

## ANNOUNCEMENT



# **KNOW YOUR ROOTS**

*A Family That Doesn't Know Its Past Doesn't Understand Itself*

## FOR THE YEAR 2000

First of all, I owe all my faithful supporters an apology. I wish to tell you how sorry I am that there have been so many typos in the past issues. You have no idea how embarrassed I am when my faithful reader, Joan, points them out to me. And so to all of you, I promise I will use the spell check with every issue and more than that, I promise to be more careful proofreading.

1999 was a banner year for me in genealogy. In order to join all the historical organizations, I had to prove my link to whomever I selected. For example, in the DAR I entered under our Durland Revolutionary ancestor. For the Colonial Dames, I entered with Azariah Crane. I was urged to join the Huguenots under our French line but when I read the rules for acceptance I declined on the basis they were too discriminatory. Then I started on The ladies of the Thistle in which I had to prove our Scotch ancestry. Well, even though the note of William Free said that his wife, Elizabeth Elson, was Scotch Irish when I sent in my application it was rejected because I had not proven when the family left Scotland and went to Ireland to become Scotch-Irish! I need to do a lot more work on that branch.

To prove all these links takes an enormous amount of time. However, it was fun and I learned a lot. In the year 2000 I would like to make some changes in the issues by expanding them in this way.

To begin with, I'm splitting the Durland/Crane issue. There is just too much to say about the lines that evolved from the female side of the marriages. I'm trying to make it easier for all of you to follow the different names. So there will be one Durland issue and one Crane issue. I hope by now you know the Crane line began when Mary Ann married Robert Durland. Both the Durland and the Crane lines are as old as this country.

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