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The Garside and Ratcliffe Families of Wayne, New Jersey

by Marianne Ragonese Smith

On October 13, 2012, a special genealogical event occurred on Garside Avenue upon lands that now host the Township of Wayne's pool complex off of Ratcliffe Lane in Wayne, New Jersey. This property is in fact the very land that the first members of the Garside family settled in 1844. On October 13, a memorial was dedicated commemorating the families' heritage and contribution to the greater Wayne community over more than 150 years. Attending the event were local dignitaries and approximately 50 descendents of Abram and Esther Garside, who had travelled to America from England in 1827, later built their farm in "Preakness" in 1844 – where they and 6 generations of their family would make their homes.

The event's catalyst was a most unusual incident. For over 50 years, a lonely tombstone leaned against an outbuilding at the Van Ripper Hopper House, the home of the Wayne Township Historical Commission's office, located on Berdan Avenue in Wayne. The stone had been separated from its grave and by unexplainable circumstance;

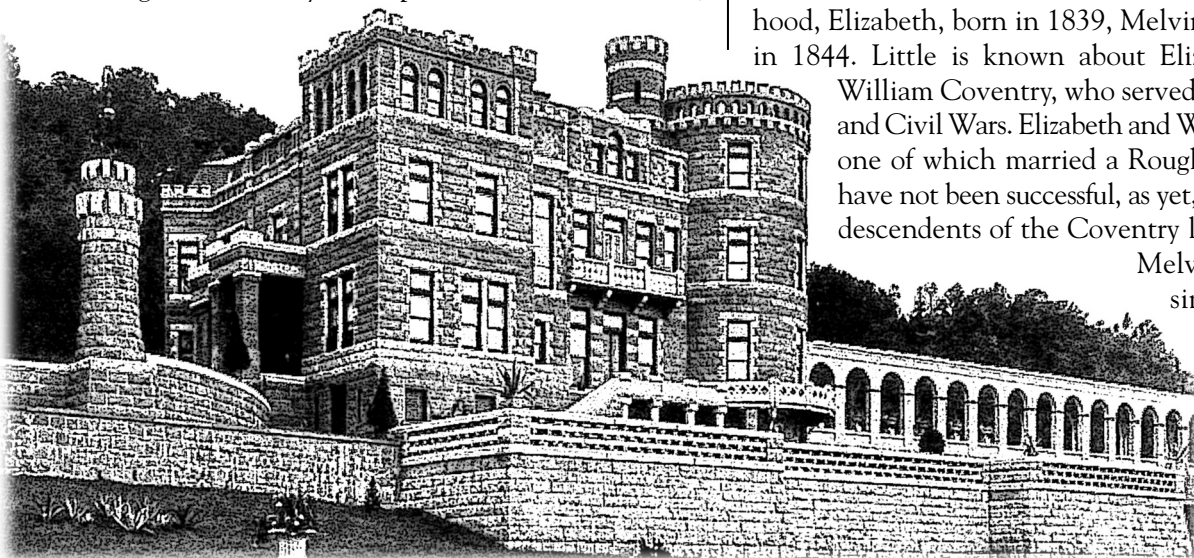
I happened to visit the House and be drawn to take a look at the stone. The stone belonged to Mary Underwood Garside, who died at the age of 27 of tuberculosis in 1870. She was the daughter-in-law of Abram and Esther (Stott) Garside, my 3x great grandparents, wife of my 2x great-grandfather, Milton Garside's brother, Melvin. No one knew where she was actually buried – the stone had leaned against the shed for decades. Long story short, on a subsequent visit, the stone literally fell on me, causing a significant medical situation, but probably more importantly in the grand scheme of things – piqued my interest and motivation to further my research into my family's history.

This research led me to make several trips to reconnect with various family members residing in NJ to as far away as California – gathering stories, memorabilia and photographs that eventually were used to create a family history book to remind us and future generations of our unique story.

The history of the Garside family began with Abram and Esther – who had three children who survived to adulthood, Elizabeth, born in 1839, Melvin in 1842 and Milton in 1844. Little is known about Elizabeth, who married William Coventry, who served in both the Mexican and Civil Wars. Elizabeth and William had 4 children, one of which married a Roughgarden; however, we have not been successful, as yet, in locating any living descendents of the Coventry line.

Melvin, whose story was similarly obscured by lack of knowledge before the discovery of Mary's tombstone,

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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 2013 year are as follows:

January 12, 2013

Members Information Exchange

Share your family stories, research experiences, brick walls, etc.

February 9, 2013

Finding and Using Original Records

Nancy Terhune - Informal Chat/Workshop: Feel free to bring family bibles or other original records to the meeting.

March 9, 2012

Descendant Training: Finding Your Long Lost Cousins

Presented by Melissa Johnson

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Tis the Season to be Jolly!

Members enjoying the Holiday Festivities on December 8th, 2012

The Silent Auction and Genealogy Club Brunch is one of the Genealogy Club's major fundraisers for the year, and all proceeds are used exclusively for the preservation and enhancement of the Society's genealogical collections. Our thanks to the Holiday Party Committee who, once again, worked so diligently to make the event a great success.



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lived in the Wayne, Paterson and Jersey City areas. Melvin and Mary had two children together, Mary and Frederick; however, Mary died in infancy. Frederick went on to adulthood and had several children of his own. Through this journey and Ancestry.com, we were able to connect with Melvin and Mary's 2x great-granddaughter, Susan (Garside) Leanza and her family, who continue to live in NJ. Susan and her family have been very instrumental in helping to build the puzzle of our families' history. They provided a wonderful collection of photographs and stories and we have all been so encouraged to have reconnected our two family branches. Melvin went on to marry Susan Beardslee several years after Mary's death and they had several children. We learned through a newspaper article found at the Paterson Library that Melvin died tragically while walking across a train track in route to meet his wife for dinner when a locomotive struck him in Newark. Melvin was a mechanist and often lived in the city; however, it is noted that on various occasions he also lived and/or spent time at the farm on Garside Avenue. It is presumed that Mary Underwood Garside is buried somewhere amongst the 74 acres that encompassed the original farm. When development of the land occurred, the stone was most likely taken to the Van Riper Hopper House possibly to avoid delays in construction, etc.

Mary's stone has been relocated next to the family memorial and permanently affixed to the land on Garside Avenue. Her story has come full circle. Melvin and Susan are buried in the Bloomfield Cemetery.

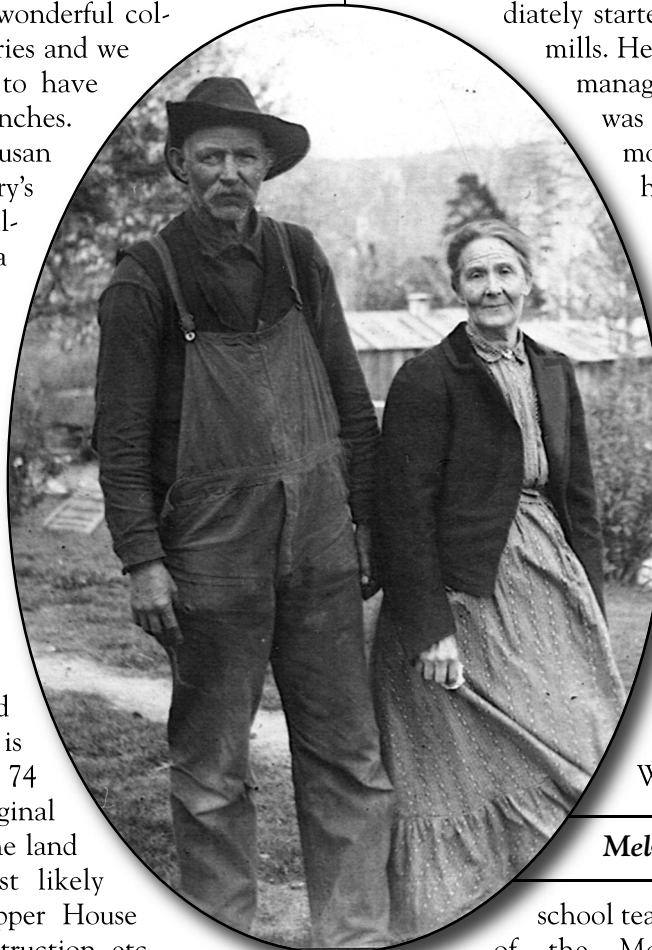
Milton Garside, married Margaret Gall, who lived on her parents farm located on Lauwwe Road in Preakness. According to family lore, they met "over the fence" post, as their family's properties were near each other. Milton and "Maggie" had four children that survived to adulthood. Little is known about their son, Alexander, or their daughter Elizabeth (further research continues). Their daughter Jessie, however, married James Ratcliffe and they spent most of their married life living at a home they built on Garside Avenue, where they raised their own four children. Milton and Maggie's fourth child, Mabel never

married, however, she lived in Brooklyn, where she worked and built a summer/vacation home off of Garside Avenue, at the top of the hill off of what is now Daly Avenue.

The family's story as it relates to Wayne continues most strongly through Jessie (Garside) and James Ratcliffe's lives and the lives of their children and their descendents, some of which currently live and serve as community leaders in Wayne Township.

James Ratcliffe was a well-known union leader during the silk mill era in Paterson. James came to America as a young boy from England with his family and immediately started to work as a warper in the silk mills. He later wound up being the business manager for the warper's union. James was passionate in his and the labor movement's efforts to secure 8/8/8 (8 hours of work, sleep and play) together with safer working conditions for the workers. His prominence in the labor movement helped him to successfully be elected to the position of Passaic County Freeholder in 1932. James was a perennial leader and at the close of his tenure as Freeholder, he became the business manager of the County welfare home, located on Oldham Road, a walk away from Garside Avenue.

James and Jessie Ratcliffe had four children. Their oldest Margaret married Rev. John Wesley Lord, her sister Maybell's



Melvin and Mary Garside

school teacher, who later became the Bishop of the Methodist Church serving the Washington D.C. area. Most notably, Rev. Lord was one of four pastors who marched arm in arm with the Rev. Martin Luther King during the March to Selma in 1965. Wesley and Margaret were passionate about their leadership within the church and the fight for civil rights and humanity.

Their son John (Jack) Ratcliffe lived his entire life in Wayne Township, first on Garside Avenue with his wife Eliza and children, and then on Moiyas Road, where members of the Ratcliffe family continue to live today. Jack history was colorful, adventurous and showcased his innovation and leadership. Jack was known for his milk delivery business, which endured throughout the Great Depression. I learned of heartwarming stories of Jack's

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kindness to many who lacked the resources to pay for their milk during those difficult times. Jack, along with Raymond Johnson, husband of his sister (my grandmother), Maybell (Ratcliffe) Johnson, and other investors, built the Preakness Shopping Center. Maybell was a business woman well before it was in vogue to be one. At its inception, the Shopping Center was the center of family focus. Many of the shops were run by family members, the pharmacy was owned and run by Robert Ratcliffe, Jack and Eliza's son, the bakery was operated by Maybell Johnson and other family members helped by working within other Center establishments. Failing to secure an anchor store and facing costs associated with damage sustained by the Center's signature canopy system resulting from a severe snow storm – the family sold the Center at an undervalued price many years ago.

Jack also served in various leadership roles within the Township, most notably as Mayor and Township Committeeman for over 20 years. His sons, Jack and Bob both were active within the Wayne business community, Jack as a doctor and Bob as the local pharmacist. Their third child, Nancy Lynn, died tragically at the age of 18, after being struck by an automobile only a month before her high school graduation. Maybell lived her whole life in Wayne and Ray had three children, Kristen, Marguerite and Douglas – all also being raised on Garside Avenue. James and Jessie's fourth child, Jessie Katherine, moved to California soon after reaching adulthood, where she married Ray Ouer and had one child, Mona Rae.

Current family members continue to serve their communities as leaders in business, government, volunteerism, spiritual instruction and education – building on the foundation laid by our ancestors.

14 members of the Garside/Ratcliffe family are buried at the Preakness Reformed Cemetery in Wayne, NJ, including Abram and Esther, the family's patriarch and matriarch.

This unusual yearlong project restored and reaffirmed family connections frayed by distance and time and family members from California, Washington, D.C., Vermont and North Carolina all made the trek to Wayne Township to attend the memorial ceremony followed by a family reunion, where the family's history book, photo loop and family artifacts and memorabilia were on display. Members from the 7th, 6th and 5th generations of the Garside/Ratcliffe family were all present at the reunion – where the youngest was able to get a sense of their heritage from the oldest generation.

This project has helped all of us in the Garside/Ratcliffe clan to appreciate the rich heritage and story our ancestors have given to us. We, like many families, realize that despite the miles or the years, exploring your roots, your beginnings and finding each other is like coming home. To anyone interested, I highly advocate spending time to discover your history – knowing where you come from will often help you understand who you are. A copy of the 111 page history book of the Garside/Ratcliffe family has been gifted to the Passaic County Historical Society for the benefit of future interested parties.



Top: Memorial Plaque honoring the Garside & Ratcliff families.

Middle: Mary Underwood's tombstone reset in the family memorial site.

Bottom: Garside & Ratcliffe family members assembled at memorial ceremony.

Paterson's "Secret Societies"

In the first year after the founding of Paterson a lodge of Freemasons was formed in the new settlement, which the organizers desired should be called "Paterson Orange Lodge." Officers were: W. M., Joseph Wallis; S. W., Joseph Scott; J. W., William Matthews. On Jan. 12, 1796, a warrant was ordered issued by the Grand Lodge. The lodge had existed under dispensation most of the intervening period. It kept up an intermittent sort of existence until 1826, when there were eighty-two names on the roll. Then it seems to have given up its meetings, owing to the anti-Masonic excitement prevalent at the time. In 1835 the lodge was revived under the name "Passaic Lodge, No. 18," and resumed its meetings until 1839, when it apparently died.

On Dec. 24, 1853, a dispensation was granted for the formation of "Joppa Lodge" (now No. 29); the first meeting was held Jan. 4, 1854, when the following officers were installed: W. M., Isaac Van Wagoner; S. W., Frederick S. Weller; J. W., Richard B. Chiswell; Treas., David H. Christie; Sec, Cornelius H. Garrison; S. D., Daniel H. Ashton; J. D., Gustavus A. Mills. All these officers had been made Masons for the purpose of forming the new lodge, not a sufficient number of old Masons having been found in Paterson willing to attempt the task. Mr. Van Wagoner was rewarded for his enthusiastic devotion to Masonry by being elected Grand Master of New Jersey seven years later. It is doubtful if so young a Mason was ever chosen to that elevated station. Among the subsequent Masters of Joppa have been Robert O. Smith, John Hopper (afterwards Deputy Grand Master, and offered the higher position, which he declined), John C. G. Robertson, John Berdan, Robert Hays, John E. Dunning, John P. Doremus, Tunis Van Iderstine, Abram A. Fonda, John B. Van Blarcom, George L. Catlin (now United States consul at Stuttgart), Sidney Farrar, Robert I. Hopper.

In January, 1856, a warrant was issued for "Paterson Orange Lodge, No. 48," some of whose Masters have been Darius Wells, Robert S. Taylor, Socrates Tuttle, Alexander Fyfe, Harmon B. Goodridge, George Crowther, Henry G. Van Houten.

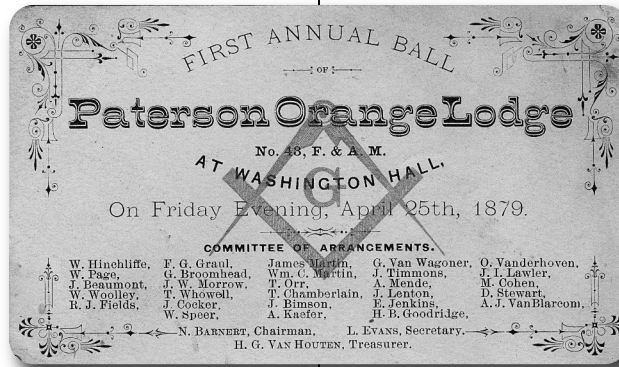
"Benevolent, No. 45," was warranted in January, 1857, and has had for Masters David Neer, Allen Knowles, John E. Bolton, Thomas Williams, Orin Van Derhoven, William Dobson, James Peacock, William H. Levi, John S. Hartley, Arthur B. Pearce, J. Grimshaw, and others.

In March, 1867, a dispensation was issued to form the lodge afterwards warranted as "Falls City, No. 82," which has had in the East, Alvin Webb, Robert Hayes, James V. E. Fredericks, Samuel Murray, Joseph Greaves, Will Hague, Joseph Nussey, and others.

"Ivanhoe, No. 88," was authorized in January, 1868, and very soon attained a high rank among the Paterson lodges. It has had few Masters, changing them less frequently than is customary among the other lodges: Heber Wells was the first; Charles N. Sterrett, next; and Joseph W. Congdon, third.

"Humboldt Lodge, No. 114," was formed under dispensation in March, 1870, and has had among its Masters Edward M. Weiss, Emil Priester, John P. Mayer, August Lehman.¹

Twelve or fifteen years ago a number of leading Masons bought the brick building in Market Street, south side, just east of Main, for a Masonic hall. "Joppa" and other lodges have met there since. Most of the other Masonic bodies meet in the third story of the Washington Market building. The number of lodges, councils, chapters, etc., of the fraternity in Paterson is almost countless, and it would take pages to give the merest mention of them. It is truly a wonderful growth from the little band of seven brethren who met with fear and trembling twenty-eight years ago. The survivor of the seven now has the satisfaction of seeing the number of Masons in Paterson increased to upwards of eight hundred.



The Paterson Odd-Fellows were the first in the State to form a lodge of that order, but by some misunderstanding they were numbered 2 instead of No. 1. Benevolent Lodge, No. 2, is really the oldest lodge in the State. At an early stage in its career it succeeded in getting a house of its own, Odd-Fellows' Hall being erected in 1848, at a cost of about ten thousand dollars, by the Odd-Fellows' Hall Association, a considerable portion of the stock in which is held by the lodge. Many of the leading citizens of the town have been enrolled among its members, and it has always ranked high in the estimation of the public. Industry Encampment, No. 1, was organized many years ago. Passaic Lodge, No. 33, was formed about ten years since by the younger members of the order. It has enjoyed an excellent degree of prosperity.

Palo Alto Lodge, No. 6, of the Order of Druids, was formed in Paterson in 1840. It disbanded after some years. Germania Grove, No. 7, is now in existence; it is made up of Germans almost exclusively.

The Knights of Pythias have been remarkably successful since the organization of their first lodge, Fabiola, No. 57, ten years ago. They now have a second lodge,—Zeno,— and number about five hundred members.

There are four or five "tribes" or "camps" of "Red Men," one of Germans.

The Order of United Americans had a flourishing existence twenty-five years ago, and about ten years since the order of United American Mechanics enrolled nearly a thousand members and had some fine lodges. It has not been quite so popular of late.

There is scarcely a secret society of any kind or description in the country that has not a "lodge," "council," "chapter," "tribe," "grove," "forest," "tent," "conclave," "commandery," "encampment," "division," "court," or "post" in Paterson, where such associations appear to flourish to an unusual degree.

¹ The foregoing particulars concerning the forming of the several lodges are taken from an address by R. W. P. G. M. Isaac Wagoner, on the twentieth anniversary of Joppa Lodge, in 1874.

Justice of Peace Marriages

Marriages recorded in the Justice of the Peace Dockets of Passaic and Bergen County, 1816-1841

These marriages have been transcribed from the Passaic County Court Docket Collection
of the Passaic County Historical Society

Justice of the Peace, NATHANIEL BOARD, Bergen County, Pompton Township, 1816-1832

- 1816 February 7 I married Sirus BEARS of the State of Connecticut to Polly STONE of this place.
- 1816 March 31 I married Henry MARSHEL to Sally WILSON both of the Township of Pompton in the County of Bergen.
- 1816 April 21 Married Thomas SCOT to Jamima VANZILE both of the Pompton Township County of Bergen.
- 1816 April 21 Married Sylvester H. STINARD of the State of New York to Nancy SCOT of Pompton Township.
- 1816 August 9 Married Daniel TITUS to Elizabeth DEVAUL both of the State of New York, Rockland County.
- 1816 November 30 Married Abraham ANDERSON to Nancy DREW both of Pompton Township in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey.
- 1817 January 1 Married John BURKHOUSER to Elizabeth CRONK both of Pompton Township in the County of Bergen.
- 1817 January 18 Married William DREW to Nancy WILSON both of this Place.
- 1817 January 25 Married John HARTLY to Elenor DEGRAW both of this Place.
- 1817 February 28 William PELLINGTON to Polley STONE, widow, both of Pompton Township in the County of Bergen.
- 1817 May 19 Married William McMULLEN to Elenor TEACHMAN both of this Place.
- 1817 June 16 Married Joseph B. MAPS to Rebeka RYERSON both of Pompton Township in the County of Bergen.
- 1818 November Married Peter B. WHITE to Phebe STAR both of Pompton Township.
- 1819 May 29 Married John HENNION to Elenor FREDERICKS both of Pompton Township.
- 1819 April 2 Married Townsend DREW to Sally BABCOCK, Pompton Township.
- 1819 July 23 Married Harman DEGRAW Jr. to Sally BABCOCK.
- 1819 November 13 Married Joseph STONE to widow Martha TOMER.
- 1819 December 25 Married Ezra E. DREW to Lyda GREEN, widow.
- 1820 April 1 Married James BABCOCK to Mary GREEN, widow, both of Pompton Township.
- 1820 February 15 Married William SCOT to Mary HAYCOCK, widow, both of Pompton Township.
- 1820 June 18 Married Isaac KILSON of Sterling to Elenor HENNION of this Place.
- 1820 September 30 Married Isaac RITENOUR to Hester DREW, widow, both of Pompton Township.
- 1822 January 21 Married George TAPPEN to Sally DREW.
- 1823 April 19 Married William PATTERSON to Abigail BRASTOW.
- 1828 January 1 At Ringwood, Pompton Township in the County of Bergen I Married Edward WHRITENOUR to Phoebe GREEN, widow of that place.
- 1829 September 18 Married William WHRITENOUR to Joana BEAMAN, widow, both from the State of New York.
- 1829 November 16 Married John TIDEBACK to Hannah DECKER at Bloomingdale.
- 1831 July 4 Married Charles BROWN to Elenor TEAT, late Elenor FREELAND.
- 1831 October 8 Married David WHRITENOUR to Mary DOWLIN both of Ringwood, Pompton Township, Bergen Co.
- 1833 April 1 Married Daniel DOWLIN to EtaAnn BABCOCK.
- 1833 July 3 Married James DEFREES to Jane DUNK, both people of color.

Justice of the Peace, NICHOLAS SMITH, 1827-1828

- 1828 January 1 Joined in marriage John MOREHEAD to Frances PARK.
- 1828 January 9 Joined in marriage Patrick HOGEUS to Matilda LANE.
- 1828 April 10 Charles FALKNER to Catherine CAMMEL.
- 1832 March 31 James LINSEY to Margaret GRIFFITHS.
- 1834 June 27 Joined in Marriage Josiah M. CRISMOND to Bridget SMELLIGAN.
- 1834 June 27 State of New Jersey, Essex County, I, Nicholas Smith one of the Justices of the Peace in for said County do hereby certify that on the Twenty Second of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred Thirtly Four the Marriage of Josiah M. CRISMOND and Bridget SMELLIGAN.

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- 1835 September 24 Joined in Marriage, James ANDREWS to Elizabeth SPRINGER.
 1839 December 14 Joined in Marriage on the 14th day of December 1839, John W. A_____ to Rachel SMELLIGAN.
 1840 March 23 Joined in Marriage, James BERRY to Hannah Mariah VAN WINKLE.

Justice of the Peace, JAMES KING, 1830-1831

- 1831 January 11 James WALKER to Emilen MC WHORTER
 1831 December 24 James EVANS to Jane ACHESON

Justice of the Peace, NATHANIEL BOARD, Bergen County, Pompton Township, 1833-1842

- 1834 September I married James HARTLEY to Ellen ASHMAN at Ringwood Works, Pompton Township, Bergen Co.
 1838 April 14 I married Joseph CRONK to Eliza Ann WILSON, both of Ringwood Iron Works, Pompton Township, Passaic Co.
 1838 October 6 I married John A. KING to Jane MONTONYE of Ringwood Works, Pompton Township, Passaic Co.
 1839 January 26 I married Henry GREEN to Mary BABCOCK, both of Ringwood Works, Pompton Township, Passaic Co.
 1839 August 3 I married Stephen THOMPSON to Eliza BENJAMIN.
 1839 August 21 I married William BELCHER to Ellen MASSKER, both said to be of Paterson, Passaic Co.
 1840 November 29 I married Silas PETERSON to Eliza DUNK, both of Ringwood Works, Pompton Township, Passaic Co.
 1841 May 2 I married Tunis FELTER to Martha NORTH, both of Pompton Township in Passaic County.
 1841 October 21 I married Peter BUCKANEN to Charity DEGRW, both of Ringwood Works, Pompton Township, Passaic Co.
 1841 November 20 I married Charles WYBLE Jr. to Ann DEGRAW, both of Ringwood Works, Pompton Township, Passaic Co.

Alexander M. Quinn

Extracted from the The National Son, The Official Newsletter of the Sons of the Spanish American War Veterans, Vol. VI, May 2012, No. 4,

A new Sons of Spanish American War Veterans camp is organizing in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and should be an authorized camp by the end of this year. The Alexander M. Quinn camp (173) held an organizational meeting in May and hopes to complete the process during their next meeting in July. The camp is named after Sgt. Alexander McLean Quinn, who served in Co C, 13th U.S. Infantry Regiment, during the war and received the Medal of Honor for bravery during the battle of Santiago, Cuba. Sgt Quinn lost his life while on active duty in the Philippines during 1906.

Alexander McLean Quinn (17 May 1866 – 4 May 1906) son of Charles Quinn and Maria, was born in Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey. Alex enlisted in the army on June 18th, 1891. He enlisted at the age of 25 years as an electrician. On June 17th, 1896, Private Alexander Quinn was honorably discharged from the Hospital Corps of the US Army at West Point, New York, after serving his five year commitment. He reenlisted for another 3 years in New York City on July 2nd, 1896, entering the 8th Regiment of Infantry, being reassigned to the 13th Infantry effective July 3rd, 1896. He was in Company A of the 13th US Infantry when he fought at Santiago, Cuba, on July 1st, 1898, and on his return from Cuba typhus fever broke out on the ship and hospital staff deserted. Alex volunteered to care for the men and caught the disease (See New York Times, August 26th, 1898, page 2, "No Room at Camp Wikoff"). He was promoted to sergeant and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor on June 22nd, 1899. The citation was for gallantly assisting in the rescue

of the wounded from in front of the lines and under heavy fire from the enemy. On July 2nd, 1899, the then 33-year old Alexander signed for his third enlistment with the 13th Infantry (again for 3 years) while at Pasay, on the island of Luzon. His fourth three-year enlistment (13th Infantry) was at sea, 425 miles east of Nagasaki, Japan, while on board the US Army Transport Sheridan. He was honorably discharged on August 31st, 1905. On July 2nd, 1905 Alex signed his last enlistment paper while serving at Camp Warwick, Cebu, Philippine Islands. This time he was with the Signal Corps, 6th Infantry. At the time he was 39 years old. On May 4th, 1906, he died at 1:00 AM at the age of 40 by the hands of a Filipino native in Sibonga, Cebu, Philippine Islands according to his military records. Military records show he was attacked on May 3rd, 1906, having received a stab wound consistent with a "bolo knife" which was the cause of death. His records show that his right hand was severed and his left shoulder was cut through the joint (as well as several other deep wounds). At the time of his death, Alex was a corporal in Company L, Signal Corps, Warwick Barracks, Philippines. Evidence indicates he went to get a metal bar mended, got into an argument with the native doing it, and was slain by the angry Filipino. Military records have him buried on May 4th, 1906, in Plot A, Grave #1, Row 1, Military Cemetery, Cebu, Philippine Islands. According to the Paterson newspaper, (The Call, March, 14, 1907, page 1, column 5) Alexander was disinterred and reburied in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Totowa, Paterson, New Jersey. According to that article, Alexander was "cut to pieces by a bolo in the hands of a native." There is a military plaque in the McAteer family plot at Totowa, Paterson, New Jersey.