



Welcome to the second edition of Hear Ye Hear Ye Web Extras. Web Extras are designed for the Hear Ye Hear Ye (HYHY) reader with Internet access. Web Extras enable the HYHY staff to bring additional information and tools to you, the HYHY reader. This format relieves us from space limitations and allows us to provide additional useful information to you.

The HYHY staff is keenly aware of the fact that not all RGS members live in the Rochester area. One of our goals for this year is to increase value to out of town members by: providing specific information about Rochester and the region; providing tools and links to assist in research; and making information available that members miss by not being able to attend meetings. Web Extras is one step toward reaching that goal.

In this edition of Web Extras you will find expended information and links from the following HYHY articles:

From On The Town Of Penfield

- A hyperlink to all of the websites mentioned in this article.
- Hyperlinks to additional information on the Town of Penfield to help researchers.

From the President's Message

- The four members honored with Life Membership.

Hyperlinks to all of the websites mentioned in these articles

- Library News
- New From Ellis Island
- The Salt Lake City Research Trip
- Voice Your Choice

We hope you find the Web Extras useful and that you will take the time to further explore the RGS web page. We welcome your comments and suggestions. You can contact the HYHY staff at hyhyeditor@gmail.com with comments, suggestions, questions or article submissions.

On The Town Of Penfield

To contact the Penfield Town Historian, Kathy Kanauer, send your email to kanauer@penfield.org

To find more information about cemeteries in the town of Penfield go to <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nymonroe/cem/index.htm>

You will find information on several cemeteries, including addresses. This includes Oakwood Cemetery with approximately 15,000 burial records. You can access Oakwood Cemetery records by going directly to <http://mcnygenealogy.com/cem/oakwood.htm>



Oakwood Cemetery in Penfield, NY

Oakwood Cemetery records often contain information about who purchased the plot. I put such information to good use when I found that the plot of an infant child of one of my ancestors was purchased by someone other than the parents. I checked the purchaser's name against an earlier Penfield census record and discovered that the purchaser was the infant's maternal grandfather.

For more information on the Town of Penfield go to the town's website at www.penfield.org/index.php?pr=dpt-historian-past

There you can also click on "Store" where they have available, among other things, two books about Penfield: *Penfield's Past 1810-1960* and *Images of Early Penfield* by Maude E. Frank, Penfield Town Historian, published in 1985.

If you're looking for an in depth look at Penfield, you will find a Historical Perspective of Penfield with a table of designated landmark structures in the Town of Penfield at http://www.penfield.org/media/plan-sec3_histpersp.pdf

You can find more books about historic Penfield by visiting the Penfield Public Library or by visiting the Local History and Genealogy Division on the second floor of the Rundel Library in Rochester.

The President's Message

For those of you who were not able to attend the September meeting honoring the many past and present RGS volunteers, I want to share with you the four people who were honored as life members. They are Ruth Horton Metzler, Julie Sherrill Steitz, Dick Halsey and Carter Livermore.



Carter Livermore, Ruth Metzler, Julie Steitz & Dick Halsey

Ruth Metzler has served RGS in a variety of ways for over twenty-five years. She served as RGS President for four years. As a member of the Board of Directors she was involved in the initial planning of the FGS Conference in 1996. She also wrote a history of RGS for that conference.

Ruth is a talented teacher and she is a founding member of the Educators Committee. She served on a panel at the FGS Conference on the topic of “Benefits of Forming a Genealogical Educators Group”. She has often spoken at RGS meetings and has taught genealogical courses in the community, many of them at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

She was a major contributor to the “Horton Family in America” and has published articles in several journals. She is a member of the Genealogical Round Table of Monroe County and has contributed frequently to the *Hear Ye Hear Ye*.

Ruth is one of the founders of NYSCOGO (New York State Council of Genealogical Organizations) and has served for many years as a liaison and an RGS delegate to that organization. She was a member of the Kodak Genealogical Society and served as its librarian.

Julie Steitz was a charter member of RGS when it separated from the Rochester Historical Society in 1977 to form a separate organization. She became the second president of the new society and then served as a director for nine years.

Julie was a founding member of NYSCOGO (New York State Council of Genealogical Organizations) and has served as Vice President as well as on the Board of Trustees for that organization.

She initiated the Up For Grabs table, has presented several mini-workshops and contributed frequently to the *Hear Ye Hear Ye*. She has served on many committees including the Program Committee and the Reception Committee where she has greeted members for many years.

Julie has also worked on genealogy projects outside RGS, most notably with the Genealogical Roundtable of Monroe County and she has contributed to many indexing projects in the Town of Penfield. She also served as Vice President of the New York chapter of Palatines to America.

Dick Halsey has been an outstanding leader in RGS for thirty years in many different capacities. He served as Vice President for Programs, Membership Secretary, then for ten years as *Hear Ye Hear Ye Editor*. He has been in charge of the book distribution, the Up for Grabs table and served as Exhibit Chair at the FGS Conference in 1996.

Dick has been the consummate innovator. He developed the RGS website and served as Webmaster for nine years. He initiated and administered the Genesee Country Family File for several years. This file eventually contained thousands of records. Dick has maintained the Monroe County GenWeb for several years and has been responsible for its evolution.

Dick wrote the “Genealogical Guide to Monroe County, New York”, one of the best-selling publications of RGS and also compiled, with Lawrence Naukam, the “Location of Cemeteries and Cemetery Records of Monroe County, New York”. He has done an incredible amount of research on local cemeteries and compiled and published indexes to many of them.

Carter Livermore, who has been a member for over twenty years, was awarded an honorary membership in RGS on 23 August 2007. Carter was recognized for his dedication in two particular areas.

Carter was a founding member of NYSCOGO (New York State Council of Genealogical Organizations). In 1991 he became one of the original delegates from RGS to NYSCOGO and he has been a delegate many times since.

Carter’s outstanding contribution is our audiotape library. Ever since Carter originated the library in 1990 with some tapes donated by Tish Welch, member of RGS have been able to borrow tapes of former RGS presenters and other nationally known speakers. The current library contains 235 tapes that cover a wide variety of topics from “Organizing Your Notes” by Ruth Metzler to “Untapped Library Sources” by Gary Boyd Roberts to “Finding Your German Ancestors” by Lawrence Naukam.

Carter has done a remarkable job of taping speakers at our meetings and otherwise acquiring tapes, maintaining and advertising the library and managing the lending operation. He is currently investigating the process of creating CD recordings of the taped lectures.

Library News

The Rochester Library's long awaited newspaper index from 1818-1897 has gone live. It is available online at <http://www2.libraryweb.org/index.asp?orgid=647&storyTypeID=&sid=&>.

New From Ellis Island

The "Search by Ship" feature has arrived to the website <http://www.ellisland.org/>

The other new feature is Tell Us Your Story for The Ellis Island Immigration Museum. You can learn more by going to <http://www.ellisland.org/Story/tellstory.asp>.

Salt Lake City Research Tour

The 2009 Salt Lake City Research Trip is planned for Sunday May 31 to Sunday June 6. Enroll now. Contact Bob Coomber <rcoomber@rochester.rr.com>.

Voice Your Choice

Contact Bert Balt at JandB178@aol.com if you have a suggestion for a future meeting or if you would like to volunteer to do a presentation in the future.