
Final reports, Dutch Cousins Gathering, September 2013

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2. Bus tour / Caravan: Mr. Lynn Rogers of Ohio reported the bus tour is sold out and will be leaving

at 3 pm for Pleasant Dutch Settlement church and cemetery area, with a restroom stop midway.

Lynn prepared a printed itinerary and a map for each of the 44 riders and for the three cars that plan to follow the bus. Lynn will present a narrative history of the area on the bus.

Carla Gerding of Kentucky made arrangements with Miller Transportation of Louisville, KY for a bus and driver.

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Miller Transportation

111 Outer Loop

Louisville, KY 40214

502-368-5644 - Ext 124

502-815-0234 - Direct Line

502-368-7253 - Fax

800-544-2383

www.millertransportation.com

3. Coordinator report: Donna Gaines

I think the best way to address the budget issue is to ask the members what they want to attend. Just give them a couple of choices. Fun, touristy, with an educational flair, or networking, genealogy, educational. Both should contain educational genealogy if that's a phrase.

The Budget could be worked out or estimated on what the members choices are. I doubt we could work a budget out without knowing what we're doing as far as the type of venue it will be. At least we have a venue location so, I think that a partial expense budget is possible, as far as drawing a line in the sand for meals, how many, which ones, etc.

Hotel Costs, etc. But the type and place for the gathering room, if we have entertainment, speakers which we pay, or if we ask our own people to speak. With those types of ideas, we should be able to guestimate a budget, and adjust/modify if we think the members wouldn't want to pay that kind of money. I think the important thing would be to find out what kind of gathering they want to have first.

4. Displays: Pam Ellingson

At least five family group displays were set up on tables in the entryway. I hope more space will be available for displays at future events because they are very popular. Several family members brought reference books which were enjoyed by many researchers.

5. Dutch Tee Shirts – Carole Karwatka

SUMMARY: I suggest that the reunion committee choose the color and style of shirt for next time.

Pre-ordering is very helpful, so we don't over order. Sixty-six (66) T-shirts were pre-ordered, and nine (9) more sold at the reunion (3 white, 2 orange, and 4 blue.) Our profit from the shirts was \$228.29.

Complete report attached. The report lost formatting when I pasted it in.

6. Finance – Vince Akers – Old Mud Donations

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Opening balance	6,164	6,650	3,408	19,807	8,439	27,634	30,388
Dutch Cousins contributions	3,985	1,100	5,375	22,040	10,315	2,130	1,225
Green-Akers contributions			10,000	50,000	10,055	280	-
Other Contributions	1,319	1,338	4,904	2,619	3,012	2,156	39,430
Interest income	57	78	83	184	52	96	68
Mowing expenses	(2,475)	(2,000)	(2,055)	(1,925)	(4,225)	(1,865)	(1,950)
Repairs & maintenance expenses	(1,280)	(3,203)	-	-	-	-	-
Storage rental expense	(1,120)	(320)	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous expenses		(100)	(18)	-	(14)	-	-
Bank fees		(30)	-	-	-	-	-
Returned check		(105)	-	-	-	-	-
Returned check reissued			100	-	-	-	-
TE grant writing expense			(2,000)	-	-	-	-
Tax credit application				(300)	-	-	-
SAT grant application fee				(168,512)	-	(255)	-
Restoration work (2008)				84,526	-	-	-
Bill Faulconer contributions					-	-	-
Restoration work (2011)							(53,561)
Ending balance	6,650	3,408	19,807	8,439	27,634	30,388	15,586

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7. Dutch Archives - Amalie Preston

Low Dutch Cousins

Items in Storage at Harrodsburg Historical Society (Upstairs) Inventoried 1/1/2014 by Amalie Preston

28 white/orange 2013 tee shirts (3 small, 1 medium, 4 large, 9 XL, 5 2XL, 4 3XL, and 2 smudged shirts 1 medium and the other XL)

1 flag

4 Blue Dutch Cousins tee shirts 2009, size XL

1 Orange tee shirt, XL

12 Chocolate Brown (not blue) tablecloths

82 Blue and Cream book bags

28 Red tote bags

12 Old Mud Christmas Ornaments & small box containing 80 lapel pins and 8 pens

1 box assorted heavy plastic table cloths (orange, brown, yellow, white, blue)

1 large Welcome banner

3 small banners (Harrodsburg 2009 and 2011, Madison 2013--didn't see Shelbyville 2007)

Miscellaneous brochures, note cards, and construction paper

Did not see lanyards.

Also note that Simeon Moore, Samuel Britton, John Smock, and Jacob Sortore mock-ups of Revolutionary War markers are stored upstairs. There are also Cozine and Comingore Family table top exhibits and of course the archival quality storage boxes. \\

8. Historian – Barb Whiteside –

Two scrapbooks are finished [2003-2011] and will start work on a third with photos from the most recent gathering as well as one with news clippings and information on the Low Dutch. We now have 164 members on our Facebook site and plenty of room for any additional members. It has been quite active and the interaction with assistance for anyone asking has been helpful to everyone.

9. HOSPITALITY: Gene & Carol Heathcoat

I was so busy making pots of coffee I didn't really get a chance to count heads. Carol thinks maybe about 50 people came in and had coffee and donuts with us. Yes, it was crowded but it was also cozy and we were really somewhat forced to visit with everyone. I believe everyone that came in enjoyed the fellowship and visiting as much as the coffee and donuts. In the future I think we should have a poster/sign near registration telling about "hospitality" plans, providing that the location will allow us to provide food and coffee in their facility. They really turned a blind eye and

let us get away with more than they probably would normally allowed. We just didn't do the best job of communicating what really hospitality would be entailingbreakfast, food, or fellowshiping, etc.

Carol and I enjoyed doing this. Enjoyed meeting other cousins.....And again Lynn was a real asset, because he knew where to purchase everything we needed. And I know he absorbed some of the cost for the "things" himself. All and all, thought it was a good experience and the reunion as a whole was great.

10. PRESIDENT – JOHN C. WESTERFIELD

To Dutch Cousins

I have procrastinated in getting a letter out to you since we met in Madison, IN. After the service at Old Mud we visited family in Louisville and then headed to Florida stopping in Georgia to visit with my sister and then on to Florida to visit with our daughter, granddaughters and great-grandchildren. On our way home we stopped in NC to visit with our son and family. This was a very tiring but enjoyable trip. After getting bac home we had to catch up on doctor visits and other miscellaneous obligations.

I want to thank everyone that attended and I hope you had as good a time as I did meeting new cousins and catching up with cousins we had not seen since our last meeting. I thank you for the confidence you have placed in me by electing me as President. I promise I will fulfil the position to the best of my ability. If anyone has any suggestions or comments please direct them to me for consideration.

Hope you have a great Thanksgiving and may you have a very Merry Christmas.

11. Programs – Carolyn Leonard & Donna Gaines

I think the speakers we had this year were great and it is good that our members are so knowledgeable as well as good speakers and they are happy to speak with no gratuity, except for our Saturday night entertainment this year. I hope that some time in the future we will be able to offer some reward for all speaker's efforts, including perhaps travel expense, but so far everyone has been happy to oblige and it helps to keep our gathering as inexpensive as possible. Many people do not understand expense for meals include the charge for service and tips, and rental of the room. It is embarrassing to tell cousins they can't attend without a meal ticket, but we are charged per person (chair or standing) in attendance.

12. Publicity – Carolyn Leonard

I sent out at least 105 E-mails to cousins from 2011 to 2013 with updates and info. I sent press

releases to more than 50 newspapers in several states including Kentucky, Indiana and Oklahoma, about the gathering. I mention Dutch Cousins at every opportunity, and especially when presenting programs on history and genealogy.

13. Registration: Janice Cozine

We received ninety-six (96) registrations for the 2013 Gathering, with one refund. I kept a spreadsheet, which I shared with the secretary regularly, and sent the checks and accounting to the treasurer at intervals. I prepared the nametags, meal tickets, and assembled them alphabetically with the lanyards. I kept the registration table throughout the gathering. Jim Cozine in Las Vegas was unable to attend this year. He designed and donated 100 lapel pins with the Dutch Cousins logo to sell as a fundraiser for our 2013 DC Gathering. We pre-sold 46 pins at \$5.00 each (=\$230.00) with all proceeds/profits going to our group. We still have 54 pins in storage that will be sold at future gatherings. Thank you Jim Cozine, for your generous donation.

14. Silent Auction – Phyllis Westerfield

The Silent Auction at the 2013 Dutch Cousins, held in Madison, IN, was a great success. I was asked to "make do" with just a small space for the many items that the cousins donated for the cause. I decided we would just have fun with the project and we did. In 2015, when we meet again, it will be even more fun because there will be many more items and I hope to be better organized, since this was my first attempt at doing the auction. Everyone start NOW thinking about and start gathering things to bring in 2015. You will be hearing from me again, so get ready to be pestered.

I turned over four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to Diana Davis, Treasurer, on September 22, 2013. This amount was from the Silent Auction held at the Dutch Cousins Gathering in Madison, IN.

Thanks to every one who donated the many items--everything from a special edition bottle of Ky. bourbon to a basket full of chocolates. A special thanks to C. Bradley for the help she gave.

I would like for a reminder to be in each newsletter sent out about the silent auction. Also, remind everyone they do not have to wait until the reunion in 2015 to send me information about the items they will be donating. The hours for the silent auction should be included in the agenda for the 2015 reunion. Hopefully we will have a better idea as to the number of items we will have so we can plan for the space we will need for the auction.

15. Vice President Tommy Green: Greetings to all my Dutch Cousins. I am pleased to serve a term as your vice president. I was born and raised in Oklahoma and am a descendent of the Ryker, Smock, and Demaree Families. Previously, I was involved with the Ryker Historical Society before joining the Dutch Cousins. I believe the merging of the two organizations was a good thing.

This past Dutch Cousins Gathering was the first one I had the privilege of attending and it was an awesome event. I encourage everyone to attend the next one if at all possible. The highlight of the event for me was meeting the "cousins". We come from a rich heritage and it was a pleasure meeting new "folks". Also, being able to worship at "Old Mud" where our ancestors met was truly a

special event that I will always remember. The restoration of Old Mud is a good example of what energized people can do. Successful organizations need purpose and involved people. That's why the Dutch Cousins has been successful. I see this continuing with new projects to preserve our heritage and continuing to increase the genealogical information available. The synergy of people working together toward a common goal can accomplish much. That's what I see for the future of our organization: Working together to increase our knowledge of our ancestors and preserve our heritage. Let's work together to accomplish this.

16. Next coordinator & greeter – Barbie Abbot Hamman (Report not received)

17. Treasurer – Diana Davis (Final Report not received)

18. Veterans – Mary Woodfill Park (Final Report not received)
