



# The Castle Genie

NEWSLETTER OF THE GENEALOGY CLUB

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

## GENEALOGY versus FAMILY HISTORY

(from his genealogy program presentation of the same name)

William L. Ware, PCHSGC President

Family is more than just a name. It is an institution with many important responsibilities and functions. It is the primary and most fundamental unit in society and exerts a great force for good in the world. It is responsible for the continuation of the human race and the transmitting of culture from one generation to the next. It strengthens the community and influences the actions of local, state, and national governments, and it cares for physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of the individual.

### GENEALOGY

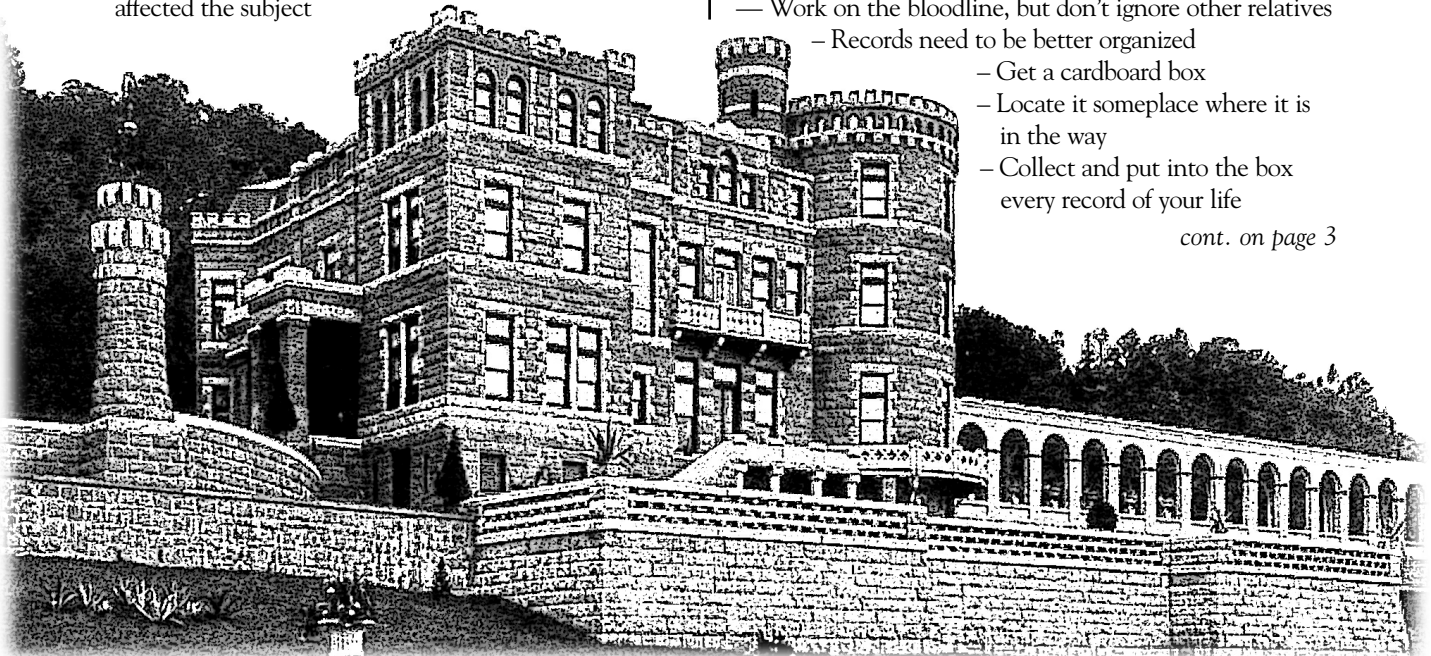
- Greek in origin
- The study of family or race
- Limited to the identification of ancestral lines
- Concentration on facts of birth, marriage, and death
- Concerned with kinship and matters of descent

### FAMILY HISTORY

- Is an extension of genealogy with an historical touch
- Puts meat on the bones of genealogy
- Includes historical information in the narrative
- Is interested in aspects of time and place that affected the subject

- Begin with known facts, and then proceed to the unknown
- Collect enough supporting evidence to convince yourself and others of the truth
- Deductive reasoning and theory have their place in research
- Make special effort to copy information accurately and neatly
- Write on separate sheets on ONE SIDE only
- Different source – different sheet of paper
- A knowledge of history is useful
- Let others know what you are doing, prepare the way
- Work on the bloodline, but don't ignore other relatives
  - Records need to be better organized
  - Get a cardboard box
  - Locate it someplace where it is in the way
  - Collect and put into the box every record of your life

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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 from September through May (unless otherwise specified).**

## Out of the Mailbag

**Member Christine DEPALMA of Suffern, NY** writes us concerning a garage sale treasure she found:

"I hope you can find a place in the newsletter to print this message. It could be a very rewarding item to have if Susan Watts, Lexington NC, writes us regarding her **SANDFORD** family research:

"I have gotten much info from your web site on Rootsweb for Passaic Co. genealogy. I mailed the Club copies of what I have done on the **SANDFORD** family. I am still working on it and it is not proofread. I had sent a copy before, but it was on my Lotus Word Pro, and the club returned it to me because they were not able to read it on their computers. I took several days and copied and pasted it onto Word Perfect which they should be able to read. Please tell them it looks much better on Lotus and the colors and fonts were all different on this software.

"Still I want to share the information I have found over the years of researching the **SANDFORD** family. Perhaps someone will find it helpful and share what they have with me."

Regards, Susan Watts, Lexington, NC [boswat@lexcominc.net](mailto:boswat@lexcominc.net)

**Our Canadian neighbors to the North** Bill and Sharon **GURNEY** of Kamloops, British Columbia write us with detailed information concerning their quest for Lucinda **DURSTON**. (A condensed version of their query appears in this issue of "Folk Finder.") They write:

"Lucinda **DURSTON** was the sister of my wife's great-grandmother, and we have made very little progress finding her. Originally Lucinda **WILSON**, she and her two sisters and two brothers were sent out from Tyrone Ireland by their parents in the 1870's to relatives in Ontario, Canada.

"The family were Northern Ireland Protestants. In Canada, they variously referred to themselves as Church of England and Methodists.

"The two sisters and one brother married in Ontario and homesteaded on the Canadian Prairies where they lived out their lives. The second brother immigrated to the USA and lived in Kansas.

"Apparently Lucinda went to Buffalo New York about 1880 where she worked and soon married a Sidney **DURSTON**. A family story says that contact was lost shortly after, so what we know is what we have uncovered by our research.

"The first record we find of her is in the 1900 NJ Census for Passaic, Borough of Totawa where she is living with her husband Sidney and children John S., 12, Alice M., 6, and Josephine, 0.

"We next found them in the 1910 NY Broome Co., Naticoke Twp. census: Sidney **DURSTON** (age 53, married 27 yrs); Lucinda **DURSTON** (age 52); Alice (age 16); Josephine (age 10). (They) own (a) farm (consisting of) 120 acres.

"Sometime between 1910 and 1920, Lucinda's husband died, and she is listed as a widow in the 1920 Census, Passaic Co.

Paterson: Lucy **DURSTON** (age 56, widow); Josephine **DURSTON** (age 19).

"By 1930 she is living in Passaic Co., on 278 Francis Street, Totowa Borough with her son-in-law George **MCELROY** (renter, 25, carpenter); Josephine **MCELROY** (29, works in silk mill); George S. **MCELROY** (1 yr. 10 mo.); Lucinda **DURSTON** (mother in law, age 63)

"That is the last record that we can find of her. We haven't been able to find death records or cemetery inscriptions from this distance. As a point of interest, her two sisters lived to be 98 and 100 years old so it is possible that Lucinda could have lived well past 1930.

"We also found Lucinda's son's W.W.I Draft information: John **DURSTON**, 41 North Monticello, Sullivan NY, born April 13, 1888 in New Jersey. Manager Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company

"By 1920 John **DURSTON**'s wife, Catheryne, was listed as a widow in Sullivan, Monticello, NY, so he had died between 1917 and 1920. His family was as follows: Catheryne **DURSTON** (age 33, widow); Sidney G. (age 9 b. NJ); Cathilene (age 7 b. NJ); John (age 6 b. NJ); Dorothy (age 4 b. NY); Madoline (age 2 b. NY).

"That is the last record we could find of Catheryne and her family. They do not seem to appear in the 1930 census.

"My own people, the **GURNEY**'s, came from Buckinghamshire, England. My father's research indicated that the first **GURNEY**'s in England came over from Normandy with William the Conqueror and fought at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. In Normandy, he found spellings like **GOURNAY**, **GORNY** and **GOURNAI**.

"Any leads that you may be able to provide would be greatly appreciated." Regards, Bill and Sharon **GURNEY**, 871 Shelan Place, Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada email: [wgurney@shaw.ca](mailto:wgurney@shaw.ca)

## Genealogy vs. Family History *cont. from page 1*

- Collect anything that is written or recorded that testifies that you are alive and what you have done
- Keep all work in one place and together
- Become a collector
- A good, simple, organized, workable filing system that provides easy access and is easy to understand
- Maintain uniform size
- Do it well enough the first time
- Store original documents in a safe deposit box and work with copies

### SYSTEMS

- Alphabetical – by last name, then by first name
- Chronological – by date
- Coded – by color, by number
- Paternal / Maternal – by each line
- Index Cards
- Folders – letter, legal, open, closed
- Binders – bound, spiral, loose leaf
- Envelopes
- Computer – word processing, genealogy software

### BASICS

- NAME – surname ALWAYS IN CAPITAL letters, the first letter of the other names capital, and the balance in lower cases  
William Leo WARE
- DATE – record ALL dates in the following order.  
Abbreviate the month using three letters  

Day	Month	Year
19	SEP	1987
- PLACE – record place names in the following order  

City	County	State (or country)
Passaic, Passaic,		New Jersey
- DOCUMENTATION – List ALL sources on information using footnotes to indicate which information came from which source  
Footnote No., Title, Author, Publisher, Place & Date of Publication, Page No. 3. Passaic NJ, by Al Miller, published by P. Lars Co., Passaic, NJ, 2005, P. 8

### FORMS

- PEDIGREE CHART – Male, even numbers. Female, odd number
- FAMILY GROUP RECORD – One for each set of "parents"
- SOURCE CHECKLIST
- CORRESPONDENCE LOG
- RESEARCH LOG / CALENDAR
- INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION SHEET

### METHODS

- HAND WRITTEN – typed, NOT written
- HAND PRINTED – black ink NOT marker
- TYPEWRITER – carbon, NOT lift-off correctable ribbon
- PHOTOCOPY – powder NOT liquid copier
- PHOTOGRAPHY – black and white NOT color photos
- AUDIO CASSETTE RECORDING – 60 minute  
NOT 90 minutes cassettes
- VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDING – standard  
NOT extended play/record
- COMPUTER – always backup your work
- MICROFORMS

### • OTHER

- Use pencil for work copies. Date your work and put your name on it.
- What you did and why you did it
- When and where you did it
- What you found or did not find
- What you further plan to do about it
- Any rearrangement or abridgement of the facts may destroy or confuse relevant genealogical information
- If you are spending more time in record keeping than in research, your system should be modified
- Use standard forms as much as possible
- Check what has already been done
- Use local facilities first
- Keep in mind that your information collection, sources, photos, documents, and materials will be passed to your posterity
- Use a tape recorder and a camera
- Describe each and every photo on the back
- Genealogy books are 939 in the Dewey decimal system in the library
- Three confirming evidences establishes a high degree of credibility for the circumstances they record
- Primary sources are better than secondary sources
- Research in person when possible
- Research can be done through correspondence, through others, and/or online
- Set meaningful goals
- Keep a journal
- Write your personal history

### BASIC RULES OF ACCURACY

1. GET PROPER DOCUMENTATION. Be cautious of evidence solely on memory, whenever possible, try to check an official record (birth or marriage) but avoid undue expense to obtain copies of such records. List your sources in the lower left hand corner of the record form, and if needed, on the back
2. BE THOUGH, BUT REASONABLE. If in spot checking previous research you find it is accurate, you do not have to redo the work. If you have made a reasonable effort to find an official record but have not been able to, then you have done what is necessary, and you can go onto another line.
3. BE CONSISTENT AND LOGICAL. Were the children born less than nine months apart? Were they born during the normal childbearing years? Do dates conflict? If so, you many need to recheck your information.
4. PROOFREAD EVERYTHING FOR ACCURACY. Read aloud what you have recorded while someone else follows the original record to see that the information is correct.

### RESEARCH PROCESS

1. SET A GOAL. This goal would usually be to find an item of information needed to complete a pedigree chart or family group record. This could be a date, a name, a place, a relationship. Whatever goal you set, keep it simple!
2. DECIDE WHICH RECORD. Which record would most likely contain the information you need to satisfy the goal?
3. LOCATE THE RECORD
4. SEARCH THE RECORD. Be thorough in your search. Does the record contain the information you want? Does it contain related information that may help you?

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5. COPY THE INFORMATION. Obtain photocopies whenever possible. There is less chance of error by doing so. If you are unable to make photocopies then proofread the information you copy several times to be certain it is accurate.
6. EVALUATE THE INFORMATION. Is it what you want? Is it accurate? Does it agree with what you already know?
7. USE THE INFORMATION. Write histories, add to your research information, complete forms, add to your family book, and set new goals.

### OTHER SOURCES FOR GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION

- PERSONAL RECORDS: Journal, Diary, Geography, Patriarchal Blessing, Letters, Seal, Photographs, Autograph Albums, Personal knowledge, Baby Book, Wedding Book, Scrapbooks, Funeral Book, Guest Register, Travel Account, Treasures of truth, Book Plates
- LEGAL PAPERS: Will, Deeds, Land Grants, Water Rights, Mortgages, Leases, Bonds, Loans, Contracts, Summons, Subpoena, Tax Notices, Guardian Papers, Abstracts of Title
- ANNOUNCEMENTS: Wedding, Birth, Death, Funeral, Graduation, Divorce, Anniversary, Memorial Cards, New Job, Travel, new Home, Birthday, Professional, Engagement
- MEMBERSHIP RECORDS: Cards, Publications, Programs, Uniforms, Awards, Certificates
- CITIZENSHIP PAPERS: Naturalization, Denization, Alien Registration, Deportation, Passport, Visa, Vaccination
- CERTIFICATES: Birth, Marriage, Death, Divorce, Adoption, Graduation, Christening, Blessing, Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination, Transfer, Ministerial, Mission Release, Membership, Apprenticeship, Achievement, Award
- MILITARY RECORDS: Service, Pension, Disability, Discharge, National Guard, Selective Service, Bounty Award, Service Medals, Ribbons, Sword, Firearms, Uniforms, Citations, Separation Papers
- FINANCIAL RECORDS: Accounts, Bills, Receipts, Check Stubs, Estate Records
- HEALTH RECORDS: X-rays, Insurance Papers, Hospital Records, Medical Records, Immunizations
- LICENSES: Business, Occupation, Professional Hunting, Firearms, Drivers, Motor Vehicle.
- NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS: Announcements, Obits, Special Events, Vital Statistics, Home Town Papers, Professional, Trade
- SCHOOL RECORDS: Diplomas, Report Cards, Honor Roll, Awards, Transcripts, Yearbooks, Publications
- EMPLOYMENT RECORDS: Apprenticeship, Award, Graduation, Citations, Severance Papers, Social Security, Retirement Papers, Pensions, Union, Income Tax
- FAMILY RECORDS: Bible, Book of Remembrance, Family Group Records, Lineage, Genealogies, Family Bulletins, Family Histories, Printed Histories, MS Histories, Family Traditions, "Birth Briefs."
- HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Silverware, Needlework, Sampler, Tapestries, Dishes, Friendship quilt, Coat of Arms, Insignias, Souvenirs, Clothing, Tools, Memorial Rings, Engraved Jewelry.
- BOOKS: Atlases, Yearbooks, Textbooks, Prized, Treasured Volumes, Vocational, Foreign Languages

## Research And Development ~ My Way

From England they came, from Germany too.  
Ireland, the Netherlands, they gave me a few.  
In Scotland I found some generations past.  
That data some light on more ancestors did cast.

Oh, the questions I've asked and the prodding  
I've done have given me years of unparalleled fun.

I search when I want to, or leave it alone,  
and find when I go back my family has grown.  
I've spent lots of time, dollars more than a few,  
but look what I got - I just found a new clue!

So it goes from one year to the next,  
looking at charts and reading new texts.  
I've networked a bit and found cousins galore,  
some living here, some on far away shores.  
I've learned lots of history, of life years ago,  
of jobs and of places that I never did know.  
One fact that stands out every where I go back,  
good character is something that we do not lack.  
Hard working they were, rich by no means,  
the best that they gave was the gift of good genes.

That's why I continue to look for new names  
that allow me to enjoy the ancestry game.  
It's spreading its branches, my family tree.  
Who knows, I might find you're related to me.

*Dorothy Nagy  
Newport News, Virginia, USA*

## EXCERPTS FROM "THE CO-OPERATOR" NEWSPAPER OF THE BARBOUR MILLS, PATERSON, NJ

"*The Co-Operator*" was a news journal published by and for the employees of the Barbour Mills, Paterson, New Jersey. Departmental Barbour "reporters" covered the latest news, giving us a sense of the life and times about the mill. "*The Co-Operator*" reported on a variety of topics that included births, marriages, military service, athletic events, local gossip, and even accidents occurring at the mill.

The Elizabeth Ann Beam Memorial Library at the PCHS contains a small collection of "*The Co-Operator*" newspapers. Following is a sampling of some of the events reported.

### VOLUME ONE NUMBER THREE – JUNE 22ND, 1918

#### MR. WEBSTER LEAVES THE GRANITE

Robert C. **WEBSTER**, who was superintendent of the Granite Machine Shop for many years, has left to take the position of plant manager at the Parrett Tractor Company, Chicago. Mr. Webster was an ideal executive; he was liked and respected by all the G.M.S. men, and enjoyed the full confidence of the management. Being a man of pleasing personality, he is certain to make many friends wherever he may go, and "*The Co-Operator*" wishes him every success in his new position.

#### BARBOUR-ISMS

Frank **O'NEILL**, foreman of the hacking department, sprung a surprise on his friends, by quietly getting married on Tuesday, June 11. The ceremony was performed in Andover, Mass., the home of the bride, who was Miss Catherine **LONG**. The happy couple enjoyed an interesting wedding trip through the South, and will be at home to their friends Sunday at their residence 131 Beech Street.

Mr. O'Neill kept his plan to himself, and no one, not even the men in his department, knew that he intended so soon to join the ranks of the married men.

Luke M. **BOYD**, master mechanic since 1908, died of cancer Sunday June 9, after an illness of several months. Mr. Boyd came to this country on July 3, 1888, from Ballymena, Ireland, where he was born and where he learned his trade as a machinist at the Braidwater Spinning Co. He started July 3, 1888, in the Grand Street Mill under Mr. Stewart **YOUNG**, who was then master mechanic and who is now chief engineer. Mr. Boyd was a reliable and capable man, and respected by all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Boyd is survived by two daughters, Mrs. F.E. **BAMBER** and Mrs. John K. **THOMPSON**, and one son, Luke M. **BOYD**, Jr., who is now in France with

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the United States naval reserve, and a sister in Canada. Mr. Boyd's family sent a message of thanks for the kind sympathy in their bereavement expressed by the people of the mill.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth **TUMULTY**, of the Twist Reeling Department, has been announced. The lucky fellow is a popular young man residing in Suffern, N.Y.

Miss Elizabeth **BROWN**, of the Balling Room, was united in marriage to James **DEVANNEY** at St. Bonaventure's R.C. church, Monday morning, June 3, 1918. The bridegroom was formerly employed in the Balling Room, and is the son of John **DEVANNEY**. The happy couple is well-known throughout the mill and have the best wishes of everyone, including "The Co-Operator," for a long and happy wedded life.

Celia **BIAGINO**, of the Preparing Department, lost the first and second joints of her index finger, when her finger caught under a lap of sliver, while trying to take off a lap with the frame in motion.

Mrs. Domenica **CONTINA**, a patent twister, sustained a compound fracture of her right arm on June 3rd, when she was caught in the belt while fixing up an end.

Pat **HEALY**, the motor truck driver, ran a bale hook in his left knee, when unloading hemp. Pat tried to hook a bale of hemp, but instead hooked his knee. He has now entirely recovered from the accident.

## POET IN GRAND STREET MILL

Little did any one of the one thousand Barbour employees in this city dream that among them they had real, live poet. Strange as it may seem, such is the case. George **GEE**, one of the guards, is the rival to Bill Shakespeare's fame, and the Avon bard will have to look to his laurels. "The Co-Operator" is in need of a poet and the job is hereby awarded to Mr. Gee.

## BARBOUR SOCIAL AND ATHLETIC CLUB NOTES

Don't forget to get your tickets for the club's automobile ride to Coney Island, Sunday, June 30. The tricks will leave the club house at 7:30 in the morning. There are only a few tickets left, and President **DEVLIN** says it's a matter of "First come, first served." There will be no reservation of tickets.

## SPRUCE CHIPS

Superintendent **NESBITT** has received an interesting letter from David D. **GARVEY**, first sergeant in the 1st Motor Mechanic Regiment, now in France. Dave writes:

"Just a line, which I hope find you in the best of health. As for myself, I was never feeling better. We have started to work here and I am hoping we are stationed permanently, for I like it fine. This is very interesting and one never gets a chance to be

homesick. I have been up in an airplane a few times, the last time about one thousand feet, and am anxious to try it again.

"Have lots of fun trying to parles vous Francais and am getting there rapidly I hope. There isn't much excitement where we are now, but we had quite some at the last place we were. I have seen all I want to see of air raids and was not sorry when we hit this place. We have not had any here yet. Give my regards to all the boys."

Mr. **NESBITT** has joined the Home Guard, in which Mr. **DALE** of the Hart Mill is a sergeant.

The store is selling sugar, two pounds to a person, eight cents per pound. This is in accordance with Government regulations. Twenty-five pounds may be sold to one person upon signing a U.S. Food Administration certificate stating that the sugar is to be used only for canning purposes. If interested, ask Billy **McILWAINE** about it.

## HART MURMURINGS

**Willie DICKSON**, who once aspired to be a jockey, has joined the Calvary at Fort Slocum; he thinks he can reach the Kaiser quicker this way.

**Kitty GREEN**, one of our best bond and war stamp buyers, has decided to "rest up" for the Summer.

It is reported that Tommy **LEWIS** has been reinstated at Anniston. Let's hope the news is true.

Hart Mill was represented in the Home Guard hike to Pompton Lakes and return by Privates **GUTHRIE**, **EWEN**, and **ADANSON**. A tough Scotch trio, eh!

Dan **HUGHES** is very proud of his "team" these days – their equal is hard to find in Paterson.

Ray **MUTH**, our office dandy, arrived "somewhere" overseas last week. Alphonse and Gaston had better look out for their laurels.

Catherine **DAWSON** of our Balling Room, who after visiting Barnum & Bailey's circus in N.Y., tried to perform one of the "thrilling" stunts at her home in Carlton Hill. She has now fully recovered from the shock.

# POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH BIRTHS

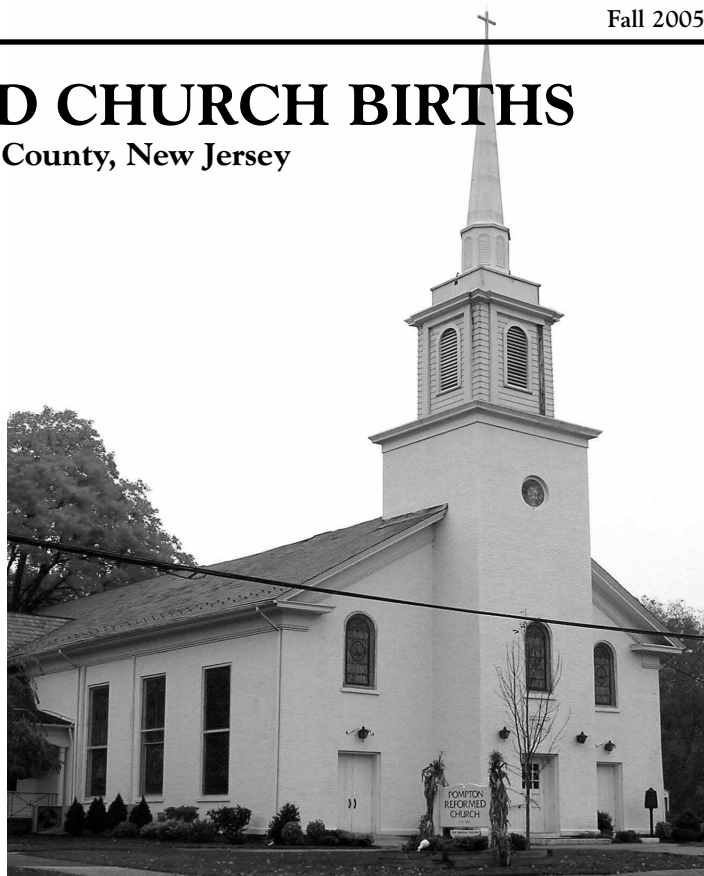
Pompton Lakes, Passaic County, New Jersey

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.

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

This is the first section in series that will include birth listings recorded in the church register between 1809 and 1864 as copied by John D. Quackenbush, Jr. in 1967.

Birth listings from Pompton Reformed Church listings will continue in subsequent issues of "The Castle Genie".



## Pompton Reformed Church Births 1809-1864

BIRTH DATE	FATHERS NAME	MOTHERS NAME	CHILDS NAME
1809 Oct 11	BOARD, Charles	SEELY, Johanna	Mary
1811 May 17	BOARD, Charles	SEELY, Johanna	Phoebe
1812 Jan 19	LYONS, Paul	VAN DEVORT, Hannah	Abram
1814 Aug 7	MICKENS, John Wm.	ALLEN, Elizabeth	Mary
1814 Mar 2	MCINTOSH, Finley	___, Jerusha	Samuel
1815 Aug 12	AIRS, Enos	DEBOW, Jane	Enoch
1815 Dec 10	BERRY, Henry H.P.	COLFAX, Lucy	William
1815 Dec 24	VAN BLARCOM, Anthony	LYONS, Mary	John
1815 Jan 7	BOARD, Charles	SEELY, Johanna	Sarah
1815 June 8	KIMBLE, Jacob	COLE, Elizabeth	Susan Ann
1815 Mar 11	BEAM, Josiah	BEAM, Rebecca	Caty Ann
1815 May 17	ALLEN, Thomas	DODGE, Abigail	Anna
1815 Nov 24	BENSEN (REMSEN) Garrett	VENDERBELT, Marjory	Elizabeth
1815 Nov 4	PEABODY, Asa	LEUZERE, Mary	Simon
1815 Oct 20	PERRY, Jotham	MONKS, Peggy	William Morris
1815 Oct 25	RYERSON, Jacob	COLFAX, Harriet	Sophronia
1815 Oct 31	SISCO, James	STEEL, Fanny	Samuel
1815 Sept 14	VAN DEPORT, Peter A.	COLE, Mary	Abram
1815 Sept 3	FAIRCHILD, Isaac	LAZERE, Sarah	Ester
1815 Sept 3	LOVETT, John	LAZERE, Elizabeth	Sarah Van Nest
1815 Sept 3	MCINTOSH, Finley	___, Jerusha	Andrew Bates
1816 Apr 2	SMITH, John	OCKERMAN, Rachel	Martin

BIRTH DATE	FATHERS NAME	MOTHERS NAME	CHILDS NAME
1816 Apr 21	LYONS, Abram	SLOTT, Caty	Caty Ann
1816 Apr 9	POST, Peter	RYERSON, Polly	Mary Elmer
1816 Feb 5	SAXTON, William	MANNING, Elizabeth	Margaret
1816 Jan 14	TOWNSEND, Uriah	STONE, Rebecca	Joseph
1816 Jan 18	KIMBLE, William	SMITH, Catharine	Catharine
1816 Jan 29	TINTLE, Charles	WITTY, Ellen	Henry
1816 July 14	BERTOLPH, Guiliam	___	Catharine
1816 July 23	SLINGERLAND, Henry	BLAUVELT, Margaret	Henry
1816 July 31	BOARD, Charles	SEELY, Johanna	Thadeus
1816 June 18	POST, Garrett	TICE, Hester	Louisa
1816 June 23	MCINTOSH, Finley	___, Jerusha	Benj. Williams
1816 June 24	QUACKENBUSH, Phyneas	SCHUYLER, Helen	Danl
1816 Mar 19	COLFAX, George W.	COLFAX, Eliza	Wm. Washington
1816 Mar 3	TITUS, Andrew	ROWE, Mary	Caty
1816 May 10	ROMER, Matthias	POST, Ann	Adrian Post
1816 May 16	WARD, Abram	VANGESEN, Mary	Rhoda
1816 May 26	BLAUVELT, Timothy	DOTY, Susan	Hannah Hellena
1816 Sept 14	LAZERE, Cornelius	MANDEVILLE, Ann	Sophronia Jane

Birth listings from Pompton Reformed Church listings will continue in the next issue of "The Castle Genie".

# FOLK FINDER

*Ruth Braddock*

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. Inquiries may be e-mailed to <pchsgc@yahoo.com>. Queries by mail should be sent to "Folk Finder," Passaic County Historical Society, Lambert Castle Museum, Valley Road, Paterson, New Jersey 07503.

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

**1. BAUMLE:** I am seeking information on the Robert **BAUMLE** family of Paterson, New Jersey. The family was in Paterson during the 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 censuses.

Robert **BAUMLE** was born 1849 in Germany and died March 1911 in Paterson. His wife Olive was born 1853 in Switzerland or Germany. Their three children were: Annie, born 1878 in Switzerland or Germany; Sofie, born 1881 in Switzerland or Germany; Hulda, born 1883 in Germany. Daughter Hulda attended St. Boniface (RC) Catholic Church (Paterson).

I would like to know the death dates of Olive and her children and where they are buried. Any information or leads would be greatly appreciated!

Submitted by: Linda **BURAS**, email: [LBOFLA@charter.net](mailto:LBOFLA@charter.net)

**2. BLOCH:** Looking for information on my granduncle and grandaunt Henry **BLOCH** (born 1876) and Anna (nee: **STEINER**, born 1881). The 1930 census shows them living at 136 Prospect Street in Passaic, NJ.

I believe that Henry lived into the late 1940s or early 1950s. I'm not sure when his wife Anna died. I also think Anna had a brother named Francis (b. 1890). Any help would be appreciated.

Submitted via e-mail from address: [pwallach42@yahoo.com](mailto:pwallach42@yahoo.com)

**3. DURSTON:** Seeking information on Lucinda (Lucy) **DURSTON** who in 1930 was residing with her son-in-law George MCELROY and daughter Josephine in Totowa Borough, Passaic County. Lucinda was about 70 years old in 1930, born in Ireland and came to USA about 1882. George **MCELROY** was listed as a carpenter and Josephine as a worker in the Silk Mill. Would be interested in finding what became of this family as they are the missing link in our family research.

Submitted by: Bill **GURNEY**, 871 Shelan Place, Kamloops, BC V2B 5T5 CANADA. [wgurney@shaw.ca](mailto:wgurney@shaw.ca)

**4. GAUGHAN:** I am searching for my grandfather Patrick **GAUGHAN**. He was born in Ireland circa 1859-1861 although his marriage certificate indicates he may have born in England. His parents were John **GAUGHAN** and Ellen **REYNOLDS GAUGHAN**.

Patrick married Christine **HASKELL** on November 12, 1885 at St. Bonaventure R.C. Church, Paterson, New Jersey. Christina's parents were John or Charles **HASKELL** and Lizzie / Elizabeth **LALLY**. Witnesses were Joseph **ST. GEORGE** and Mary **HASKELL**. (Mary **HASKELL** later married Joseph **MERZ / MERTZ**.)

Patrick became a United States citizen on April 6, 1876 in Passaic County, New Jersey. His sponsor was Martin **MCDONOUGH**.

Christine and Patrick's children were: Margaret Rose **GAUGHAN** (my grandmother); Frank **GAUGHAN**; John **GAUGHAN**; William **GAUGHAN**; Charles **GAUGHAN** (born 1880).

Patrick **GAUGHAN** died at age 34 on November 20, 1895 of malaria/tuberculosis and is buried in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Paterson. Five-year-old son Charles, who died just two weeks before or after his father, is buried with him.

The family resided in the area of the High Bridge in West Paterson, supposedly at a boarding house that had a tavern which they tended. They later moved to the areas of West 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th Streets (now Dixon, Danforth, Webster, Ramsey Streets) in the Stony Road section of Paterson.

After Patrick's death, Christina re-married a Joseph **ROBINSON**. Their children were: Joseph and Christianna **ROBINSON**. Baby Christianna died in 1902 just 7 days after her birth, and her mother Christina died the following day.

Thank you for any help you may give me.

Submitted by: Ruth Joan **GILMORE** email: [rujogi@comcast.net](mailto:rujogi@comcast.net)

**5. KERN:** I am looking for marriage information for Amelia (Emily) **KERN** who married in Passaic, New Jersey in 1874 to Simon **HERRES** in the St. Nikolaus Church. I am interested in confirming the wedding and also obtaining her parents names. Thank you.

Submitted by: Rena **JACOBSEN**, P O Box 55, Kamiah, Id 83536 Ph: 208-935-2580 email: [bugle@camasnet.com](mailto:bugle@camasnet.com)

**6. PARLIMAN:** My grandfather George **RICHARDSON** (b. 1842 d. 1903 or 1906) lived on Marshall Street, Paterson. He married Ellen A. **PARLIMAN**. Their residence was 381 Marshall Street, 8th Ward, Paterson. I am seeking information on Gorge **PARLIMAN**, who married a squaw by the name of Clearwater, and had a daughter who married a **ROSE**. She was present in 1842 at the baptism of my grandfather George **RICHARDSON** in 1842. Any help would be appreciated.  
Submitted by: Nancy Elliotte Email NancyElliotte@frontiernet.net

**7. ROONEY:** Seeking information on Patrick **ROONEY**, born approximately 1837 in Ireland. He came to USA with his brothers Savy, William, Hugh, and James. He married Mary Ann **SCANLAN** on 31 May 1858 in Paterson and lived at 159 Market Street, Paterson. Their children were Elizabeth, James, Josephine, Hugh, Edward, Charles, and Thomas A. I have been told that most of the sons were Paterson firemen. Son Thomas A., a butcher, was buried in Sandy Hill Cemetery prior to 1910 and was removed to Laurel Grove in 1910 when his wife purchased a plot there.  
Submitted by Pat MONTERO email patmontero25@hotmail.com and Eileen MONTERO email eileenmontero@hotmail.com

**8. TOTTEN:** I am trying to find birth information and the parents of my Great Grandfather, Ira **TOTTEN**, born September 1852 in Paterson, New Jersey. Ira's father was born in Connecticut, and his mother was born in New Jersey. The 1900, 1910, and 1930 census lists his birthplace as PATERSON, NY Sept 1852. I confirmed this with a copy of his marriage certificate from the Clerk in NY.

I cannot find him in any federal census prior to 1900. I would greatly appreciate any help.

Submitted by: Gary TOTTEN, Ph: 812.342.1846, 1963 South 825 West Columbus, Indiana 47802, email: gatotten@hotmail.com

**9. VAN ORDEN:** I am looking for the family of Catharine **VAN ORDEN**. She was born in 1807, lived in the Pompton area, and married Gilbert **COOPER** about 1827. Any information on her family would be appreciated.

Submitted by: Beverly Fearn PORTER, Columbia, MD email: bporter@comcast.net

**10. WALMSLEY:** Looking for information on my great-grandfather, John **WALMSLEY** who lived in New Jersey at one time. He was born February 20, 1859 in Blackburn, England and arrived in New York October 22, 1879. He was naturalized by the Common Pleas Court at Paterson New Jersey on November 4, 1887.

John married Rachel **WALMSLEY** (maiden name unknown) born April 24, 1862 and died August 27, 1884 possibly from complications of childbirth and was buried August 29, 1884 at Sandy Hill Cemetery. Their children were a daughter Florence, b. January 15, 1881 d. October 11, 1881(?); Twin sons, John William and Edward, b. June 17, 1882 d. circa 1889 (The twins both drowned in the Passaic River); daughter May, b. August 11, 1884 d. September 1884.

I would like any newspaper clippings concerning the death of the twins, information on Rachel's last name, and any detail on what John he did for a living while in New Jersey. Anything would be greatly appreciated! Thank you.

Submitted by: Jackie KINGSLEY, PA email: simplymalibu@stny.rr.com

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