

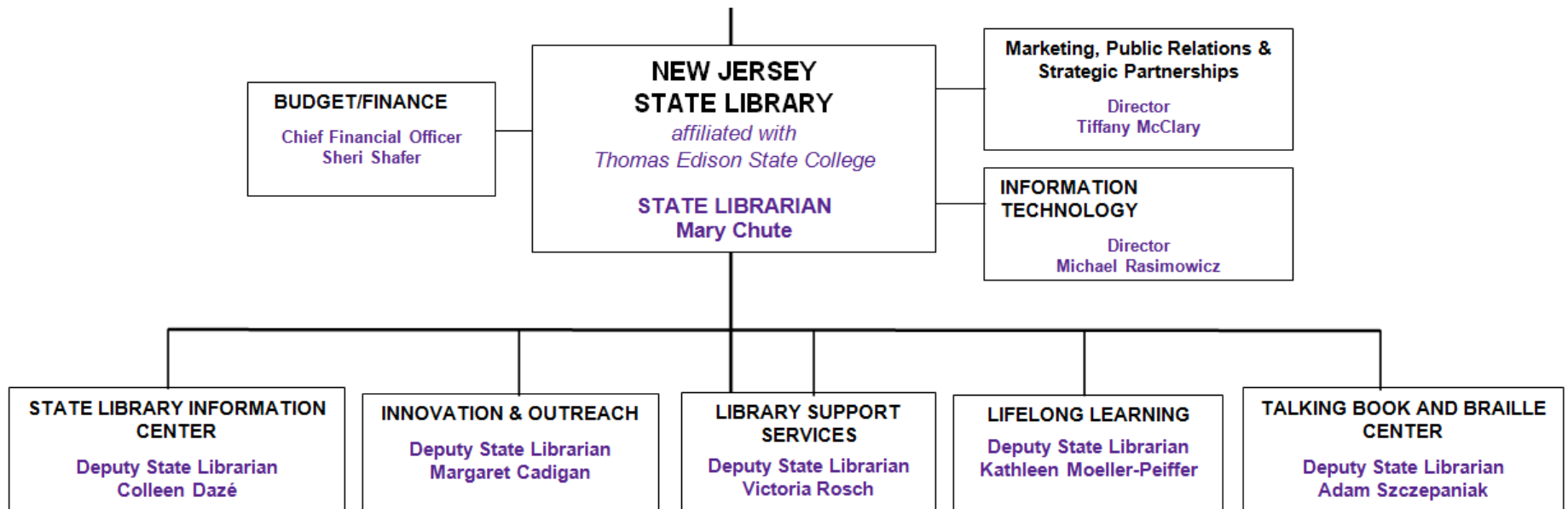
Genealogy at the New Jersey State Library: A Cook's Tour

Thomas Edison State College
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June 10, 2015

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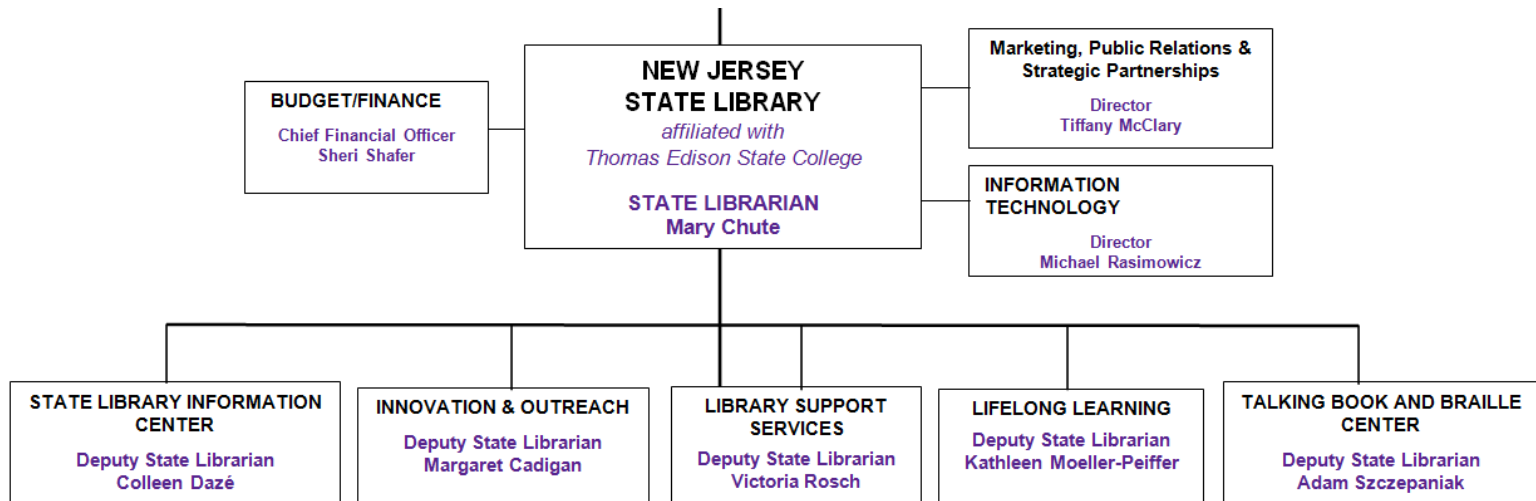
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The New Jersey State Library



The Boxes



The Books



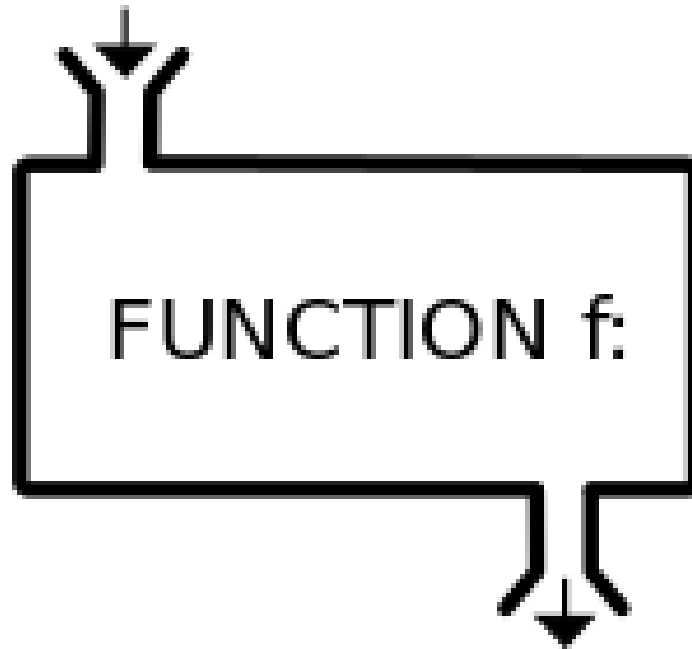
Mathematical Function

$$y = f(x)$$

Mathematical Function Defined

Example	
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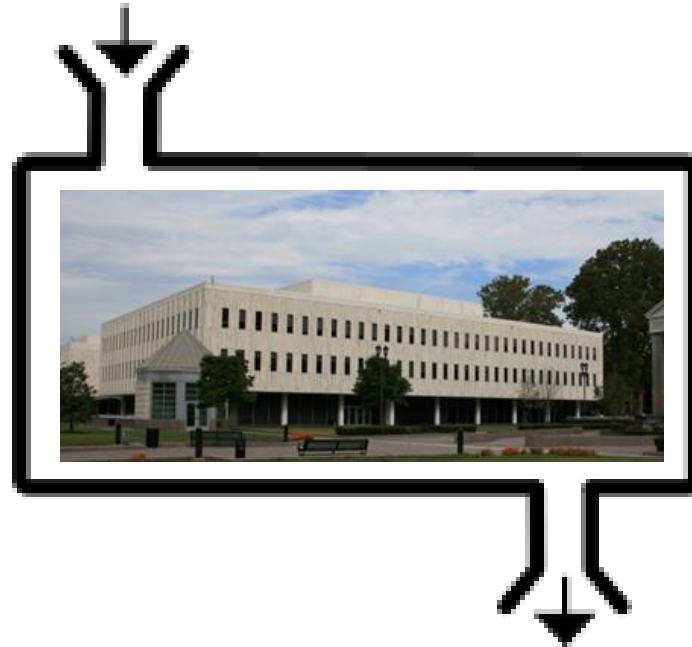
INPUT x (Selected from the domain)



OUTPUT $f(x)$ (In the range)

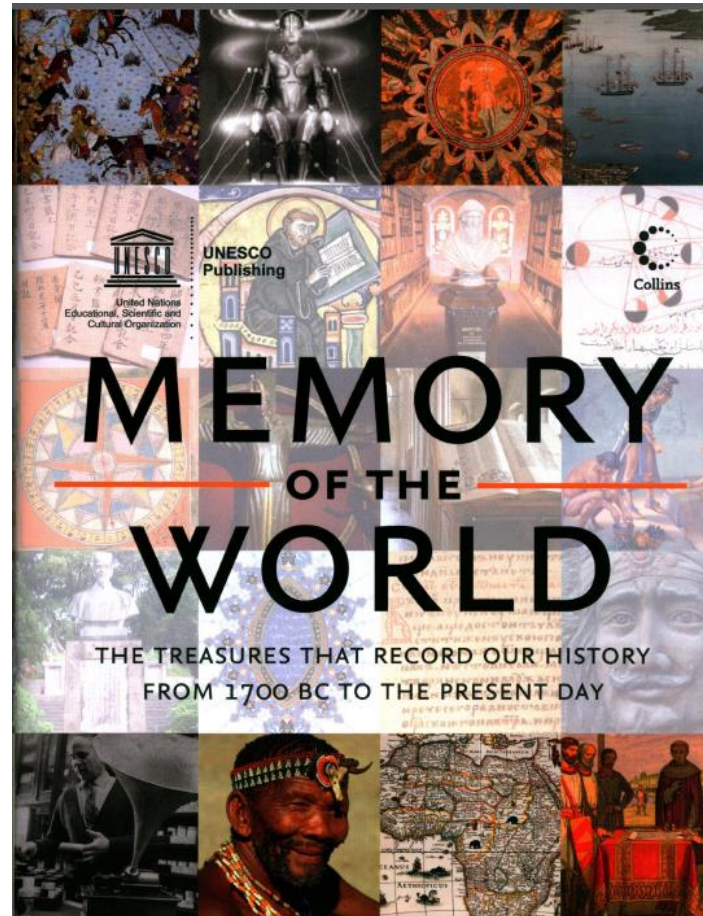
Function Model of the Library

INPUT Question



OUTPUT Answer

The World's Documentary Heritage



Safeguarding our memories

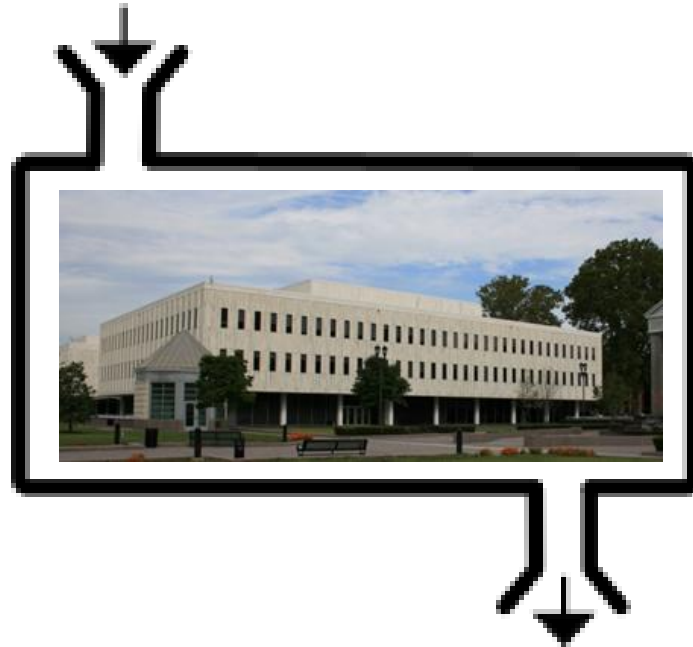
Memory

The library holds in its collections,
as if in memory,
much of New Jersey's past.

Information about
People, Places, and Institutions

The Library

INPUT Question



OUTPUT Answer

Library Entry



Information Desk

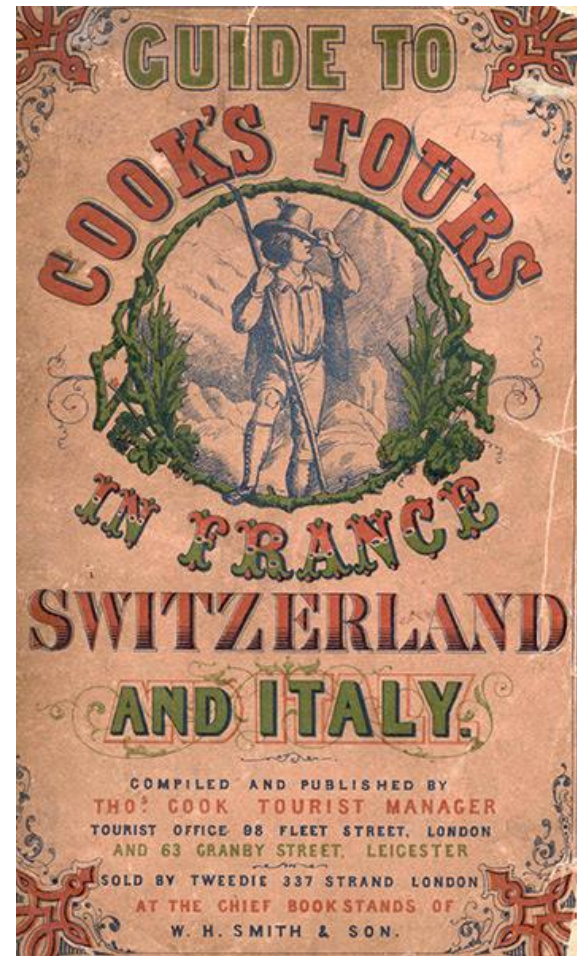
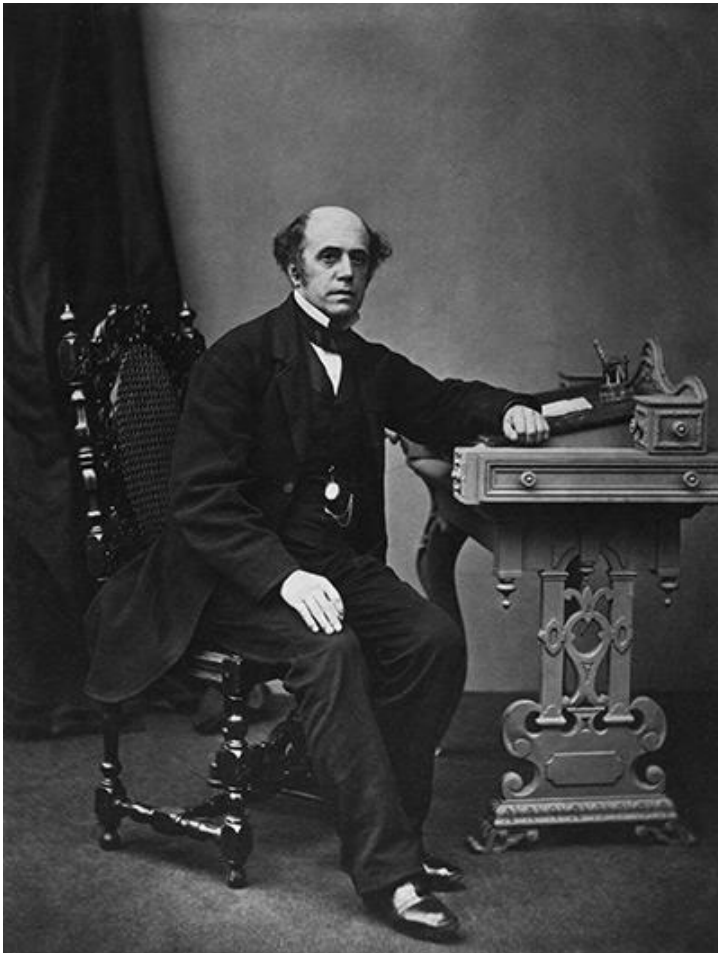
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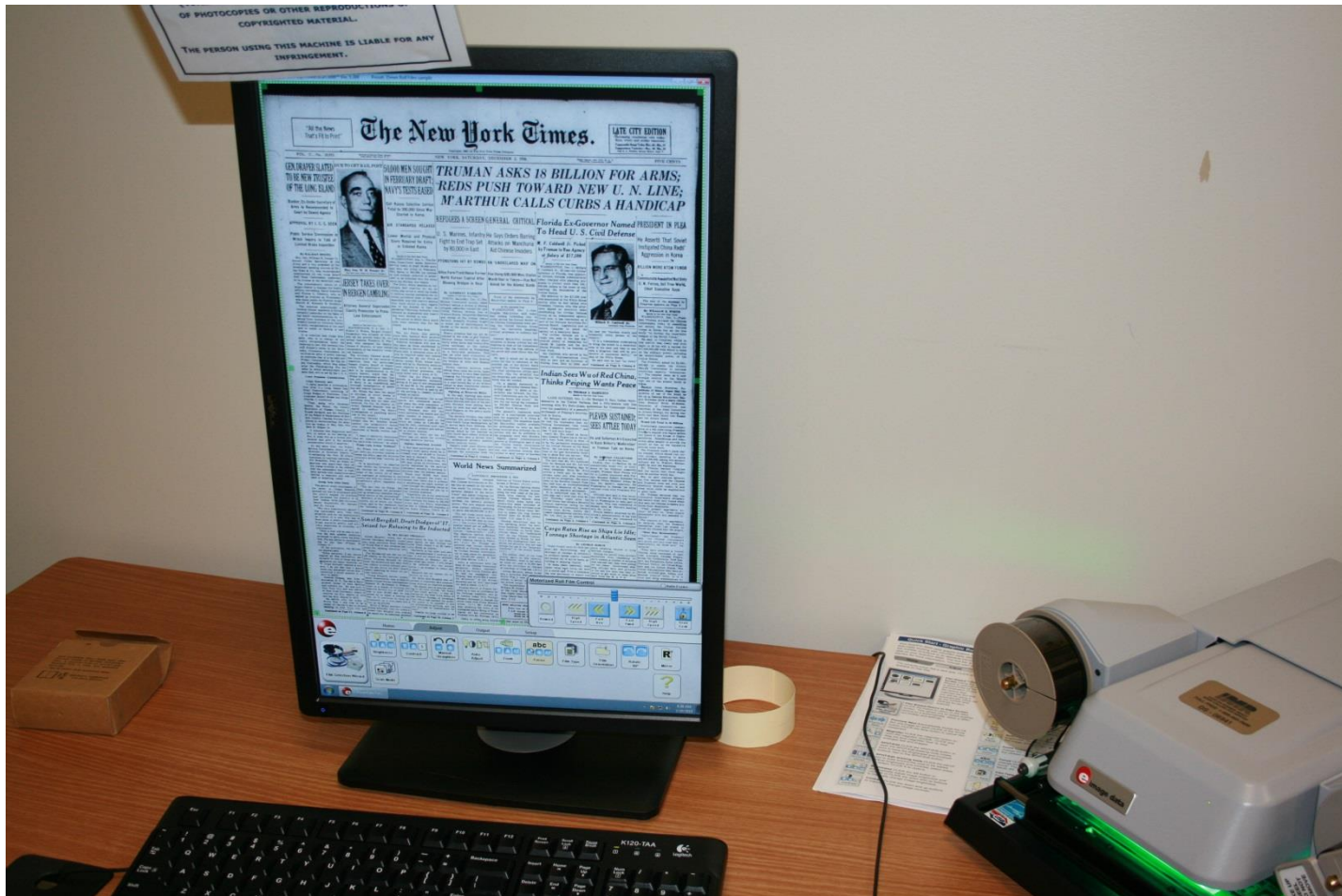
Thomas Cook



1865

The New York Times

Saturday, December 2, 1950



Miss Dorothy Lake Obituary

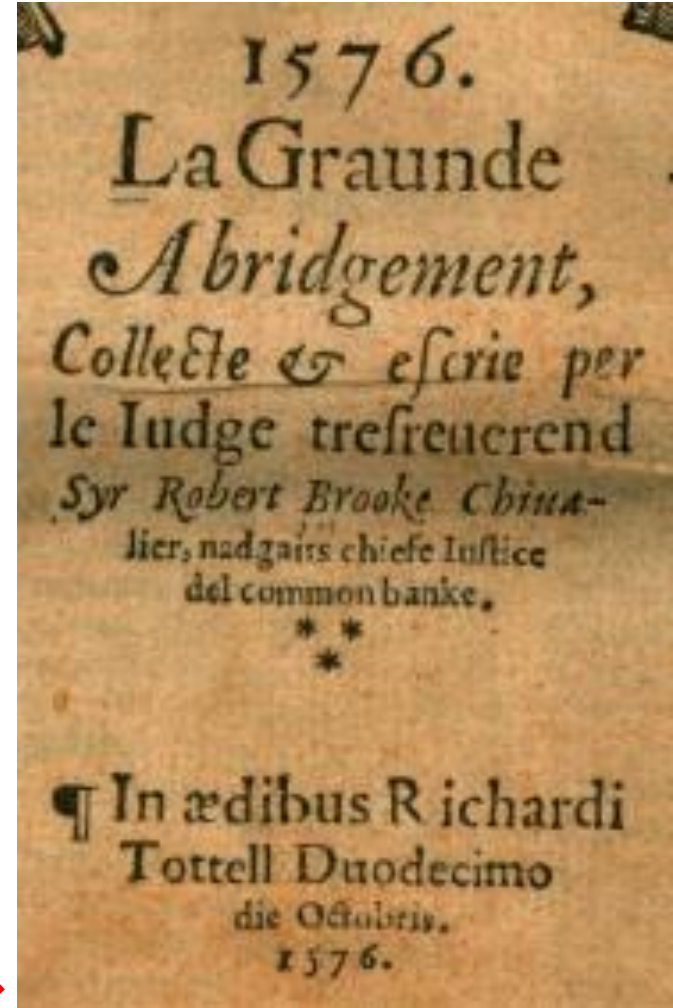
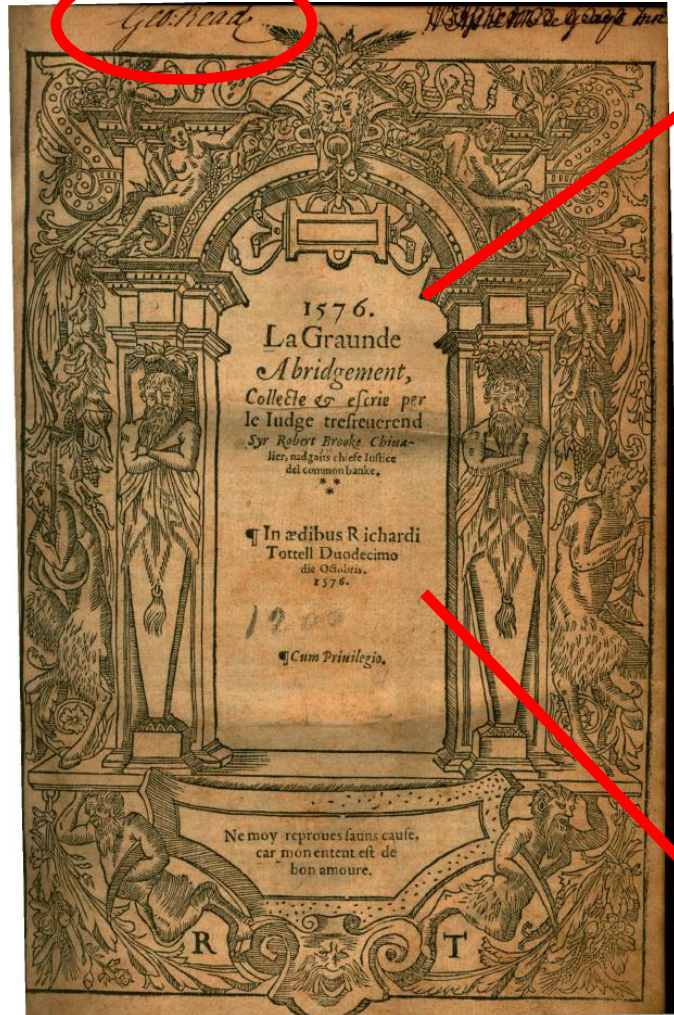
MISS DOROTHY LAKE

Miss Dorothy Alberta Lake, member of an old Staten Island family, died on Thursday in her home at Sarasota, Fla., where she had lived for the last eleven years.

She was a great-great-granddaughter of Maj. William Bernard Gifford, a legal adviser on the staff of General Washington, and on the maternal side was descended from George Read, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Miss Lake belonged to the Richmond County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and had kept up her membership also in Roman Catholic, literary and musical societies and organizations in Staten Island.

Her father, Arthur Gifford Lake, and a brother, Robert, survive.



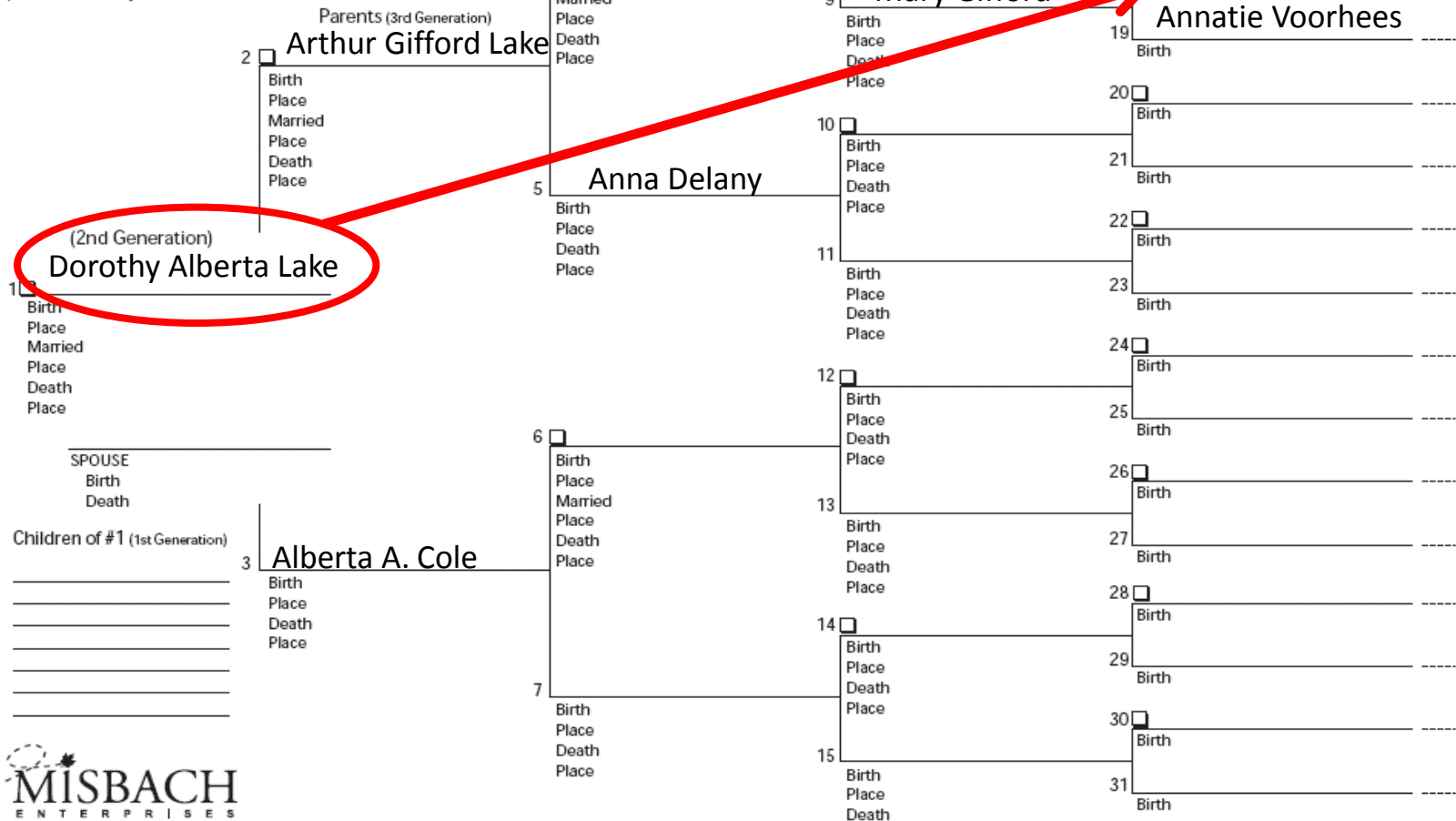
Ancestral Chart



6 Generation Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is same as # ___ on Chart # ___.

The boxes by the male names may be filled in with a color or mark to indicate when all the work has been completed for that family.



11 x 8.5 in

D.A.R. Lineage Books



Gifford: Brief Biography

Lineage Society Record

Lineage Book: National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

William Gifford (1751-1814) served as lieutenant, 1776, in Capt. Joseph Bloomfield's company and was promoted captain. He was wounded at Monmouth and was taken prisoner at Elizabethtown, N. J., 1780. He was born in England; died in Staten Island.

Who—What—Where—When (1)

Who?

William Bernard Gifford

What?	Where?	When?
Birth	England	1751
Lieutenant	(Capt. Bloomfield)	1776
Captain		
Wounded	Battle of Monmouth	28 June 1778
Taken prisoner	Elizabethtown	1780
Married (Annatie)		
Child born (Mary)		
Died	Staten Island	1814

THE



VAULT

New Jersey Laws



Gifford's Divorce

Acts of the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey
Session Law

16 STATE OF NEW-JERSEY. 1779.

C H A P. III.

An ACT to dissolve the Marriage of William Gifford with Elizabeth his Wife.

Parties enabled to contract Matrimony.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED *by the Authority aforesaid*, That it shall and may be lawful to and for the said *William Gifford*, and for the said *Elizabeth Gifford*, from and after the Passing of this Act, to contract Matrimony and to be married to any Person to whom he or she might lawfully be joined in Wedlock, in the same Manner as each or either of them might have been if the matrimonial Relation had been dissolved by the Death of the other Party.

A. *Passed at Mountholly, November 22, 1779.*

Genealogy & Local History



NJ Marriage Records 1665 – 1800



Gifford's First Marriage

Vital Record

New Jersey Marriage Records, 1665-1800

Index to marriage records

Gifford, William, Burlington, and Catherine Taylor.....	1734	May	16
Gifford, William, Monmouth, and Margaret Miers, Monmouth.....	1763	Feb.	11
Gifford, William, Burlington, and Elizabeth Smith, Burlington.....	1774	April	12
Gilbert, Benjamin, Burlington, and Mary Scott, Burlington.....	1761	Aug.	18
Gilbert, Benjamin, Burlington, and Sarah Bunting.....	1772	Mar.	14

. . . Officers of the Continental Army



Captain William B. Gifford

Military Record

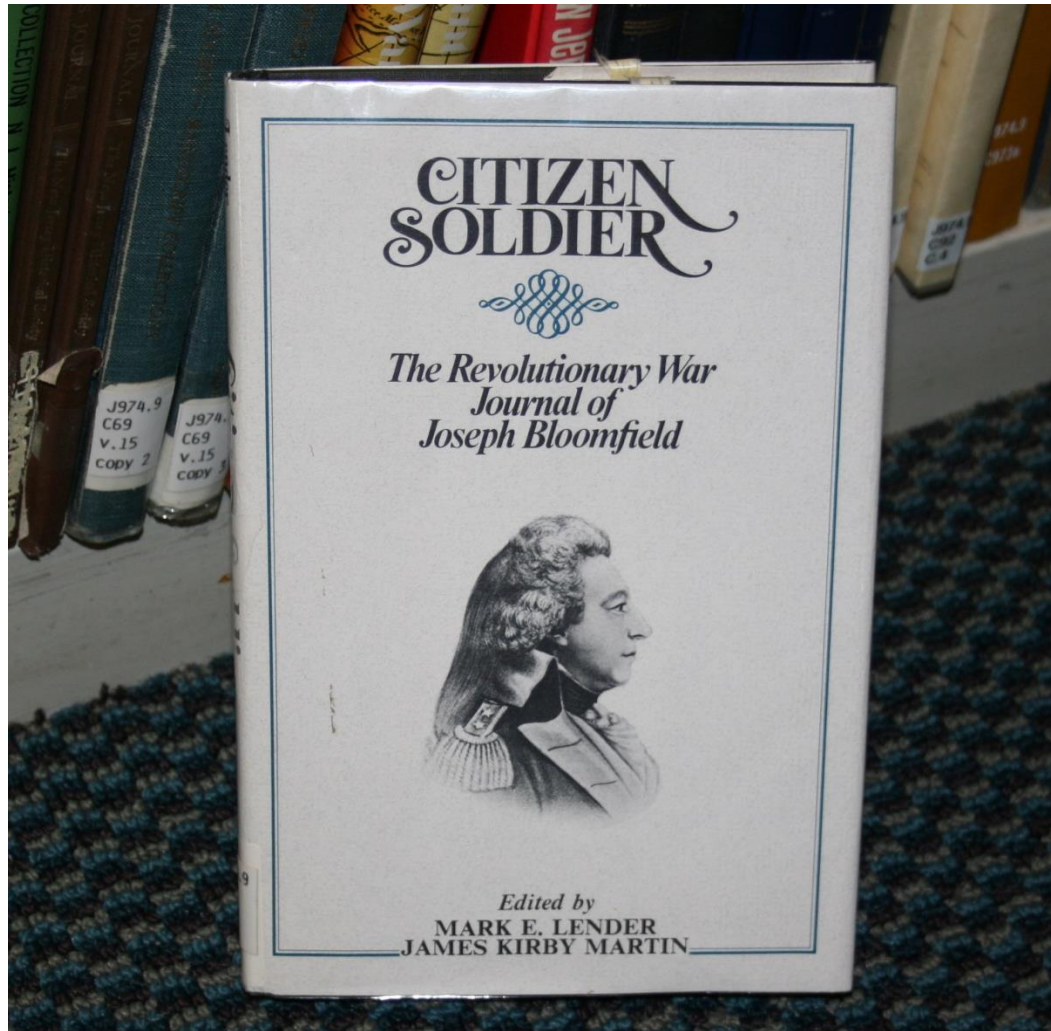
*Historical Register of Officers of the Continental
Army during the War of the Revolution
April 1775 to December 1783*

Gifford, William B. (N. J.). 2d Lieutenant, 3d New Jersey, 7th February, 1776; 1st Lieutenant, August, 1776; Captain 3d New Jersey, 29th November, 1776; taken prisoner at Elizabethtown, 25th January, 1780; released 22d November, 1780, and did not return to service.

Looking for Joseph Bloomfield



Joseph Bloomfield



Gifford Joins the Military

*Citizen Soldier: The Revolutionary War
Journal of Joseph Bloomfield*

1776. February. Cumberland County, New Jersey. By the recommendation of the Continental-Congress, the Provincial Congress of New-Jersey directed a Regiment to be raised for the Continental-Service in the Province of New-Jersey, whereof Elias Dayton Esqr.¹ should be Colonel Anthony Walton White Esqr.² Lieut. Col., Francis Barber Esqr.³ Major, to consist of Eight Captains Eighty five Men in a Company and Twenty four Subalterns, besides Staff-Officers.

The Committee & Officers of the two Militia Battalions in Cumberland County in the Western Division of New-Jersey unanimously recommended me with others to the Provincial Congress to raise a Company in Cumberland. I was Accordingly appointed by a Warrant dated the 8th. of February 1776 by the majority of Eleven Counties out of thirteen to raise a Company for the Continental Service, Mr. Josiah Seeley of Cumberland being appointed my first Lieut. Mr. William Gifford of Salem second Lieut. and Dr. Ebenezer Elmer my Ensign. The County of Cum-

Who—What—Where—When (2)

William Bernard Gifford

What?	Where?	When?
Birth	England	1751
Married (Elizabeth)	Burlington, NJ	12 April 1774
Lieutenant	(Capt. Bloomfield's Co.)	7 February 1776
Captain		29 November 1776
Wounded	Battle of Monmouth	28 June 1778
Divorced (Elizabeth)	New Jersey	22 November 1779
Taken prisoner	Elizabethtown	25 January 1780
Married (Annatie)		
Child born (Mary)		
Died	Staten Island	1814

Newspaper Extracts



Gifford's Second Marriage

Newspaper

New-Jersey Gazette, May 17, 1780

Published in Trenton, New Jersey

1780]

NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS.

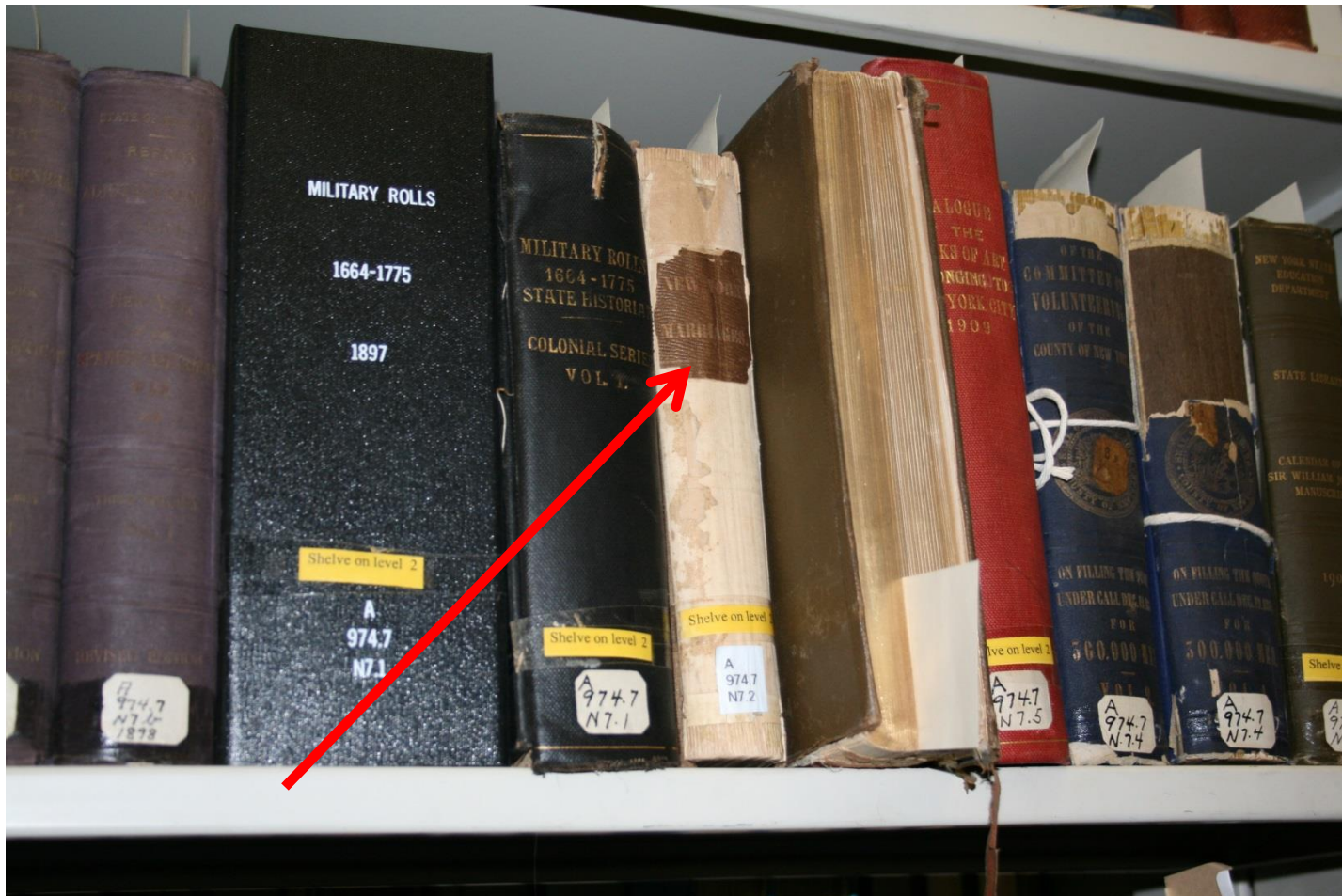
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Lately married at New-Utrecht, on Long-Island, William Bernard Gifford,¹ Esq. Captain in the third New-Jersey regiment, in the Army of the United States of America to Miss Nancy Voorhies, a very amiable young lady, with a handsome fortune.

Behind the Fence



New York Marriage Licenses



Gifford's Second Marriage

Vital Record

*Names of Persons for Whom Marriage Licenses
Were Issued by the Secretary of the Province
of New York Previous to 1784*

NEW YORK MARRIAGES.				153
DATE.		NAMES.	RECORD.	VOL. PAGE.
1769.	Oct. 23.	Giew, Jane, and John Townsend,	M. B.,	XV. 60
1772.	Dec. 4.	Giffin, Elizabeth, and John Brown,	"	XIX. 142
1772.	June 15.	Giffin, Mary, and George Cummings,	"	XVIII. 139
1772.	April 13.	Giffin, Rachel, and John Mandevel,	"	XVIII. 75
1773.	Oct. 28.	Gifford, Mary, and John Dubois,	"	XXI. 150
1762.	Oct. 13.	Gifford, William, and Mary Ryder,	"	VI. 363
1780.	April 1.	Gifford, William Bernard, and Ann Voorhies,	"	XXIX. 11



Who—What—Where—When (3)

William Bernard Gifford

What?	Where?	When?
Birth	England	1751
Married (Elizabeth)	Burlington, NJ	12 April 1774
Lieutenant	(Capt. Bloomfield's Co.)	7 February 1776
Captain		29 November 1776
Wounded	Battle of Monmouth	28 June 1778
Divorced (Elizabeth)	New Jersey	22 November 1779
Taken prisoner	Elizabethtown	25 January 1780
Married (Annatie)	New Utrecht, L.I.	1 April 1780 (*)
Released by British		22 November 1780
Child born (Mary)		
Died	Staten Island	1814

Interesting Sequence of Events

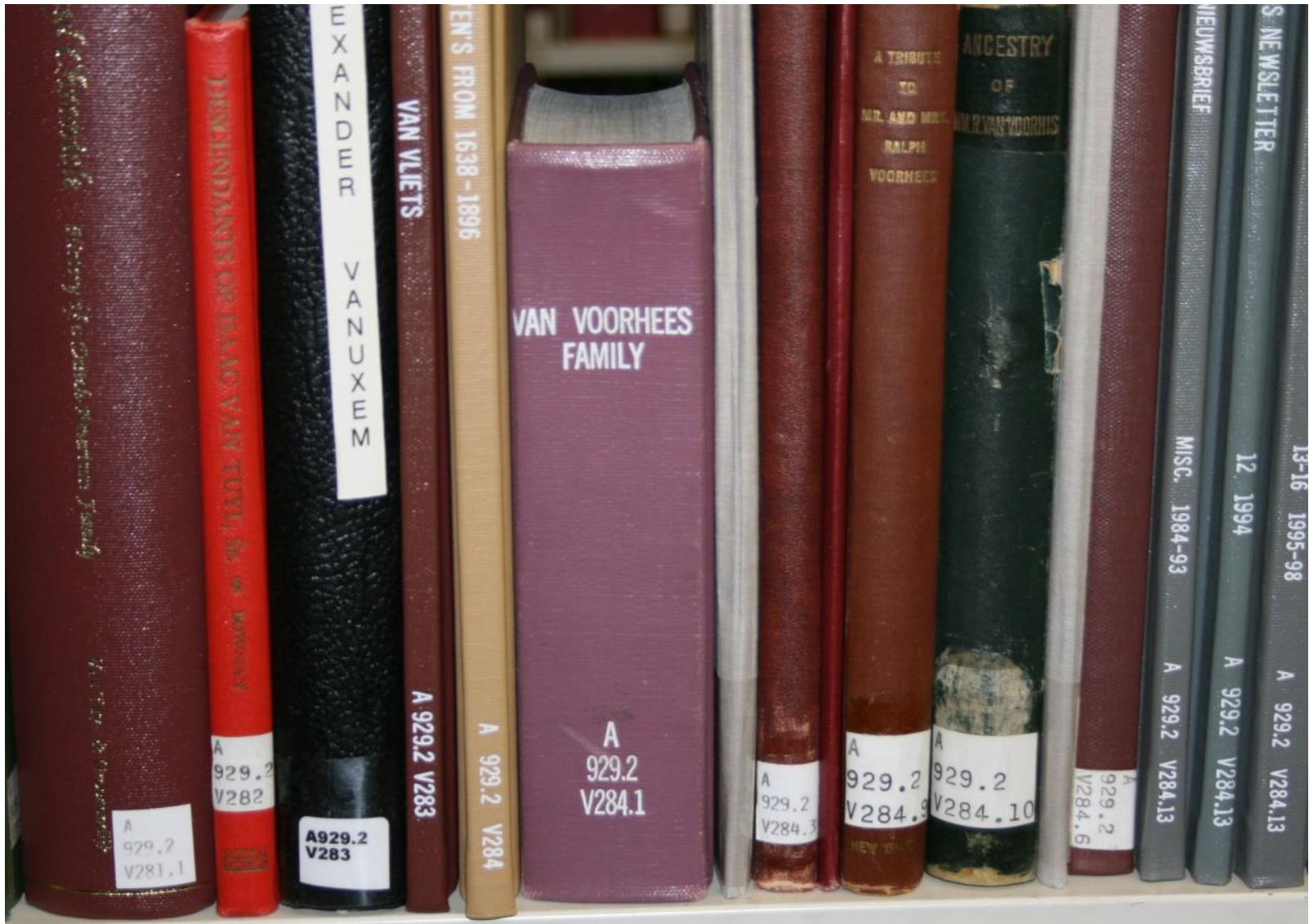
1780												1781
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan

Capture by British
Jan. 25, 1780

Marriage to Annatie
Apr. 1, 1780 (license)

Release by British
Nov. 22, 1780

Van Voorhees Family



Annatie's Family History

Family Genealogy

A Genealogy of the Van Voorhees Family in America

A. Annatie, b. May 11, 1761; d. May 13, 1790; m., Apr. . . ,
1780, William Bernard Gifford, b. Dec. 27, 1750; d.
Feb. 7, 1814.

Had children:

2

Coert Gifford, b.

5

John Gifford, b. ; m. Maria Blauvelt.

1

Mary Gifford, b. ; m. Daniel Lake, of
Staten Island.

3

Sarah Gifford, b. ; m. John Clark, of
Cranbury, N. J.

4

Catherine Gifford, b. ; m. David Lake.

Annatie's Father's Will

As transcribed in *A Genealogy of the Van Voorhees Family in America*

f. Coert or Court, bap. June . . . , 1731, at Harlingen, Somerset Co., N. J., d. . . . , 1762; m., June . . . , 1760, Sarah, dau. of Roelof Van Brunt and Elsie Snedeker, b. . . . ; d.

He resided at New Utrecht, L. I. His Will, dated Sept. 17, 1761, proved Mar. 11, 1762, recorded in the Surrogate's Office in New York City in Liber 23, p. 263, is as follows:

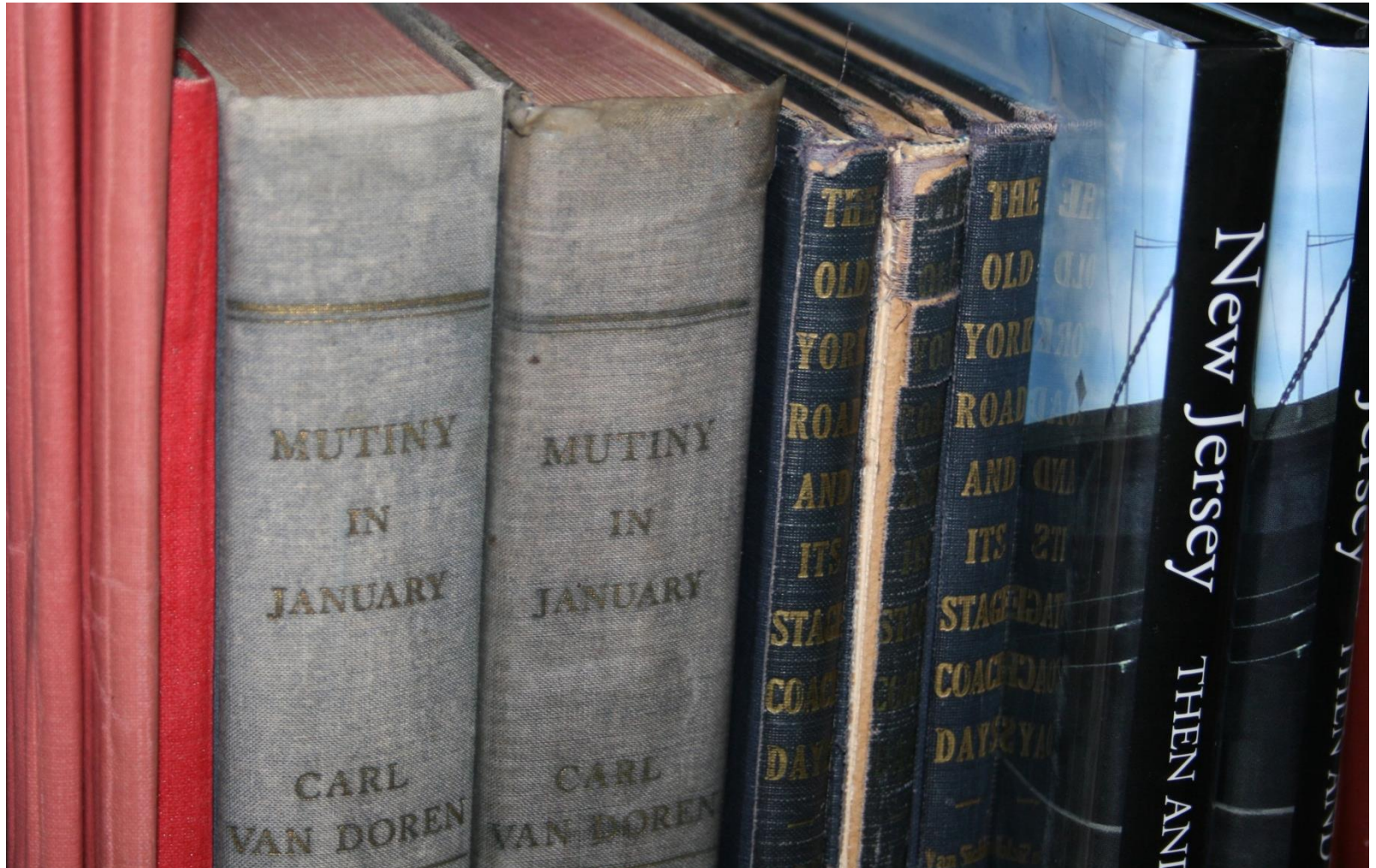
satisfied, I give and bequeath all the residue or remainder of my whole estate so sold and made into money as aforesaid unto my said daughter Annatie, to her and her heirs and assigns forever; but if in case my said daughter An-

Map Case





Mutiny in January



Lieutenant Colonel Oliver De Lancey



Adjutant General of the British Army in America

Letter Written While Prisoner

Local History (Transcribed correspondence)

Mutiny in January by Carl Van Doren, 1943

Correspondence transcribed in history book

November 10, 1780

To: Oliver De Lancey

I will “send or bring in such intelligence as may be of service . . . I wish for an opportunity to convince the Commander-in-Chief [of the British forces] and the world that I am a friend to King George and his government.”

From: William Bernard Gifford

Level One



Writings of Washington



Letter from Washington

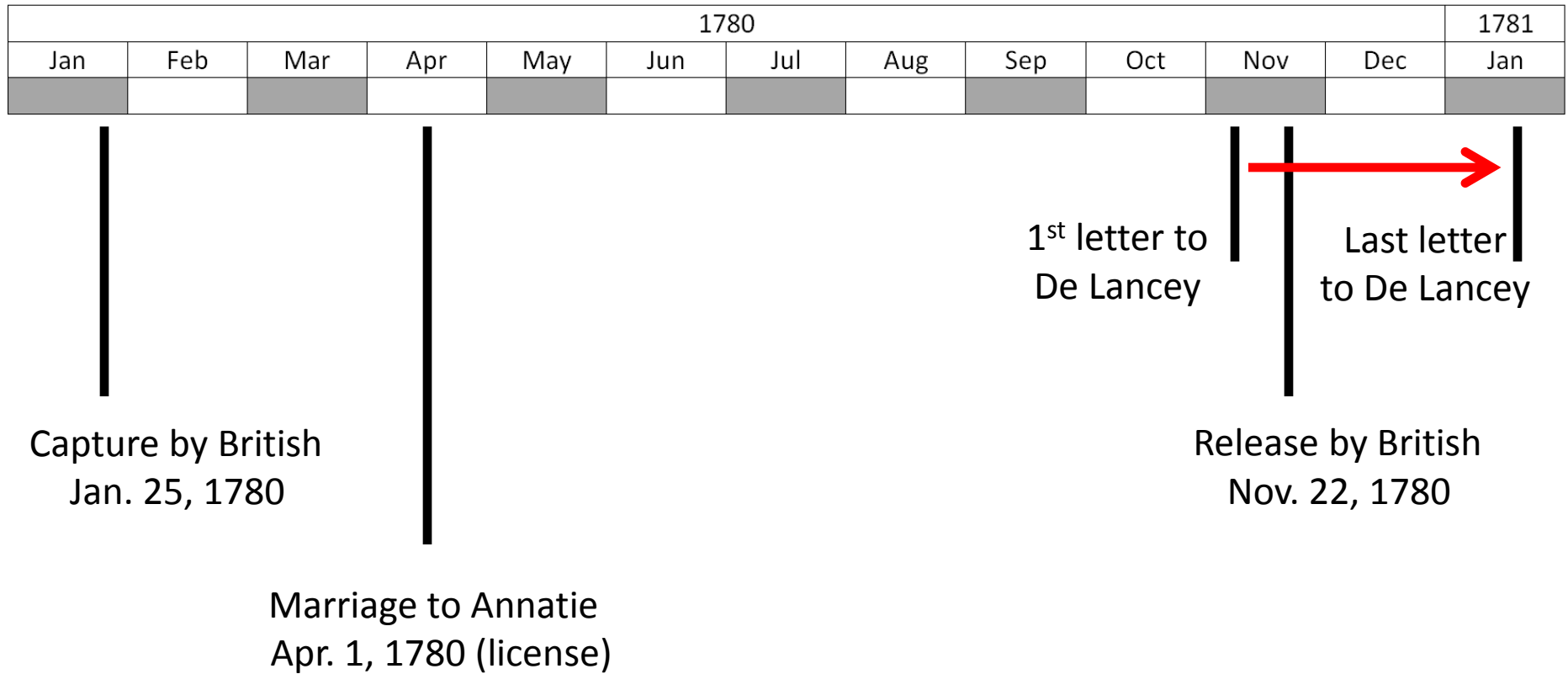
TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL FRANCIS BARBER

New Windsor, January 21, 1781.

Sir: Having considered the affair of Capt Gifford since I saw you, I am upon the whole of opinion, as we have no testimony against him that we are at liberty to make use of, it will not be adviseable to molest him. It would have an arbitrary

appearance, to commit him to or keep him long in confinement without a prosecution. I would however advise that you take measures to have him closely watched, and if possible drawn into some snare that will unfold his practices. His resignation must be accepted without further delay. I am etc.⁹¹

The Letters to De Lancey



Gifford Arrives in New York City

Newspaper (Original on microfilm)

New-York Gazette and the Weekly Mercury

Monday, January 29, 1781

Monday, January 29, 1781. [No. 1528]

THE NEW-YORK GAZETTE: AND THE WEEKLY MERCURY.

Containing the earliest Notices Foreign and Domestic.

PRINTED BY HUGH GAINE, AT THE BIBLE AND CROWN, IN HANOVER-SQUARE.

ASSIZE of BREAD.		HIGH-WATER at NEW-YORK, THIS WEEK.		PRICE CURRENT in NEW-YORK.	
FLOUR at 4l. per Cent. Published September 29, 1780.		Monday, 48 Min. after 12	Friday, 49 Min. after 3	Wheat per Bushel, 6s. 0d.	Muscovado Sugar, 5s. 10c.
A White LOAF, of the finest FLOUR, to weigh 1lb. for 16 Coppers.		Tuesday, 57 Min. after 1	Saturday, 15 Min. after 4	Flour, 70s. 0d.	Single refin'd ditto, 2s. 9c.
		Wednesday, 5 Min. after 2	Sunday, 3 Min. after 5	Brown Bread, 70s. 10c.	Molasses, 2s. 6c.
		Thursday, 46 Min. after 3	First Quarter, Feb. 4.	West-India Rum, 5s. 6c.	Beef per Barrel, 2l. 0c.
				New-England do., 4s. 0c.	Coffee, 2l. 10c.
					Chocolate, 6s. per Do.

By His EXCELLENCY SIR HENRY CLINTON, Knight of the Most Honourable Order of the BATH, General and Commander in Chief of all his Majesty's Forces within the Colonies lying on the Atlantic Ocean from Nova-Scotia to West-Florida, inclusive, &c. &c.

PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS there are several Delinquents from the British and Foreign Troops under my Command,

Large Pewter Cranes,
For Sale, at the most reasonable Rate, by John and Augustus Nicoll, No. 49, New-Dock, between the Ferry-stairs and Brownejohn's wharf; also Hyson and bohea tea, Loaf and lump sugars, Powder & muscovado do. Mould and dip candles,

Imported in the Vigilant, Capt. O'Brian, and other Vessels from LONDON, By JOHN GLOVER, And to be sold at his store, No. 4, Fly-Market, wholesale and retail; SUPERFINE broad cloths with trimmings, fine Swill'd and common coatings, lerges, flannels, bayets, laceys, and emboid' lerges, carpets and carpeting; mens, youths and boys plain and ribbd' worsted hosiery, &c. &c.

For LONDON,
The Ship **BLenheim**, Captain CHRISTOPHER MILLER, Will sail with the first Convey. She is a fine Ship and has good Accommodations for Passengers. For freight or Passage, agree with Murray, Sanfien, and Coe William and James Douglas Esqrs, or the Captain on board the Ship, at Murray's Wharf.

On Saturday se'nnight left the Jerseys, and on the following Day came to this City, from Staten-Island, in one of his Majesty's Barges, William Bernard Gifford, late a Captain in the 3^d Rebel Jersey Regiment: This Gentleman is of a respectable Family in the County of Cork, in Ireland, but being settled in America at the Commencement of the Rebellion, was allured to take an active Part in it on the Principles first held out to the People by the artful Leaders of Sedition. While in that Service he maintained the Character of a brave and enterprising Officer, and commanded the Esteem and Affection of the Corps to which he belonged; having seen his Error, and being also sensible that it would neither redound to his Honour, nor Benefit the Cause of America, to continue longer in the service under the present System of French Politicks, he wisely embraced the first Opportunity of laying down his Commission, and returning to the Allegiance of his rightful and lawful Sovereign; and to the Honour and Credit of this Gentleman it may be added, that he always treated the Friends of Peace and good Government in the Country, with Tenderness and Respect, and his Majesty's Troops, Prisoners among the Rebels have in many Instances experienced the good Effects of his Kindness and Generosity.

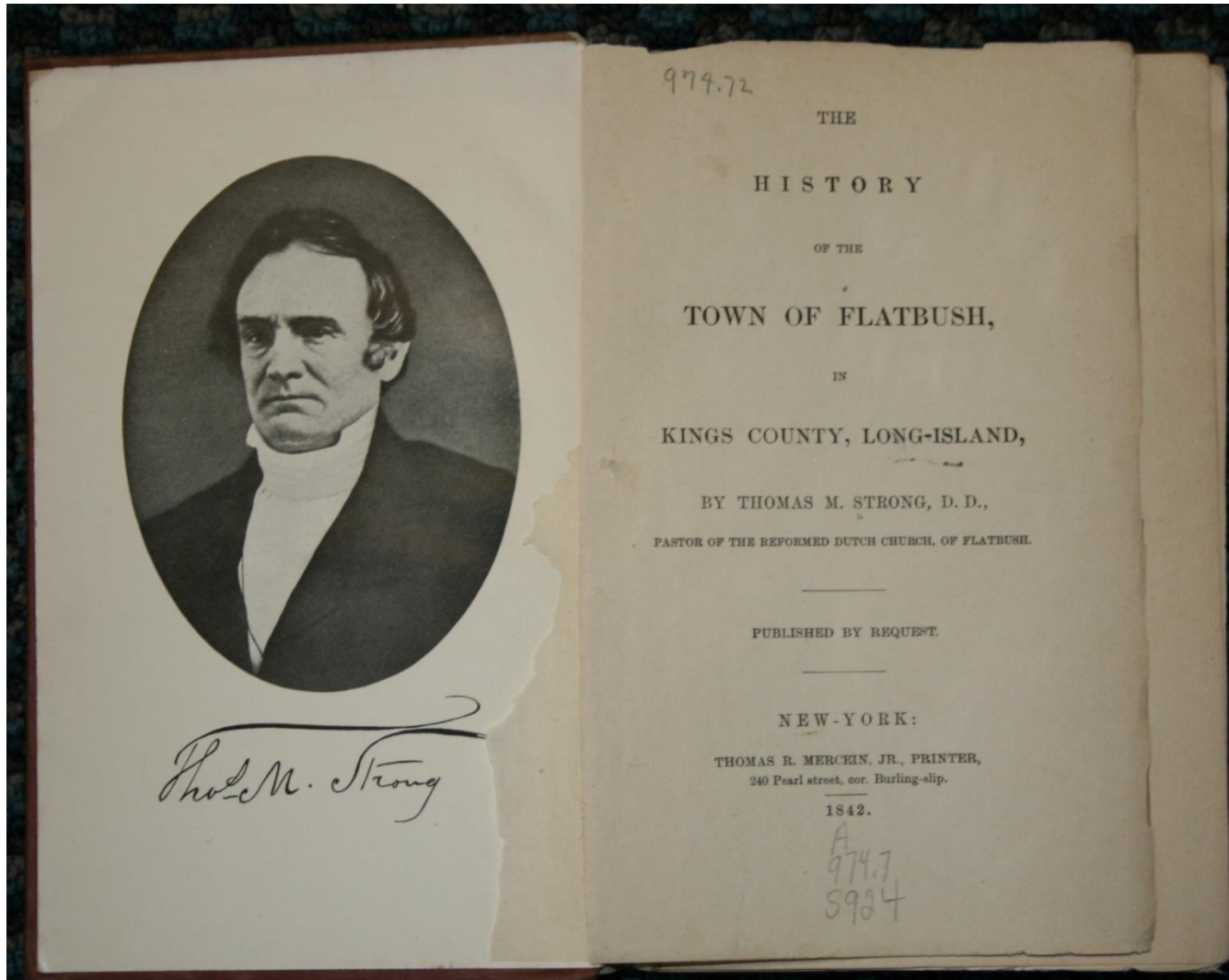
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Family Stories, Family Secrets

- Did William Gifford reach the rank of Major?
- Did he serve on Washington's staff?
- Who knew about his first marriage to Elizabeth?
- Was William Gifford a spy for the British?

Gifford Counted Among the Leading Citizens of Long Island, 1787



Subscription for an Academy

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to enable us to carry into execution this laudable attempt.

Kings County, Flatbush, February 22d, 1786.

(Signed,)

John Vanderbilt,	£100.	Amantie Voorhies,	20.
Peter Lefferts,	60.	Hendrick Suydam,	25.
John Vanderbilt,	50.	William B. Gifford,	20.
Garrit Martense,	50.	Philip Nagel,	15.
M. Clarkson,	50.	Peter Cornell,	15.
Joris Martense,	50.	Johannes Waldron,	5.
Aa. Giles,	50.	George Clinton, for any	
Jacob Lefferts,	50.	place in Kings Co.	15.
Johannes E. Lott,	50.	John Jay,	15.
Cornelius Vanderveer,	50.	Robert R. Livingston,	15.
James Duane,	15.	John Sloss Hobart,	5.
Richard Varick,	10.	James Giles,	5.
Brockholst Livingston,	10.	John H. Livingston,	5.
Alexander Hamilton,	10.	Comfort Sands,	20.
William Duer,	15.	Samuel Franklin,	10.
Walter Rutherford,	10.	Francis Childs,	5.
Carey Ludlow,	10.	Richard Platt,	10.
Edward Livingston,	10.	W. Edgar,	5.
William Wilcocks,	10.	Sampson Fleming,	5.
D. C. Verplanck,	10.	Aaron Burr,	10.
—Mc Coombe,	10.		

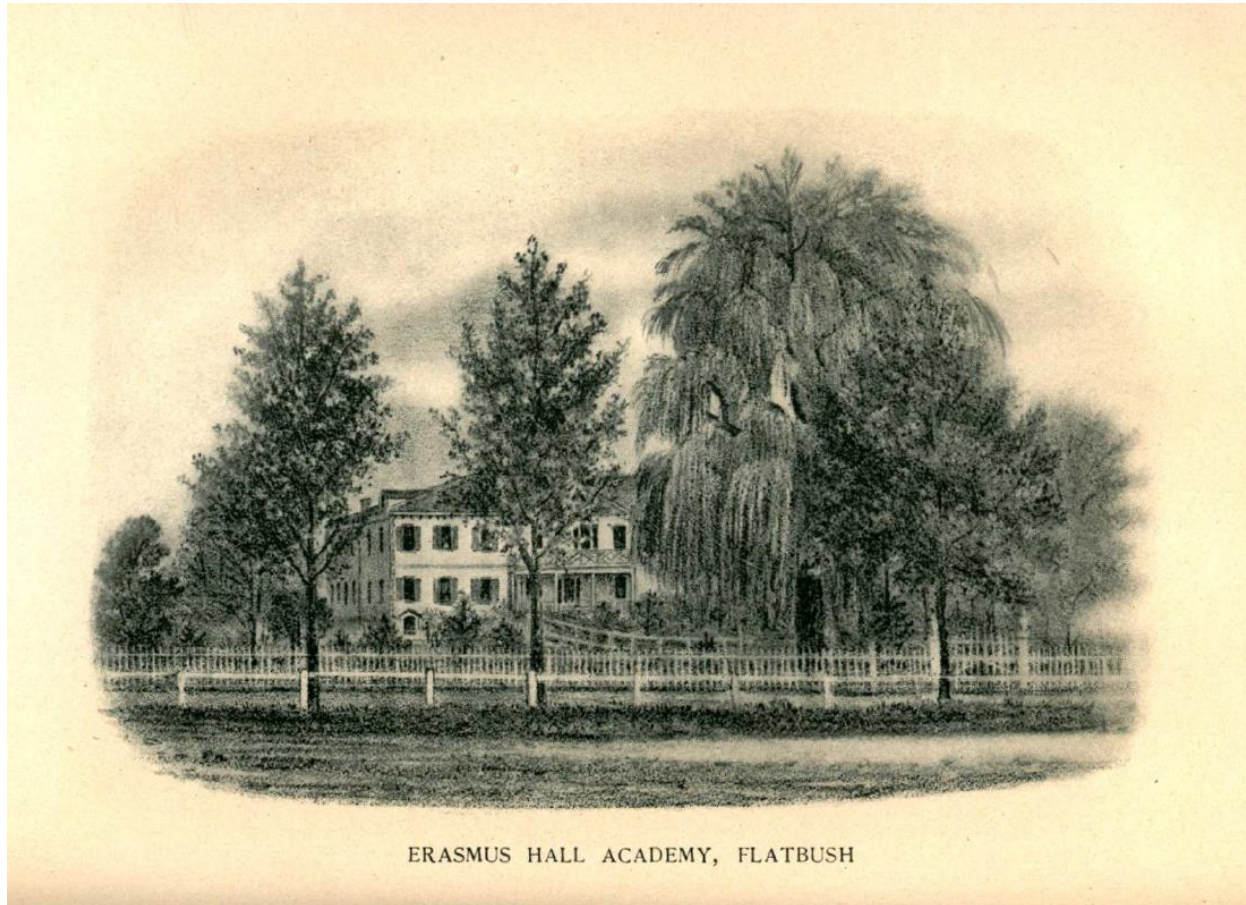
During that year, 1786, the building which was one hundred feet in front, and thirty-six feet in depth, was erected. We need not here give any particular description of it, as the inhabitants are all familiar with its appearance. The expense incurred in the completing of this edifice amounted to \$6250. The money obtained by voluntary subscription, was first applied, but proved to be insufficient to defray the expenditures. The founders and

William B. Gifford £20

What the Subscription Built

Local History

The History of the Town of Flatbush in Kings County, Long-Island



ERASMUS HALL ACADEMY, FLATBUSH

Erasmus Hall

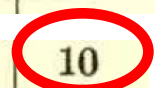


Well-to-Do, 1790

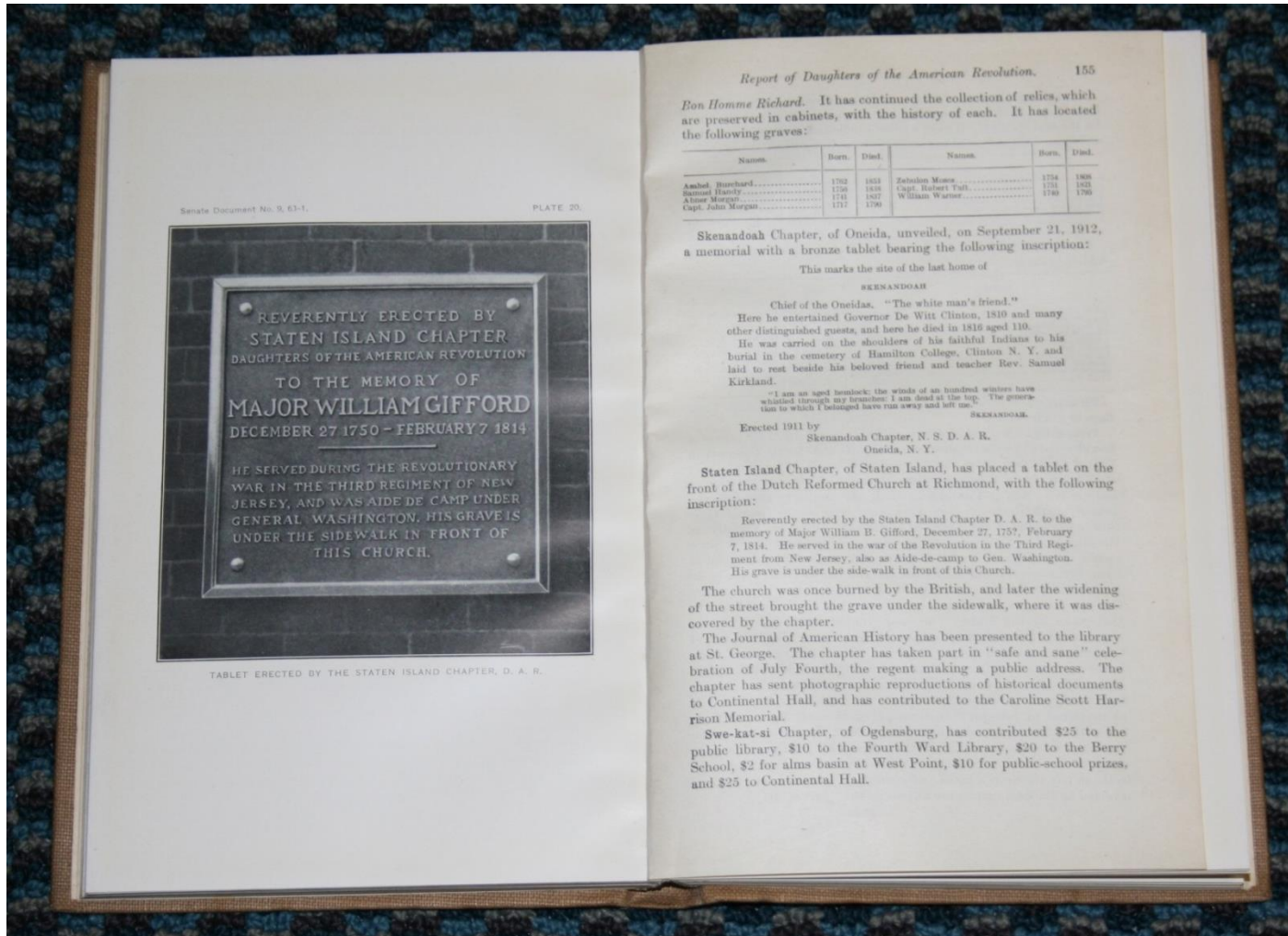
Census

Heads of Families at the First Census Taken in the Year 1790, New York, "Flatbush Town"

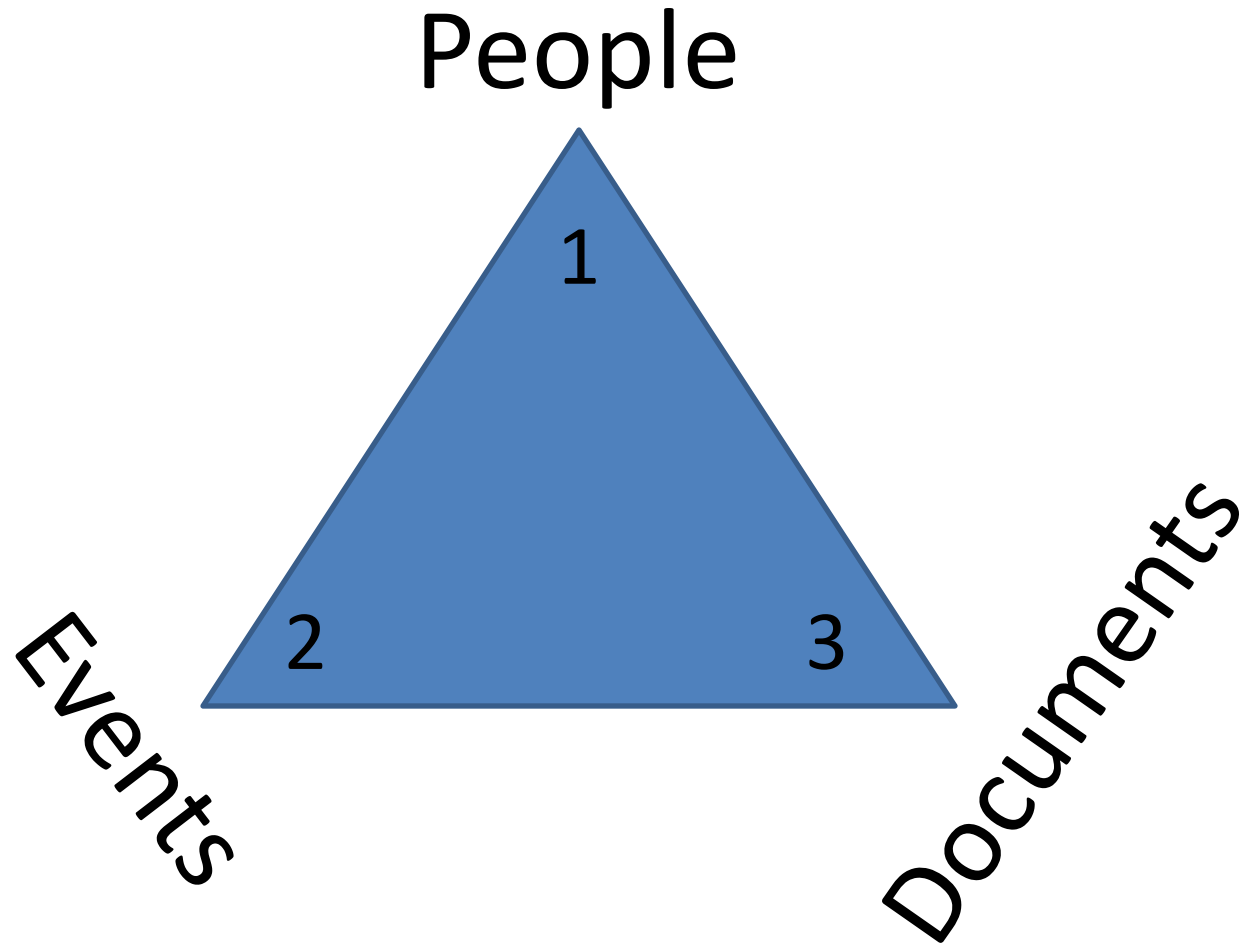
NAME OF HEAD OF FAMILY.	Free white males of 16 years and upward, including heads of families.	Free white males under 16 years.	Free white females, including heads of families.	All other free persons.	Slaves.
Gifford, William B.....	1	2	4	1	10
Giles, Aquilla.....	1	4	6	1	5
Hagaman, John.....	3	4	2	.....	1
Mortinson, Leffert.....	2	5	1	.....	9
Lefferts, Leffert, and Samuel Garrison.....	3	.....	2	.....	13
Voorhis, Daniel.....	2	3	1	.....	1
Vanderbelt, John.....	1	3	6	.....	10



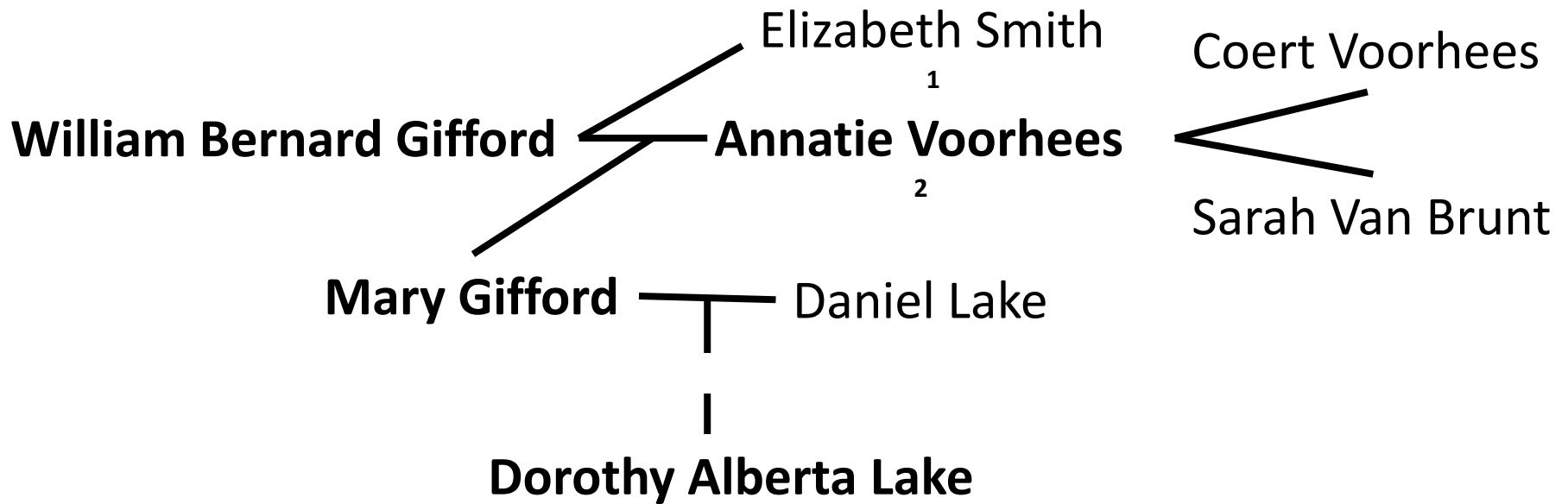
Report of the Daughters of the American Revolution, 1911 – 1912



Genealogy is about—



People—Events—Documents



Joseph Bloomfield

Francis Barber

Oliver De Lancey

George Washington

People—Events—Documents

People in Time and Place

Military Service
Commission
Wounding
Capture
Release

Birth

The Writing of
A Letter
A Journal
A Will

Marriage
(Divorce)

Other Reported Events
Arrival in N.Y.
Donation

Death

Being Counted in
a Census

1774

1780

1780

1787

1814

1950

Burlington—Elizabethtown—New Utrecht—Flatbush—Port Richmond—Sarasota

People—Events—Documents

How We Know What We Know



New Jersey State Library

Connecting people with information through ~~libraries~~

about people

*the collections of
the State Library*