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A Gathering of



# Dutch Cousins

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You will not want to miss our gathering of Dutch Cousins in Harrodsburg, Kentucky's oldest town, this Fall.

Harrodsburg is about 30 minutes south of both Lexington and Frankfort in Kentucky's Historic Triangle. You will fall in love with this beautiful bluegrass region of gently rolling countryside rimmed with historic stone fences and manicured horse farms.

While this is the fourth family gathering, you never know if it will be the last. We hope it will be the best one so far.

What started ten years ago as a Westerfield family reunion, expanded in 1998 to include Cozines, and this time all Dutch Cousins are invited to learn more about our history and heritage.

If you have a connection to Mercer Co, Kentucky, you are probably one of us.

Rev. Claude Westerfield of Farragut, Iowa, the founder and archivist of the group, says, "Back when I was growing up in a Texas



*HARRODSBURG -- the oldest town in Kentucky -- where our Low Dutch ancestors settled on the frontier in the late 1700s & 1800s.*

**The place to be SEPTEMBER 23 – 25, 2005  
Harrodsburg, Mercer Co, Kentucky**

cotton patch I did not know my Dutch cousins," Westerfield says. "This is great."

Plan to bring your whole family – aunts, uncles, grandparents, grandchildren, cousins, and all — to stay at least three days Friday

September 23 through Sunday the 25th. You won't want to miss a minute of what we have planned for you.

Please pre-register as soon as possible to be admitted to all the special events.

## Ask for Free Tourist Information

The people at Harrodsburg Historical Society (HHS) and the Tourist Commission of Mercer County have been very helpful to us in planning our gathering.

At the Harrodsburg website <http://www.harrodsburgky.com> you can request a tourism packet emailed to you. On the upper right corner of the

page, click [tourism@harrodsburgky.com](mailto:tourism@harrodsburgky.com) or call the tourism office 800-355-9192 / 859-734-2364 to inquire about lodging options. The office is open 10-5, M - F.

To learn more about Mercer County history and genealogy, go to this site: <http://www.pastracks.com/states/>



*Dutch Cousins: Claude Westerfield, Farragut Iowa; Carolyn Leonard Heavener, Oklahoma City; Jim Cozine, Las Vegas, NV. Owensboro, KY, Oct 2003*

*Friday, September 23, 2005*



- On arrival, go directly to the Harrodsburg Historical Society (HHS) in downtown Harrodsburg where we will serve fresh coffee and cookies from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Pick up your nametag, which will serve as your ticket for all special events including lunch on Saturday. We will have maps, updated schedules, genealogy information, and a networking table to encourage everyone to get better acquainted. We hope to have some items for sale or to swap, and door prizes.
- The HHS research library has many original documents, historic portraits, family files, maps, research papers, cemetery records, Bible records, marriage records and old newspapers about our connection to this land. Although usually closed on Fridays, the HHS is opening especially for us, for Low Dutch research, on that day.

Special Events every hour on the hour (tentative schedule)

- 10:00 Jerry Sampson, President of HHS as well as a well-known history re-enactor and speaker, will welcome us to Mercer County and Harrodsburg.
- 11:00 Walking tour of Harrodsburg led by Mr. Sampson. We will visit the Episcopalian church built 1860, the Academy built 1840, Morgan Row and the Mercer County Courthouse.
- 12:00 Lunch on your own. We will have handouts with suggestions.
- 1:00 A walking tour of Harrodsburg led by Mr. Sampson, which will let us see the interior of several unusual historic structures rarely viewed by the public — buildings that could have been visited by our ancestors in the 1880s. These structures now house restaurants, gift, antique and specialty shops.
- 2:00 A Tour of the Cozine house, built in 1806 by John Cozine (born 1762 NJ), son of Rev. Cornelius Cozine.
- 3:00 A visit to the DeMott house, a typical Dutch house of the period.

7:00 Friday night buffet dinner at Bright Leaf Resort.

**Dinner Speaker Larry Voreis of Taylors, South Carolina, author of “Our Low Dutch Heritage”.**



*OLD MUD CEMETERY: Drive down Dry Branch Road to see the Old Mud Meeting House and cemetery we would like to see preserved as part of the Low Dutch heritage in Mercer County. (Photo by Carolyn Leonard in 2000)*

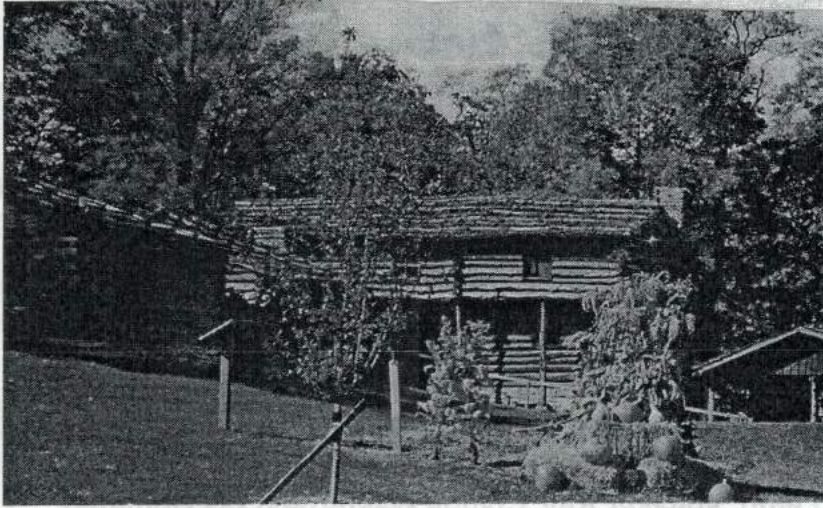
### **Many Names - One Heritage**

A colony of Low Dutch settlers – 50 families in all – first came to Mercer County KY in 1781 from Conewago Colony in Pennsylvania. Many of our ancestors were in that group who took the long hard trail, bringing along their family, their animals and field seeds, while fighting off Indian attacks along the way.

Banta, Bergen, Bodine, Brewer, Demaree, Dorland, Duree, Cosart, Cozine, Monfort, Rider, Shuck, Smock, Terhune, VanArsdale, Van Nuys, Voris, Vorhees, Westervelt/Westerfield are some of the surnames associated with the Kentucky Low Dutch Settlers.

# LOTS MORE TO DO AND SEE IN MERCER COUNTY KY

Stay all week and enjoy... or send your family while you enjoy the family reunion.



**OLD FORT HARROD:** The town's early history is showcased at Old Fort Harrod State Park, where a full-scale replica of the original fort stands. Here, you can experience "living history" as you learn about the hardships of fort life. As you stroll through the cabins, you'll see many original artifacts that were actually used by the settlers (our ancestors) in the late 1700s. Craftspeople in period costumes portray Kentucky's early pioneers who lived within the stockade walls.

## SHAKER VILLAGE ON PLEASANT HILL:

Just ten minutes away from Harrodsburg on a scenic drive, this National Historic landmark features 34 restored buildings on 2800 acres of preserved farmland. Tour 15 original buildings and talk with costumed interpreters. Some of our Low Dutch ancestors joined the Shaker community. Take a virtual tour at [www.shakervillageky.org](http://www.shakervillageky.org). Room & meal facilities available.

Tour tickets \$12.50 adults, all day. Allow minimum of 3-4 hours. Flatbed wagon tour \$5.

**SELF-GUIDED TOUR:** At your leisure a self-guided driving or walking tour of Harrodsburg. Pick up a brochure at the tourist bureau or ask to have it mailed to you.

**ANTIQUES:** 23-25: Friday Sat and Sun from 10 to 5 is the Antique & Collectibles Show and Sale (free) for more info 734-5507 Cricketeer Building, 745 Cane Run Street

**MUSIC:** 23-25: Friday Sat and Sun Terrapin Hill Harvest Festival, with music and food booths of organic fruits and vegetables. Music may be Hard rock. (free) For more info: 734-7207 Terrapin Hill Farm, 3696 Mackville Road

**QUILTS:** 24 and 25: Sat and Sun Quilter's Exposition for more info: 734-5411 Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, 3501 Lexington Road

**GOLF:** If a challenging game of golf might be of interest, the Bright Leaf Golf Resort offers 36-holes of championship golf.

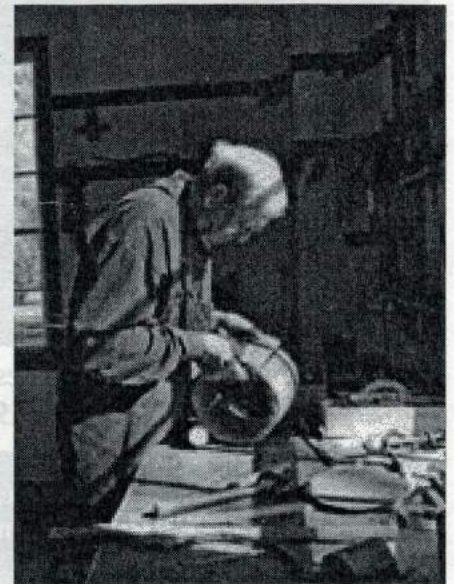
**MUSIC:** "The Barn" features Kentucky Country music and a concession stand on Friday nights 7 to 10 pm. For more info 859-748-9689.

**DISTILLERIES:** Kentucky is famous for whiskey and horses. Tour one of the local distilleries free. The Woodford Reserve, near Versailles, has an interesting history and is located about 20 minutes away. <http://www.woodfordreserve.com/home.asp>

**KENTUCKY HORSE PARK:** The park is located 4 miles north of Lexington, and 3 miles south of Georgetown, at I-75, exit 120, About 30 minutes from Harrodsburg. <http://www.kyhorsepark.com/>

**CAMPING & FISHING:** The Kentucky River is an excellent location for camping, canoeing and fishing.

**CIVIL WAR HISTORY:** MANY of our Dutch cousins joined the army in the "war between the states" called by the Yankees "The War of Rebellion". Kentucky was officially a Union state, but unofficially divided. Many brothers fought on opposite sides of the battles in this state where it was hard to define the front lines. In nearby Perryville, about 15 minutes away, you can tour the site of Kentucky's bloodiest Civil War battle and visit the museum. <http://www.perryville.net/>



**BARRELMAKER** at Shaker Village, a living history museum on 2800 acres with 15 buildings.

# DUTCH COUSINS 2005

(formerly Westerfield Reunion)

**SEPTEMBER 23-24-25, 2005**

**HARRODSBURG, MERCER CO, KENTUCKY**



**Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. = Harrodsburg Historical Society Library**

Registration all day, pick up nametags, maps & schedule, talks and tours every hour on the hour  
7 p.m. Dinner Buffet - Bright Leaf Resort - speaker Larry Voreis "Our Low Dutch Heritage"

**Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. = Anderson Circle Farms Show and Sale Barn**

Late registration, talks and introductions, genealogy tables, networking, tour of farm  
7 p.m. Dinner buffet - Anderson Circle Farms - speaker Vincent Akers "History of the Low Dutch"

**Sunday 11 a.m. = Tent Services at Old Mud, speaker Rev. Claude Westerfield (as Dominie)**

1 p.m. Farewell Luncheon Buffet - Bright Leaf Resort

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or try <<http://www.harrodsburgky.com>>

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## Saturday, September 24, 2005

FROM 8 am to 9 pm Saturday at the Anderson Circle Farms Show and Sale Barn. Mr. Ralph Anderson of Cincinnati, a Cozine cousin and president of Belcan Corp of Cincinnati, invited us to hold our Saturday gathering at his Anderson Circle Farm, better known around Harrodsburg as the Cow Palace. While most Kentucky barns are full of tobacco or horses, this building is so elaborate as to defy a category. Read about Anderson Farms here: < <http://www.andersoncirclefarm.com/home.asp>>

- Mr. Anderson is not only allowing us the use of his Show Barn, but also providing a catered lunch for his pre-registered Dutch Cousins.

Tentative schedule, subject to change:

8:30: We hope to tour this historic Mercer County farm near the Kentucky River, so we can see the beautiful restored homes and new construction. Perhaps we will see one of the many abandoned cemeteries on the grounds, all of which have been restored by our benevolent host.

10:00: At the Anderson Barn: Welcome by Claude Westerfield, of Farragut, Iowa, master of ceremonies

\* Introductions by each person naming their favorite ancestor (black sheep or not)

\* Jim Cozine: "A Century in Kentucky 1793-1893"

Noon: Lunch provided by Mr. Ralph Anderson

\* Linda Hayes of Montrose, IA: "The Vanarsdall/Van Ausdall Connection"

\* Carolyn Leonard of Oklahoma City: "A little girl kidnapped by Indians" (Sarah Cozine Demaree)

\* Barbara Hilyerd of Henderson, KY: "The Descendants of Cornelius Westerfield"

\* Sherron Westerfield Twitchell: ...topic not confirmed

\* (who?).... The long hard road to Kentucky (handout with names and a map)

\* (who?) ... interesting lawsuits in Mercer County

\* (who?) ... Dutch Cousins at Shakertown

\* (who?) ... Other Low Dutch family history ...

7:00 Buffet Dinner at Anderson Show Barn, catered by A Family Affair. Finish off with a delicious Kentucky dessert like Buttermilk Pie, Kentucky Stack Pie, or Cushaw Pie (my favorite).

**Dinner Speaker: Mr. Vincent Akers of Indianapolis, author of "History of the Low Dutch".**

### Family Legends or Hard Facts

We are proud to claim family researchers, authors, writers, and hobby genealogists in our group. All are happy to share their knowledge as well as being delighted to collect anecdotes and family legends from others. At this meeting you will hear many of these stories which have been handed down through generations of Dutch descent; some will tickle your funnybone while others touch the heart-strings, and all make you proud of your heritage. None of our family speakers are paid, but simply come to share the lore of our shared history and have some fun.



Fall in Kentucky -- The perfect season to visit.

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*"He alone deserves to be remembered  
by his children who treasure and  
preserves the memory of his fathers."*

*-- Edmund Burke, 1729-1797*

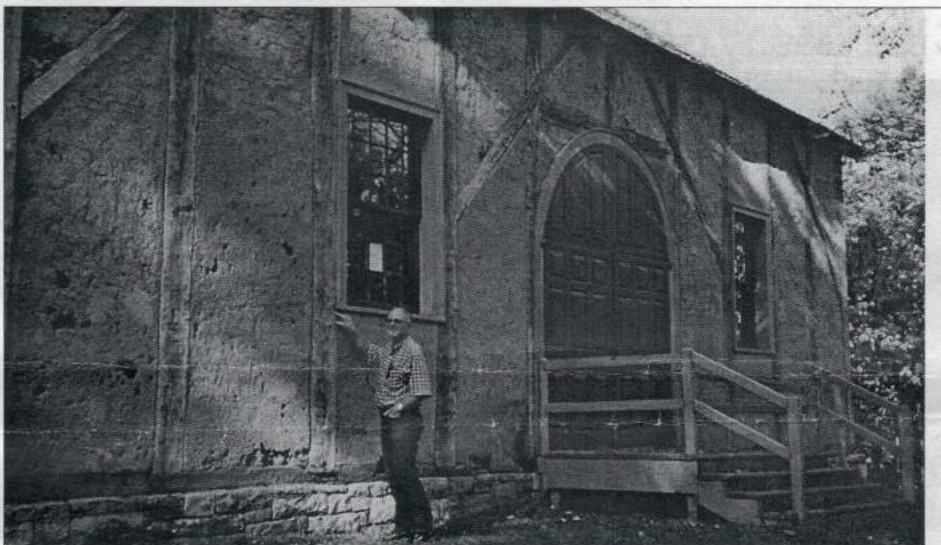
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## *Sunday, September 25, 2005*

11:00 Church services on the grounds of Old Mud meeting house, the hub of life for our ancestors. Rev. Claude Westerfield will bring a Dutch Reform message in the style of his ancestor Dominie, the Rev. Cornelius Cozine.

12:00 Farewell Buffet Lunch at Bright Leaf Resort.



Old Mud Meeting House in 2000

## Church built of Mud and Straw 205 years ago

The Dutch Reform settlers organized their Church in 1796 and erected the Old Mud Meeting House four years later on Dry Branch Road where it still stands, currently undergoing renovation.

Preserving Old Mud for future generations is one of our group concerns.

If you are on the internet, read more about Old Mud and the Mercer County history : <http://www.merceronline>.

## WHY LOW DUTCH?

Most Kentucky publications refer to Germans as Dutch. Our Conewago colonists adopted the term "Low Dutch" to distinguish themselves as being from the low countries of Holland and Europe instead. Vincent Akers, in his book, *History of the Low Dutch*, copyright 1981, says our ancestors were always very careful to refer to themselves as Low Dutch.

## Dutch Ancestors "kidnap" church

Perhaps one of our Dutch cousins will tell the story of the Haydonite conflict in 1822, when James WESTERFIELD "kidnapped" the church to allow a Rev. Haydon to hold services because they could not find a Dutch Dominie.

Westerfield was supported by fellow "Haydonites" Garret COZINE, Peter BONTA, and Malachi RANDOLPH, and opposed by Reformers Isaac VANARSDALE, Peter HUFF and Peter VANNUYS.

Westerfield was charged in Mercer County court for breaking and entering. Obviously the Haydonites felt justified because they had helped build the church and supported it through the years.

The suit was finally settled agreeably by allowing both ministers to hold services at different times.

<<http://www.rootsweb.com/~kymercer/lawsuits/DutchLawsuit.html>>