



# The Vincent Tin Horn

A Newsletter for Our Vincent Family  
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## 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Vincent Family Association Reunion and Picnic August 18, 2007

By Michael Vincent, secretary-treasurer

It is approaching that time of year again when we will be holding our Family Reunion and picnic. Again this year it will be held at Taconic State Park in Copake Falls, NY. The reservation has been made for Saturday August 18, 2007. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. and the barbecue starts at 11:30 a.m. As in the past charcoal, plates, cutlery and condiments will be provided. We welcome a dish to share for those who are coming from a short distance away. If you are coming from a long distance and cannot bring something to eat there is always plenty of food to share with you.

The attendance has been dwindling in the past few years. Sheridan and I both hope that many of you will try to keep this date open on your calendar and try to attend. We look forward to seeing you and sharing family history and stories.

The state park is located off of New York State Route 22 in Copake Falls, NY just south of Hillsdale NY. See the details and map on the last page of this newsletter.



## New Book Published: Chronicles the Early Vincent Family in Europe and America

By Helen Van Ham (VF #3643)

*QUIET POWDERKEG More Than a Memoir* by our own Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind will be of interest to anyone studying the early days of Manhattan. The book is divided into two parts, the first is autobiographical, the second traces the lives of those who were the first settlers of what is now Manhattan. The European background of the Dutch and especially the Walloons is extensive. Barbara researched in this country and in Belgian and the Netherlands. Her collected facts from many sources showed how the Walloons were affected and why they came to this country as the first settlers of Manhattan. The French speaking Walloons were an ancient people living in the southeast part of modern Belgian. Adrian Vincent came from this area. There is no record of our Charles and Adrian being related, however we probably have Walloon ancestors since future generations married into the early families. For anyone descended from Adrian, and perhaps we all are, the research into his life and homes is enlightening. The history of the times should be of interest to everyone with ancestors living in the area at that time. I don't want to give away too much of the book since reading it will open up new insight into the lives of our ancestors.

To order Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind's book see the order form included in this edition of **The Vincent Tin Horn**. Barbara suggests that you be sure to request the "Second Edition" of the book as it will have a full and complete index of the book, an important feature with our genealogical interests in the family.

## From the Sheridan's Desk

I do appreciate the contributions of Mike and Bill Vincent for this issue as well as the nice note from Lester Harris describing the potential family connection to a postcard recently discovered by Bill Vincent. Don Vincent passed along an obituary for his father Russell Edward Vincent. Helen Van Ham has written an inviting review of Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind's new book. I really appreciate the help for our Vincent Family newsletter.

Don has also written a nice article on the Vincent Family DNA project. Lots to digest here. Higher level tests are indicating a subclade of R1b1c9a, which is somewhat rare and suggests English origins, Don will certainly fill us in with more details on the discoveries of the project and he can recommend some books that describe the various origins of the British from a DNA perspective.

Speaking of books, it is fun to now be able to browse the Internet for text from books that have family history ties. With "books" at Google, you can search many thousands of books looking for a particular phrase or name. If you have interest in the Woman's Rights movements of the 1800's there is a Vincent family connection described in considerable detail in a book by Lori D. Ginzberg *Untidy Origins: A Story of Woman's Rights in Antebellum New York*. Throughout the book is mentioned Eleanor (O'Connor) Vincent (1806-1886), wife of Abraham Vincent. They resided in Jefferson County, NY and are of the Rhode Island branch of Vincent's. Also, did you know that a David Vincent has recently published the book *Home Run: The Definitive History of Baseball's Ultimate Weapon*. If one of your are baseball fans and read the book, we would love a review. The book is available at Amazon and has been in the news with the current challenge to Babe Ruth's home run title. David Vincent, 57, who grew up in Waltham, MA, is often quoted in current news stories as the definitive expert of the home run; he has a database that documents the 240,000 home runs hit during all baseball seasons back to 1871.

Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind's book *The Quiet Powderkeg: More than a Memoir* is available from the publisher. Many thanks to Helen Van Ham for reviewing the book to give us some advance insight. Those attending the Vincent Reunion in Copake Falls a couple of years ago will recall Barbara's description of her quest to write of the early times. I look forward to reading Barbara's book.

As Mike Vincent, Secretary/Treasurer, has written in the article on the upcoming reunion picnic, we are hoping to have a good turnout this year. It is always a fun time to get together, please try to make a point to attend. Other reunions in August include the descendants of Martin Luther Vincent in Cambridge, Illinois.

We are including a page with a map to the reunion in Copake Falls as well as form to make contributions to coffers or to purchase a copy of the 1998 history of the Charles Vincent, of Yonkers, family.

Thanks also to Betty Rundell and Bob and Nicolette Booream; each of them passed along a copy of the obituary for Lee F. Vincent. Lee was a consistent attendee at the family reunion picnics up until a few years ago and we miss him. I enjoyed a recent conversation with Susan DiClementine who recalled that as a child, Lee Vincent would take folks up in his airplane for rides.

*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 and incidental costs to the Vincent Family Association are covered by donations. **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 would like to receive *The Vincent Tin Horn*.

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## Please Note: e-mail Notification of New Issues

Rather than having a printed and mailed copy of the *Vincent Tin Horn*, it is possible to view and download each edition of the newsletter from the Internet at our website [www.vincent-family.org](http://www.vincent-family.org) in the Newsletter section. Ten people responded to the notice in the last issue, so we are saving more than \$10 in printing and postage costs with this issue.

Send me your email address along with the request to [svincent@frontiernet.net](mailto:svincent@frontiernet.net) and I will notify you when there is a new issue. This will save the cost of printing and mailing. Also, **please** be sure to let us know when your mailing or email address changes. When issues are returned with no forwarding address it is a sad loss. With this notice in the last issue, ten people have signed up and that will be a good help. Thank you.



During the spring Bill (VF# 2965) and Fran Vincent announced the arrival of another grandchild, Piper Cecile Cook born 22 March 2007, daughter of Jennifer (VF#3958) and Tim Cook. The grandparents enjoyed times in Florida visiting the family and new granddaughter.

## Russell Edward Vincent (1914—2006)

Russell ((VF#1981) was born June 18, 1914 in Fairfax, Vermont. He spent much of his early life in and around East Hartford, CT working at Pratt & Whitney and for many years with Fuller Brush.

In 1956 he moved his family to Chula Vista, CA and spent many years as a school custodian and he later moved to San Bernardino, CA. He died at the Redlands, CA hospital December 11, 2006. A memorial service was held January 6, 2007 at the First Congregational Church, UCC of San Bernardino. His grand daughter Danielle spoke of him for the perspective of her generation and his son Donald offered an eulogy that combined Biblical references and Masonic prayers as well as a testimony to a life lived richly.

Russell had spent many hours with the Masonic bodies in Connecticut and California and was active in the Eastern Star. In his younger days he was an active Boy Scout leader and a person who was interested in serving his church and his community.

He is survived by his wife Anita, Sons Donald (Joan), Robert (Mary Ann), Grand children Miriam, Donald W. (Jill), Danielle (Kyle), Derek, and a great grandson Zachary Wilson Vincent.

## Lee F. Vincent (1913—2007)

Ghent Fuel owner, operator. Chatham—Lee F. Vincent (VF# 2923), 93, of Edgewood Acres, died Sunday, March 18, 2007 at his residence. Born Nov. 15, 1913 in Ghent, he was the son of the late Frank and Edith Wiltse Vincent.

He was a veteran of the US Army Air Corp in 1942 as a flight engineer on B26's and was discharged in 1945 after attaining the rank of sergeant. He was instrumental in the start of the Kline Kill Airport, located on the former Lucy Miller's Farm in Ghent, which is still in operation. He learned to fly in 1940 and continued to do so until his last flight at 90.

Mr. Vincent also owned and operated Ghent Fuel for many years. He was a member of the Ghent Reformed Church, having served on its consistory, and was involved in moving the church to its present location.

Survivors include three cousins, Elizabeth "Betty" Rundell of Chatham, Agnes Miller of Aberdeen, MD and Carol Reynolds of Columbus, OH. There will be no calling hours. Memorial services will be held 11am Saturday at the Wenk Funeral Home in Chatham with interim minister Joan Mitchell of Ghent reformed Church officiating. Spring interment will be in Ghent Union Cemetery.

## Another Tool for Genealogy

Donald G. Vincent (VF# 2918)

Deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) Whew! I've learned... No, I've attempted to learn many new words from a scientific field that I stopped studying in my first year of college. As an amateur historian, theologian, and genealogist I always try to learn as much background about a field as I can before speaking. But with DNA and the potential help it offers to genealogy I am speaking before I have any depth of knowledge. In a sense I am a cheer leader for a new tool.

By studying certain markers on the Y chromosome we are able to compare our markers with others and find that we are divided into groupings and families. In general, males pass their markings to their male children and they in turn are passed on through the generations. Occasionally a mutation occurs and a new branch of a family is identified. DNA by itself will not answer specific questions. But it will help clarify or direct the paper trail.

Because there was no Vincent surname group when I began exploring my genetic roots I agreed to begin one. It can be found at website: <http://www.worldsfamilies.net/surname/v/vincent>

What the site will show is that six different men with surname Vincent had their DNA tested. The results are that one of them has no group identity. One of them is E3a7. One of them is N3. Three of them are R1b1c — those three have been identified as belonging to the family of Charles Vincent of Yonkers, NY.

I had a paper trail that assured me I was a descendant of this Vincent. Sheridan had a paper trail with some uncertainty of one relationship. His DNA testing removed that question. Joseph, our third member had a paper trail (still being assembled) that went back four generations so he was thrilled when his DNA testing found his family.

One of our aims is to discover more about Charles Vincent of Yonkers. Recently Sheridan and Don have been in touch with Charles Vincent of North Carolina. He took a DNA test and the first 12 markers are identical to Joseph, Sheridan & Don. Don has encouraged him to continue his testing to 37 markers (this makes for a high degree of surety in our small group). And Sheridan and Don have conferred with Charles regarding his paper trail. Much work still needs to be done but the hope is that the living Charles Vincent will lead us to the Charles of Yonkers or to even a generation beyond.

The more Vincent surname males that get their DNA into the data bank the more possibilities there are of people finding their families. Anyone is welcome to contact me regarding this subject. I hope within the year to have another web site that will help our family keep track of itself.

I am waiting for further tests to help identify our wider grouping. Given the results of Joseph's test we are probably R1b1c9a and I'm waiting for a different test to confirm that finding.

Not to exclude any female Vincent: There is a test for females called MTDNA. This will not help the Vincent surname but it might be fun. In theory it goes to mother, to mother's mother, to her mother and helps identify a line of mother/daughters.

My recent excitement is that Gerald Vincent researched the early Charles Vincent and suggested that he came into Maryland before going to Yonkers. In conversation with the living Charles Vincent he understands his paper trail as beginning in the Maryland and Delaware colonies.



## A postcard Deciphered

By Lester Harris (VF# 2954)

Cousin Dr. Bill Vincent acquired a very colorful postcard depicting a pastoral scene near Lake Tsatsawassa, near Hoag's Corners, NY. To those not acquainted with this area, Hoag's Corners is a crossroads on NY 66. This settlement is within the Town of Nassau and named after an ancient tavern, once owned by a Mr. Hoag. This location is home to many of our Vincent and Harris families, among others.

The postcard with message was signed by an S. Harris (relationship in doubt) and postmarked Brainard Sta., NY on September 9, 1931.

Researching genealogy, the name Sarah Williams Harris appeared. Sarah was born in 1838 in Hoag's Corner and died there in 1944 at age 86. This seems to be well within the time frame when this postcard was mailed.

My parents were born in Hoag's Corner. Due to this small area it is undoubtedly that all Vincents and Harrises were related. So S. Harris must be the one to have signed this postcard. Sarah married David Harris in 1883 and he died in 1932.

Lester Harris is a grandson of W. Lafayette Vincent. (VF# 1054).



Scene near HOAGS CORNERS, N. Y.



Bill Vincent recalled: "I acquired this postcard a couple of days ago since it showed a view near Hoag's Corners. It may be where the Tsatawassa Creek crosses Route 66 just west of the Corners. Before the flood of 1938, there was a series of dams all along this area - hence the large pool."

## FRANCES VINCENT RECEIVES NURSING AWARD

On May 3, 2007, Frances A. Vincent, wife of William F. Vincent, received Connecticut's esteemed Nightingale Award for Excellence in Nursing at a Gala Dinner at the Hartford Convention Center. Fran was one of 104 nurses honored this year.



Fran received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing cum laude from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. She has been a nurse for over 44 years and has worked at McLean Healthcare in Simsbury for the last 34 years. It was her fellow nurses at McLean Healthcare who nominated Fran for this award.

Editor's Note: We have seen Fran's nursing skills first hand following her quick response at a reunion picnic a couple of years ago, Lester Harris has called Fran "my nurse", grateful to her in preventing a serious condition.

Remember the Date

## The 74th Annual Vincent Family Reunion Picnic

Saturday, August 18, 2007 at 10 am - 3 pm  
Taconic State Park at Copake Falls, NY

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

### Contributions

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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# The 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Vincent Family Reunion

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

**TIME:** SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2007  
10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

**WHAT TO BRING:** MEAT AND BUNS, DRINKS  
COLD DISH TO SHARE - SALAD, DESSERT, ETC.  
LAWN CHAIRS AND TV TABLES  
ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT  
BATHING SUIT AND TOWELS  
RAIN WEAR (just in case)

**WHAT NOT TO BRING:** EATING UTENSILS  
CONDIMENTS  
CHARCOAL

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.

## 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. Taconic State Park on your left.

### From Eastern Mass. Maine, New Hampshire

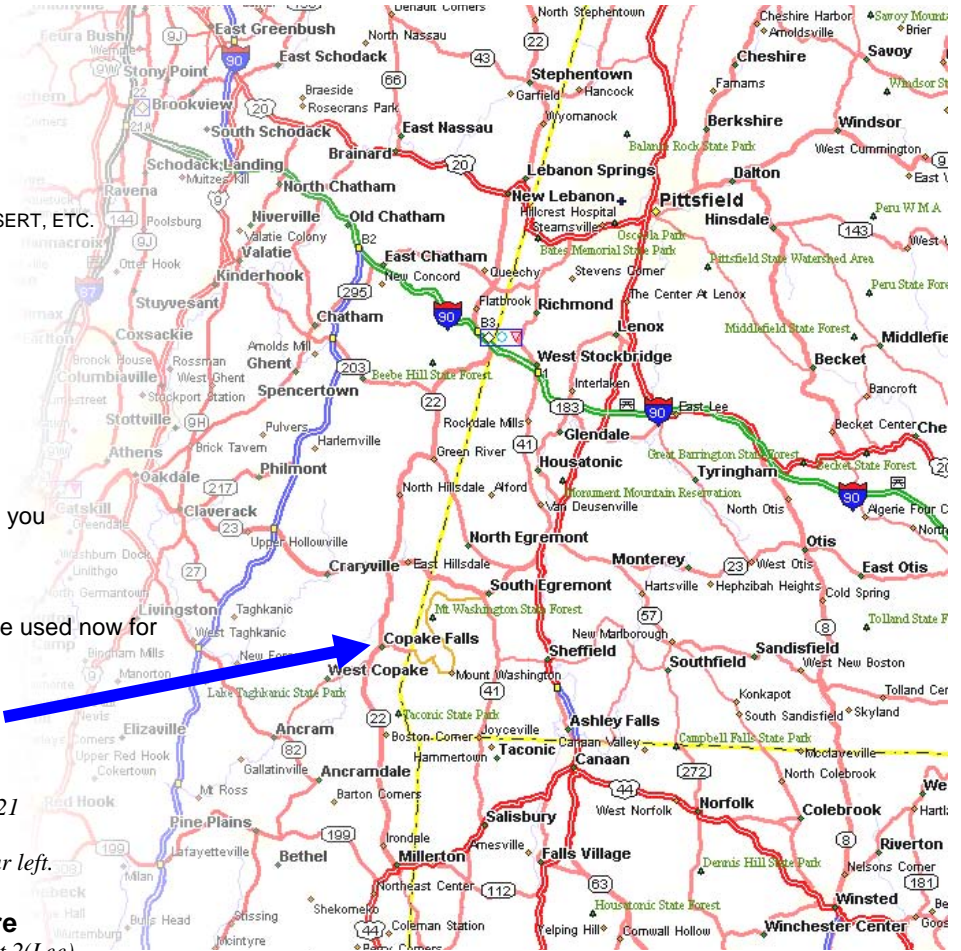
Take Mass. Turnpike (Interstate 90) West. Get off at Exit 2(Lee). Go south on Route 7 to Great Barrington. Take Route 23 West to Hillsdale NY. Go south on Route 22 to Park.

### 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.



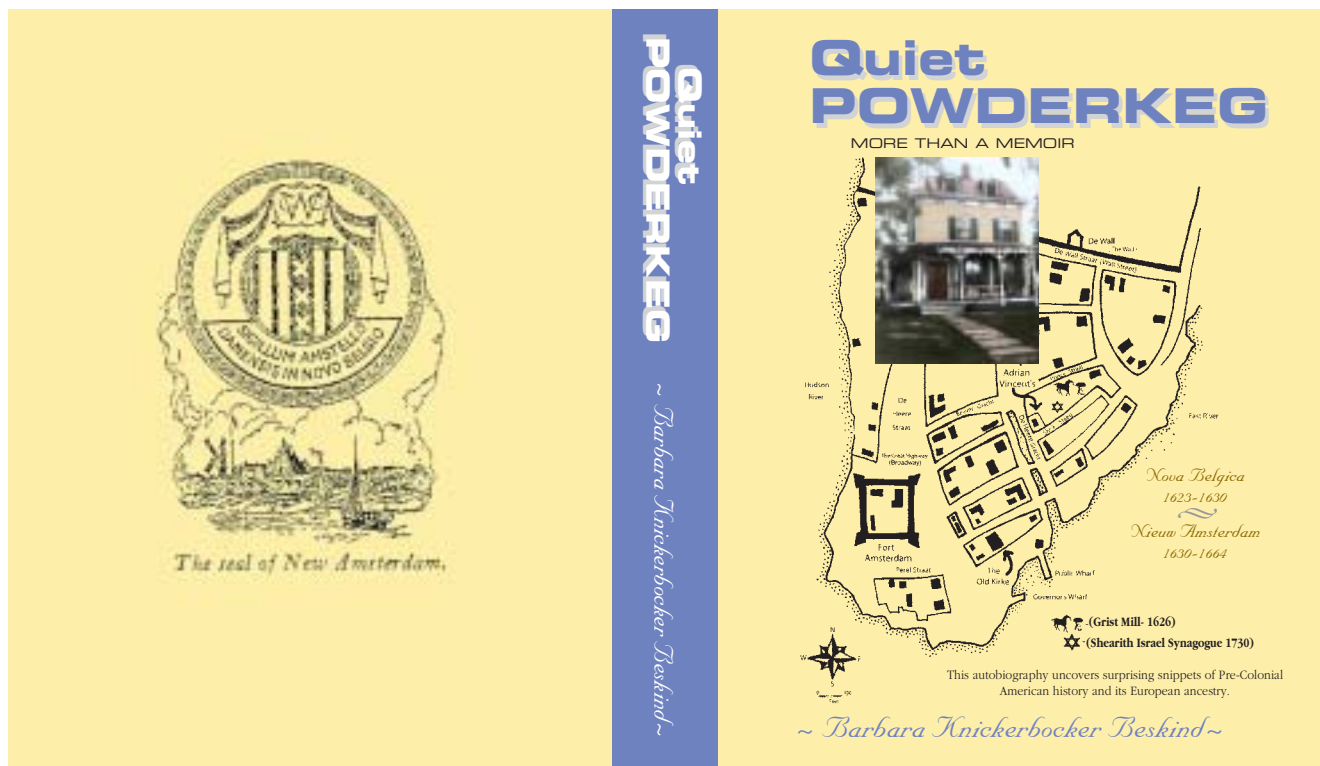
The picnic meal starts at Noon, followed by a brief business meeting, and self introduction of attendees.

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2003 Vincent Reunion - Hopefully we will see a big turnout this year.

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