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The Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society Celebrates 5 Years

OCTOBER 11, 2012 – JERSEY CITY, NJ. — The Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society, one of the only genealogy and family history groups focused entirely on the study of Hudson County, New Jersey, is proud to announce an important milestone: the five year anniversary of the Society.

The Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society was born from a small group of like-minded genealogy enthusiasts who found each other on the RootsWeb message boards and recognized that there was no group in existence that focused entirely on the study of Hudson County, New Jersey — historically an important crossroads area for generations of immigrants arriving in America.

From its first meeting in October 2007 with twenty-six members, the Society has grown to over 250 members in 27 U.S. States and over three countries. The Society has hosted presentations on how to research various ethnic groups, provided educational outreach by sponsoring and participating in history fairs and organizing an essay contest for Jersey City Public School students to celebrate the founding of the Town of Bergen in 2010, ran “Ask Granny” family history workshops, contributed to the preservation and sharing of genealogical information through publicly available online databases and partnering with the New Jersey Room of the Jersey City Free Public Library. Most recently it celebrated the public release of the 1940 U.S. Census with an educational program at the Secaucus Public Library.

The Society’s first President, Bob Murgittroyd, said “In 2007 I never had any idea that a group formed by a handful of like-minded people would not only be able to survive, but continue to grow and thrive for over five years.” The Society’s current President, Jane Mackesy, added: “I am very excited to be the President of the HCG&HS as we celebrate 5 years as a society. We have developed into a dynamic group of people who love genealogy, history and Hudson County. I look forward to seeing what the future holds as we continue our mission of promoting the study and preservation of the history and genealogy of Hudson County.”

The Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society celebrates its 46th meeting on Saturday October 13, 2012 with a presentation by Dr. Leonard Vernon on his new book “*The Life and Times of Jersey City Mayor Frank Hague.*”

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About the Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society

The Hudson County Genealogical & Historical Society, a 501 (c)(3) New Jersey Non Profit Corporation, was formed in October 2007 to promote the study of genealogy and the history of Hudson County. The goal of the society is to collect, preserve and index this information in cooperation with local libraries and internet resources, to encourage adherence to the highest standards of research and documentation, to offer educational programs such as lectures, seminars and workshops and to promote the observance of Family History month.



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