



# NEWS & VIEWS

## of the Underhill Society

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### *President's Message*

By George Townsend Underhill, Jr.

### **A President's Plea for Support**

The Board of Directors of the Underhill Society of America (all volunteers) have spent long hours in the activities of the Society. In order to continue what we have been doing we need your support. If you have not paid your 2002 dues, **Please send your check today.** Listed below are some of the reasons we hope will encourage you to support the Society.

1. We are one of the oldest family historical organizations in the country.
2. We are an all-volunteer organization relying on members' dues and contributions.
3. We have published our family genealogy twice - Vol. I, II, III, IV, followed by Vol. V, VI. We are publishing Vol. VII, VIII of the Genealogy in a few months.
4. We maintain an historic family burying ground in Oyster Bay, NY.
5. We share a family museum with the Townsend family in Oyster Bay, NY.
6. We have a large collection of historic materials in the museum.
7. We publish yearly the BULLETIN, containing articles of historic interest.
8. We publish News & Views 3 times a year containing articles of current family interest.
9. We have a web site <http://underhillsociety.org>.
10. We have a genealogist who collects and maintains our family genealogy and assists those doing historical family research.
11. We employ a professional archivist to protect and store our historic documents..
12. We hold annual family meetings in various areas of the U.S. and Canada.
13. We have a historian working to expand our museum collection.

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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  
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### **Dues for 2002**

If you have paid your 2002 dues and have received an overdue notice in error, please e-mail the webmaster at [webmaster@underhillsociety.org](mailto:webmaster@underhillsociety.org) and so state. Or, if you don't have e-mail, write to the Membership Secretary at the above address.

If you have not paid your 2002 dues, please mail them in to the membership secretary at the above address. They were due January 1, 2002.

We appreciate your support and want to keep you on the roster in good standing.

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### **Cookbook in the Making**

See page 5 for an update on our planned cookbook.

### **Next Annual Meeting Plans**

See page 7 and the special announcement insert for an exciting event that you will not want to miss.

Harry Macy prepared this report to be presented at the Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The meeting was canceled due to the terrorists attack on September 11th. For more information on the Underhill Society Collection see the Underhill website <http://underhillsociety.org> and log into the members-only section.

#### REPORT ON THE UNDERHILL SOCIETY COLLECTION

During the past year our archivist, John Catanzariti, has continued organizing the society's collection of historical material. Each item is inventoried and placed in an acid-free folder or box. Copies of the inventories have been placed on the website, and members who have not looked at them there should try to do so, to get an idea of the wealth of material that the Society owns.

The collection was started when the Society was founded in 1892, but in the 1930s it was put into storage and by the time we retrieved it in the 1980s it needed complete re-organization. Since we have only been able to afford a professional archivist on a part-time basis, the work of reorganizing the collection has proceeded slowly.

The inventory is broken down into five series: documents (D-series), artifacts (A-series), books (B-series), photographs and other images (I-series), and the Society's business records since 1892 (U-series). Members should particularly check the I-series to see if we have any photographs of their Underhill ancestors, and also the D-series to see if we have any documents pertaining to their branch of the family.

John is continuing to find additional items for each of these series, and we are also continuing to receive new items for the collection, so the inventories on the web site will be updated from time to time.

During the year we also authorized John to purchase a complete new computer system to facilitate his work.

During the next year he will continue updating the inventories, with the goal of eventually processing all of the material in the collection. A major project for the coming year will be organizing the Society's holdings of the papers of Myron C. Taylor, which include many documents from his business and diplomatic careers that should be of interest well beyond the Underhill family audience. We hope that at some point we can set up an exhibit of these papers at the museum in Oyster Bay.

The processing of the collection is financed by the Education and Publishing Fund. The IRS has declared the Fund to be exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and all donations to the Fund are tax deductible.

Harry Macy, Trustee, E&P Fund

#### OBITUARIES

**Leta Ludlam Schoelles** died in Florida earlier this year (2001), at the age of 76. The daughter of the late George and El Rena (Ludlam) Schoelles, Leta was descended from Capt. John Underhill of New York through his son John Jr. Born in Glen Cove, L.I., she grew up in Bronxville, N.Y., and received a B.A. degree from New York University in 1949. In later years she returned to live in Glen Cove, before moving to Florida about fifteen years ago. Leta enjoyed a career as a dramatic soprano, performing in Aida, Tosca, Il Trovatore, La Forze del Destino, and Die Walkure, as well as in

the National Company of "The Music Man," and she also was a soloist and choir member in several churches. She played piano, violin, and clarinet, was an avid sportswoman, and enjoyed a number of hobbies, including genealogy. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. From 1979 to 1986 Leta was the Genealogist of the Underhill Society. Her family has donated her genealogical papers to the Society's archives.

**Charlotte Isabelle Underhill Fleharty**, of Bakersfield, California, died May 3, 2001, just a month after her 99th birthday. Born April 6, 1902 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Charlotte was the eldest child of Thomas Westley Underhill and Marie Helena Mueller. She was the granddaughter of Samuel Baker Underhill, who was born in England and came to the United States before the Civil War, in which he served. The family moved to California in 1913.

Charlotte was married to the late Clarence Roy Fleharty; they had no children. She was a member of the Underhill Society and was the sister of Norma Underhill Ward, an active member of the Society for many years.

My husband was **John Philip Underhill**, son of Clyde Underhill of Eugene Oregon. He was born August 1, 1949 in Palo Alto, California. He lived in Anchorage, Alaska for about 16 years where he worked for National Bank of Alaska, as there Human Resource Director. Then in the 80s when banking fell apart, worked for Alaska Commercial Company, then worked for the Odem Corporation both as their Human Resource Director. In 1991 he went through open heart surgery to replace a faulty heart valve and died of heart failure in December of 2000. He had 6 wonderful children, Kimberly, Janie, Jacob, Joshua, Jeremiah, and John Jesse, and his wife Connie. He loved Alaska with all the wonderful salmon fishing and fun outdoor activities. He was very active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and had served as Bishop and as the Stake Clerk at the time of death. I hope this gives some information about him. He was a wonderful husband and father and we love him and miss him very much.

Connie Underhill

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#### New Members - Welcome one and all!

Frances W Eickenberg	Bloomington, IL
Michael Floyd Hampton	Elmira, NY
James J Jackson III	Cleveland, OH
Patricia Lehne	Bethel, MN
Mary H Millard	Basalt, CO
Ardis Nardone	Pittsfield, VT
Marguerette Shepard Paponis	Atherton, CA
Wayne Jerome Rogers	Temecula, CA
Stephanie E Sharp	Overland Park, KS
Karen L Skinner	Colorado Springs, CO
Christopher Tausch	Ramsey, NJ
Andrew L Underhill	Eules, TX
George Sidney Underhill	Banning, CA
James C Underhill	Newport News, VA
Janet Underhill	Chicago, IL
Steven Morris Underhill	Desoto, TX
Vernon Robert Underhill	Farmington, NY
Charles I Wagner	Youngsville, NC

state competitions in May. Clay also plays piano and has been taking lessons for almost 2 years. His piano teachers tells us that he is so advanced and he's at least at the 4 year level. He plays so wonderfully. He will be going to Middle School Solo and Ensemble in April, playing his first solo, and will be playing a piece called "Trumpet Voluntary". Clay will be attending high school in the fall and plans on taking classes to help him pursue his career as a Lawyer.

Greg and I are very proud of Blake, Clay and Nikki and all of their accomplishments and wish them well in all of these up and coming competitions and schooling.

Written by Cathy Underhill Digue'

### One Who Serves

In the book, *The Elite Warrior* by Koch, about class 228 of the Navy Seals, there is a poignant episode about the circumstances surrounding Christopher MacLeod (grandson of past president Richard Decker). See pages 91-92. It made me proud of my son, and shows that we raised him to be patriotic long before 9/11. He is presently stationed on the USS George Washington, on maneuvers.

By Kathy MacLeod 4/17/2002

### Extra Support

The following members made an extra financial contribution to the Underhill Society this year. We appreciate this support very much and thank you.

Wilfred Adey, Haddonfield, NJ  
Barbara Bailey, Pleasantville, NY  
Stanley Brown, Bethesda, MD  
Woodward Corkran, Beryn, PA  
Mary H Millard, Basalt, CO  
Alice Mitchell, East Williston, NY  
Patricia Newman, Panorama City, CA  
Dorothy Samuel, Montgomery, AL  
Morley L Smith, Beaconsfield, Que, Canada  
Everett Underhill, Cedar Grove, NJ  
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Karl R Underhill, McClure, PA  
Rawson Kip Underhill, Hempstead, NY  
William Underhill, Wellsville, NY  
William R Underhill, Danville, CA  
Barbara Walton, Falls Church, VA

### 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.

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](mailto:george@underhill.net).

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### List of Acquisitions by the Archives of the Underhill Society of America, 1999-2001

Books (23), published mostly in the 19th century and possibly Underhill related (donated by Caroline Jenkinson through Gloria B. Tucker)

Framed fragments of the commission pendant and hull of the Destroyer Escort *USS. Underhill* (donated by N. Robert Underhill)

Bible of Mrs. S. D. Underhill (donated by Andrew Hawley through Gloria B. Tucker)

Framed artist's conception of Captain John Underhill at the First Muster in Massachusetts Bay, painted by Ralph Fournier (donated by N. Robert Underhill)

Framed color graphic of the Destroyer Escort *USS Underhill* (donated by N. Robert Underhill)

Papers of George T. Underhill, Jr., including some related to his mother and his father, past President George T. Underhill, Sr. (donated by George T. Underhill, Jr.)

Three maps of the Underhill Burial Ground (donated by Gloria B. Tucker)

Photo album of Oyster Bay and vicinity, consisting of photocopies of more than 100 photographs from the late 19th century to ca. 1950 (donated by Tullio Donisi through Gloria B. Tucker, who labeled the photographs)

Genealogical Papers of Leta Ludlam Schoelles, a former Genealogist of the Underhill Society (donated by Francis Aproz Ludlam Uhlendorf)

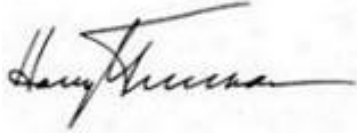
Papers of Harriet Streek, Treasurer of the Underhill Society of America, 1995-2001 (deposited by Harriet Streek through Gloria B. Tucker)

Miscellaneous Papers of Carl Underhill, Genealogist of the Underhill Society (donated by Carl Underhill)

has earned the accolade of his countrymen whom he has served faithfully and well wherever duty called him.

THE WHITE HOUSE

DECEMBER 20, 1948



### Caption for Taylor-Pius XII

Undated photograph of Myron C. Taylor and Pope Pius XII. In 1927 Taylor and his wife, Anabel Stuart Mack Taylor, acquired the Villa Schifanoia, a Medici estate in the hamlet of San Domenico, within the old Etruscan city of Fiesole, just north of Florence, which they donated to the Pope in 1946 for the purpose of establishing a school of fine arts for American women.



The "From the Archives" Bulletin Board page on our website will contain fresh information as it develops. As our archivist assembles data and pictures about our ancestors that should be highlighted, he will forward this to me for publication on this website page for members viewing.

Additionally, I will post the new information in the following News & Views for those members that do not have access to the Internet.

### PEQUOT WAR

The 1637 Pequot War was the first major battle between native Americans and European Settlers and one of the most violent conflicts ever on North American Soil.

Historical accounts of the war vary according to who is writing or talking, even historians disagree on the final version of the Pequot War.

See website:

<http://ourworld-top.cs.com/pequotwar/index.htm?f=fs>

### Heads Up For An Exciting Event!

We're thinking about a family meeting in Saratoga, NY at the time of the reenactment of the Revolutionary War Battle of Saratoga.

The dates for the battle reenactment are Saturday September 28, 2002 and Sunday September 29, 2002. The fee is \$5 per car for a 7-day park pass to Saratoga National Historical Park. I'll quote Harry Macy about this place:

"Saratoga is a great meeting place. Our Society (NYG&B) had a conference for 250 there last year, and it worked out extremely well. It would be particularly appropriate for an annual meeting. Besides having good hotel and restaurant facilities, there's a lot of interest nearby including the Saratoga battlefield. Also, Underhills have lived in that vicinity for over 200 years. There is air service via the Albany airport, also Amtrak."

For additional information about the battle or the park call or write to:

Saratoga National Historical Park  
648 Route 32  
Stillwater, NY 12170  
518-664-9821

For information about hotels call the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce at 518-584-3255. They will also mail information to you if requested.

We are proposing that all attendees make their own reservations and travel plans. Please show your interest by emailing our president at [george@underhill.net](mailto:george@underhill.net) or sending a note to him, or phoning him at:

George Townsend Underhill, Jr.  
5101 Underhill Ct  
Louisville, KY 40207-6102  
(502) 893-2197

### Alice R. Riley, Saskatoon, Sask., Canada sent the following for News and Views. It was published in the Star Phoenix, Saskatoon in 1994

Who says you need to know the postal code when you want to mail a letter.

Mark Twain didn't even need to use the address.

Once when he sent a manuscript to a friend whose address he didn't remember, the 19<sup>th</sup> century American novelist wrote the mans description on the envelope:

"For Mr. C. M. Underhill, who is in the coal business in one of those streets there, and is very respectably connected, both by

**GK:** I had a job offer and college to go to and everything given to me on a silver platter, but I wasn't allowed to do it.

**HS:** Did you have a scholarship?

**GK:** No, I had a cousin - her husband was an attorney, and he was going to put me through school.

**HS:** Where was that?

**GK:** Pasadena Junior College. He had me all registered and everything. He called my mother and said I'm staying. We were in Los Angeles. My cousin was living in San Marino. I said, "I'm registered at Pasadena Junior College." She said, "No, you're not. Come home."

**HS:** How old were you?

**GK:** Oh, I was 17-18.

**HS:** So You could have stayed, but you wouldn't go against what your parents wanted, or your mother wanted.

**GK:** My mother, not my father.

**HS:** But you wanted to go to art school?

**GK:** I was going for interior decorating. I met a friend of my cousin afterwards, 4-5 years afterwards. If I had gone to school I would have had a job down there in doing interior decorating on subdivisions. There were big subdivisions, big houses. But I didn't get the opportunity.

**HS:** So you came back home and went to work for your father.

**GK:** Then I went to work in the cannery for Walt Stone for a long time, for two years until I got hurt. Then I quit that and I went to work for Thompson-Costa Cleaners for 12 years, then I worked for Superior French Laundry for 14 years. Then I retired. I said, "that's it, forget it."

**HS:** In the meantime you got married.

**GK:** In the meantime I got married. Had one son. I have one granddaughter.

**HS:** Your husband was a local person?

**GK:** He was raised in Graton. But he was in the service when I met him. We were married for almost 50 years.

**HS:** Your husband's name was?

**GK:** Stanley Kitchel. My son's name is Wesley.

**HS:** How did you meet?

**GK:** At a dance. In those days, where most people met.

**HS:** Was this wartime?

**GK:** 1945. We were married in '45. We met in Monroe Hall over in Santa Rosa on College Avenue. The Monroe Clubhouse. They still have dances there.

**HS:** Which branch of the service was your husband in?

**GK:** U.S. Army. He was in Alaska for four-and-a-half years. He was at Amchitka and Sitka and Atu.

**HS:** After the war he came back here?

**GK:** We married. He worked for my dad for I don't know how many years. Then he went to Thompson-Costa and drove trucks for them for 17 years. Then he worked for Superior French for 12-14 years.

**HS:** Was your husband or son involved with the volunteer fire department?

**GK:** Yes, Stan was part of the Graton Fire Department for 30 years and our son is in the Santa Rosa Fire Department. He's a captain over there. My father was a volunteer in Sebastopol. My grandfather was a volunteer in Healdsburg.

**HS:** What do you remember of downtown Sebastopol? What was it like when you were a girl?

**GK:** It was fun. We knew everybody in town.

**HS:** There probably weren't any more stores than there are now?

**GK:** They had a movie house up by where the bike store is now - Starland. There was Miller's Dry Goods across the street. From there Miller's moved across the street to where the bike store is, where Carlson's used to be. That was Perris's Dry Goods for a long time. Then Carlson bought it. There was an ice cream parlor where the country kitchen is now. Down on the corner by the old chamber of commerce, that was an ice cream parlor. Perry's owned that. In those days, if you went behind the old Carlson's, that was all part of the Chinese settlement - and on the other side by Pellini's, that was another section of Chinatown.

**HS:** So Chinatown started right where the plaza is today? Do you remember going into any of that area?

**GK:** We went to Chinatown to buy fireworks where the old Diamond Lumber place is now. True Value is where there was an old Chinese grocery store.

**HS:** What happened to Chinatown? What happened to the people who had businesses?

**GK:** I think they died off. Chinatown was torn down.

**Underhill Society of America**  
**Application for New Membership**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City, ST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip+4 Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print this application and mail it, along with your check, to:

Underhill Society of America  
Membership Secretary  
746 W. Main St. Apt. 209  
Madison, WI 53715-1474

**Membership fees are payable only in U.S. funds.**

**Type of Application:**    **New**       **Renewal**

Please make checks for membership dues separate from those for Heritage Corner Gift Shop items.

**Type of Membership:**

- |                          |                           |                         |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Individual</b>         | <b>\$15.00 per year</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Husband &amp; Wife</b> | <b>\$25.00 per year</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Sustaining</b>         | <b>\$50.00 per year</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>Life</b>               | <b>\$300.00</b>         |

**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.

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