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President's Message

By George T. Underhill, Jr.

The Underhill Society had their Annual Meeting in Saratoga, NY in September. The turnout was not large, but I think all those who attended had a great time seeing the reenactment of the Battle of Saratoga and having the opportunity to visit with other members of the Society. The Gideon Putnam Hotel provided a pretty setting for a get-together and several good meals were enjoyed by all. Your Board of Directors met all day on Friday and for a few hours on Saturday. Harry Macy made a report to the Board on the Museum, the work being done by the Archivist, and work planned for the future. I reported on a meeting I had with Lewis Townsend, President of the Townsend Society, in Washington, D.C., and the concerns our Society has regarding the safety of the many Historical Underhill Documents now being stored in the Townsend Museum. There was a bad water line break a few months ago and fortunately this time none of our documents were destroyed. Your Board feels that there is a critical need to properly store our documents to insure that they are available for future generations.

I have met with a number of historical groups to see if we could join with them, but to no avail. With no other possibilities I proposed to the Townsend Society that we consider a joint project to build a small fireproof, air-controlled building in the rear of the Townsend Museum in Oyster Bay, NY for storing our historic records. I have talked to a steel building contractor on Long Island and he expressed an interest in working with us. If the Townsend Society approves this idea, it will require a financial commitment by the Underhill Society. Everett Underhill, Vice-President, and N. Robert Underhill, Chairman of the Board, have agreed to head up a committee to raise the money if we work out the necessary arrangements with the Townsends.

The Board of Directors has suggested that the Society have Annual

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If You Changed Your Address

If you have moved or otherwise changed your address, please write to the membership secretary and give your old and new address information. A telephone number, or e-mail address, would also be helpful in the event we cannot deliver a mailing to your address. Our address list is verified with the Postal Service for each mailing. Recently, there have been many address rejections, meaning that some of our members will not receive their copy of the Bulletin or News & Views.

Alternate Addresses

We are also having mailings returned for members who have alternate addresses for portions of the year and have not notified us. If you live somewhere other than your home address for part of the year, please furnish us your alternate address and when you will be there. If your address is consistently rejected by the Postal Service, either because you are temporarily away or the address is invalid, you risk being dropped from the mailing list.

Write to the **Membership Secretary at:**

THE UNDERHILL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
746 W MAIN ST Apt 209
MADISON WI 53715-1474

Editor's Corner: Mel Underhill - m.underhill@insightbb.com

We need an editor for this newsletter.

Yours truly is suffering from overload and needs a replacement, even if only temporary. The greatest need involves gathering articles from members and directors, selecting suitable ones, editing content for grammar, spelling, paragraph format and preparing for publication. I am willing to continue providing the layout and printing part of the publication, since I have a good relationship with our printer and am familiar with how he requires the document and related graphics to be presented for printing.

If you are interested, please contact the president at george@underhill.net, or write to his address as listed in the Directors & Committees section on the last page of this newsletter.

Meetings every other year. The Board would continue our yearly meetings somewhere accessible for all the Board members and anyone else who wishes to attend. We will be sending you information on the next Annual Meeting shortly.

George T. Underhill, Jr.

Notes of Interest

The National Endowment for the Humanities has established a website www.myhistory.org to help Americans record and preserve their family histories. The impact of individuals upon the history of the nation has long been recognized but the effect on the country has often been overlooked. The National Endowment is not only recognizing this aspect of our life but is also making an effort to help preserve family histories. The website has articles on how to get started, photography tips, and even some personal histories of notable Americans. The stories give you a sense of how a simple life story can have a great impact on the reader.

From Morrison's book "The Underhills of Warwickshire" and other sources available to me, it appears that the first Underhill who is known to have borne the arms was John of Ettington, born c.1450 died 1518. It is possible that the arms were used earlier but apparently no one has found documentary evidence of that.

In a recent NEW YORK TIMES article Paco Underhill, a retail consultant and the author of "Why We Buy", said, "everyone screams about how the number of books selling is flat or going down." "and yet the relative price of books keeps going up and the relative price of everything else keeps coming down."

We receive many interesting e-mail messages and we thought you would be interested in one received recently from England. Courtesy of George Underhill, President:

"Hello, my name is Justin Underhill from Plymouth, England. I am married to Lurna and we are both currently serving in the Royal Navy. We have been browsing through your site and would be greatly interested in finding out more about the US and Canadian Underhills. Who knows we may share the same ancestors! I look forward to hearing from you."
YELLOWSUBMA2199@aol.com

In April I, George Underhill, received an e-mail from David George and Jay Underhill. They expressed interest in joining the Underhill Society and receiving copies of Volume 7 & 8 of the Underhill Genealogy. I responded with the information and asked them to send some information about themselves and how they got to Delta Junction, Alaska. The following is some of the information they communicated:

"Delta Junction, Alaska is 120 miles from Fairbanks. It is a

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Obituaries

SHIRLEY MAE (POPE) MILKIE

Shirley Mae Milkie was born June 21, 1925 in Bellaire, Michigan. She died July 9, 2002, in Lansing, Michigan and is interred in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Lansing. Her obituary was published in the Lansing State Journal.

According to the obituary Shirley attended Michigan State University and joined the Ingham County Public Library System. She served as a Librarian at the Haslett Branch until her retirement in 1990. She liked reading with children and especially enjoyed the "Children's Hour" program that she ran at the library.

She and her husband Marlin were married 57 years at the time of her death. Her children Sharon and Mark, together with 6 grandchildren, one great grand daughter, and her brother Robert Pope survive.

Shirley is one of two children born to George Pope and Shirley May Underhill. Her mother was a Director of the Underhill Society of America, Inc. and Founding Member of the Bellaire Family of Underhill descendants of Capt. John Underhill through Nathaniel.

Her genealogical reference is cited on page 1557 of Volume 6 of the *Underhill Genealogy* published in 1980. On page 451 of Volume 7 of the *Underhill Genealogy* published in 2002 is the following entry:

1-6-23-105-E-A-C-G-C-A SHIRLEY MAY POPE, b Jun. 21, 1925 Bellaire, MI m Mar. 16, 1946 Central Methodist Church, Lansing, MI Marlin Marcelle Milkie b Jul. 31, 1926 Clare Co., MI. Marlin worked in the glass industry from 1950 to 1992 with: Capitol City Lumber; Lansing Glass and Glazing; Ohio Plate; and MI State Univ. Marlin enjoys carpentry. See 6:1557.

Issue (Milkie):

+A SHARON KAY, b 1954 m 1975 Rodney Wayne Simonson b 1948.

+B MARK LINN, b 1959 m 1st 1981 Jacqueline Sue Cassel b 1962 m 2nd 1996 Mary Sue McConnel.

Submitted by Carl J. Underhill, genealogist
Second cousin to the deceased

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How to Research

Carl Underhill, the genealogist is often asked how he would suggest researching a family member. We are enclosing his e-mail response to a member who recently asked this question.

The question about how to search is a question asking

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for a short course in how to conduct a genealogical research project. I have had several people write and ask essentially the same question - "where do I begin...?" To them I offer the same advice by asking a question in reply - "what is it you seek to do...?" The extent of genealogical research depends on that question, one's time, one's resources, and what one has immediately at hand. With a little fundamental frame of reference one then begins in the direction that might accomplish their goal."

"If one is writing a family history one might rely on "secondary" sources more than "primary" sources. Obtaining primary sources can be a lengthy process whereas the works of others (secondary sources) are generally more available. If, on the other hand, one is seeking to document their lineage so as to satisfy the demands of the DAR, one will probably need to obtain primary sources or recognized historical records (not just a genealogical family report such as the Underhill Society has produced over the years). Family histories, while fun and useful, are not generally recognized as having received the same historical scrutiny that historians put to other historical materials. This was a major point made by Harry Macy in an article that I shared with the Board 2-3 years ago. Genealogy is a subset of the discipline of history. Historians are widely respected - genealogists are generally not as well respected (simply because they tend to rely on tenuous support for their materials, take short cuts to arrive at conclusions that are not documented or supported by more reliable evidence)."

"As with beginning any effort in making a genealogical journey (it seems to me) one first acquaints oneself with the tools of genealogical data gathering with respect to the nature of the project one is involved in pursuing. One might: join the local library genealogy group; go to the Internet and see what is there; go to the bookstore and buy a beginners text on genealogy. Many would say one should simply begin with their own family close at hand and trace it backward. That is probably the easiest way and the most popular."

"It does seem to me that one should accept the fact that long distance research is difficult. It takes time. Information about who to contact, whether they can assist, and what it is one wants if they can assist, are problematic. The further back one goes the more difficult it is to find reliable data upon which to make connections. Bottom line is that genealogists can be hired to do the research when one can not be at the location where needed research is to be done. People are not going to do it for free - perhaps not even a library. Government offices genealogist will provide copies of saved documents but sometimes these come with a fee, as well. Documents saved in antiquity probably are best obtained from government archives (rather, say, than a present-day county clerk)."

Response to "Coming in From Left Field..."

The article "Coming in From Left Field..." in a previous News and Views asks for a response. I know I received correspondence from the writer - Richard C. Underhill and have it on file. I recall receiving and sending him information. His article seems to indicate that he is missing a connection between Thomas Underhill, his wife Emily Cawthorn and Capt. John Underhill. He goes on to say that the "red books" are of little use in helping him make a connection. He concludes by asking the open-ended question of "So...where and how does one search?"

There is considerable material on his ancestors in the "red books" - specifically in Volume 6 on pp 1480-1. This has been expanded in the new chapter for that family (referred to as "Thomas Underhill of Somerville, Massachusetts") beginning on p. 1393 of Volume 8 (and ending on p. 1404).

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I would be interested to learn of the responses Richard receives to his announcement in the previous News and Views.

Genealogist: Carl Underhill - cjunderhill@netpenny.net

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wonderful small-town community and the commerce is farming, gold mining, civilian military work, tourism, fish and game, and forestry. We are 63 and 66 and retired with 6 grown children, 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandson."

Responding to the question about oil drilling in Alaska they responded, "People in the lower 48 don't understand what that is all about. This vast land is not affected like people speculate. Our Senator had Gail Norton, Secretary of Interior, up here and also hopes to have President Bush."

Following is Jay's story on how they got to Alaska:

"Along with our 6 Children we were happy and complete and had a very active life style. We had a lovely home in Monroe and I was busy with helping at the school and shuffling children to dancing and piano lessons and volley ball games, etc."

"We spent a month at the Cape every summer, swimming and clamming and just having fun and R&R. Dave had a very successful business, with a branch in Copenhagen. We were in the process of getting passports to go over when I started going to some prayer meetings, searching for what I called the "missing link". We should have been happy and fulfilled, yet I always knew there was something "missing". Well, to make a long story short, we determined it was the Lord and a specific calling we felt He had on our lives. Sooo, we sold everything including Dave's current expensive sports car and went to a Bible School way up in New York State and went into full time Christian Work. It totally shocked our friends and family, as you can imagine, as it was such a dramatic life style change, and here we are."

"We moved up in 1972 with all 6 children to help start a native community. It was quite a shock for this city girl who had gone camping and didn't want to. We lived in a tent till it got to 50 below and moved into a tiny cabin until we could finish ours. Dave was accidentally hit in the knee with a chain saw so we had to wait for spring to finish our cabin."

"We became honest to goodness survivors in the truest sense

of the word. It was so challenging and exciting, full of live wolf pack stories and encounters with grizzly bear. Dave had to shoot an 8 foot tall sow who knocked his hunting partner down."

"When Dave's ex-partner came up to visit and we were getting them some delicious mountain water to fill their containers, I made the comment, "we don't have much, but we have great drinking water." With tears in eyes, he said, "You have so much more than you realize, and so many are searching for what you have and cannot find it, because money can't buy it."



Father's Day, 2001 shows 4 of our children, 4 grandchildren.

There is more to the story and maybe we should have an Underhill Annual Meeting in Delta Junction so as Paul Harvey says, "we can hear the rest of the story."

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MARJORIE I. UNDERHILL PESSAGNO

As reported by her sister, June C. Underhill Cobb of West Palm Beach, Florida

Marjorie was a member of the Society for years. She died January 18, 2002 in Lake Worth, Florida. Her lineage is (Tenth Generation) 1-4-10-46-165-557-1535-3595-5619-D.

She was born March 5, 1917 in Buffalo, New York. She was a member of the Palm Beach County Genealogical Society, West Palm Beach Garden Club, DAC (Daughters of the American Colonists), Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, Florida Court and the Underhill Society of America.

She leaves a son, two daughters, three grandsons and a great grandson.

Missing Members

Do you know how to reach these members? Their mail is being returned and they have been removed from the mailing list until they can be found.

Mrs Jeane U Cole
7 Leaside Dr
Carmal NY 10512-1804

Gavin U Smith
2139 N Bissell St Apt 1
Chicago IL 60614-4201

Craig U Kahle
2735 Ebmassy Dr
West Palm Beach FL 33401-1018

Herbert H Underhill
PO BOX 17461
San Diego CA 92177-7461

Audrey MacMillan
41 Clocks Blvd
Massapequa NY 11758-4708

Richard W Underhill
1493 Sycamore Canyon Rd
Santa Barbara CA 93108-1948

Mrs Margaret L. Mizejewski
3541 SE 23rd Ave
Okeechobee FL 34974-7052

John U Zweers
844 S Molino Av
Pasadena CA 91106

Marcia J Miller
5524 Trent St
Chevy Chase MD 20815-5512

Cookbook in the Making

Ann Underhill is assembling recipes from members and needs more of them to justify a cookbook to publish for purchase. She has an interesting layout planned for the book.

Come on members of the board of directors, give up some of your secret recipes! She needs any tried and true family recipe that you can share:

- **hors d'oeuvres**
- **appetizers**
- **entrees**
- **desserts**
- even a so-called "**mens corner**" containing **cocktails, snacks, party treats** and anything else you can think of.

Please help Ann to make this exciting venture a reality that can benefit the Society with much needed support. Send your recipes to:

Recipes
Ann Underhill
5101 Underhill Ct
Louisville, KY 40207-6102

Or e-mail them to george@underhill.net.

A Croton Point Experience

by Sarah Gibbs Underhill

The first time I came to a Clearwater Revival [an annual music fest sponsored by Hudson River Sloop Clearwater], in 1985, my eye was caught by the "Underhill Ave." exit sign, where I was to turn off for Croton Point. This was my first inkling that the sense of homecoming I felt at Croton had roots that went back further than my connection with Clearwater. The better I get to know the Point, the more I appreciate its unique natural and human history. Croton Point has many stories to tell, and one of them- an ongoing one- is ours.



Exit off of Route 9, Westchester County

Located in the lower Hudson valley on the river's eastern shore, Croton Point [earlier names for it were Senasqua, Teller's Point, and Sarah's Point] has been owned by Westchester County since 1924. Happily, it is no longer being used as a county landfill, and all traces of that unfortunate land use are now cleaned up. The Croton Park we know today is an idyllic and beautiful spot, surrounded on three sides by the river's bays, where Hudson valley residents can enjoy the natural surroundings. Our family history of the Point begins 200 years ago.

In 1804 Croton Point was purchased by a Quaker gentleman named Robert Underhill [my great-great-great-great-grandfather, but who's counting.] Along with his brothers Joshua and Abraham, he operated a grist mill on the Croton River, and he began to cultivate vineyards on the southern slopes of the point. His 250 fertile acres yielded crops of watermelons, apples and grapes for the New York City market. During the War of 1812, when shipments from southern states were under attack, old Mr. Underhill shrewdly planted huge fields of watermelons and had a fleet of cargo sloops [the Hudson River Sloop "Clearwater is a replica of these] waiting off the point for the crop to ripen. The melons were in great demand

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in New York City at this time, and could get there without harassment from the British navy.

His sons Richard and William inherited the property, dividing it between them. William concentrated on developing a brick industry.[See Spring 2001 N&V for more on this] around which grew the village of Croton Point. Bricks with his initials, "W.A.U.", and others with the very un-Quakerly self-promoting cryptogram, "IXL" [not a proper roman numeral, but rather a claim that he "excelled" at making bricks] may still be found on the beaches at low tide.



*Sarah Underhill examining a brick on Croton Point beach;
Croton Point in the background*



These were used to build the brick barns which still stand; a three-story barn for fruit and a large carriage and horse barn, as well as a brick schoolhouse for the children of the employees of the brickyard and the farm.

Two vaulted brick winecellars, still in excellent condition, were built into the hillside to store wines from the extensive vineyards. There is a growing interest in the community in having these brick buildings restored and researched as an historical archaeological site. A 21st century use for the wine cellars which I considered while camping in the park on a crowded

weekend, would be as fallout shelters in the event of a terrorist attack on the nearby Indian Point nuclear power plant. Rather than get stuck in gridlock traffic, I told my kids we should all meet in the wine cellars thoughtfully provided for us by our family. Fortunately, we did not have to do this .



Clem Underhill & Sarah Underhill looking for bricks. Croton Point in the background

Dr. Richard T. Underhill, b. 1802, the vintner and proprietor of the southern part of Croton Point, had discontinued his medical practice in New York City to take up residence out on the tip of the Point. He built an Italianate villa there in 1846 as his residence, which he christened "Interwasser". In 1850, four English yew trees were planted in front of this home, and I can imagine his brother William, of the IXL wordplay, having a lot of fun with the term "U.'s yews". Today few traces of the house remain; only a few Ashlar marble foundation stones peeking out of the ground, and an old stone hitching post. I pitch my tent on this site during the Clearwater festival and enjoy the site inhabited by my forebears. Cooled by river breezes and with wonderful views of the Hudson [more so in the winter when the leaves are off the trees] , it is still a spectacular spot. The four yew trees are still standing, and have grown to heights of 60 to 100 feet. Since this species can live to be up to 1,000 years old, I have undertaken the task of tending to their health [see press release below]. An unpublished but formally written historical account left by an Underhill descendant in the Westchester County Historical Society collection describes "Interwasser" thus:

"Ashlar marble quarried at [nearby] Sing-Sing and cut by prison labor formed the basement while the upper portion was stuccoed brick. Over the front door was a tower room enjoying extensive views up and down the river. It was another large and commodious house given to hospitality and one of the show pieces in the county. Visitors from far and near were attracted to the Point houses, as traditions and letters bear

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ample testimony. Among the many assets of the place were shad fishing and crabbing, duck shooting and hunting, boating and skating, together with the wonderful gardens and orchards and all permeated with the most cordial atmosphere."

Another account [possibly by the same author, James Wood, b. 1870, as narrated to his grandson Jim Wood of Braewold, Mt. Kisco], describes "My Brothers and Sisters":



*Standing on foundation stone of "Interwasser"; yew tree in background.
L to R: John R Underhill, Kate Underhill,
Sarah Underhill, William W Underhill*

"Abby...married William A. Underhill of Croton Point. He was a son of Robert Underhill, son of Isaac and brother of Caleb, and therefore a first cousin of Mother. His brother... Richard T...was a New York City doctor and afterward owned the "End of the Point", and never married. ...William A. inherited [under what terms I never knew] the Point homestead. He was successful in the brick business and with the vineyard of Catawba and Isabella grapes....Dr. Underhill had vineyards also, but never brick yards. Both vineyards and brickyards were profitable. Having an ample income they dispensed a most generous hospitality. The house was generally filled with guests who always admired and loved their hosts. Abby was queenly, and William. A. very lovable. Their children were Elizabeth, Stephen, Mary and Phoebe. Elizabeth never married, and became quite hard of hearing. She was a pleasant conversationalist. She it was who said, "The Psalmist said, 'While I mused, the fire burned', but while I mused, the fire went out!"...It was the delight of my boyhood to spend considerable time at



"Surwood" built 1855 by John Jay Wood; modeled on "Interwasser"

Croton Point."

Bricks from the Underhill brickyard were also used in 1855 to construct "Surwood" [later called "Evergreen"], a home of the John J. Wood family in the Mt. Kisco complex known as the "Woodpile"; this home was designed on the same lines as "Interwasser" and still stands and is occupied today.

I would strongly urge any one in the area to participate in an annual event, the New Year's day hiking tour of Croton Point, at 2 PM on Jan. 1. Historian and naturalist Christopher Letts, of the Hudson River Foundation [914 739-3222] leads the tour, and his wealth of information about the Underhill era, combined with a very enthusiastic and entertaining delivery, are not to be missed. Mr. Letts provided me with much information, as did Jim and Twink Wood. An article on the yew trees from the July 1960 edition of "Journal of the NY Botanical Gardens" provides this additional gem:

"Fifty years before Richard [Underhill's] death, the nearby Sleepy Hollow country around Tarrytown was immortalized by Washington Irving in his tale of Ichabod Crane and the headless horseman... Croton Point also had its specter, less renowned, to be sure, but still vivid in the mind of one of the last survivors of the Croton Point Underhills; she told, only a few years ago, of Cato, Richard's horse, still pulling the doctor's carriage around the ruins of "Interwasser". Cato, it appears, never had to be steered, and the nocturnal creaking wheels behind him could be heard on the Point many years after he, Richard, and "Interwasser" were memories." Who was this "last survivor" who passed on the family legend? She is not credited in the article. I have slept on the ruins of Interwasser and listened for the creak of carriage wheels, but so far have heard nothing and can only conclude that our forebear's spirit is now quietly at rest on this spot he loved so well.

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Related Press release:

FAMILY TREES TO FLOURISH

Historic Trees to be Cared for by Descendants of Croton Point Family

In 1850, four English yew trees were planted on Croton Point, on the shores of the Hudson in Westchester county, by a Dr. Richard T. Underhill. The trees stood in front of "Interwasser", the home he had built on the point in 1846. Today only a few traces of the house remain, but the four trees are still standing and have grown to heights of 60 to 100 feet, and a scion of the Underhill family has plans to ensure the trees' continued good health.

Croton Point was owned by the Underhill family for about 100 years, starting in 1804. Extensive farms including apple orchards and vineyards, as well as a brick making industry, made the point a bustling hive of economic activity during this time. Dr. Richard T.'s brother William A. Underhill ran the brickyard, and many bricks with his initials, "W.A.U." can still be found at low tide on the river's shore. He also produced many bricks with the initials "I.X.L.", which is not a Roman numeral but rather a cryptogram claiming that he "excelled" at making bricks.

Croton Point is now a beautiful county park to be enjoyed by all area residents, but a descendant of Dr. Underhill's family has started a campaign to give the historic yew trees, now 152 years old, a physical and a makeover. As the Parks Commission has scant funds available to give any special treatment to the yews or any of the other botanical "specimen trees" that are leftovers from the Underhill era of ownership, funds are being raised privately by Sarah Underhill, with the aid of a family association called the Underhill Society, to care for the health of the trees planted so long ago.

"This species of yew trees can live to be 1,000 years old, and I hope these live to reach that age", says Underhill, an Ulster county resident who enjoys coming to Croton Point for Clearwater's Great Hudson River Revival. "They were planted here by my Great-great-great-uncle for all of us to enjoy, and I'd like to see that they are being cared for and preserved."

Underhill has contracted with the Savatree tree care company, which specializes in the care of historic and landmark trees, to prune and fertilize the four yews and remove a few smaller trees which are crowding them. Phase one of the project will be completed this fall, with the bulk of the work taking place next year when the funds are raised to complete the project.

Anyone interested in contributing to this effort can contact The U's Yews Project, c/o Underhill, 1150 Berme Rd., Kerhonkson, NY 12446.

Annual Meeting in Saratoga Springs, New York



Group picture taken at the annual meeting in Saratoga Springs, NY last September. Some of the members are unfamiliar to your editor, only because I have not had the pleasure of meeting them. Of course, you know who you are!



Sarah Underhill, of Kerhonkson, NY, is shown giving a presentation about Croton Point and the yew trees. Her related article appears earlier in this publication under the title "A Croton Point Experience". Sarah's family is well established in this historic region and we are grateful that she shares this interesting insight with us.

If you have some Underhill family history to share with the Society we will be happy to report it in the News & Views for all to witness. In that event, please send your article to the president at george@underhill.net or to his mailing address as listed on the last page of this publication..

**The Underhill Society of America Announces the Publication of
UNDERHILL GENEALOGY, VOLUMES 7 and 8**

After several years of collection and preparation of information, Volumes 7 & 8 of the Underhill Genealogy have been published. These volumes continue the series which began with Volumes 1-4 in 1932 and Volumes 5 and 6 in 1980. Compiled by Carl J. Underhill, Genealogist of the Society, the volumes reflect concerted efforts by many to update, correct, and extend the descendants reported in earlier volumes.

The new volumes continue the family lines previously reported and add new material not seen before. For many families this will be their first published genealogy. Thanks to the many family historians who submitted individual family reports, we are able to add many new families in these volumes.

Since Volumes 7 & 8 are a continuation of earlier volumes, they are best used with Volumes 5 & 6 as a companion reference set. Some data in Volumes 7 & 8 is an update to information reported in earlier volumes (therefore some information is not repeated). However, for many families, Volumes 7 & 8 may be used as stand-alone volumes (especially for those whose genealogy was not reported in earlier volumes). While Volumes 1-4 are helpful, they are not necessary for the enjoyment of either Vol. 5 & 6, or 7 & 8.

Volumes 7 & 8 are sold separately from Volumes 5 & 6. Volumes 7 and 8 will have their own name index within the volumes. Volumes 5 & 6 have a consolidated index for the 2-volume set. Volumes 7 & 8 will be bound in red cloth with the title stamped in gold to match the earlier volumes.

Volumes 1-4 are available for order direct from the publisher. Details are on the website for the Underhill Society of America, Inc. at <http://underhillsociety.org> - look on the Heritage Corner Gift Shop page.

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Underhill Society of America
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Type of Membership:

- Individual** **\$15.00 per year**
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 Sustaining **\$50.00 per year**
 Life **\$300.00**

Note:
 The Sustaining membership category does not afford any extra benefits, it is simply a means to give additional support to the Society if you so desire. The extra funds are used to support the archives and museum in Oyster Bay, NY.

New members (28) since 10/31/2001

Welcome one and all, we look forward to a long relationship

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Letter from a Member

"Dear Underhill Society:

"I got my bill today and thought I might pass along a story that would make any genealogist happy.

"I was in the DAR Library a few years ago and after finding nothing on the family I had come specifically to look up, I started down the stacks in hopes I might find something. I found a book on the Paddocks and lo and behold, there was Mercy Paddock who was the wife of Capt. Abraham Underhill, my entrance to the SAR. As I went through the book, it kept going back to the Mayflower and Elder William Brewster. Yes, it worked out that way.

I am now a member of the Society of the Mayflower Descendants thanks to a connection with the Underhill Society.

"Thank you,

Sincerely,
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