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Notes From the Editor:

With summer upon us, we genealogy crazed folks get weird yearnings to sit cross-legged on the floor in damp state libraries or risk rampant poison ivy infested cemeteries. We do these crazy things for as little as one morsel of information that just might prove helpful in our never ending searches. I can just hear you saying, "oh good, and I thought I was alone in this madness!" Fear not, there are many of us out there and the number seems to be growing. So, relax and enjoy yourself with peace of mind.

Seriously though, I am thankful to say that the MGS Board Members have received many praises regarding this newsletter. I would like to thank our President, Nikki Hollander and the rest of the Board for recommending me for an award given by The Darien Community Council and The Volunteer Center of Southwestern Fairfield County at their 10th Annual Darien Volunteer Recognition Day Awards Ceremony. Although I was unable to attend the ceremonies, I was quite honored.

Speaking of the newsletter, we have decided to upgrade it just a bit. From now on, we would like to attempt, with your help, to have it focus on more "original" material than before. That is, material "original" to your own personal research and our own personal area - Darien or the Old Middlesex Parish. This way our newsletter will become a valued resource item. We will be exchanging newsletters with other societies. Those newsletters will be kept in our Genealogy Room in the Darien Public Library for your use.

The original material I speak of could be any number of items that you might let us publish. Maybe you have family bible records or a genealogical sampler that we could reproduce. Original stories and searches made by you personally are always interesting and could contain information for others (see Florence Wyland's article in this issue on her Bates family). And, of course, it could be an interesting pedigree (with sources) on which you have been working. Remember pedigrees do not have to be absolutely complete - few, if any, are ever completed.

We are off to a fine start in this issue with Florence's article and the cemetery work being done by Marianne Sheldon (more on that elsewhere in this newsletter). If you would like to contribute to later issues, either call me at (203) 798-6133, drop off information in the Darien Historical Society's MGS box or mail it directly to me (address on inside of cover page). Hope you have a happy, fruitful summer.

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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 membership dues are \$10/ Individual and \$15/ Couple or Family.

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FOUR GENERATIONS OF
BATES
IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY,
NEW YORK
1781 to 1919

by Florence Bates Wyland

Well, my friends, we have just found the fourth burying ground in Westchester County, New York, of the BATES family. This past week, we drove to Scarsdale and found The St. James The Less Episcopal Church. It was surrounded on three sides by a cemetery and in this cemetery is a large polished granite stone engraved with:

Alfred S. Bates
Born March 31, 1814
Died October 17, 1889

Lucy B. Bates
Born November 18, 1826
Died October 20, 1889

IN DEATH
THEY WERE NOT DIVIDED

They are my Great Grandparents. They were the missing ancestors, and now they are found. They are right above the white marble stones of Oliver Avery Hyatt, (born 12-3-1887) and Sarah Cornell Bates Hyatt. (Sarah was the daughter of Alfred S. Bates and Lucy B. Whitney, buried above, and sister to our Grandfather, William R. S. Bates.) Quite a find!

Also buried nearby is Ann Eliza Bates, buried 1940 at the age of 84 years, Richard D. Bates, buried 1869 at the age of 2 months 16 days, Irene Hubbard Bates Hyatt sister of Alfred, born 4-8-1867 died 1-2-1958, Alfred Bates Hyatt buried 1883 at the age of 2 years 3 months. These stones are all in good condition, and the graveyard is well taken care of. These plots are in the back near the stone wall, and a large white hydrangea tree in bloom was hanging over them. The gray stone church is nearby, with beautiful stain glass windows, some were dedicated to the Hyatts. These two families, Bates and Hyatt, were prominent in the Scarsdale area at that time.

Now, to tell you a little more about Alfred S. Bates (incidentally, the S. stands for Stephen. See Ledger 1 at St. James The Less Church, Scarsdale, NY, or Florence Wyland, Page 155 Confirmations, 1868.) Let me take you back to his birth. He was born March 31, 1814, in Eastchester, New York, a town bordering Scarsdale. I find him listed as a Parishioner of the Episcopal Church in 1866, and Baptized there March 3, 1882 (a late in life baptism) listing his parents as John Bates and Sarah Cornell Bates.¹ The Clergyman remarked that it was a "Clinic Baptism, in illness." (It's possible earlier records were burned as there had

been a fire at the church.) His parents were John Bates, born 29 July 1781, died 5 Sept 1825 and Sarah Cornell Bates, born 15 Apr 1782, died 6 Jul 1842, of Tuckahoe. Wally Bates and I found the Cornell homestead at 257 Mamaroneck Road this past week, hidden behind ancient maple trees. These early Cornells were Quakers, but that's another whole story. Anyway, Alfred's parents are buried at the Christ Methodist, Episcopal Church, 1200 North New Rochelle Road, in a little cemetery next to the brick modern church. There is a row of Bates stones here, and is documented and recorded by the DAR. This church was originally just Episcopal, but they joined together with the Methodist in later years. When we visited here we took pictures of these very old sandstones.

Alfred inherited his house and property from his father, John, in 1837. The farm was on the northwest corner of Eastchester and on the Scarsdale line, and lay just south of the Hyatt farm. Sarah Cornell Bates, wife of Oliver Avery Hyatt, was born in this house in 1852. On this property was a fascinating place, a quarry. There was a big dome of marble which rose "white and clean to the north of the quarry pond."² There was an old quarry pit two or three hundred feet long and filled with clear green water, deep enough so that very daring boys could dive from the dome into the water forty or fifty feet below. The marble wasn't of very good quality, being comparatively soft and coarse grained, but it was said that the New York City Hall was in part, and A. T. Stewart House entirely built from this quarry.

The old Bates house was built in three successive stages. The oldest part was pretty nearly square with a hall through the center and two rooms on each side. One of these rooms was the "best parlor," the other a sitting room with a big black stove in it, and the rear rooms were used as bedrooms. From the rear of the hall a marble path ran to the

privy, covered in the spring by a magnificent wisteria vine. It was divided into two parts, the left for women and the right for men, and each contained a scrubbed white pine bench.

One end of the house was to the road and on the other end of the original portion, there was an extension containing a very large dining room which ran along the front of the house. Behind it was a dish pantry and a food pantry. At the other end was a kitchen, store rooms, meat safes, etc. There were 2 or 3 stairs in different parts of the house leading to the bedrooms.

The dining room was the biggest room in the house and the most important. Along the outside wall was a black horse-hair sofa, very comfortable, and there, every morning at eleven o'clock, Alfred S. Bates used to lie down, cover his face with a newspaper and go to sleep. He was a "gentleman farmer." He was the first "college" man in the family, a graduate of Wesleyan about 1830. (Anyone like to write for that information?) He wore a black Prince Albert coat, a low cut vest, a white shirt with a string tie, and black half boots, very highly polished. In the mornings, he would tuck the trousers in the tops of his boots and then examine the farm. By half-past ten or eleven, he would come back to the house, take off his boots, put on a pair of bedroom slippers and go to sleep. That was a sacred period, during which the household tiptoed around with bated breath.

Aymar Embury, II, a Grandchild of Alfreds who used to visit there, tells of admiring the peacocks on the great square lawn studded with honey locust trees. He also tells of the gigantic pigs in the orchards at the opposite end of the lawn. They were quite dangerous animals.

Alfred also owned a very smart team of white trotting mules, which he used to drive to Magown's Pass Tavern, hitched to a silver-mounted sleigh by silver-mounted harness. He always had or bred fine horses, and one "Starlight" was so

beautiful a colt, that he started to break him. He was seventy-five at the time, and his wife, who was with him in the training sulky, was sixty-three. As they neared a crossing of the Harlem Railroad, a train blew its whistle, Starlight bolted, getting across the track in time, but the sulky was hit and our ancestors were killed. (See last line on tombstone.)

The farm of 200 acres³ was sold and later it burned to the ground in 1905. All that was left was a milestone. Wally and I recently drove all around the area, and of course it is all built up now with private residences. We looked for the milestone, and think we saw it on the corner of Sprague Avenue and Route 22. (The milestone was located on a later visit) We then drove the short distance to the center of Scarsdale, and over the railroad tracks where the accident probably happened. We also drove by the apartments where we think Mrs. Hyatt had retired to, and where my notes say Grammy (Maria Coats) Bates may have stayed for a while in her later years.

Alfred and Sarah had 11 children. All went to college except one, George, who later became general manager of "Rogers Peet & Company"! (See me for further details) Pretty good for this family of 13 on 200 acres of land, totally self sufficient.

My direct ancestor of the next generation was Alfred's son, William R.S. Bates, Willy, as he was called. He graduated from Columbia, "but became a farmer." I estimate he attended Columbia University around 1880. I found records at The St. James The Less Episcopal Church, Scarsdale, that he and Maria Coats were married there, Feb. 20, 1884. They eventually bought a farm for \$4,500 in Darien, CT on Raymond Street. The house was in Maria's name and is recorded in the Darien Directory, 1971, Owner Clare D. Dowling, 151 Raymond Street - Nathaniel Selleck House 1769. On this farm they raised 5 children, Sarah May, born 1885, Ralph Coates, born 1889, buried at Spring Grove Cemetery, Darien, CT; Beatrice Lucy, born 1890;

Walter Arnold, born 1892 (my dad); and Ann Eliza, born 1895. Their second child and first son, William Robert Stafford, born 12/28/1886 died at 6 months of age. These children were all baptized at The St. James The Less Episcopal Church, Scarsdale, NY.

William R.S. Bates died of appendicitis in 1919 at the age of 58 years. Walter Arnold Bates, his son, came home to manage the farm and lived in Darien in 1958 when he retired with his wife Jessie, to Rowe, Mass, where he died Nov. 14, 1980 and she April 21, 1988.

So, there is a brief history of the BATES family line for four generations in Westchester County, NY.

The four burying grounds in Westchester Country are:

1. Eastchester Christ Methodist Episcopal Churchyard
2. The St. James The Less Episcopal Church, Scarsdale
3. Woodlawn Cemetery, The Bronx⁴
4. Beechwood Cemetery, Post Road, New Rochelle⁵

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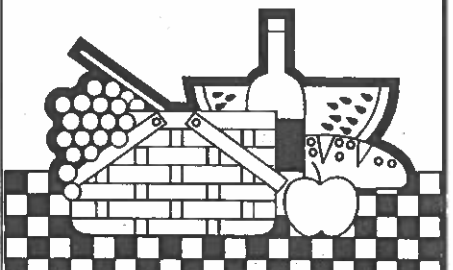
¹See 1st ledger of Births, Marriages, Confirmations, Baptisms, & Deaths, at St. James The Less Church, page 98, 99 Baptisms.

²The Bates of East Chester. A Genealogy by Aymar Embury II, Christmas 1946, revision by R/A/H 19/19/74.

³See "Peter Bates will of 5/19/1862 With a Quarry." New Rochelle, New York Court House.

⁴Ralph Coats and Sarah Crandall Minor Coats, parents of Maria May Coats, who married William R.S. (Willy) Bates.

⁵William R.S. Bates, Maria Coats Bates, Ann Eliza Bates Cantrell.





by the
**Middlesex Genealogical
 Society**
 and
Darien Historical Society
 on April 26, 1989, a Wednesday
 by Ray Bartlett

The sun shone brightly on the pilgrims of the Middlesex Genealogical and Darien Historical Societies as they embarked at 7:45 a.m. from Saint John's Church parking lot fairly well fortified with coffee that was handily supplied by a vendor.

Captain Bob eased the new super bus onto the highway and silently glided through the usual I-95 traffic to New London, Connecticut. Time went by quickly although it was impossible to sleep due to the volume of chatter from the eager and alert group.

Slightly ahead of schedule on arrival, we were welcomed by the pleasant staff of the Lyman-Allyn Museum who treated us to a short introductory slide presentation prior to our examining the splendid exhibits. We became absorbed with the exquisite "doll houses" and particularly a most interesting display of Shaker furniture, utensils and other artifacts constructed by members of the Sabbathday Lake Shakers. A video presentation described the origins and philosophies of this unique but diminishing religious group.

A short sunny walk from the museum brought us to the De-shon-Allyn Mansion, formerly owned by a local sea captain and furnished in the Empire style. We were allowed to see the upper floor director's apartment, not normally viewed by the public, which was also furnished in the museum style.

Then with our appetites well whetted by the exercise and warm sun, we boarded our bus for an unexpected tour of downtown New London and from there we were whisked to Old Lyme. We dined at the refurbished Old Lyme Inn (circa 1850) on Lyme Street only a few yards north of I-95.

And what a grand meal we had! The Swordfish En Brochette was by far the favorite, but the pear baked in apple cider was "out of this world!" The meal was made all the more enjoyable as we were seated in a spacious cheery private dining room.

Diagonally across the street from the Old Lyme Inn, the Florence Griswold Art Museum is located. Today, it was featuring Artist Sheffler's many varied styles of painting, watercolors and sketches as well as those of many artists who lived at or near to this former art colony. Next came a short pilgrimage to view the famous Old Lyme Church, the parish church of Moses Mather's boyhood.

All good things must come to an end and we boarded our yellow magic carpet for the final trek westward toward home. The smooth ride was made even more enjoyable with the wine and cheese "doodles" made by Jim MacCammond and served by Helen Higgins, Nikki Hollander and Barbara Burmester. The time passed swiftly and upon arriving back at Darien, we gave a round of applause to the directors of this venture and for our trusty pilot for providing us with such an enjoyable and interesting day's outing.

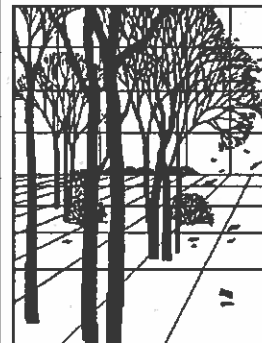
It will be tough to top this tour, but you can bet that Helen Higgins, Nikki Hollander and Janet Jainschigg will be planning another great one soon!!!



MGS and DHS Continue Cemetery Updates

by Nikki Hollander

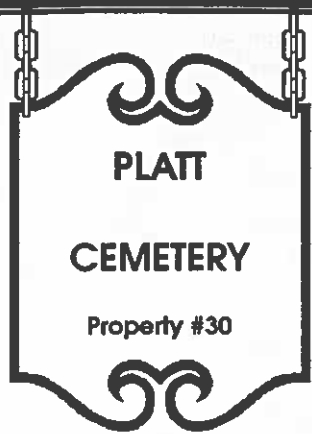
As work progresses on the Cemetery Project which we are doing in conjunction with the Darien Historical Society, we are continually finding interesting stories connected with the people, and their lives, who are buried in the cemeteries of Darien and environs. Therefore, it was decided to run a series of articles containing this information in our Newsletter. Some of these articles will be based on facts in which we think you might be interested, others on complimentary material, such as the Bates article by Florence Bates Wyland.



Peak
 Fall
 Foliage
 Tour
 planned
 to

Portsmouth, NH

Another of those wonderful Darien Historical Society and Middlesex Genealogical Society Tours is in the works. It is scheduled for October 4 & 5, 1989. The Tour will include the Strawberry Banke Restoration, the Gov. John Langdon House, and the Moffatt-Lawd Colonial Dames House. Lodging will be provided at the Stageneck Inn, York Harbor, Maine. Information will be arriving shortly. Since this is peak season, reservations must be made early. Check your calendars and plan to join the fun.



by Marianne Sheldon

This cemetery has been obliterated and only one stone can still be found in the area. It is leaning against a stone wall in the woods behind 146 Brookside Road. The cemetery was supposedly at the southeast corner of Brookside and Sylvan Roads.

In
Memory of
Mr Smith Slauson
who was drowned in []
[] August 1810
aged [] yrs. [] months
& [] days.
(stone very worn)

A note on pages 28 & 29 in *The Slason-Slauson-Slawson-Slosson Family* (compiled and published by George C. Slawson, 1946) sheds some light on this cemetery.

"Captain Nathaniel's property was offered for sale by a grandson. The prospective purchaser refused to buy while there were gravestones on the land, so the grandson buried the gravestones over the graves. The sale was then made. The exact location of this graveyard, with 21 persons therein, was lost until 1944."

According to this genealogy, the following persons were buried there:

1. Capt. Nathaniel Slason (Rev. War)
Jan. 1744/5 - 1 May 1835
2. Lydia (Bates) Slason (1st wife)
- 16 Jan 1784
3. Hannah (Whitney) (Smith) Slason (2nd wife)
21 Jan 1760 - 17 Feb 1851
4. Lydia (Slason) Weed (dau.)
18 May 1766 - Dec. 1839
5. James Slason (son)
16 June 1775 - 1849
6. Sarah Slason (dau.)
8 May 1777 - 1779
7. Joseph Slason (son)
June 1780 - Nov. 1813
8. Isaac Slason
14 Oct. 1782 -
9. Sarah (Slason) Egrý (dau.)
16 Jan. 1784 - 3 May 1811
10. Smith Slason (son)
7 Feb 1788 - 19 Dec 1819
11. _____ Slason (twin dau.)
Apr. 1789 - Apr. 1789
12. _____ Slason (twin dau.)
Apr. 1789 - Apr. 1789
13. Alexander Morehouse (son-in-law)
14. Cornelia (Slason)(Weed) Tileston (dau.)
26 May 1799 - 24 Nov. 1876
15. William Platt Slason (son)
10 Feb 1802 - 12 Aug 1837

Excerpts from an undated letter of Mrs. Laura (Platt) Mills in the records of the Darien Historical Society describe the cemetery:

"It has always made me furious that Uncle Charles Platt should insist on turning down the few (I think only about three) grave stones that there were, - besides a fairly big one for Capt. Nathaniel Slason 2d, of Revolutionary fame, born Jan. 13, 1745 - died May 1, 1835."

"He lived in what you call the "Platt Place," but it really was the Slason homestead."

"Nathaniel Slason married, first Lydia Bates. They had 10 children. Then he married Hannah Whitney Smith, a widow. They had 11 children. He had a total of 21 children, 19, I believe, grew to be old. My mother's mother, Cornelia Slason, was the youngest daughter of the 21 children. She was born in the old Brookside (Gracie Street) house, and I was, too. She was born 1799 and died 1876, in the Platt house in New York City, and is the last one ever to be buried in the "Old Place," as far as I know."

"When I was young, Mama told me 21 were buried in the old graveyard in Darien. I only know the name of Smith Slason, son of Nathaniel and his second wife. He was a sailor, drowned off Fire Island, but his body was recovered and buried in Darien."

"The cemetery is back of the van der Kieft's house, near Dr. Belisle's house. Mr. Henry Morehouse told me some years ago that he could show me exactly where it was. I was going to stand up the stones, but David (Mr. Mills) thought I had better not get into it."



Midbrook Lane, on east side. This cemetery is kept in very good condition, probably because it is on private property. A wall with an iron fence surrounds it.

BELL

CEMETERY

Property #8

by Marianne Sheldon

1.
IN
MEMORY OF
REBECCA
WIFE OF
CARY BELL
WHO DIED
MAY 3, 1849
AE. 78 YRS 3 MO.
& 21 D'S

2.
IN
MEMORY OF
CARY BELL,
WHO DIED
MAY 26, 1852,
AE. 82 YRS 3 MO'S
[& 11 DAYS]
(last part underground)

3.
IN
MEMORY OF
ANGELINE BELL,
DIED
MARCH 28TH 1874
AGED 71 YEARS
"O Lord I have trusted in thy mercy.
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation."

4.
IN MEMORY OF
THADDEUS BELL
SON OF
JOHN BELL
DIED
JAN. 29, 1852,
AE. 56 y'rs 8 mo's
& 3 d's.
(stone broken across but has been mended and is upright)

5.
IN MEMORY OF
SARAH
WIFE OF
THADDEUS BELL,
DIED
DEC. 12, 1860,
AE. 56 y'rs 10 mo's
& 6 d's
(stone broken across but has been mended and is upright)

6.
ELIZA J. BELL.
BORN
Sep. 19, 1825
DIED
Aug. 8, 1884

7.
DEBORAH C. BELL.
BORN
Dec. 30, 1829
DIED
Aug. 8, 1884

8.
IN MEMORY OF
PRUDENCE ANN
DAUGHTER OF
JACOB & PHEBE BELL
WHO DIED
FEB. 5, 1847,
AE. 16 YEARS 6 MO.
[& 6 DAYS]
(last part underground)

9.
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN WATTS
SON OF
JACOB & PHEBE BELL,
WHO DIED
SEPT. 12, 1845,
AE. 20 YEARS 3 MO.
& 18 DAYS

10.
IN MEMORY OF
PHEBE BELL,
WIFE OF JACOB BELL,
& DAUGHTER OF
ABRAHAM &
ELIZABETH CLOCK,
WHO DIED
APRIL 19, 1840
AE. 50 YEARS 7 MO.
& 18 DAYS

11.
(west side)
JOHN W. BELL,
SON OF
JACOB & PHEBE BELL
DIED SEP. 12.TH 1845,
AGED 20 YEARS
3 MONTHS & 18 DAYS

(south side)
JACOB BELL,
DIED JULY 21.ST 1852,
AGED 59 YEARS,
7 MONTHS & 4 DAYS

(east side)
DEBORAH,
DAUGHTER OF
JACOB & PHEBE BELL,
DIED JULY 9TH 1825
AGED 1 YEAR 6 MOS. & 11 DAYS.

PRUDENCE ANN,
DAUGHTER OF
JACOB & PHEBE BELL,
DIED FEB. 5.TH 1847,
AGED 16 YEARS 6 MOS. & 6 DAYS.

HARRIET W.
WIDOW OF JACOB BELL
DIED AUG. 17, 1878 IN THE 69
YEAR OF HER AGE

(on north side)
PHEBE,
WIFE OF
JACOB BELL,
DIED APRIL 19.TH 1840,
AGED 50 YEARS,
7 MONTHS & 18 DAYS

12.
IN MEMORY OF
JOHN BELL,
died Oct. 1, 1855
AE. 89 y'rs 3 mo's
& 2 d's

13.
IN MEMORY OF
MARY
WIFE OF
JOHN BELL,
DIED
March 3, 1861,
AE. 84 y'rs. 9 mo's
& 1 day

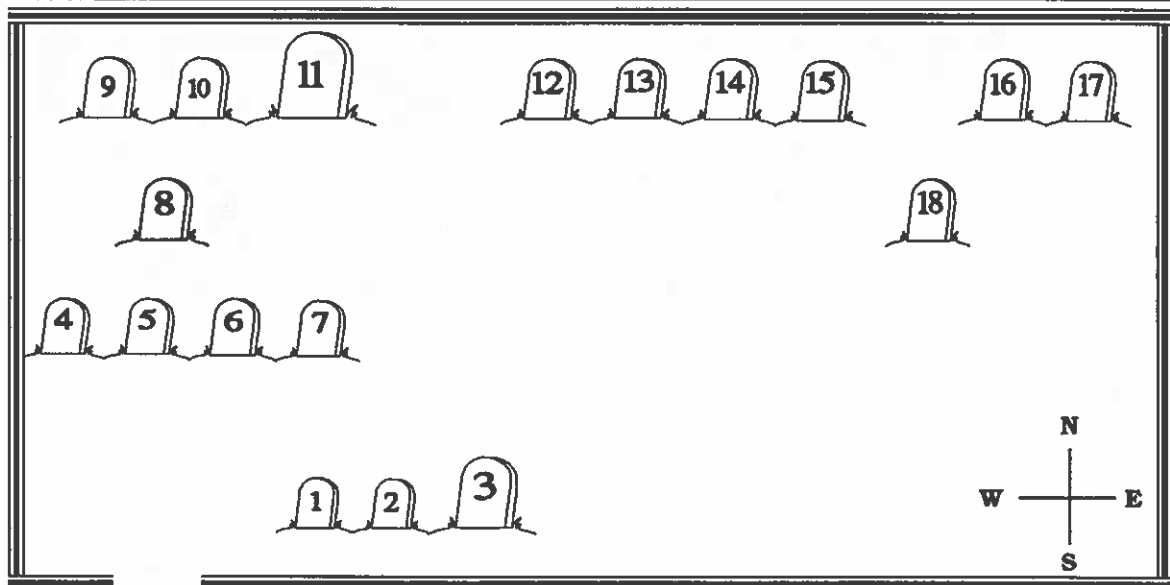
14.
In
memory of
JAMES
son of
John &
Mary Bell
who died
Mar. 9, 1839
Aged 30 y'rs
& 9 mos.

15.
IN
Memory of
MABEL ANN
wife of
George Fickett
& dau. of John &
Mary Bell
who died
Feb. 3, 1889

16.
IN
memory of
JANE
daughter of
John &
Mary Bell
who died
Aug. 28, 1838
Aged 28 y'rs.
& 4 mos.

17.
IN MEMORY OF
PRUDENCE BELL
DAUGHTER OF
JOHN &
DEBORAH BELL,
WHO DIED
OCT. 17, 1845,
AE. 51 YEARS 2 MO.
& 19 DAYS

18.
JANE BELL FICKETT
DIED
[Oct. 10, 1864]
(last part underground)

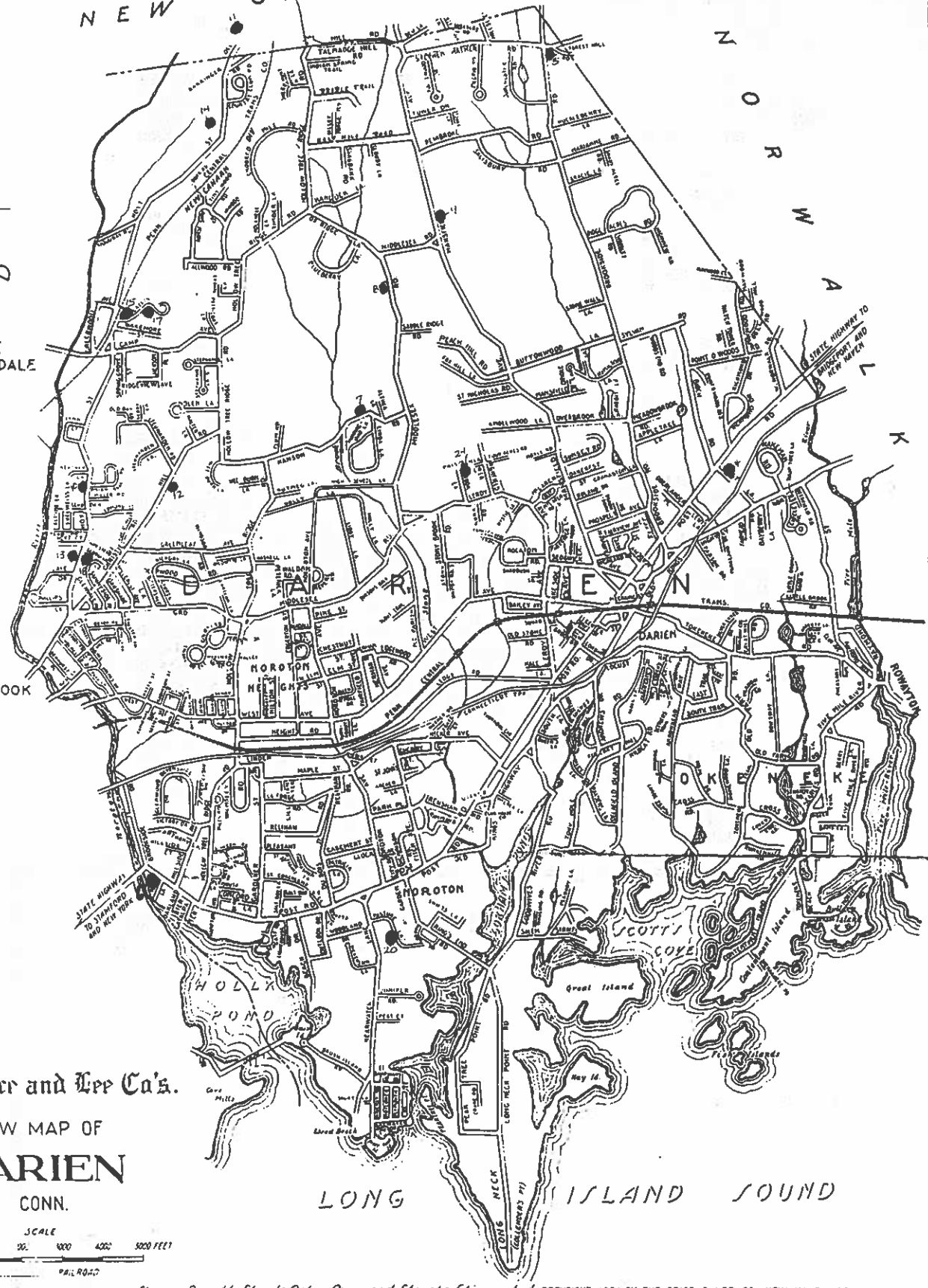


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RAIL ROAD

LONG NECK ISLAND SOUND

Showing Passable Streets Only - Proposed Streets Eliminated. COPYRIGHT 1974 BY THE PRICE & LEE CO., NEW HAVEN, CONN

**Genealogical Data
found in the
John Bell Bible**

original at Darien Historical Society

BIRTHS

John Bell, Jr.
born Nov 20th 1772

Nancy ()
his wife
born Dec 28, 1779

Francis Bell _____ to _____
1641

Jonathan his son
the first child born
in the _____
Sept _____ 1641.
the second Jonathan
son of the above
Jonathan born 1666
the first Jonathan
it appears had two
other sons Abram
& John & three daughters
The third Jonathan
son of the second
it appears was born
1692. Settled at _____
not here no _____

of any but Francis
children it is taken
from the wills
the third Jonathan
had four sons John
the youngest born
1730 John Bell his
son born 1772

MARRIAGES

John Bell, Jr.
Nancy _____
married Oct. 15, _____

DEATHS

John Bell died
January 3 1798
in the 68 year
of his age

Resia? wife of
John Bell died
Nov. 22 1766
in the 38 year
of her age

Sarah wife of
John Bell died
June 25 1822
in the 78 year
of her age

Masonic
William Henry Orchard
born in London England
May first 1843
died in Noroton Conn
October 9th 1916

Masonic
John Jay Bell
born 2nd 1816
died 1893

Hariette Copes born in NY
July 30 1812
Widow of Captain James J.
Sackett

Hariette Copes Bell
died November 9 1888
in Noroton Conn

Mary W. Sackett
born Sept 25 1840
died Feb 8 1871

Military

Captain James Joseph Sackett
born in NY October 22, 1812
died March 12 1846



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Darien News Review
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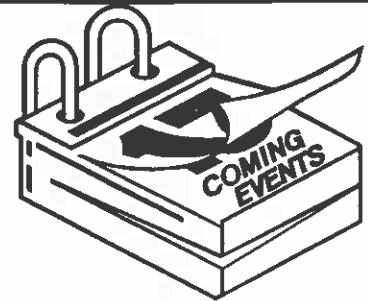
RICHARDS SEARCH

To THE EDITOR:

I am doing genealogical
research on my family and am
trying to locate descendants of
George Richards and Betsey
Howe Richards whose family
lived in Darien from the 1800's
through the 1920's. Their chil-
dren were: Sarah E. (Richards)
Toms; Georgiana (Richards)
Lancaster; Fanny E. Richards,
George A. Richards; Maria L.
Richards; and Isabella Richards.

I would greatly appreciate
any descendants of this family
contacting me as they may have
information I need and I have
photos they might like to have. I
am Georgiana Richards Lancas-
ter's great-great granddaughter.

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German Genealogical Society of
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Michael Palmer and GGSA
member Julie Overton will be the
featured speakers at the First
Annual German Genealogy
Seminar sponsored by the Hamil-
ton County Chapter of the Ohio
Genealogical Society. The semi-
nar will be held in Cincinnati,
Ohio, on Saturday, 16 September
1989 (Downtown Oktoberfest
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