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Incidents of Interests in Passaic's Early Days

By William Winfield Scott, July 27, 1901

The following newspaper article was published in 1901, and copied from one of W. W. Scott's Scrapbooks. The article contains interesting notes about early life in the city of Passaic and the Civil War. Unfortunately, it also contains some language that is no longer acceptable; however, we have reprinted the article exactly as it was published over 110 years ago. It is important not to judge the author, W. W. Scott, by today's standards, and keep in mind that this article, written so many years ago, offers a small glimpse into the lives of Passaic's early citizens.

Benjamin Force kept a tavern for several years in the store afterwards kept by John Kip. The old building may still be seen on lower Main avenue, and is a reminder of those far-off days when the building itself was considered something more than ordinary. It is of brick scarcely more than one story in height with windows on the floor above the store; so small as to be fitted for little more than ventilators. And yet this little garret was supposed to accommodate belated travelers who, perhaps for want of some thing better, considered themselves fortunate and even felt grateful for a bed-chamber whose ceiling was the bare shingles of the roof.

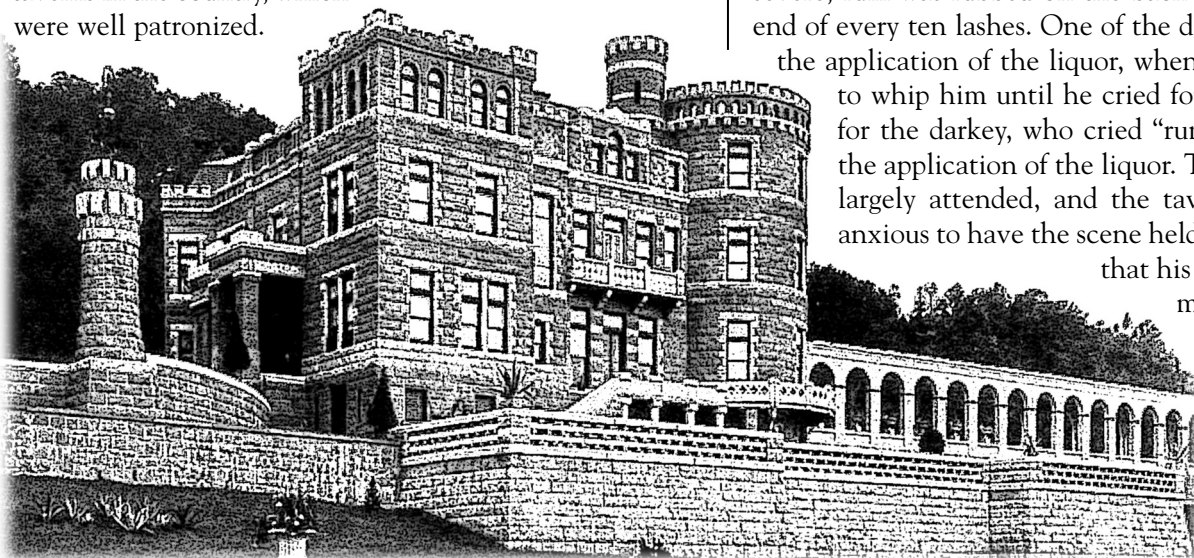
This old tavern was well known in its day, and it became famous for cheapness. In those days no license was required, and as consequence, the best liquor was only 6 1/4 [cents] a glass. Sunday was a great day at all the taverns in the country, which were well patronized.

The young men from the farms congregated here in large numbers to have a good time. Some older men, on their way to church, after discharging their load of woman and children at the church door, and caring for the team, would often stay in the tavern long enough to be late for the church service, which would be their excuse for not going to church.

A trial of the speed of some fast horses was indulged in on the River road, while the dominie was preaching in the old church nearly opposite the tavern. And this reminds us of the fact that men and boys were in those days no more inclined to attend church than they are now.

There were public whippings at this old tavern, too. One case in point is that of two slaves of John Ackerman, who, after a trial for stealing chickens, were sentenced to receive twenty lashes each. To make the punishment more severe, rum was rubbed on the back of the culprits at the end of every ten lashes. One of the darkeys stoutly refused the application of the liquor, when his master cried out to whip him until he cried for rum. This settled it for the darkey, who cried "rum," and submitted to the application of the liquor. These whippings were largely attended, and the tavern-keeper was very anxious to have the scene held at his door, knowing that his coffers would be very much enriched by the extra quantity of liquor consumed on the occasion.

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Club News

The Passaic County Historical Society Genealogy Club holds meetings 10:00 a.m. at Lambert Castle on the second Saturday of the month from September through May (unless otherwise specified).

Meeting dates for the 2012 year are as follows:

NOTE: The October, November and December meetings will be held at the North Jersey Federal Credit Union, 711 Union Blvd. Totowa, NJ (Between Rt. 46 and Riverview Drive)

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Herding Black Sheep: Rummaging in the Court House by Lisa Ilowite.

Saturday, November 10, 2012

Program to be announced.

Saturday, December 8, 2012

Annual Holiday Brunch and Silent Auction

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The Forgotten Census

Often referred to as “The Forgotten Census,” an 1879 act regulating the 1880 census requested also that states and territories conduct a semi-decennial census, in between regular census years. Authorized by the federal government, “Each state or territory that complied with this request was to receive, from the federal treasury, 50 percent of the amount paid to all supervisors and actual enumerators within that state or territory.” In spite of this incentive, in 1885, only a few states complied: Florida, Nebraska, Colorado, and the territories of New Mexico and Dakota. All except the 1885 Dakota Territory census were later transferred to the National Archives. And while other state census records do exist for that period, this was the only federally-sponsored census. As with previous federal censuses, Population, Agricultural, Manufactures and Mortality schedules were included, each of which provides significant information on those enumerated – some of which might not be found elsewhere, helping to fill in for the lost 1890 census for participating states. (The original data for the 1890 Census is no longer available. Almost all the population schedules were damaged in a fire in the basement of the Commerce Building in Washington, D.C. in 1921.)

All of the 1885 census schedules held at the National Archives have been microfilmed, and some are available online. Following are the microfilm numbers for participating states:

New Mexico Territory #M846

Florida #M845

Nebraska # M352

Colorado #M158

The Dakota Territory schedules were not transferred to the National Archives, but are held respectively at the South Dakota State Archives or the North Dakota State Archives.

A New Jersey State Census was taken every ten years beginning in 1855 and ending with 1915. Many libraries with major genealogical holding may have copies of the microfilms. Most the material is not indexed; however, Ancestry.com does have the 1895 Census indexed. Original and microfilm copies of the N.J. state census are available at NJ Division of Archives, Trenton, NJ. The 1885 Census was the fourth decennial census enumerated by the State of New Jersey and is the earliest to have survived in full. Through volunteer efforts, the enumeration has been indexed for Passaic County and is searchable at: <https://wwwnet1.state.nj.us/DOS/Admin/ArchivesDBPortal/Census1885.aspx>.

(The Passaic County enumerations (not indexed) are available at the PCHS Library. The library is open Wednesday through Friday 1 p.m. to 4 pm. and on the second and fourth Saturday of the month 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Divorce American Style

Excerpted and Condensed From *Genealogy Today*

As we research the lives of our ancestors, one record source we often forget to consider is that of divorce records.

Divorce seems like a hot button topic for our modern times. We live in a world where our lives are busy and family life is getting harder and harder. It is said that one in two marriages will end in divorce. Many lament that divorce has become so easy that it is becoming an epidemic. While not as much of a stigma in our modern world, divorce still conjures up heated debates and strong feelings.

As we research the lives of our ancestors, one record source we often forget to consider is that of divorce records. Many family historians operate under the belief that divorce is part of modern day life and not something our ancestors faced. In reality, our ancestors' lives included many of the same scandals and problems.

The History of Divorce

The practice of divorcing one's spouse has been around for a long time. In fact, it is believed that the first divorce in America was in 1639 from a Puritan court in Massachusetts. According to Norma Basch, author of *Framing American Divorce*, divorce has a long history and American courts really set out the guidelines and rules for divorce in the period of time between the Revolutionary War and the Civil War.¹ Late nineteenth century Americans in the eastern part of the country were concerned about divorce in the West. They felt that the West's liberal court systems were contributing to a moral decline by granting, "quickie divorces" for couples from other states, who would go west just to seek an end to their marriage.²

Looking For the Records

Divorce records, like any court record, can be loaded with important information about your family. Just as probate records may give clues to other family members and provide a picture to how a family lived based on the inventory of their possessions, divorce records also provide names of family members and can often include a list of property, possessions that they are dividing amongst themselves.

For the most part, divorce proceedings were a matter for civil court. Divorce is simply the termination of marriage by legal action. So, a divorce is a legal matter where one spouse is suing the other spouse. If you suspect your ancestor was divorced, you'll want to search one of two places. Check websites such as www.vitalrec.com for health department and vital record offices that have verifications of divorces. The listing on this website is by state and lists the date records are available, the address to send for records and the cost involved. Additionally, you will want to write or visit the county courthouse where your ancestor

resided. You can find the contact information for county courthouses on the Internet through sites like the www.usgenweb.com or by looking for the county's official website.

If you choose to visit the courthouse in the county of your ancestor's home, ask for the index for the civil court minutes from the time period you believe the divorce may have happened. Once you locate your ancestor's name, note the case number and ask the court clerk to bring out the civil court minutes ledger for that time period. It is possible that case notes from the actual trial might be available in separate files.

When looking through the ledger, don't stop reading at the first reference to your ancestor's case, remember, like today, cases are often continued and extend over several days or weeks. Divorce trials were continued for lots of different reasons. Your ancestor's case may be noted on several pages of the ledger or continue through to additional ledgers. The ledger should provide information about the divorce proceedings, including your ancestor's names and any minor children residing with them. In cases where your ancestor was a slaveholder, in divorce cases prior to 1865, slaves named may be mentioned as property that was divided between the spouses. (The records should indicate jury member's names and if the defendant was found guilty or not guilty and what the settlement was.)

If you are lucky, the actual case notes from the trial may still exist. Case notes are loose papers in a folded paper envelope that will provide more detail on the case and what happened.

As genealogists we should take a lesson from modern day business talk and think "outside of the box" as we piece together the lives of our ancestors. Check your assumptions about different time periods and people who lived in them. Be open to lots of possibilities about what our ancestors did. Our ancestors got married, divorced, married multiple times, had affairs and were normal every day people like people are today. Although every era has certain cultural morays, people do not always follow them. Indicating a divorce on a family tree or pedigree chart with any kind of detail is limited by space. Spouses are typically viewed in a straight line from the subject, either vertically or horizontally, with children born of that marriage listed below. Divorce can be indicated on a family tree by the abbreviation for divorce followed by the year the divorce took place, if known, i.e. dv. 1950.

¹ Basch, Norma. *Framing American Divorce: From the Revolutionary Generation to the Victorians*. 1999. Berkeley: University of California Press.

² Riley, Glenda. *Divorce: An American Tradition*. 1991. Oxford University Press.

Civil War Obituaries

Extracts from Paterson Press and Paterson Guardian Newspapers 1861-1867

- Oct. 16, 1861 Died Oct. 18th at Hospital, Richmond, Va., Wm. S. PIERSON, son of Horace PIERSON of Bloomfield, N.J., age 20-4-0.
- May 17, 1862 Killed at the Battle of Williamsburg, Major Peter M. RYERSON, age in 64th year. Funeral Monday, May 19th, 9 a.m. from his late residence, 701 Broad St., Newark, N.J., or from the Ref. Dutch Church at Pompton 2-1/2 o'clock p.m.
- May 19, 1862 Killed in the Battle of Williamsburg on Monday, May 5, 1st Corporal James WATSON of Co. G., 7th Reg. N.J. Volunteers, age 20-3-7. Funeral from the residence of his mother, 16 McGee Alley tomorrow.
- May 30, 1862 At his residence near Belleville, May 27th, Captain Aaron YOUNG of Co. F., 2nd Reg. NJV, age 47.
- June 20, 1862 June __, in the hospital of typhoid fever, Patrick RAFFERTY, Corporal of Co. 1, 1st Reg. Sickles Brigade, before Richmond.
- June 27, 1862 May 26th at Mill Springs General Hospital from wounds received at the battle of Williamsburg, John H. FREELAND, a member of Co. F., 5th New Jersey.
- July 8, 1862 Killed in action at Fair Oaks, Va., Wednesday, June 25th, Lieut. Adolphus T. CHAZOTTE, 7th Reg. N.J. Vol., age 25-7-7. Buried tomorrow (Thurs.) in the New York Bay Cemetery.
- July 17, 1862 At the camp of the 5th Reg. N.J. Volunteers near James River, Va., July 10, Henry HANNEY, a native of Ireland, member of Co. G., and a late resident of Paterson, in his 30th year.
- July 19, 1862 At sea on board steamship Daniel Webster, on the passage to New York from Fortress Monroe, Jeremiah P. WILLIAMS, son of Russel C. WILLIAMS of West Milford, N.J. Soldier of the 57th N.Y. Reg. Died on his way to a Northern hospital by train.
- July 21, 1862 In Brooklyn Hospital on Sunday of typhoid fever and exhaustion contracted by digging in the trenches before Richmond, John ACKERLEY of Co. K. 8th N.J. Reg. The deceased brought to Paterson by train; funeral at Market Street Depot. Had a wife and 2 children, one age 6 and the other 2 years old.
- Aug. 1, 1862 At Elizabeth, Wed., July 30 in his 33rd year, David HATFIELD, Major of the 1st Reg. N.J.V. He was wounded in one of the last battles before Richmond. Funeral at the 3rd Presbyterian Church of which he was a member, on Saturday, August 2nd.
- Aug. 22, 1862 At Staunton, Va. On Sunday, May 18th, from wounds received in battle, Flavel M. FRANKS, youngest son of J.J. FRANKS of Bergen. Age 24 years.
- Aug. 30, 1862 At Chesapeake Hospital, Fortress Monroe, on Tues. Aug. 26, John W. FLAVELL, Co. 1, 2nd N.J. Reg., age 26 yrs, 24 mos. Funeral from the Congregational Church, tomorrow.
- Sept. 20, 1862 On the field of battle, Sunday, Sept. 14, William MC CLOUD of this city, son of Austin MC CLOUD, age 19-11-19.
- Sept 22, 1862 Captain High C. IRISH, killed by a sharpshooter in his 1st battle, Wed. last – Co. K. 13th Reg. He had a brother of Hackensack; he left a family, wife and children. Enrolled Aug. 22, 1862; mustered in Aug. 25, 1862. Killed at Antietam.
- Sept. 29, 1862 Killed at Manassas while fighting for his country, James Bently BENJAMIN, son of John and Eliza BENJAMIN, formerly of Paterson.
- Oct. 15, 1862 At Fairfax Seminary Hospital, Wed. Oct. 1st, Cornelius W. BROWER of Co. 1, 24 Reg. N.J. Vols. In his 23rd year. Funeral Friday at 2nd Ref. Dutch Church.

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- Oct. 15, 1862 Sept. 17 at battle of Antietam, Sergeant Joseph WARREN of Co. P. Baxter's Fire Zouaves, in his 32nd year. He also served in the Mexican War, also during the 8 months campaign.
- Nov. 11, 1862 In Camp Hospital, Near Sharpsburg, Md., on Wednesday, Nov. 5th, Orderly Sergeant Ellsworth BROWER of Co. C. 13th Reg. N.J. Vols.
- Nov. 15, 1862 In this city, Sat., Nov. 15th, in service of this country, Joseph ADAMS of the 6th N.Y. Vols., age 28 yrs, 10 mos. Funeral from residence of his mother at No. 4 Market Street, on Sunday.
- Dec. 11, 1862 Dec. 3, Stephen R. CHARDOVIAN, soldier in Co. C. 2nd N.J. Reg. Body arrived today, funeral tomorrow.
- Dec. 13, 1862 In hospital near Sharpsburg, Md., Thurs. Dec. 4th, Corp. Frederick W. BINES of Co. F. 13th Reg. N.J. Vols., age 21 yrs, 5 mos.
- Dec. 13, 1862 Killed at Antietam, Sept. 27th, Corp John T. BRANT of Co. F. 13th N.J. Vols., in his 23rd year.
- Dec. 27, 1862 In Washington, D.C., Dec. 22nd. David VEDER, Corporal in Co. A. 25th N.J.V. Funeral at Mead's Basin on Sunday.
- Dec. 29, 1862 Killed at Fredericksburg, Sat, Dec. 13th. Lieut. Mark Wilks Collet BARCLAY, age 18 yrs. 6 mos., eldest son of Annie W.C. and John O.C. BARCLAY, surgeon U.S.N.
- Jan. 20, 1863 Corporal Anthony G. POST of Co. H. 25th N.J. Vol. Funeral from 1st Presbyterian Lecture Room, tomorrow.
- Feb. 24, 1863 In Libby Hospital, Washington, D.C., Jan. 22nd, Private Henry J. D. HART, Co. C. 25th N.J. Reg.
- Feb. 24, 1863 In Libby Hospital, Washington, D.C., Jan 7th, Private Charles H. COMBS, Co. C. 25th N.J. Reg.
- Apr 3, 1863 In Camp, Belle Plains, Va., Mar. 27th, John W. TOUSEY, eldest son of George and Elizabeth TOUSEY.
- Apr. 28, 29 1863 In this city, today, Thomas MESSENGER, a Private in Co. 1, 1st Reg., Excelsior Brigade, N.Y.S.V., age 23 years 9 months. Funeral from Cross Street M.E. Church.
- Apr. 30, 1863 In Camp Hospital, April 26th, Private Emile LABIAUX of Co. H, 25th Reg. N.J. Vols., age 21 years
- May 5, 1863 At Suffolk, Va. On 4th inst., Rev. F.E. BUTLER, Chaplain 25th N.J. Volunteers.
- May 13, 1863 May 6th at Fredericksburg, Va. from wounds received in battle, Gilliam VAN HOUTEN, Col. Of 21st Reg. N.J. Vols., age 43-7-23. Funeral from his late residence, Centre St., West Palisade Ave., Hudson City, May 14th. Remains to be brought to Paterson by 12 o'clock train from Long Dock, Jersey City.
- May 20, 1863 At Fredericksburg, May 3rd, in his 37 year, Colonel Mark Wilks COLLET of 1st N.J. Vols., son of late Mark W. COLLET of Paterson.
- June 2, 1863 In Lincoln Hospital, John A. HOPPER, Private Co. E., 22nd N.J. Vols., body brought on for interment.
- June 11, 1863 Fell in action on the Rappahannock on June 5th, Captain Charles W. CANFIELD, 2nd U.S. Calvary, age 29. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Morristown, June 13th.
- July 10, 1863 Killed in battle at Gettysburg on the 2nd of July, George W. DOUGLAS, son of Aaron and Mary A. DOUGLAS of Paterson. Age 18 years, 11 months.
- July 17, 1863 Funeral of Captain ACKERMAN this afternoon. Co. H. of 25th N.J. Reg. acted as escort. The procession went through Main Street over the river to the burial grounds above the falls, returning over the Lanargan Bridge. Note: Andrew H. ACKERMAN, Capt. Co. C. 11th Reg., killed in action at Gettysburg, Pa, July 2, 1863.

Civil War Obituaries *cont. from page 5*

- Aug. 31, 1863 Oliver F. PENNY, in Military Hospital at Gallatin Tenn., Jan. 26th, age 29. For some years a resident of Little Falls, and Superintendent of the Little Falls Quarry. Since then has resided in Illinois. Joined Union Army; shot at Battle of Perryville.
- July 8, 1864 Died July 6th in Chestnut Hill Hospital Philadelphia, of wounds received in battle of Petersburg, Va., June 17th. Peter J. DOREMUS, son of John H. DOREMUS, grocer, age 25 years, with Capt. McKiernan's Co. in 7th N.J. Vol. Funeral at 2nd Reformed Church, North Ward, tomorrow.
- Aug. 8, 1864 At Petersburg, Va., July 30th, Major Samuel M. SWARTWOUT, in the 25th year of his age.
- Jan. 14, 1865 In the city of Newark, Jan. 12th, Sergeant James G. GARABRANT of the 39th Reg. N.J. Vol. Funeral on Sunday from the Primitive M.E. Church, Division Street. His residence was at 10 Passaic Street
- Feb. 7, 1865 On the 18th of Jan. at Napoleonville Louisiana, 1st Lieutenant Albert CLAPP, age 23.
- Apr. 13, 1865 At Washington D.C., May [Mar.] 28th, John MENISH of Co. F. 10th Reg. N.J. Vol., son of the late Hugh MENISH of this city. Funeral from the 1st Presbyterian Church on Friday.
- Apr. 26, 1865 David TUERS, Co. D. 11th U.S. Infantry, age 25, died April 15th at U.S.A. General Hospital, Annapolis, Md. The remains were taken today to Centreville, Bergen Co. for internment. He was taken prisoner on June 8th last, near Richmond. He was confined in various prisons and exchanged at Wilmington in a sickly condition.
- May 1, 1865 Shot by guerillas near Colesboro, KY, on Feb. 18th. John S. WARD, orderly sergeant, 2nd Ohio Heavy Artillery, age 27
- May 13, 1865 April 13th, at Hampton Hospital, Fortress Monroe, Samuel SAMPSON of the 22nd Reg. U.S. Colored Troops. Funeral on Sunday from the Godwin Street Church.
- May 17, 1865 At Columbia Hospital, Washington, D. C. on May 14th, William S. CUTHBERT, 15th N.J. Vol. Taken ill at Burkesville Station, Va., and first sent to City Point. Funeral at the Baptist Chapel on the corner of Willis and Straight Streets, tomorrow.
- May 27, 1865 Killed at plantation, South side R.R., April 3rd, Sergeant John C. BOGERT, Co. F. 3rd Reg. N.J. Calvary, Age 25.8.10. Funeral at Market Street M.E. Church on Sunday.
- July 3 1865 Feb. 15th at Andersonville, Charles ANYS, Co. 1, 33 N.J. Vols., formerly of this city. Taken prisoner at Peach Tree Creek, age 28 years.
- Nov 15, 1865 The body of John C. BOGERT, who was instantly killed at Taylor's Bluff, Va., April 3rd, has been recovered and will be buried tomorrow from the Market Street M.E. Church.
- Nov. 20, 1865 From illness contracted by exposure while in the Army, Henry MC GEE, age 40. Funeral Tuesday from residence Hamburg Avenue.
- Jan. 6, 1866 At Aqua Creek, May 18, 1863, from wounds received at the Battle of Chancellorsville, William E. HALSTEAD, Co. K. 8th Reg. N.J. Vols., age 36. Funeral on Sunday at the Market Street M.E. Church.
- Apr. 24, 25, 1866 In this city, Apr. 24th of disease contracted at Salisbury Prison, Bernard BRADLEY, age 46. Enlisted as a private in the 5th N.Y. Artillery Feb, 14, 1863. He was taken prisoner twice. The last time he was captured while fighting under Sheridan on Oct. 19, 1864, and was taken to Salisbury Prison, where he remained for 5 months, or until the close of the war. He was discharged July 1865. Funeral Thursday from Cross Street M.E. Church.
- Mar. 7, 1867 Died Mar. 6th, in Paterson, of disease contracted in Andersonville Prison, Robert Watts of Co. F. 10th N.J. Vol. age 24.6.6. Funeral from 27 Passaic Street on March 8th.

Passaic's Early Days *cont. from page 1*

When Force retired business was never resumed at his old stand. From here he went up on the Weasel road, where he settled down on a little place at the corner of the present Randolph street, or Dayton avenue, near the Dundee dam.

Cholera 1872 [sic 1832]

Standing near the driveway that leads across the graveyard of the old church from Gregory avenue to New street, is a small white tombstone bearing this inscription:

IRA OTIS
Died July 21, 1832
Aged 33 yrs. 1 month and 2 days.

Ira Otis was a civil engineer who surveyed, laid out and constructed that part of the Erie railroad from Rutherford to Clifton. It was while superintending the excavating of the road through the church lands that he was stricken with cholera which raged furiously in New York and throughout the country generally in that year. There were many cases here nearly all terminating fatally. The upper part of the old "Tap House" adjoining the church was turned into a hospital, especially for these victims. Otis died there. He was a smart, intelligent young man, and gave promise of a brilliant career. His loss was keenly felt by the railroad, who missed his valuable services very much.

War of the Rebellion

Although Passaic was a small hamlet in 1861-65, many of her sons enlisted in the war for the Union.

Pursuant to the call of President Lincoln for 10,478 men to serve nine months, the Twenty-fifth New Jersey Volunteer Regiment was made up and completed in September, 1862, of which five companies were made up in Passaic County. The late Andrew Derrom was colonel, E.J. Ayres of Paterson lieutenant-colonel, Judge Inglis quartermaster, Dominie Robinson chaplain and Charles J. Field sergeant-major.

This regiment took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, during which nine were killed, 58 wounded and 18 missing. This regiment did good service in blocking Longstreet's attempt to capture Norfolk and Portsmouth.

Having completed its term of nine months, it was mustered out of service June 20, 1863.

Among the members of the companies of this regiment, then living in this locality were: David Ackerman, William Bogart, Jacob Z. Brovoort, Charles Denholm (of Denholm Brothers), Abraham Ennis (a relative of the Richard Ennis of Delawanna who was hanged in the Revolution), Leonard Faulkner, Richard Oakes. George M. Post, Louis A. Piaget, William Ryan, William Riker, John, Edward and Josiah Spear, Henry and John Snyder, David Tuers, George and Philip H. Van Riper, Garret Vreeland.

This by no means includes the large number who went from here to the war, joining other regiments. It would be interesting to compile a list of these men, which we are sure would be a long one.

The first directory of the village was issued and published, May 1, 1873, by Alfred Speer. A few copies are in existence. The book is small, measuring 9 by 6 inches, contains 852 names of residents and has only 63 pages. Its title is:

Speer's
Passaic Village
Directory
1871-2
Containing a list of the United States
and New Jersey State Officers. Together
with a List of County
and Village Officers.
Published by: Alfred Speer. Passaic, N. J.
May 1871

In 1872 Henry Everton published his Passaic and Clifton Directory, which contained 1,012 Passaicites, showing an increase during one year. This increase has continued ever since. In looking over an old copy recently, the writer came across the modest card of "John W. Griggs, attorney-at-law, 145 Ellison Street, Paterson". [See Note]

Accompanying this directory is the first published map of the city of Passaic.

Note: John William Griggs (July 10, 1849 – November 28, 1927) was an American Republican Party politician, who served as the 29th Governor of New Jersey, from 1896 to 1898, stepping down to assume the position as the United States Attorney General from 1898 to 1901.