

# 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 on August 18, 2007

By Michael Vincent, Secretary-Treasurer

On Saturday August 18, 2007 our 74<sup>th</sup> annual reunion and picnic took place. The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time. Everyone arrived in good spirits and ready to visit with family members and catch up on news and share information about our family since last year. Once again a hearty **THANK YOU** to Bob and Nicky Booream for their early arrival and cleaning of the pavilion for everybody to enjoy. There were pastries, cookies, salads, veggies for dipping and all the munchies for snacks. David and Liz Vincent from Patterson, NY brought their favorite grinder for all to enjoy. After the barbecue a short meeting was held and Mike Vincent started it off. Then it was turned over to Sheridan who spoke about his latest monumental task of putting together the Vincent Family Fourth Edition. He had a rough draft with him and talked about how this bound draft is only a small portion of what he is trying to accomplish.

Last year we talked about DNA testing. This year we heard straight from the man involved Donald Vincent of Glover, VT. He showed the charts that he received and explained what the numbers and words meant. It was very interesting and he and Sheridan are keeping up on the correspondence with this subject.

There also was discussion on different ways to get out the newsletter. Bill Vincent talked about other options including the Internet and depending less on mailings. It was decided to keep our present system. Also discussed was the possible relocation of the picnic site. It also was decided to keep it at the same location.

We skipped passing the hat for donations this year. Received for the day were \$165.00 dollars for subscriptions and donations. Thank you to all who contributed. We ended the meeting and posed for the reunion picture expertly shot again by Sheridan.

The reunion and picnic is always a good time to catch up on family news and business. Sheridan and I are always looking forward to having more and more people attend each year.

**Don't forget the date for this coming year, SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2008 at TACONIC STATE PARK, COPAKE FALLS, NY. See you there!**

## Reporting on the Vincent Surname DNA Project

By Donald G. Vincent (VF# 2918)

There are, as of May 7, 2008, 13 surname Vincent's who have tested with FTDNA and have results posted. A 14<sup>th</sup> person has recently sent in for a test kit.

The site lists 7 distinct family groups. I was hoping to have enough information to make some general statements about groupings. I am still awaiting responses from individuals that will make the story interesting.

As with most volunteer jobs I was later than I expected contacting people and of those contacted I am wondering where he is as his contact information does not work.

Within the DNA field there are new tests being offered and they may prove relevant in the future. Other general happenings are that the various testing companies are trying to unify the way they report their information.

Our Vincent family grouping is looking very strong and the DNA results from four of our people reinforces the direct line to Charles Vincent of New York as our Family Book states. A fifth person may be of the same line or help us find the parents of mentioned Charles.

I had reported that our identity tag as a family was R1b1c9a and, must now, report the new label to be: R1b1b2g3.

I am still excited and discovering the excitement of DNA research as a supporting tool for genealogy. You may send any questions to me and I will try to find the answers.



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Ed Note: In the photo above, Don is showing some of the DNA results at the reunion. In an unfortunate turn, Don has reported that his mentor in describing finer points of these studies has passed away. Leo Little was the group administrator for the Null439 DNA Project. Descendants of Charles Vincent have fallen into a relatively rare classification and it will be interesting to determine if that allows us to make a regional connection. Details of Mr. Little's work on the project is at [www.familytreedna.com/public/null439&fixed\\_columns=on](http://www.familytreedna.com/public/null439&fixed_columns=on).

# Plan Ahead 75<sup>th</sup>

## Vincent Family Association Reunion and Picnic August 16, 2008

Let's think back to 1933. By our best accounting that was the year of the first Vincent Family Reunion for the family in the Hudson River Valley. In the following years, large numbers attended the Reunion in "The Cove" I know of family photos from the 1920's for my branch of the family near Cambridge, Illinois for the James Brebner Vincent branch. We have records of reunions being held by the Levi Vincent branch near Lorain County, Ohio as early as 1908. There are also newspaper accounts in Eastern Michigan of large reunions in the 1920's.

The family reunions as a social event appear to have started in the early part of the 20th century. By that time the migrating families that had migrated west had roots of three or four generations of families and it became a natural desire to get together, visit with distant family members and to reacquaint themselves with the events of the year. It is a testament to our desired to have family connections that we still invest in the time and energy to get together.

I can remember the wonder of it when I attended my first Vincent Family Reunion in the early 1970's in Cambridge, Illinois. To realize that I had scores of cousins unknown to me and wanting to hear the stories of my Vincent family is what launched my interest in family history and a desire to see it preserved.

We are now learning that in addition to family trees that we can build that bind us together there is a chemical makeup we have from the essential DNA that marks us as Vincent and Vincent descendants. The satisfaction that comes from when we get together for even brief moments in time must still tickle our makeup. They tend to be low-key events, yet I do feel a rejuvenation each year I participate. I wish I could attend the others across the country.

We are saddened to have received several notes on the passing of family members included on page 3. Additionally, Bob and Nicollette Booream passed along the obituary for Mrs. Eleanor White of Ghent who died on February 26, 2008. Although she was not a member of the Vincent family, she and her husband Dr. Algird F. White owned and cared for the house and property once owned by Ambrose Vincent in Ghent, NY that includes a cemetery plot with many of the early Vincents of Ambrose Vincent's branch.



*The Vincent Tin Horn* is a newsletter of the Vincent Family especially for descendants of Charles Vincent of Yonkers, New York. It is published with an intention of a couple of 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*.

*Note that Sheridan's address has changed, although mail sent to the old address should still be delivered to him for most of this year.*

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Don Vincent and Bill Vincent

**Hazel "Haze" Marie Kiser  
(1928-2007)**

Hazel Marie Kiser ((VF#3980) of Bend (Oregon), died Sept. 11 (2007) of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis. She was 79

A celebration of life will be held at 4pm Sept. 28 at the Old Stone Church in Bend. A reception will follow. A celebration of life and reception also will be held at 4 pm Oct. 5 at Crabiel Funeral Home in Milltown, NJ.

Mrs. Kiser was born Feb. 14, 1928, in Milltown, the daughter of Edwin and Stella (Booram) Kuhlthau. She graduated from the U. S. Army Cadet Nurse Corps training program in 1945. She married Donald Kiser on March 25, 1949.

Mrs. Kiser was a registered nurse, retiring in 1962. She enjoyed entertaining, cooking, dancing, singing, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Jack, of Davis, Calif.; two daughters Beverly Maul, of Davis and Phyllis Hackett, of Sitka, Alaska, and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Center, 2698 N. E. Courtney Dr., Suite 101, Bend, OR 97701.

Thanks to Karen Close Goodman for sending along this notice. In recent years Hazel and Karen met in Bend, OR and learned they were both Vincent descendants.

**Jean Briggs Vincent  
(1919—2007)**

Millbrook (NY) Jean Briggs Vincent, 88, a lifelong resident of Millbrook, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2007, at Sharon Hospital, Sharon, CT. Born July 10, 1919, in Millbrook, she was the daughter of Harold G. and Gladys Pink Briggs. Jean was educated in the Millbrook School System. In Millbrook, she married Thomas O. Vincent (VF#2457). Mr. Vincent predeceased her on Sept. 6, 2001. Jean is survived by a niece, Barbara Chase and her husband, Dr. William Chase of Westmoreland, NH; a nephew, Douglas Haines of Hyannis, MA; several grand nieces and nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by a sister, Elizabeth Briggs Haines. As per Jean's wishes, there will be no calling hours. Burial will be private in Nine Partners Cemetery, Millbrook. Memorial donations may be made in Jean's memory to Millbrook Rescue Squad, or Union Vale Rescue Squad. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home, 3270 Franklin Ave., Millbrook.

**Ann Vincent Lee  
(1931-2008)**

Waterford (CT) Ann Vincent Lee, age 76, of 8 Foot Court, died Friday (March 28, 2008) at the Lawrence and Memorial Hospital in New London.

She was born in New Haven, August 29, 1931, the daughter of George H. and Esther (Bradley) Vincent. She married Lt. Col. William W. Lee, Jr. (retired United States Army) in St. Rose Church in Meriden on October 20, 1956. He survives.

Mrs. Lee was a graduate of St. Margaret School in Waterbury, and graduated from Colby College in New London, New Hampshire in 1955. She had been employed as a medical technician for Abington General Hospital in Philadelphia, PA; as well as at Meriden Hospital. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution as a descendent of patriot Samuel Atwater who was a drummer in the American Revolution. She was a direct descendent of William Bradley, an early founder of the New Haven Colony in 1638.

After her husband's retirement from a career in the United States Army in 1974, her family moved back to Waterford, after agreeing they would never move again-after moving 19 times in 20 years.

Mrs. Lee and her family also summered in Westbrook, and were members of the Grove Beach Point Association. Ann loved spending the summers at the beach surrounded by her children and grandchildren, especially celebrating the Fourth of July with a big family cookout. Ann also loved all holiday, as they were special times to spend with her family which she cherished.

She is survived by three sons, William W. "Chip" Lee, III and his wife Margaret of Westerly; Steven V. Lee and his wife Alice of Clinton; Peter B. Lee and his wife Dana Simoni-Lee of Salem; two daughters, Cathy A. Rapoport of North Stonington; Nancy B. Gonzales and her husband Ricky of Waterford; a brother Peter Vincent and his wife Margaret of Westbrook; a sister Abby Pichnarcik and her husband George of Pawley Island, SC. She is survived by 16 grandchildren, Bill Lee and his wife Jannell, Amy Lee, Andrew Lee, Daniel Lee, Joseph Lee, John Michael Lee, Matthew Lee, Nicole Lee, Samantha Lee, Anthony Lee, Matthew Rapoport, Todd Rapoport, Dylan Rapoport, Patrick Lee, and Taylor Lee. She has two great grandchildren, Payton and Brayden Lee.

Special thanks to Jill Baker, Tricia Gault and Charlene Shepard who provided loving care to Ann, as well as Lenore Longo from the Southeastern Visiting Nurses Association.

Calling hours will be Tuesday from 6-8 PM at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons Funeral Home, 12 Ocean Ave., New London. Funeral services will be conducted at the Bradley Chapel on Wednesday in Walnut Grove Cemetery, Meriden. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choosing.



***Powder Keg***  
**by Barbara Knickerbocker**

Just as we were getting ready to finalize this edition of *The Vincent Tin Horn*, I received a call from cousin Barbara Knickerbocker Beskind (VF#3264). In past issues we have mentioned a book she has been working on. Her dedicated efforts to publish the book are admirable; revised with a few changes, the new title is *Powder Keg*, with a new author name Barbara Knickerbocker and publisher BKB Press, of New London, NH. Another book is in the works with her publishing company. From the book jacket:

Throughout her childhood, Knickerbocker was force-fed family history. As an adult, the subject grew on her, compelling her to research and detail her family's origins from the Reformation of the 1500s to the founding of New York City, and the origins of the famous Knickerbocker name.

Here is her story – her childhood, her career and what led her to research her family history, then what she found – surprising connections between her Dutch and Walloon ancestors, and transplanted Sephardic Jews of the New World.

Knickerbocker is an American name. There are no Knickerbockers in The Netherlands. There never were. This famous American family name began as a tongue-in-cheek signature based on an age-old Dutch game.

The Vincent family were Belgic Walloons who fled their homeland at the time of the Reformation to escape religious persecution. Flax farmers, they brought their sought-after talents to the nascent settlement of New Amsterdam (now New York City).

Barbara Knickerbockers is a direct descent of both families. She grew up with her family history drummed into her by her elders. Raised during the Great Depression, she found her adult life profoundly influenced by her family's history.

While researching the Vincent family during the Reformation, she discovered fascinating historic parallels between the experiences of the Belgic Walloons and the Sephardic Jews both in Europe and more interestingly, in the early days of New Amsterdam.

*Powder Keg* is written in three parts. The first is a memoir of growing up during the Great Depression. She and her parents were crammed into the top floor of Grandma Knickerbocker's home.

Part II is a "museum" of Walloon and knickerbockers-Dutch historical artifacts. Part III is an early history of the two families and the founding of New York City.

Barbara Knickerbocker was raised near Hyde Park, New York, home of President Franklin Roosevelt, a connection that later touched upon her life work. She had a long and prominent career as an occupational therapist, often a pioneer in her field. It began with a 20 year Army career, retiring as a major, before setting up the first free-standing occupational therapy practice in the U.S. and treating learning-disabled children and adults in Princeton, New Jersey.

Steeped in family history from an early age, and as the last of her family line, she tells her life story and presents further research so that these long-standing family histories would not be lost to posterity.

*Powder Keg* will be available from the publisher the first week in June and available at bookstores or online booksellers. Or it can be ordered directly from Barbara at 103 Hilltop Place, New London, NH 03257 for \$17.

**Michigan Vincent Reunion**  
**Lake Station, Michigan**  
**Saturday, July 26, 2008**

Judy Barnes has passed along a notice that her branch of the family will hold their reunion Saturday, July 26, 2008 from 10am to 5pm at Lake of the Pines Pavilion, 7257 Ashard Rd., Lake Station, Michigan. Camping, swimming, volleyball. Complete details can be obtained from Judy at tweety1@netonecom.net. Judy, Roy Vincent, and Wendy Miller are hosting the event. Please RSVP by June 30. Their family descends from James Ray Vincent (VF#261).

**Illinois Vincent Reunion**  
**Descendants of James Brebner**  
**Vincent (VF# 421),**  
**Henry County, Illinois**  
**Reunion is Sunday, August 10, 2008**

**Attendees for Last Years' 74<sup>th</sup>**  
**Vincent Family Reunion and Picnic**  
**at Taconic State Park**

By Mike Vincent

Don Vincent, Glover, VT; Mike Vincent & Carole & Dan & Kaylan & Kellie Vincent, Pittsfield, MA; Catherine Liz & David Vincent Patterson, NY; Robert & Nicolette Booream, Ghent, NY; J. Wesley & Susan E. Vincent, Deltona, FL; Bill & Fran Vincent, Granby, CT; Debra Vincent & Cassandra Hyatt (d), David Bates (s), Wingdale, NY; Sheridan Vincent, Rochester, NY; Virginia & Les and Bob Harris; Ron & Mary Lou & Andrew & Abby & Ronnie Vincent, East Amherst, NY; Rosemarie Burch Newburgh, NY; Dorothy Vincent Delahany, Millbrook, NY.

**Remember the Date**

**The 75th Annual Vincent**  
**Family Reunion Picnic**

**Saturday, August 16, 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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City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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### Change of Address

Each time we mail out a new edition of *The Vincent Tin Horn*, several of them are returned because of a change of address. Sometimes the post office includes the forwarding address. But, often, they are returned without a forwarding address and we lose another cousin from our mailing list. If you have or are planning to move, please let Sheridan Vincent, know so that we can update the mailing list.

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If you would like to order a copy for they are available for \$35. They make great gifts. Priority mail shipping is an additional about \$9.00, Media mail is about \$6.00. NY State residents, please add sales tax.

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# The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Vincent Family Reunion

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

**TIME:** **SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 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

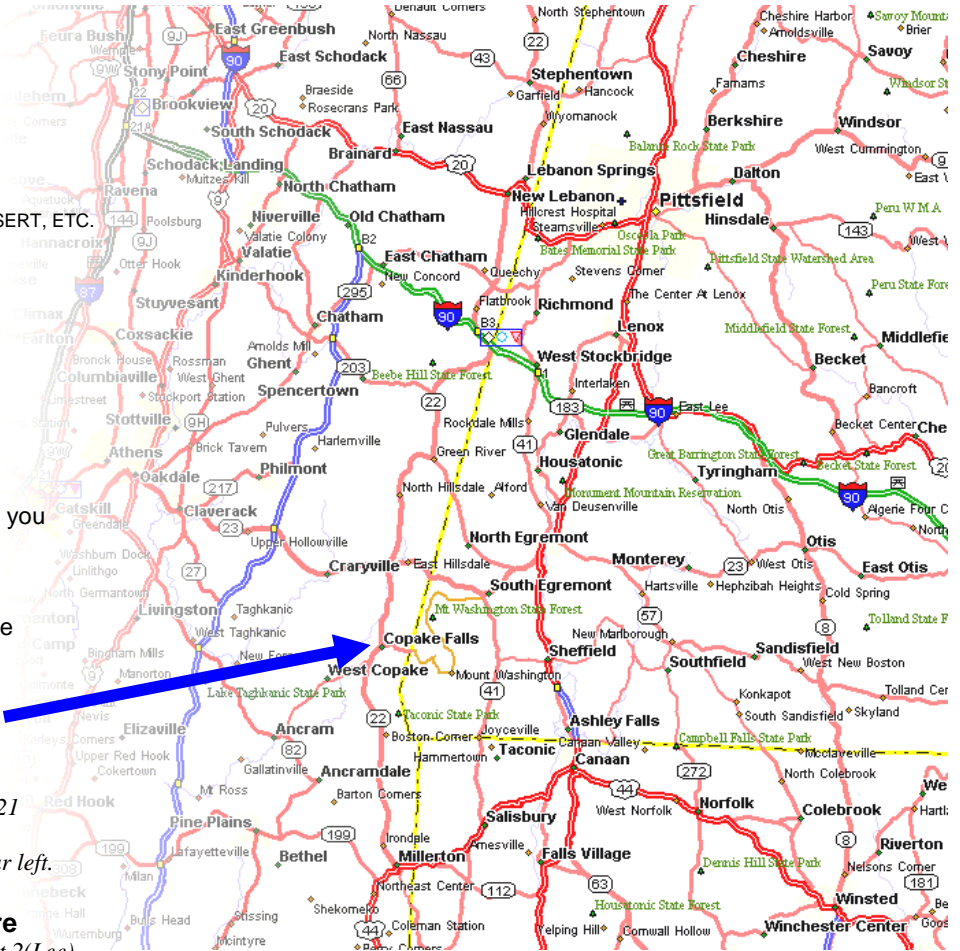
Take Mass. Turnpike (Interstate 90) West. Get off at Exit 2(Lee). Go south on Route 7 to Great Barrington. Take Route 23 West to Hillsdale NY. Go south on Route 22 to Park.

### 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.

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



2007 Vincent Reunion - Hopefully we will see a big turnout this year.