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*The first section of this Newsletter is dedicated to our
Founding Father, BOB FATHERLEY.*

ROBERT EDWARD FATHERLEY
1905-1995

Although we are sad Bob Fatherley passed on and become part of that history in which he was so passionately interested, we can rejoice in his full and industrious life. A life in which among many achievements, he founded our society in 1982.

Our thoughts are with his wife Em and her family and we thank her especially at this time for a most generous donation to the Society in memory of her husband.

Bob Fatherley has surely planted some good roots for us all to nurture as we try to maintain and improve on the high standards he set for the Society.

I hope you will enjoy this special memorial issue of the newsletter and read the many tributes to Bob, particularly from our members who joined with him in 1982 to found the Middlesex Genealogical Society -- Long may it flourish!

David V. Bowley - President



Emeline Fatherley, Robert Fatherley
December 1980

*"The essential matter of
history is not what happened
but what people thought or
said about it."*

—FREDERIC WILLIAM
MAITLAND

*"An historian is a prophet in
reverse."*

—FRIEDRICH SCHLEGEL

*"Life must be lived forwards,
but can only be understood
backwards."*

—SØREN KIERKEGAARD

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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 Public Library, provides research assistance on Saturday mornings (10-12) at the Library and publishes a quarterly Newsletter. Annual membership dues are \$15/individual and \$20/couple or family.

Original articles, notices of genealogical interest, and queries are welcomed for the newsletter.

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Member Profile Robert E. Fatherley

When the Middlesex Genealogical Society Newsletter Committee met recently, the suggestion was made to include a member profile in each edition. The first name that came to mind was that of Robert E. Fatherley, a founding member of our Society, as well as the founder of the Darien Historical Society.

I sent Bob a few questions designed to elicit responses I could weave into a story about him. The prompt return of his answers made me realize there was much more that I wanted to know about this interesting man. This led to a visit to his Point O' Woods Road home, and lengthy conversation with Bob and Em about his early life, what motivated his interest in genealogy, and his career in the military. At this point, I have enough information to write a book about Bob, and I suggested to him that he really should commit his story to paper. Space limitations here will only permit us a beginning.

Bob credits three people with inspiring his interest in preserving the past for our future generations. First, among these was Bob's father, who was born in England and came to America at age 16. He became a Methodist minister, and married Bob's mother, who traced four or five of her ancestors (John Alden, Francis Cooke, etc.) back to the Mayflower. Bob's dad encouraged him to follow-up his mother's New England background, which he did. Another inspiration was Bob's great-aunt Mary Elizabeth Taggart Johnson. Bob remembers this small, immaculate, Aunt Libby, who "always spoke glowingly of her ancestors," and told Bob about East Bridgewater, Mass. where she visited. Bob's third motivation came after he met and married Emeline, his wife. Her father, Dr. Claude F. Walker, was very family-oriented. His ancestors came to this area in 1641, and founded the Darien Congregational Church. Dr. Walker made available to Bob, a speech made in 1894 at the 150th Anniversary of the founding of this Church. In the speech, his grandfather, Charles Grandson Morehouse lamented the fact that Darien was changing into a large town, was no longer a small village, and should record "the many notable events treasured in the memories of its citizens well worth preserving for the benefit of future generations." The impetus from these sources led Bob to pursue his own genealogical roots and the formation of historical and genealogical societies in Darien.

According to Fatherley, the single most valuable resource for a genealogist is the love of people and events, and keeping and organizing their "stuff" as they relate to each other. "My advice would be to first get a \$1.00 notebook, not a loose leaf, and start writing names, places, and events. Write to everyone you can contact in the family, no matter how remote, because they may be as anxious as you are to explore family matters; or they may already have started and will welcome you; and they may die before you get started and you will have lost out," explained Bob, when I asked about his advice for beginners.

Over tea served in an elegant white and gold floral tea service, a wedding gift to Bob's grandparents in 1854, we discussed some of Bob's other activities throughout the years. These included his years flying in the Navy during World War II, where he traveled to Japan, the Middle East, and finally we talked about the evacuation of Wake and Marcus Islands, in 1945. Once home in Darien, Bob was a member of the Darien Housing Authority from 1946-1952. Living next door to Margaret Bourke-White, Bob was her trusted friend, and even carried chapters of her books from Darien to her publishers in New York City, when Bob owned a fabric business there. Bob is currently a member of Darien's newly-formed Monuments and Ceremonies Committee, charged with locating, cataloging, and preserving town memorials. Bob is also co-Town Historian with Louise McLean. It seems fitting that Bob continues his devotion to our town with his work on this committee. How fortunate we are to have him as a member of our Society as well.

Karen K Polett, Secretary MGS

(This interview was conducted and printed in the MGS Newsletter in the spring of 1993)

REFLECTIONS OF BOB FATHERLEY

My telephone rings; I pick it up. "Bob Fatherley here! Have you got a minute?" The voice says, "Sure Bob, what's up?" This was a most frequent occurrence as Bob handled the activities of his many and various interests.

I was always amazed by the number of projects he could handle at one time. For any organization of the many he belonged

to, he was a most active participant. The Middlesex Genealogical Society, The Darien Historical Society, Mayflower Descendants, Sons of the American Revolution, The Masons and too many for me to recall kept him incredibly busy.

Bob delegated authority wisely and organized the functions through Executive Committees, usually three other persons. Thus, items of concern were handled quickly and efficiently. Much of the Committee work was executed with phone calls eliminating time spent organizing meetings. And he would follow-up to keep abreast of status of the many projects. Bob also had time to tell a joke or two.

My acquaintanceship with Bob began through activities at the Darien Congregational Church. Some 30 odd years ago. My first opportunity to be involved intimately was the founding of our Middlesex Genealogy Society, an idea he voiced at The Darien Senior Men's Association. On December 10, 1982 Bob invited ten of us to a luncheon at his home served by Emeline, his most capable wife of great culinary talent. At that meeting we elected Bob to be the Moderator for his innovative leadership. I was "selected" to be the first Recording Secretary.

Subsequently the MGS membership grew to 115 members - a great tribute to Bob's spirited guidance.

Our personal friendship was centered by our mutual interest in aviation. Being experienced pilots we enjoyed reminiscing about various airplanes, naval service in World War II, and related activities. Bob learned to fly at the former Roosevelt Field on Long Island, NY. My instruction was at New Haven, CT., and we had mutual acquaintances with many other aviators in the 1930's. When Bob was "out of sorts" I could cheer him up with bringing him some

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aeronautical publications and swapping flying experiences. I'm glad I could HELP.

Thinking back over my 30 plus years of association with Bob, I would say his tenacity and persistence interspaced with good humor along with his courage and business acumen, stand out in my memory. Any guy who could commute between New York and Paris running a very successful business and owning his own airplane during the 1930's, had to be very outstanding!

Lt. Commander Fatherley, I salute you!!

Ray Bartlett

FIRST MEETING

My first meeting with MR. FATHERLEY was in a tiny room at the Darien Library, ten years ago. I had called and made an appointment to meet with someone, anyone, to help me get started in my genealogical research to see if I could be accepted in the MAYFLOWER SOCIETY. He was there waiting for me sitting on an old metal folding chair, papers in hand and eager to help. I was so pleased to have this person to person session. He told me he too was descended from John and Priscilla Alden, as I thought I might be. He related all the well known names in history that were also descended from the Aldens of the Mayflower. I was thrilled. He helped me fill out my application, and later signed it as one of the witnesses. He had already donated The Mayflower Descendent books to the Library, and showed me where they were. I was much encouraged and carried on my quest with great gusto. His enthusiasm and encouragement gently nudged me into a world that I have come to dearly love, Genealogy.

Florence Wyland

MEMORIES OF BOB FATHERLEY by FOUNDING MEMBERS RAY GROSS & FRED FARWELL.

ROBERT E. FATHERLEY was a man of many talents and interests; he was a member of the Mayflower Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, and first president of the Darien Historical Society. Another of his interests was the Darien Senior Men's Association & it was there in the fall of 1982 that he invited anyone that was interested in forming a genealogical group to meet with him "at the piano" during the coffee break!

The following 9 men joined Bob at his house on December 10 1982 where the Middlesex Genealogical Society was founded.

Ray H. Bartlett, George Cushman, Leo J. Dunphy*, Fred W. Farwell, Raymond H. Gross, Charles Lemons, Carl Moses*, Edward L. Warren* & Donald Wentworth. (* indicates deceased)

The name Middlesex was proposed by Bob and voted in; "Middlesex Parish" was chosen as a reflection of sentiment and respect for the name by which Darien was known when originally established by the State Legislature in 1737 and so remained until incorporated as Darien in 1820.

Much of the success of the Society was due to Bob's drive and enthusiasm, coupled with the efforts of his board members, the founders of the organization. In particular the late Leo Dunphy, in whose honor the Washington's Birthday luncheon is held each year, worked wonders as first vice-president, in crafting the Constitution and By-Laws of the new Society.

Bob Fatherley was a stickler for detail, and an expert in persuading and cajoling his fellow board members! All this we will miss & we, the remaining founders, send our love & condolences to Mrs Emeline Fatherley and her family.

THANSGIVING, 1620 BOAT PEOPLE, THEN AND NOW

by Robert E. Fatherley

Written for the Darien News-Review,
Wednesday, November 25, 1987.

During the last several years we have learned much about "Boat People", the inhabitants of several countries who have, successfully, and some unsuccessfully, escaped the harsh conditions of life in their native lands in favor of the less threatening circumstances of another country, frequently the United States.

On September 6, 1620, such a group set forth from Plymouth, England to arrive in our country about November 21, when the Mayflower Compact was signed aboard that ship off the coast of Massachusetts.

This brave contingent left their native land by stealth, first going to Holland. Like the Pharaoh of Egypt, who was unwilling to let the children of Israel depart, English law forbade the pilgrims to carry money out of the kingdom or to export goods without written permission.

As they departed Plymouth, the weather treated them tolerably until they reached the mid-Atlantic where they met the full force and fury of the equinoctial gales. The little Mayflower was torn savagely in this wild waste of water, mountains of which crashed down upon it, "breaking one of ye maine

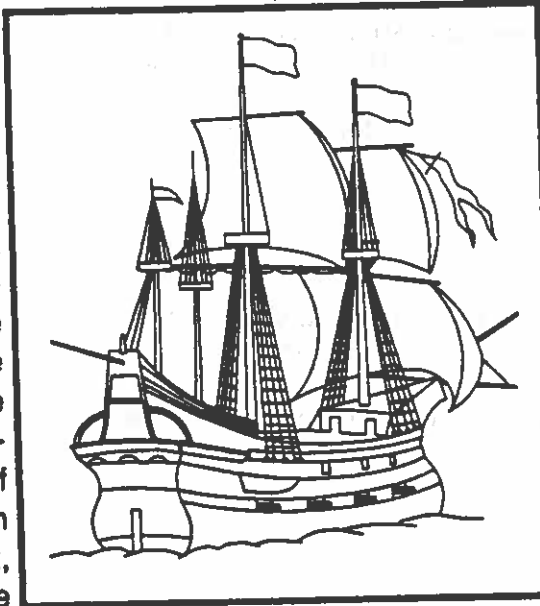
beams in ye midships," to the end that the ship was bowed and cracked. Fortunately, repairs were made and the Mayflower was judged seaworthy enough to carry on.

Passengers had to stay below deck for days on end. Under frightful conditions of crowding and wet bedding, women cared for

children and the sick. They bathed in buckets and other sanitary facilities were equally primitive. Food consisted of salt horse, dried fish, cheese and beer. Amid this nauseating squalor, mistress Hopkins gave birth to a son. He was named "Oceanus".

Unable to tolerate the fetid atmosphere, young John Howland defied orders and ventured on deck. He was swept overboard and, only by chance, caught a trailing rope and was pulled to safety by crew members. William Butten died three days before they sighted the shores of the New World. Dorothy May, William Bradford's young wife, fell overboard and was drowned.

During the first winter, for want of proper food, clothing and shelter from the cold weather, many of the 101 Pilgrims died including 23 men, 14 women and 11 children. Among them were the father, mother and brother of Priscilla Mullens, who became Priscilla Alden.



Priscilla's survival may have had some influence on American history. Her daughter, Ruth, was the ancestor of John Adams, John Quincy Adams, William Cullen Bryant and Samuel Seabury, first Episcopal Bishop in the U.S.A., who was born in Connecticut.

Bob Fatherley is a direct descendant of John Alden, William Mullins, Francis Cooke and James

Chilton—all signers of the Mayflower Compact. His wife, Emeline, is a descendant of another pilgrim, William Brewster.

FIRST GENERATION

1. **Robert Edward FATHERLEY** was born on 20 Oct 1905 in Brooklyn NY. He died on 17 Sep 1995 in Darien CT.

SECOND GENERATION

2. **William Esmond FATHERLEY** was born on 24 Nov 1871 in Durham Northumberland England. He died on 3 Feb 1918 in Pleasant Valley NY.
3. **Edna Ruth JOHNSON** was born on 26 Feb 1869 in Brooklyn NY. She died on 23 Oct 1963 in Raleigh NC.

THIRD GENERATION

6. **Ellsworth Jonathan JOHNSON** was born on 20 Jun 1861 in New York City NY. He died on 16 Jul 1938 in Westfield NJ. He was married to Frances Eva HILL on 14 Jun 1881 in Rockville Center NY.
7. **Frances Eva HILL** was born on 20 Mar 1861 in Whitestone NY. She died on 7 Apr 1937 in Bangor PA.

FOURTH GENERATION

12. **Francis Trow JOHNSON** was born on 15 Sep 1837 in New York City NY. He died on 5 Oct 1910 in New York City NY. He was married to Mary Elizabeth COWARD on 4 Nov 1858 in New York City NY.
13. **Mary Elizabeth COWARD** was born on 27 May 1835 in New York City NY. She died on 14 Jun 1902 in Hollis NY.

FIFTH GENERATION

24. **Henry JOHNSON** was born on 18 Nov 1804 in New York City NY. He died on 30 Jan 1858 in New York City NY. He was married to Mary TROW on 4 Oct 1829 in New York City NY.
25. **Mary TROW** was born on 8 May 1778 in East Bridgewater MA. Date of 1809 also shown as side note on Mayflower Society Descendents Application.

SIXTH GENERATION

50. **Bartholomew TROW III**. He was married to Mary Allen WASHBURN on 24 Mar 1803 in East Bridgewater MA.
51. **Mary Allen WASHBURN** was born on 8 Nov 1778 in East Bridgewater MA. Birth date shown was actually date of Baptism. Birth date shown is actually date of Baptism. Date & place of death not known.

SEVENTH GENERATION

102. **Levi WASHBURN** was born on 17 Nov 1751 in East Bridgewater MA. He died on 22 Jan 1824 in East Bridgewater MA. He was married to Molly ALLEN on 22 Nov 1774 in East Bridgewater MA.

103. Molly ALLEN was born on 2 Sep 1755 in East Bridgewater MA. She died on 25 Oct 1800 in East Bridgewater MA.

EIGHTH GENERATION

204. Eleazor WASHBURN was born on 8 Feb 1713 in Bridgewater MA. He died on 29 Feb 1762 in East Bridgewater MA. Application for Society of Mayflower Descendants shows 3 possible birth dates: 24/26/29 February 1762. He was married to Anna Keith ALDEN on 22 Nov 1738 in Bridgewater MA.

205. Anna Keith ALDEN was born on 19 Feb 1717 or 1718 in Bridgewater MA. She died on 13 Feb 1788 in Bridgewater MA.

NINTH GENERATION

410. Ebenezer ALDEN was born on 5 Jan 1693 in Bridgewater MA. He died on 31 Dec 1776 in East Bridgewater MA. He was married to Anna KIRTH on 16 Nov 1717 in Bridgewater MA.

411. Anna KIRTH was born on 19 Apr 1695 in Bridgewater MA. She died Jn 11 1775 in East Bridgewater MA.

TENTH GENERATION

820. Isaac ALDEN was born in Bridgewater MA. Date of Birth not known. He was married to Mehitable ALLEN in 1685 in Bridgewater MA. Only year of marriage is known.

821. Mehitable ALLEN. No dates, except 1685 for year of marriage, are known.

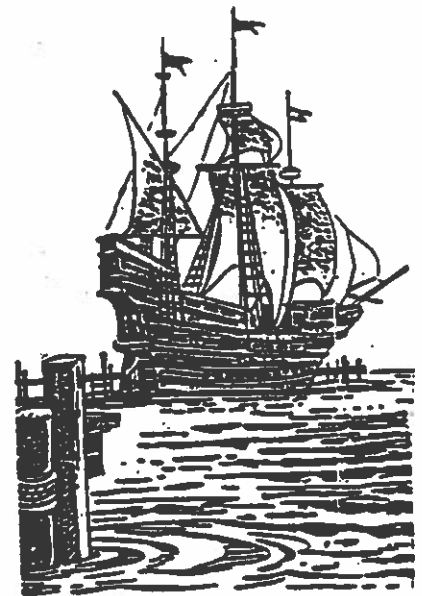
ELEVENTH GENERATION

1640. Joseph ALDEN. No dates known. He was married to Mary SIMMONS. No details of marriage are known.

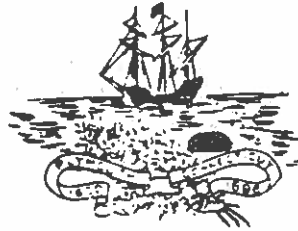
1641. Mary SIMMONS.

TWELFTH GENERATION

3280. John ALDEN OF THE MAYFLOWER. Of the Mayflower.



Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut



October 14, 1995

Dear Mrs. Wyland,

Robert E. Fatherley was a revered member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut, being a descendant of John Alden, William Mullins, James Chilton and Francis Cooke.

He was Chairman of Historical Research and a member of the Education Committee.

He published articles in the local press on interesting facets of the Mayflower Story.

He will be sorely missed by Mayflower members who enjoyed his timely reminders of Mayflower facts at meetings.

The Society wishes to express its condolences to his wife, Emeline, his sons, grand and great-grand children.

Marjorie D. Ives

Mrs Harvey Ives

Recording Secretary

ROBERT E. FATHERLY

Bob Fatherly, Historian for the Town of Darien, wrote the following article for the Darien Historical Society Newsletter in 1984.

THE RETURNED SOLDIER

There is probably a no more compelling art treasure in Darien to which the public has access than the one and one half life size statue, "The Returned Soldier." It is located in the veteran's division of the Spring Grove Cemetery on Hecker Avenue. Bathed in history, it stands wrapped in an aura of pristine dignity, an elegant centerpiece for its solemn surroundings.

Executed in white Carrara marble at Florence, Italy in 1867 as indicated on its base, "The Returned Soldier" is the work of Larken Goldsmith Mead, Jr.

Born to a distinguished New Hampshire family in 1835 Mead served as an early illustrator for Harper's Weekly during the Civil War. As a consequence he was no stranger to the sentiments of that conflict. He was able to faithfully depict a returned soldier with the orphaned child of a fellow soldier on his knee, explaining how her father, dying on the battlefield, had called upon him with his last breath to visit his family and recount the details of his demise.

Among other impressive sculptures of Mead's are of Ethan Allen in Washington, D.C., Abraham Lincoln in Springfield, Ill. and an heroic figure of "Vermont" on that state's Capital. In 1878 he assisted in the completion of the Washington Monument. He died in Florence, Italy in 1910.

"The Returned Soldier" came to Darien through the patriotic generosity of philanthropist, Benjamin Fitch, as an ornament for the Noroton institution he founded through an act of the Connecticut General Assembly in 1864 as "Fitch's Home For The Soldiers." The statue arrived in the late 1860's and remained on the "Fitch Home" grounds until the "Home" moved to Rocky Hill in 1938 after which the

state, who owns the statue, placed it in its present location.

Unfortunately the condition of this very fine art work is cause for concern. Despite its proximity to the Police Station it has suffered at the hands of miscreants. In addition the lovely white marble is being significantly eroded by acid rain. Stringent efforts should be made to restore and preserve this irreplaceable historic sculpture for future generations.

—R. E. Fatherly



"THE RETURNED SOLDIER."

In the 1990's as a member of the Darien Monuments and Ceremonies Committee he led the unsuccessful fight to have the statue returned to Darien.

Submitted by C. Scribner

THROCKMORTON OF THROG'S NECK

by Robert E. Fatherley

What's a Throg? Or, in short, why Throg's Neck Bridge?

John Throckmorton came with his wife on the ship, LYON, embarking from Bristol, England on Dec. 1, 1630. They arrived off Nantasket Beach on Feb. 5, 1631. William Pierce, the ship's master reported that also among the passengers was Roger Williams, a "Godley minister" and his wife and 200 tons of goods, probably giving creditability to the tradition that Throckmorton was of a titled and wealthy family.

The company settled in Salem. In January, 1636 Roger Williams fled from the tyranny and persecution of the Salem Church and made "covenants of a peaceable neighborhood" with all the Sachems and Natives "round about" what is now Rhode Island and communicated news of his purchases unto his "Loving Friend," John Throckmorton (and others distressed for conscience) who might desire to take shelter with him. This was probably the summer of 1636 when Mrs. Williams joined her husband.

Roger Williams had turned Baptist and founded the first Baptist church in America. John Throckmorton and his wife were on the original "list of members received in 1638." When news of this re-baptism of adults, who had previously been baptized by sprinkling, reached the Salem Church, they were all promptly excommunicated.

The name Throckmorton appears to have been very susceptible to corruption. As a consequence, he was occasionally known as Throgmorton, or Throck, or Throg.

In 1642, when John Throckmorton sought permission from the Dutch authorities to make a settlement with 35 English families within three leagues of New Amsterdam, he was granted a long 32 acre point of land jutting out into Long Island Sound. He did so as John Throg.

Among the 35 associates who accompanied him to New Amsterdam (New York) were Thomas Cornell and the noted Mrs. Anne Hutchinson. The settlement was of short duration for it was on September 9, 1643 that the Indians set upon these English, cruelly murdering Anne Hutchinson, her family and all who could not escape by boat.

John Throckmorton, along with Thomas Cornell, was in New Amsterdam at the time. He did not return to the Neck to live after the massacre.

This article was originally written, Dec. 1985.

(Editor's note: Our first President of MGS and the author of this article on John Throckmorton, is a descendant of the ninth generation from this man who lent his name to the very familiar Throg's Neck area and bridge. I know of a few of our other members who are descendants of his associate, Thomas Cornell, including myself. It is ever amazing how, the further we delve back into our history, the closer we find ourselves to those around us in the present.)

Who Was Bob Fatherley?

by Lynn E. Hanks

Who was Robert Fatherley? He was a mover and shaker of Darien for many years. If it was there, he joined it. If it was needed, he formed it. If it needed help, he helped it. If the Town needed his help, he gave it. Bob spent so many years, in so many areas, giving so many hours, asking for nothing in return, that he could easily be called a volunteer driving force of Darien in this time.

I don't remember when I first met Bob. It could have been around the Town Hall, at RTM meetings, at political meetings, at public hearings, at the Masons, at Boy Scout affairs or at the Historical Society. We later met at the Monument and Ceremonies Committee, at the Senior Men's Association and at memorial services. Bob was like his long standing friend, Walter Jerige. You expected to find him wherever you go. If you didn't know Bob, then you could not have been deeply involved with Darien.

Robert Edward Fatherley was born on October 20, 1905 in Brooklyn, New York and died September 17, 1995 at the age of 89 years, 10 months and 27 days. He graduated from Oakwood School in Poughkeepsie, NY and from Earlham College in Richmond, IN. In 1933 he was conducted into Earlham College Athletic Hall of Fame for his football abilities. He was a textile executive for most of his life in New York City and later owned his own firm, Fatherley Fabrics.

He served in the military from 1942 until 1946 with various units of the USNR and Naval Aviation, USA, stateside and in the Pacific. He was a licensed pilot and loved to talk about his flying experience.

He met his wife, Emeline Walker, in the Darien Congregational Church and was married in 1935. Em came from a family who had many generations in Darien and so Bob fell right in line for being a Darien historian. He stated that the "Antiquary Papers" written by his father-in-law, Dr. Claude F. Walker, in his opinion are the most creditable history of Darien ever written and these papers challenged his interest

in the Town.

He was involved with Scouting, Republican Party, Darien Housing Authority, grave-yard restorations, Kiwanis, UFW, Noroton Heights Association, Freemasons and in later years the Senior Men and the Monument & Ceremonies Committee. He founded the Darien Historical Society, the Middlesex Genealogical Society and was deeply involved with these societies all his life. He was Honorary Life member of the former and the President Emeritus of the latter.

Bob was always ready to talk to me, listen to my opinions and gave me information, instructions or help when I asked. I was proud to know this man and was proud to have him for a friend. He was clear headed and alert with a good memory until the end. Middlesex Genealogy Society and Darien will miss this man and owe him a big "THANK YOU BOB" for his contributions over the years. He leaves a legacy which becomes our responsibility to propagate, which is the Middlesex Genealogical Society.

MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Founded December 10, 1982
Founders

George Cushman
Ray Bartlett
Edward Warren
Raymond Gross
Don Wentworth
Charles Lemons
Carl Moses
Leo Dumphy
Fred Farwell
Robert Fatherley

Darien - Connecticut



COMPUTER CORNER

Florence Bates Wyland, our hard working Editor, recently asked me to see whether I could find out more about her ancestor JOHN BATES who in March 1664 was one of the first group of Quakers in England to be brought to trial at the Old Bailey & sentenced to serve time in the "Holes of Newgate" prison, where he died in 1665, the year of the Great Plague.

I tried two sources which will be of interest to our readers. The first was the PRODIGY service where a wonderful lady by the name of Myra Vanderpool Gormley runs an excellent Bulletin Board named Genealogy BB. I posted the message on Oct 4 & received a reply in my electronic mail the next day in which she referred Florence to "The Old Bailey Session Papers" which can be obtained from the Guildhall Library in England for which she provided the address.

The second source which I am also trying for her is on the World Wide Web of the Internet with an address of [http : //midas .ac.uk /genuki /wg /ukifaq.html](http://midas.ac.uk/genuki/wg/ukifaq.html) This a "mailing list" for UK genealogy, you can subscribe to it free & each day your PRODIGY mailbox will have a digest, plus the text of all the previous days post from all over the World. If you see anything interesting you can down-load it and read or print it out. I will let you know if anyone responds to Florence's inquiry.

In August I put a Home Page onto the Internet describing MGS & giving details on how to join, it is listed under CT & called ctgenealogy2, it has a counter on it which records the number of people who have visited it and last time I checked it was over 2000! We may have even attracted a new member! For Internet addicts the address is [http://pages.prodigy.com/CT /ctgenealogy2/ctgenealogy2.html](http://pages.prodigy.com/CT/ctgenealogy2/ctgenealogy2.html)

David V. Bowley.

FAMILY SEARCH ADDENDUM

Users of Family Search will be pleased to hear that the long awaited *Addendum* has now been received; this adds over 40 million names to the I.G.I. When searching the screen gives you the option of searching in the Main or the Addendum and you can use the F9 function key to hop from one index to the other.

GENEALOGY ON VIDEO-TAPE

At the request of M.G.S. Darien Library has purchased a very fine 3 cassette video-tape entitled "The Genealogist's Video Research Guide". It is based on the LDS system & will be a very useful resource, particularly for our neophyte genealogists.

SUPPORT FAMILY SEARCH WITH ENTERTAINMENT '96

The MGS Board of Directors has decided to raise funds to help finance the Family Search project by selling the Fairfield Co., CT edition of ENTERTAINMENT '96. Each book sold will generate \$6.00 towards Family Search and will help pay for future updates and other genealogical materials on CD Rom.

For more information or to order your book, contact Marianne Sheldon at (203)655-6637. Each ENTERTAINMENT '96 book costs \$30.00, \$6.00 of which goes to the MGS Society to support the Family Search program. The more we sell, the more services of this kind we can provide to our members.

**HENRY HOFF TO SPEAK AT
NYG&BS - NEHGS
SEMINAR**

Henry Hoff, Trustee of our MGS, will be giving talks at the Joint Conference of the NYG&BS & NEHGS on Nov. 17-18, at the Westchester Marriott Hotel, 670 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, New York 1-(800)228-9290. His first talk will be "Using Genealogical Periodicals." He will discuss creative uses of genealogical periodicals for improved research results. Finding aids will be described in detail and there will be many examples given on overhead transparencies.

His second talk will be titled "Colonial Long Island Research." This will be an overview of research on Long Island families prior to 1783 by type of source.

Admission for the two day conference is \$99 plus meals and hotel. Call the New York Genealogical & Biographical Society at 212-755-8532 or the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, at 617-536-5740 ext. 202 for reservations. A Personal Consultation with Gary B. Roberts is \$35. For rides call Marianne at (203)221-0275 or Florence at (203)762-3993. Everyone is welcome. More than twenty other topics will be covered. See you there!

**NEXT MEETING DECEMBER 2nd
CENSUS RECORDS PANEL**

DISCUSSION.

**LEADER: DAVID MORDY
WITH Marianne Sheldon U.S.
David Bowley England & Wales.
& Donna Moughty Ireland.**

The panel will discuss census information as one of the genealogical tools that is available, needed and useful to almost everyone.

The various types of family data which can be found in the U.S. Federal and selected State census records & some special census schedules, such as mortality schedules & veterans census schedules, will also be discussed.

Additional topics will include a discussion of indexes that are available for census records, where to find both the indexes and microfilm copies of original records, as well as tips on how to use these records.

Marianne Sheldon will discuss Soundex/ Miracode indexes & examples of selected records will be provided.

Everyone is invited to bring questions or problems to the meeting for discussion.

The Panel will endeavour to suggest approaches that could be helpful in particular cases.

**SEE YOU THERE! 2.00pm
at the DARIEN LIBRARY.**

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DARIEN LIBRARY

Program Room

December 2, 1995

All about census records

February 3, 1996

Workshop

***Bring all your problems
From beginners to advanced***

February 24, 1996

***Annual George Washington
Birthday Luncheon***

April 20, 1996

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May 18, 1996



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