

# Middlesex Genealogical Society

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Just as this Newsletter was to be published, we received the sad news that the founder of THE MIDDLESEX GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, has passed away. ROBERT FATHERLEY, fondly known as Bob, died Saturday night at his home in Darien. Bob was ninety years old and his dream of a Historical Society and a Genealogy Society being formed in this area, has come true. He and his beloved wife Emeline have always been an inspiration and an example of fine citizenship to us all. We shall miss him very much. His funeral will be Saturday, September 23rd, at the First Congregational Church in Darien.

## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE.

Special thanks are due to board member Phillip Morehouse, who gave us a most interesting talk on "The Western Reserve", Diane Voigts husband was good enough to video-tape Phils talk, so for those of you who missed it, the Library has a copy.

Members Donna Moughty & our secretary Ruth McGrath attended the sesquicentennial meetings of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston in July & by all accounts they found them most interesting

The Scribners have produced a very fine pamphlet on the Genealogical resources available to us in the Darien Public Library.

This will serve as an interim document while the Library completes a printed version in their ongoing series of bibliography for special interest areas in the Library.

Those who missed our Computer Support group meeting (held at noon in the Library conference room on the day of each general meeting) David Mordy, who is now chairing this group, showed us superb copy which he had produced on his computer with a view to

publishing his search material. David is using The Master Genealogy software by Whole Genes Inc & recommends it for the serious Genealogist who is not a beginner.

Family Search has proved a great success and has brought us a number of enthusiastic new members who we welcome aboard.

We have received a number of generous donations which are repaying the Library for the suite of 42 Compact Disks..we still have some way to go however & hope that at least those members who have found the system useful, would make a contribution.

We would like to try & clear our promise to the Library by the end of 1995

## UPCOMING MGS MEETINGS

October 21, 1995 at 2 pm

Presenting ROBERT GREEN, of the CONNECTICUT ANCESTRAL SOCIETY in Stamford, past President of that Society and a specialist in computers as a genealogical search tool. He will be presenting a MULTI MEDIA EXTRAVAGANZA such as INTERNET, Bulletin Boards, CD services such as Savages New England Directory. Bob will also →

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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 \$10/individual and \$15/couple or family.

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

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introduce us to the AISA Census Indices and local dial-up services, which is presently available at the Darien Public Library.

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE DARIEN LIBRARY THIS WILL BE **AN ON-LINE PRESENTATION!** The meeting will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, October 21st at the Darien Public Library. Refreshments will be served.

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December 2, 1995 at 2 pm  
Panel Discussion: Darien Library Research using Census Records to be led by David Mordy. Discussion of both Federal and State Censuses, Special Schedules. Availability of printed indexes, Soundex, microfilm records, etc.

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**UPCOMING SEMINARS**

"IRISH GENEALOGICAL SEMINAR"  
September 29 & 30, 1995  
Classes to be held at:  
New England Historic  
Genealogical Society  
101 Newbury St. Boston MA  
&  
John Hancock Conference Center  
40 Trinity Place  
Boston, MA  
(617)536-5740, ext. 202

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**NEHGS - NYB&GS**  
Joint Conference  
Tarrytown, New York  
November 17-18, 1995  
Westchester Marriott Hotel  
670 White Plains Road  
(State Route 119, near I-287)  
(1-800-228-9290)  
Call Marianne 655-6637  
or Florence 762-3993 for rides

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**SALT LAKE CITY RESEARCH TOUR**  
October 29 - November 5th  
New England Historic  
Genealogical Society  
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# THE CONQUEROR HAS MANY DESCENDANTS

by Charles Cotter, M.G.S.

Austin Scott, a renowned authority on legal trusts, was fond of opening his course at Harvard with the remark that, "The likelihood that anyone present in this class is not descended from William the Conqueror is extremely remote." Recently I tested his assertion and eventually put together the lineages that follow.

Robert the Devil, Duke of Normandy and father of William the Conqueror and Adelize of Normandy, descended directly from Rollo the Viking whose seizure of Normandy was acknowledged by Charles III (the Simple), King of France, in the treaty of St. Claire sur Epte in 911. Normandy passed from Rollo to his son William Longsword, then to Richard I (the Fearless) and Richard II (the Good) who was the father of Richard III and of Robert.

After being accused of poisoning his older brother, Robert acceded to the dukedom in 1028 and ruled until his death in 1035 in Bythnian Nicea, where he himself was reportedly poisoned while returning from a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the purpose of shriving his sins -- which no doubt were many.

Legend has it that Robert chanced to look over the battlements of his castle in Falaise at the moment that Arlette, daughter of the tanner of Falaise, lifted her skirts to trample her laundry in the stream below. Intrigued, Robert summoned her to the castle; and she agreed to come on condition that she be allowed to arrive on horseback, riding over the drawbridge and through the main gate.

Arlette's spirit of enterprise and the resourcefulness she undoubtedly displayed in talking her father out

of the horse were well suited to tickle the fancy of the duke. She remained with him thereafter, although in keeping with the practices of his pagan ancestors he neglected to marry her. Before leaving for Jerusalem, however, Robert arranged for Arlette to marry the seigneur de Conteville in the event that he did not return, and he placed their son and daughter under the protection of the king of France.

Robert and Arlette's son, William, survived to rule Normandy and conquer England. His sister, Adelize, married the comte de Lens. The author's mother, Beatrice Fairbanks, descends from William through her mother, Camilla van Kleeck, and from Adelize through her father, Robert Noyes Fairbanks.

As it turns out, secondary source literature supports these claims, a hypothesis which the author presented at a past Middlesex Workshop. The line descending from Adelize, published by Gary Boyd Roberts for the European part, can be documented generation by generation and is well accepted. It runs as follows:

Adelize of Normandy	Comte Lambert de Lens
Judith de Lens	Earl Waltheof of Northumberland
Matilda of Northumbria	Earl Simon of St. Liz
Matilda of St. Liz	Robert de Clare
Walter Fitz Robert	Maude de Lucy
Alice Fitz Walter	Gilbert Pecche
Hamon Pecche	Eve
Gilbert Pecche	Joan de Croy
Baron Gilbert Pecche	Iseult
Sir Simon Pecche	Agnes Holm
Marguerite Pecche	John Hunt
Iodena Hunt	Thomas Cornish
John Cornish	Agnes Walden
John Cornish	Thomas Everard
Mary Cornish	Margaret Wiseman
Henry Everard	Judith Bourne
Thomas Everard	Samuel Appleton,
John Everard	arrived Ipswich 1635
Judith Everard	Richard Jacob
Martha Appleton	Lt. William Hasie
Judith Jacob	

Judith Hasie  
 Susanna Reeves  
 Micaja Morrill  
 Judith Morrill  
 Nancy Marston  
 Jane Aiken  
 Annie Noyes  
 Robert Fairbanks  
 Beatrice Helen Fairbanks

Cockerill Reeves  
 Joseph C. Clough  
 Susan Clough  
 Elisha Smith Marston  
 Samuel Aiken  
 Daniel J. Noyes  
 Rev. Henry Fairbanks  
 Camilla van Kleeck

References on lines from Adelize of Normandy:

1. The Royal Descent of 500 Immigrants to the American Colonies by Gary Boyd Roberts, 1994 (p. 453).
2. The American Genealogist, Vol. 27, p. 208 (Appleton Everard).
3. Ancestry of Phoebe Tilton, Daris, 1947; see "Appleton of Ipswich," p. 62.
4. Essex Antiquarian, Vol. IV, "Descendants of Richard Davis of Ipswich," Davis.
5. History of Chelsea, Chamberlain, 1905, pp. 231-241. Hasie Reeves link, pp. 56-62. Also History of Medford, Charles Brooks, 1880, for Reeves general, p. 535.
6. Descendants of Joseph Clough, Clough Genealogical Society for Reeves Clough link.
7. Morrill Kindred in America (Clough Morrill).
8. History of Hampton, Dow, 1893. Morrill p. 35; Marston, p. 81.
9. History of Chester, Chase, p. 352 (Aiken Noyes).
10. History of Old Chester, Chase, 1864, pp. 462-464 (Aiken). Noyes Descendants, Henry Noyes, 1904, p. 353.
11. Fairbanks Family, L.S. Fairbanks, 1897.

The line from William the Conqueror to Beatrice Helen Fairbanks runs as follows via her Dubois ancestors:

William the Conqueror	Matilda of Flanders
Henry I of England	Matilda of Scotland
Matilda of England	Geoffrey V Plantagenet
Henry II of England	Eleanore of Aquitaine
Matilda of England	Henry the Lion of Saxony
Henry IV of Brunswick	Agnes du Rhin
Agnes of Brunswick	Otto II, Duke of Bavaria
Agnes of Bavaria	Helin II de Franchimont
Jean de Franchimont	Mahienne de Lannoy
Hughes I, Lord of Lannoy	Marguerite de Maingoval
Hughes II de Lannoy	Marie de Berlaimont
Jean I de Lannoy	Jeanne de Croy
Antoinne de Lannoy	Marie de Ville
Jean III de Lannoy	Catherine de Neuville
Jean IV de Lannoy	Philipinne des Plaines
Claudine de Lannoy	Charles Dubois de Fiennes
Antoinne Dubois de Fiennes	Baudouine Lionel
Charles Dubois de Fiennes	Barbe de Beaufremez
Jean Dubois	
Chretien Dubois	Cornelia
Louis Dubois, arrived Kingston 1665	
Mateus Dubois	Catherine Blanchan
Tjaatje Dubois	Sarah Mathyssen
Teunis Tappen	Johannes Tappen
Tjaatje Tappen	Hester Conklin
Teunis van Kleeck	Peter Baltus van Kleeck
William Henry van Kleeck	Irene Bacon
William Henry van Kleeck	Mary Haight
Camilla van Kleeck	Jr. Mary Ingersol Leeds
Beatrice Helen Fairbanks	Robert Fairbanks

- References on lines from William the Conqueror
1. European Ancestry of Chretien Dubois by Matthew Hilt Murphy, pp. 98 and 92.
  2. The American Descendants of Chretien Dubois by William Heidegerd (Dubois line in America).
  3. New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Vol. XCVII, April/July 1966 (Tappen line).
  4. "Van Kleeck Genealogy" by Alvin van Benthuisen and Edwin Robert van Kleeck, typescript, 1957, in N.Y.G.B. library.

All well and good, but then we learn from a footnote to fellow member Henry Hoff's article entitled "Some Observations on the Dubois Family" in the July 1995 issue of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record that, "The European ancestry of Chretien is almost entirely through Chretien Dubois's alleged grandfather, Charles Dubois de Fiennes, seigneur de Vermeille. However, extensive genealogical analysis would be required to establish the connection." Mr. Hoff has raised the hare, and the twists and turns of its flight will have much in common with the path of the analysis to be pursued.

In the European Ancestry of Chretien Dubois Mr. Murphy notes that Charles Dubois de Fiennes married Barbe de Beaufremez (ca. 1560?) and that their children, if there were any, should be called de Fiennes (see p. 36 of European Ancestry). He writes that Jean Dubois and his brothers are the progeny of Charles and Barbe because they appear on the scene at the right time and place and no other ancestry can be found to account for them. Jean Dubois is then shown to be the father of Chretien Dubois (mentioned by Hoff).

Is the claim, assuming a shift in name, truly justified by this long chain of circumstance? Mr. Hoff has raised a serious question, yet Mr. Murphy counters (p. 37, op. cit.) that Chretien Dubois is described as a "de Bourse and de Beaufremez of gentle birth" in a manuscript fragment dated 1696-1716 by Charles Renee d'Hozier, juge d'armes, which was probably part of a manuscript entitled "Provinces de Picardy et

Flandres" by the same author. This is an important piece of evidence, apparently last seen in 1856-1860 by Henri Dubois when he was a medical student in Paris, One would like to examine the fragment in its context to make sure that everyone is talking about the same "Chretien."

Mr. Hoff averred in a conversation with the author that, "More important is whether there is evidence to support such an abrupt social drop -- that the son(s) and grandson(s) of a seigneur would be a farmer or a cloth worker." This is a telling point since the nobility were forbidden to toil for gain, but these were not

stable times and the title of seigneur, which applies to great noblemen, also extends to cover landed gentry with limited sovereign privileges, whose progeny if not firstborn tend to drop from sight.

Sources not available in this country can be researched in France. Although this would be expensive, their analysis could clear up the matter of the royal descent claimed for hundreds of Dubois family members, many of whom are concentrated nearby in the Hudson River valley.

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LIBRARY NEWS  
by C. Scribner

At the request of the Board of Directors, a brochure outlining the Middlesex Genealogical Society and genealogical research in the Darien Library has been produced. A copy along with our logo was turned over to Valerie Fredericks of the Library Staff who has reproduced 50 copies for distribution throughout the Library. They may be found at the bulletin board near the front desk, and in the Business reference Room on our filing cabinet and at the Family Search Computer.

At our suggestion the Library will purchase a video entitled The Genealogist's Video Research Guide, a three-hour, three-part series on genealogical research. It is considered an excellent tool for beginners as well as for advanced genealogists. It teaches basic research in all phases of genealogy including computers, and should soon be available.

The Judge Morehouse talk at the June 3rd General Meeting on The Western Reserve was video taped and is now in the library. It is located in the Main Reading Room on the Video Racks and may be removed for home viewing.

The Saturday Morning Workshop, previously scheduled for the whole year, was cancelled this year for July and August. In the future the workshops will be scheduled from September through May. A few more volunteers are needed to help provide guidance to persons needing assistance with their genealogical research. This involved being at the Library once every two months from 10 am to Noon. If interested please call Charles Scribner at 655-4830 or contact any member of the Board of Directors.

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**ALERT: The Family Search CD has been down for maintenance. It should be up & running shortly.**

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World War I Draft Cards...are now available at the Waltham, MA branch of the National Archives. Draft registration cards are available in the reference room, on microfilm, for five New England States. The Vermont records will be acquired later in 1995. All cards include name, address, age, date of birth, race, citizenship status, occupation, employer, physical characteristics and disabilities.

If you have ties to Missouri...you may be interested in the Scotland County Genealogy Society. S.C.G. produces a nicely done quarterly. Dues are a bargain at \$7.50/single, \$10.00/family! Write to S.C.G. Society, PO Box 232, Memphis, MO 63555-0232.

## ***The Master Genealogist***

(From Wholly Genes, Inc.; for IBM-compatible 386SX/2.5 megabytes or higher; available at 1-800-982-2103)

***The Master Genealogist*** (TMG) has so many features that it is a little overwhelming, but one who is planning to publish a family history will want to give serious consideration to this program. The following evaluation and comments are based on version 1.2 of TMG (DOS). There is a Windows version of TMG which was demonstrated at a recent conference--not evaluated here.

As compared with PAF, Family Tree Maker, and Roots IV, TMG has many more features and variations available--so many features that this review can only mention a few of the ones which have been tried.

### **Ease of Use**

Ease of use is a subjective thing, however, in my mind, TMG ranks as somewhat more complex than PAF and Family Tree Maker, but easier to use than Roots IV. One reason to consider TMG is that it has more complete features for documenting sources than PAF and Family Tree Maker, and it is much easier to enter source documentation in TMG than Roots IV.

### **Data Entry**

Each name that is entered into TMG can have "tags" attached to it, more or less without limit; a "tag" being an entry for a spouse, child, birth date, marriage, occupation, etc. One can enter nicknames, prefixes (e.g. Dr.), suffixes (e.g. Jr.), name variations and so forth. In contrast to some other programs it is possible to delete persons that have already been entered and also to combine records if there is a duplication.

There are good provisions for reading basic data already entered into another program (name, birth, death, marriage data). Other data such as places, occupation, etc. may either not transfer from another program, or may require so much editing that it is better to re-enter the data. Stick to the basic data or try a small sample of other information to be sure that you like the results.

As a minor negative, the default choices and over-ride options provided by TMG for sequencing the order of births, marriages and divorces could be better thought out.

### **Output in Genealogical Format**

A major strength of TMG is its ability to produce text in various professional formats including the Register format of the New England Society, the National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ) format and the The American Genealogist (TAG) format as well as custom formats. If you like one of these output formats, then TMG software may be right for you. The program produces English sentences in the specified format. One may specify options such as given names or surnames in caps or small caps. Occupations, addresses, telephone

numbers or any other tags may be included or excluded from a report. Sources or other information can be presented in footnotes, endnotes, or embedded in the text.

Although one can direct output from TMG to a printer, far more control and flexibility in formats and typography can be achieved by directing the TMG output to a word processing program. In my case, I am using WordPerfect. Fifty other word processing programs are specified as compatible.

TMG has facilities for producing a bibliography and an index to reports. WordPerfect seems to work well for chapter-length documents. Book-length documents may strain the ability of WordPerfect to generate the index.

The technical support provided by TMG should get high marks. Their people are unfailingly polite and helpful. Having said that, there are a number of typographical problems in the output that TMG acknowledges and plans to correct fairly soon. By typographical problems I am referring to things such as missing commas where needed and extra spaces where not needed. These problems are what one might expect with a major software package on its "shake-down cruise".

### **Output of Pedigree Charts**

TMG will produce family group sheets and pedigree charts, however I am still using Family Tree Maker to produce pedigree charts with drop-shadow boxes that a more appealing to me than the charts produced by TMG.

### **Other Features**

TMG has the ability to generate special reports. For instance, one can generate a listing of all the males alive during the Revolutionary War or between any specified dates. Other examples are that one might generate a list of all those born in Connecticut, or a list of Massachusetts ancestors of a particular person.

The system can be used to help organize research tasks. As one is working with the file, one enters research tasks, each linked to some person in the file. Later a report lists all those research tasks. This can make a research trip more productive. A word of caution: a little knowledge of Boolean logic makes it easier to set up these special reports.

Another useful feature is the ability to edit places. TMG lists the towns, counties and states contained in your file so that you may review to make sure that location references are correct and consistent. Place names can be changed on a global basis; for example, all references to "NY" can be changed to "New York" or vice-versa.

--David L. Mordy



## QUERY

Searching for parents of Van Rensselaer Dunham, born 1800-1810. Living in Barre, Orleans County, New York, c. 1822-1834. Married Ora Corbin, daughter of Winthrop and Roxanna Warren Corbin, before 1830. In Hanover, Chautauqua County, NY from 1834 to 1837, when his son Harvey was from. In Ohio in 1840's, then moved to Wisconsin. In 1874 he returned to Ohio (probably Lorain County) where he died. At least one daughter remained in Ohio with her maternal grandparents and became a physician. Possible candidates for "VR's" parents are Archibald Rolland Dunham and Sophronia Torrey Dunham, daughter of John and Theresa (Thurza) Barnes Torrey who died in Orleans County.

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### RECENT BOOKS MENTIONED BY HENRY HOFF AT THE 1994 AND 1995 MGS WINTER WORKSHOPS

Most of the books listed have been reviewed within the past few years in The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record (which the Darien Library receives.)

Jane Fletcher Fiske, ed. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register: Index of Persons Volumes 51-148, 4 vols. (New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1995)

Thomas Jay Kemp, International Vital Records Handbook, 3rd ed. (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1994)

William Scott Fisher, New York City Methodist Marriages, 1785-1893, 2 vols. (Picton Press, 1994)

Michael B. Clegg and Curt B. Witcher, ed. Periodical Source Index 1992 Annual Volume (ACPL Foundation, 1993)

Frank J. Doherty, Settlers of the Beekman Patent, Dutchess County, New York, Volume 2, Abbot to Burtch (By the author, 1993)

Elizabeth Green Fuller, Indexes to Westchester County Names in the Federal Censuses, 1790-1840, and For Better or Worse: Westchester County Marriage Notices in the Eastern State Journal, May 1845-April 1875, and Lives Well Spent: Westchester County Obituaries and Death Notices in the Eastern State Journal, May 1845-April 1875 (Westchester County Historical Society, 1994)

John Phillip Colletta, Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993)

Joy Reisinger, Index to NGS and FGS Conferences and Syllabi (National Genealogical Society/Federation of Genealogical Societies, 1993)

Henry Z Jones, Jr., Psychic Roots: Serendipity and Intuition in Genealogy (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993)

Donald Arleigh Sinclair, A New Jersey Biographical Index (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993)

Gary Boyd Roberts, The Royal Descents of 500 Immigrants to the American Colonies or to the United States (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993)

Janet Wethy Foley, Early Settlers of New York State, reprinted in 2 vols. (Genealogical Publishing Co., 1993)

Alexander Beider, Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from the Russian Empire (Avotaynu, 1993)

Ruth-Ann M. Harris et al., ed. The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Places in the Boston Pilot, vol. 3, 1854-56 (New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1993)

Virgil D. White, Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files, vol 4, Index to vols. 1-3 (National Historical Publishing Co., 1992)

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### 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.

Family Search, located on computer at the Darien Library, offers a wealth of genealogical data gathered by the LDS church. Its various programs include: the International Genealogical Index (IGI)



containing millions of names of people born, christened or married for centuries around the world; the Ancestral File, which accumulates the research being done by ordinary people who wish to share their data with others and which provides the capability of producing both multi-generational pedigrees and descendency for individuals; the Social Security Death Index; and the entire card catalog for the Salt Lake City Family History Library, the largest repository of genealogical materials in the world. The information for genealogists that Family Search provides is invaluable and a necessary tool in the research process.

Please support this fund raising effort by either buying an **ENTERTAINMENT '96** book or

helping to sell them for the society. They contain coupons for everything from airline and movie tickets to cleaners, restaurants, ski areas and more. The books more than pay for themselves in just one or two uses. They make wonderful gifts - remember Christmas is coming soon!

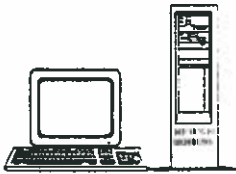
For more information or to order your book, contact Marianne Sheldon at (203)655-6637. Each **ENTERTAINMENT '96** book costs \$30.00, \$6.00 of which goes to the MGS Society to support the Family Search program. The more we sell, the more services of this kind we can provide to our members.

## **NEWSLETTER**

*Deadline*

**Nov 14 th**

**Jan 9 th**



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