

The Vincent Tin Horn

A Newsletter for Our Vincent Family
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Pauline Freer Named Female Senior Citizen Of The Year for Dutchess County

Mike Vincent

We recently received news from Patricia Hearst of Staatsville, NY that her mother, Pauline Freer VF# 3265 (Irene⁸ Ham Andrews, Eugene⁷ Ham, Mary⁶Vincent, James⁵, Jonathan⁴, Leonard³, Leonard², Charles¹) of Red Hook NY has been named Female Senior Citizen of the Year for Dutchess County New York for the year 2005. The announcement was made at the Office for the Aging annual "Celebration of Aging" luncheon held at Dutchess Community College. John Beale, director of the county's Office of Aging, said the luncheon is not just for honorees, but also support teams that help improve senior living every day. "We have a lot of caring people in this industry" Beale said.

Female Senior Citizen Pauline Freer is one of those caring people. In the service to the community; Freer drives others to doctors' appointments with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program.

"I don't do it to be recognized. I do it because I want to enjoy people," the Red Hook resident said. She has volunteered with 4-H, the Cornell Cooperative Extension, and AARP, among other groups.

Dutchess County District Attorney William Grady distributed the awards on behalf of County Executive William Steinhaus who was unable to attend.

Pauline was nominated by her daughter Patricia. Polly has four daughters (Mary Ellen, Linda, Patricia and Diane) Polly has done much volunteer work for Dutchess and Columbia counties. She has a wonderful Lab, Cocoa, and is known to many of the neighbor children as **Cocoa's Mom**.

By the way, Pauline does all this and is 85 years old.

The honor for Pauline was reported in May in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* Newspaper. **Congratulations Pauline** and we hope you continued good health and strength in continuing your volunteer work.

72nd Annual Vincent Family Association Reunion Picnic

Saturday, August 20, 2005

Mike Vincent
Secretary-Treasurer

Here it is! That time of year is creeping up on us. The 72nd Vincent Family Association Reunion Picnic is coming up again. The date and time of the event this year is **Saturday August 20, 2005** at 10:00 o'clock at Taconic State Park at Copake Falls, NY. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. It is a great time to catch up on old times and new friends. Last year we had quite several new faces and very interesting discussions. All you need to bring is something for yourself to cook on the barbecue and your favorite drink. At past picnics we furnished a selection of pop, but it was difficult to know how much and what to bring and we usually ended up with too much. So, note the change, BYOB, bring your own beverage. The charcoal and condiments are provided by the association. More details and a map with directions is printed on the enclosed page. **Hope to see you there!**

How Common is the Surname Vincent?

The five most common names in the United States are Smith, Johnson, Williams, Jones, and Brown. The surname Vincent is the 579th most common. Following the 1990 census a sub-sampling of the entire census was used to determine the ranking. At number one on the list, 1% or one in one hundred people are named Smith. For those of us with the name Vincent in the United States,, we are at about one in 10,000 people. If you would like to check out other names, you can do it on the internet at the website <http://www.census.gov/genealogy/names/>

Thanks to the Eastman Genealogy Online Newsletter for pointing out this source.

From the Editor's Desk

Greetings for the Summer. For those of you who have been anxiously awaiting this edition of *The Vincent Tin Horn* — an apology. A combination of “slow news days”, dwindling funds for publication and personal “distractions” have all combined for the elapsed time.

On June 1, 2005 I retired after 31 years working for Eastman Kodak. Like many companies these days, Kodak is trying to shed jobs and costs as they “transform;” in Kodak’s case to a digital company. I was eligible for an “enticement” package (for early retirement) and fortunate to be able to receive a good pension, so everything has worked out and I leave a position open so that a younger person can stay employed at least for a while. The last couple of months have been pretty hectic, but now it is settling down.

This will leave me with lots of free time and I look forward to spending more time at genealogy. I am also starting a fine art photography business. Like any artist the question will be whether anyone likes the photographs enough to pay for them.

Well enough on that. In the last few weeks several new family contacts have been established and I am catching up with getting my office straightened out. Over the last years materials have been coming in much faster than I could keep up.

We have learned of the passing of several in the family. Judy Barnes passed along the notice for her uncle, Ronald C. Vincent. From Judy Vincent Jensen, we learned of the recent passing of her sister Marilyn H. Vincent Fischer in Idaho; they are daughters of John Lawrence Vincent (VF#2591). Ron Vincent, who is a regular attendee with his family at the Reunion picnic reported the passing of his mother Rita Hines Vincent last year. At the reunion picnic Ron and his wife Mary Lou were the proud new parents of their third child, Ronald Joseph Vincent, about 10 weeks old.

Thanks to Betty Rundell for sending along a notice of the passing of Mildred Crouch. I found an obituary from the local newspaper. Her husband, Allan Crouch was a past president of our Vincent Family Association and we can reflect on the significant contributions Allan and Mildred made in the past to the family’s association.

We got a nice note from Ted Parker (VF#2800) and his wife Coco in Mexico City after asking the question whether they were getting their Tin Horn OK. Ted was 84 on April 2. He is the son of Phoebe Joann Ross Vincent. He included a nice photo of his five children.

An exciting recent find resulted from an email I sent to a descendant of Dr. Sylvester Ruel Vincent (VF# 1169), she forwarded it to her step sister and she to her cousin, Ruel C. Vincent in Washington State. Ruel has sent numerous materials and old photos, which I am excited to get as they will be very nice additions to the detailed book I am working on for the descendants of Ambrose Vincent. At age 77, Ruel has a number of health issues that he is managing. He writes a good ol’ fashioned letter that was a pleasure to get.

I have connected up with a past Rochester, NY native, Edwin George Vincent (VF#4061), who moved to the Carolinas and it was gratifying to correspond with him. Edwin is a starter-ranger at Pinehurst Country Club as he describes himself at his third career at age 88. His wife of 66 years. Jean Forman Vincent passed away May 12, 2005.

I got a nice note from Jerry Vincent on Vancouver Island. His son is buying property of the family homestead in Nova Scotia and Jerry is very pleased it is staying in the family.

Don’t pass up a chance to visit at the family reunion picnic on August 20, 2005. Details are enclosed with the single-sheet flyer.

Bye for now, hope to see you at the picnic reunion
Sheridan

The Vincent Tin Horn is a newsletter of the Vincent Family especially for descendants of Charles Vincent of Yonkers, New York. It is published several times annually.

The Vincent Tin Horn is mailed upon request. Costs for the publication are covered by donations made to the Vincent Family Association. **An amount of \$8 annually is suggested.** Donations should be directed to Mike Vincent, Secretary-Treasurer and checks should be made out to him. If you would like to be on our mailing list, please send your request and mailing address to Mike or Sheridan Vincent.

Also, please notify us of address changes or if you would like to have your name taken off our mail list or if other relatives

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Mike Vincent’s Medical Incident

In mid-January, Mike Vincent (VF#2966), our secretary-treasurer, had a significant medical incident. Following an emergency trip to the local Pittsfield Hospital, Mike was urgently taken by helicopter to Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. Ultimately he had quadruple by-pass surgery. After about two weeks he was back home for recovery and was back to work part time in mid-April. By his last report he was feeling good and looking forward to getting out for some golf. Best wishes to Mike for his full recovery. Thanks to Mike for the two front page articles and for his continued support of our family association as the secretary-treasurer.

We were also saddened to hear that Mike’s wife lost her father on June 10, 2005 after a long illness. John Anderson was 86 years old and worked for 41 years at General Electric. Our condolences to Mike and Carole’s family in their loss.

Vincent Family Diary, The Gentry Life in Victorian Bangor by Dennis Stephenson Wood

This book is available from Amazon.com in England. The synopsis reads: This book is about the lives of the eight Vincent siblings (born between 1857 and 1868) of Bangor, North Wales, some of whom rose to local and national prominence. The authors trace the family’s deep ancestral roots in the area and strong ties with the Anglican Church. The family’s diaries for 1885-86 are placed in their local and national context and reproduced with annotations. The diaries, together with an investigation into the Vincents’ friends and relatives, give a picture of how the gentry of the locality lived in the 1880s.

1908 Letter by Dr. George Christopher Vincent

Amongst the details in the Journal of Dr. Leonard Herbert Vincent (VF# 1171) is a letter written in 1908 by his Uncle Dr. George Christopher Vincent (VF# 485) 1842-1929 describing his knowledge of the family history.

Deckerville (Michigan) June 21 1908

L. H. Vincent

Portland Oregon

My Dear Nephew

Your letter rec'd a number of days ago and in consequence of steady day and night work this is my first chance to respond. I will give you the details as were given me by my father, Uncle Ambrose, Uncle Phil, and Aunt Nancy. The furthest back our ancestors that I have heard were located at Fishkill on Hudson, N. Y. Probably my GreatGrandFather Given name unknown the next is my Grandparents Wilkinson Vincent and Mary Snider were married about 1794. Had six children (ages close together). John was scalded or otherways burned to death in infancy.

Ambrose Had 2 sons some William and Orrin and lived near Spencertown NY. Ambrose died at a very advanced age at or near Hart, Oceana County, Mich.

Phillip never married, died at the age of 88 here with me & I buried him.

Nancy married Sylvenus Hand and lived and died at Spencertown NY. Her children were Henry, Albion, Horace, Mary, and Irving.

Rachel never married but died rather old enough to be called an old maid.

Stephen (my father) born Aug. 1804 (day of birth not known after death of Parents). He died April 14, 1873.

My grandfather died when my father was an infant and Grandmother not very long after. The children went among strangers or those of no kin. My Father lived with one Delamater or Delamarter near Hudson on the banks of the Hudson River. Went up into Canada near north end of Lake Champlane and married my Mother Dorothy Truax April 4, 1825 and to them were born 13 children. The first, a boy & 2nd girl died in infancy. Then came in order Wilkinson, Mary, Phillip, Stephen L., Martha R. (died at age 9 years) Albion S., Merritt, George C., Dorothy J., and Clark H. All born in Canada except the last one. My Mother was born in Canada of parents from or near Albany, NY. The name Vincent – English, The name Snider German, The name Truax Holland.

But all helped make up the Yankees of the early Colonies.

Yours truly,

G. C. Vincent

Anything further will be cheerfully given G. C. V.

One boy just younger than me (Merritt struck through) died at age of 3 days.

My Uncle Syvenus Hand was a Lawyer and has plead law in many suits against Martin Van Buren before he became President of the United States. Hand was a Whig and Van Buren a Democrat G. C. V.



Dr. George Christopher Vincent was a physician in Deckerville, Sanilac Co., Michigan. He was the seventh son of Stephen and Dorothy Truax, born in Ontario Canada on Christmas Day, 1842.. He died 21 October 1929 at the age of 86. At the time of his death it was noted that "He had practiced his profession in Sanilac county for more than 50 years and was held in high esteem in all part of the Thumb. He was also well known as a musician and carried off many prizes in contests with his violin



Dr. Leonard Herbert Vincent was the son of Wilkinson Vincent and Editha Andrus. He was born 31 July 1870 in Lexington, Sanilac Co., Michigan. As a young man he moved to Oregon with several of his siblings and eventually followed his brothers Dr. Sylvester Ruel Vincent and Arthur Wilkinson Vincent in to the medical profession there. In 1918 he served in the Army and as the photo shows, a bout of illness brought him down to a weight of 126 pounds. A journal that he kept prior to his death on 11 June 1926.

has recently been contributed by his grand-nephew, Ruel Carter Vincent. It will be an invaluable history and photo album of this branch of the family.

Clues to our Ambrose Vincent Grandsons Questions?

Ambrose Vincent (VF# 14) had two grandsons named Ambrose; one by Levi Vincent (VF# 55) and the second by Wilkinson Vincent (VF# 60). In past genealogies, descendants William and Orrin Vincent (VF# 410 and 411) of Rensselear and Columbia Counties were attributed to be grandsons of Levi Vincent. But there seemed to be a better fit for William and Orrin Vincent to have been grandsons of Wilkinson Vincent. The Dr. George Christopher Vincent letter in 1908 gives some evidence that William and Orrin Vincent were grandsons of Wilkinson Vincent and not Levi Vincent. We believe that William and Orrin Vincent had two additional siblings, Silvester Anson Vincent, who lived in Redding, Connecticut and Lorena Vincent who married Aaron D. Wheeler and George Williams. Lorena Williams was living with Dorothy Vincent, age 90, in the 1875 Sand Lake, Rensselear Co., New York State Census. Adding to the confusion is that descendants of both of the Ambrose Vincent cousins are listed with Dorothy Diamond as their wives and we have speculated that Dorothy Diamond married Ambrose Vincent, son of Wilkinson following the death in the 1820's of Ambrose Vincent, son of Levi. Bob Vincent and Marion Kern have been persistently trying to find leads on the Dorothy Diamond Vincent questions.

In Memorial

Mildred A. Crouch, of Massapequa

Mildred A. Crouch, of Massapequa, died November 26, 2004.

Mrs. Crouch is predeceased by her husband Allan. Survivors include her children James Crouch and his wife Nancy and Patricia Kirchoefer and her husband Al; her sisters Peg Miller and Shirley Tiernan and her husband Charles and grandchildren, Michael, Anthony and Lisa. Her son Michael predeceased her..

Mrs. Crouch reposed at the Massapequa Funeral Home, North Chapel, 1050 Park Blvd., Massapequa Park. A funeral mass was said Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at St. William the Abbot R.C. Church, Seaford. Interment was in Pinelawn Memorial Park.

Thanks to Betty Rundell for passing along this information. Allan Crouch was a past president of our Vincent Family Association and we can reflect on the significant contributions Allan and Mildred made in the past to the family's association. *Massapequa Post Newspaper* 23 December 2004.

Rita (Hines) Vincent

Poughkeepsie, died Sunday, May 30, 2004 at Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Tonawanda, N.Y., after a short battle with cancer. She was 89. Born **Rita** Hines in Poughkeepsie on Aug. 4, 1914, she moved to Williamsville near Buffalo in 1995 to be near her son, Ronald. The daughter of Simon Hines and Jane Warren, she was the second youngest of 11 children. After graduating from Poughkeepsie High School in 1932, she worked at the DeLaval Separator Company and Mohican Market. She married Wilbur **Vincent** in 1936 and assisted her husband in the barber and beauty shop at 57 Washington Street until 1982. Wilbur **Vincent** died in 1985. She is survived by her loving son, Ronald of East Amherst, his wife, Mary Louise, dearest grandchildren Andrew and Abigail, and several nieces and nephews. Calling hours were held on Tuesday in Buffalo. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 11 a.m., Thursday, at Holy Trinity Church in Arlington, followed by interment at St. Peter's Cemetery.

Ronald C. Vincent

Ronald C. Vincent, 70, of 113 N. Fifth Street, Manistique, (Michigan) died March 27, 2005, at the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Manistique. He was born March 6, 2005, in Berkley, Mich., the son of Thomas and Alice (Conquest) Vincent and attended schools in Berkley. On July 30, 1955, he married Rose Marie Gonzalez in Berkley. They moved to Manistique in 1973 from West Branch, Mich. Ron formerly owned and operated Ron's Heating Service in Manistique. He enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, solving Circle the Words puzzles and washing his car.

He is survived by his wife, Rose Marie of Manistique; sons, Ronald (Brenda) Vincent and Kirk (Tammy) Vincent of Manistique; daughters: Karen Tufnell of Menominee, Mich., Cindy (Ed) Adams of Racine, Wis., Lynette (John) Beyer of Sheboygan, Wis., Annette (Faron) Vincent-Hubble of Manistique, Jill Thweatt of Togiak, Alaska, and Debra (Tim) Carley-Johnson of Racine, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; three step grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; brother, Roy Vincent of Lake, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two grandchildren, three sisters and nine brothers. Burial will be in the Fairview Cemetery at Manistique. Memorials may be directed to the American Diabetes Association of the American Heart Association.



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The 72nd Annual Vincent Family Reunion

PLACE: **TACONIC STATE PARK**
COPAKE FALLS, NEW YORK
(See Directions and Map)

TIME: **SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2005**
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

WHAT TO BRING: MEAT AND BUNS
YOUR FAVORITE BEVERAGE DRINK
COLD DISH TO SHARE - SALAD, DESSERT, ETC.
LAWN CHAIRS AND TV TABLES
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT
BATHING SUIT AND TOWELS
HOT DRINKS (i.e.-COFFEE) IN THERMOS
RAIN WEAR (just in case)

WHAT NOT TO BRING EATING UTENSILS (Forks, Knives, Spoons, Cold Cups, Napkins, Etc.) THEY WILL BE FURNISHED
CHARCOLA GRILLS-EQUIPMENT FOR GRILLS
CONDIMENTS (KETCHUP, RELISH, MUSTARD, PICKLES)

We hope to have a large turnout for the Reunion. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (Mike Vincent Pittsfield, MA) at 413-499-1426.

Mike Vincent has reserved the pavilion that we have used now for several years, so Bob and Nicolette Booream will not have to get there early to stake squatters' rights.

Directions to Taconic State Park

From New York City

Take New York Thruway (Interstate 87). Get off at Exit 21 And go East on Route 23 and to Hillsdale NY. Go south on Route 22 to Copake Falls. Entrance to Taconic State Park on your left.

From Eastern Mass. Maine, New Hampshire

Take Mass. Turnpike (Interstate 90) West. Get off at Exit 2 (Lee). Go south on Route 7 to Great Barrington. Take Route 23 West to Hillsdale NY. Go south on Route 22 to Park.

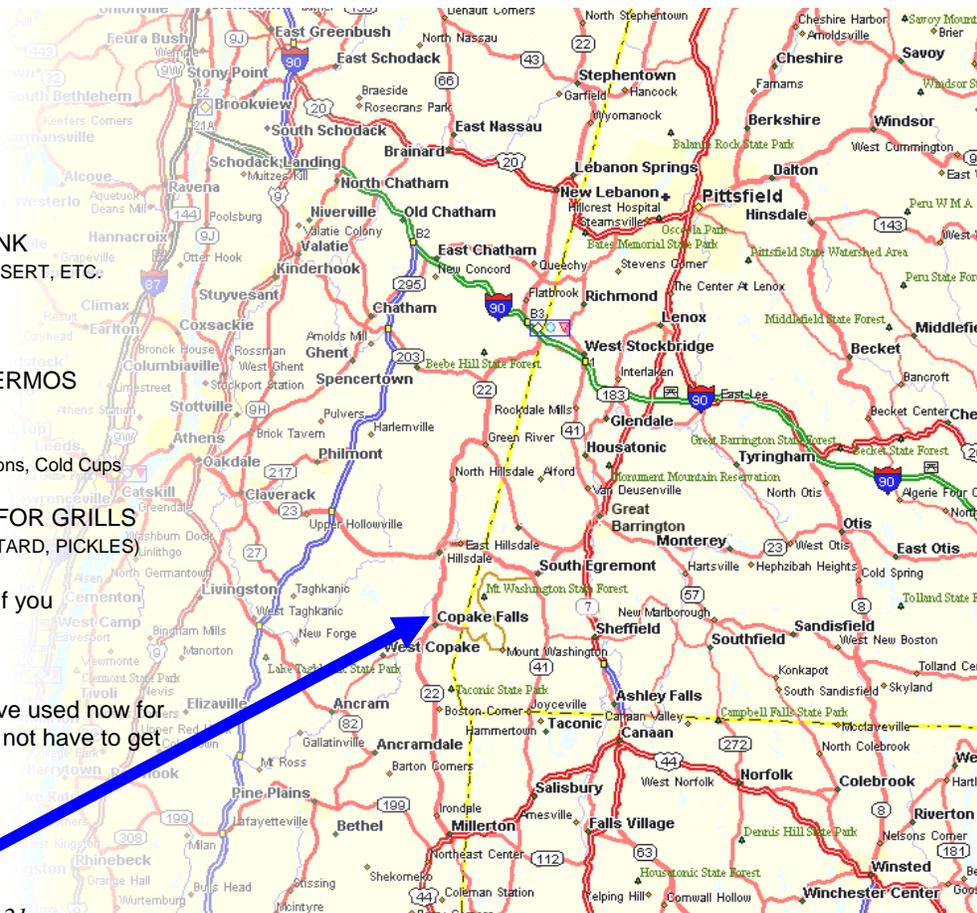
From Pittsfield Area and Vermont

Take Route 7 South from Pittsfield to Great Barrington. Take Route 23 West to Hillsdale. Go South on Route 22 to Park.

From Northern and Western New York

Go to Albany. Take Interstate 87-South to Exit 21. Go East on Route 23 to Hillsdale. Go South on Route 22 to Park.

The picnic meal starts about Noon, followed by a brief business meeting, and self introduction of attendees. Prizes will be awarded for the eldest, youngest, and furthest traveled attendee.



2004 Vincent Reunion

Additional copies of the book *The Vincent Family*, Third Edition (1998) will be available at \$35.

If you want to save the map on the reverse side, copy the information from these forms on a blank sheet of paper and mail to Mike or Sheridan. Thanks

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Your contributions to our Vincent Family Association help defray the costs of *The Vincent Tin Horn* as well as support the incidental costs for the annual picnic. With postage and printing, each edition of *The Vincent Tin Horn* runs up expenses of between \$150 and \$200. We hope you will be willing to contribute. We suggest an amount of \$8 annually. A special thanks to those who make of point of contributing each year. Make your contribution payable to our secretary-treasurer, Mike Vincent, and mail to Mike at the following address:

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