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*A 2nd Gathering of*

# *Dutch Cousins*

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## **A Second Gathering ...**

You will not want to miss our 2nd gathering of Dutch Cousins to be in Shelbyville, Kentucky, this Fall.

Shelbyville is about half-way between Lexington and Frankfort off I-64.

Frankfort, Bardstown, Harrodsburg and Danville are all within an hours drive.

You will fall in love with this beautiful bluegrass region of gently rolling countryside rimmed with historic stone fences and manicured horse farms.

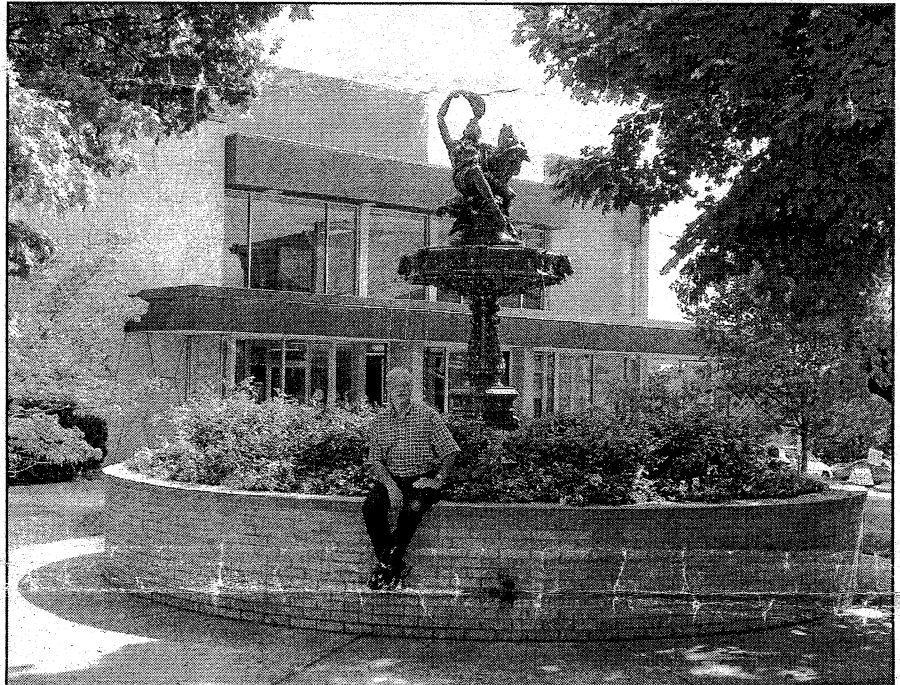
What started fourteen years ago as a Westerfield family reunion, expanded to include their cousins, the Cozines, and in 2005 all Dutch Cousins were invited to learn more about our history and heritage. It was almost law for those Low Dutch ancestors to only marry within the Dutch Reform church, so we are all connected.

Please pre-register as soon as possible to be admitted to all the special events. Plan to stay at least three days Friday September 28 through Sunday the 30th. You won't want to miss a minute of what we have planned for you.

## **Free Tourist Info**

At the Shelbyville website <http://www.shelbyvilleky.com> you can request a tourism packet emailed to you or call the tourism office 502-633-6388. The office is open 10-5, M - F.

ORDER a FREE KY visitors guide at <http://www.kentuckytourism.com/>



*FOUNTAIN in Shelbyville, Kentucky -- where many of our Low Dutch ancestors settled in the late 1700s & 1800s on their way from Harrodsburg in Mercer Co to the Dutch Tract in present-day Shelby and Henry County. Our Low Dutch ancestors bought the land -- more than eight thousand acres -- from Squire Boone Jr, the less-famous younger brother of Daniel Boone.*

**The place to be SEPTEMBER 28-29-30, 2007  
Shelbyville, Shelby Co, Kentucky**

The **Old Stone Inn** at Simpsonville will be opening just to serve lunch to our Dutch Cousins bus tour group on Friday Sept 28.

This national historic landmark was constructed in the late 1700s, served as a tavern, stagecoach stop, inn, and now a restaurant. For more

info: [www.oldstoneinnky.com](http://www.oldstoneinnky.com)

Our Dutch ancestors may have stopped by on their journeys. Its two-foot thick stone walls still bear bullet holes from the Civil War.

The people at the Tourist Commission of Shelby County have been very helpful to us in planning our gathering.

*Friday, September 28, 2007*



- *Pick up your nametag (location to be announced), which will serve as your ticket for all special events. Bus tour will leave from the Best Western motel at 10:30 am sharp, Friday morning.*
- *We will have maps, updated schedules, genealogy information, and a networking table set up at BW to encourage everyone to get better acquainted.*
- *If you have some time on Thursday, the Shelby County Public Library has a good research area and a Kentucky Room with many historical resources. The Librarian, Debbie Magan, has prepared a listing of materials available to us, which she will email to you. Contact her at [debbymagan@hotmail.com](mailto:debbymagan@hotmail.com).*

9:00 Gather at Best Western Motel parking lot in Shelbyville

10:30 Bus leaves on tour narrated by Vince Akers. Don't be late -- we can't wait!

10:45 Tour of American Saddlebred Horse farm which goes back to origin of the breed. (not open to public)

12:00 Tour and Lunch at Old Stone Inn at Simpsonville

1:00 Back in the bus with a stop near Painted Stone Station, with Vince Akers to describe what happened to our Dutch settlers in 1784. Then on to Henry Co Library at Eminence, highest point on the railroad between Lexington & Louisville.

2:00 Back in the bus for a stop at Henry Co Courthouse at Newcastle to see the old clock. We will visit the Historical Society, next door to a restored two-story log house, now a gift shop;

3:00 On to Pleasureville (originally Bantatown) in the center of the Dutch Tract, we'll see the old Dutch Cemetery, and DeFoe, (originally SweetHome) the Demaree settlement.

3:00 Stop at Cropper, location of Ketcham Station where several Dutch children were kidnapped by Indians.

4:00 Visit the restored Six-Mile Meeting house, built by our Dutch Reform ancestors in 1824. Present owner JoAnn Adams will tell us about the history.

6:00 Buffet dinner in beautiful Cedarvale Camp in rural Shelby County.

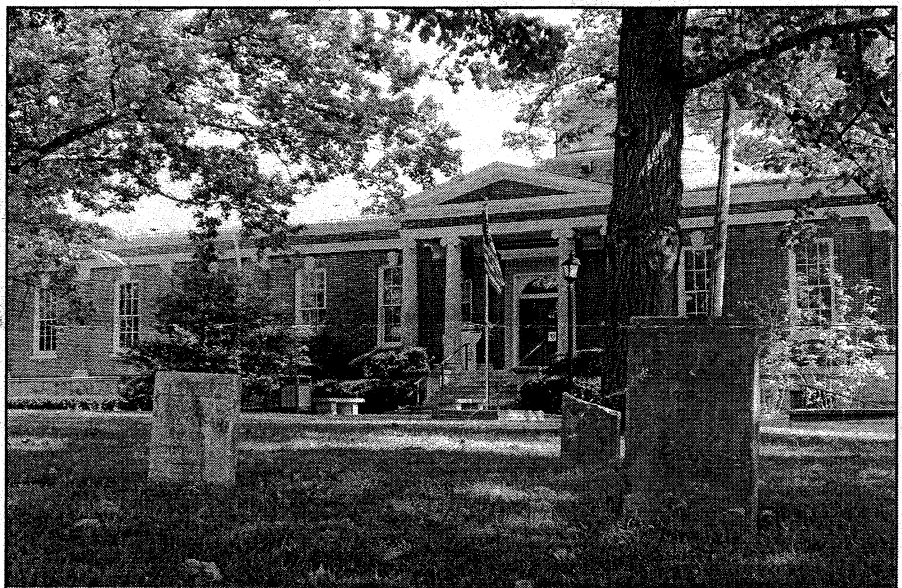
Speaker: To Be Announced

## **Many Names - One Heritage**

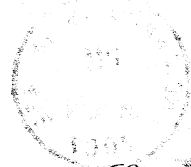
Fifty families of Low Dutch settlers first came to KY in 1781 from Conewago Colony in Pennsylvania, after settling earlier in New Amsterdam (NY and NJ).

Banta, Bergen, Bodine, Brewer, Demaree, Dorland, Duree, Cæsart, Cozine, Monfort, Rider, Shuck, Smock, Terhune, VanArsdale, Van Nuys, Van Duyn, Voris, Vorhees, Westervelt/Westerfield are some of the surnames.

They adopted the term "Low Dutch" to distinguish themselves as being from the low countries of Holland and Europe rather than Germany.



*SHELBY COUNTY LIBRARY is an interesting place to visit in Shelbyville, built right on top of the old cemetery. A library worker said there used to be a stack of old tombstones near the back door.*



# Saturday, September 29, 2007

FROM 8 am to 5 pm Saturday  
at the Stratton Community Center  
in Shelbyville

Tentative schedule, subject to change:

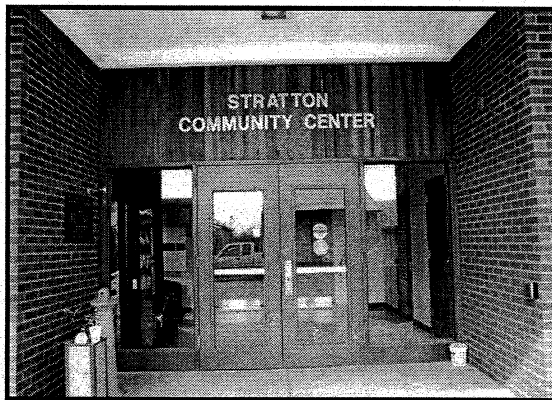
8:30: Gather, get acquainted,

- \* Welcome
- \* Introductions by each person naming their favorite ancestor (black sheep or not)
- \* Claude Westerfield of IA "Dutch Reform Dominees" (I just assigned that one to you Claude!)
- \* Jim Cozine of NV "Old World Finds & Folklore"
- \* Steve Henry (next governor of KY) MIGHT talk about his Indian fighting Dutch ancestor
- \* Ed Westerfield of AZ -- "Tales of Holland"
- \* Carolyn Leonard of OK "Indian Captives"
- \* Bob Polsgrove and Bill Faulconer: "Update on Old Mud and the Transportation Grant"
- \* (who?) ... interesting lawsuits in Shelby & Henry County
- \* (who?) ... Other Low Dutch family history ...

4:00 pm Book signing

7:00 Buffet Dinner (where - to be announced). Finish off with a delicious Kentucky dessert.

**Dinner Speaker: to be announced**



*This schedule will change, so please be sure your email address is on the list to receive updates by an email to Carolyn Leonard at [carolynleonard@mac.com](mailto:carolynleonard@mac.com). Also, let me know ASAP if you would like to speak.*

## Dutch History of Henry & Shelby Counties of KY

*From an address by noted historian, author and speaker Vincent Akers:*



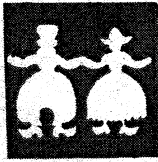
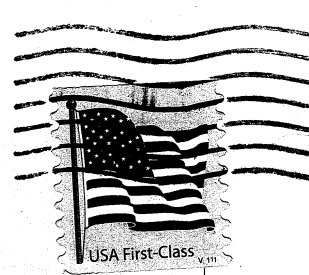
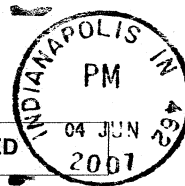
Squire Boone came to KY in 1769 with his brother Daniel. Squire built his Painted Stone Station just north of present-day Shelbyville in the spring of 1780. A vast triangle of uninhabited land—including present-day Henry County—stretched north of Painted Stone, bounded on the NW by the Ohio River and on the NE by the Kentucky River. It was unsettled because the Indian menace was so severe. But it was also the perfect spot to find land for the Low Dutch Colony. Squire Boone offered to sell them twelve thousand acres.

After a couple years sorting out conflicting claims, the Low Dutch ultimately purchased 5,610 acres from Squire Boone. The price was 935 pounds sterling—250 pounds down and the remainder due in seven annual installments of 97 pounds 17 shillings, payable: "...in produce such as hemp, tobacco, flour, pork, & bacon to be delivered at the Falls of the Ohio at Market price..."

To Boone's 5,600 acres the Dutch added another 3,000 acres of the overlapping adjoining claims, thus making their Low Dutch Tract 8,600 acres in total—about 3,500 acres in present-day Shelby County and 5,100 acres in present-day Henry County. The tract included the present-day communities of North Pleasureville, South Pleasureville, Defoe, Elmburg and part of Cropper.

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*"He alone deserves to be remembered by his children who treasures and preserves the memory of his fathers."*  
-- Edmund Burke, 1729-1797

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to be added to the email list for updates and announcements about the gathering.

## Sunday, September 30, 2007

- 11:00 Church services at Old Mud Meeting House at Harrodsburg KY, built by our Dutch ancestors in 1800 - Rev. Claude Westerfield will bring a Dutch Reform message in the style of his ancestor Dominee, the Rev. Cornelius Cozine.
- 12:00 Special Ceremony honoring our Low Dutch Revolutionary War Veterans buried in Old Mud Cemetery, by the Sons of American Revolution of Louisville, KY.
- 1:30 Farewell Brunch -- location to be announced.



Dutch Cousins worshipping in Old Mud Meeting House in 2005.

**Hang on Old Mud -- We want to Save you!**

Known Revolutionary Soldiers buried in Old Mud Cemetery, Harrodsburg, collected from several publications. If you have old family bible records that may identify others, please let us know.

- Adams, Frances**; A Trumpeter.  
**Brewer, Daniel**; 1718-1791 New Jersey Militia (copied in 1910, not found 1967)  
**Brewer, Samuel**  
**Comingore John Sr.**; Born 1747. Private. Penn. Militia. Twin of Henry  
**Comingore, Henry**; 1747- 1837 (copied in 1910, not found 1967) (twin)  
**Huff, Peter**; Born 1754. New Jersey Militia  
**Huff, Abraham**; Soldier of Revolutionary War (inscription carved on an old rock)  
**Leyster, Peter**; Born May 31<sup>st</sup> 1761. Married 1784. Died Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1830  
**Smock, John Sr.**; Born 17--. info not verified by Smock expert.  
**VanNice, Cornelius** Born 1755, died April 16, 1820 age 65 years  
**VanArsdale, Cornelius A.**; born 1744. Capt. VA Militia.  
*Taken from a list in Harrodsburg Historical Society.*