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The President Speaks

Hope the mid-winter blahs have not closed in on your genealogical research. Maybe now is the time to update all those records.

One act of Congress that may have gone unnoticed, occurred last fall. The National Archives and Records Administration Act was passed and signed by President Reagan. What does this mean to us? The Archive has been established as a separate independent agency in the Executive Branch...no longer controlled by the General Service Administration. I hope better access to records will be forthcoming, along with the resumption of filming and cataloging.

Our Spring Seminar is scheduled for March 30th at the Grace A. Dow Library meeting room. Ed Birkhimer is chairing this event. The theme will be Land Records. The use of land records is not high on some researchers list. We hope to show how this source may help fill in those dead-end lines in your family charts. We feel this event will surely be worth your time.

Editorial Notes

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While looking at a book in the library, I found it had 1 ERRATA page, and then 12 pages of ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS and a further 4 pages of SUPPLEMENTAL ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS. WOW!

It is good to know that the book was updated, but I wonder how often on our searches, we check the book to see if there are pages for ADDENDA and ERRATA and ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

Unless we check each and every book for the inclusion of these pages, we are lacking in the scientific search we are aiming for. The lack may be our loss.

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Program

by Quita Shier

- Mar 20 "TRACING YOUR IRISH GENEALOGY" Bonnie Gakstatter
- Apr 17 "RESTORATION OF AN OLD HOUSE ON MAIN STREET, MIDLAND" Connie Weaver
Report from the Nominating Committee
- May 15 Business Meeting



Coming Events

March 30, 1985; LAND RECORDS WORKSHOP. Sponsored by the Midland Genealogical Society. Being held at the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library Meeting Room from 9:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Fee \$1.00. Speakers Les Berry, Ralph Hillman and ?. Donuts and coffee served. Bring your pencils and notebooks. Chairman: Ed Birkhimer, 3212 Swede Road, Midland, Michigan 48640, 517-631-5161.

March 16, 1985; BASIC GENEALOGY WORKSHOP. Sponsored by the Saginaw Genealogical Society. Being held at Saginaw Public Library, 505 Janes Street, Saginaw, Mich. Enrollment limited to the first 35 persons registered. Registration is 9:30 A.M. and class sessions start 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Sack lunch is suggested but cookies and beverage is provided. Topics are: How and where to begin; Organizing your records, Materials, Charts, References; Public Records, Vital Statistics; Military Records, Census; Cemeteries; Immigration Data; Vacation as a Time for Research, Chalking, Photographing; Problems, Questions, Answers; Libraries; A Tour of the Eddy Room; Packet is provided and genealogical materials will be for sale. Fee is \$7.00 for members and \$9.00 for non-members. Cancellation must be received by March 9. Enroll with Mrs. Grace Delavan, 655 Bush Street, Saginaw, Michigan 58604, 517-753-4018. For information call: Merlin Allen, Chairman, 517-777-2926.

April 13, 1985; FIND YOUR ROOTS, EVERTON WORKSHOP. Sponsored by the Holland Genealogical Society. Being held at the Womans Literary Club, Corner of 10th Street and Central Avenue, Holland, Michigan. It includes; individual help, Everton books and materials for sale at 15% discount, free 6 months subscription to "GENEALOGICAL HELPER", \$6.00 credit to be used on any form of advertising in the "GENEALOGICAL HELPER", Access to 150,000 computerized "ROOTS" cellar names, compilation of some county records, coffee and roll included from 8:30 to 9:30 A.M. Bring your filled out family group sheets, pedigree charts, notebook and pencils. Registration before April 1, 1985 - \$14.50. After April 1 and at the door - \$20.00. Lunch is extra, if desired - \$5.50. Send name, address and check to: Holland Genealogical Society, 300 South River Avenue, Holland, Mich., 49423. 616-396-6737 or 399-5258.

May 4, 1985; Palatine Seminar, Grand Rapids,
Please write to Barbara Madison, 3261 Essex N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49505.

June 1, 1985; Western Michigan Genealogical Society SEMINAR. Professional genealogist from the Netherlands will speak on Dutch/American Research. Please write to: Western Michigan Genealogical Society c/o Grand Rapids Public Library, Library Plaza, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49503.

August 22-24, 1985; IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION. Sponsored by the Grand Traverse Area Genealogical Society. Held at Northwestern Michigan College. Registration: Early Bird Thursday evening \$5; Friday only \$20; Friday evening banquet \$9; Saturday only \$15; Total package \$49, discounted to \$44 for early registration prior to August 12. Northwestern Michigan College room rates: \$36 per person in dorms with two single beds, share bath with another identical room. ALSO INCLUDES 6 MEALS (does NOT include Friday evening banquet, nor meal for Saturday evening). Check-in time is 3-4:00 P.M. Thursday, check-out time is 5-6:00 P.M. Saturday. Registration information will be available about May 1. At that time write: Rose Collinworth, Registrar, 4250 Lakeview Drive, Interlochen, Michigan, 49643. Room rate is for the entire Seminar.

September 27-28, 1985; MIGRATION PATTERNS. Sponsored by the Michigan Genealogical Council, put on by the Farmington Genealogical Society. Dr. Arlene Eakle will be the banquet speaker Friday evening. Room rates at Livonia West - Holiday Inn will be \$56 Thursday night and \$47 Friday night, and the registration fee will be in the neighborhood of \$28.

Centennial Certificates *by Norma Juelo*

A project that was started in 1976 by the Michigan Genealogical Council has excited me a great deal. I am proud of the whole project even though I had only a very tiny part in it. It is coming to a close and we are about to reap the rewards of a great deal of time, effort and money, all donated by a lot of willing workers and interested persons.

I am making it my personal project to see that as many people as I can reach, know about the CENTENNIAL CERTIFICATE PROJECT. I am appalled at the few genealogists in Michigan who are aware of these files. It seems that only the people who worked on them are aware of them. I know things have been said about them and articles have been written and surely read about them, but I feel that I must emphasize the whole thing and so, here goes.

In 1976, we celebrated our country's Bi-centennial. The Michigan Genealogical Council decided that something special should be done to commemorate the occasion so they sent out hundreds of application forms for people who had families that lived in Michigan for 100 years or more. For \$2.00, to cover the cost, plus the application form, filled in completely, along with documented proof of the family having been in Michigan, the applicants would receive a document suitable for framing, "paying special tribute to the descendant of John Doe, who settled and lived in the State of Michigan in the year 1876 or before."

I suppose when these were originally sent out, they only expected a few hundred to be returned. There was a lot of information that had to come back with the \$2.00, and the application form was lengthy. There had to be copies of proof sent for each generation that made up the chain of family in that 100 years. These were birth certificates, marriage certificates, licenses, copies of a page of the family Bible, pictures of cemetery stones and many unbelievable proofs. These and many other documents were accepted as proof of the continuity of 100 years of living in Michigan.

Little did the Michigan Genealogical Council dream of the deluge of mail they were going to receive from this little brain child. There were literally tons of paper arriving at the State Library in Lansing in response to this offer. People saw other peoples applications and made up their own. They were printed, photocopied and made up to look like the original.

Genealogical members volunteered their time and effort to process these tons of paper. They were carefully read and checked, each and every one. Over a thousand were returned with the checks, for insufficient proof. A thousand of these came back to the library with the proof. It was a gigantic effort and it did get finished, but not until 1977. The certificates were all dated 1976, since the deadline for application was December 1976 and only because of the massive quantity, were they delayed in getting returned to the applicants on time.

One gentleman sent a check for \$120.00. He wanted 60 documents, sent in documented proof for all of them and wanted his entire family to be awarded the certificates. He got them. The documents were individually typewritten with the name of the descendant and the ascendant to whom awarded, along with the date.

The files were all labeled, numbered, alphabetized and light sensitive papers were enclosed in envelopes to protect them. (Copy machines were not, in 1976, what they are today). Finally, all the documents were mailed and the state library was left with file after file after file of invaluable, irreplaceable papers, containing information that would do no one any good unless it was properly processed.

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County Records

The guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Midland Genealogical Society was Mr. Jeffrey P. Porter, County Clerk of Midland County. Mr. Porter's program was divided into four parts: What records are available, How to get those records, What we are trying to do to help ourselves that will help you in the long run, and Feedback. He gave us handouts that listed all of the records available from the Midland County Clerk's Office.

The records that are available from the Midland County Clerk's Office are: Armed Forces Discharges - Copies to the Veteran or heir for veterans purposes ONLY, Assumed Names and Co-Partnerships, Birth Records - 1867 to present, Board of Commissioner's Records - 1855 to present, Circuit Court Files - Chancery Records - 1855 to present - Law Records 1856 to present, Death Records - 1867 to present, Dentist Register - No longer done locally, Licenses for Veterans to peddle or vend, Marriage records - 1867 to present, Medical Practitioner Register - no longer done locally, Mortician Register - no longer done locally, Naturalization Records - Declarations of Intent, Petitions for Naturalization, Naturalization Certificates Receipt (no originals), Sheriff's Appointments, Stray Book (lost livestock) - last entry 1917, Veterinarian Register - Still filed with us. Had Log Marks, but they may have been moved to the Michigan Archives.

Mr. Porter explained that the reason birth records are not open to us, is that before 1978, if there was an illegitimate birth, it did not go into the county records. After 1978 they were sent back to the county, therefore, the records had to be closed to the public, in order to protect.

We have all run into a situation in a County Clerk's Office when it was so busy we could scarcely get anything accomplished. Mr. Porter advised that Monday and Friday are extremely busy times and especially the hours of 8-9 in the morning, 11:30-1:30 mid-day and 4-5 in the afternoon. He said to try to get in times other than these to get the most help from the office personnel. It was brought out in discussion that in other counties, it would be helpful to call first, since some counties have set times when we as genealogists can use their records. A phone call first could save us from the frustration of a useless trip, and some offices are adamant about their rules.

The future looks very bright for all of us, since Mr. Porter told us that some of the books have had their pages laminated, as a preservation method. Also, that they are trying to recreate some of the oldest books, and most exciting of all, they are computerizing all of the birth, death and marriage records. The real advantage of this will not be immediately noticeable to us, but in the future it will be a boon for both the County Clerk's Office and for the genealogists who go there for the records they need.

How fortunate we are, to have had men in the past, wise enough to be sure all of these records were kept, and how nice to have such an understanding, empathetic man as Mr. Porter as their custodian.

Welcome, New Members!

78. Betty Jane McMullen
79. Sherry Huntington
80. Gwen Breault

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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY MEMBERS

World War I

The 338th Infantry Headquarters Company Men

Ernest H. Speil, 92 Watson St.	Sverre Larsen, 439 Richton Ave.
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Milton B. Facer, Port Austin	Donald B. Anthony, Manchester
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Frank J. Starr, Royal Oak	John C. Hillock, New Baltimore
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Edward O'Brien, Dearborn	Edward S. Renmann, Hamtramck
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Carroll W. Kirkpatrick, Colling	James C. Allardyce, Saginaw
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Roy W. Vance, Cass City	Frank L. Devereaux, East Howell
Walter J. King, Saginaw	Albert E. Ardussi, Birmingham
William H. Proctor, Howell	Joseph G. Henry, Ann Arbor
Frank C. Hudson, Holland	William F. Jones, Lansing
George D. Greenwood, Union City	George W. Carney, Howell
Allen Janscout, Walled Lake	William J. McDonald, Saginaw
Louis C. French, Lansing	A. Seibecki, Saginaw
Francis E. Mathews, Lansing	Clare S. Beckett, Gagetown
Joseph Hickey, Bad Axe	Lynn C. Mann, Quincy
Roy M. Marble, Saginaw	George E. Arnold, Kalamazoo

All of the above names were copied from newspaper clippings which probably appeared in a Detroit newspaper following World War I (undated). These clippings are in the possession of Mrs. Pat Worden, Midland Genealogical Society.

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The following is from the United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. May 31, 1983.

"Birth, death, divorce and marriage certificates are not available from the Superintendent of Documents. However, a publication to assist you in searching for these genealogical records is available from this office:

_____ Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, deaths, marriages and divorce.
 (S/N: 017-022--00794-1 \$3.25 a copy

The publication entitled, "Guide to Genealogical Records in the National Archives", is out of print. It has been superseded by, "Genealogical Research in the National Archives" which is sold by the National Archives Trust Fund Board, Box 129, National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408. Paper cover price is \$17.00; hard cover price is \$21.00. Orders and inquiries should be directed to the National Archives Trust Fund Board.

Submitted by Carolyn Bacon

The following article was found in the MIDLAND REPUBLICAN, June 15, 1906

"THIRTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT OF MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL"

Exercises to be given at the Methodist Church next Thursday evening, June 21. There are 18 in the class of 1906, of whom 14 are of the Fair Sex. It is the largest class in the school's history.

- In the Latin Course: Marjorie E. Croskery, Hazel H. Dent, Mary G. Kelty, Helen M. Lane, Grace W. LaMay, Cecil M. Stebbins
- Scientific: Ruth E. Ellis, Hazel B. Harper, Walter L. Main, Bessie L. Powell, Hattie B. Wood
- English: Ethel M. Dobney
- Commercial-German: Ethelyn A. Callahan, Bernard P. Costello, Hazel F. Shoup
- English-German: William Murphy, M. Olive Wayne
- Commercial: John C. Johnson

The following alumni gives the complete list from the first class of the Midland high school to the present time:

- 1876 - Hattie Wright (Osborne), Silas Wright, Eber H. Deyoe, Harmon L. Fairchild
- 1877 - William and David Belsher (dead), Jennie Belsher, Lottie Duncan (dead), Kate Duncan, Stella Janes
- 1878 - Hattie Sias (Towsley), D. Stanley Allen, Benjamin B. Ball, L. J. Belknap, Andrew Elmer, Frank Olmsted
- 1880 - Eva Allen (Atkinson), Nellie Bancroft, Tessie Duncan, Minnie Sharp, Ruth Highes (Renouf), Cora Lovell (Marrin), Blanche Mixer (Anneke)
- 1885 - Grant Barber, Lizzie Sias (McGregor)
- 1886 - Flora B. Miller
- 1887 - Lizzie B. Heald, Maud H. Sias (Lee), Will E. Reardon, Blanche Hinkley (Johnson), Grace Ball (Dow), Jessie Wells, Gertrude Hittell
- 1888 - Victoria Allen
- 1889 - Antionette Lynes (Beckwith), James A. Stowits (dead)
- 1890 - Benmona V. Walton, James S. Lownsbury, Bell Hurd
- 1891 - Flora Sias (Hart), Georgia Sias, Andrew McKay
- 1892 - Oreb T. Crissey, Solomon Eddy, Alfred T. Rolston, Theron P. Waldo (dead), Roy Hecox
- 1893 - Mae Thompson (Haley), Kenneth McKay, Lewis L. Burch
- 1894 - Nellie Lyons (Teal), Eva Maxwell, Wilbur Peterson, Dewey Rockwell (dead), Mildred Waldron (Stanford)
- 1895 - Ada Anderson, Avis Chapin (Cochrane), Laura Chesney, Anna Secor, Claude I. Crissey
- 1896 - Ray Ball, James Davidson, Carrie O. Dean, Grace Dewers (Winslow), Blanche Dorr (Brooks), Edna Gillick (Herrod), Anna Haley (Bradley), Amanda Phetteplace (Brock), Edith Sias (Hartman), Clifford Shoup, Warren Somerville, Maude Thompson, Dot Waldron (Frazier), Edith Bacon, Clifford Olmsted
- 1897 - Silas Hart, Joseph Killeen, Leila Rice, Clement Shoup, Bruce Wallace
- 1898 - Susie Amie (LaFlame), Hazel Anderson (Lane), Mory Cooper (Jacobs), Clarence Dent (dead), James Forman, Lizzie Higgins, Ethel McReavy (Mode), Sidney Main, William Sugnet, Annie Warner (Yott)
- 1899 - George Burd, Laura Foster, Harry Mustard, Christina McKay, Michael O-Neil, Emer Olerkirk, Reed Richardson, Dessalee Ryan, Bertha Stanford (Barton), William Wismer, Weston Burrington, Weltha Skinner, Charles Ferries
- 1900 - Grace Anderson, Emma Aspin (Hickey), William Hinds, Walter Lee, Bennett Lyons, Jessie Richardson (Burd), Lillian Sugnet, Ora Wilson (dead), Bert Wismer, Mary Main, Joseph Lefevre, O'Brien O'Neil, Jessie Cooper
- 1901 - Vivian Crowley, Addie Duberville (Ellsworth), Harry Ferries, Ella M. McGregor, Laura Cook, Viva M. Stansel, Gilbert A. Currie, Robert Davidson (dead), Clarence Rice
- 1902 - Mabel Anderson, Anna Callahan (Coon), Hazel Foster, Harry Hinds, Maggie Reed, Beulah Stanton, Charles Sugnet, Viola Wilford, Goldie Foster, Ralph Heald, John Mustard, Erwin Leiphart, Fay Thompson

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- 1903 - Agnes Ryan, Agnes McDonald (Rice), Edith Dent, Grace Burd, Harold Burd, Fred Rice, Maggie Aspin, Clarence Albee, Melvena Bravot, Emma Thorington, Jennie Forsburg, Olive Ames
- 1904 - Ivah Wismer, Hazel Stanton, Bina Anderson, Lottie Chapman, Edward Culver, Lorenzo Roeller, Mary Murphy, John Rice, Mark Thompson, Angus Currie, Genevieve Davidson, Bertha Ellis, Walter Milner, Roy Sias, Jay Smith, Eliza Everett, John Currie
- 1905 - Genevieve Kilty, William R. Crissey, Thomas Nehil, Mary Davidson, I. H. Richardson, Hazel P. Swanton, Miles Main, E. M. Dunn

There were four teachers at the school, including the superintendent. A detailed program of the commencement is included. The high school was located at the end of McDonald Street, where the present park is, bounded by E. Grove, Rodd, and Ashman Streets. There is a picture of the high school included in the article.

It is not known how many grades were included in the entire school system. In the June 22, 1906 issue of the paper, page 1, is a class picture of the graduates and another article.

Submitted by Jo Brines and Evelyn Fagley



Surname Book Notes

Donald de Zeeuw, Chairman of the Michigan Genealogical Council's Surname Index project, says there are quite a number of ancestor cards already filed for Volume II, and the project seems to be progressing ahead of schedule. He warns members of the societies NOT TO WAIT until the last minute before publication to submit new entries for the book.

For those members who may not be familiar with the project, it is a listing of basic information about people in the direct line of members of the member societies of the Michigan Genealogical Council. In placing the cards in the State Library, the submitting member agrees to answer any correspondence received regarding the entries. Entries may be made only on the form provided by the Council and must be submitted through the local Surname Chairperson.

Wilma Diesen is our local Chairperson. Please contact her for blank cards or to submit completed ones. For information, call her at: 832-8485.

Bits and Pieces

Drummondville, or Niagara on the Lake, became Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada about 1840. Information concerning vital records must be obtained from: MacDonald Block, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M-7A-1Y5.

The above information came from Leontene Smith, Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society. Thank you, Leontene. The information was sent for my benefit, but I'm sharing. I'm sure it's an address many of you will want.

From the Shelves

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE LDS LIBRARIANS' MEMO 11/1984

TRYING TO FIND FAMILY DIARIES? There are two books by William Matthew you should know about: "American Diaries...An Annotated Bibliography of American Diaries Written Prior to 1861", on film at the LDS Library, order #928,956, item 3. It lists only published diaries, indexed by writer. His second book: "American Diaries in Manuscript, 1580-1954: A descriptive Bibliography"...Over 350 university, college, city and historical libraries contributed information for this volume. Diaries held by private owners are not included in either book.

Concerning British Isles research: There is a Federation of Family Historical Societies of British Isles and other areas of the world. Societies are interested in genealogy and family history, and members often help give suggestions to others for the cost of postage. The federation publishes a journal twice a year summarizing articles and activities appearing in member society journals, plus current genealogical activities in the British Isles. Price is \$5.75 U.S. dollars, title: "Family History News & Digest". Order from Mrs. P. Berner, 8 Rooks Meadow, Hadley, Stourbridge, West Midlands DY9 OPT, England. The LDS Library has a list of member societies if you want to subscribe to a local society.

Scottish research: Some major collections of Scottish microfilms from Scottish Record Office and the General Register Office have been released from restrictions on their use...include old parochial registers, films from Edinburgh City Library and other records from the two above offices. Now circulated through LDS branch libraries. (You may have to send in a Reference Questionnaire, available at LDS Library for film numbers.)

Anyone doing Polish research should be made aware of the Ancestor Index Card File of people doing research on families...located at the Polish Museum of America and available to all researchers. Contact the Polish Genealogical Society, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60622. Don't forget the stamped self-addressed envelope (SASE).

Computers: The LDS Library has a list of personal computers that are compatible to the Personal Ancestral File recently produced by the Genealogy Department for IBM PC.

The IGI file has been increased from 66 million to 88 million names.

Marion Berry

Women by Norma Fink

While trying to find something exciting to put in the newsletter, I came upon three volumes about "The Women of the Revolution". They are published by the DAR, and are in their home at the Saginaw Public Library, Genealogy Section, of course.

I started making a list of names of the women with their maiden names and the names of their husbands, but I became so engrossed in reading the first book, that I didn't get past Frederica's name. It's fascinating reading if you're interested in the Revolution and if you aren't, it's still interesting.

Volume I was published in 1848, Vol II in 1848 and Vol III in 1850.

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Women (Cont.)

- Mary Washington.....
- Esther De Berdt Reed.....Joseph Reed
- Catharine Van Rensselaer Schuyler.....Philip Schuyler
- Catharine Littlefield Green.....Nathaniel Greene
- Mercy Otis Warren.....James Warren
- Lucia Flucker Knox.....Henry Knox
- Janet Livingston Montgomery.....General Montgomery
- Hannah Winthrop.....Dr. Winthrop
- Catharine Livingston.....unmarried
- Mary Phillips Gates.....General Gates
- Mary Draper.....Captain Draper
- Frederica Charlotte Louisa de Riedesel.....

Also by Mrs. Ellet and published by Porter & Coates, Philadelphia-1873 is "The Queens of Society". I have included two pages to whet your appetite. The large print is the regular book and the small print is an insert. And we think modern TV has all the soaps!

MRS. BRUYN.

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QUEENS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY.

Blandina was engaged to Jacobus S. Bruyn, who afterwards became a colonel in the American army; they were married in 1782, and fixed their residence in Kingston, where Mrs. Bruyn was a leader in society, liberally entertaining many visitors. Her charity and piety are traditional in the place. She died in 1832.*

Catharine Schuyler was the only daughter of John Van Rensselaer, the great land-holder, called the Patroon of Greenbush. She married Philip Schuyler. The family residence was near Albany, and was built by Mrs. Schuyler while her husband was in England, about 1760. It was a large house, ornamented in the Dutch style, and was a place of resort for British officers and travelers of note during the French war. Fourteen French gentlemen, paroled prisoners, were here entertained at one time. In 1801, Mrs. Schuyler and some of her family, visiting Montreal and Quebec, were gratefully welcomed by the children of some of those prisoners. After the surrender of Burgoyne, he and his suite were received and entertained by General and Mrs. Schuyler, though he had destroyed their elegant country-seat near Saratoga. Madame de Riedesel described

* The country-seat of Colonel Morris, which became afterwards the head-quarters of General Washington—about ten miles from New York—was the residence of the singular woman known as Madame Jumel, the wife of Aaron Burr. She lived on Washington Heights, and died in 1865, in her ninety-second year. She was known in the court circles of France, though she never had any position in American society. She was intimate with Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, General Knox, La Fayette, and others among the leaders in the Revolutionary struggle. She met Burr when he was a captain in the army, and at Lady Stirling's parties; and it is said that scores of men of high position and talents worshiped at her shrine. Many were her escapades and adventures, and marvellous tales were told of her.

She married Stephen Jumel, who amassed in the wine trade a fortune that gave him rank among merchant princes. Their residence was for a time in Paris; but after Jumel lost his fortune, his wife, in 1822, returned alone to New York, and lived on her own estate. Jumel was killed by a fall in his seventieth year.

Colonel Burr was then practising law with great success, though seventy-eight years of age. Madame Jumel called on him for legal advice about her estate; the acquaintance ripened, and she invited the great lawyer to dinner. He was charmed with her, and is reported to have said, on handing her to the table, "Madame, I give you my hand; my heart has long been yours." At length he proposed, and was rejected; but persevered in his suit. Having advanced so far as to obtain an undecided "No," he said one day in a jocular manner that he should bring out a clergyman to Fort Washington, at a certain time, and then would expect a more favorable answer. He came at the time appointed, accompanied by Dr. Bogart, and took advantage of the lady's embarrassment and dread of a new scandal. So they were married, the ceremony being witnessed only by the members of the family and the servants, and followed by an excellent supper. Some bottles from Jumel's wine-cellar that had not

been opened for half a century were produced on the occasion, and the party was exceeding merry.

At Burr's advice, his wife sold out her shares in some Connecticut property, and gave the proceeds to him for investment. Texas was then beginning to attract the tide of emigration, and Burr embarked the money in an enterprise for settling a colony of Germans on a tract of land there. The speculation proved a failure, and the title to the lands defective. Burr had not mentioned the Texas scheme to his wife, and he refused to account for the funds invested. A coolness and estrangement followed. Burr continued to speculate and lose his wife's money; her patience was exhausted, and she filed a complaint against him, to deprive him of control in her affairs. He suffered the proceedings to go by default; but they went no further than to restore to the lady sole authority over her property. After a few months of alternate reconciliation and estrangement the marriage was in effect—though never in law—dissolved.

After the separation, the wife never bore Burr's name, but lived almost solitary in her home on the Heights. Her grandchildren inherited her property.

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File cards of the ancestor and the applicant are on file in the Genealogy Room of the State Library, and if you find your ancestor, the librarian will get the file for you. But many names that were on the applications were unavailable to us.

The film processing was finished in Salt Lake City and copies of the Microfiche and Microfilm were returned to Lansing. There were twelve rolls of microfilm containing all of the application forms. More volunteers took these rolls and indexed every name on them. They are now being put on computer by more volunteers. These computer lists will be microfiched and will be available for sale. This means our libraries will be able to have a set of this index at hand for us to use. Very soon now, we will be able to find ancestors that we perhaps couldn't find before.

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