

# Middlesex Genealogical Society

## Newsletter

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### FROM THE EDITOR

A big THANK YOU to all those members who turned in the questionnaires sent out in the last newsletter. We appreciated the feedback and the MGS board will try now to incorporate your suggestions into next year's program schedule.

For those of you who did not get around to responding - never fear! I have included another questionnaire in this newsletter. This society should be working to provide genealogical assistance and guidance to its members - but we can't do that if we don't know what our membership needs and wants. So, please fill in the form and return it as soon as possible.

Some of the people responding to the questionnaire were kind enough to elaborate and added experiences they have had while engaged in their research. Some of this material is being printed in this newsletter. I would love to hear from more of our members. The little successes and failures you have had in doing your research could be very helpful to others - and might save someone months of fruitless work. Another thing I would love to receive is something about the interesting places (libraries, towns, cemeteries, etc.) our members have visited and the people they have met while involved in family research.

One of our members told about the wonderful relatives she has been "accumulating" since beginning on her family's history. I, also, had a special experience while corresponding with a lovely cousin of my grandmother's, a maiden lady in her eighties who lived alone up in Plattsburgh, NY, far away from us, who were her only known relatives. During the process of researching a particular family name, I was put in contact with another very distant family researcher, who just so happened to also live in

Plattsburgh. When I told them about each other, the two ladies met and liked each other immediately. Cousin Anna was subsequently introduced to more relatives in the area and suddenly had a close family group to call on. They visited her, took her on outings, invited her to family occasions and looked after her. When she died last year, my family, who because of the distance could not visit very often, felt better knowing that Cousin Anna had had so many caring people around her in the last few years. And it was all through a genealogical contact!

So, don't think of genealogy as a "dead" hobby. It can bring pleasure and pride to many who are not even involved in the research end. Those distant relatives are usually thrilled to be "discovered" so don't limit your search to just the past generations. See what some of the other apples on the family tree are like. Who knows, they may have loads of information for you as well as adding a new dimension to your family's life!

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Sent in by a reader...



See page 17 for the answer.

MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

OFFICERS:

President: Robert E. Fatherley  
 Vice-President:  
 Secretary: Ray H. Bartlett  
 Treasurer: George T. Cushman

The Middlesex Genealogical Society was established for the purpose of helping those interested in genealogy to pursue the investigation of their family heritage and to provide guidance in research to that end. The Society holds at least four meetings with a program and speaker during the year, has established a Genealogy section at the Darien Library, provides research assistance on Saturday mornings (10-12) at the Library and publishes a quarterly Newsletter.

Annual memberships are \$10 Individual and \$15 Couple or Family.

The Newsletter is published in March, June, September and December. We welcome original articles and notices of genealogical interest. The Editor is Marianne W. Sheldon.

Address all correspondence to the Society and the Newsletter to:  
 Middlesex Genealogical Society  
 45 Old Kings Highway North  
 Darien, CT 06820

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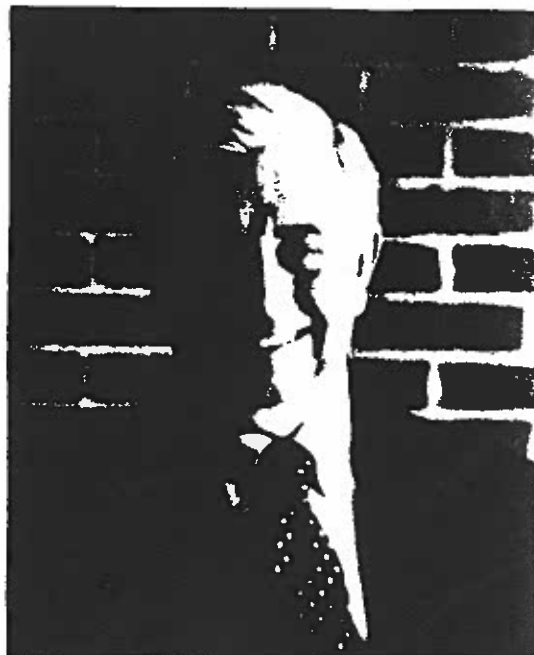
A TRIBUTE TO LEO J. DUNPHY

Leo J. Dunphy came to Darien in 1956 with his wife, Marcelle, and daughter, Kathleen. He was a founding member and First Vice-President of the Middlesex Genealogical Society and felt very deeply about its affairs and objectives which he viewed with a blend of sentimentality and pragmatism. He was very sentimental about his own and other's genealogical efforts, family solidarity and very pragmatic about the mechanical details of making the organization run smoothly and well.

Leo was the mentor of the Society's constitution and By-Laws and never made a good idea better. His judgement was evoked. His friendly enthusiasm for family history inspired many others to investigate their own and even to join the Middlesex Genealogical Society.

Leo Dunphy was born in Boston, Mass. July 14, 1920 and died at Weymouth, Mass. May 1, 1985. An enthusiastic sailor from the age of eight, he was a life member of the South Boston Yacht Club, the oldest yacht club in America.

Graduating from Boston Latin School in 1937, he attended Harvard College, from which he graduated cum laude with an A.B. in History in 1941 and from Harvard Business School with an M.B.A. in 1943. His business career was spent mostly with Philco Ford in international finance.



A memorial fund in Leo J. Dunphy's name has been set up by the Darien Library for the purchase of books in his memory, such books to be suggested by his friends and family familiar with his tastes and significant interest in books. This fund may be contributed to by those wishing to honor his memory.

(This tribute was written by our president, Robert E. Fatherley, in fond remembrance of and gratitude to Leo J. Dunphy. He will be sorely missed.)

MARCH PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 20, 1985, the MGS presented Betty Doud Tolli who spoke on the topic, "Anatomy of a Genealogy". Betty, who retired from teaching in 1976, had always had the desire to trace her paternal roots - the DOUD family. Now, with the time available, she began her search. She had very little information to work with since her father had died when she was five. All Betty knew was that her father had been born in PA, moved to Portland, OR and then to Milford, CT where he had married her mother and had subsequently died. She also knew that her grandfather was a Civil War veteran and that her father's sister had belonged to the DAR. Armed with this, she began.

Betty and her husband first travelled to cemeteries in Guilford, Milford and New Milford, CT. They located the grave of her father, which also listed the Company in which he had served during the war. Next, they visited the Henry Whitfield House in Guilford. A Henry Doud had come over with Henry Whitfield and they thought they might be able to pick up some leads from here. Next on the agenda was a visit to the State Library in Harrisburg, PA where they looked at land records, deeds, census records, etc. for more information.

Betty had found out that her father's sister had corresponded with a relative about the Doud family. She got the letters and then sent postcards to all the Douds in Phoenix, AZ (where the correspondent had lived) to try and locate his family. Through this method she located one who had been researching Douds for 41 years and who was about to publish a genealogy. They corresponded and as she documented each generation of her line of descent, she sent it on to him for inclusion in the book.

Since she was still having troubles with the family in PA, Betty finally hired a genealogist there who sent her information on four generations back, the last one being born in CT but enlisting in the Revolution from Granville, MA. She wrote Granville which gave her some birth records. Because of these Betty wrote for more records to

some birth records. These and a genealogy of Henry Doud's descendants published 100 years earlier gave her enough information

to write Middletown, CT for more records. However, because she was not a member of a genealogical society they would not send her the material. So, she joined the Connecticut Genealogical Society and eventually got the information.

The Doud Genealogy was published. It is written in three parts: the first is the author's family (this is Oscar Doud's, of Phoenix, AZ), the second is the female lines, and the third part contains the lines contributed by others, like Betty Doud Tolli.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

At the March annual meeting, Treasurer George Cushman gave his report as to the status of the society's finances for the period January 1, 1984 to December 31, 1984.

Balance as of January 1, 1984: \$258.92

Income (1/1/84 - 12/31/84):

Dues	\$850.00
Interest	<u>31.49</u>
	881.49

Expenditures (1/1/84 - 12/31/84):

Newsletter	\$164.30
Publicity, Announcements	21.85
Program	0.00
Books, Badges, stationary	
Pound Ridge Records	49.00
Mayflower Register	73.00
Ancestral charts	19.47
Administrative expenses	119.90
Refreshments	<u>52.03</u>
	499.55

Balance as of December 31, 1984: \$640.86

If there are any questions, please direct them to Mr. Cushman.

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It is with antiquity as with ancestry, nations are proud of the one, and individuals of the other; but if they are nothing in themselves, that which is their pride ought to be their humiliation.

-Charles Caleb Colton

NORWALK HISTORICAL REFERENCE LIBRARY

Mrs. Joan G. Robidoux, Librarian at the Norwalk Historical Reference Library, located at the Lockwood House, 141 East Avenue, Norwalk, CT 06851 (203-866-0202) sent the following information on the library and its collection. Hours for the facility are: Mon. thru Thurs., 1-5 p.m.

This library is dedicated to carrying on the tradition of gathering records pertaining to Norwalk established by Rev. Edwin Hall and Rev. Charles M. Selleck. (Rev. Hall compiled HALL'S NORWALK RECORDS, published originally in 1847 and republished in 1973 and Rev. Selleck, second chronicler of Norwalk's history, published his book NORWALK in 1896.) Emphasis is placed upon collecting original source materials such as manuscripts, diaries, ledgers and commercial catalogs. Book material include: biographies, social and ethnic studies, religions, politics, architecture and any other source that helps to chronicle the changing scene in Norwalk. Also sought are maps, charts, original prints and photographs. Connecticut material is collected only in book and pamphlet form, emphasis being placed upon industrial and maritime history. The library's reference materials, which are non-circulating, may be used during regular hours.

The following is a list of some of the materials contained in the library.

**Genealogies:** (for the following families)  
 ABBOT; ARNOLD, REDWAY & EARLE; BENEDICT;  
 BETTS; BOUTON, BOUGHTON & FARNAM; CAPEN;  
 COMSTOCK; GUILD, GUILLE, GUILLES; HANFORD;  
 HOLCOMBS; KEELER; LOCKWOOD; LUDLAM;  
 PATRICK, PARTRICK; PELTON; QUINTARD; RAY-  
 MOND; SELLECK & PECK; SEMPLE; SEYMOUR;  
 ST. JOHN; TROWBRIDGE; WHITNEY.

**Norwalk Histories:**

Arnold Copy, NORWALK VITAL RECORDS  
 INDEX, 1651-1850.

Bloom, Ralph; NORWALK HISTORIC RESOURCES  
 INVENTORY, 2 Vols., 1976-1979.

Bouton, Nathaniel; HISTORICAL DISCOURSE...  
 NORWALK, 1851.

Card, Lester; DEATHS FROM NORWALK VITAL  
 RECORDS TO 1876, 1936.

GENEALOGICAL DATA FROM  
 MANUAL OF FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,  
 NORWALK, CT., 1935.

NORWALK MARRIAGES, SUPPLE-  
 MENTING HALL'S NORWALK TO 1875, 1935.

Hale, Charles; NORWALK HEADSTONE  
 INSCRIPTIONS, 1937.

Hall, Edwin; THE ANCIENT HISTORICAL  
 RECORDS OF NORWALK, CONN., 1847, 1865.

Hill, Carlton; BOUTON-HOYT CEMETERY,  
 WITCH LANE, ROWAYTON, 1930.

Hunt, Malcolm; NAMES AND PLACES OF OLD  
 NORWALK, 1976.

NORWALK SEVENTEENTH CEN-  
 TURY NOTES AND LISTS, 1965.

NORWALK TOWN PROCEEDINGS,  
 1653-1699, 1972.

Labozza, Carl; PICTURES FROM THE PAST, 1974.

Marcus, Virginia; HISTORY OF SHEFFIELD  
 ISLAND, 1968.

Martin, Harold; RECORDS OF THE EAST  
 NORWALK HISTORICAL CEMETERY OF  
 CONNECTICUT, 1655-1971.

NORWALK CITY DIRECTORIES, 1874-present.

NORWALK GAZETTE, 1818-1900.

Ray, Deborah and Stewart, Gloria; NOR-  
 WALK, being an historical account of  
 that Connecticut town, 1979.

Selleck, Charles; NORWALK, VOL. I AND  
 SUPPLEMENT, 1896.

NORWALK AFTER 250  
 YEARS, 1901.

SCENES IN FAIRFIELD  
 COUNTY, 1893.

Smith, Wilbur; BROOKSIDE: AN OLD NORWALK  
 CEMETERY, 1936.

REMINISCENCES OF ELY NECK  
 ROAD, 1955.

Maps:

1651-1800 Hunt, Malcolm; transcripts,  
 NORWALK LAND RECORDS & MAPS.

1847 Hall, Edwin; THE PRINCIPAL  
 PARTS OF NORWALK IN THE YEAR 1847 WITH  
 A PLAN OF THE ANCIENT SETTLEMENT.

1851 Clark, Richard; MAP OF THE  
 TOWN OF NORWALK, CONN.

1867 Beers, Ellis & Soule; PLAN  
 OF NORWALK & SOUTH NORWALK, NEW YORK  
 & VICINITY.

1875 Vogt, C.H.; SOUTH NORWALK &  
 NORWALK, CONN.

1876 Hyde, E.B., & Co.; MAP OF THE  
 CITY OF SOUTH NORWALK, BOROUGH AND  
 TOWN OF NORWALK, CONN.

1900-1925 Smith, Herbert; NORWALK  
 INDEXES, SEARCHES, MAPS, ESTATES.

1925-1926 Sanborn Map Co.; NORWALK,  
 CONN.

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Norwalk Library cont.  
materials available for researchers looking for Norwalk records. There are also Public Records (Assesments from 1860 on, Tax Directories, etc), School and Church Records, Photographs (over 3,500) and Post Cards (600) and Business Records for many Norwalk Companies. In addition, the library has sources for researchers working on surrounding towns.

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#### SCOTS IN CONNECTICUT

The following article was found in the HIGHLANDER, May/June 1982 so the address and other information may be a bit dated. However, for anyone with Scottish ties, this may be worth pursuing.

"The St. Andrew's Society of Connecticut, a newly formed society in Litchfield, held its first Robert Burns banquet on January 30, 1982. Robert Caroon, president of the society said the group was formed last year by several people of Scottish lineage who met at a performance of the Coldstream Guards.

Vice president John Galt addressed the haggis, and music was provided by The Litchfield Hills Pipes and Drums. Two notable guests attended the banquet, James G. S. MacDonald of Inverness, Chieftain of the MacDonalds of Aird and Vallay, and Dr. Herbert MacNeal, president of the Council of Scottish Clans.

Along with cultural aims, the society intends to make bequests to worthwhile charities throughout Connecticut. Those who wish to join the society may write to Box 655, Litchfield, CT 06759."

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#### NEW MEMBERS

The society would like to welcome its newest members. Please add their names to the membership list published in the September 1984 issue.

Adams, Norman & Florence, 5 Wilton Acres, Wilton, CT 06897.

Banks, Jean, 10 Indian Spring Rd., Rowayton, CT 06853.

Hofman, Mr. & Mrs. Charles E., 31 Stephanie Lane, Darien, CT 06820.

Worden, Lauralee, 201 Highview Ave., Apt. F-1, Stamford, CT 06907.

#### OTHER SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

Some of our MGS members are also members of other genealogical and historical societies. These can often be very helpful in the process of researching a particular family name or area of ancestry. We are listing some of these societies so that if others in our membership are interested, they can contact that person to learn more about the organization.

#### National Society of Mayflower Descendants:

Robert E. Fatherley

Philip A. Morehouse

Marianne W. Sheldon

#### National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution:

Terry R. Boyd

Grace W. Clarendon

Helen T. Dekker

Vigee Droesch

Emeline Fatherley

Lynn D. Flanagan

Karen Polett

Marianne W. Sheldon

#### Sons of the Utah Pioneers:

Grant M. Radmall

#### Stamford Genealogical Society:

Fred C. Hart, Jr.

Jane C. Merchant

Nikki W. Hollander

#### New England Historical & Genealogical Society:

Pennsylvania Historical Society:

New Jersey Historical Society:

Orange County (NY) Historical Society:

Ulster County (NY) Historical Society:

Suffolk County (NY) Historical Society:

Edwin & Neville Mulock

#### Nova Scotia Genealogical Society:

Forney, Texas Heritage Society:

Ouachita-Calhoun, Arkansas Genealogical Society:

South Carolina Genealogical Society -

Edgefield Branch:

Lauralee W. Worden

If there are persons in the MGS who belong to societies which might be of interest to other members, please let the Editor know so the information can be published in future newsletters.

MEMBERS' RESEARCH

When the questionnaire for the society was sent out one of the responses was from Jacqueline Sullivan, who added a page with some of her experiences in working on her family's history. It was fascinating and I am including it in the hopes others can benefit from this.

"I have been working on "My Family Forest" as I call it on and off now for eight years. At first there was a lot of hostility about doing this; however, after years of work and getting information, the older generations have come around. They are now very interested in the family.

I am not only doing parents, grandparents, etc., but their brothers and sisters, etc. In one family, Kenny, my husband's grandfather has over 110 descendants (haven't counted again lately) and his great-grandfather has over 260! Of these I have photos of about 175. It has been the most fun to find people who are related and who are still alive. The Kenny clan now holds picnics in the summer where cousins meet from about nine states and Australia. Hopefully this year someone will also come from Ireland. Just last week I received a phone call from one of my husband's second cousins who thanked me for being interested in the family. With my help he was able to meet some of his aunts and uncles who live in the same town whom he never knew! His father was one of 13 children with birth dates ranging from 1920 to 1953. In fact, last summer some of these children had a picnic in Virginia (the first of many more, I hope) and at that time I didn't know of that branch.

Last year I wrote to the Archives in Czechoslovakia for information about great-grandparents. I wrote in March of 1984 and just heard from the Embassy in Washington, D.C. this past January ('85). They said they had received a file on my family and if I would send them \$10 they would forward it to me. Of course I sent the money, only to receive a letter two weeks ago that they know nothing about the town that my family comes from. That really has gotten me angry since there was more

than one town listed in my letter explaining where my family came from. My great-grandfather came from Plzen and there should not be a problem finding out anything about them. I have now received a more recent reply from the embassy which says they will conduct a search in the files for my family - but it will cost \$50 for each person searched for, with a \$100 minimum!

In June of 1983 my husband and sister-in-law and I went to Ireland for three weeks and found a lot of family information. We found the priests very helpful in some churches. Some records went back to the 1700's. We met over 50 different relatives from various sides but ran up against a blank wall on one family. After visiting many churches we finally had to give up and I have not found anything here to give me a new idea on where to look. I keep hoping to go to the LDS Library in New Canaan but time is a problem.

When we went to Ireland I didn't think we would find any Sullivan relatives as Dan Sullivan is a very popular name. However, after eight hours in church records we actually found living relatives and visited them. We found one second cousin of my husband's who is 80 years old, named after my husband's grandmother, who said, 'What took you so long? I have been waiting since 1938 for someone to look for us, I read the paper every week and nobody has looked for us!' We wanted to bring her home with us. 1938 was the last time my husband's grandmother had gone back to Ireland to visit!"

(Editor's note: We would love to hear from other members about their genealogical experiences. Family history does not deal with just the past and dead ancestors. It can bring many new and rewarding experiences and friends. So please consider sharing your stories with our readers. Send them to: The MGS Newsletter, 45 Old Kings Highway North, Darien, CT 06820.)

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Some men by ancestry are only the shadow of a mighty name.

-Lucan

## A GENEALOGICAL PUZZLE

by Jane C. Merchant

I often think of genealogy as sort of a vast picture puzzle; here we are trying to fit in the pieces, share our knowledge and, with luck, after searching for "missing pieces", we'll trace ourselves back to -- however far we can: the ultimate goal!

Suppose, however, you found out that your family line of ten generations in this country, all accounted for, turned out instead to have an extra generation, midway in the chain - that somehow, perhaps because three consecutive male descendants all bore the same first name, only two were accounted for? Could this happen? I'm still not sure so I will tell you the story of how I recently discovered the man I call my "extra piece" in a genealogical puzzle - the Rev. Nathaniel Tucker (1725-1748).

This story begins with two old photographs in a pair of oval gilt frames. They hung in my grandmother's bedroom when she lived with us here in Darien from 1926 to 1948, the year before she died. The photographs were of her grandparents, Anna Amory (Tucker) Green and her husband, Henry Atkinson Green, of Bellows Falls, Vermont. On the back of each picture, grandmother had listed their family lineage. Anna Amory Tucker's gave her birth date: May 14, 1809; the daughter of Nathaniel<sup>5</sup> Tucker and Catherine Hay (Geyer) Tucker. Nathaniel's antecedents were Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, Samuel<sup>3</sup>, Manasseh<sup>2</sup> and Robert<sup>1</sup>, "who emigrated to America from Weymouth, England, 1635". He and his wife, Elizabeth Allen, settled in Milton, Mass.

About three years ago, I wrote the Town Clerk in Bellows Falls to inquire about the birth and death records of my great-grandmother, Henrianna Green, daughter of Henry Atkinson and Anna Amory (Tucker) Green, and was delighted to receive, in addition to answers to my queries, some xeroxed pages from Hayes' History of Rockingham-Bellows Falls, Vermont, which gave genealogies of both the Green and Tucker families. This book was published in 1899. It gave the same line of descent from Robert Tucker to Anna Amory Tucker, which my grandmother had noted on the back of the photograph, as well as the additional information that Nathaniel, father of Anna Amory, was

born in Boston, the son of Nathaniel and Anna (Dalton) Tucker.

What about the "third" Nathaniel - the Rev. Nathaniel Tucker? Well, he appears in The Genealogy of the Tucker Family, compiled by Ephraim Tucker in 1895. Just three weeks ago, I received some copies of pages from this genealogy from a friend in Mass. in answer to my request for help concerning the dates of vital records for Robert<sup>1</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup> and Manasseh<sup>3</sup>. She came across the genealogy in a library in Augusta, Maine! According to Ephraim Tucker, the Nathaniel<sup>4</sup>, son of Samuel<sup>3</sup>, was born in Milton, Mass. in 1725, and graduated from Harvard in 1744. He then entered the ministry, in New Jersey, where he married \_\_\_\_\_, and died in 1748, age 23. A son, born posthumously in 1748, was also named Nathaniel. The widow and son, Nathaniel<sup>5</sup>, returned to Boston. This Nathaniel, according to Ephraim Tucker, married Anna Dalton. Their third child, born in 1775, was named Nathaniel<sup>6</sup>. Hayes' History of Rockingham-Bellows Falls, Vermont also gives his birth date as Aug. 21, 1775. The following year Nathaniel, the father, died, age 28.

How to explain the omission of the Rev. Nathaniel Tucker from the Hayes "History" or grandmother's family record on the back of her grandmother's picture? My conjecture is that because Nathaniel, son of Samuel (i.e. Rev. Nathaniel) and his son, Nathaniel, both died so very young and the records of the young minister's marriage, residence and death in New Jersey, as well as the birthplace of his son there, were not fully known, the son and grandson of Samuel were presumed to be the same person - giving him a birth date of 1725 and death in 1776. Accordingly, perhaps due to this lack of information, Hayes' "History" would list only two Nathaniels - and so would grandmother.

Naturally, since reading the excerpts from Ephraim Tucker's genealogy, I can't let this rest upon pure speculation, nor am I satisfied with the lack of records concerning the ministry of Rev. Nathaniel Tucker in New Jersey. Where did he live and preach? Where did he die? Who was his wife and where was his son born? I feel I must learn more about this "extra piece" in the family puzzle. I only wish my grandmother were here to share the research.

SURNAMES

These members are working on the following surnames and welcome anyone with knowledge of, or interest in, these families to contact them.

HART (inc. HARTZ, HERZ and HERTZ), LOEN (LÖW), DAVENPORT, WOOD, REED, WHALEY, STEVENS, LYON, AUSTIN, AVERY, WATERS, WEED.  
--Fred Hart, Jr., 1311 Great Hill Road, North Guilford, CT 06437.

MULOCK, KNIGHT, ECKERT, CRANS, PENNEY, DOWNS, RODGERS, HELLERMAN, GILMOUR, STOTHOLF, DITMARS, WARD, WYNANTS.  
--Edwin & Neville Mulock, 20 Plymouth Road, Darien, CT 06820.

RADMALL, BEZZANT, STEADMAN.  
--Grant Radmall, 12 Green Meadow Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840.

BRUCE, CORBETT, FALES, FULLER, HOLT, McDONALD, REID, ROBINSON, ROSS, WADMAN, ALLEN, ALVERSON, BOZEMAN, DICKERSON, EATON, GRAHAM, HAIRE, HONEYCUTT, HOWELL, MOULTRY, PATRICK, PRICE, RICHARDSON, ROBERTS, ROGERS, WHITE, CAPWELL, HOLLEY, MacLEAN, REYNOLDS, STARK, WORDEN.  
--Lauralee Wadman Worden, 201 Highview Avenue, Apt. F-1, Stamford, CT 06907.

SULLIVAN, RIORDAN, SPILLMAN, KELLEHER, SCHWALBACH, SCHMIDT, CECH, COUFAL, TIMMER, MARUM, HAYDEN, KENNY, KEATING.  
--Jacqueline Sullivan, 12 West Brother Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830.

RORKE, KNOWLES, HINKLEY, BURRILL, SMITH, PRESLEY, SOUTHARD, McCLUER, UNDERWOOD, SHACKFORD, EMERSON, CLARK, MILLIKEN, HARMON, SMALL, NELSON, SHERBURNE, GIBBONS, LIBBY, WEDGEWOOD, FARMER, LAWRENCE, HOBBS, ASTEN (AUSTIN), BACHELDER, WORDWELL, RIPLEY, GARNETT (GARDNER), HUMPHREY.  
--Carl Moses, 4 Glenwood Drive, Darien, CT 06820.

We hope all members of the Society will register their genealogical surnames. Perhaps there are others in the area who are engaged in research on your particular problem area!

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Birth is nothing where virtue is not.  
-Moliere (Jean Baptiste Poquelin)

JEWISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY FORMED

The newly-formed Stamford Jewish Historical Society, Inc. has published its first newsletter. In it are outlined the goals of the organization: to become well known and respected as a resource and service organization; to research and record the history of Jewish Stamford and to assist any individual in his/her own search; to provide the vehicle for collection of memorabilia; and to provide education and related services through community functions (lectures, tours, as well as making materials available).

To date the SJHS has 84 members. Membership dollars are helping to provide start-up expenses, establish permanent archives and allow for the transcribing of oral histories presently held by the society. Categories for membership are: Individual \$10; Family \$18; Organization \$25; Sponsor \$36; and Founder \$100. Anyone interested in more information or in joining should contact: George Goldberg, Treasurer, 99 Woodridge Drive, Stamford, CT 06905.

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NEHGS RESEARCH TOUR

The New England Historic Genealogical Society is sponsoring their 7th Annual Salt Lake City Research Tour, September 22 - 29, 1985.

The tour package includes seven nights accommodations at the Hotel Utah (adjacent to the LDS Library), four group dinners, a sight-seeing tour, and lectures by LDS Library specialists tailored to the participants' particular research interests. The Society's Director Ralph Crandall and Research Librarian David Dearborn will accompany the group. Mr. Dearborn will offer a special session on solving problems and overcoming obstacles in your research. There are also large blocks of time allotted for individual research in the Library.

Prices vary according to accommodations desired and type of package. A deposit of \$100. per person is required by July 31, 1985. For more information, an application brochure will be posted on the MGS bulletin board at the Darien Library.



NEW PROGRAM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Gemmell Jainschigg, a charter member of the MGS, has been appointed program chairman of the organization. She succeeds in this responsibility, Donald Wentworth, a founding member and director of the society. Mr. Wentworth will continue as a member of the committee.

Mrs. Jainschigg brings to her new position a wealth of historical experience and familiarity with organizations and persons with collateral interests to the society. She served the Darien Historical Society for many years as President, Director and Curator and is a winner of that society's Medal of Honor. Mrs. Jainschigg was also a member of Darien's Bi-Centennial Commission and has served as a member of The Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. She is currently the President of the Connecticut League of Historical Societies.

Anyone with ideas or suggestions for future programs they would like to see presented at the MGS meetings is cordially invited to contact Mrs. Jainschigg and her committee. In order to provide the types of topics our members would be interested in hearing, the committee needs to know where the interests of our members lie.

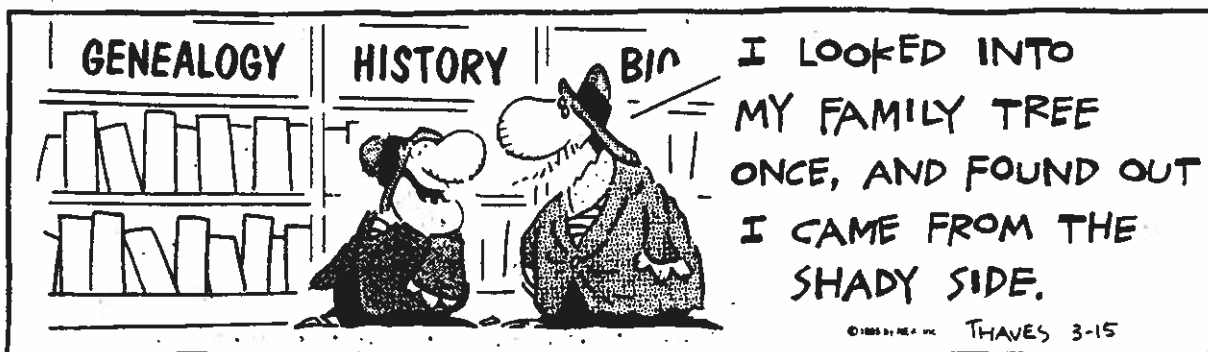
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A People which takes no pride in the noble achievements of noble ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants.

-Macaulay

From a reader...

## FRANK &amp; ERNEST

WORTHINGTON ANCESTORS?

A letter was received from Frances Brengle, 6619 Pheasant Rd. #16, Baltimore, MD 21220, who edits a newsletter known as the "Worthington Descendants". It is published quarterly and the subscription rate is \$12.00 yearly.

"Worthington Descendants" publishes material concerning all branches of the Worthington surname and its many allied lineages. The newsletter includes an unlimited free query column, heraldry, military records, ancestral charts, tombstone inscriptions, family history, wills and deeds.

Anyone interested in this should contact Mrs. Brengle at the above address.

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GERMAN GENEALOGICAL DIGEST

A brochure for the "German Genealogical Digest", a quarterly magazine dealing with items of interest to researchers of German family history, was received by the editor. It contains sections like: Insights to Research; Questions and Answers; Ancestral Searches; Nobly Speaking; Historical Snapshots; Microfilm Updates and Reviews on recent arrivals at the Salt Lake City Genealogical Library; Special Articles and more. A one year subscription is \$17, two years, \$32 and three years, \$45. This editor has not seen a copy of the magazine and so cannot attest to the quality. If anyone is interested in this, write to: GERMAN GENEALOGICAL DIGEST, P.O. Box 780, Pleasant Grove, UT 84062.

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Answer to "What they called the genealogist" -- A CLANDIGGER.



MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

QUESTIONNAIRE

Please take time out to complete this questionnaire so the officers of the MGS can learn more about the membership and their needs and expectations in regard to what the society can offer. Return the questionnaire to:

Marianne W. Sheldon  
45 Old Kings Highway North  
Darien, CT 06820.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been working on your genealogy? \_\_\_\_\_

What countries and ethnic backgrounds are you interested in?

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What surnames are you working on? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you belong to any other genealogical, historical or hereditary societies? If so, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever published any genealogical material? \_\_\_\_\_

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What types of programs, classes, activities, etc. would you like to see the MGS provide? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there any topics you would like to see presented at an evening meeting? \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you be interested in serving as a board member or officer, a Saturday morning research volunteer, or helping with MGS special projects (indexing, compiling local genealogical materials, answering queries, working on the Newsletter, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional comments...

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