Apr 2	BROWN, Abram James	LINES, Letitia	1842 Oct 19	KANOUSE, Horace B.	LARNE, Lydia
1839 May 9	TOMPKINS, John T.	HENNION, Jane Piatt	1842 Dec 31	FREDERICKS, Peter M.	DEBAUN, Jane
1839 May 9	SMITH, David G.	EVERSON, Mary Ann	1843 Apr 4	ROE, Nathaniel	BOARD, Sarah
1839 June 6	BERRY, Albert	LOZIERE, Maria	1843 May 20	THOMPSON, William J.	FREELAND, Maria
1840 Jan 8	BULL, Daniel H.	BOARD, Mary Ann	1843 June 8	VAN WAGONER, John P	VAN PELT, Jane
1840 Apr 20	BLAUVELT, John I.	BERRY, Ann	1843 June 14	AYRES, Isaac	CARMAN, Virginia
1840 Apr 23	VAN DINE, Hiram	CRANE, Mary Ann	1843 Nov 4	CASSIMORE, Isaac	RIKER, Christiana
1840 Apr 23	OSBORNE, Jonathan P.	DREW, Mary Ann	1843 Nov 25	MILLER, John	SISCO, Ellen
1840 Apr 30	LINES, Coonrad	MEAD, Margaret	1843 Dec 28	TINTLE, Levi	SPEAKERS, Abigail
1840 May 30	HUYLER, Nicholas	VAN DINE, Jane	1843 Dec 28	SLOAN, Richard	REEVE, Eliza Ann
1840 June 13	DEMAREST, David D.	VAN RIPER, Catharine	1844 Jan 4	BROWN, John H.	BLAUVELT, Mary Elma
1840 July 2	SLINGERLAND, Peter	SLINGERLAND, Sarah Ann	1844 Jan 18	SINDLAR, Benjamin	SISCO, Hannah
1840 Oct 6	MALTBY, (Oliver Ellsworth)	BOARD, Harriet	1844 Mar 20	SPEER, Aaron	ROMAINE, Hannah Catharine
1840 Dec 31	MILLER, Benjamin	FREDERICKS, Margaret	1844 May 1	GOBBIE, William	SISCO, Mary Eliza
1841 Mar 6	VAN CLEVE, John	ROMAINE, Jane	1844 July 4	ACKERMAN, Nicholas	WORDEN, Jane*
1841 Apr 22	PETERSON, William	BERTOLPH, Ellen	1844 July 27	YEOMANS, Samuel	HOPPER, Catharine Maria
1841 May 9	MICKENS, James	CARROL, Eliza	1844 Sept 19	BROWN, Joseph D.	CARMAN, Ellen
1841 July 1	STEEL, John B.	MEAD, Mary Ellen	1844 Dec 14	BUSKIRK, Thomas	DEMAREST, Elizabeth
1841 July 16	DEMOTT, Frank	BERRY, Sarah (Colored)	1844 Dec 31	TORFIELE, Philip W.	SILLSBURY, Ann
1841 Sept 11	STEER, John	VREELAND, Catharine	1845 Feb 12	MILLER, Samuel	BROWN, Hannah (Colored)
1841 Oct 2	HENNION, John V	BARTOLPH, Eliza	1845 Apr 17	CARMAN, Barney	SMITH, Ann Maria
1841 Nov 4	BROWN, John P.	RYERSON, Maria	1845 Apr 30	HAYCOCK, Jedediah	MICKENS, Ann M
1841 Dec 4	VAN DUYNNE, Alfred	VREELAND, Martha	1845 May 25	MESSINGER, John I.	WINTERS, Hester
1841 Dec 8	BANIGAN, Joseph O.	MORRIS, Sarah	1845 July 12	BAILEY, Martin	GORMLEY, Ellen
1841 Dec 12	VAN WAGONER John E	TAPPAN, Clarissa	1845 Aug 12	ARNOLD, Daniel	QUACKENBUSH, Mary Ann
1842 Jan 6	GIDNEY, Edward E.	RYERSON, Sophronia	1845 Sept 13	FOX, David I.	YEOMANS, Elizabethz
1842 Jan 19	BEAM, John J.	BEAM, Sophronia			
1842 Jan 27	VOORHIS, Albert B.	SCHUYLER, Mary			

*Widowed

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View of Pompton Lakes Reformed Church Cemetery

MEYER & RELATED FAMILIES OBITUARY EXCEPRTS

Herald News, Passaic, New Jersey

Susan Hopkins

Dated Tuesday April 7, 1936

(Microfilm roll #235 at Passaic Public Library)

Rudolph C. MEYER, retired coconut salesman and resident of Passaic for the last 30 years, died this morning at the Passaic General Hospital after a short illness. Mr. MEYER, who was 73 years old, lived at 24 Burgess Place. He was born in Germany.

Surviving Mr. MEYER are a son, Henry C. MEYER, and three daughters, Mrs. A. P. BREWSTER, Mrs. W. L. WHITE, and Miss Anna R. C. MEYER, all of Passaic.

Funeral services will be held from the home at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the Rev. Dr. George H. Talbott, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Lawn Cemetery."

Notes:

- Mrs. A. P. BREWSTER is eldest daughter Helena, married to Arthur Percy BREWSTER.
- Mrs. W. L. WHITE is Wilhelmina, the second daughter, married to William Leroy "Roy" WHITE

Further information on this family can be found in a family tree submitted to Rootsweb.com by Susan Hopkins.

See <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=brewsters&I11.x=21&I11.y=5>

Dated Friday, October 7, 1932.

(Microfilm roll #206 at Passaic Public Library)

Mrs. Susan * MEYER, wife of Adolf MEYER, of 24 Burgess Place, died yesterday at St. Mary's Hospital, following a major operation, at the age of 66. She had been a resident of this city for 26 years.

Mrs. MEYER, besides her husband, is survived by one son, Henry W. C. MEYER, of this city; three daughters, Mrs. A. P. BREWSTER *, of Clifton; Mrs. William L. WHITE * of

Clifton, and Miss Anna R. C. MEYER, at home; four sisters living in Germany and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from her late home at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, with the Rev. George H. TALBOTT, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Cedar Lawn."

On the same page under Deaths.

MEYER - In Passaic on October 6th, 1932, Susan beloved wife of Adolf Meyer, aged 66 years. The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the home, no. 24 Burgess Place, on Saturday, October 8th, at 2 P. M. Interment at Cedar Lawn." "Oct 7-lt."

Notes:

- According to all of their grandchildren and in all other records found thus far, including several censuses, estate papers, and the marriage certificate of a daughter, RUDOLPH is the actual name of Susan's husband, rather than Adolf.
- In an official transcription of the marriage record of Rudolph's daughter, Hellena, Susan's full maiden name is given as Regina BENDI. In her estate, the maiden name is given as BENDER.
- These "children" were actually those of Rudolph and his first wife, Anna MONAHAN.
- Mrs. A. P. BREWSTER is eldest daughter Helena, married to Arthur Percy BREWSTER.
- Mrs. William L. WHITE is Wilhemina, the second daughter
- The operation mentioned was likely done to remove or reduce the large goiter that was choking Susie.

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Ruth Braddock

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If you can help any of our submitters, please contact them directly.

1.) **KORINZER**, Katie: Looking for a long lost relative, Katie **KORINZER**, born about 1891, residing in 1910 at 418 Third Street, Passaic, New Jersey. The 1910 census indicates she arrived in the US in 1907 and was living as a boarder at the home of Voitik **SEDLAK**. Katie was single, spoke Polish, and was employed as a weaver at a woolen mill. I would like to find more information about her, her husband, children, etc. Submitted by: Victor **KORINZER**, 343 Via Casitas, Greenbrae, CA 94904 home phone: 415-925-1823 cell phone: 415-613-7817 work phone: 415-777-9016 dankengot@sbcglobal.net

2.) **WILLIAMS**, 2nd Lt. Lewis C: Looking for family of Lewis C. **WILLIAMS** (born circa 1922), son of Louis (an electrician) and Emilie M. **WILLIAMS**. **WILLIAMS** and his parents resided at 533 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne NJ, and he appears to have been an only child. He graduated in June 1939 from Hawthorne High School and belonged to the Rod and Gun Club, Acrobatic Club, Stamp Club, and Airplane and Boat Club. 2nd Lt. **WILLIAMS** was killed in action over Belgium 1944 Nov 8. He is still today buried overseas at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium. Submitted by: Dave **BERRY**, Pathfinder Historian, 3228 Lantz Road, Dayton, OH 45432, Ph: 937-429-4721, email OHBERRY@AOL.COM



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