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Ringo Family Historian

Speaker at October Meeting

David Leer Ringo, Jr., a 9th generation descendant of Philip Jansen Ringo of New Amsterdam who came to America before 1643, will discuss the Ringo family history at our Fall Meeting to be held at Ringoes in the Amwell Valley Fire House, Saturday, October 21, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Ringo, of Fort Mitchell, Ky., for 35 years has done research in this country and abroad relating to the Ringo family. In 1939 he was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Genealogy in recognition of his original research work.

Preceding the meeting a home style ham dinner will be served by the Amwell Volunteers at the Fire House at 12:15 p.m.

DINNER RESERVATIONS: accompanied by a \$2.00 check payable to Amwell Volunteers Auxiliary should be mailed and received by Mrs. Ralph Alexander, R.D. 1, Ringoes by Wednesday, October 14.

Historic sites in Ringoes will be identified by numbered placards for those who wish to visit them. The tour includes the Ringo burial ground and monument.

Early arrivals will also be able to take a trip on the Black River & Western Steam trains from Ringoes Station. Departure time: 10:45 a.m.; 12:15; 1:45; 3:15 and 4:45 p.m.

Edward H. Quick, our Recording Secretary and author of John Ringo and His Gold will be host for the day. He assures an enjoyable time to all those attending.

A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED ACOUSTICS AT THE MEETING.

FALL MEETING
Saturday, October 21, at 2 p.m.
AMWELL VALLEY FIRE HOUSE
Ringoes, N. J.
Talk—Dinner—Historic Tour



Welcome New Members

(joining since April 1, 1967)

Mrs. Albert E. Sutton, High Bridge.

Miss Helen P. Knight (A Peter Haward descendant) Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Mrs. Norman S. Carlson, West Orange, N.J.

Mrs. John A. Muller, Columbia, Tenn.

Miss Lucia Runyon, Sanger, Calif.

Clare Galbraith, Oldwick, N.J.

Paul L. Haines, Stockton, N.J.

Hunterdon County Supt. of Schools, Flemington, N.J.

Mrs. Margaret DeGianni, Trenton, N.J.

Mrs. Leon A. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Harold K. Bonnell, Clinton, N.J.

Elsie A. Partek, Union, N.J.

John E. Partek, Union, N.J.

Guy R. Bell, Jr., New York City.

Mrs. Harold R. Dilts, Three Bridges.

Dorothy Frances Green Wright

(A Green Sergeant descendant), Trenton, N.J.

Gladys S. Salisbury, Flemington, N.J.

Patricia A. Weibezahl, Washington, N.J.

Mrs. Frederick Stothoff,
Membership Chairman.

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Librarian's Report

Accessions since May: 200 Vols. Total in our Library: 3490.

Our new Recordak Micro-film Reader has been received.

URGENTLY WANTED: Snell: J.P. History of Sussex and Warren Counties, N.J. Phila: 1881

Visitors since May: 100

Memorial gifts or donations toward micro-film records will be gratefully received.

Unpublished Family Cemetery

Inscriptions

PINE HILL CEMETERY

On former Jacob Smith farm, top of Pine Hill, Delaware Township. Copied 1909, by Miss Anna S. La Rue.

F(isher), I.J. May 14, 1831.

Lake, Mary, wf. Cornelius, dr. Jos. and Mary Sergeant. Apr. 13, 1813, in 48th yr.

La Rue: (A number of this family are buried here, but there are no stones with inscriptions. Moses Larowe (d.1793) and his wf. Urania Thatcher are said to have been buried here.

Rounsavell, Abraham. Aug. 17, 1863, in 67th yr.

Sergeant, Charles. Apr. 14, 1833, in 74th yr. Sergeant, Mary. SEE: Lake.

Sergeant, Sarah (Green), wid. Charles, Mar. 27, 1835.

S....., W. Oct. 10, 1793.

Williamson, Asher. May 28, 1860, 83-1-3.

Williamson, Moykee. March 6, 1785-Dec. 8, 1868.

W. . . . , R. 1899

W. . . . , W. Apr. 6.

Williamson, William. Dec. 21, 1848. 39-2-3.

Notes & Queries

Address correspondence to Mrs. Ray C. Wilson and Edwin W. Huff, Jr.

MARSHALL-TRIMMER: Marshall V. Denny, 1601 N.E. Parkway, Wichita, Kansas. Information on father of Furman Marshall who m. Susana Trimmer, April 19, 1798. 3-2-1

BRINK: Richard E. Brink, 2501 Hudson Road, St. Paul, Minn. Parents of Simon Brink (1786-1828) 3-2-2

BRAY-RITTENHOUSE: Mrs. Donald DeHart, RR # 5, Franklin, Ind. Was Delilah, w. of Jonathan Rittenhouse, (m.1796) a Bray? 3-2-3

BURROUGHS: Mrs. Edna Johnson Holliday, 2712 Artic Ave., Atlantic City, N.J. Marriage record of Hulda, d. of John and Mary Burroughs m. Garret Johnson. 3-2-4

WINNER: Lyle G. Winner, 11 Colton Road, West Hartford, Conn. Data on the Winner family, Flemington area resident, 1729-62. 3-2-5

CRAMER: Miss Rena F. Fugle, 5278 So. Lincoln Rd., Conesus, N.Y. Ancestry of David Cramer, b. 1782, who m. Martha Stackhouse. 3-2-6

QUICK: Howard D. Quick, Box 535, Nederland, Texas. Data on Joel or Jacob Quick, b. 1757. 3-2-7

JULLIARD: Mrs. E. R. Wolfe, 48 S. Schuylkill Ave., Norristown, Pa. Wanted marriage record of William Julliard and Sarah . 3-2-8

VAN KIRK: Mrs. James D. Salisbury, RD 5, Flemington, N.J. Ancestry of John Van Kirk descendants by Elizabeth Stout of Amwell. 3-2-9

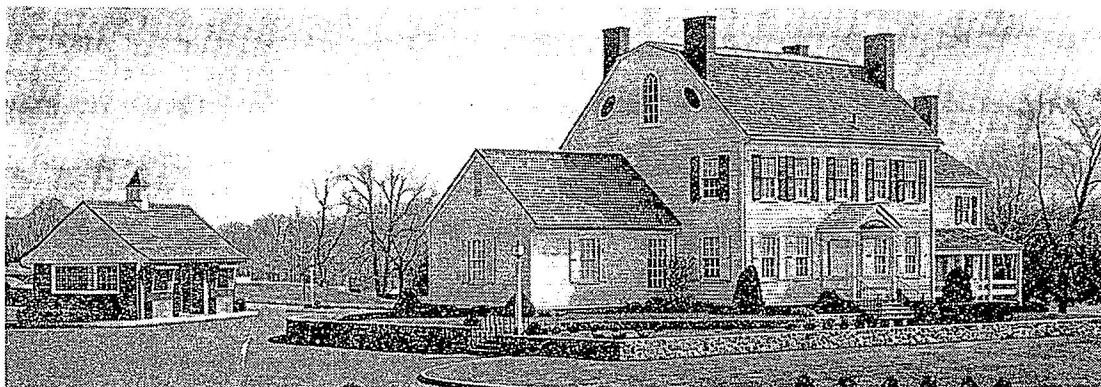
SEARCH: Miss Betty Dow, 1870 Newark Rd., Zanesville, Ohio. Data on Search family of Hunterdon who went to Ohio in 1812-15; also name of father of William Search b.1780-90. 3-2-10

COOL (KUHLE): Miss H. Cool, 330 S.A. St., Grangeville, Idaho. Data on the Cool family. 3-2-11

HULSIZER: Mrs. Robert E. Hulsizer, 1909 W. Washington St., Springfield, Ohio. Data on William Thomas Hulsizer who m. Mary Fishbaugh. 3-2-12

HOFF - SLATER: Mrs. Louise H. Tunison, RD 1, Washington Crossing, Pa. Ancestry of Rachel Hoff Slater. 3-2-13





Invitation to a Reception

Members of the Society and their friends are invited to be guests of the Hunterdon County National Bank at a reception to be held at their Whitehouse Office on Sunday, October 29th, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The invitation has been extended by President William J. Kinnaman and by Mr. Willard R. Young, Vice President and Whitehouse Office Manager.

The Whitehouse Office is housed in the recently restored Wyckoff mansion which stands in the northwest corner of the intersection of the Oldwick-Whitehouse Road and U.S. Route 22. The home dates approximately from Revolu-

tionary times and was the homestead of the old Wyckoff plantation, the first conveyance made out of James Logan's large tract. With its purchase in 1725, Simon Wyckoff introduced the now-numerous family to the county and unknowingly prescribed the course of the present highway.

Restoring to practical use of this historic and architecturally notable building represents historic preservation at its best. Architect Arthur C. Aalholm, is to be commended for his skill and sympathetic handling of the restoration.

Come and enjoy a snack by the old kitchen fireplace after your tour of inspection.

Recent Acquisitions

MANUSCRIPTS:

Mountainville, N.J. Detective Association. Record Book (minutes) (1881-1890) (Gift of Joseph C. Farley, Lebanon, N.J.)

HAWARD, Peter (1775-1858) of Flemington, N.J. Agricultural memorandum book, 1834; Cash books: 1808; 1811-13, 1819. Daybooks 1830-51 (woodcarver and turner). Memorandum Books, 1801-26; 1829-30; 1834-5. School house book, Flemington, 1827. Account books with Mahlon Pettit, 1815-24. 48 items in all. (Gift of Miss Helen P. Knight, Bryn Mawr, Pa., a Peter Haward descendant)

JOHNSON, Jacob (1756-1847) Revolutionary War pension records. March 7, 1843. (Gift of James R. Johnson, Clinton, N.J., a great-great-grandson) of Clinton, N.J.

VAN SYCKEL, Joseph. 3 letters, ca. 1875 to Chester Van Syckel. (Gift of George G. Tennent, Englewood, N.J., grandson of Chester Van Syckel)

BOOKS, etc.

Frenchtown, N.J. Centennial, 1967. (Gift of Bertram M. Light, Frenchtown, N.J.)

Bible Records of 15 Families of Hunterdon Co., N.J. Compiled by the donor from photocopies of original records in the Pension Office, Washington. 28 leaves, typescript. (Gift of Mrs. Alvah P. Ramsey, St. Petersburg, Fla.)

Chamberlain Family Genealogy, mimeo., 110 fo. (Gift of E.L. Chamberlain, Olivia, Minn.)

Wyckoff Family Bulletin, 1967. Gift of the Wyckoff Assoc. John L. Ely, Secretary, West Orange, N.J.

American Philosophical Society. Guide to the Archives and MS. collections. Phila. 1966 (Purchase)

ARTIFACTS

Farm implements: hog butchering utensils, bee keeping material, salt glaze crocks, jugs, etc. 28 items. Gift of the Misses Helen and Marion Waldron, Oldwick, N.J. (Material on loan to Clinton Historical Museum due to lack of space in our present quarters.)

Gift to the Society

Pays Dividends

A letter dated March 7, 1843 addressed to "Mr. Jacob Johnson, Revolutionary Pensioner.. Sidney, Hunterdon Co., N.J." given to the Society at the May meeting by member James R. Johnson of Clinton enabled us to repay Mr. Johnson's generosity with many interesting details of his great-great-great grandfather's Revolutionary activities.

The letter, containing suggestions about reporting the veteran's war service, prompted us to send for his pension application which turned out to be a windfall!

First in Jacob's file are two pages torn from the family Bible giving births of Jacob and Sarah, his wife, their marriage, and births of their ten children.

Next, in a sworn statement from which we give abstracts: Jacob Johnson deposes that after his return from Perth Amboy as a private, he was elected Lieutenant in Philip Snook's company at an election in John Ott's blacksmith shop in Amwell Township.

As Lieutenant, Johnson marched with his Company to Woodbridge in 1776 and later in the year, served one month at Bound Brook where he was on picket guard at the HQ of General Anthony Wayne where, upon the sudden approach of the British, Johnson gave the alarm which allowed Wayne to escape from the back door of his dwelling.

In 1777, Johnson served one month at Haddonfield "when the British took Red Bank Fort"; one month at Pompton Plains against the Tories; one month at Coejman's, Somerset Co., making bullets; one month guarding a magazine; one month at Passaic Falls "there we had a small schermage with the British"; one month at Princeton and one at Hopewell Meeting.

In 1778, Johnson served at the Battle of Monmouth. He was also called out on the following alarms: Elizabethtown, Pompton Plains, Hackensack, Bridgetown, Princeton, Shanick Meeting House, Bayard's Mills "where we took more than 90 wagons from the British".

Also at Sourland Mountain for 10 days and "then was called in Pennsylvania where was drove over with the army. Some hot firing where we had to stay five weeks, was frequently crossed over the River, in order to annoy the British".

This was "just before the Battle of Trenton."

During the winter of 1778-79, he enrolled in the Continental Service as a carter under Alexander Thompson of Ringoes.

On one occasion Johnson shot a Hessian who was robbing Major Stout and saved the Major's life. The Major offered him a "half joe" (a golden coin worth \$8.81) as a bounty which Johnson refused.

Later, Johnson took part in the Battle of Springfield "at the time they (the British) burned the Meetinghouse at that place."

(ED. Note: Jacob died April 10, 1846 at 92 and his wife Sarah April 3, 1853 at 100. They are buried in Bethlehem Presbyterian Graveyard, Grandin. Mrs. Johnson's statement corrected error in gravestone inscription) N.C.W.

Hunterdon Historical Series

For Sale Sales tax-add 3% Postage add 10¢

1. Vosseler, Elias. A sketch of the copper mining enterprise near Flemington. 1891. 21p. \$.50
2. Race, Henry. The Two Colonels, John Taylor. 1892. 13 p. \$.50
3. Sterling, Edward B. Historical & genealogical sketch of James Sterling. 1893. 27 p. \$.50
4. Fleming, John. History of the Readington School (Holland Brook) 1804-1897, 1898. 15 p. \$.50
5. Vosseler, Elias. Tucca-Ramma-Hacking. 1901. 21 p. \$.50
- LARISON, Cornelius W. The Ancient Village of Amwell. 1955. 22 p. \$ 1.00
- MOTT, Ed. S. First Century of Hunterdon Co. 1967, 60p. illus. \$ 4.00
- DEATS, Hiram E. Hunterdon Co. Militia, 1792. 1936, 10p. \$ 1.50
- Deats: Marriage records of Hunterdon Co., 1795-1875, unbound, 337p. \$ 7.50
- Deats: Tombstone inscriptions from Hunterdon cemeteries, 72p. unbd. \$ 5.00

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For which I enclose _____

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