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HOPPER FAMILY PROGRAM AT GLEN ROCK LIBRARY

Have you ever wondered about the Hopper Burying Ground, the small family cemetery located on Spottswood Road behind Coleman School? Would you like to know more about who is buried there, and why? Who exactly are the Hoppers and how did they end up in Glen Rock? Did you know that four of the oldest surviving houses in Glen Rock all have Hopper connections?

Maria "Ree" Hopper will answer these questions and more in her informative and entertaining program "The Hoppers of Glen Rock and other nearby towns" at the Glen Rock Public Library on Wednesday, November 12th, 2014 starting at 7 p.m. Ree is a well-known figure in genealogical circles, with expertise in the Hoppers and other early Dutch families of Bergen County. The program is being co-sponsored by the Glen Rock Historical & Preservation Society (GRHPS) and the Glen Rock Public Library. Please make sure to call the Library at 201-670-3970 to reserve a seat.

Maria Pratt Hopper is a former educator and a professional genealogist, historian and author. A life-long resident of Montvale, Ree taught in private and public schools in Bergen County before retiring in 2003.

Since 1995, she has served as the Historian for the Borough of Montvale, and was a founding member of the Montvale Historic Preservation Commission. She also writes a column, "From the Historian's Desk," for the borough's newsletter and has an extensive list of published materials.

Ree has been researching her husband's, and her own, families for over thirty-five years. Her main area of research has been in Bergen County and the surrounding counties, where his family has lived for twelve generations. He is a descendant of many of the original Bergen County families including: Ackerman, Banta, Blauvelt, Bogert, Cooper, Demarest, Durie, Haring, Hopper, Kip, Kool, La Roe, Tallman, Terhune, Van Buskirk, Van Orden, Van Voorhis, Wesselse, Westervelt, Zabriskie, and many others.

For more than twenty-five years Ree has concentrated on compiling a Hopper family genealogy. In March of 2005, *The Hopper Family Genealogy, Descendants of Andries Willemszen Hoppe(n), of New Amsterdam 1651-1658* was published and has received many favorable reviews. (See www.reetree.com.) She is currently working on the seventh and eighth generations, which she hopes to publish soon.

Since her retirement from teaching she has pursued a new career as a professional genealogist becoming certified in 2006. She and husband Leigh are the proud parents of three, and grandparents of five.