

Crocheron family

# CROCHERON FAMILY NEWS

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## CROCHERON FAMILY FINDINGS IN EUROPE

### Professional researcher locates early Crocherons.

**Hugh T. Law, of the French and Mediterranean Genealogical Research Association in Salt Lake City has been doing research for the Bodine & Crocheron Families the past year or so. In April he sent us the following:**

- 1632 Anna Croceron of Robert and of Isbeau de la Haye.
- 1634 Croceron, honaratus of Joannes and of Marguerite Le Roy.
- 1635 Croceron, Marguerite of Andreand Math. d'Assouville.
- 1636 Croceron, Marie of Robert and of Isabeau de la Haye.
- 1653 Croceron, Nicolaus of Joanne and of Marie de Langle.
- 1655 Croceron Joes=Joannes of Joannes and of Marie de Langle. (Source: Microfilm 1,228,015, LDS Family History Library, Salt Lake, UT)

In his letter, Mr. Law writes: "I saw records to 1746, but saw no more (Crocerons). Only years were given in the film for LaGorgue, Nord, west of Lille where these births were found. The indexes of Lille and of Cambrai didn't show any Crocheron or Croceron born there. They must have all been farmers living in the country or small towns.

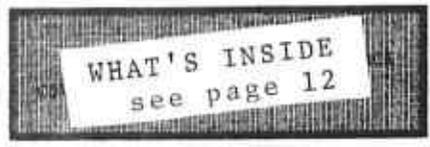
"I have ordered other films to check, but those ordered two weeks ago aren't yet at the Library. Developing films for all the branch libraries requires us to take our turns at the head Family History Library. I ordered some more (films) today, but didn't find any Crocherons. I will check the 1655 baptism (records) to see if I missed the name."

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### JOHN CROCHERON

#### FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

This Bible belonged to John Crocheron (1770-1820), who was born and died in Staten Island, NY. His son, John Jay Crocheron, evidently took the Bible with him to his home in Dallas County, AL, after his father's death. In 1925 his great-niece, Joanna Evans Baxter, contacted a man in Minter, AL about putting a marker on John Jay's grave. This man had found the Bible many years before in the home of a poor black family in



that area. He sent the Bible to Joanna Evans Baxter and it is now in the possession of her granddaughter, Joanna Baxter Curtis in San Jose, CA.

#### BIRTHS

John Crocheron was born in the year 1770, April 13.

Johannah Housman was born June 15, 1773.

Ann Crocheron, daughter of John Crocheron and Johannah Crocheron was born October 7, 1793.

John Jay Crocheron, son of John and Johannah Crocheron, was born August 21, 1795.

Catherine Ryerss was born May 24, 1778.

Lewis Ryerss Crocheron, son of John & Catherine Crocheron was born March 20, 1798.

Catherine Crocheron, daughter of John & Catherine Crocheron, was born November 1, 1799.

Johannah Crocheron, daughter of John and Catherine Crocheron was born February 25, 1802.

Henry Washington Crocheron was born April 8, 1804, son of John and Catherine Crocheron.

John Crocheron and Catherine Ryerss was married June 22, 1797 by the Rev. W Birkby.

DEATHS Johannah Crocheron wife of John Crocheron departed (continued on p. 4)



## **WE'RE BACK AGAIN**

**Lucia C. Greer, Co-Editor**

It's been three years since our initial effort to produce a family newsletter! But, we're back now trying to bring you up to date! The delay was due to two very, very active schedules for both editors -- demanding and exciting involvement in genealogy at the organizational level that neither of us had anticipated. My business (a cash management firm) has enjoyed an increase in business activity (isn't that always the aim?) but doesn't leave enough time to tackle everything. My personal genealogical research and long-range desire to help build a Crocheron Family Organization and Newsletter had to be put on the back burners. However, I've wound down most of my active involvement with local organizations so that I can pick up my own family research and get back to assembling the Newsletter more often than once every three years! (Remember, folks, you read it here, let's hold her to it!)

Since our first issue -- "Spring of 1986" -- we have received letters of encouragement and information from many of you; we will share the comments and information in this and future issues. Where we could take part in "networking" (passing along a specific inquiry from one to another) we did it right away, xeroxing your letters and forwarding them onto others we thought might help you. You should know, that the response to our initial edition far exceeded our expectations! A lot of the information we received is so extensive we are not sure as to just how to share it with all of you. We do think that establishing a **QUERIES** column will be a helpful and interesting

addition. Keep in mind that we'd like this to be your newsletter, so let us know what you feel is missing, and what would make it more interesting and helpful (We're beginners at this.) If you send xerox copies of newspaper articles, newspaper pictures, or photographs, try to get them as clear as possible so that they can be reproduced well -- (copies of copies of copies get terribly hazy and grainy!).

The names and addresses you sent us to add to the mailing list

### **THE MAILING LIST**

have been gratefully received and added.

Change of address cards allow us to catch the mistakes before the USPO does (and saves us money) and many of you have faithfully sent them. Some of you have suggested sending payment for "subscriptions", but until we are on a regular publishing schedule it would be unfair to ask for payment. Please bear with us until we are better organized, but thanks for the thought!

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The List "What's Inside" p. 12, will reveal a number of columns. Although we know we have missed some events, we have tried to catch up. If you will send us information for **Milestones** it will become an on-going record of marriages, births, and deaths. Send us what you would like covering the period since the Spring of 1986.

### **CLAN LEADER**

Perhaps this newsletter should be called the Red-faced Gazette; for our intentions in '86 were so promising,

so hopeful, especially with the selection of the oldest living **CROCHERON** descendant. Michael Lewis, of Wilmington, NC sent in the name of his aunt, Hazel Francis Cruser, b.1899. She deserves the recognition, we believe. We've been unable to reach Mike to get an update. The rest of you, please send us your additions, or corrections, too.

**MILESTONES COLUMN  
HAS BEEN ADDED p. 7**

### **NEXT ISSUE DUE IN THE FALL OF 1989**

The deadline for Issue No. 3 is August 15, 1989. We are scheduling it for mailing by mid-September. Please send us your letters, pictures, articles, etcetera.

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### **COMING IN NEXT ISSUE**

- Irving Crocheron and Crocheron, Maryland.
- "Medical Genetics & Huguenot History" by Harold Helm, geneticist
- **QUERIES** from you
- **MILESTONES** from you
- Research updates, additions to Crocheron Family of Staten Island
- **The Bedine Connection**
- Tall Ships, Donald McKay and the Crocherons!
- Crocheron Political Activists, 1988-1989 Style
- pictures, pictures
- and lots more !

## CHARLOTTE MEGILL HIX, Co-Editor

The three years since we put together our last **CROCHERON FAMILY NEWSLETTER** have been very busy and have just flown by. I am still collecting bits and piece of our Crocheron Family which I write directly into my copy of the genealogy. It seems there is always something more out there that has been missed. Keep the information coming to me, it's fascinating.

What have I been doing these last three years? I took on the editorship of the **Suffolk County Historical Society** quarterly magazine which keeps me on my toes. I compiled a genealogy of my Megill Family of New Jersey which appeared in the **Genealogical Magazine of NJ**. I have not been into New York, still in separate apartments City or to Staten Island as much as I used to do.

Our new, vintage 1965, house here in Mill Neck keeps me in the garden a lot. Gardening is a new hobby for me; what I did in Garden City was minimal on a plot 50' x 110'. Gardening in a woodsy area is a challenge and I am learning all about perennial that thrive in the shade. On five acres, only one that needs TLC, there is always room for that one more variety of something or other. By the time this Newsletter reaches completion my garden should have been long in full bloom with all the bulbs I have planted since 1985!

My family situation is relatively unchanged. Both Betsy and Kathy are still living in or near New York City. Betsy is working for Morgan Stanley in their bond department, and until recently Kathy was with Fox Broadcasting, Channel 5 TV as a financial analyst. We have

been busy with Kathy's wedding plans. She and Pat Varbaro were married 20 May 1989 at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, NY. The reception was at the Rockaway Hunting Club in Lawrence, just a few short miles from Trinity Church in Hewlett where Margaret (Crocheron) Lawrence is buried.

Jonathan left the corporate world of New York City in Mary, 1986, and couldn't be happier working from home and and puttering around with his tools and projects. His Number One favorite is his ice boat which he sails on the Hudson River, Orange Lake, Great South Bay, Budd Lake, Peach Lake, Greenwood Lake, Lake Ronkonkoma and anywhere else where the ice is good. He has one 30 ft. antique ice boat, another of 22 ft, a small modern one of 12 ft.. He and several others sail the antique boat, the Jack Frost, which is 50 ft. long. Summer finds us out in the Great South Bay in our 1895 22 ft. Gil Smith catboat.

I'm glad Chia gave me that push to gather the material together for the Spring issue. I, like all of you out there, am looking forward to receiving another of Chia's completed newsletters.

Page 123. #267 Eugene died 11 May 1928; he married on 12 Feb. 1880.

Page 124. #316 Emilie Selina, had one son Crocheron Langrell

Page 124. #317 Irving H., m. Minnie Short

Page 124. #318 Clarence E., m. Marie Insley

Page 124. #319 Eulalia m. William North, and had one son and one daughter

## ADD TO CROCHERON GENEALOGY

Page 136. Change Children of John and Ann (Crocheron) Simonson to children of John and Ann (Mercereau) Simonson. (This was my mistake. CMH.)

Page 112. #275 Margaret Adelia, m. 16 Spetember 1852 according to NY Herald -- see Index to Marriages and Deaths in NY Herald, 1835-1855, James P. Maher, 1986.

Page 93. Sophia Penelope Ansley (#i.) m. 4 July 1850, marr. announcement NY Herald Index.

Page 92. Eliza Crocheron & Andrew Ansley marriage announcement NY Herald on 13 April 1844.

Page 91. Mary Hempstead Crocheron obit NY Herald 29 July 1854, she died in NY.

Page 90. William Wood Lawrence (viii.) obit NY Herald 8 Nov. 1878. Funeral held at Caroline Church, Setauket. (continued next page)

Page 89. Frederic Jefferson Lawrence (vi.) died 10 Aug. 1920, Bronx, NY. His marriage took place "in the mother's sick room, Caroline Church Rectory," Setauket, NY. Rev. Robert Thompson Pearson was minister at Caroline Church, from 1878-1886.

Page 86. The marriage of Rev. James Brownlee to Henrietta Crocheron was recorded in the NY Herald.

Page 84. The marriage of Elizabeth Bird Simonson to Henry M. Whittemore recorded NY Herald 16 Dec. 1853. Note his different middle initial.

Page 80. #93 Jane Jones Crocheron -- her obit. in NY Herald. ....(can't on p. 4)

**ADDITIONS** continued from  
page 3

Page 79. #92 Richard Connor Crocheron. The obit of Anna Maria Geib Crocheron was reported in the NY Herald on 5 March 1850.

Page 70. #74 Nathan Crocheron died 14 April 1889.

Page 68. #72 Patience (Egbert, Crocheron) Decker obit. in NY Herald 11 Oct. 1854.

Page 55. #49 Obit of Israel Bedell in NY Herald 18 Nov. 1855.

Page 50. #117 Daniel Crocheron obit NY Herald 23 Nov. 1854.

Page 49. #43 Reuben Crocheron obit. 30 Dec. 1840 NY Herald.

Page 30. #29 Abraham Crocheron obit. 24 Nov. 1842 in NY Herald.

Page 22. #23 Catherine Crocheron m. Richard Connor who was born ca. 1723.

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**George Washington Crocheron**, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) resided in Salt Lake, and an impressive number of Crocherons have evolved from that branch according to research found in the Family History Library and we have a letter from Arlene Crocheron Anderson. Mormons, she writes, seek their genealogy with a different purpose in mind than many non-members. "As a result of my being a life-time member of the Church, I have volumes of paperwork that has been compiled by other members of my family, and so I find myself trying to sort out and make sure all the Temple work has been performed for each ancestor."... "I am excited to learn the story of George Washington Crocheron from my Aunt Frances (Frances Augusta Crocheron Miller), who resides in Provo, UT. I have his paperwork; I just don't know much more about him. I do own a copy of (con't on col 3).

**JOHN CROCHERON**  
**BIBLE RECORDS** continued  
from page 1

this life May 5, 1796 aged 22 years, ten months, 21 days. John Crocheron departed this life August 4, 1820 on Friday at 45 minutes past 7 o'clock P.M. Henry W. Crocheron son of John and Catherine Crocheron

Lewis Ryerss Crocheron son of John and Catherine Crocheron was born July 6, 1806.

Elizabeth Sophia Crocheron, daughter of John and Catherine Crocheron, was born August 28, 1812.

Jane Jones Crocheron, daughter of John & Catherine Crocheron was born September 27, 1815.

**MARRIAGES.**

John Crocheron and Johannah Housman was married February 9, 1793.

John Crocheron and Catherine Ryerss was married June 22, 17097 by the Rev. W. Birkby.

**DEATHS**

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John Crocheron departed this life August 4, 1820 on Friday 11 45 minutes past 7 o'clock P.M.

Henry W. Crocheron, son of John and Catherine Crocheron, departed this life January 8, 1825 aged 21 years, 10 months.

Catherine Crocheron, daughter of John & Catherine Crocheron departed this life November 18, 1827 aged 28 years 2 weeks & 3 days on Sunday at half past 6 o'clock in the morning.

Catherine Crocheron wife of John Crocheron departed this life December 25, 1828 aged 50 years, 7 months.

Lewis Ryerss Crocheron departed this life January 17, 1847 aged 40 years 6 months

years 6 months 11 days.  
Jane Stoutenbough, daughter of John & Catherine Crocheron departed this life Dec. 12, 1853 aged 34 years.

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**AUGUSTA JOYCE**  
**CROCHERON** (continued from  
col 1)..

"Representative Women of  
Deseret by Augusta Joyce Crocheron. In this book she wrote about the lives of the early pioneer women of the Church. I cherish this book and have read her own story many times. I guess if I had a favorite ancestor, she would be it, probably because I know more about her." Although Arlene has a very busy schedule in Dallas, we hope she will be able to share more with us in future issues.

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# JOHN HOLMES CROCHERON

By John Logan Crocheron and Bonnie Sigafus

**The last male Crocheron, John Logan Crocheron,** of the John Holmes Crocheron family (Asbury, Nicholas, Abraham, John, John, Jean) died in 1985. Before his death he had decided to research and complete a small volume on his branch of the Crocheron Family. He finished most of the project before he died leaving the volume to be completed or forgotten. John Logan Crocheron was my uncle and I felt bound to complete it for him. Finally, in 1989, the end is in sight as it is being published as the Crocheron Family News is being written.

John Holmes Crocheron, son of Asbury, left New York City in 1849 for California arriving in time to become one of the many California 49'ers. He travelled through California, Oregon, into Canada and then to Idaho trying to make his fortune in gold. In Silver City, Idaho he quit looking for gold and settled into farming (or what Idaho folks would call ranching). He purchased property in Owyhee County, ID and began raising vegetables and fruits to sell to miners. He increased his business by adding cattle and, in later years, hay for sale.

John and his wife, Mary Crow of Eugene Oregon, had five children. Their eldest son, Asbury Bibb Crocheron, became a politician in Owyhee County serving as tax collection and sheriff. The second child, Lodema Amanda married David Brown Hyde and they established a small community called Bruneau in Owyhee County. Elenia Ann, the their child, married Daniel Boone Hill (aka Joseph Rufus Thaxton II) and then Ross Fleming

Slack. Daniel was the sheriff of Elmore County, ID for a brief time. Ross ranched in Owyhee County. George Andrew married and divorced, went crazy and committed suicide in Mountain City, Nevada in 1940. The last child, John Logan, married Rosella, was a rancher in Owyhee County, and unfortunately had no children.

The descendants of the four children with progeny of John Holmes Crocheron have dispersed primarily through the west. They live in Oregon, British Columbia, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska and California. A few of us have made it east to Wisconsin, Kentucky and North Carolina.

Family names associated with John Holmes Crocheron's descendants include: Alfari, Anderson, Baker, Cook, Fisher, Goodloe, Hays, Henderson, Hendricks, Hill, Hodge, Hyde, Jeka, Johnson, Kane, Keeth Kuster, Maher, Owen, Peter, Sigafus, Slack, Sniffin, Sorenson, Sutton, Symonds, Wakefield, Walker, Wilborn, and Wilson.

Professions through the years have included rancher, farmer, politician, salesperson, teacher, computer programmer, military man, secretary, telephone technician, nurse, hotel manager, wildlife manager, bank vice president, mechanic, forestry technician, forest service employee, medical technician, forest service employee, medical technician, chain restaurant manager, insurance agent, real estate broker, grocer, butcher, cosmetic representative, medical transcriber, company sales representative and manager, county deputy clerk and recorder, senatorial assistant, postal

person, engineer, educational consultant and housewife.

All descendants have had at least high school diplomas, many have college bachelor degrees and one has a college masters degree.

All in all, I think John Holmes Crocheron would be pleased with what has been accomplished with his genes.

## EDITORS' NOTE:

For purchasing your copy of JOHN HOLMES CROCHERON please write Bonnie Sigafus, 1018 Della Drive, Lexington, KY 40504. Be sure to tell her where you read about it.



**THE OLD LATOURETTE HOUSE**, Richmond, S.I., NY. Built before 1700. Mistakenly considered the home of Jean/Marie Mercereau La Tourette (Photographed by William Mercereaux, c. 1890.)

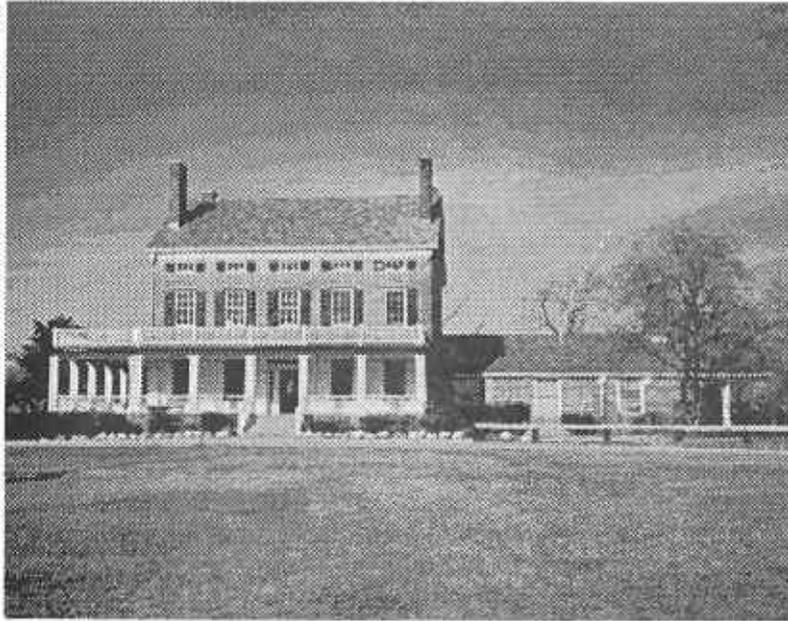


"The spacious Greek Revival residence below and to the left was built in 1836 for David Latourette (1786-1864), a prosperous farmer and member of an old Staten Island family. The family, which continued to operate the farm until 1910 sold the property in 1928 to the City of New York. The building was converted into a clubhouse and the farm became part of the Latourette Park Golf Course. In 1936 the porch was enlarged to take maximum advantage of its commanding view of New York Bay."

## LATOURETTE HOUSE

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The house was built on property given to David's wife, Ann Crocheron, by her father John (#36, Crocheron Family of Staten Island). The quotation above is from the plaque on the home, designated as a landmark in New York City.



(Photos by Charlotte Megill Hix.)

# MILESTONES

## **BETH McALISTER & JERRY MICHAEL CANTOR, AUGUST 7, 1988**

From Ann (Lawrence) McAlister, Lynchburg, VA [great-granddaughter of Margaret (Crocheron) Lawrence, p.89 of Crocheron Family Genealogy, by Hix] writes, "Our daughter Beth was married to Jerry Michael Cantor, 7 August 1988 in Harrisonburg, VA where they live. Jerry is son of Melva (Spitler) Cantor and th late Robert Cantor. Beth is employed in Rockingham County as Intermediate School reading specialist."

## **KRISTIN LINDSAY McALISTER, NEW 1988 MEMBER OF THE ROB McALISTER FAMILY.**

Proud grandparents, Ann (Lawrence) & Clyde McAlister write "Can't remember if I've been in touch since our son Rob and wife adopted our new joy, Kristina Lindsay McAlister, who was three in November 1988. They are the farthest away in Medina, OH."

## **HIX-VARBARO MARRIAGE MAY 20, 1989**

Miss Katherine Megill Hix of New York City, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Raymond Hix of Mill Neck, formerly of Garden City, New York, was married on May 20 to Mr. Patrick Varbaro at The Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City, New York. Patrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Varbaro of New Rochelle. A reception followed at the Rockaway Hunting Club in Lawrence, New York. Elizabeth Brabb Hix was her sister's maid of honor and Anthony Varbaro was his brother's best man. The bridesmaids were Nancy and Flavia Varbaro, sisters of the groom, Lynn Mallory and Margaret

Schellbach. The ushers were Stephen and Phillip DeRaffele, Rocco Cassone and Vincent Idone. The flower girl was Ellen Waz and the ring bearer was Patrick Arbitro. The bride wore her mother's wedding gown which was made of ivory peau de soie decorated with seed pearls. Mrs. Varbaro is a graduate of the Cathedral School of St. Mary, Garden City, NY, and Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY. She was presented to the Bishop at the Cornelia Cotillion in Garden City and is a member of the Junior League of New York. The bride is a former financial analyst for Fox Broadcasting. Her maternal grandfather, Alfred Landon Megill, was president of the Edward L. Megill Company, a firm founded in 1869 in New York City, by his father Edward Landon Megill, an inventor, patentee and manufacturer of printing devices. Her paternal grandfather, C. Raymond Hix, was vice-president of the Joseph P. Day Company in New York City. Patrick Varbaro is a graduate of New Rochelle High School and attended Bridgeport Engineering. He is the owner of Alfa Electric, Inc., electrical contractors in New Rochelle, NY. The couple will reside in Westchester County, NY.

## **INGA (FALK) CROCHERON (1932-1988)**

Inga's husband, Ned Crocheron (Homer, Edmond Franklin, Edmond, Abraham, Abraham, Daniel, Abraham, John, Jean) wrote us: "My beloved wife, Inga, and I were married in Seattle 7 Jan 1961 when we both were about 30 years old. Inga, daughter of Lavidia (Hilson) and Rolf Falk was born 30 Oct 1932 in San Francisco, CA and raised in the quaint town of Friday Harbor on San Juan Island, WA, moving to Seattle with her mother

at the age of 12. She graduated from the University of Washington, and I met her in 1959 when she was working for a hotel/resort representative. She and I have two fine sons, Mark (1961) and Scott (1969), both living in the Seattle area. Inga's life evolved around her family. Breast cancer evolved in 1985 and we thought it was arrested, but she died July 20, 1988 after the cancer attacked her liver.

"Inga's gift to all was her positive attitude toward life, love for her family, and love for her friends. She received an abundance of love in return. Her accounting work in recent years provided her considerable satisfaction. Inga was proud to be brought into the Crocheron family -- God Bless Her."

## **LOUISE (CROCHERON) THOMA (1911-1988)**

September 12, 1988 Louise Crocheron Thomas, daughter Harold Crocheron (Edmond Franklin, Edmond, Abraham, Abraham, Daniel, Abraham, John, Jean) and Alice Beatrice Couchois in Old Lyme, Connecticut from cardiac arrest after a massive heart attack. She leaves her husband, Henry (Harry) G. Thoma, a daughter, Nancy (Mrs. David P. Warner), grandchildren, her sister, Doris (Crocheron) Ehrenfeld (Mrs. William C.), and numerous cousins who knew her all their lives. On February 8, 1986 she and Harry celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary. All of us mourn her passing. A memorial service was held at Saint Ann's Episcopal Church, Old Lyme and burial was in the Thoma family plot, Hackensack (NJ) Cemetery.

Send your news, announcements, etc. for this column to **CROCHERON FAMILY NEWS.**



The most famous resort hotel and restaurant overlooking Little Neck Bay, was Crocheron House, built around 1830. Famous for shore dinner, clambakes and its annual Harvest Festival, it was a noted vacation spot overlooking the Bay. Fashionable coaching parties stopped here on their way out to eastern Long Island. The hotel burned to the ground in 1908 and was never rebuilt. (Photo from Bayside Historical Society.)

## CROCHERON HOMES & HOMESITES

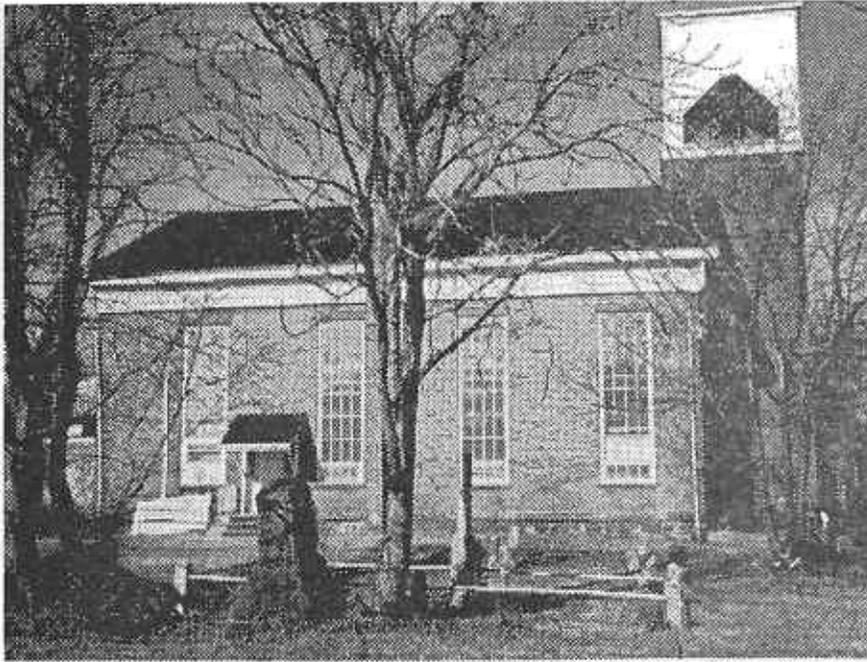
Crocheron auction of antiques, April 1910, Union Avenue, New Springville, Staten Island. (Collection of Ida Dudley Dale.)



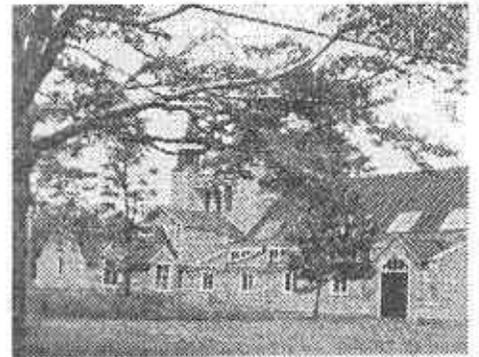
Dr. Nathaniel Britton's, 1912-1932. Ft. New Dorp Lane, Staten Island. (From Ida Dudley Dale Collection.)



Clawson House, Ft New Dorp Lane, Staten Island. (From Ida Dudley Dale collection.)



New church on site of former Asbury M.E. Church, Staten Island, where many Crocheron family members are buried. (More information on this in a subsequent newsletter.(Photo by Charlotte Megill Hix.)



Huguenot Church, Staten Island. Ida Dudley Dale, as secretary for the building of the church. Rev. Frost, pastor, contacted all Huguenot descendants for funds for special plaques, chairs, niches, etc. (Photos from the Ida Dudley Dale Collection.)

**The Crocheron-McDowell House,** Bastrop, Texas, part of the original Farm granted to William Pickney Hill from the Corporation of Bastrop, July 2, 1838. It was reclaimed by Bastrop County for failure to pay taxes and awarded to Henry Crocheron for \$140.00 at a sheriff's sale April 1, 1851. The home was built by Henry Crocheron and is listed in Historic American Buildings, Texas-Vol. I, Garland Publishing, Inc., 1979. The windows and hand-carved bannister were shipped from New York to Galveston then by rail and freight wagon to Bastrop. Finished in 1857 the elegant Greek Revival house symbolized Crocheron's affluence. Crocheron went to Bastrop from Montgomery, AL where he had a mercantile business. In 1837 he brought 12 black slaves with him to Bastrop. By selling the slaves he was able to buy several stores including the Bastrop Steam Mill, Inc. When Crocheron died in 1874 he willed the house to Mary Ann (Nicholson) McDowall, neice of his late wife.

The house has been fully and authentically restored, documented and is being offered for sale.

(Photo by P.F. Crocheron)



# QUERIES



Is Anthony STOUTENBURGH, father of Mary Stoutenburgh b. 21 Oct 1764 Staten Island NY, m. James LaTourette 15 Sep 1780 Oyster Bay, NY, also the father of Lena (Leanah) Stoutenburgh, m. 1) Abraham Kruse 2) Peter Housman 13 May 1772? Any info on Stoutenburgh (Stoutenbough) (Stoutenborough) appreciated.

Would like to contact any descendants of Jane Jones CROCHERON (see article this issue 'John Crocheron Family Bible Records'). She married a Stoutenbough which is one of my dead ends in both CROCHERON and LaTOURETTE LINES.

Need info on family of Elizabeth JACKSON who married John CROCHERON (1685-1771).

Need info on family of Anna (Nanny) MERRILL who married Johannes DECKER b. 24 July 1720. Also, on family of Decker's mother, Susanna HATFIELD m. Pieter de Decker before 1718 and had other children: Maria, Susanna, Sara, Mattheus, Eva, Abraham & Jacob (m. Sarah Simonson).

Need info on Margriet DANIELS (GUYON/GOWEN ?) 2nd wife of Aert SIMONSON (1679-1753) m. 21 Sept 1721. Children: Anna b. 1722 m. Henry CROCHERON, Daniel b. 1724 m. Maria DECKER, Barent b. 1729 Abigail CROCHERON, Cornelius b. 1730 m. Elizabeth DE PEU, Issac b. 1743 m. Elizabeth WOOD.

### Joanna Baxter Curtis

1156 Red Pine Ct. San Jose, CA 95125.....

Need date of death for Catherine LA TOURETTE Bedell, b. 1738, 25 Mar 1766 m. Stephen BEDELL b. 24 Jan 1745/6 joined British Army 1777 and removed to New Brunswick, Canada after the War's end. Later he removed to Ontario

and died in Wentworth County where his family stayed for some years. They appear in the 1861 census. The family burial place is at Soney Creek.

### Mildred J. Vincent

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Need proof that Peter Van Nest, b. 5 Oct 1653, who married Magdalena du Bois, .. and Catherine were children of Margaret CROCHERON, dau of Jean CROCHERON and Mary

### Rose Marie Brokaw Hinton

271 No. 500 East Lehi, UT 84043.....

Need information on parents of Ann Eliza FLANDRAU b. 20 Jun 1826, m. 18 May 1845 Edmond CROCHERON (1816-1870) and died 4 Dec 1880, NY,NY. Ann's father in family bible in my possession shown as William FLANDRAU and mother Jane .....

Need information on Aaron PARKER who married c. 1850 Nancy Ann ANGEVINE (b. 15 Mar 1833, d. 19 Jan 1882 NYC), father of Annie Amelia PARKER (b. 12 Mar 1859, d. 19 Aug 1933 married Edmond Franklin CROCHERON 26 Nov. 1879).

Any information on parents of Maria DuPUY (who m. Daniel CROCHERON [1718-1767] in 1739)?

Any information on Daniel COURSEN (d. 1801 Castleton, NY) and Elizabeth BOGART who were parents of Jane COURSEN (11 Mar 1761-22 Aug 1847) mother of Abraham CROCHERON (6 Jan 1790-17 Jan 1846)? Any information will be very much appreciated.

Has anyone looked at BOUCHERON as a possible connection to CROCHERON ??? (I just received an ad for this perfume

from Paris, and the idea cluttered my mind.)

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LOOKING for copy of the issue of the SOMERSET CO. NJ GENEALOGICAL QUARTERLY that has a write-up of descendants of Jean Bodine, compiled by Mr. Fred Sisser.

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I am particularly interested in locating other descendants of Richard Washington and Margaret Gray (Crocheron) LAWRENCE who m. 12 May 1835.

**Ann (Lawrence) McAlister**  
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# SHERMAN B. CROCHERON

## Natchitoches, LA died c. 1893

Two years ago we received a letter from Elizabeth V. (Stille) Russell (Mrs. H. L. ) that we'd like to share with you:

"I'm one of the Crocheron descendants who is a procrastinator; but I do keep busy...Since moving here and joining the Natchitoches (LA) Genealogical and Historical Association (for which I have served two terms as their president) I became a member of a committee of volunteers who work in the Court House helping to organize original court records of all sorts that were never filed.

Most of them have been recorded, but the originals were still tied in bundles when we began work some seven years ago. I am working with mortgages. Because of this work now and then I have reason to go into the clerk's office and when I was there searching for something I came across the name Crocheron in an Index. Was I surprised! My branch had been from Staten Island to Shelburne, Nova Scotia, to Michigan. ...my mother had come south with her oldest sister and her husband where Mother met my father, but they never knew that a Crocheron lived in the same parish.

"Anyway, I copied the will which I enclose. When I got home that day I checked Mrs. Hix's book (The Crocheron Family of Staten Island New York, 1979, Charlotte Megill Hix) and there on page 59 is Sherman B. Crocheron. He surely must be buried here, but since there was no marker, his name does not appear in the cemetery book of this city. I feel he must be buried in the American Cemetery here in an unmarked grave, because his wife's tombstone inscriptions shows:

Caroline Hester Cockrell King Crocheron wife of S. R. Crocheron, M.D. b. Fairfield Dist. S.C., Sept. 25, 1833 d. Natchitoches, July 3, 1878, 8 o'clock a.m. Age 44 yrs, 9 mos. 8 days. She is buried beside Benjamin W. King, b. Suffield, CT, d. Natchitoches, 1851.

Sherman Crocheron was a jeweler as well as a doctor. Evidently he had no children. His will was written, Aug. 5, 1878, shortly after Caroline's death, though not filed until July 3, 1893. after his death. The executor of his estate was James T. King who was probably Caroline's son by her former marriage. I will look for property location, etc. and pass it on to you.

I hope we can get together a family reunion. I'd love to go to Staten Island.

I have great colored photo enlargements of the bible of Abraham Crocheron (Hix. p. 34, 35) who left Staten Island with his widowed mother and his grandparents after the Revolutionary War.

I am the daughter of 'V.' Grace Harriet Vaughan Stille."d. Natchitoches

August 5<sup>th</sup> 1878  
Parish of Louisiana  
Parish of Natchitoches  
I, Sherman B. Crocheron of the Parish of Louisiana and Parish of Natchitoches, and of the town of Natchitoches, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, and declare this to be my last will and testament.

The following dispositions:  
After my death, my body shall be decently and plainly buried, as soon as may be practicable, and all my just debts paid, by my executor herein named, out of any funds or other property that may belong to my estate.

I will and bequeath, and give to my son, James T. King a residuary of the Parish and State, and town above named all of my property, moveable, and immovable, rights

# SHERMAN B. CROCHERON

## WILL

No. 21258 Filed January 3, 1893  
Recorded January 3, 1893 in Book No. 90 of Conveyances folios 614 & 615, A. H. Lecomte, -- Clk. State of Louisiana Parish of Natchitoches August 5, 1878

In the name of God. Amen. I Sherman B Crocheron of the State of Louisiana and Parish of Natchitoches and the Town of Natchitoches, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, and declare this to be my last will and testament. The Following dispositions. 1st. After my Death, my body shall be decently and plainly buried as soon as may be practicable and all my just debts paid by my executor herein after named out of any funds or other property that may belong to my estate. 2nd. I will and bequeath and give to my God-son, and stepson James T. King a resident of the Parish and State and town above named all of my Property, moveable and immovable, rights and credits of any nature and kind whatsoever of which I may be in possession or rightful owner at the time of my death and which may belong to my estate and declare him the said James T. King to be my testamentary ---- and Universal legatee. 3th. I hereby nominate and appoint the said James T. King, Executor of this my last will and testament and give him Seizin of all my estate, moveable and immovable hereby making any former will and testament heretofore made by me void and declaring this to be my last and only will and testament made this 5th day of August A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Eight.

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### EDMOND FRANKLIN CROCHERON

(1858-1918)

#### HOME Rutherford, NJ.

Computerized scanning of this 1903 picture (signed by Garraway) doesn't permit us to see seven Crocheron family members sitting on the front porch. The house, a 4-story, was located at the corner of Elliott Place and \_\_\_?\_\_\_ Avenue. Modern with windows of leaded glass, exquisite trim detailing, small doric columns holding up the porch roofs, water catchment through almost hidden gutters, and downspouts. Crocheron's occupation at this time was listed as a hardware salesman; he made numerous trips to Germany on buying trips. An artist, who chose instead to enter business, E.F. explored the prosperity of California's orange groves in the pre-World War I era.

### NEXT ISSUE- FALL 1989

- The Richmondtown, S.I. Restoration Project -- moving and restoring the Jacob Crocheron House by The Staten Island Historical Society.
- The pictures of places and people **YOU** send us.



## GENETIC- GENEALOGY

**Many who trace their family lines are accepting that one's GENES are an important part of the fabric that makes up our families.**

Some of us don't want to know what kind of threads are woven into that fabric. I learned that my maternal great grandmother died at 48 years of age in 1881 from a heart condition. I am sure that giving birth to their ten children -- (all survived many decades and lived outstanding lives) -- must have helped to hasten her demise.

Her mother-in-law, however, lived until November 1880 to the ripe old age of 92 having brought 12 children into the world, eleven of whom made it to maturity. The last born was my great grandfather,

Daniel Amory Gale.) We discovered twenty five years ago that certain hereditary anomalies affecting only women have been shared, unfortunately, by my (maternal) grandmother, my mother, her sisters, my sister, our cousins, myself and my daughter. Someday, we may avoid passing along such trails through pre-marital genetic counseling. But, I'll tell you for sure, that had the opportunity been there, for me that force of natural selection was too strong to ignore and I bet I would have refused it those 45 years ago! **HIPPOCRATES**-- The Magazine of Health & Medicine, addressed the role of genetics in their January/February 1988 issue with "How Healthy Is Your Family Tree?" They granted us permission to quote in our newsletter, and we thought it quite fitting to do so in this our first column on Genetic Genealogy. "More than 3,000 of the 10,000 known diseases and conditions have a strong hereditary component, from Huntington's chorea and sickle cell anemia to diabetes,

hypertension, and heart disease. New ones are being added to the every day: Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, peptic ulcers, schizophrenia, depression" and various forms of cancer.

"Researchers have recently discovered that men and women whose fathers are alcoholics are four times as likely as other people to become alcoholics. Children of patients with duodenal ulcers are three times as likely also to suffer ulcers. ...a growing number of family practitioners are realizing that a detailed family history can be valuable both in treating an individual's ailments and in discovering how family psychological patterns influence each member's physical and mental health."

Genograms -- the means of charting a medical family tree -- can reveal the source of the color of one's eyes or one's hair color, and should be able to identify the unknown source of artistic or even intellectual characteristics.

Under "**Health & Medicine**", D. J. Wilson wrote an article in THE HOUSTON POST, December 19, 1988, "Finding our family's medical history can prevent or mitigate problems." Wilson writes "...Heredity is one of the most important factors determining a person's health...Dr. Thomas Caskey, director of the Institute for Molecular Genetics at Baylor College of Medicine says too often people put off knowing their family history until they want to have a child." Caskey urges that we should be persistent in questioning our relatives and seek as specific information, although Caskey admitted that when he was plotting his family's medical history he had to call his mother for additional information!

### MEDICAL & BEHAVIORAL GENETICS SPECIAL ARTICLE IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

Groups of people, families and/or those who have worshipped together have brought both behavioral and genetic threads down through the generations to form the fabric of our existences.

In our next issue we are pleased to announce we will publish the article of "Medical Genetics & Huguenot History" by Harold Helm.

Many of us may not be as sensitive to our Huguenot genetic heritage nor the responsible contributions that the lineage has brought us.

Harold Helm not only collects his personal family history, but is building a database providing many event-linkups on thousands of families.

### ANOTHER SOURCE?

We've been looking for some information on genetic tracking being done for other than medical or risk-factor characteristics. Is anyone doing such a study at Julliard, Eastman School of Music, the Art Students' League, the Sorbonne, Beaux Arts, or similar?

If not, why not?



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## CROCHERON FAMILY REUNION ????

There continues to be a wide interest for a reunion of all CROCHERON Families. Needed, however, is someone to help organize it. (It's become all too obvious that Charlotte Hix and Chia Greer barely have time to turn around.) Do we have some volunteers? Where should a reunion be held? There have been suggestions that a reunion be held in Staten Island where all that we know began, and where there are cemeteries and historic sites. Others have thought a meeting should be held at Crocheron, Maryland. Someone else suggested any place at point midway in the United States would be good since Crocherons are everywhere. At one time we thought the Crocheron Compound in Bastrop, Texas, would be available for such an adventure, but the focus on that place has changed and the homesite has been placed for sale. Those of us who live here know that Texas weather can never be faithfully forecast. What do you want? What do you see as a possibility for such a gathering? Do you have suggestions for a coordinator? Do you have time to help someone else organize it? Let us hear from you.....

### FEED-BACK SOLICITED ANYONE INTERESTED IN A CROCHERON RESEARCH FUND?

A few of our cousins have been thinking about setting up a modest account that could help provide research funds to be used specifically toward finding Jean & Marie Crocheron's beginnings.

It's premature to be making any plans at this time, but you might want to be thinking about it.

There are advantages to establishing a fund: more people could

share in a research work project. But, there could be a lot of problems, too: how would the researcher(s) be selected? at what point could we expect the fund be set up as a tax-exempt entity (IRS, etc.)? (You should know that a major portion of my career has been with non-profit organizations and institutions in development departments in charge of research and accounting, as a professional fund-raiser, with a social service agency as business manager for almost ten years, and now as an occasional consultant to small organizations.)

We think we could make either the CROCHERON FAMILY ORGANIZATION and/or the CROCHERON FAMILY NEWS a non-profit umbrella under which research project(s) could be established. We'd be able to enjoy reduced postal costs through bulk mailing, be tax-exempt, and, as a 501(c)(3) could accept tax-deductible contributions. It's worth thinking about.

Please drop us a note with your comments on the idea.

.....Lucia C. Greer

**WARNING \*\* BEWARE  
\*\* IF THEY ASK FOR  
MONEY, DON'T SEND IT**

As best as we know, there is only one inclusive publication of the Crocheron Family: THE CROCHERON FAMILY OF STATEN ISLAND NEW YORK, by Charlotte Louise Megill Hix, 1979, available in genealogical and historical libraries across the country. **Don't** be lured by slick publishers' promises of certificates of authenticity, promises of heraldic insignia or attractive pre-publication prices. The listings, generally, are from telephone directories and have no genealogical or historical sincerity.

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