

Letters 7/2/2013

From Carla Gerding: The reservation {for the Madison bus tour} is for Gerry and Nancy Westerfield. (my spelling mistake) no reservation for Jerry Westerfield.

BUS TOUR: I am thinking that we need to book our bus now. We have currently 38 signed up for the trip plus the Tour Guide. I am going to book the 44 passenger which means **ONLY FIVE SEATS REMAIN** so anyone who wants to go with us better sign up quickly!

Send your check for the Friday bus tour to Dutch tour leader Carla Gerding, 326 Bishop Lane, Turner's Station KY 40075. NOTE: \$18 each, make checks to Dutch Cousins for the tour, send -- and the wheels on the bus will go round and round ...

Lynn Rogers, who grew up on Ryker's Ridge, will narrate the tour of Madison Indiana area. Carla Gerding is tour chairman. This is a late add-on to registration so the \$18 is in addition to registration. You don't have to ride in the bus, you can drive along behind for free, but won't have benefit of the tour leader - and the last time we tried it (Shelbyville 2007) the cars got separated from the bus and we lost them.

From Janice Cozine: Carolyn, on your next few DC letters, would you add a request for me? 'If you are ordering tee-shirts and do not copy the 2nd page of the registration form with the tee-shirts sizes, please add the 'SIZE' any where, to the front of your form'. I have needed to call or email several cousins to get this information.

Thanks!

Janice ;)

Dutch Cousins Registration Chair

----- VANARSDEL MURDERED!

"The Murder of William D. Vanarsdel," (by Judy Cassidy) is in the Winter-Spring 2013 issue of North Louisiana History with information on the Historic African-American Vanarsdel Family. The story begins on page 151 through 167 of that issue. The family name of VanArsdel is found with MANY spellings, but most descend from Symon Janse Van Artsdalen, born 1628, the immigrant from Flanders who settled in Flatlands (now Brooklyn) in 1653. In fact, he was Magistrate Of Flatlands LI 1661 and 1686.

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You can order a copy of the article only (pages 151 through 167 of the Winter-Spring 2013 issue of North Louisiana History) on interlibrary loan from your local library. Interlibrary loans are free through my OKC Metro Library, but I just learned the loan is fee-based at some libraries, so ask first.

Single copies of North Louisiana History are \$4.00 per issue plus \$2 mailing. For the complete Winter-Spring 2013 Journal, send your request and a check or money order for \$6 payable to the North Louisiana Historical Association and mail to Treasurer, P. O. Box 6701, Shreveport, LA 71136-6701.

Here is a hotlink to the North LA website: <http://northlouisianahistory.org>

From Jack & Sue TAYLOR of Kingwood, TX:

I wonder if some of us that reserved did not reserve under the group name?

In a message dated 6/19/2013 12:59:23 A.M. Central Daylight Time, editor234@gmail.com writes:

Hi Carolyn,

There are 81 people with Clifty Inn reservations, but only 46 reservations for the Dutch Cousins.

Janice Cozine, Dutch Cousins Registrations chair

From Carolyn: Better get your reservations sent in folks - Deadline is less than a month away, and the number of reservations usually determines much of our program - the more people who attend, the more we can afford to do and the better the price we get on things, etc. If we only have 50 that would be the SMALLEST gathering in ten years. I have noticed several people I know are planning to attend but not on the list yet, such as some of our officers! Click here for a downloadable registration blank. <http://bit.ly/13GLhu1>

[Clifty Falls Inn \(Indiana State Parks\) Reservations phone number is:877.563.4371](tel:877.563.4371)

[Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013](#)

[Give the code Group #0920 DC or the inn will say they're full.](#)

Latest report from Gathering Coordinator Donna Gaines in Nevada:

Here's the latest count. We have 44 rooms reserved. That means we have ONLY FIVE ROOMS LEFT AT CLIFTY INN. This doesn't count who may have made reservations at other hotels, or are staying with relatives.

from CAROLYN - WHAT NO BANTAS?

Akres, Vincent	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	05/24/2012
Anderson, Renee	09/20/2013	09/23/2013	001	2/0	Active	11/12/2012
Bishop, Deandra	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/24/2013
Bradley, Cheryl	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	05/03/2013
Burnaford, Eloise	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	03/20/2013
Cole, Sharon	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	02/28/2013
Cozine, Janice	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/26/2012
Cozine, Larry	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	11/19/2012
Cozine, Sheila	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	12/11/2012
Davis, Diana	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	04/09/2013
Demaree, Anna	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	10/23/2012
Dutch Cousins, .	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	03/02/2012
Dutch Cousins, .	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	02/13/2013
Ellingson, Pam	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	08/26/2012
Gaines, Donna	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	05/30/2012
Gohmann, Mary Joe	09/20/2013	09/22/2013			Cancelled	10/24/2012
Green, Tom	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	05/12/2013
Heathcoat, Donley	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	07/23/2012
Henry, Steve	09/20/2013	09/21/2013	001	2/1	Active	05/07/2013
Hostetter, Alice (Whaley, J)	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/25/2012
Johnson, Francis	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	1/0	Active	03/16/2013
Karwatka, Carol	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	09/24/2012
Leonard, Carolyn&JonHeavener	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/24/2012
Merideth, Barbara	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	07/21/2012
Metcalfe, Sharon	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	10/24/2012
Murray, Richard	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	10/13/2012
Park, Mary	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	1/0	Active	10/13/2012
Pranger, Janice	09/19/2013	09/23/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/28/2012
Reynerson, Marc	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	10/31/2012
Riker, Ann	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	04/05/2013
Ryker, Steve	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	11/18/2012
Schenck, Robert	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	02/18/2013
Schwetke, Cathy	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	03/03/2013
Swaim, Nancy	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	03/13/2013
Taylor, Jack	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	10/26/2012
Villines, Jeff	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	11/21/2012
Voreis, Larry	09/18/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	05/24/2012
Voreis, Larry	09/20/2013	09/22/2013			Cancelled	05/24/2012

Walker, Johnnie	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	10/24/2012
Westerfield, Claude	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/17/2013
Westerfield, Gerald	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	07/23/2012
Westerfield, Jay	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	07/03/2012
Westerfield, John	09/19/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	07/20/2012
Westerfield, Larry	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	07/05/2012
Westerfield, Marilyn	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	06/27/2013
Woodfill, James	09/20/2013	09/22/2013	001	2/0	Active	11/03/2012

Total Reservations: 46

Total Rooms: 44

Total Room Nights: 100

If you are thinking of going a few days early or staying a few days late, you may want to check out the SCHENCK mansion Bed and Breakfast in Vevay Indiana, just a pleasant 20 mile drive along the Ohio River from Madison. We have a famous Dutch hand surgeon coming to join us and speak at the Gathering - named Dr. Bob Schenck. When we were in New York in 2011, our Dutch group got to see the 1600s Schenck house which was torn down and rebuilt inside the Brooklyn Museum. Here is what i learned about this Schenck house in Vevay, besides it has 35 rooms and five bedrooms each with private bath.

The mansion was originally built in 1874 by Benjamin Franklin Schenck, a steamboat captain, (wonder if we have any relatives in our group?) and was a marvel in its time then too. It has a four story tower, which I had the chance to climb inside, which Captain Schenck had built so his children could see his steamboat returning from its latest voyage.

Schenck Mansion

The Schenck Mansion Bed & Breakfast Inn is truly one of Indiana's treasures of the past. Listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Our rooms are a step back in time when elegance was a way of life. 1) The B.F. Schenck suite has a sitting room with sofa bed, television and small refrigerator. The bedroom has a king size sleigh bed and working gas log fireplace. The dressing room has a clawfoot bathtub and wash basin. Small bath with shower stall also built under stairway. Designed for the comfort of 2, but sofa bed can be used for additional guest. 2) Corrine's room has a queen size canopy bed, gas log fireplace, television, and large private bath. One of the original copper bathtubs with walnut casing is one of the focal points of this beautifully decorated room. 3) Justine's room is large and spacious with a king size 1/2 tester bed, television, and private bathroom with copper tub. Great view of the gazebo and Indiana nature. 4) Eugenia's room is a large room with ornate king size bed, gas log fireplace, television, and copper tub in the bathroom. There is a second bedroom that you can add on to this room for a group of four. The second bedroom has a queen size bed, and television. If you choose to add this bedroom it shares the bath. 5) Wiesman room has a king size canopy bed in this very large first floor room. Once

the music room in this grand old mansion, you won't be short on space. The private bath has one of the original copper tubs with walnut casing. Private sitting porch overlooking Indiana nature. All room rates come with a full breakfast consisting of hot entree, fresh fruit, sweet bread or cereal, coffee, and juice. The double parlors and library are common areas for your enjoyment. Upper veranda is a favorite place to escape the everyday world. Listen to the water flow in the gardens and let your cares float away. Vevay is a unique little river town with charming shops and restaurants. Only 7 miles from Belterra Casino Resort, 15 miles from the Kentucky Speedway, and 20 miles from Madison, Indiana. You will be taking a step back in time when you come to Vevay and The Schenck Mansion.

See their facebook page too.

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Jerry & Lisa Fisher

Web Site:

www.schenckmansion.com

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jlefisher@hotmail.com

Address:

206 West Turnpike St

Vevay, Indiana 47043

Phone [812-427-2787](tel:812-427-2787)

Guest Rooms:

5Bathrooms: 5

Rates:

\$100 - \$200

FROM EDGAR ALAN NUTT -

Ronnie Riker of Southport CT was looking for the parents of "The Honorable Richard Riker 1813 Recorder for NYC" . If he has not already obtained that information (plus his ancestral line and his career, including his duel, I would be glad to provide it. Edgar Alan Nutt <edalnutt@earthlink.net>

Mary Ann Banta:

One of our members reports she/he has received several invitations to connect on Linked IN from a Mary Ann Banta. I have many Bantas on the Dutch Cousins list, but no Mary Ann so if you receive an invite from her ... just be cautious.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? BEGINS THIS MONTH!

According to the most recent Eastmans Genealogy newsletter, TLC has announced the celebrities to appear on the new series beginning July 23. They are: Christina Applegate, Kelly Clarkson, Cindy Crawford, Zooey Deschanel, Chelsea Handler, Chris O'Donnell, Jim Parsons and Trisha Yearwood.

Details may be found on TLC's web site at

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos/who-do-you-think-you-are.htm>

NAMING A ROYAL BABY

As Prince William and his wife KATE (The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge) prepare to welcome their first child into the world this month, there is much speculation about what the child will be named. Excitement across Britain and the rest of the world is mounting.

Usually, for titled members of the Royal Family, boys are given four names and girls are given three names. The Queen is Elizabeth Alexandra Mary, Prince William is William Arthur Philip Louis, for example. Queen Victoria ordered that all her descendants bear the name Albert somewhere in their names if male and Victoria if female, but that rule has not always been followed. Even though the royal baby will be officially known by its first name, it will likely have a nickname like most royal children. The Queen was and still is known as 'Lilibet', Prince Charles was "Bonny Prince Charlie," Prince William was known as Wills from the beginning and of course the rowdy red haired Prince Henry of Wales is, to everyone, Harry. The royal baby will have NO official surname. Though if one is needed it would be Mountbatten-Windsor, though more likely Cambridge would be used or perhaps Wales.

The Royal Horse Artillery fired a 41-gun salute in Hyde Park to proclaim the birth of Prince William on 21 June 1982, and there is no doubt that the birth of this Royal Baby will be announced in the same way. Gossips are speculating that the top tier of the Royal couple's wedding cake will be served at the Baby's christening.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN FORT WORTH?

Our quarterly event, Citizen Archivist program, is right around the corner. From July 24th -26th, our Citizen Archivists will focus on indexing and digitizing slave manifests from 1808-1860. Space is limited to only 3 archivists! Apply simply by sending your contact information and a paragraph stating why you want to become a Citizen Archivist to ftworth.education@nara.gov by July 17th. Please share this with anyone who would be interested in our program.

Many thanks!

Meg

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National Archives at Fort Worth
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Letters 7/16/2013

From Carla Gerding of Kentucky:

The bus is now chartered for the Madison area tour!!! As of today, As of today,s mail we have 44 seats occupied on the bus. Don't forget tto save a seat for our narrator! Only three left. We can't get a bigger bus, it couldn't make the backroads! Checks for bus money should come to me. Thanks. .

From Barbara Cozine of New Jersey:

I have finally gotten a handle on the Cozine web site. I added a counter and a guestbook, Jim's email is on the table of contents page also. Would you please send the link to the cousins and invite them to visit. Please mention that those living individual's names will not display. Of course we would appreciate feedback if they are so inclined.

Here is the link. <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~cozine/>

From Mary Jo Gohmann:

**This is so totally
breathtaking---enjoy!**

**These horses were
originally bred as
"war horses," in the
days of knights and
armor.**

**As armor got
heavier, bigger
horses were needed
and the Friesian**

**almost became
extinct.**

**They are back, and
are one of the
prettiest horses in
stature, as well as
gait.**

**What gorgeous
animals!! Just
watching them
becomes an
emotional
experience. Can you
imagine what it
would be like to ride
one? Their manes
and tails are the
longest that I have
seen--and I noticed
that when
performing on grass,
their hoofs do not**

kick up a divot (they
land flat footed).

Creatures such as
these are what
makes this world so
special. These horses
are native to the
Netherlands.

Have your audio on.

<http://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/Y5XJbSqwriM?rel=0>

"About 1765, Dutch colonists from New Jersey began to pour into York and Adams Counties in the southern borders of Pennsylvania and west of the Susquehanna. These soon organized the Conewago and Hanover congregations in these respective counties. The church of Conewago was located about three

miles south of Gettysburg and near the famous battleground of 1863. It consisted of about 150 families and 700 souls.

"From its baptismal records, yet preserved, extending from 1768-1803, it appears that the Cossats and Montforts of Millstone [or Harlinger] NJ, and the Bantas and Westervelts of Bergen Co., NJ, were among the earliest settlers. Other Dutch names--such as Bruner, Covert, Van Nuys, Schomp, Demarest, Bremer, DeMott, Bergen, Smock, Van Arsdale and others--occur in these records. The first Conewago deed for land is to a Van Arsdale and is dated 1768. The Demarests came from Bergen Co. in 1771.

"But about 1781 emigration began from this field to Kentucky and the Genesee country, NY, and continued until these Dutch settlements and churches were entirely broken up. In 1793, during Brinckerhoff's ministry, almost the whole congregation moved away to these two new fields. Those going to Central New York were the Brinckerhoffs, Jansens or Johnsons, Bodines, Van Tines, Daters, Parcelles, and Lysters.

"By 1800 Conewago was so depleted as to furnish but a very small congregation for Sunday services. In 1817, only five Dutch families remained. Permission was then obtained to sell the old church building, with the proceeds build a wall around the burial ground. The sum realized was \$288.20."

From: A Manual of the Reformed church in America by Edward Tanjore Corwin, D. D. (New York: Board of Publication of the Ref. Prot. Dutch Church, 61 Franklin Street, 1859) p. 956.

We think this is wrong: **The church of Conewago was located about three miles south of Gettysburg and near the famous battleground of 1863.**

The church was actually three miles northeast of Gettysburg on the old York Road.

From Jim Cozine of Las Vegas: Mr Weaner was clearly the expert on this -- I even have in my files a copy of

his proposal to have a State Historic landmark set at the site---

he showed the site he believed to be the location of the church on a present day plate map at the junction of York and Coleman roads. (a spot 3 miles SW to G-Burg and 5 miles NW to New Oxford).

The text he suggested for the marker was:

"Holland Dutch families from New Jersey settled this area in the late 18th century and removed in post Revolutionary War years to Kentucky and New York. Latshell's Tavern and their church existed near this site. The walled burial ground is at 900 Swift Run Road."

Wonder how we could get the Pennsylvania Dept of roads to put up that sign? Clearly they should.

from Vince Akers of Indianapolis:
Hi Carolyn!

The church was not south of Gettysburg and certainly was not west of Gettysburg. It was about five and a half miles east-north-east of the center of Gettysburg along the Gettysburg-York Turnpike (now US 30). US 30 runs east from Gettysburg to New Oxford. The church was roughly midway between the two, a little closer to New Oxford. I think the precise location may be unclear, but I can't find my file of Arther Weaner's maps to see if he came to a final definitive spot. The map I did locate has it on the north side of US 30 just west of Coleman Road that tees into US 30 from the north a little to the east of where the Low Dutch Road tees into US 30 from the south. Hope that helps!

Vince

Letters 7/20/2013

from Judy Cassidy of Pennsylvania:

I am looking for **SALTER/SORTORE** descendants who might be able to tell me if Thomas K. Salter, age 49 in the 1860 Lancaster, Gerrard Co. KY Census and his wife Martha formerly Martha Simpson age 35 are descendants or related to the Low Dutch Salter/Sorters? He was a wealthy land owner and breeder of championship livestock.
I would appreciate any help or information on this man.

This might be of interest to the Cousins, interested in where their ancestor was buried in York Co., PA. Arthur discovered this document when "working" in Reading Township. In a survey dated 1765 Round Hill is listed as a "Presbyterian Meeting House Ld. (Id.)" A survey, which I have for this burial ground reads as follows:

Surveyed the 13th day of September 1786, situate in Reading and Tyrone townships for Wm Mackey & GARRET DORLAND in Trust for the Round Hill Burying Ground, dated the 5th of Sept. 1786. The burying ground which now has a small church located on the grounds abuts the land of William Mackey and is located not far from the lands of John Vanarsdale and Gerret Dorland in Berwick Township, however several other members of the Low Dutch Congregation also lived in these three townships. Arthur Weaner felt that there would have been no reason for Garret to be a Trustee unless at this point he intended to remain in York County and felt that burials in the northern cemetery were simply too difficult to access in winter, the cemetery had no further space and/or spring months when the weather was so bad, the roads were impassable etc. The Southern

Cemetery was much too far away for these people. Since this was a Presbyterian Church, it is possible that Reverend Brinkerhoff might have taken a turn as a supply minister to this Church which seemed to serve the surrounding residents, it is quite small. While it is possible that his wife Jannetje Hael and other members of his family, as well as other Low Dutch members who remained in the area are buried in this cemetery, the records of the burials which do not begin until a later date do not reflect that information.

I have been to this cemetery several times over the past years but since the Dutch were marking their graves with homemade stones until the 1800's, any gravestones would have probably been lost to time. Cousins should however, keep this cemetery in mind as a possible burial location for missing ancestors. Gerret sold his land and property and moved to Kentucky in 1790.

Judy Cassidy

Letters 7/28/2013

NOTICE: THE BUS FOR THE MADISON AREA TOUR TO PLEASANT IS PACKED FULL, every seat is filled and we have a waiting list. I feel sorry for those missing out, but we've had a reminder on every Dutch Letters -- and I am not giving up my seat. I am not THAT nice!

We are setting up a guided walking tour of beautiful historic Madison for those who missed the bus.

On Jul 28, 2013, at 2:37 PM, Fran Salyer of Oklahoma wrote:

I would appreciate it so much if your could send the me the contact information so I can try to make arrangements.

Carolyn, I just recently found some of my kin who would like to attend the Dutch Cousin Reunion in September. I think I saw from one of your letter where all the rooms had been taken but I was wondering if there might be a cancelation or two or somewhere close we could stay.

Thanks so very much

Just 3 days to register and save five bucks! Click on this hotlink to see the newsletter, and after that a downloadable registration form.

(The program doesn't seem to allow the newsletter itself to be downloaded for some reason)

Dutch Cousins: Gathering 2013 <http://bit.ly/DutchCousinsUpdates>

I think Clifty Inn is full, but call anyway, and maybe you can get on a waiting list in case there is a cancellation.

Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks) Reservations phone number is: 877.563.4371

Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013

Give the code Group #0920 DC or the inn will say they're full.

Request a free brochure online at visitmadison.org or order a brochure by phone just by calling 812-265-2956 or 800-559-2956. They will also help

you find another place to stay if Clifty Inn is full.

Here is the schedule so far, but will probably change a little:

* **Sept 20th FRIDAY**-- 9 am: Memorial Service for Low Dutch Veterans of 1812 War at Clifty Inn
10 - 2 Coffee, Registration at Clifty Inn Meeting room, Set up family History Tables, Pick up nametags, schedules, etc., Set up Silent Auction items, Prepare for business meeting. Lunch on your own.

1:00 **BUSINESS MEETING;**

3:00 Caravan tour to Dutch settlement near Pleasant Church: 5:30 return

(alternative: Bill Demaree of Madison will lead a walking tour of beautiful Historic Downtown Madison and the Ohio Riverfront area, maps at desk if you prefer to go on your own)

7:00 pm: Dinner Buffet at Clifty Inn; **Speaker -- Vince Akers - "After Kentucky--Migration to Indiana"**

* **Sept 21st-SATURDAY** -- 9:00 a.m: coffee - Clifty Inn Meeting Room,

10 am Welcome by Mayor, Meet your Cousins, Family Genealogy tables, Networking, Silent auction

Noon lunch: **Speakers: Dr. Bob Schenck "Travels with a Dutchman"**

Video "Dutch New York" by Mary Jo Gohmann;

4:00-5:00 pm- Book sale & Autograph Party; 5:00 pm-Silent Auction ends.

7 p.m. Dinner buffet - Speaker - Patsy Harris - "Low Dutch & the Underground Railroad"

* **Sept 22-SUNDAY** -- 9 am Checkout & leave Clifty for Caravan to Six-Mile, Pleasureville, & Harrodsburg KY

10:30-11:30 History talk at Six-Mile by Vince Akers.

12:45 Lunch at 19th Hole, Harrodsburg KY.

2:30 pm Worship at Old Mud Meeting Hs, Harrodsburg, KY, Rev. Claude Westerfield - PUBLIC INVITED

* **Sept 23-Monday 10to3** -- Free Research time at Harrodsburg Historical Library for cousins.

Our first three days of the Low Dutch Cousins 2013 Gathering will be at Clifty Inn, Madison, Indiana September 19. We've written about that before, and it is going to be an unforgettable three days. Then we caravan to Harrodsburg KY, about a 2 hour drive, to worship at

our special treasure, the restored Old Mud Meetinghouse built by our Low Dutch ancestors more than 200 years ago.

PLEASUREVILLE, KY: On the way to Harrodsburg we will stop and tour the SECOND Dutch meetinghouse built in Kentucky near Pleasureville in Henry County at the edge of Shelby County, on the old Low Dutch Tract, originally around 8,000 acres. At the meetinghouse, our Low Dutch guru Vincent Akers will speak to us about the history. The present owners, and perhaps other interested local people, will be there to greet us and to hear Vince's talk on the history of this church and the Low Dutch Tract in Henry and Shelby Counties.

HARRODSBURG KY SEPT 22-23, 2013

Home of the Low Dutch Old Mud Meetinghouse, built 1800, newly RESTORED!

HARRODSBURG KY: Located in the heart of Kentucky's famed Bluegrass region, the Harrodsburg/Mercer County Historical Society Research Library in Harrodsburg (<http://kymercercer.heliohost.org/hhs/>) will open their incredible research facility just for us on Monday Sept 23 from 10 to 3, ALL FREE including their NEW special collection of our Low Dutch Archives. Can't wait to see what all has been added since we were there two years ago. I highly recommend HHS Membership, \$20.00 per year which includes a bi-monthly newsletter 8 to 12 pages in length. Currently running a series listing the guardian bonds of early Mercer Co., Ky. Queries free to members, use of the library is always free in their limited hours to members, with a nominal fee for non-members. The Genealogical Committee will do research @ \$15.00 per hour plus the cost of 20¢ per page for copies. They have a large collection of family records & original documents in addition to a sizable collection of Kentucky books, and HHS now has Mrs. Ison's research records indexed and filed for us to peruse - can't wait to see these! She was the most amazing genealogy researcher I ever met and she knew EVERYTHING about the history of Harrodsburg area.

MERCER CO GENEALOGY: For a sample of things available to see online as well as at the HHS, go here:

<http://kymercer.heliohost.org>

-HARRODSBURG RESERVATIONS -- SPECIAL RATES: For those needing reservations at Harrodsburg, KY (my favorite place in the world!) for Sunday night September 22, I contacted Country Hearth, 105 Commercial Drive, Harrodsburg which has always been our gathering place in the past. The owner, Nate Patel, is happy to hear we are coming back and he let me know they have completely renovated the motel with all new furniture, bedding, carpet, everything. They are working on new TV sets for each room now. There was a water leakage problem when we were there in 2011, but they finally found the cause and got it fixed, so the Inn is now definitely dry and clean. Nate said their new manager, Leanna and staff, are excellent and he gave me his personal cell phone to call if there are any issues this year. This Inn has been selected to receive the top Gold Award for the entire Country Hearth chain and Nate will be going to their headquarters to receive the honor in October. It is small, only two story but no elevator so if you can't climb stairs ask for ground floor. It's not the Taj Mahal, but it is friendly and convenient. Nate is giving us special rates about \$20 off the regular rates, but you have to call their local number and you have to state you are with the Dutch Cousins to get the rate, which runs from lowest, 1 bed-2 persons \$60 on up to hottub suites and more. I reserved about half their available rooms for our group. Here is the webpage address to see pictures, but Don't make reservations online, he can't change that higher rate once you do:
<http://www.countryhearthharrodsburg.com> and the phone: 859-734-2400

OTHER PLACES: There are lots of other options in and around Harrodsburg, including small bed and breakfasts, lake houses, other motels, etc. -- and an option to get a room at Pleasant Hill, the restored Shaker Village. I always want to do that, but again this year because of handicap concerns won't be able to - maybe next time. For more info contact the Mercer County Tourist Bureau. (see their incredible webpage-<http://www.harrodsburgky.com>)

Phone 1-800-355-9192 or email: tourism@harrodsburgky.com They will send you a free brochure if requested.

STAY FOR A WEEK or MORE! Harrodsburg is an amazing place with so much to see and do, all within a day's driving range. Like -

- **Boonesboro Living History with Daniel Boone and Davy Crocket at the restored Fort, where some of our ancestors stayed at times for protection from Indian attacks; Living history, costumed guides, lectures, museum, store.**
<http://www.boonesboro.com>
- **Old Fort Harrod at Harrodsburg: A full-scale replica of the fort, built by James Harrod in 1774, Cabins and blockhouses are furnished with handmade utensils, furniture, crude tools and implements used by the pioneers. Living history, costumed guides, store. The park complex also features Mansion Museum, George Rogers Clark Federal Monument, Lincoln Marriage Temple, and oldest cemetery west of the Alleghenies.**
- **Perryville Battlefield state park & Museum, the site of the most destructive Civil War battle in the state which left more than 7,600 killed, wounded or missing.**
- **Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, the largest restored Shaker community in America, tour the buildings and make reservations at the Trustees Office for the most incredible dinner you'll ever eat. (reservations required) Take a ride on the authentic 115-passenger Dixie Belle sternwheeler, providing an up-close view of one of the most unique ecosystems in the country at the geologically ancient Kentucky River Palisades (You will want at least a full day here. We have been there three times and still haven't seen all of it we wanted to.)**
- **Spend some time in Harrodsburg, a town that bursts with historic charm. See the 1865 Dedman's Drugstore and soda fountain, streets lined with architectural treasures, shops given over to period crafts, restaurants dishing up traditional Southern cooking. I LOVE this place our ancestors founded!**
- **If you only have time to stop at one store, be sure it is J. Sampson Antiques, Books & Appraisals. The proprietor, Jerry Sampson, is president of HHS and has been a special presenter for the Dutch Cousins everytime we come to Harrodsburg. He has a facebook page and his store is located at 107 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY.**

- Just eight miles from Harrodsburg at Danville is the Golden Lion B&B, owned & operated by Jerry & Nancy Jones. What makes the Golden Lion special for us is not only a beautiful 1840 Greek Revival home listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to serving as a general Bed & Breakfast, The Golden Lion provides genealogical resources to those interested in researching the JONES surname and other difficult surnames. Jon & I have not stayed there, but we toured the beautiful and enjoyed their genealogy displays. For reservations: 859-583-1895. They also have a facebook page, or email: jonesgenealogist@aol.com.
- The Burgin Barn, for \$10 you can eat and listen to a good house band, The Kentucky Strangers, playing mostly country and gospel music --open on Friday nights only. Operated by octogenarian Tommy Hurst - who also plays the bass. No alcohol or smoking allowed - just good music and music lovers. For more info read an article about the Barn in Louisville Magazine: <http://www.theburginbarn.com/article.html> and check out their facebook page "the-Burgin-Barn." When they have special guests admission is two bucks more. Food is served at 6 pm as long as it lasts and the music starts at 7. Reservations recommended: 859-748-9689 or 859-265-1415

LOW DUTCH STATION HISTORY: At the Golden Lion B&B in Danville KY a few years ago I first realized our Old Mud Meetinghouse might not be the first one in KY as we had believed. In a booklet by the owner, Jerry Jones, "Ken-Tah-The: The Life and Times of Walker Daniel," "District Court met at Harrodsburg on 4 Mar 1783 and adjourned to the "Dutch Meetinghouse" to complete the session." Our Mud Meetinhouse was not built until 1800, almost 20 years later. I called Mr. Jones this morning to get a clarification. I tell you the man is a walking encyclopedia of early Kentucky history!

Jones said in that early day there were two Dutch meetinghouses, the upper and the lower. We decided the upper was probably the

one near Louisville sometimes called "Holland Station," and we have previously discussed the historical marker there. Jones reminded me that on the earliest map of Kentucky, the 1784 Filson map, is the designation near Fort Harrod, "Low Dutch Station." I had assumed that was our Old Mud, but Jones said by overlaying a present day map there are crossroads of at least five trails at that point, and the location of the meetinghouse would be present day Burgin. Jones does THIRTEEN blogs believe it or not, but the one most interesting to me - and probably to my readers- is this one centered on Danville area history:

<http://historicdanvilleky.blogspot.com/2012/05/beginning.html>

Letters 8/7/2013

Hey Everyone!!

We have SEVENTEEN more Cousins signed up for our DC weekend Gathering next month! TOTAL 82 SO FAR.

Lora Westerfield from KY,
Donna & Bill Gaines from NV,
Bill & Betty Demaree from IN,
Lee Rogers & Wanda Jackson from IN,
Thelma Miller from KS,
Jim & Carolyn Burruss from AL,
Jan & Tim Laughlin from WA,
Jim Woodfill from CA,
Deandra & Lela Bishop from WA,
Jeff & Jo Ellen Villines from IN.

TWENTY ONE DIFFERENT STATES represented so far, this is great!!!
KY, TN, IN, OK, SC, IL, WI, PA, NJ, WA, TX, NC, MO, IA, MD, VA, CA, AL, NV, KS, OH.

We would like to see more people get on board for this great event.
We are looking forward to our wonderful Speakers and great topics they have planned for us this year.
You won't want to miss them!

Don't forget to add your tee-shirt sizes on your registration forms.

On Donna's updated hotel list she sent a few days ago, I counted 88 people in the Clifty Inn rooms.

That still leaves several people who have not registered with me. (or else we have a lot of NON-cousins taking advantage of the lower rate! LOL and not planning on participating in our event.)

Looks like I will have some late people that could change their mind, in case something comes up. Lets hope the rest come in soon.....I'll keep you posted.

Hoping to see 'YOU' there!!
Janice Cozine :)
Dutch Cousins
Registration Chair

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HELP-- Attendees of the upcoming Dutch Cousins Gathering-- Who is planning to bring materials for the Family Displays? So far I have positive replies for only the following 2 families: Cozine, Demaree, and reference books (Joan Murray). These displays provide information and inspiration for all of your cousins.

Please let me know if you can bring something so that we know how many tables to set up.

Thanks, Pam Ellingson- ellingson.pam@gmail.com

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This may have been sent out earlier.
Nice to talk to you today, and thank you for the information on the Harrodsburg Historical Society, for the setting up of a tour of the Mud Meeting House, and for the offer to pass on my email address to Carolyn Leonard.
Re the MMH tour--anytime on the Sunday or Monday, April 7 or 8, would be wonderful, as that would leave the morning of Tuesday the 9th for my visit to the Historical Society Library. Please ask whoever will be escorting me and my friend to email me.
And please pass my email address to Carolyn Leonard, along with a partial list of names of direct ancestors who once lived and/or died in Harrodsburg: DeMotte (Laurens and Peter), Terhune (Garret and Maria), Van Nuys (Catherine and Isaac), Quick (Verouchie), Thompson (John Cornelius and Lucy Willia), Henderson (Thomas, Jr.).
Any information about any of these families would be so very much appreciated. I hope to see graves of some of them while in Harrodsburg, and understand that there are markers for some in the Fort.
I am looking forward to my visit to Harrodsburg , and to what I may discover anew about some of my ancestors who lived in Kentucky.
Thank you for your help.
Sincerely,
Ellie Burnaford
Sent from my iPad

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I am writing a paper on Slavery and the Low Dutch members of Conewago and Kentucky. If anyone has family information that they would like to contribute, that would be appreciated; naturally you would be credited for your information if I can use it. Slavery was prominent among the Dutch from New Netherlands onward, it is an important part of their history and a story worth telling.

In addition, are there any Banta's who can identify Allie Banta who signed the first covenant on 12 March 1780 at Pleasant Hill?
Thanks
Judy Cassidy

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from Dave Demaree of Danville, KY:

You might like to know a little about me. I grew up in Madison, Indiana and moved to Danville, Kentucky in 1977. Two branches of the Demaree family lived in Madison as I grew to manhood. Both families have the common ancestors of Samuel Demaree (Fourth Generation in America) and his second wife, Lea Demarest. My line came from the oldest son, Petrus, born of that union in 1737 and the other branch of the family came from his youngest brother, Samuel Jr., born in 1754. My mother also has Demaree roots. Her father's maternal grandmother, Sarah Frances Demaree Barns is a descendant of the Samuel Jr. branch. Some family trivia that might be of interest to you is that my great grandmother Demaree, Mary Ida Buchanan, was the grandniece of President James Buchanan. I remember some of her relatives, from North Carolina, visiting my family when I was in high school. Of further interest, my grandmother Demaree, Helen Cooney, had Irish uncles, The Cooney Brothers, masonry contractors who did the original masonry work on the Madison Fountain dedicated in 1886.

The Demaree name is one of over one hundred eighty Anglicized names derived from the original French name, desMarets. My original American immigrant ancestor, David desMarets, a French Huguenot who fled with his family from France to protestant Holland, moved to Germany, and moved back to Holland prior to immigrating to New Amsterdam, America in 1663. The French protestant minority integrated into the Dutch protestant majority by marriage. The result is a genealogy of many Dutch Cousins.

Attached is a copy of my family tree. My research came from the book, "The Demarest Family", along with the Second Edition and Supplement were a Christmas Gift to my wife and I from my parents in 1978. The first edition was written and published by Dr. William Henry Steel Demarest, a Dutch Reform Minister, and his sister, Mary Arthur Demarest in 1938. The Second Edition and Supplements were written by Voorhis D. Demarest, President of the Demarest Family Association, and last published in 1971. Let me Know of any common central Kentucky ancestors.

List of those registered so far. If your name is not on here, better contact Janice Cozine and get signed up!

REGISTRATION NAMES IN ORDER, AS OF 8/6/13

2 Akers, Vince & Green, Lisa
2 Anderson, Renee & Welches, Emily
2 Bishop, Deandra & Lela
1 Burnaford, Ellie
2 Burruss, Jim & Carolyn
2 Cole, King & Sharon
2 Cozine, Eddie & Janice
2 Cozine, Larry & Geri

1 Davis, Diana
2 Demaree, Bill & Betty
1 Ellingson, Pam
1 F-Johnson-Feldmann, Frances
2 Gaines, Donna & Bill
1 Gerding, Carla
2 Heathcoat, Gene & Carol
2 Heavener, Jon & Carolyn Leonard
2 Hostetter, Alice / Whaley, Jan
2 Karwatka, Carole & Dennis
2 Laughlin, Jan & Tim
1 Merideth, Barbara
1 Metcalf, Sharon
1 Miller, Thelma
2 Murray, Joan & Richard
1 Park, Mary Woodfill
1 Perry, Denise Merideth
2 Pranger, Janice & Kozon, Ed
2 Riker, William & Ann
1 Rogers, (Mr) Lynn
2 Rogers, Lee & Jackson, Wanda
2 Schwetke, Cat & Jessie
2 Smith, Rogene & Bradley, Cheryl
2 Taylor, Jack & Sue
2 Villines, Jeff & Jo Ellen
2 Voreis, Larry & Suzanne
2 Westerfield, Charles & Marilyn
2 Westerfield, Claude & Kathy
2 Westerfield, Gerald & Nancy
2 Westerfield, John & Phyllis
1 Westerfield, Larry
1 Westerfield, Lora Jane
1 Whiteside, Barbara
1 Woodfill, Jim
69 TOTAL

While taking part in a BBC family history show, award-winning actress Minnie Driver was shocked to find out that her mother was actually her father's mistress, and he had a secret double life and family living elsewhere.

Miss Driver found out when she was 12 that her father, Ronnie Driver, had another wife and children, but she never knew much about them. Mr. Driver set them up in a U.K. flat, and for many years his other family never knew they even existed, The Telegraph reported.

REad the full story here:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2013/aug/5/minnie-driver-actress-learns-fathers-double-life-t/>

Letters 8/14/2013

FROM DARRELL LIVINGSTON, Gettysburg PA (owner of the Banta Cabin at Conewago)

Heard from Darrell Livingston who owns the Henry Banta Cabin at Conewago near the Northern Low Dutch cemetery. Instead of selling the cabin as he had hoped a couple years ago, he is now living there, at least for the time being. He would still love to restore the cabin to its original glory. He did have a new evaluation of the structure, by a man whose business is restoring historial buildings. This expert says the cabin does date to early 1700s just as we thought and as Mr. Weaner said. Darrell is still hoping for funding for the restoration, and this is good news for our group. With so many descendants of Henry Banta in our group, and knowing what this structure means to the Dutch Cousins group - it is good to know the cabin is going to stay around. I wonder if we could help influence the Adams county historical society to put up a marker for the cabin as well as the cemetery and the location of the church. I still have not received a reply from them for my first letter. If anyone in our group has information on how to get funds for restoring historic buildings like this, please speak up.

FROM JIM CASSATT (COSSART)

Carolyn, Ken Sell, who is a distant cousin of mine forwarded me your information. My name is Jim Cassatt and my family came from Hunterstown/Gettysburg, PA. Could you please add me to your e-mail newsletters.

From David Smock of Westin, FL: I would like nothing better than to attend the Dutch Cousins gathering, Carolyn, especially since there are no Smocks in attendance, but medical problems have kept me grounded, close to home, for a number of years. I will be with you all in spirit, however, am keenly interested in monitoring all the activities and comments on Dutch Letters, and pleased, as always, to share information. It is gratifying that the group has become so well organized, with members from so many states, all interested in our common Low Dutch heritage. I hope that this finds you and your family in good health and spirits.

Readington Reformed church - the low dutch connection

Willempete Wyckoff was raised at her father's "Mountain Farm" 3 or 4 miles from Whitehouse in Hunterdon Co., NJ. Willeptje kept a record of her family. It was written in Dutch and about 7 pages long. These pages have been pasted into a historical scrapbook prepared some years ago for the Readington Reformed Dutch Church in NJ. It lists her four children by Peter COZINE, all baptized at the Conewago Colony, and 6 children by Abraham Voorhees, her second husband, of Hunterdon Co., NJ. When we were at Readington church in 2011, I got a photo of our tour guide, Fred Sisser, beside the tombstone of his ancestor Abraham Voorhees in the Readington NJ churchyard. Willempete is buried in the DAR cemetery at Rockaway Dutch Reformed Church at Whitehouse Station, near Readington. For more info:

<http://bit.ly/13vXLE1>

From THE JONES GENEALOGIST, Aug 2, 2013;

<http://historicdanvilleky.blogspot.com/search?updated-min=2013-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&updated-max=2014-01-01T00:00:00-08:00&max-results=9>

Clarks Run is a branch of the Dick's River that flows through the southern part of what is now Danville KY. Its name would suggest that the Clark family were the first to settle this area since they could name the creek. By 1779 landmarks were "Boiling Spring" [James Harrod's settlement, NOW Harrodsburg] and "Knob Lick" [what was to become Issac Shelby's settlement (Danville)]. A "road" existed connecting both settlements which would be close to old 127 highway today which runs through the city of Danville.

**NOTICE: THE BUS FOR THE MADISON AREA TOUR TO PLEASANT IS PACKED FULL, every seat is filled and we have a waiting list. I feel sorry for those missing out, but we've had a reminder on every Dutch Letters -- and I am not giving up my seat. I am not THAT nice!
We are setting up a guided walking tour of beautiful historic Madison for those who missed the bus.**

Click here for a downloadable registration form. <http://bit.ly/13GLhu1>

Click on this hotlink to see the Gathering 2013 newsletter: <http://bit.ly/DutchCousinsUpdates>
(The program doesn't seem to allow the newsletter itself to be downloaded for some reason)

I think our block of rooms at Clifty Inn is filled up, but call anyway, and maybe they have a regular price room, or you can get on a waiting list in case there is a cancellation.

Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks) Reservations phone number is: 877.563.4371

Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013

Give the code Group #0920 DC to see if there are rooms at our special rate.

Request a free brochure online at visitmadison.org or order a brochure by phone just by calling 812-265-2956 or 800-559-2956. They will also help you find another place to stay if Clifty Inn is full.

Want to know more about our Low Dutch Heritage?

Just click on the links below or paste the URLs into your browser.

Book Review: Taxables! (The Dutch at Conewago) <http://bit.ly/MyBookReviews>

My Blog: The Cousins are Coming! <http://bit.ly/myblogs2012>

LowDutchHeritage: The Church at Conewago <http://bit.ly/1b07c8a>

Dutch Cousins: Gathering 2013 <http://bit.ly/DutchCousinsUpdates>

Writers Reminder: <http://bit.ly/16TyESp>

Here is the schedule so far, but will probably change a little:

* **Sept 20th FRIDAY**-- 9 am: Memorial Service for Low Dutch Veterans of 1812 War at Clifty Inn
10 - 2 Coffee, Registration at Clifty Inn Meeting room, Set up family History Tables, Pick up nametags, schedules, etc., Set up Silent Auction items, Prepare for business meeting. Lunch on your own.

1:00 **BUSINESS MEETING;**

3:00 Caravan tour to Dutch settlement near Pleasant Church: 5:30 return

(alternative: Bill Demaree of Madison will lead a walking tour of beautiful Historic Downtown Madison and the Ohio Riverfront area, maps at desk if you prefer to go on your own)

7:00 pm: Dinner Buffet at Clifty Inn; **Speaker -- Vince Akers - "After Kentucky--Migration to Indiana"**

* **Sept 21st-SATURDAY**-- 9:00 a.m: coffee - Clifty Inn Meeting Room,

10 am Welcome by Mayor, Meet your Cousins, Family Genealogy tables, Networking, Silent auction

Noon lunch: **Speakers: Dr. Bob Schenck "Travels with a Dutchman"**

Video "Dutch New York" by Mary Jo Gohmann;

4:00-5:00 pm- Book sale & Autograph Party; 5:00 pm-Silent Auction ends.

7 p.m. Dinner buffet - **Speaker - Patsy Harris - "Low Dutch & the Underground Railroad"**

* **Sept 22-SUNDAY** -- 9 am Checkout & leave Clifty for Caravan to Six-Mile, Pleasureville, & Harrodsburg KY

10:30-11:30 **History talk at Six-Mile by Vince Akers.**

12:45 **Lunch at 19th Hole, Harrodsburg KY.**

2:30 pm Worship at Old Mud Meeting Hs, Harrodsburg, KY, Rev. Claude Westerfield - PUBLIC INVITED

* **Sept 23-Monday 10to3** -- Free Research time at Harrodsburg Historical Library for cousins.

Our first three days of the Low Dutch Cousins 2013 Gathering will be at Clifty Inn, Madison, Indiana September 19. We've written about that before, and it is going to be an unforgettable three days. Then we caravan to Harrodsburg KY, about a 2 hour drive, to worship at our special treasure, the restored Old Mud Meetinghouse built by our Low Dutch ancestors more than 200 years ago.

PLEASUREVILLE, KY: On the way to Harrodsburg we will stop and tour the SECOND Dutch meetinghouse built in Kentucky near Pleasureville in Henry County at the edge of Shelby County, on the old Low Dutch Tract, originally around 8,000 acres. At the meetinghouse, our Low Dutch guru Vincent Akers will speak to us about the history. The present owners, and perhaps other interested local people, will be there to greet us and to hear Vince's talk on the history of this church and the Low Dutch Tract in Henry and Shelby Counties.

HARRODSBURG KY SEPT 22-23, 2013

Home of the Low Dutch Old Mud Meetinghouse, built 1800, newly RESTORED!

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Letters 8/28/2013

Hi Everyone, The time is drawing near.....

Here are more Dutch Cousins getting ready for the Gathering in Madison.

Bob Demaree from IN, Carla Gerding from KY, Dave & Dena M Demaree from KY and Paula Harman from OK, Paula didn't give me her companion's name.

This week is the dead line for ordering your DC tee-shirts. If you want to order, now's the time.

Looking forward to September!!

Janice Cozine :)

NEEDING A ROOM AT CLIFTY INN?

One room is available. Ann Demaree is unable to attend due to pending surgery, so instead of cancelling she wanted to offer another cousin a change at it. She will wait till Saturday to cancel so if interested, contact her immediately <ademaree35@yahoo.com>

ATTENTION AUTHORS!!!

Attention authors: The Book Sale/Autograph Party scheduled on Saturday, September 21, 2013 will take place from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Any Dutch Cousins having books and/or publications for sale at the upcoming Dutch Cousins Reunion are encouraged to participate. Please notify joanemurray74@gmail.com with your name and the title/s of your publications. Carolyn will soon be preparing a news release for the reunion and would like to have the information to include in her release. Thank you. Joan Murray

SO FAR--

I WILL bring some more copies of WHO'S YOUR DADDY? Guide to Genealogy from Start to Finish. Still working on the two that had been scheduled for publication this summer: I AM SARA, story of Sara Cozine, Granddaughter of Reverend Cornelius Cozine who was kidnapped by Indians and held captive for five years; and THE LONG HARD JOURNEY OF THE LOW DUTCH from New Amsterdam to Kentucky. Probably not much chance they will be ready for this year's gathering!

Joan is bringing: "The Bantas of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky," and a few copies of "Bunnell and Allied Families," which contains another group of Dutch and Huguenots, not associated with the Dutch Cousins group, also a few flyers on my "England Family in Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois," which has to be ordered through Heritage Press. The Englands arrived in Kentucky (Mercer) in 1783.

We are counting on Vince Akers to bring copies of his popular and informative booklet, **Low Dutch Company: A History of the Holland Dutch Settlements of the Kentucky Frontier** by Vincent Akers (Jun 1985)-

I saw Amazon has a copy of that booklet for sale in paperback for \$49, or unknown binding \$210; but Vince usually sells copies at the Dutch Cousins gatherings for under \$10. (and no waiting for shipping!)

Okay ... authors, sign up! Contact joanemurray74@gmail.com with your name and the title/s of your publications.

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Thanks, Pam Ellingson- ellingson.pam@gmail.com

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Phyllis and John Westerfield are in charge of the silent auction this year, so start thinking what you would like to contribute. I am selecting some of my Dutch research books to bring. What do you have in mind? Let me know!

NOTE FROM OUR COORDINATOR DONNA GAINES!

Dear cousins, please be aware we are all living in different time zones and think about that before calling Donna to ask a question. She is on the west coast and was awakened before sunup the other morning with someone wanting to know the Saturday lunch menu! Someone also asked if they could come and buy things at the silent auction without paying registration or attending the gathering. hmmm. WE will have drawings for free gifts, but only registered guests will be eligible to receive them, attend the lectures or

participate in the activities. Registered guests may bring and pay for family members to attend the meals and hear the guest speaker. Come on cousins! Registration is only \$25 for three days! The booksale will be open to the public, and also the family history displays. All money collected goes to pay for the expense of the gathering. Any extra goes to support restoration of our Old Mud meetinghouse.

THINK ABOUT IT!

HeritageQuest is a subscription service obtainable only by libraries. Patrons holding a Public Library card can usually access that website for free from home. The resources available include PERSI (Periodical Source Index) where you can search thousands of genealogy and local history periodicals and then purchase copies of the articles of interest. In addition to PERSI, you can see the records in the federal census, the Revolutionary War and the Freedman's Bank, look for books on family and local histories and search the Memorials, Petitions and Private Relief Actions of the US Congress. Ancestry.com is famous for its millions of genealogical records of all sorts from around the world. Free access to it is available in many public libraries and as members as some genealogy groups around the country.

Hello from Mary Jo Gohmann of Kentucky:

My daughter and I are planning a trip to Amsterdam, Holland this October. Are there any suggestions on where to stay in Amsterdam ? We are hopefully going to do some research on Epke Jacobe Banta. Can any of the cousins suggest where to go and how to get to the area in whichever he lived in Friesland? We will be traveling by Train from Paris and hope to use public transportation while there. We will appreciate our Low Dutch Cousins suggestions!

Guardianship Records

As recently as the early 20th century, the death of a father meant his children were orphans, even if their mother survived. Laws assumed a woman could not provide for or manage the welfare of her children.

The courts became involved by assigning one or more guardians for these children who were responsible for their care and welfare even if they continued to live with their mother. The guardian might be a male relative or a couple related to either parent. Several siblings might be sent to live with different guardians.

If the father was wealthy, he might have created a trust to care for a minor child's welfare. When an appropriate guardian could not be found for children from a poor family, they might be sent to an orphanage or other facility. Guardianship records are part of the probate records of the parent's estate.

from me - Carolyn Leonard: WE GOT HOME yesterday evening from our six day trip to Indiana for a genealogy conference. It was good practice to see what I need to do on the Kentucky trip next month to the Dutch cousins, and then on to John's "large" family reunion in Virginia. We traveled by air this time but plan to drive to Kentucky & Virginia, and will be gone much longer. The air

travel was okay after I moved up to business class. I learned I sure tire out quickly and will need to pace myself carefully. And walking? ... well can't do much of that at all without upping the pain level. Maybe another month will make a big difference. Sure hope so. I am off the walker but took a folding cane with me in my carry on and was really glad I did. We did have a good trip and learned some new computer tricks as well as researching in the world largest public genealogy library - and making some new friends.

ARE YOU READY CHAIRPERSONS? IT IS ALMOST TIME!

2013 Chairpersons:

WELCOME - Barbie Abbott Hammon, KY

HOSPITALITY - Gene and Carol Heathcoat, TX

SILENT AUCTION - John C & Phyllis Westerfield,PA

GATHERING COORDINATOR - Donna Gaines, NV

PUBLICITY - Carolyn Leonard,OK

REGISTRATION & NAMETAGS- Janice Cozine, KY

TEE SHIRTS - Dennis & Carol Karwatka,KY

HISTORIAN - Barbara Whiteside, IN

FAMILY GROUP DISPLAYS - Pam Ellingson, WI

LOW DUTCH REPOSITORY- Amalie Preston,KY

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Letters 9/2/2013

MADISON INDIANA: Our first two days of the Low Dutch Cousins 2013 Gathering (Fri, September 20 and Sat, Sept 21) will be at Clifty Inn, Madison, Indiana. (see phone number below) We've written about that before in detail, and it is going to

be an unforgettable time. Then on Sunday the 22nd, we leave Madison and caravan to Pleasureville KY's 6-mile Meetinghouse, continuing to Harrodsburg KY, about a 2 hour drive total, to worship at our special treasure, the restored Old Mud Meetinghouse built by our Low Dutch ancestors more than 200 years ago, the first known Dutch Reformed Meetinghouse in Kentucky. On Monday the Harrodsburg Historical Research Library will have special hours open for us -- the ONLY Low Dutch repository in the nation! (see information below about a good place to stay in Harrodsburg)

You have registered for the gathering haven't you? I don't have a list of those registered handy, but here is a hotlink to the newsletter and a downloadable registration blank so our chairperson can have your nametags ready and be properly welcomed when you arrive.

The newsletter with information about the gathering and daily schedule is:

<http://bit.ly/159uEYT> ;

Registration forms can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/13GLhu1>.

The number of reservations usually determines much of our program - the more people who attend, the more we can afford to do and the better the price we get on things, etc. I believe there are around 80 people registered at this time.

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If that doesn't work for you, Go here:

[CarolynBLEonard http://www.carolynbleonard.com](http://www.carolynbleonard.com)

and choose the Dutch Cousins page. Then scroll down to the newsletter & the registration pages.

Click here for a downloadable registration blank. <http://bit.ly/13GLhu1>

I hope every one understands we do not make money on the meals, we have to include a dollar or two extra to pay for the room with speaking equipment and other meal expense. Everyone is a volunteer in this group -- even the speakers and organizers!

MADISON, INDIANA:

**Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks) Reservations phone number is:877.563.4371
Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013**

Give the code Group #0920 DC or the inn will say they're full.

(They probably are full by now but you can still try if you wish.)

If Clifty Falls is full, contact the Madison Tourist Bureau [800-559-2956](tel:800-559-2956)
or [812-265-2956](tel:812-265-2956)

email: info@visitmadison.org

HARRODSBURG KY: Sunday Sept 22, 2013 and Monday Sept 23, 2013: Nate Patel owner of the Country Hearth, 105 Commercial Drive, Harrodsburg called this morning to let me know he will be making a cutoff soon on the our SPECIAL RATES at Harrodsburg, KY (my favorite place in the world!) so if you have not made your reservations yet, better do it now. Nate is giving us special rates about \$20 off the regular rates, but you have to call their local number and you have to state you are with the Dutch Cousins to get the rate, which runs from lowest, 1 bed-2 persons \$60 on up to hottub suites and more. I reserved about half their available rooms for our group. Here is the webpage address to see pictures, but don't make reservations online, he can't change that higher rate once you do: <http://www.countryhearthharrodsburg.com> . Call this number to make your reservation and be sure to say you are with the Dutch Cousins-- the phone: [859-734-2400](tel:859-734-2400)

Book Review: Taxables! (The Dutch at Conewago)
<http://bit.ly/MyBookReviews>

My Blog: The Cousins are Coming! <http://bit.ly/myblogs2012>

LowDutchHeritage: The Church at Conewago: <http://bit.ly/1b07c8a>

Dutch Cousins: Gathering 2013: <http://bit.ly/DutchCousinsUpdates>

Writers Reminder: <http://bit.ly/16TyESp>

REGISTRATIONS: I am working on adding engraved stick on family name ribbons for each person to add to their nametag. Will send you a link to my blog that will have a photo of what I have in mind.

OUR REGISTRATIONS Chairperson, Janice Cozine, sent me this note about adding the family names:

**as of today, I have 80 people registered
different family affiliated names listed are;**

BANTA - 2

DEMAREE - 6

VORIS - 2

DEMOTT - 1

WESTERFIELD - 10

VAN WESTERFELT - 1

COZINE - 5

RYKER - 8

RIKER - 1

DUREE - 1

SMOCK - 1

SEDANE - 1 (who is this ?)

LUYSTER - 1

REYNERSON - 2

COMMINGORE - 1

VOORHOES - 1

MONTFORT - 2

Not everyone has posted their family affiliation.

ARE YOU READY CHAIRPERSONS? IT IS ALMOST TIME! Hope you will each continue giving a brief update of what you have planned and how it is going for the next "Letters." Claude will let us know how plans are going for worship at Old Mud. I hear that Lynn Rogers has made arrangements for the Mayor of Madison to welcome us! Now that is BIG.

2013 Chairpersons:

WELCOME - Barbie Abbott Hammon, KY

HOSPITALITY - Gene and Carol Heathcoat, TX

SILENT AUCTION - John C & Phyllis Westerfield,PA

GATHERING COORDINATOR - Donna Gaines, NV

PUBLICITY - Carolyn Leonard,OK

REGISTRATION & NAMETAGS- Janice Cozine, KY

TEE SHIRTS - Dennis & Carol Karwatka,KY

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PHOTOGRAPHER- Bill Demaree, IN

COPIER

The Clifty Inn has a copier and will make copies for 10 cents each, but if anyone else has a copier they could bring that would be great. I have a Flip-Pal Scanner I will bring. (Carolyn speaking here)

The Flip-Pal is great for copying photos 5x7 size or smaller. What can you bring?

FAMILY HISTORY DISPLAYS

Are you working on a display for your Low Dutch family name group? They need to be freestanding if possible. Let Pam Ellingson know what you are bringing so she can plan the space. pam ellingson <ellingson.pam@gmail.com> I did hear that Bob Woodfill is bringing some of Maj. Sam. Woodfill's WWI artifacts (Ryker line), and that Joan Murray is bringing some reference books to share (Banta line I think). I am working on a Cozine display. What are you bringing to share about your family group (see some of the family group names above)?

HOSPITALITY:

Gene and Carol Heathcoat of Texas will be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday to welcome the cousins. They plan to serve coffee and pastries in their room on Saturday morning. Lynn Rogers is bringing a 30-cup coffee pot - Does anyone else have one to bring? I was going to bring one we loaned to the Genealogy Society but they need it that week. If no one else has one, I will buy another one and donate it to the group. Gene & Carol will pick up anything and everything needed like paper plates, coffee, goodies and napkins after they get to Madison at the local Kroger's grocery store or at a local bakery.

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I AM SORRY to pass on this message from Donna Gaines, who volunteered to be coordinator for this 2013 event in Madison, as she says, "back when she was all in one piece." (I sure know how that is!)

from Donna Gaines of Nevada: Due to a prior heart condition that I've lived with for the past 26 years, and two recent unexpected heart procedures, I feel that I am unable to commit to 2015 as the Gathering Coordinator, as I don't know if I will need another procedure in the future. I feel fortunate to have been able to do this for this year, however this is the right time to back away and take care of my health. Thank you for all of your support. This is a team effort, and we have an awesome team. Thank you for letting me be a part of this.

ABOUT THE BOOKSALE/AUTOGRAPH PARTY IN MADISON, FROM DONNA GAINES:
Village Bookstore in Madison is coming and will bring 3 separate books. They will need a table and an electrical source to plug in a small cash register. Nathan said he'd be there about 3:30 on Saturday to set up. Joan Murray of Illinois is coordinating this event.

*From the Village Lights Bookstore <info@villagelightsbooks.com>:
Getting back to you to finalize details for books and signing on Sept 21. Of the three authors I had in mind, two are unable to participate. I would, however, have their books on hand (both general books on Madison history). Fortunately, Ben Newell, the author of the book on your second cousin Maj. Sam Woodfill, is willing and able to participate.*

"Madison", by Ron Grimes and Jane Ammeson (Arcadia Press, pub.)

"Madison on the Ohio, 1809-2009: Remembering Two Hundred Years", by Camille Fif-Salmon and Ron Grimes (Madison Courier, pub.)

"Major Sam Woodfill: The Greatest Soldier of WWI", by Ben Newell (locally published)

Ben Newell will be present to sign his books, and Nathan will be present to conduct sales for the bookstore books.

ABOUT THE SILENT AUCTION:

Hello every one, my name is Phyllis Westerfield and I will be doing the Silent Auction for the reunion. I will surely need your help with the auction, so let's begin. If you have any items to go on the table just send a description and name of the item to me soon, if possible, so I will have an idea before the reunion of

what will be on the table. In the past it has been a great success and lots of fun too. My e-mail address is JCW44@Juno.Com.

HUGS! and God Bless,

Phyllis

PHOTOGRAPHER, Clifty Inn, Saturday Sept 21, noon, Bill Demaree - chairperson Michael Heitz of Madison ([812-701-1392](tel:812-701-1392))

\$100 for a couple hours hanging around taking pictures and then he will sell the group photos at \$10 each. And he will give us a couple of discs with the photos to use for publicity and for newsletters at no extra charge.

VETERAN RECOGNITION CEREMONY

I, together with other descendants, would like to receive permission to place a marker at the grave site of Gerardus Ryker (1767-1839) memorializing his military service in the Revolution, the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794, the Kentucky Cornstalk Militia in 1796, and the War of 1812. His grave site is in the row farthest from the road, and 75 yards north of the south edge and 50 yards east of the west edge of the Cemetery. The granite marker would be approximately 12 inches by 24 inches, and would be mounted flush with the ground such that a lawn mower could mow over it and there would not be any grass trimming required. Mowing would not damage the stone nor would it damage the mower. Mr Lynn Rogers, DAYTON OH 45459

200 YEAR OLD RYKER BIBLE TO BE DISPLAYED!

Lynn Rogers is bringing the 200-year old Bible of Gerardus and Leah Ryker to display. The bible will be on display at the 2013 Dutch Cousins Reunion, indeed a rare opportunity for descendants. Advice on scanning the family record pages and conserving the bible and also on permanent custody will be given by the Rare Books Section of the Indiana Historical Society. Images of the family record pages are included in Franklin Ryker's 1976 book pages 112 thru 115; there is an error in the transcript for F-6 on p. 109. Franklin's book and a lot of other Ryker genealogical material will be available at the reunion. Lynn said when he put on the white cotton gloves and opened the bible to the front, the first surviving page had at the top "he marrieth Leah and Rachael." (*Gen 29*) The bible belonged to Leah, and those two names are very common in the Ryker family.

Inside the front cover was a deed from Robert Balz(?) to Jarred Ryker, Sep 7 1842, Deed Bk U(?) p. 77; and an ad for a sale of John G. Ryker in the newspaper of Sep 6 1864.

SIX MILE MEETINGHOUSE

ON 13 January 2013, Vince Akers said: JoAnn Adams who owns the Low Dutch Meetinghouse near Pleasureville. She has put Sunday morning, September 22nd, on her calendar. She is really looking forward to having the Dutch Cousins stop and see the meetinghouse on their way as they caravan from Madison to Old Mud. She will have her unique woolen business open too for the Cousins. I'll be happy to give a little history of the meetinghouse and its rediscovery in 2003 and restoration in 2004-05 while we are there. We should get a big group photo while there too. I can also give a little preview the night before (Saturday night) of what to expect when the caravan stops. In fact, Saturday night might be a good time to talk briefly about both Six Mile's and Old Mud's restorations. I'm sure the Cousins would enjoy an update on Old Mud before the visit on Sunday. Two different days of hands on touring to actual places our families lived and verbal history on both. Priceless I think.

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BOOKSALE AND AUTOGRAPH PARTY: DR. ROBERT SCHENCK, our noon Saturday speaker, will have his book "TRAVELS WITH GENGHIS" now in soft cover and will sell to our group and guests for \$20.00 (his cost). The book is beautiful, well illustrated and concerns his journey a couple years ago driving an ambulance from London to Mongolia, for Charity. The ambulance was donated to the hospital there after driving through 17 countries and more than 10 thousand miles. It was quite an adventure!

Somehow Dr. Schenck had dropped off the mailing list and had not heard from us since early May. Oh the wonders of the internet. I am so glad he let us know.

STAGG FAMILY

Hello,

We are certainly looking forward to coming to Indiana and Ky. We arrive on Thursday. I plan to bring a Civil War diary written by my great grandfather (he was the son of Mary Ann Stagg /Rynearson). I also have other papers from that time that may be of interest. I have another paper that I really don't know why it was included with the diary because it is of Francois I and writings are in French. Hoping those of you who are more experienced in genealogy sleuthing can give me direction.

See you soon and thanks for all the updates!

Sharon Cole

FAMILY HISTORY DISPLAYS

Family Displays- I have heard from a few more Dutch Cousins that are planning to bring items for the family displays: Cozine, Demaree/Demarest, Durie, Lyster/Wychoff, Montfort, Ryker/Riker, Stagg and Reference Books

I am hoping that more will be bringing items to share. Will any WESTERFIELDS be displaying things?

Please e-mail Pam if you plan to bring something: ellingson.pam@gmail.com

From Barbie Abbott Hamman, Louisville KY

I don't have a reservation for a hotel the whole weekend because I live so close to Madison, Rod and I are just going up every day, so I can meet anyone anywhere and get what is needed. I can also work the reservations table Thursday night. I feel a lot of folks would LOVE to pick their stuff up on Thursday night and that would help out a lot on Friday morning with anyone else that's coming in that day, so if it's OK with everyone else, and I have what I need, I'm happy to do that for us. Just let me know! I just Can't WAIT for everyone to see Madison! It's just the CUTEST Little Town!

Barbie (THE Little Dutch Girl)

from MR. Lynn ROGERS, Centerville, OH

I am bringing 3 or 4 coffee pots, household 12 cups ea.

Jay Westerfield volunteered to handle sales & delivery of the lapel pins and the DVDs, but has a health issue and can only be there from Friday noon to Saturday noon. Barbie Abbott Hammon volunteered to handle that duty along with helping with registration. She is coming to Clifty Inn Thursday after noon to do early registration.

PREPARING GIFT BAGS, HELPING WITH REGISTRATION, SELLING DVDs:

Carolyn,

It would be my honor to do that for you!!! If you would like to send the (things) to me I'll get the rest, have them "goodied-up" and wrapped with a pretty bow (orange?) and made ready for the weekend. Sound OK? If you have another idea, or need something else, just let me know. Oh, and I have sent in my reservation. 'Bout time, don't you think?

Hugs, Hugs, HUGS! Can't wait to see you!
Barbie

From Martha Roach, OKC

carolyn,

I have a large coffee pot gathering dust. would be happy to donate it to the cousins if still needed. could bring it to you tomorrow.

from Carole Karwatka:

I am willing to continue with the Tee-Shirts if they turn out OK this year. If not, someone else can please be selected!!!

Have a nice weekend.

Carole

From Carolyn - DONE! This is an AWESOME group of people to work with!

From Jim Cozine of Las Vegas:

Excerpt from last Dutch Letters: "We need a volunteer to step up to coordinate the next Dutch Cousins reunion in 2015. That is, assuming the group votes to continue the gatherings when we meet on Friday September 20, 1 pm at Clifty Inn for the business meeting. I hope you will be thinking about this important decision and let me know your thoughts, please. We must have new volunteers if the group is to carry on. This is such a great group it would be a shame to let the enthusiasm drop."

Carolyn

The note about the future caught my eye. My thoughts:

Clearly the old guard has been on duty long enough- without any new names to take over then the best option is to widen the time gap till the next gathering with the same team-- make it 3 yrs (vs 2).

- Our strongest base is in the Northern Kentucky area - the further we get away from there the harder it's going to be to hold the full 3 day Gathering.. I would suggest Frankfort as a site.

- The old management saying goes that a group gets 90 percent of it's results after 3 meetings, etc.

-with Old Mud being the main goal of our group - I would say we have hit the 90% mark and that all future Gatherings will continue to see a decline in support & benefits.

- If we agree to disband - I can understand & accept that.

We can be proud of what we have been & done - after accounts are settled then donate ALL the remaining funds to H'burg HS for Old Mud. yet I would hope for one more mini-gathering at Old Mud in 1 or 2 yrs time - to give all the cousins fair warning of our intention to disband and allow for one more fund raising effort for Old Mud.

I like to think about what was gained by our group and not think of what will be lost once it's gone.

I feel warm inside when I think of my many Dutch Cousins, and that I got to know them.
Jim

From Barbie Hamman:

I think the ribbons are a WONDERFUL addition, and am happy to pay for mine! I think everything looks good, and commend you for all the hard work you put in. No one has any idea how much work you do for us and I don't see how we could POSSIBLY have such an event without you.

Hey, I DID read the Newsletter and went over it again last night and realized the CD you're talking about is the one of your trip, so I'm definitely in! I'll put my name on the reserved list and pay for it when we I get there. Good Luck getting all the last minute things done, and I can't wait to see you all. I wish you safe travels and will ask for many angels to travel with you in my prayers.

Until we meet again, My love and prayers are with you my sweet cousin!

Barbie

From Carolyn Leonard: My idea is we give everyone registered ONE ribbon - either their ancestor name or state or something. Then they can buy any others they want and we would have to figure out how much to charge for the additional so we don't go in the hole. These badge ribbons were free at the FGS Conference Jon and I attending in August, but we paid \$100 a day to attend (no meals either), so they could afford to give the ribbons! Of course I am sure their speakers were high dollar where ours (bless their hearts) not only donate their time and talents, they also have to pay their own way.

Diana - I have no idea how we are doing on our budget - can you give me some idea? I know our meals and room charges this year are more, and we did not raise fees, so we may be upside down. I hope everyone will let me know their thoughts on charging for the ribbons.

from Jan Pranger:

I'm not going to be able to be away from home this month, so will have to cancel my reservations at

Clifty Falls Inn. So there will be a Clifty Inn room available, if anyone is interested. I am very sorry to miss this event and wish you all a wonderful gathering,

(note from carolyn - Jan also gave up her two seats reserved on the bus - and we had two people on the waiting list who will be happy to pay for them.)

Hello! Carolyn: It was a pleasure to meet you at THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES (FGS) CONFERENCE in Ft Wayne Indiana last week. I just wanted to send an email and follow up about the possibility of an article about the Dutch settlement in York County for our newsletter, Penn in Hand. I think there are many people with Dutch heritage who would be very interested to know more about the details and any relevant genealogical information you've been able to find. If it's still of interest, could you please let myself and our editor (who I've copied on this email) know? Thanks for being willing and hope you had a safe trip back from FGS and a great holiday weekend!

Joyce Homan, Executive Director

Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania Website: www.GenPa.org

(from carolyn to PA - SURE! I will add that to my to-do list and send asap (grin).)

From Eastman's letter (copy info)

Kristie Wells wrote an interesting article in the Ancestry.com Blog describing all the work that went into the recent Who Do You Think You Are? episode shown on the TLC channel in the United States. Kristie's article describes the months of research required to display only a part of Cindy's tree on the program. In fact, much, much more research was required than what could be shown

in a one-hour program. It really seemed more like a 35-minute program accompanied by 25 minutes of commercials to me. However, a program showing all the research performed would require hours and hours. Only the records that were essential stepping stones could be included in her story and a few important steps taken along the way didn't make the final cut. In the case of Cindy Crawford, 1,000 hours of research needed to be compressed into a 35 minute program. That means that much had to be omitted in the on-the-air broadcast. Just because you didn't see all the research exposed in the 35-minute program, please do not assume that research wasn't done. We also hear that each featured celebrity receives a book showing all research performed and all ancestors found, even those who were not mentioned in the on-the-air broadcast. You can also watch the full episode featuring Cindy Crawford [onTLC.com](http://www.tlc.com) at:

<http://www.tlc.com/tv-shows/who-do-you-think-you-are/videos/cindy-crawford-.htm>.

You may want to read Kristie Wells' interesting article,

Cindy Crawford: Turning 1,000 Hours of Research into One Hour of Television, at <http://goo.gl/woBF75>.

From ADAMS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INRE: Arthur Weaner papers:

Thank you for your note. Our administrative assistant forwarded your email to me. I'm not sure how much information has already been provided to you based on the email chain below, but Arthur Weaner donated a significant amount of his research to the Adams County Historical Society when he passed away. You are correct that it was being stored in the milk house on his farm when we retrieved it. We currently have about 46 boxes of files and research, as well as well over 100 maps, from his donation. So far we have a rough inventory of the material we accepted. Both I and the Director, Ben Neely, made the selections on site and boxed things following his organizational system. We do not yet have a finding aid for the material because of the vast quantity of papers. However, if you or the Dutch Cousins group wish to use the collection for research, we can do our best to locate the materials you are looking for. Hopefully this fall we will have a better opportunity to document everything in Arthur Weaner's collection.

Lauren Roedner

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I received a letter from David Paul Davenport, Ph.D. who has written a 480 page book based on the Civil War "adventures" of HENRY BANTA who lived in Collamer, Indiana, in 1860, and Dr. Davenport did some genealogical research to be able to explain various passages in Henry's Civil War diary, passages in which he referenced the death of his father John and visiting with his brothers John and Frederick while stationed in Chattanooga in 1864-65 (where Henry was a member of the 1st Veteran Volunteer Engineers). Davenport is asking for help documenting a relationship Henry mentioned in a March, 1864, passage as he traveled from Collamer to Indianapolis after a furlough. He mentions visiting a "uncle" (his word), but the only family near Logansport that this might be (at least in my mind) is that of Beaufort Banta. that Beaufort's father and Henry's presumed grand-father Abraham, were first cousins. Abraham is in fact buried west of Logansport, at Curveton, within a couple of hundred feet of Beaufort Banta's farm (as it existed in 1860). He has copies of the Compiled Military Service Records and pension applications for John (Sr.), Warren, Frederick, Henry, and John Emerson Banta and would be happy to provide copies of these and the voluminous research I have accomplished on the lives of Henry, Frederick, and Isaac while they lived in Fresno.

I know we have many BANTA descendants in this group, and some who have done extensive research. If you can help Mr. Davenport on this project, please let me know and I will help you two get together. Just hit "reply" now and explain your interest in this.

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**Sent by Mr. Lynn Rogers of Centerville, OH
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September 2013

[Low Dutch Cousins](#) Reunion

**Descendants to meet in Madison
to honor ancestors**

**Local resident Rogers
to take part in the family event**

By Helen E. McKinney

ROUNDABOUT ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

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(September 2013) – Lee Rogers of Madison, Ind., did not become interested in genealogy until he retired. Now at age 88, he’s gearing up to attend what promises to be a huge reunion of sorts.

After retiring from his job as a Medical Technologist, he volunteered at a local museum and his interest in history “snowballed from there,” he said. Since 1985, Rogers has volunteered at the Jefferson County (Ind.) Historical Society and has acquired a “special interest in local history.”

Along with his brother, Lynn, and other family members, Rogers has spent time researching their ancestors in the Jefferson County area, compiling a wealth of information. He was a member of the Ryker Historical Society for several years. Rogers’ ancestor, Gerardus Ryker, was a Revolutionary War patriot and part of the Cornstalk Militia of the War of 1812. He married Leah Smock, and they had 14 children.

Ryker helped build a fort at age 12, stood guard at age 14 and spent his 15th birthday on the Second Expedition of Gen. George Rogers Clark to the Miami Indian towns on the Little Miami River in Ohio, said Lynn Rogers.

Rogers

Leah was as brave as her husband. She was scalped by the Indians but lived and “wore a little leather cap the rest of her life,” he said. The couple is buried at the Ryker Ridge Cemetery.

“One of Leah’s brothers was Samuel Smock, the founder of Smockville, located at the intersection of State Road 62 and Hwy. 56, west of Hanover,” said Lynn. He was the first postmaster in Jefferson County, a judge, a member of the state Constitutional Convention and a significant contributor to the start of Hanover College.

Gerardus Ryker and his two brothers settled in Jefferson County, Ind., by 1810. Between the three brothers, they had 20 sons, “giving the Ryker name a large presence in early Jefferson County,” said Lynn. His ancestors’ “hardships are pretty much typical of all early Indiana and Kentucky pioneers,” said Lynn.

The Ryker family were descendants of the Low Dutch community, so-called because they originally migrated from the lowlands of Europe or the Netherlands. In the 1780s, 200 men, women, and children who were living in Pennsylvania, risked their lives to form a Dutch-speaking colony along the Kentucky frontier.

Both Lee and Lynn Rogers will be attending the Sept. 20-23 Low Dutch Cousins 2013 Gathering at Clifty Inn in Madison. “It is going to be an unforgettable three days,” said Carolyn Leonard, one of the organizers of the event.

The event will kick off at 9.a.m Friday with a Memorial Service for Low Dutch Veterans of the War of 1812. This will include the Rogers’ ancestor, Gerardus Ryker.

Special guest speaker, Vince Akers, will present a program titled, “After Kentucky – Migration to Indiana,” at 7 p.m. Akers is a well-known expert on the Low Dutch community. Some of his ancestors were of Low Dutch descent and settled in Henry County, Ky.

Lee Rogers said the part of the event that he is most looking forward to is “Vince Akers and his program. I’m interested in the settlement of frontier Indiana.”

A full day is planned for Saturday, with a 10 a.m. welcome by Madison Mayor Damon Welch. Attendees will be able to “Meet Your Cousins,” swap family genealogies and

network. The guest speaker for the evening will be Patsy Harris, who will present a program on “Low Dutch and the Underground Railroad.”

Sunday will include a caravan to Six-Mile, Pleasureville and Harrodsburg, Ky. The latter location is where the Old Mud Meeting House, a restored church built by the Low Dutch more than 200 years ago, is located. A special worship service is planned for 2:30 p.m.

Pleasureville in Henry County, Ky., is where the second Low Dutch meetinghouse was built in Kentucky. It is located near the Shelby County line on what was the old Low Dutch Tract containing around 8,000 acres, which the Low Dutch purchased from Squire Boone, younger brother of Daniel Boone. Akers will speak again at this site about the history of the church and the Low Dutch Tract.

Due to conflicting land claims and continuing Indian hostilities, many members of the Low Dutch community decided to move north of the Ohio River into present day Indiana in the early 1800s. By 1817, a Low Dutch Settlement had formed around Pleasant, near the Switzerland-Jefferson County line. It didn't take long for some of the families to settle near Madison, Canaan, Manville and Hanover.

Rogers says this is going to be the experience of a lifetime for him. “I'm looking forward to it and to meeting people,” he said.

Letters 9/13/2013

Dear Family, To make our Fifth Dutch Cousins gathering on Sept. 20-23 the best ever, we want a bit of help.

-- FIRST, Of course your most important contribution is to be with us.

-- SECOND, Call or tell in person anyone on your side of the family without email about the international Dutch Cousins.

We are looking forward to our wonderful Speakers and great topics they have planned for us this year.

You won't want to miss them!

from Jim Cozine of Las Vegas:

1- I'm willing to remain a Director

2- I suggest Pella, IA in 2015 at Tulip time May 1-3? (I could make that)

I bought \$500 worth of airplane tickets this yr

to go there and it snowed a foot in Pella the day we were to leave home - so we didn't go.

from Pam Ellingson of Lakewood Wisconsin:

I am willing to continue to maintain the website. I should have more time to do work on it.

Agenda topic- Should we continue to have both DutchCousins.org and Dutch Cousins.info? In

March I renewed .info for \$20. for 1 year. The .org is good for 2 more years. Pam also is willing to continue chairing the family history displays.

from Janice Cozine of Mt Washington KY:

If no one steps up for the registration job.....I will consider it again.

If you want me.

Janice :) (IF we want her? What a joker! Janice has done a MOUNTAIN of work this year)

from Carole Karwatka of Morehead, KY:

I am willing to continue with the Tee-Shirts if they turn out OK this year. If not, someone else can please be selected!!! (Everyone be sure to tell Carole how much we love the shirts!) Everyone is gonna be SO JEALOUS cause Carole is making me a Dutch dress for the gathering. I can't wait to see it. If you have a Dutch costume please wear it too.

Amalie Preston, Archives & REpository chair, called tonight to promise to send an update for the gathering. I forgot to ask, but I think she will continue in this office. She can't come to Madison because she is presenting the life of her ancestor JANE MCAFEE for the DAR at the Graveyard Tales in Harrodsburg, and ... Oh Amalie is involved in so many things you can't count them - and she does all things well. But she is spending Sunday and Monday with her Dutch Cousins in Harrodsburg and at Old Mud. Amalie is one of the most wonderful people I ever met and we are so thankful she is our cousin. Two years ago Amalie brought us a giant Cushaw melon from her garden. Jon carefully saved the seeds and this year he has two ENORMOUS cushaws that would probably win at the state fair - but we will be in Kentucky instead. We enjoyed Cushaw pudding, Cushaw custard, Cushaw casserole and Cushaw pie on previous trips to Harrodsburg. Hope my cooking can do it justice! Soon I will send you a picture.

Rev. Claude Westerfield will be President Emeritus after the meeting this year, but he promised to continue as worship chairman and will continue planning and conducting the worship service.

NO COMMENT SO FAR FROM:

TREASURER Diana Davis

Board member Vince Akers

Board member & Historian chair Barbara Whiteside

Hospitality, Gene & Carol Heathcoat

Newsletter mailing, Louise & Randy Ledger

Book Sale/Autograph party, Joan Murray

Veterans Memorial, Lynn Rogers & Mary Park

other offices available:
Publicity
Newsletter
Coordinator of the 2015 Gathering
Planner of the 2015 Gathering

AND the Vice President job is available since John C Westerfield is President/Chairman Elect. John will be a great person to work with.

Com'on guys, let us know your thoughts. Speak up and say what you would like to try. This is an awesome group to work with, and without new volunteers it cannot happen.

From Sharon Cole of Spicewood TX (Stagg descendant): Have you tried the idea of having people bring their own USB thumb drive (or flash drive) that could be inserted into your computer and download documents or other info, including the DVD presentation? They could take the drive home and print or otherwise access as they wish. This would save paper, ink, the need for blank DVD's, printers, DVD writers etc. Just a thought.

from Pam Ellingson of Lakewood WI (Westerfield): I might be able to duplicate the DVD on my laptop. I downloaded some software and successfully duplicated a family DVD. How many orders have been placed? Save one for me.

I might be buying a copier/scanner/printer on my way to Madison. I also have a flip-pal. But what would people save scans from that to? Everyone would have to have their own sd card.

ANYONE KNOW FRANKLYN FRICK?

From Charles Vanorsdale of Saudi Arabia:

The emails about Arthur Weaner stirred a memory, and I think this list may be an ideal venue for this question. Franklyn Frick was another great researcher of the Dutch families (from NY to VA/KY) and had amassed a tremendous library and genealogical collection. He passed away about 10 years ago. I was curious as to whether anyone on the list knew what became of Franklyn's collection? Thanks, Charles Vanorsdale (a very distant Dutch cousin in Saudi Arabia).

FAMILY HISTORY DISPLAYS

From Pam Ellingson, Lakewood WI:

I haven't had any Westerfields say that they are bringing things. A few responders agreed to bring something, but they didn't want to "be in charge" and didn't want to do a formal speech.

Families that have been represented in the past and are NOT displaying this year:

Banta
Bruner
Comingore
Coovert
Cozart

DeMotte
Dorland
Sartore
Smock
Terhune
The VANs
VanderVeer
Voris

(So if your ancestral name is not listed - you must be signed up for a display.)

from Barbara Whiteside of Clarksville, IN:

Bringing a small scanner and hope I can remember how to use it...not had it for very long.....also my laptop for anyone interested in knowing more about facebook site for the Dutch Cousins.....

Sent info on stuff for silent auction to the one in charge....finishing up the scrapbook as much as possible...got ideas for the major brochures....just got to figure out how to get it done..doubt before the meeting.....but the photo album will be ready..two of them.

From Diana Davis, of Jamestown NC, Treasurer Dutch Cousins:

I will get you a financial report as soon as possible, but it may not be by Thursday. My son broke his hand over the weekend and since then I have been negotiating with drs. and hospital over the price of his surgery, which is set for tomorrow morning at 7:30am. Right now I am a basket case and cannot even think about DC or anything else for that matter. He is in pain, we are all stressed over the cost, and all the stress has caused my Fibromyalgia to flare. I hurt from the top of my head to my feet, literally! They are operating on his hand to put a pin in what ever bone it is that broke. This has caused him to be out of work and broke, at least for the next four weeks. So, right now, I hate to say this, but the treasurers report is the least of my problems. I will get it to you when I can.

from Barbara Whiteside of Clarksville, IN:

ok...directions {to Clifty Inn and Madison Indiana}...if coming east on I 64.....you want to take the I 265 exit east just north of New Albany...its as you are coming down the big cut towards Louisville and you will need to be in the far left lane to exit...follow it around New Albany and over I 65.....to exit 10 B to Charlestown/State Road 62.....when you get to end of exit ramp....go right and follow through east side of Charlestown, IN, through New Washington, IN and Chelsea, IN....62 will T into state road 56....take right through Hanover and into Madison.....there is a Y as you get to Madison...to the right takes you into Madison....just across from the power plant is the entry on the left into Clifty Falls State Park...follow signs to the lodge. If for some reason you veer left at the Y, never fear...it takes you to the north entry into Clifty Falls on the right of the hwy.....and again follow signs to the lodge.

If coming from the south, be aware we are daily being told of changes in lanes due to the building of the Bridge No One Wanted next to the JFK/Kennedy/I 65 Bridge.....so heads up on the orange signs. Rush hour is normally around 4 but expect it to be busy by 3 ish.....when you cross the

bridge....take the 10th Street Exit and stay on it...this is Hwy 62 and will take you through Jeffersonville.....with it ending at a T at state road 56...turn right and follow to Madison, as above.

Driving south on I 65....two ways.....one is exit at Austin to state road 256 east....this will follow into Madison or just come south to I 265 east and follow as above.....to hwy 56, turn right and follow through Hanover into Madison.

Hope this will help.barb w.

From Cor Snabel of The Netherlands: Over the years I've been collecting marriage intention records of

Amsterdam, because they contain a lot of information about the couple and their family, like their age, the place they came from, profession, often the names of the parents, siblings or even the grandparents.

Now I've transcribed about 2500 of them and translated them into English to make them useful for non-Dutch speaking researchers. On our website you also find an index of more than 10,000 names which are mentioned in those records, dated between 1578 and 1700. Several names will sound familiar to N.N.-researchers like: Grevenraet, Waldron, Bencken, van Rensselaer, van Immen, Provoost, Kerfbyl, Wyncoop, van Foreest etc.

Go

to:<http://17thcenturyhollanders.pbworks.com/w/page/68364961/Intro%20Ondertrouw%20Amsterdam>

Have fun with it.

Our Dutch Cousin, Lilly Martin, lives in Syria and she says our news reporters are not telling the truth about what is happening there. Altho I have not met Lilly in person, (actually I have not met most of the cousins on this email list!) we have corresponded for some time about the Dutch history and she gave me info about her ancestor's mill (Brouwer's Mill) in (now) Brooklyn, near the Old Stone House museum, and my 9th great grandfather Claes Arenal Veghte actually built and lived in the original Old Stone House (which was an important location in the Battle of Brooklyn during the Revolutionary War.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Stone_House_\(Brooklyn,_New_York\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Old_Stone_House_(Brooklyn,_New_York))

Our Dutch group visited the Old Stone House in 2011. The docent pointed out on a map where the mill was in relation to the museum. Lilly had hoped to come to the Dutch cousins gathering in Madison, next week, but because of all this military action, she was unable to come. I worry about her safety, especially because of her openness in speaking out, but admire her greatly for it. She is intelligent, well educated and articulate. She has researched the Brouwer family since 2000. Her ancestor, Adam Brouwer's descendant Daniel Brewer left NJ to go thru PA and on to Mercer County KY.

Lilly married Nezar Sahiounie 37 years ago in Fresno, Ca. He left Syria when he was 14 yr old and became an American citizen, then he grew up and they married in Calif. They lived until 1992 in Fresno, where Nezar was a real estate developer, and Lilly a Diabetes Educator (medical professional). Syria has been their home for more than 20 years, and their two sons are in the University there.

Lilly said it is not true that their president Assad gassed his own people.

Here is what she says: The media, like CNN, BBC and the rest, usually never reply to any of my comments, even though I always identify myself as an American, living permanently in Syria, a medical professional and a human rights activist in Syria. They don't reply because their version of the news is propaganda. They do not report facts, but made up fiction. Sometimes their reporting is better than others, and sometimes they get some of the truth out, and rarely do they report fairly.

she posted this news report:

"Two Europeans who were abducted and held hostage for several months in Syria claim they overheard an exchange between their captors which proves that rebels were behind the recent chemical attack.

In a number of interviews to European news outlets, the former hostages - Belgian teacher Pierre Piccinin and Italian journalist Domenico Quiric - said they overheard an English-language Skype conversation between their captors and other men which suggested it was rebel forces, not the government, that used chemical weapons on Syria's civilian population in an August 21 attack near Damascus.

"It is a moral duty to say this. The government of Bashar al-Assad did not use sarin gas or other types of gas in the outskirts of Damascus," Piccinin said during an interview with Belgium's RTL radio station.

Piccinin stressed that while being held captive, he and fellow prisoner Quirico were secluded from the outside world and had no idea that chemical weapons were deployed. But the conversation which both men overheard suggested that the use of the weapons was a strategic move by the opposition, aimed at getting the West to intervene.

"In this conversation, they said that the gas attack on two neighborhoods of Damascus was launched by the rebels as a provocation to lead the West to intervene militarily," Quirico told Italy's La Stampa. "We were unaware of everything that was going on during our detention in Syria, and therefore also with the gas attack in Damascus."

While stating that the rebels most likely exaggerated the accident's death toll, the Italian journalist stressed that he could not vouch whether "the conversation was based on real facts." However, he said that one of the three people in the alleged conversation identified himself as a Free Syrian Army general, La Stampa reported.

To be continued.....

All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing. ..Edmond Burke

Another from Cor Snabel of THE NETHERLANDS: (WOW - this is great! Thanks Cor. Cor. Remember ... might not be the same person or even the same family, but interesting co-incidences.)

Cor said "Jan Jansz or Jan Jansen was the most common name in the Netherlands. Thousands of men had that name. If you look at any page in any baptism book you will find at least 2 or 3 fathers called Jan Jansen or Jan Jansz among the 30 to 40 fathers on each page."

In 1656 the West Indies Company had been financially set back and could not pay their investors. The directors arranged a financial settlement with them and more than 324 investors signed this agreement. I have transcribed and translated this document with all these names. Apart from a lot of rich 'Amsterdammers', I found at least one N.N.-colonist who had invested in the

W.I.C.: Jurgen Probasco from Breslau.

Maybe you will find more familiar names among these investors.

Go to:

<http://17thcenturyhollanders.pbworks.com/w/page/68807454/Investors%20of%20the%20West%20Indies%20Company>

If you find one, please let us know.

I found:

Anneke Jans (richest widow in New Amsterdam in 1637)

Jan Janssen (father of Anneke, he married Tryntje Jonas (Roelof)

Jan Jansz the younger? (probably son of Anneke?)

this is the mark of Sibeltgen Ariaens widow of Jan Janssen

this is the mark of Saertje Reynders (Later Reynerson?)

Pieter Quick for Willem Jacobsz P..proo... t (Belitje Jacobsen QUICK married Gerrit Cosynszen (Cozine) 1673

Pieter Laur~ Basten the elder (Bastiaen was the name of a freed black who received land, a plot suitable for a house and a garden, on Cosyn Gerritsen's Wagon Way on March 26, 1647.)(Howard Swain 2009)

Hendric Coesvelt (wonder if that is later Roosevelt?)

for my sister the widow Kieft (Wm Kieft was Director of New Netherland from 1638 until 1647 - (Wikipedia)

Johannes Antonides van der Linden, doct. & prof. med. (Vincentius Antonides was Domine in Brooklyn, and presided over the wedding of Gerrit Cosynszen's widow Belitje Jacobz Quick to Theunis Janse in 1706) A decendent of Vincentius joined us part of the day in Brooklyn (he works at the Brooklyn museum) John Antonides.

Tobias de Koning (Marytje, daughter of Arie KONING and widow of Stephen Van Orden, married the Rev. Cornelius COZINE as his second wife about 1772 in Conewego Colony, PA.)

and MORE from Cor:

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Have fun with it.

My line of Dutch descent is : Dorland, Van Liew/Van Lewen, Vanarsdalen, and Peterson. Judy Cassidy

from Della Nash, about the OKC Ryker descendants at Madison
What a wonderful story. Loved this.

from Anna Jackson, Paducah Kentucky: about the Ryker descendants at Madison
Thanks for sharing that article with us!

Subject: Dutch Letters - Ryker descendants at Madison - Roundabout article
Sent by Mr. Lynn Rogers of Centerville, OH
Published in ROUNDABOUT Entertainment Guide by Kentuckiana Publishing Co
September 2013
Low Dutch Cousins Reunion
Descendants to meet in Madison
to honor ancestors

There's more ... but I am out of time and space!
Hugs to all!

Letters 9/15/2013

MADISON INDIANA: Our first two days of the Low Dutch Cousins 2013 Gathering (Fri, September 20 and Sat, Sept 21) will be at Clifty Inn, Madison, Indiana. (see phone number below) We've written about that before in detail, and it is going to be an unforgettable time. Then on Sunday the 22nd, we leave Madison and caravan to Pleasureville KY's 6-mile Meetinghouse, continuing to Harrodsburg KY, about a 2 hour drive total, to worship at our special treasure, the restored Old Mud Meetinghouse built by our Low Dutch ancestors more than 200 years ago, the first known Dutch Reformed Meetinghouse in Kentucky. On Monday the Harrodsburg Historical Research Library will have special hours open for us -- the ONLY Low Dutch repository in the nation!

MADISON, INDIANA:

**Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks) Reservations phone number is: 877.563.4371
Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22,
2013**

Give the code Group #0920 DC or the inn will say they're full.

**Call this number to make your reservation and be sure to say you are
with the Dutch Cousins-- the phone: 859-734-2400 If Clifty Falls is full,
contact the Madison Tourist Bureau 800-559-2956 or 812-265-2956
email: info@visitmadison.org**

HARRODSBURG KY: Sunday Sept 22, 2013 and Monday Sept 23, 2013:

**Call this number to make your reservation and be sure to say you are
with the Dutch Cousins TO GET THE SPECIAL REDUCED RATE -- the
phone: 859-734-2400**

Country Hearth, 105 Commercial Drive, Harrodsburg

-----from Charlie Westerfield of Louisville,
KY (our professional photographer member!)

I have the duplication equipment for DVD's and CD's. Would be glad to bring it if
that would help.

Thanks Charlie, that would be great!

Mr Lynn Rogers of Centerville, OH

I second the suggestion of everyone bring a flash/thumb drive. I have been dreading the 4 hour
chore of duping Ryker PDF files to bring.

from Joan Murray, Palatine, Ill

I will be displaying a small amount of Banta family material on my table along with my reference
books. I will also be happy to chair the Book Sales/Autograph Party again for next time around.
In regard to Franklyn Frick's materials: Near the end of his life,he did send me quite a number of
the books/booklets he published, but he never did say anything about where he was donating all
his materials. Joan Murray

from Michael McCoy, Midwest City, OK

Please travel safely, you and Jon... you both mean a lot to many
people...

Thank you both for being yourselves and for being beacons of light
in the sometimes darkness we face..

From Mary Park of Baltimore, MD

Sorry not to respond sooner. As far as I know I
can stay on {as Veteran memorial chair}.

Thanks again for making this happen. And I
want to nominate we return to Harrodsburg for
the next Dutch Cousins.

from Diana Davis of North Carolina:
I will not be keeping the Treasurer position.

from Barbara Merideth of Caeruthersville, MO: I have a printer scanner copier
that will save to a jump drive or different memory cards. That may be safer than
sharing jump cards to computers. You never know what virus' may be lurking on
different computers and stuff. We are driving and I think we can get it in the car.
Would also save on having to have so much ink to print with. The only problem
with it is that it does not copy legal size documents. But you can always piece it
together.

That's great Barb - We should be in good shape with at least two
printer-scanner-copiers, and Pam Ellingson said she might be bringing one too. I
have so much stuff boxed up to bring we may not be able to squeeze in our
suitcases!

From Beth Higgins of Cary NC:

I hope you all have a great time at the cousins gathering. Some day when my children are older, I hope you all are still going strong and getting together!! I so appreciate all the good information and stories that are circulated on the newsletter! (one paragraph censored) Again, thanks for all you do for the newsletter and all the cousins!! I look forward to each email!!

ATTN CHARLES VANORSDALE OF SAUDI ARABIA: @FRANKLIN FRICK
from Robert Adlet of Pembroke Pines, FL Several years ago I acquired a booklet titled "The History of the Low Dutch Colony of Conowago" by Rev Dr Demarest including "In 1978 Edith List prepared these thirty four pages for publication. Handwriting by Franklyn Frick; also typewriting in the margins. Inside was a letter dated July 24, 1997 to "Dear Rev Lydecker, Enclosed is another gift. Religion was very important to our Dutch forefathers. I am 88 years old. Respectfully, (signed) Franklyn Frick" It has what I assume are comments written in the margins by Franklyn Frick. I can copy and mail to anyone wishing a copy. Let me know.

Phone call with Steve Henry tonight. They will be at the Clifty Inn with us Friday and Saturday. Actually while we were on the phone, Steve told me they were at the Miss America pageant in Atlantic City -- I am so out of it I didn't even know that was tonight! So now I am watching to see if I see Steve and Heather! Miss America 2000. Proud to call them cousins!

from Paul & Barb Terhune of Debary FL:

Wishing you and all of the Dutch-Cousins a happy, safe, healthy and productive gathering. Paul & I are both in "recovery mode"... but it is soooooo terribly slow. I'm sure you will agree that those "Golden Years" we heard about in our youth - were NOT designed for the "weak." "Survival of the fittest" takes on a whole new meaning after that 70th birthday!!!! Paul & I just hit 80.... For over a decade we have been working on a trilogy of historical/genealogical books associated with the early Dutch settlers of Mercer County, KY. Below is a description of the subject matter and contents.

WEST of the SALT

**EARLY TERHUNES of MERCER COUNTY, KENTUCKY and
Their Dutch Kin and Scot-Irish Neighbors**

-3 volume set -

Volume I - 290 pages of text, with 109 figures or photographs, 26 of which are in color. A short early history of the area (Harrodsburg, Mercer Co., KY- 30 pages). The story/history of 20 families, concentrating on Terhunes, Cozines, VanArsdalls, Brewers, Bantas, Demarees and discussing about 15 other families, mostly Dutch.

Volume II - a CD of 12 map images plus 12 paper copies (8.5" x 11") for easy reference. The CD images can be enlarged on a computer for enhanced viewing. They can also be printed, using this CD, at Kinko, Office Depot, et. al. in the original large format 18" x 24" or 24" x 30" [scale: 1"= 100 poles or 1650 ft.]. These maps show the area about Harrodsburg of the original Virginia land patents and later, the farms of the settlers, generation by generation based on the Kentucky deeds.

Volume III - 490 pages

Standard genealogy format of many of the 20 families, emphasizing Kentucky settlers and including their ancestry as we know it.

And Barb's earlier book: **EARLY DUTCH FAMILY TIES**

Terhune - Van Sycklyn - Frelinghuysen and Others of Kings Co., NY and Somerset Co., NJ
This work is the product of many years of genealogy research, presenting major corrections to Terhune, Van Voorhees and Wyckoff genealogies, as well as additions to the early Terhunes of Gravesend and Flatlands. It is a compendium of three disparate, yet related topics. 107 pages, indexed, 13 maps/illustrations, FULLY SOURCED with 19 pages of detailed footnotes.

Terhune Genealogy - 1637 to 1850, Dutch Colony History - 1624 to 1710, Reformed Dutch Church History - 1628 to 1770

PS from Carolyn of OKC: I have these books (they are massive, with incredible information) and will bring them to show at the gathering, we will have ordering info there, or if you cannot come, send me an email and I will forward to Barb and Paul. Thanks to Paul & Barbara Terhune, they corrected a mistake that had been repeated in MANY family histories over the years - including my records. Now we know that: Rev. Cozine's 2nd wife ca 1784 Conewago, York Co, Pennsylvania Mary (Marytje) KONING (The Widow of Stephen Van Orden). Mary Koning Van Orden Cozine (after the Rev. Cozine's death) m.3rd 1790, David Samuel Demerest of Bergen Co.NJ

from Carolyn Leonard: Just relaxing while I work to the sweet joyful, reassuring sound of RONNIE BLACKWELL singing "Heaven's Sounding Sweeter All the Time. He has given us his voice at the Old Mud Meetinghouse in Harrodsburg KY before - hoping he will again. And I managed to get one of his CDs. He has a velvet voice. I found a youtube to share so you can hear it too.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7JFHcfeJs>

from Judi Rill of Pleasant Hill, Calif

I appreciate your intent when you shared Lilly's comments about Syria. However, I'm wondering what her source is. Did she interview the captives? Is this what the Syrian newspapers are reporting? If you share any more of her comments, it would be great if you'd include her sources. I just read the story in U.S. News, dated 9/10/2013. Quirico reportedly told La Stampa, the Italian newspaper for which he reports, that "the information cannot be officially verified and thus can only be regarded as conjecture." He goes on to say "We heard some people we didn't know talking through a half-closed door. It's impossible to know whether what was said was based on real fact or just hearsay." The U.S. News article is at

<http://www.usnews.com/news/newsgram/articles/2013/09/10/freed-hostages-reveal-information-on-chemical-attacks-in-syria>

more from Barb Terhune (oldbat) of Debary FL:
BTW while in Harrodsburg:

From your schedule of activities:

Sept 23-Monday 10to3 -- Free Research time at Harrodsburg Historical

Library for cousins.

Please don't forget to tell all of the cousins about one of Harrodsburg's
BEST KEPT SECRETS - The Olde Bus Station Cafe - just ask Barbara Whiteside.
Nothing elaborate - just GREAT food - where the locals go.
Paul & I always ate breakfast there (try the home fries)...their hamburgers and
fish
fry are terrific...and they make the World's Greatest chocolate meringue pie.

If some cousins hanker for BBQ ribs to die for - go to the restaurant next to
Beaumont Inn - I think the name is the Owl's Roost.

I know you must be getting really excited - just a few more days now. Have a safe
journey and please tell all the cousins that we'll be there with you, --if only in
spirit.

Judy Cassidy of Pennsylvania

Carolyn could you please post or let people know that I sent my collection of several deeds
and wills for non-Dorland Conewago persons to the Mercer County Historical Society and
they should be available for Cousins to use; I also donated a lot of my early deeds and
documents for Dorland from New Netherland through Kentucky and those are also available,
I can't recall the names at the moment for the Conewago documents, but I bought quite a few
when I was writing the Deacons and the Journey. For those people who will not be able to
access them here in PA perhaps they will be family information that they are looking for. I
believe that they are not cataloged, but Amalie Preston will know.

From Barb Terhune of Florida:

About their WEST OF THE SALT books, the Harrodsburg Historical Society DOES
HAVE a copy if folks want to see them, check the families covered, etc.

SEE YOU AT CLIFTY INN - AND THEN KENTUCKY!

Letters 9/22/2013

Just a note to catch you up on what has been happening in this editor's life recently. Most of you know I have been fighting breast cancer since Diagnosis on Valentine's Day 2010. I think I dodged the bullet but you never know for sure. On August 26th my kids hosted a "High Tea" celebration for my 75th birthday and the recovery from Cancer because all chemo was completed and the markers were good. On the 27th I went to my Oncologist for 3-month check up and he discovered a spot on a lung (that may be nothing). On the 28th I headed down the highway going the Apple store and at the intersection 10 minutes from home my 7-year-old "Silver Bullet" Buick was hit by a red Toyota driven by an 86 year old female (no jokes please!). Both cars totaled.

Busted hip, surgery 20 days in hospital, home now; home health involved - and it is all working out. Got a new 4-wheel walker today with a basket to carry things and a seat when I get tired. Not quite as desirable as a new Buick but probably a lot safer. Onward and upward, every day in every way I am getting better and better!

Hugs, Carolyn

Life changes happen in a split second don't they??!!!!!!

Next Dutch Cousins Gathering!

Clifty Falls Inn (Indiana State Parks) Reservations phone number is:877.563.4371

Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013 (notice - it is not THIS year)

Give the code Group #0920 DC or the inn will say they're full.

Alert - your trees on Ancestry may be opened to the public. Read below.

This is verified by Dear Myrtle (popular genealogy info

site)<http://blog.dearmyrtle.com/2009/12/mundia-oh-no-ancestrycom-strikes-again.html>

On Aug 26, 2012, at 8:07 PM, Julie G wrote:

I don't know if you've put your hard-earned family tree on Ancestry (I have not and will not) ---= but there is a bad wind ablowin over Mundia.com which they own. It is a free, worldwide, social networking site, which allows people access to Ancestry trees! Very little has been said by Ancestry about it. If one joins Mundia, everything is fair game....all your personal info, your friends and family's info (even the living), as well as trees. Nothing is sourced, as I understand it. It will make for "cut and paste" genealogy for many people. If you invite someone to see your info on Mundia, they CAN be labeled an Editor, at which point they can EDIT YOUR TREE and the edits will also take place on Ancestry. Scary!!!!!!!

There is a board buried on Ancestry full of seething questions.

Note from Pam Ellingson:

I have registered us and have access to the www.DutchCousins.org website for the next 5 years! Check it out.

From Tamara Fulkerson:

Subject: [Kentucky.gov] Commonwealth News Center - News Flash

Commonwealth News Center Update

The following articles were found matching your subscription profile.

New Press Releases:

Monument Rededication Ceremony at Perryville Battlefield

URL : <http://kentucky.gov/Newsroom/parks/perryvillemonument2012.htm>

Date : Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Issued By : Department of Parks

Summary : Perryville Battlefield State Historic Site will host a monument rededication ceremony Monday, Oct. 8, as part of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War battle.

Lois Johnson of Wilmington, DE , says her son forwarded this story to her.

Begin forwarded message:

The following account, contributed to the *Shelby Courant*, Shelbyville, Kentucky, May 15, 1873, by George W. Demaree, refers to this William Gordon:

"A hunter, named William Gordon, married a sister of Daniel Banta and became a member of the Dutch community about the year 1800. among his many adventures with wild beasts, I give the following, which are every way reliable: Gordon and his brother-in-law, Dan Banta, were out hunting and had separated temporarily, when Banta heard the crack of Gordon's rifle, and knowing that the latter never wasted his powder and lead for nothing, hastened to the spot from whence the sound came. When he arrived, he found Gordon lying on the ground terribly mangled and nearly lifeless. A few feet from him a large bear wallowing in his own blood was already stretched in death; and a short distance from the two, Gordon's faithful dog was whining and tumbling about, badly used up. Gordon was carried home on a litter, and so dangerous were his wounds thought to be that his friends sent to Shelbyville for Dr. Morse-if I am not wrongly informed, the first physician located in that place-who dressed his wounds, and gave encouragement of his recovery. As soon as Gordon was able to converse, he gave the following version of his adventures: He had left Banta but a little while when he met the bear and shot him, but the ball failing to do its work completely, he was attacked furiously by the bear before he could reload his gun. He drew his hunting-knife, and the fight commenced in good earnest. When the bear would close on Gordon, the dog would assault him in the rear with desperate courage and force him to divide his attention between him and his master. After several rounds in this way, Gordon, cutting and hacking all the while, got in a deadly thrust with his knife and ended the conflict-but not till after himself and dog were terribly used up, as above described. He always gave his faithful dog the credit of saving his life. Some time after the above occurrence Gordon was a few steps in advance of his wife, when he heard a scream behind him. On turning around he espied a panther crouched on a limb of a tree in the act of springing on his wife. He commanded her to stand still, knowing that his wife's life depended on his skill as a marksman. Gordon was equal to the emergency; raising his gun, with quick eye and unerring touch, a sharp report, and the once dangerous animal tumbled to the ground harmless at his wife's feet.

Spouse is possibly [Angenitie Banta](https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.2.1/9SDR-CW5) (ref: <https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.2.1/9SDR-CW5>)

And Lois also sent this this blog about the Bantas and the Demarees in Kentucky.

http://maddiesancestorsearch.blogspot.com/2011_02_20_archive.html

Greene, Schoharie and Schenectady County NY biographies
(including Dutch families) going online (Robert Sullivan)
The first batch of biographical sketches from the 1899 collection
Biographical Review: Greene, Schoharie and Schenectady Counties is now
online.

More than 60 biographies are available, some with portraits, with the rest gradually going up by the end of the year. I have included an index for each county. A number of the individuals are descended from early Dutch families.

<http://www.schenectadyhistory.org/people/brgss/index.html>

Letters Special 2013 Gathering Issue

MADISON INDIANA: Our first three days of the Low Dutch Cousins 2013 Gathering will be at Clifty Inn, Madison, Indiana September 19. We've written about that before, and it is going to be an unforgettable three days. Then we caravan to Harrodsburg KY, about a 2 hour drive, to worship at our special treasure, the restored Old Mud Meetinghouse built by our Low Dutch ancestors more than 200 years ago.

PLEASUREVILLE, KY: On the way to Harrodsburg we will stop and tour the **SECOND** Dutch meetinghouse built in Kentucky near Pleasureville in Henry County at the edge of Shelby County, on the old Low Dutch Tract, originally around 8,000 acres. At the meetinghouse, our Low Dutch guru Vincent Akers will speak to us about the history. The present owners, and perhaps other interested local people, will be there to greet us and to hear Vince's talk on the history of this church and the Low Dutch Tract in Henry and Shelby Counties.

HARRODSBURG KY: Located in the heart of Kentucky's famed Bluegrass region, the Harrodsburg/Mercer County Historical Society Research Library in Harrodsburg (<http://kymercer.heliohost.org/hhs/>) will open their incredible research facility just for us on Monday Sept 23 from 10 to 3, **ALL FREE** including their **NEW** special collection of our Low Dutch Archives. Can't wait to see what all has been added since we were there two years ago. I highly recommend HHS Membership, \$20.00 per year which includes a bi-monthly newsletter 8 to 12 pages in length. Currently running a series listing the guardian bonds of early Mercer Co., Ky. Queries free to members, use of the library is always free in their limited hours to members, with a nominal fee for non-members. The Genealogical Committee will do research @ \$15.00 per hour plus the cost of 20¢ per page for copies. They have a large collection of family records & original documents in addition to a sizable collection of Kentucky books, and HHS now has Mrs. Ison's research records indexed and filed for us to peruse - can't wait to see these! She was the most amazing genealogy researcher I ever met and she knew **EVERYTHING** about the history of Harrodsburg area.

MERCER CO GENEALOGY: For a sample of things available to see online as well as at the HHS, go here: <http://kymercer.heliohost.org>

HARRODSBURG RESERVATIONS -- SPECIAL RATES: For those needing reservations at Harrodsburg, KY (my favorite place in the world!) for Sunday night September 22, I contacted Country Hearth, 105 Commercial Drive, Harrodsburg which has always been

our gathering place in the past. The owner, Nate Patel, is happy to hear we are coming back and he let me know they have completely renovated the motel with all new furniture, bedding, carpet, everything. They are working on new TV sets for each room now. There was a water leakage problem when we were there in 2011, but they finally found the cause and got it fixed, so the Inn is now definitely dry and clean. Nate said their new manager, Leanna and staff, are excellent and he gave me his personal cell phone to call if there are any issues this year. This Inn has been selected to receive the top Gold Award for the entire Country Hearth chain and Nate will be going to their headquarters to receive the honor in October. It is small, only two story but no elevator so if you can't climb stairs ask for ground floor. It's not the Taj Mahal, but it is friendly and convenient. Nate is giving us special rates about \$20 off the regular rates, but you have to call their local number and you have to state you are with the Dutch Cousins to get the rate, which runs from lowest, 1 bed-2 persons \$60 on up to hottub suites and more. I reserved about half their available rooms for our group. Here is the webpage address to see pictures, but Don't make reservations online, he can't change that higher rate once you do: <http://www.countryheartharrodsburg.com> and the phone: 859-734-2400

OTHER PLACES: There are lots of other options in and around Harrodsburg, including small bed and breakfasts, lake houses, other motels, etc. -- and an option to get a room at Pleasant Hill, the restored Shaker Village. I always want to do that, but again this year because of handicap concerns won't be able to - maybe next time. For more info contact the Mercer County Tourist Bureau. (see their incredible webpage-<http://www.harrodsburgky.com>)

Phone 1-800-355-9192 or email: tourism@harrodsburgky.com They will send you a free brochure if requested.

STAY FOR A WEEK or MORE! Harrodsburg is an amazing place with so much to see and do, all within a day's driving range. Like -

- Boonesboro Living History with Daniel Boone and Davy Crocket at the restored Fort, where some of our ancestors stayed at times for protection from Indian attacks; Living history, costumed guides, lectures, museum, store. <http://www.boonesboro.com>
- Old Fort Harrod at Harrodsburg: A full-scale replica of the fort, built by James Harrod in 1774, Cabins and blockhouses are furnished with handmade utensils, furniture, crude tools and implements used by the pioneers. Living history, costumed guides, store. The park complex also features Mansion Museum, George Rogers Clark Federal Monument, Lincoln Marriage Temple, and oldest cemetery west of the Alleghenies.
- Perryville Battlefield state park & Museum, the site of the most destructive Civil War battle in the state which left more than 7,600 killed, wounded or missing.

- Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill, the largest restored Shaker community in America, tour the buildings and make reservations at the Trustees Office for the most incredible dinner you'll ever eat. (reservations required) Take a ride on the authentic 115-passenger Dixie Belle sternwheeler, providing an up-close view of one of the most unique ecosystems in the country at the geologically ancient Kentucky River Palisades (You will want at least a full day here. We have been there three times and still haven't seen all of it we wanted to.)
- Spend some time in Harrodsburg, a town that bursts with historic charm. See the 1865 Dedman's Drugstore and soda fountain, streets lined with architectural treasures, shops given over to period crafts, restaurants dishing up traditional Southern cooking. I LOVE this place our ancestors founded!
- If you only have time to stop at one store, be sure it is J. Sampson Antiques, Books & Appraisals. The proprietor, Jerry Sampson, is president of HHS and has been a special presenter for the Dutch Cousins everytime we come to Harrodsburg. He has a facebook page and his store is located at 107 South Main Street, Harrodsburg, KY.
- Just eight miles from Harrodsburg at Danville is the Golden Lion B&B, owned & operated by Jerry & Nancy Jones. What makes the Golden Lion special for us is not only a beautiful 1840 Greek Revival home listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition to serving as a general Bed & Breakfast, The Golden Lion provides genealogical resources to those interested in researching the JONES surname and other difficult surnames. Jon & I have not stayed there, but we toured the beautiful and enjoyed their genealogy displays. For reservations: 859-583-1895. They also have a facebook page, or email: jonesgenealogist@aol.com.
- The Burgin Barn, for \$10 you can eat and listen to a good house band, The Kentucky Strangers, playing mostly country and gospel music --open on Friday nights only. Operated by octogenarian Tommy Hurst - who also plays the bass. No alcohol or smoking allowed - just good music and music lovers. For more info read an article about the Barn in Louisville Magazine: <http://www.theburginbarn.com/article.html> and check out their facebook page "the-Burgin-Barn." When they have special guests admission is two bucks more. Food is served at 6 pm as long as it lasts and the music starts at 7. Reservations recommended: 859-748-9689 or 859-265-1415

LOW DUTCH STATION HISTORY: It was at the Golden Lion B&B a few years ago I first realized Old Mud might not be the FIRST Dutch meetinghouse. It was at the Golden Lion I learned our Old Mud Meetinghouse was apparently NOT the first one in KY as we had believed. In a booklet by the owner, Jerry Jones, "Ken-Tah-The: The Life and Times of Walker Daniel," "District Court met at Harrodsburg on 4 Mar 1783 and adjourned to the "Dutch Meetinghouse" to complete the session." Our

Mud Meetinhouse was not built until 1800, almost 20 years later. I called Mr. Jones this morning to get a clarification. I tell you the man is a walking encyclopedia of early Kentucky history!

Jones said in that early day there were two Dutch meetinghouses, the upper and the lower. We decided the upper was probably the one near Louisville sometimes called "Holland Station," and we have previously discussed the historical marker there. Jones reminded me that on the earliest map of Kentucky, the 1784 Filson map, is the designation near Fort Harrod, "Low Dutch Station." I had assumed that was our Old Mud, but Jones said by overlaying a present day map there are crossroads of at least five trails at that point, and the location of the meetinghouse would be present day Burgin. Jones does THIRTEEN blogs believe it or not, but the one most interesting to me - and probably to my readers- is this one centered on Danville area history: <http://historicdanvilleky.blogspot.com/2012/05/beginning.html>

To read the 2013 Dutch Cousins newsletter with info of the September meeting in full color online, click here: <http://goo.gl/MLnha>

For more information about Dutch Cousins check with our official webpage, www.DutchCousins.org (webmaster Pam Ellingson)

On my webpage, www.CarolynBLeonard.com read the pages: DutchCousins and LowDutchHeritage

Friend me, like me on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/carolyn.leonard.313?ref=tn_tnmn

We have a facebook page, Dutch Cousins of Kentucky, maintained by Barb Whiteside

To be added to the Dutch Letters, weekly round robin email, contact CarolynLeonard@me.com

Don't forget -- Next DUTCH COUSINS GATHERING:

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Special rates for arriving Friday September 20 2013 - Departing Sunday Sept 22, 2013

Give the code Group #0920 DC or the inn will say they're full.

Request a free brochure online at visitmadison.org or order a brochure by phone just by calling 812-265-2956 or 800-559-2956.

They will also help you find another place to stay if Clifty Inn is full.

Send your check for the Friday bus tour of Madison area Indiana; narrator Lynn Rogers who grew up on Ryker's Ridge, Tour chairman Carla Gerding. This is a late add-on so the \$18 is in addition to registration.

You don't have to ride in the bus, you can drive along behind but won't have benefit of the tour leader - and the last time we tried it (Shelbyville 2007) the cars got separated from the bus and we lost them.

NOTE: \$18 each, make checks to Dutch Cousins for the tour, send to Dutch tour leader Carla Gerding, 326 Bishop Lane, Turner's Station KY 40075 -- and the wheels on the bus will go round and round ...

To visit my webpage, just click on the links below or paste the URLs into your browser.

Welcome: <http://bit.ly/CarolynBLeonard>

Writers Reminder: <http://bit.ly/16TyESp>

MyBlog: <http://bit.ly/myblogs2012>

Website Winners: <http://bit.ly/websitewinners>

or Book Reviews: <http://bit.ly/MyBookReviews>

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http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard.com/My_Blog/Entries/2013/10/13_The_Dutch_Cousins_of_Kentucky.html

or (short hotlink) <http://bit.ly/17BsksN>

Dear cousins, I intended to give a brief summary of the 2013 Dutch Cousins gathering Sept 20-22 at Clifty Inn State Park in Indiana and followup at the Six-mile Dutch meetinghouse and on to Harrodsburg KY and the Old Mud Meetinghouse Sept 22-24 - but I don't even know where to begin! As usual it was a delightful time full of laughter, networking, informative talks and displays, entertainment, hugs and more hugs with cousins - some we didn't even know a year ago.

So just let me say first - Our Dutch Cousins are THE GREATEST.

ATTENDANCE: I believe the final count was about 100 cousins attending from some 24 states around the nation and from many of the 50 or more different family groups. Each of the chairpersons did a wonderful job. The Friday bus tour, narrated and coordinated by Mr. Lynn Rogers, was a big favorite. And Lynn was our real go-to person this year. Even tho he lives in Ohio, he acted like our local host. Lynn furnished coffee pots, ran out for doughnuts for the hospitality chairpersons Gene & Carol Heathcoat. Lynn even drove 2 hours to Harrodsburg to pick up items we needed for the gathering. (I hope he filed a bill with the treasurer and got reimbursed for everything - Lynn let me know, please?)

NAMETAGS: Janice Cozine did an incredible job of keeping registration organized and under control. Everyone seemed to love the colorful "I'm proud of my ancestor" stick-on name tags - and the funny tags too, like "Troublemaker" or "I'm the Big Cheese". They showed up well on this year's white tee-shirts with yellow lettering - Thanks to Carole K.

WELCOME: Our own Forever Miss America, Heather French Henry of Kentucky, showed up and sang "*God Bless America*" to open our Saturday meeting before the Mayor's welcome. We thanked our cousin Dr. Steve Henry for having the good sense to marry her. His reply? "Westerfields always did appreciate beautiful women." (and the Westerfield men all wisely agreed). Mary Woodfill Park led a touching Veteran Memorial service.

ENTERTAINMENT: As usual our own famous Low Dutch expert Vince Akers took us on an incredible Dutch journey of "After Kentucky" with the why and how our Dutch moved into this area of Indiana in the early 1800s, and then again he spoke on Sunday at the Six-mile Meetinghouse. (PDFs available). Dr. Bob Schenck carried us along on his enjoyable powerpoint road trip to deliver an ambulance to Mongolia for charity, peppering his story with tales of Ghengis Khan. Mary Jo Gohmann's video of the "Dutch Footprints to New York" trip in 2011 left everyone begging for another Dutch tour. (by the way, copies of the NY tour DVD are also available from Charlie Westerfield, see below, for \$15 each).

The Saturday banquet entertainment by Sue Livers in costume on the "Dutch and the Underground Railroad" was great. I think Donna Gaines, coordinator, may have paid the full bill for Livers' performance - talk to the treasurer, Donna. Joan Murray was well prepared for the autograph party. About six or eight authors autographed a lot of books and it was a busy hour. Phyllis Westerfield handled the silent auction and I think she took in over \$300. All funds in excess of expenses go to restoration of Old Mud. Barb Whitesides had scrapbooks of our group's history on display.

COMPLAINT: Heard only one complaint about the gathering. We needed a bigger area and room to spread out more. The biggest meeting room at Clifty was reserved for a wedding next to us on Saturday night and we almost felt like we were part of it with the dance music and fun we all experienced. Next time -2015 in Frankfurt- Coordinator Barbie, please make a note -- we need more room for people and at least ten tables or more just for displays and silent auction. Also noted we had some communication problems this year; several people missed the announcements about group photo shots, and others missed info on being able to buy the photo CDs and what time things were happening. How can we improve that next time? (Note -- we did have a schedule posted in a couple places - and I think everyone showed up on time for meals!)

HARRODSBURG: Amalie had Old Mud all set up for us when we arrived Sunday in Harrodsburg, and about 75 cousins attended the worship service, which was great with Ronnie Blackwell, Eddie Sherrow, and another local pastor singing several songs and our own pastor Claude Westerfield leading the worship assisted by his wife Kathy (she is a doll).

AFTER WORSHIP: Lee and brother Lynn Rogers, Barbie & Rod, Eddie and Janice, all stayed late Sunday to help move all the boxes back to storage in the H-burg Historical center (HHS), and of course Amalie had to stay too, to let us in. She was late picking up her 90-year-old uncle for evening church. Hope he forgives us.

RESEARCH AT HHS: On Monday The Coles - King and Sharon- from Texas, my cousin Jan & her hubby from Washington state, Alice Hostetter & friends from Seattle, Malcolm & Betty Banta from Florida, our new VP Tommy Green & wife (OK), Claude & Kathy (Iowa), Barbara Merideth (MO), Denise Perry (TN) and Pam Ellingson (Wisc) all researched at the HHS - there may have been more, I was too busy to count. Remember this is the ONLY Low Dutch repository in the nation?

It was fun having so many of us staying in the little Country Hearth - kind of like a big slumber party. Of course the best part for me was getting to spend time with cousin Jan after so many years, and we tried out several great eating places - Shakertown's Trustee House is still the best. Their fresh lemon pie is to die for and I will share the recipe later.

BTW - did I say our Dutch Cousins are the greatest? At Clifty Inn Sharon Cole and I commiserated about our limp hair one damp morning - so she went to town and came back with hairspray for me. Then I mentioned I had been unable to find a unique plastic toothpick with a curved end, recommended by my dentist. When we arrived home, we had a package from King & Sharon - enclosing two BOXES of said toothpicks. Oh gosh, how can I repay them?

BUSINESS MEETING BRIEF: I am so excited about our new slate of officers and chairs - we really are becoming one big wonderful DUTCH family, and it is great to welcome the many Ryker/Riker members into our Low Dutch Cousin events. John C. Westerfield of Pennsylvania is our new president and Tommy Green of Oklahoma, a Ryker descendant, is the new Vice President. Nobody volunteered for Secretary so I am still "it" and Diana is continuing as treasurer. Vince agreed to be finance chair and Barbie Hamman volunteered as gathering coordinator. Most of the chairpersons from this year are staying on, so that is GREAT news, because I saw fantastic team work this year. I will be sending out the minutes when I have time to get my head together and find the recorder. BUT I have only received two committee reports - these from Carole K, the Tee-shirt lady and Janice - our registration queen. Come on guys, we need those reports.

THANKS: Thanks and congratulations to everyone for producing a really great and joyful get-together! Hope I haven't forgotten anything or anyone.

Hugs, Carolyn

(who just got home Thursday night -Oct 10- after four weeks on the road including driving through four states to the 2013 Dutch Cousins Gathering at Clifty Falls state park in Indiana - then Kentucky to worship at Old Mud and research at the Harrodsburg Historical Society, through West Virginia for a long weekend in the coal-mining region of Appalachia Virginia for Jon's family reunion, on to Tennessee to visit Jon's bachelor cousin, back to Virginia for a week of research on Jon's genealogy in the Blue Ridge, back I-40's rough highway across the long state of Tennessee, then taking a slow "red" 2-lane through Arkansas to avoid road repair and a terrible traffic tie-up - and finally back on I-40 Oklahoma City - tired but happy! As Dorothy said in the Wizard of Oz, "There's just no place like home.")

Travel tip! Always stop at the welcome centers of the state you are entering. They offer clean restrooms, free maps and literature, details on traffic and road repairs/detours, and motel coupons for incredible moneysaving -- and most have a great photo op with the state name sign. At the Oklahoma welcome center, our welcome people asked us to let Gov. Mary Fallin know they did not have such a name sign photo-op. I am a big fan of Gov Fallin, so I sent her an email - next time you come into the great state of Oklahoma - check to see if the sign is there.

From Ellie Burnaford:

The 2013 Dutch Cousins Gathering was definitely a wonderful experience, and I am already thinking about 2015 and seeing everyone again in Frankfort. Could you clarify something? In a recent newsletter there was a bit that started " ATTN CHARLES VANORSDALE OF SAUDI ARABIA : @FRANKLIN FRICK" ...Did Robert Adlet of Pembroke Pines, FL say, as I understand, that he will copy and mail copies of booklet "The history of the Low Dutch Colony of Conewago" to those who ask for it? If "yes", please send me his email address or give him my email address, so that I can request a copy of the booklet.Thank you.And thank you for all you do and have done for all the Dutch Cousins, including me!
(email info sent)

Received today: Carolyn,
Thank you for forwarding my address to Robert Adlet. He just contacted me with an offer to copy and send me the booklet. Aren't genealogists kind?!
Ellie

from Penny Kerhoulas
You had forwarded an article some time ago from Robert Adlet of Pembroke Pines, FL He said he would copy and send a copy of a booklet he has about the Low Dutch of Conewago. I would be so excited to see that booklet since I am a Vanarsall descendant Please send me his email address, so that I can request a copy of the booklet.
Thank you. I so appreciate learning about the Dutch Cousins and plan on joining you at the next reunion.
(email info sent)

From Carolyn:
We had contracted with a photographer in Madison for \$150 to appear for an hour or so at noon on Saturday for the group picture, take a few shots for him to sell at \$10 each. Best deal we could find at the time. Then our wonderful Dutch cousin Charlie Westerfield, pro photog, agreed to come and take pics all weekend. He has had a photo studio since 1969 in Louisville, according to his logo. Charlie would not accept our gratuity, AND he is offering to make a CD of the weekend pics, AND a DVD of the Old Mud church service and mail it out AT HIS COST of \$15. Our Dutch Cousins are the greatest people! So if you want to get in on this unbelievable deal, send a money order to Charlie at his studio and be sure to include your full contact info:
3913 Jenica Way
Louisville KY 40241-1530

BTW Note from Carolyn: I got my package today. That cousin does GREAT work.

from Charlie Westerfield:
JCO & Carolyn,

I sent out 21 CD's and DVD's today. I will send out the one to Barbara Whiteside this afternoon. Not sure if hers was paid for, but I will send it anyway.
Thanks for the hard work you folks do!

from Martha Roach

Carolyn,

do hope your trip was great.

my daughter and I went to the quilt show at the logan county fairgrounds today.

it is also on tomorrow (Saturday)

as we were wandering through and admiring the quilts on display, one of the grand champion ribbons was placed on a beautiful

quilt done by a sue banta. beautiful, but thought she might be one of those dutch cousins.

from Amalie Preston:

This is a brief update on the "LDR" [the low Dutch Repository]. The lateral filing cabinets housing the Low Dutch materials is now the first stop for anyone arriving at the Harrodsburg Historical Society researching their Dutch ancestry. Both family and topical files are represented in the repository. This continues to be a work in progress with new information being added regularly. The growth of the repository is primarily due to your (Dutch Cousins) continued donations of genealogical and historical materials. We are honored to learn that housing this repository gives Harrodsburg another first, the first and only Low Dutch Repository in the USA! Thanks!

NOTE FROM CAROLYN TO AMALIE: Can you tell us a little more about what is in there and how it is filed? Looked pretty tightly stuffed! I intended to look for the Paul and Barbara Terhune materials. I did not see them - but didn't spend much time looking -- too many other things to see even tho this is about my 10th visit. For things that relate to several different family group names, how are they identified?

Barbara Merideth was so generous to share her scanner/printer which allowed scanning documents directly to a flash drive, and Denise Merideth Perry even gave me a flashdrive when I could not find mine. Our Dutch Cousins are the best people! Besides that, Barbara sat in the same area of Old Mud worship service and now I know one of our cousins who will be invited to sing a special at the next gathering. Amalie Preston is another cousin with a great voice.

from Denise Merideth Perry:

Hi Carolyn:

I see where you traveled quite a bit after the reunion. Thank you for it all. It was a great reunion and I loved the time at Harrodsburg.

Barbara and I are going to Baltimore for a cruise and had two days to spend at the National Archives, and guess what, it is closed.

We thought about driving up to Conowago, its about 2 hours from our hotel. Is there a guide or map that would show up what we could see while we are there?

I visited the Dutch cousins website and saw a little but I wasn't sure if there was something else that might direct us on some areas to visit.

Thanks so much and so glad you made it safely homoe.

God Bless

A Dutch cousin of yours.

NOTE FROM CAROLYN: I will do a special "letters" on Conewago and the recent change of Findagrave being purchased by Ancestry.com in the near future.

From Jan Pranger

I'm sorry to have missed the gathering...I was especially looking forward to seeing Old Mud and to the service there. But I'm sure there will be pictures, and I'll be looking forward to seeing them.

You must be exhausted after a month on the road! I hope you were successful in your research at Harrodsburg and in Virginia. I knocked down a very old brick wall in my tree through a surrogate's notice in an old newspaper on FultonHistory.com just about two weeks ago, and have been having so much fun working back from my new great great grandfather.

Thank you for thinking about me. I'm happy to hear you are home safe from your travels,

Can anyone recommend a good inexpensive E-Mail Manager ? My provider only allows a maximum of 30 addresses at a time and under 200 in 24 hour period to be sent, so every time I send out a Dutch Cousins Letters I have to make about 20 copies of each and sometimes it takes two days to get them sent. Suggestions please. I am looking at Mail Chimp - other suggestions? I tried MacMassMail - supposed to be the easiest, but couldn't get it to work. I will keep trying so you may get two copies of this Letter.

from Janice Cozine:

I will enjoy working with Barbie and I think Frankfort will be a nice place for sure.

Eddie talks about you, Jon and Jim Cozine often. He has been very excited getting to know all of you. Just think, a little article in the news paper has come this far. Eddie LOVES stories and any info on his family history and all of this is contributed by all of you.

Eddie is going to the farm to cut hay for the next 5 days and I have the 4 grandkids for the next 4 days. We're trying to decide what they would like to do, while they are here.

from Jane VanArsdale:

Note my change of email address. Wishing you well,

from Rogene Smith:

Hello to Carolyn, Haven't heard anything from you since the reunion. I hope you and Jon made it home OK and I hope you are well. I have received the DVD from Westerfield; but haven't looked at it yet. I enjoyed the reunion as did my daughter. She is not a genalogist; but enjoyed the programs and meeting. She helped with the silent auction.

Madison's business district really looked good and the walk along the river was nice. There were benches along the walk, a shelter, and names engraved in the bricks of people who had donated to the walk.

I'm glad we did not arrive after dark, because of the road to the motel. It was a beautiful setting and just think we almost were in the wedding. I would have liked to go on to Harrodsburg, but didn't want to take my daughter away from her home any longer. I hope I am still able to attend the next reunion.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work in planning the reunion.

from King and Sharon Cole - first-timers at the Dutch Cousins this year -

We had a wonderful experience at our first Dutch Cousins meeting. Everything about it was truly enjoyable. I know that you and others spent a lot of time planning and organizing all the different speakers, bus trip, t-shirts and research. Prior to the meeting, we thought it might be a one-time trip, but we both are looking forward to the next meeting. I am glad we are cousins. We look forward to seeing you all again.

NOTE from Carolyn - this note was tucked in a package we received today from the Coles - along with TWO boxes of curved plastic toothpicks (long funny story

here), so now I owe them for the toothpicks AND a can of hairspray! Our Dutch Cousins are the greatest people!

from Larry and Suzanne Voreis:

Just wanted to send this picture [Jon & Carolyn Heavener with Vince Akers -] and tell you how much we appreciate all you have done to make the Dutch Cousin's Reunion such a special occasion. This year was the best ever! I was especially gratified to see so many new faces. As I talked to the newcomers, I asked them how they heard about us, and nearly all of them said they found out about us from the internet. So, thanks also to those who publish Dutch Cousin's news on the web.

(See the pic on my blog

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Ignore my crooked hat, but NOTICE my darling Dutch dress, made by Dutch Cousin Carole Karwatka of Morehead KY, with only my emailed measurements -- the dress fit perfectly! The scarf was a gift from Mary W. Park, past president of Daughters of Holland Dames. Amazing. Our Dutch Cousins are the greatest people! Jon and I got our hats in Holland Michigan a few years ago.

Letters 10/21/2013

I am trying this new mail manager so please let me know if you receive it okay, and if the hotlinks and Vince's pdfs are on here.

Hugs to all, Carolyn

from Jim Woodfill

Carolyn, I just wanted to say that I had a great time at this year's Dutch Cousins gathering, both at the Clifty Inn and at Harrodsburg and Old Mud. I got to renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and learn even more about my Dutch ancestry. The bits of history I learned at the previous gatherings, plus the people who made them, are starting to come together and form a much clearer picture to me now, than was apparent to me at the earlier meetings. I also got to spend considerable time with my Woodfill cousins Bob, Mary, Donna, and Tommy. I followed Donna & Bill's lead and stayed Sunday night at the Beaumont Inn in Harrodsburg, a stately old antebellum building that started out as a women's college before the civil war. It was a little pricier than the Country Hearth, but I think it was worth it. Their dining room was closed on Sunday, but they had a very nice breakfast on Monday morning, one of the best I've ever had. It was free, except for the expensive stuff which I didn't bother with, and it was served to you, none of this continental buffet stuff like in the smaller hotels. That in itself made the stayover worthwhile.

Something unusual happened to me on the last day at the Clifty. I was just finishing breakfast there in the restaurant, and asked the waitress for my check. She told me that a young lady had already picked up my check and paid it. I asked who the young lady was, and the waitress looked around but said she was gone now. I racked my brain, trying to figure out who she might be, but came up totally empty. If she is a member of our group, would she please come forward and identify herself, so that I can properly thank her, and possibly return the favor at the next gathering? Could it be I have a secret admirer? Or a fairy godmother? (Ha! At *my* age? That'll be the day!)

From Alice Hostetter:

I just want to repeat my "thank you" for the splendid Dutch Cousin Reunion. It went way beyond my expectations. I will sum it up by saying that not only did I feel a strong "cousin" connection but there was a feeling of spiritual connection as well that made me feel as though I had never left home. Jan Whaley, my friend, and I are going to give a presentation next month at our Valley Clan Diggers meeting of our experiences at the Dutch Cousin reunion. I would truly love to be able to have Vince Akers' very informative lectures in writing.

From Barbara Fineisen

For the past couple of years I have been researching my Harris ancestry. My father was an only child who had one first cousin, so I didn't know very much about his family. I wish I had been more interested when he was alive so I could have picked his brain. I'm sure that if I had asked the right questions, he would have known more than he thought. So, starting with ancestry.com, my grandparents and my great grandfather who lived in Louisville, I have managed to go back to Daniel Harris and Elizabeth DEMAREST--my 5th great grandparents. I was very surprised to learn that I had Dutch ancestors--not to mention Shakers!

I have been in contact several times with Jan Pranger, who gave me your email address. I would like very much to be included in the Low Dutch mailing list and would enjoy meeting my Low Dutch cousins in Madison, IN next Sept.

[Note from Carolyn - does anyone have more info on John Smock and Elizabeth Ann Bradshaw of Mercer Co KY?

from Jan Schrouf:

Carolyn, I rec'd your emails from Dina Deupree....she is in my DAR group...I'd said that we had not proved a Rev Patriot in my husband's Smock/Demaree(Demarest) family and the story of the Low Dutch Colony in KY.

You spoke to his [Ron Schrouf's] OKC SARs chapter... This I discovered after the fact! When I mentioned this at DAR, Dina recalled my interest and sent the info to me. Hopefully, we will be able to attend the next reunion in 2015.

Ron's grgrgrandmother was Mary Ann "Mattie" Smock, dau. of John Smock and Elizabeth Ann Bradshaw, buried in Mercer Co.

Mattie m. John King Finnell 4 Feb 1850 in Mercer Co, KY. The Finnells went to Missouri and are buried there.

I have an article by A.M. Tuttle "Notes on Two Revolutionary Ancestors, JACOB SMOCK and GERARDUS RYKER, and on some of their decendants." I think I found it in Frankfort, KY abt 35 yrs ago. It gives an account from PIONEERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY. BY JOHN SMOCK...June 26, 1874.

Another of Rons family was the late Landon Wills who was the editor of Bluegrass Roots. They are related on the Gen. Samuel B Ireland tree.(also of Mercer,Shelby,Henry Counties, KY). His grmother Frances Dove Finnell (dau of John B. and Annie Laurie Ireland Finnell-Johns mother was Mary Ann Smock). I have a letter written to Dove's(Nanny) sister Pearl Finnell Smith from Pinkie Pearson Smock Taubman in 1938, of Lexington, MO which gives pertinent info. She states her grandfather was John Smock so i.e.....John Smock was Mary Ann's grandfather. She mentions Abraham, Isaac, John and WmAbe and Ike drove the stage coach from Harrodsbur to Danville, KY for many years. Pinkie tells Pearl that John was her " grgrandfather and thats something...some dont know their own daddy (unreadable) something too." She goes on to identify the decendants of John.

** (Pearl's son, John Lucien Smith was the 1st Congressional Medal of Honor receipient of WWII from Oklahoma. He has been inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame.)

If you would put me on the Low Dutch Colony etc. mailings we would be very appreciative.

From Deborah Dustman:

May I please receive a PDF of the following presentation? Thank you!!!

"incredible Dutch journey of "After Kentucky" with the why and how our Dutch moved into this area of Indiana in the early 1800s, and then again he spoke on Sunday at the Six-mile Meetinghouse. (PDFs available)."

from Della Ford Nash

I enjoyed reading your whole report. Really fun and makes me wish I had a Low Dutch Cousin. So much going on, CDs, pictures, costumes, singing, services and a lot of genealogy. Della

from Marge Delaney:

Thanks so much for sending me a copy of the account of your recent travels, and of the Dutch Cousins Reunion.

Jackie had told me that you and Jon had gone, and are now back home. All was very interesting to read about.

Hope your new hip held up well. I didn't read of any "breakdowns" so am guessing all was well with you and the hip!

I have asked Dr Ponder about you several times, and he has given positive reports, for which I am very thankful.

from Beverly Sullivan

On Oct 14, 2013, at 2:44 PM, damebev@aol.com wrote:

Hi Carolyn! I just got the email about the Gathering this year. Sounds like I missed a really great gathering. At the time of the meeting I was having some health problems. But my friends and I did get to go to VA on Sept. 27th. Sounds like we may have been in the same areas some! Jean Pollard did not get to go with us this year and we missed her. I just got home on Sat. from VA/TN after two weeks going around VA, ending up in Knoxville, TN. BUT the interesting thing I saw on your note was I bet you were right here where I live!!! Remember I live right over the MS River bridge in Marion, AR! It depends on which two lane highway you took home, but if it was Hwy 64, which is a favorite of a lot of people around here, you were about 10 blocks from my home!! If it was Hwy 70 you were still close to me. Too bad we did not know it and could get to see each other.

Dear Carolyn:

- 1) I was there**
- 2) I enjoyed the camaraderie**
- 3) I gave a talk, "Travels with Genghis"**

Best wishes,

Dr. Robert Schenck

Membership Chairman

The Holland Society of New York

from Sam Mendenhall:

Robert Adlet of Pembroke Pines, FL say, as I understand, that he will copy and mail copies of booklet "The history of the Low Dutch Colony of Conewago" to those who ask for it?

If "yes", please send me his e-mail address or give him my e-mail address, so that I can request a copy of the booklet and pay him for his efforts.

Thank you. Sam Mendenhall

On Oct 15, 2013, at 7:59 AM, David Smock wrote:

Thank you, Carolyn for the fulsome report on the Dutch Cousins reunion, which is so useful, especially to those of us who were unable to attend the reunion. Regarding the statement (or is it a question?) that the Harrodsburg Historical Society is the "only Low Dutch repository in the nation," some Dutch Cousins may not be aware of The Holland Society of New York, which has collected information on New Netherland and its inhabitants and their descendants since its founding in 1885, and has an

extensive library. Information about the Holland Society is available on the internet. There may be other repositories as well, but I certainly agree, however, that it is entirely appropriate for us to deal with the Harrodsburg Historical Society.

David Smock
Florida Branch,
The Holland Society of New York
Dutch Cousins Point of Contact for
the Smock Family

Thanks David - I know about the Holland Society, but never thought of them as being as repository since they are so restrictive on membership and visitation. However, I will add this info to the next letters.
carolyn

from Bob Cossart, author of THE COSSART CHRONICLES (my book review here: <http://bit.ly/GXcing>)
Here it is late October, and I just now saw your email below. It was somehow mistakenly filed in an email folder I seldom access. You are correct; the house below appears to be a very different one than the one in my book, and your photo does match the one in "The Cossairt Family" by Joseph A. Cossairt. I am feeling rather embarrassed now. The house I photographed was on the west side of the road a short distance south of the lower Low Dutch Cemetery. This being my first visit to the area and having no map and no photo with me at the time, my memory failed me, and I made a wrong assumption about the house I photographed. I wanted to stop and inquire within, but there was a "Beware of Dog" sign prominently displayed near the drive, and I didn't want to become a chew toy for the family pet. LOL! Do you have a map showing the exact location or the actual postal address of the correct house? At some point I would like to get back there for another visit.

There have been one or two other minor issues raised by other researchers, and I may at some point want to publish a revised edition. Including the correct photo of Cossart's Dream home will top the list of changes. It's embarrassing, to say the least, and I the last thing I want to do is mislead or confuse other researchers.

I'm sorry I missed the Dutch Cousins get-together. I have had some health issues this summer that kept me from travel, but things are under control now. We just returned from a visit to the Florida panhandle, and we plan a visit to Colorado to see our daughter and grandson in a couple of weeks. I doubt we will make it back to Pennsylvania this winter, but perhaps will make a visit in the Spring next year. Next time, I will have a good map in hand. J I see from the hot link you sent you have already added photos of Francis' grave stone. It's good to hear from you, cousin. Best wishes for the upcoming Holiday season.

Cousin Bob

Below are the pdfs from Vince Akers "After Kentucky" and "Six-Mile Meetinghouse". Some providers strip off attachments so if they are not on your email, let me know and I will try another way to send.

Letters 10/24/2013

Dear Dutch Cousins,

As you can see from the responses below - some people received the PDFs with no problem, others either did not receive them or could not open them. If you are willing to try DROPBOX, it is free and I have used it for some time. I put Vince Akers' PDFs of his speeches in a Dropbox folder. Friends who click the link below will get an instant preview of the file or folder through their browser, and the option to download the files to their computer. The recipient doesn't need to be a Dropbox user. Let me know if it works for you.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/2zlbikhdqvg5slf/N6hRlv4_ie

If you want to send the files or a picture or anything else you wish to share to someone else, save a copy of the file someplace in your Dropbox folder. Find the file, Click on the file name to select it, then right-click and select SHARE LINK from the Dropbox menu. Then you can paste that address into an email message, IM, text message...you name it.

from Robin Barnett

Thank you. September was a crazy month and I was unable to attend this year's gathering. Please keep me on the mailing list.

Sincerely,
Robin

from Jack Taylor:

I received your Email with 2 attachments that formatted perfectly when down loaded. The Vince AKERS printed presentation was a very welcome important part of our "putting muscle on the bones of our ancestors." Vince had already become a legend in our REYNERSON Family by helping with details of "A Genealogy of the REYNIERSEN Family" by Peter RINEARSON & Art RYNEARSON 1991. I was amazed at how young he was. We need more injection of youngsters to keep our family history alive!

If attending a similar "KY Dutch Cousins" Clan Gathering in the future I will be happy to audio record such presentations. I did get a good audio recording of Sue Livers as "Patsy Harris" that Lynn ROGERS wanted and would like to send it to him for his use as he and Sue agree upon. But, I don't have his Email or Snail Mail address.

Jack "Johannes' TAYLOR

from Gladys Dorrell:

Homer passed away Oct. 19th . The funeral was yesterday and many beside those conducting the service spoke of their experience and appreciating Homer life service and example living God service. His life was focused on service and spreading the gospel etc I will miss him but I know he is in heaven.

Gladys Dorrell

Gladys, please accept my deepest sympathy and also the sympathy of the group. I am so glad we had the opportunity to know Homer and you, and thank you so much for all you two did for the Dutch Cousins group. --Carolyn

Got the email just fine and the links worked too. However, the pdfs wouldn't open.
Tommy

from Thelma Little:

Thank you for keeping us Dutch cousins notified of all those special activities and events. Will you add me to the mailing of the Conewago Colony history booklet. by Mr Akers.

Lammentje Covenhoven, Conover bap:Oct 10,1779 by Domine Cornelius Cozine of Straben York/Adams co PA RDC.

AKA: Emelia Conover Ferguson, Bur:Aug 21, 1851 at Rose twp. Beaver Run Cem. Pg.52 Row 4 Clarion Co.PA. in book

Cemerey Hoppin' by Pat Steele of Jefferson co.PA.

She was younger sister of Martje Covenhoven Stagg... They moved to Harrodsburg Colony.

Her parents are buried in Straben Cemetery. JOHN Covenhoven b:1747 -1832 and Caty Catherine Coevert.D:1822.

Emelia m: William Ferguson b:1779-1851. Haven't found their marriage record and date.

They and their 6 children moved to Beaver Twp Armstrong/Clarion co PA about 1824. All children born in Adams co.PA.

Sincerely,
Thelma

from Betty Hersey

I received it but the .pdfs didn't open.

from Sue

The attachments were stripped from my regular primary email account but I opened my "alternate" Hotmail e-mail account, and received both PDF files.

So I just opened and printed, and I am now off to "happy reading."

Thank you!!! Sue

from Lee Rogers

Carolyn: I am having trouble opening the pdf to copy Vince Akers Speeches. I really, really want a copy of them. I think they are the best thing that tells the story in this chapter of the Low Dutch in Kentucky. Let me know. Thanks.
Lee

Hotlinks and Vince's pdfs are missing from my email.
Linda Hayes

from Carla Gerding:

Got it fine. . .didn't know if you received my email to you?? I too felt that it was the BEST ever reunion. Of course, it had its kinks. . . It always will, but on the whole, I think it went smoothly. Remember when we tried to register in the country hearth lobby?? Okay!!! We are improving!
Hope you are recovered. Love Carla

from David Smock:

Your message with the attachments opened fine in the iMAC but not in the old Dell (which is on its last legs anyhow). Many thanks for keeping us so well informed of a great reunion, which I could attend experience only "spiritually" and through written reports.

Best regards,

David

from Mary Jo Gohmann

I received your mailing perfectly and now I am in the process of downloading the PDFs from Vince Akers. Anxious to read all I missed September 22.

I am back in the states again as I left my daughter to her studies in Paris. I arrived home on Saturday and adjusting from the jet lag. Now in the process of downloading photos and jotting down more notes as I wait on the washing machine to catch up on the piles of laundry.:)

Hugs,

Mary Jo

from Larry Voreis:

The link didn't work in your last e-mail. Could you send me the PDF's for both of Vnce's speeches.

Thanks and best wishes.

from Judy Cassidy

I did receive the attachments. Please change my husbands name from Tom to Jim. The Vanguards are all on line and can be accessed with a google search.

Thankyou

Carolyn, I could not open your attachments from Vince Akers. Could you send them to me in a different manner?

Thanks, Janice Cozine :)

from Pam Ellingson

The pdfs of Vince's talks came through my e-mail okay. I have included them with the "letters" on the DC website.

From Bill VanOsdol

Carolyn, I sent my Dutch grandson's photos to a friend in Margraten NL and he responded and added this note about Christmas. He keeps me informed of Dutch history and current events. There is a American cemetery in Margraten and each grave site(more than 8000)_ is adopted and attended by a Dutch family. I've been there 3 times. They were extremely upset when the Obama show down closed the cemetery and no one could enter.Did I already send this to you? Bill

Subject: pictures

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I'm happy I can read my mails and find something with Google on the PC. But when I see what our Grandchild does on Ipad(what it is) with his 2 years I'm a very old stupid Dummy. :-)).

Oke Bill I stay with the strongest and we survive.

Something funniest:

Perhaps you know we have in the Netherland at 6 dec, Santa Claus for the children. This Santa Claus a so called bishop from MIRA in Spain, over two hundred years and get help from black servants. (White guys who paint their face black) This Santa Claus is riding in the (what children believes) night from 5 to 6 Dec. over the roofs of the houses and his helping black people throw presents for the children through the chimneys. And in the morning of 6 dec. they find these presents in their shoes in front of the chimney in the living room. Everybody like this and it was a common case hardly over 250 Years.. A very nice event for the children. Every year this Bishop is coming several days before the 5th to several towns standing on a ship and the mayor of that speaks a word of welcome. A beautiful tradition .! But now several real black people in the Netherlands suddenly have problems with this while these servants are black.. They yell that is slavery.

Nowadays the, believe me, the UN had a requiry and the result is :that's a total racial discrimination and this is slavery!!!! They want we must stop with this children event .The president of the UN group in the Netherlands is coming from..... Jamaica and she is black.

Oh happy day.

I'll think this year I don't find some presents in my shoe..jamaica girl stay with your Rum-Beans.

Met vriendelijke groeten

Charles Kesselaer

Letters 11/7/2013

from Carolyn Leonard (editor): We took a few days off and went home (to small town, rural Buffalo OK) from Friday to Tuesday this week - no internet, no tv, no phone service, not even a newspaper! It was wonderful! I went to the public library on Monday to check email, but didn't take time for replies.

Really enjoyed this long weekend - Always have to come back to the farm every so often to get grounded and enjoy all the hugs. We went to Kiowa (Kansas), another small rural town, for a Dinner Theatre on Saturday night. Took son, granddaughter, and her boyfriend, and we

had so much fun just being with my cousins there who are involved in the theatre -- and the steaks were delicious. Another nice little celebration now that I am back on my feet again.

So now - back to work and the real world. A dozen phone call messages to return, 125 emails, deadlines to meet, a tall stack of US Mail to take care of, and doctor's appointments --Aware I have not sent out the Dutch Cousin 2013 reports and minutes -- so taking DEEP breaths and I will get there!

From Judy K. McKee

I'm from Vevay and missed the reunion by a few days. I've just gotten my DAR membership last June and I'm trying to find pictures of some of my ancestors. I realize they would probably be pictures of portraits. I'm putting together a book for my grandchildren and need pictures of Isaac Vauter Banta and Hendrick Banta. I'd be happy to share what I have with others if wanted. My patriot was Henry Banta Sr. in PA. I'm a member of the Green Mountain Boys Chapter in San Antonio. I look forward to hearing from you. (any cousins with info for Judy McKee, please hit reply and I will forward to her.)

From Jim Cozine to Vince Akers

cc Carolyn

Just got back from Hawaii 2 days ago and read your "Beyond Kentucky" paper..

WOW! - that was a fantastic read... Hope you will submit it to the Holland Society for publication in their magazine de Halve Maen.

Garret Cozine (last son of the Rev Cornelius) went to Hendricks Co,. IN in late 1835 to join his grandson of the same name, who had purchased 120 acres on Oct 18th that year. Sorry I missed the gathering this year - but I've got Frankfort, KY on my schedule for 2015.

(Note from Carolyn - Garret Cozine is mutual ancestor for Jim Cozine and me - our 5th great grandfather)

from David Smock:

Supplementing Charles Kesselaer's comments (copied below) in your Dutch Cousins message was an item in Dutch News, 22 Oct 13, reporting on an interview with the head of the U. N.'s human rights committee with television show EenVandaag that she would object to the character of Zwarte Piet (Black Pete) if she lived in the Netherlands. The woman, who is Jamaican (and presumably black) said in the interview that the U. N. working group cannot understand why people in the Netherlands do not see this is a throwback to slavery and that in the 21st century this practice should stop.

Well, Zwarte Piet has been around for centuries, helping Sinterklaas as he makes his rounds on the eve of the Saint's holiday, or Dutch Christmas (6 December). He is part

of Dutch tradition and culture, and doing away with him would be tantamount to animal rights fanatics "liberating" Santa's reindeer from the task of pulling his sleigh! That U. N. troublemaker should focus on real human rights problems in the world, which are not lacking, and leave Zwarte Piet alone!

Incidentally, who is Charles Kesselaer and how is he connected to Dutch Cousins. I would like to write to him and would appreciate having his e-mail address.

Met vriendelijke groeten

David

Email shared by Dr. William (Bill) Van Osdol after sending Kesselaer unique photos that were created by Bill's Dutch grandson:

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Charles Kesselaer

From Dr Wm (Bill) Van Osdol:

Fridays' Oklahoman printed my "Your Views" letter mentioning Charles and the Margraten cemetery.

That's How we met - at a grave site in the American Cemetery in Margraten Netherlands (NL). Since that year I've visited with him and his family at their home.

Each grave site at the cemetery is adopted by a Dutch family. Charles Kesselaer adopted one grave from Oklahoma. The brother of Dwight Journey of OKC is buried there. Charles has mailed books. CDs. DVDs , you name it, all relative to Holland and WWII. Believe it or not the Kesselaers live on John F. Kennedy Street.

By the way, I'm presenting a Vets day WWII program on 11 November in Evans Hall, south of Old North at University of Oklahoma in Norman, starting at 2 PM. The program chair has arranged WWII music and USO donuts, etc. Open to public, hope you come.

I hope to sign a few books. Bill

From Alice Hostetter

Carolyn and Jan Schrouf---I can possibly give some information on John Smock and Elizabeth Bradshaw of Mercer Co., KY. Also, John King Finnell and Mary Ann Smock; also, other names mentioned--Frances Dove Finnell, Annie Laurie Ireland, etc. This is my line! Just contact me by email and I'll help where I can. I was so happy to receive the speeches by Vince Akers. Thanks so much. I wish I had someone like him in many of my lines.

From Gene & Carol Heathcoat

Always interesting to read your email.

Although we moved a few months ago down to Robson Ranch, just south of Denton, from Lake Kiowa, outside of Gainesville, we still return to LK for various reasons. One is to attend the monthly genealogy club meeting. Last week I gave a presentation on Family Reunions at the meeting and primarily focused on the recent (Low) Dutch Cousins' Reunion and the organization behind it. A new lady in the group was very interested in researching her family's name- Duweese/Dueast? She was curious if the family was involved in the low Dutch migration to America?

Could you recommend a beginning point for her research relative to a connection to Low Dutch. I don't believe she has done any research.....\

By the way, I couldn't open the Dropbox for Vince's speech. Hope you are starting to get rested up from your trips.

From Marilyn Douglas of the New Netherland Institute:
For those of you interested in New York history in all its aspects, check out the New York History blog. It will be well worth your time. Perhaps you might want to contribute and/or sign up for the blog.

<http://newyorkhistoryblog.org>

from carolyn leonard

I stumbled onto this webpage about the Low Dutch Colony by Neal Underwood. The page is well presented and interesting, but I did see some info posted that is in question so always seek a reliable source before putting information into your family history: Check it out here: <http://home.comcast.net/~neal4/shkylowd.htm>

from judy cassidy: If you are researching in Kentucky, and wish to know more about your ancestor's death, if you are lucky, [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) has an excellent site. This is the original hand written record book of deaths reported from 1852-1953 titled **Kentucky Death Records, 1852-1953**. Searching by name can be an issue on ancestry because the transcribers got the names wrong more than right, however, I ended up doing a page by page search simply because it was easier. The Mercer County pages are easier to read, excepting one or two which were faded, the Shelby and Henry were listed differently and not alphabetically. Most pages are from 1 to 10 pages in length. If you click on Birth, Deaths etc line on the Search page, then fill out the questionnaire on the Deaths page, with just a surname, location this site should come up. Click it on and you can do a county by county search, you can also click the year (s) you wish to search. These options are at the top of the "paper or page" in small letters. Each page is two pages wide. Mercer is alphabetical by the surname of the Parent or Owner which is located in on the 2nd page. The name of the individual which is in the first column of the first page should be also, however, since some are slaves no surname given and some were reported by a surname which is not theirs. The surname of the deceased and the surname of the person reporting the death may also be different when no a slave entry. So you need to check both the Deceased Column and the Father/Owner column. You will discover, the individual, race, sex, date of death, cause of death, location, and where buried.

1855

Angeline, 9 days, Sept. 7, unknown, Samuel Demaree

Mary, 58, widow, July 15, Bowel Complaint - Samuel Demaree

These are just some of those named, there were other Dutch names as well, but for my purposes I only copied these.

Judy Cassidy

1856

Anna Vanarsdal reported by Daniel Vanarsdal, 101 years old, widow, d. April of 1856 of Old age bur. Harrodsburg.

Isaac Vanarsdale, 17, Cholera, again Daniel Vanarsdal, died. Sept. 1856, bur. Mud Church.

Alex Vanarsdall, 70, b. NJ, died Pneumonia, Nov. 14, bur. Harrodsburg.

1857

Hamilton Durlin, age 22 Farmer, d. 4 Nov. of Consumption, parents. John and Nancy Durlin.

Wm. Smock, 24, Farmer, d. Aug 21, Typhoid, John Smock parent, bur. Cane Run Church.

Daniel Stagg, 88, b. NJ, d. Nov. 25, old Age, Daniel Stagg reported this, bur. Harrodsburg.

1858

Henry Banta, b. NJ, 67, married Farmer, d. Aug. 16, 1871, Reported by Peter and Margaret Banta.

Hugs and blessings,
carolyn
Carolyn Leonard

Letters 11/10/2013

from Carolyn: One of my favorite Dutch authors - and noted WWII pictorial historian, Dr Wm (Bill) Van Osdol, is presenting a Vets day program on 11 November (Monday) at UCO Edmond (Oklahoma) in Evans Hall, south of Old North Tower starting at 2 PM. He has several books out about WWII. The program chair has arranged WWII music and USO donuts, etc. Open to public, hope you come. Put it on your calendar now - I did. (Bill says we better come early - parking may be difficult.)

from Rodney C. van Ausdall

Peter van Ausdall (born 1777) married Rachel Banta (born 2 Dec 1789 died 13 Mar 1843) . Rachel`s ancestors came from North Holland and settled in Flushing NY, in 1789. Rachel had several children by Peter. They made their home in Lanier Township, Ohio, and homesteaded in Section 10, near Twin Creek (I have visited the family farm there). The road near section 10 still bears the van Ausdall name. Members of the van Ausdall and Banta families are buried in the family graveyard near the farm. Peter married Martha Kitson after Rachel`s death.

from Barbara Whiteside (about the Dutch Cousins facebook page)

You might want to put in the newsletter that I made the facebook site closed so anyone wanting to join has to apply to get on it.....not that hard. I was getting quite a few rather enticing young ladies of Asian persuasion wanting to be added to the list in the past month or so. I did a check their sites to see if there might be any info that leads me to believe there is a connection or interest..but in these cases.....nothing. I do know there is a Banta line in the Philippines but no idea how they connect.....but these were young ladies with more a come on sort of photo or two on their sites. Rather err on the side of caution than allow someone on that might be harmful in one way or another.

From Lilly Martin in Syria:

I sent to the Low Dutch Repository in Harrodsburg Historical Society (KY) pdfs of my Brewer file (total of 73 pgs):

- #1. A cover page outline.
- #2. The Immigrant ancestor: Adam Brouwer, and his children: 18 pages.
- #3. The eldest son, Pieter Brouwer and his children: 15 pages.
- #4. Abraham Brouwer, the son of Pieter, and his descendants, including those who went to Mercer Co, KY.: 38 pages.

#5. Daniel Brewers will.

Some of the material is from a website online, which I have cited and given full credit to through out, a premier website for all the Brouwer family, "Brouwer Genealogy Database", is FREE

online. <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brouwergenealogydata/>>

Hope it will be helpful to other Brouwer descendants. Also some info is from my own research, of following along with the Dutch Cousins newsletter group of Carolyn Leonard.

From Carolyn: About the "Low Dutch Colony" website <<http://xfin.tv/1begOY0>> posted by Neal Underwood, who is a descendant of Andrew Shuck (ca1833-1803)... The site has some good info, but details about Francis Montfort Jr may be wrong. And this is a reminder - Always be sure to double check your sources before posting internet info to your family tree. Remember the old GIGO rule (garbage in-garbage out) -- and only reliable sources are accepted by lineage societies so be sure to make lots of good notes about your sources. Our "Dutch Cousins" does not require proof, we take your word for it -- but DAR, SAR, all those others --- require paper to prove who you are.

From barbara whiteside:

The "Low Dutch Colony" website <<http://xfin.tv/1begOY0>> mentioned in the previous "Letters" used to have the info wrong about the Montfort family. The same wrong info is published in the 1800s Banta book by Theodore M. Banta and has been repeated in several more recent books on the family. I think we finally have it straight now. I have more info about this family and will share my sources if requested.

FRANCIS MONTFORT JR: The true story is Francis Montfort Jr (born 1784) was married to Polly/Marya Banta, daughter of John and Polly Riker Banta. I have a copy of their marriage license from Shelby County, KY. The girls named in Neal's "Low Dutch Colony" website as daughters to Francis, were actually his wife's sisters, daughters of John and Polly Riker Banta, as listed in the will of John Banta. Francis Montfort Jr and Polly actually had two sons, John and David, and one daughter, Charity. They all became Shakers in 1806 and moved to the colony at Pleasant Hill, but all three children left the order as soon as they were old enough. Francis and Polly stayed, and are buried at Shakertown.

JACOB MONTFORT: Francis Junior's brother JACOB Montfort (born 1787), was the one who married Margaret "Peggy" Banta, daughter of Cornelius. I have their marriage record from Henry County KY. Margaret was called Peggy by the Shakers. Jacob and Peggy also had two sons, John and Henry, and one daughter, Leah, by the time he and his family joined the Shakers in 1809. Both boys later left the order. Their father Jacob Montfort, who had been an elder, left the Society and divorced Margaret/Peggy Banta Montfort in 1837 under Kentucky law which granted divorces if one party of the marriage was a Shaker and would not leave. Peggy remained with the Shakers, and is buried in the old Shaker cemetery at Pleasant Hill.

Within the same month of the divorce Jacob married 2nd to a much younger woman named Nancy Lineback, who was apparently pregnant (positively against Shaker rules) and they moved to Indiana. The baby [a girl] that caused their dismissal from the Shakers lived long enough to be in the 1830 census as under 5 but no longer mentioned in the 1840 census. By 1860, they are living in Frederickburg, Harrison County, IN...about 50 miles west of Madison, give or take a few miles. Jacob is still living in 1864 when he signs for his son, Jacob Jr, to marry Martha Edmonson in Washington County, IN. By the 1870 census, Nancy Lineback Montfort is listed as a widow living in Blue River Twp, Harrison County, IN. By 1900, no Montfort is listed in Harrison County, IN nor anywhere else that can be found. They had six children but to date, no descendants have been found for any of them. It is presumed both Jacob Sr and his wife, Nancy, are buried in Blue River Twp, Harrison County, IN.

Jacob had one son [Henry] by the first wife, who settled in Jefferson County, IN at Madison, by the name of Henry. He married and had four children of which descendants have been found for one of the four children. The other son, John, may have married and fathered a son, Stonewall Jackson Montfort in Kentucky. Stonewall may have married but there is no indication he had children.

FamilySearch has a FREE Lookup service whereby they scan pages of books in the Family History Library for patrons who cannot get to the library. They now have a blog explaining how to use Google Books to find family in the Google snippets.
<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/google-books-free-copies-pages-family-history-library-books/>

Back in July I wrote the Adams Co PA historical society, asking if they could put up a historical marker for the Low Dutch Conewago Colony church and cemetery/s. I sent the third request to them this week, and here is their reply - just FYI-- P.S. I will not give up.

Dear Adams County Historical Society:

Mr. Weaner's strongest wish was for the state of Pennsylvania to put up a historical marker to mark this important site. He sent us a map and a copy of his proposal to have a State Historic landmark set at the site. He believed the location of the church on a present day plate map to be

at the junction of York and Coleman roads. (a spot 3 miles SW to G-Burg and 5 miles NW to New Oxford).

The text Mr. Weaner suggested for the marker was:

Holland Dutch families from New Jersey settled this area
in the late 18th century and removed in post Revolutionary

War years to Kentucky and New York. Latshell's Tavern and their church existed near this site. The walled burial ground is at 900 Swift Run Road.

Our group strongly supports this plan. What can we do to facilitate getting such a marker placed at that site?

Today (Nov 8) I received a reply from Benjamin Neely
Executive Director

Adams County Historical Society:

Dear Carolyn,

For a Pennsylvania historical marker you will need to work through the Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission. Here is a link to their website and below is their address, phone number, and an e-mail address to direct any questions about the program:

<http://www.pahistoricalmarkers.com/>

Historical Marker Program

Bureau for Historic Preservation

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor

400 North Street

Harrisburg, PA 17120-0053

from Judy Cassidy

Just a follow up to the Mercer County Rootsweb Site. Pam has moved the site to the following address which you will need to access the Original Willis using the Dedicated Search Engine. This will be the same Mercer County Rootsweb page that people are familiar with, simply no longer with Rootsweb.

<http://kymercercer.heliohost.org>

from Kerin Smith to Judy McKee:

I am Kerin Smith of Wichita Kansas. I also hold DAR membership in DAR on Henry Banta through daughter Rachel. If any photo of Henry, second wife Ann Demarest, or daughter Rachel exist, I would love to see them! I have never seen any photos of this family at all. I only learned of my family's Low Dutch connection a few years ago, and it has been very interesting research. We've been to Old Mud 2 or 3 times while it was in the renovation process, and sure would like to see it now that it is finished, especially the pulpit. hope you find your DAR affiliation satisfying. I also hold membership on Koert VanVoorhees and Isaac Covert if that holds any interest for you. Connecting these lines was a bit more challenging. I have a couple of others that still have holes in the lines that I hope to do eventually.

From cousin Lilly Martin in Syria:

I have found this recent blog, by Chris Chester. He mentions specifically the Daniel Brewer archives of Mercer Co KY.

He also says to download them all, as they may not be online forever.

Carolyn: I think a link to his blog should be included in the Cousin newsletter, and then those interested in Brouwer/Brewer can download these archives.

Also, the Low Dutch Repository should download these archives and have them available for researchers.

Finally, it would be interesting if anyone knew who did this research/gathering initially. Apparently, it was sent to William Bogardus at some point. It could even be someone connected to our 'cousins' group? Best regards, Lilly Martin

Here is what his blog states:

<http://brouwergenealogy.blogspot.com/>

Friday, October 11, 2013

Brewer in Mercer County, Kentucky Court Records

Here is a large file of twenty-nine pages of abstracts and notes taken from various sources in Mercer County, Kentucky pertaining to persons named Brewer. It is from the [William B. Bogardus Collection](#), but I do not know the name of the person who did the work, and gathered all of the leads found in this file.

[Brewer - Mercer County, Kentucky](#)

Mercer County was formed in 1786, out of what was then Lincoln County, Virginia. Kentucky did not become a separate state until 1792. Settlers from the east, including families with ancestral roots in New Netherland, began settlement in the region that would become Kentucky during the years of the Revolutionary War. Daniel Brouwer, born in 1719, a son of Abraham Brouwer and Lea Demarest of Bergen County, New Jersey, and a great-grandson of [Adam Brouwer of Gowanus, Long Island](#), was among the early settlers in Kentucky. His sister, Rachel Brouwer, born in 1716, was the first wife of Hendrick Banta, a leader of the initial movement of settlers in 1780. (Rachel did not make the move to the Kentucky frontier having died some decades earlier, about 1750)

Low Dutch Station Historic Marker (Wikimedia Commons, 2008)

As was typical with BROUWER families that moved westward into the new United States, their surname was recorded, almost always, as BREWER. Records pertaining to Daniel Brouwer and his sons, who also settled in Kentucky, are found with the name recorded as BREWER in this file. Most, but not all, of the records mentioned in this large file pertain to descendants of Daniel Brouwer/Brewer. Also found among these records is Samuel Brewer, who died in Mercer County in 1835. He is a brother of [Peter Brewer](#) who, through Y-DNA testing of a direct male descendant, is known to be a descendant of Adam Brouwer, but who's lineage from

Adam Brouwer is still not known. A Vincent Brewer, and a couple of others who are not placed are also found in this file.

This could be a very useful file for anyone researching the Brewer families who settled in Mercer County, Kentucky. There are transcripts, abstracts and notes on marriages, deeds, wills, and other court documents. It is a large file and had to be placed online using Google Drive. Download the file as it may not be up online forever. Use it as a source for locating the complete records that are mentioned. When conducting your own research, you should always make the effort to locate and examine original records yourself.

Posted by [Chris Chester](#)

from Carolyn: Thanks so much for sending this hotlink, Lilly. William B. Bogardus (born 1929) of Wilmington, Ohio, is still on our Dutch Cousins mailing list, so perhaps he will reply. I think he may have been the original source, because he is an expert on Anneke Jans. Jim Cozine spoke with Mr. Bogardus a few years ago, and learned he had written a book: Dear Cousin - A Charted Genealogy of the descendants of Anneke Jans Bogardus (1605-1663)'. Jim ordered a copy and planned to donate it to the HHS. I would love to read it too. Anneke Jans has remained one of my favorite New Netherland stories!

Letters 11/20/2013

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 back 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.

John Westerfield

Greetings Dutch Cousins:

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that the Pilgrims enjoyed eleven years of religious freedom in Leiden (in the old province of Holland) before setting sail for America and were well acquainted with the celebration of Dutch Thanksgiving on 3 October, to commemorate the heroic lifting of the siege of Leiden, on 3 October 1574, during the Eighty Years War of liberation from Spain. The traditional Dutch fare on that holiday is *hutspot*, a stew, made various ways today. Details of the traumatic siege of Leiden can be read at <http://www.google.com/search?aq=f&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&q=seige+of+leiden>.

David Smock, Florida

From Jay Westerfield:

Carolyn, A very thoughtful take on "Thankfulness". Sometimes, it seems, we get too busy in life to really pause and take a moment to appreciate the things we have in life.

My memories of Thanksgiving are very different. My Mom was (and still is thankfully) a terrible cook and is proud of it. We mainly spent holidays at relatives homes. So my memories are of being in Florida and swimming and water skiing during the holidays. Or visiting my Dads Dutch relatives in Kentucky where they still didn't have indoor plumbing.

Now with Deborah, who has to be one of the best cooks in the world, our holidays center around family. For that I am very thankful. The last few years have been tough with Jeremy in New Mexico and once again this year he won't be home for the holidays but I am thankful that we got to spend two weeks with him and his wife Monica this summer.

I am sorry we didn't get to spend anytime together in Madison. It seemed every time I came looking for you, you were surrounded by a flock of people. I know too well how busy the weekend can get when you are in charge. You looked well and am so glad to see that you are recovering from your health problems. As a survivor, I can have at least of first hand knowledge of the stress and toll it can take on your mind, body and soul.

I am once again going through health problems, this time my kidneys. I was in the hospital for 3 days, 10 days before the reunion and really didn't feel well at the reunion. I am stable now but go to a specialist in Indianapolis in January to decide not whether or not to have surgery but to decide what type of surgery I'm going to have. So something to look forward to next year.

Even though I am not longer on the board or an officer, I still care greatly about the group. It is amazing how it has grown and I give a ton of the credit to your hard work and organization. Your email recaps alone greatly enhance the feeling of a vibrant and active group.

I do have one concern about the Dutch Cousins and I would be happy to help with a resolution if others agree. I was extremely impressed with the number of new attendees at the event and I understand in 2011 it was the same type of turn out. My concern is in what I perceive to be the low number of returnees. Before the 2015 meeting perhaps we could create a committee to personally contact these "lost" members and bring them back into the fold. Let me know what you think and as I said I would be glad to help with the endeavor.

Thanks for sharing your take on Thankfulness. I am thankful for having you and the entire Dutch Cousins family as friends.

Enjoy the coming holiday season,
Cousin Jay

Carolyn's reply: Those days at Madison went by so very fast - as the gathering days always do - and I was left with some regret thinking how much I had wanted to spend some private time with different ones, because we never know how many opportunities we will have to do that. I had saved "down" time at the end in Harrodsburg - but most everyone including you had left by then. Maybe next time? Jay, Your idea is great for working on the returnees. I saw that happening too but was juggling too many other things to do anything about it, so consider yourself the new chairperson in charge of contacting LOST cousins. Let me know who you pick for your committee and what I can do to help. After all, if it weren't for you and the work you did holding the Westerfields together, there wouldn't be any Dutch Cousins.

Lilly Martin recommended this website:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brouwergenealogydata/>

The William B. Bogardus Collection

The New Netherland colony of the 1600s included three families with the surname BROUWER who left descendants that continue today (Adam of Gowanus, Jan of Flatlands, and Willem of Beverwijck). Generally through the 1600s we see their names recorded as BROUWER. As the 1600s gave way to the 1700s and as settlers grew in numbers and found new communities we begin to notice the evolution of the name from BROUWER to BROWER or BREWER.

from William E. Davidson (former resident of NJ and native of Ohio) now of New York
(Riker/Ryker descendant.)

For over-the -road, family homestead site visit as Mr. van Ausdall mentioned (below); he did not mention the county. Probably only one Lanier Twp. in Ohio, but Ohio is a big state. I did my gen. research 25 years ago, before nifty computer stuff, or at least before I began using a computer.

For Ohio and New Jersey, you need the name of the county as well as the township, because there is multiple use of township names. For example, there are at least two Camden Twps. in Ohio, and six Washington Twps. in New Jersey.

Since then military history original research in museums and archives; Annapolis to Fort Sill to Ottawa, Canada, and points in between; burned out three jeeps. It began with clarifying the movement of some of my Rev. War ancestors (ten). I wove ancestor Captain Abraham Riker into an extended endnote in an article in the Military Collector & Historian.

www.military-historian.org.

from Rodney C. van Ausdall (Rod's email is bouncing now, If you know him please ask him to send a new address so we can stay in touch with him)
Peter van Ausdall (born 1777) married Rachel Banta (born 2 Dec 1789 died 13 Mar 1843) . Rachel`s ancestors came from North Holland and settled in Flushing NY, in 1789. Rachel had several children by Peter. They made their home in Lanier Township, Ohio, and homesteaded in Section 10, near Twin Creek (I have visited the family farm there). The road near section 10 still bears the van Ausdall name. Members of the van Ausdall and Banta families are buried in the family graveyard near the farm. Peter married Martha Kitson after Rachel`s death.

from Amalie Preston:

Hello all--Carolyn Worley and I will get together and print off this archive to include in the Brewer archive in the Low Dutch Repository at the Harrodsburg Historical Society. Carolyn L., Lilly had previously sent her

family files in a separate e-mail which will also be printed out and filed at the Historical Society. The Brewer File just grew by leaps and bounds. Everyone, have a blessed day.

Amalie

NOTE the Harrodsburg Historical Society library will close November 28th and remain closed through December, re-opening January 7 - weather permitting. Remember the library has an ALL-VOLUNTEER staff. Any time you are coming from out of the area, contact Jerry Sampson [859-734-7829](tel:859-734-7829) to be sure the library is open.

Mercer County Courthouse records covering the years from 1780 to 1865 were removed when the old courthouse was torn down and the records were taken to Frankfort. They will not be coming back to Harrodsburg, but the records have been microfilmed and HHS is hoping to stock all 438 rolls. So far patrons have donated money to buy 240 rolls. Only 198 rolls to go at \$23 per roll, and the amount is tax deductible. Send your donation to HHS, P.O. Box 315, Harrodsburg, KY 40330.

Harrodsburg has long been a tourism destination, due primarily to the discovery of three warm mineral springs. These spas gave rise to several grand hotels and the community rapidly gained a reputation as the "Saratoga of the South." From 1806 to 1853, Harrodsburg's famous spas, Greenville Springs, Graham Springs and Harrodsburg Springs, offered mineral water, gambling, horse racing and gala entertainment to throngs of summer visitors.

Dr. C. C. Graham purchased two of the watering places and converted them into Graham Springs. He constructed a brick four-story building with a "massy colonnade, rich capitals and lofty entablature." In 1862 due to the raging Civil War, Graham sold , Graham Springs to the U.S. Government for \$100,000. The beautiful spa then became Western Military Asylum for aged invalid veterans. After main building burned, veterans were moved in 1859 to Washington, D.C. Ballroom and cottages were opened Oct. 8, 1862 to care for thousands of CSA and USA wounded from Battle of Perryville. Last of buildings had burned by 1885.

from Martha Banta Boltz:

Hi lady -- thanks for sharing with me. SO many things you remembered resonate with similar things from my background, including the little red and white table, etc., which my aunt in Frankfort had in her kitchen -- she also had oxalis plants on the windowsill there, and today the latest batch of my oxalis, both green and the red, sit in my window! A sort of 70 years later homage to Aunt Josie. And yes at home the homemade yeast rolls proofing on the back of the stove!!! You did a great job of recalling all of those things, bless you for sharing.

Take care -- I don't think we are having turkey day-- Don's been in the hospital with pneumonia since a week ago today, and will be going to rehab soon, so heaven knows what we'll have. But I'll get my turkey plates out to put on the table anyway -- they are old Clarice Cliff brown on brown old ones, and a couple of newer iterations which are colored -- check them out on ebay - very cool. I may get a turkey on flat bread sandwich from Subway!

So good to hear from you -- you are the best.

Martha -- a cousin somewhere along the line!

from Jim Woodfill:

Sounds fine to me, Carolyn. A lot of my own experiences are reflected in your blog. Except for the *pecan pie!* I never cared for that, and besides, the nuts play hell with my teeth (what's left of them). We always have pumpkin and apple, but I prefer mince. Since I am the only one who eats it, I have to bring it if I want it. Otherwise it's "eat what's prepared for you, or go hungry." (Now, where have I heard that expression before?)

Happy Thanksgiving!

from Alice Hostetter:

As I am writing my list of things to be thankful for I will include Carolyn Leonard and her leadership in the Dutch Cousins. You might be interested in the fact that Jan Whaley and I shared the pictures we took of the 2013 Dutch Cousins Reunion and the 2011 video to our Valley Clan Diggers group. They seemed to enjoy it very much.
Happy Thanksgiving,

NOTE FROM EDITOR & posted on facebook today: Would love to solve this mystery of the COZINE baby buried at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church yard, Harrodsburg, KY and name of the mother, Mrs ---- (Whitenack) Cozine. (any Whitenack family experts on this list?)

***1884: The Harrodsburg Democrat, Harrodsburg, KY Vol 1, No.21
Friday, June 6, 1884***

Funeral Saturday, a funeral cortege left the depot, and wended its way to Mt. Pleasant Church about three miles west of town. The infant of Mr and Mrs Thomas Cozine, that had died at Lexington on Friday, was brought on the train to this place, where they were met by their uncles, Col. C P and Capt Andy Whitenack and other friends. The cherub was in Heaven when the kind friends laid the remains in the cold grave of God's half acre. May the parents, as little children, ever be ready to meet their child in the great hereafter.

Note: the Uncles as mentioned, CP and Andy Whitenack are buried in the cemetery but there is no COZINE child burial memorial record we have found. CP and Andrew Whitenack are the sons of Abraham D. Whitenack and "Annie" Comingo Whitenack (buried in a family cemetery near Mount Pleasant), and so far none of their daughters are known to be married to a COZINE. It's a mystery! would love to hear from anyone who could help solve it.

Carolyn, Thought I'd bring you up-to-date on a couple of things. You remember the Dorlandt grave site here in NJ. I'm getting together with the Boy Scouts on December 7th to clean it up. Further, the Landmarks Committee bought a fence 5 years ago, but the neighbor didn't want it installed. They have since moved and we now have their permission. It's

exciting, however, I cannot get the Boy Scouts to installed this fence. I'm working on getting volunteers to help at a later date.

The real reason why I'm contacting you is to tell you about the progress with the New Netherlands Institute and the Reformed Church. I am now connected with the COO of the Reformed Church and the head of Archiving. They've also introduced me to the head of Colonial Research at Rutgers. We're going to arrange a call and we would love the Dutch Cousins to be involved. The Dutch Cousins bring the Genealogy into the research. The call will have Charles Gehring discuss what he is doing with the Dutch Records in Albany and his plans going forward. I expect the Reformed Church to do the same. Then, I would like you to discuss the Dutch Cousins. What they're all about, how many members, etc. The goal is to bring the organizations together and see how we could share and discuss information from an historical perspective. Perhaps start a simple little project to work together. I'd much prefer discussing this with you over the phone.. Please let me know your availability.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,
Mike Vande Woude

Letters 11/24/2013

From the DUTCH COLONIES mail list, and also from Society of Holland Dames & Firth Haring Fabend:
Here is very interesting article about the **Historic Hendrick I. Lott house in Brooklyn posted** at the BKLYNR website. Everyone gets one free article a month, so this link should work. The article is titled, "Keeping House, At the edge of the city, an old Dutch mansion awaits its day in the sun." I think several members of our group visited the Lott House in Brooklyn when we were there two years ago.

I didn't go. I went to the bus to rest - she said, hiding her face.

<http://bklynr.com/keeping-house/>

from Ruby Baker Ingram:

A friend recently gave this recipe to me, and I made them-were delicious. I cut the recipe in half, which was perfect for us.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Biscuit Recipe

Preheat oven to 425 degrees

Mix:

2 cups Bisquick

1/2 cup sour cream

1/2 cup 7-up soda drink

Melt 1/4 cup butter in baking pan/dish

Roll out biscuits on wax paper or biscuit board which has been sprinkled with extra Bisquick, knead until stickiness is absorbed, cut, then place biscuits in the melted butter in pan.

Bake 12-14 minutes until browned.

Posted by Carolyn to findagrave:

Hendrick "Henry" C. Comingo/Camega/Comingore, son of Rhyner Comingo/Kamminga and wife Annetje Aarjansen, was baptized 16 Sep 1749 at Schraalenburgh Reformed Dutch Church in Bergen, New Jersey. He married Rachel D. Brewer/Brouwer 2 Feb 1770, York County, PA, where he served as Deacon in the Conewago Dutch church from 1787 to 1791 and overseer of the poor in 1791 and 1792. He served in the Revolutionary War with his brother John under Captain VanArsdale. He served at the battle of Yorktown. Henry signed the 1783 petition of Low Dutch to Congress as an "Intend Friend" affirming his intent to move to Kentucky.

They removed to Mercer County Kentucky in 1795. Henry was appointed by the Salt River Congregation to solicit funds to build a meeting house. He rode his horse from Mercer Co to Somerset Co NJ (and probably Conewago), a six week journey each way, where he collected money for the Salt River Gp. He returned with the money in his saddlebags. After land was purchased, Henry and the other settlers made more donations, then set to work building The Mud Meeting House, the first Dutch Reformed Church west of The Allegheny Mountains.

Henry and Rachel Comingo had at least nine children, the youngest two born after their move to Mercer County.

Re: THANKFULNESS

“reply to Jim Woodfill:

from Jean Simon

Sounds fine to me, Carolyn. A lot of my own experiences are reflected in your blog. Except for the *pecan pie!* I never cared for that, and besides, the nuts play hell with my teeth (what's left of them). We always have pumpkin and apple, but I prefer mince. Since I am the only one who eats it, I have to bring it if I want it. Otherwise it's "eat what's prepared for you, or go hungry." (Now, where have I heard that expression before?)

Happy Thanksgiving”

I am interested to hear from a Jim Woodfill above that he is the only one at the holiday table for Thanksgiving (or also Xmas) who will eat mince pie. It is the same for me in my family—I'm the only one who will eat mince pie. (I'm also an only child.) My mom and her mom always had it for the holidays, and I still enjoy mince pie. I have found a solution to prevent me from eating a whole mince pie (the almost whole left-over pie after the holidays), since I'd like to keep my relatively slim figure. Here is my solution: I have found at our local military commissary in Huntsville AL Walker's "6 Luxury

Mincemeat Tarts, at 13.1 oz. a box for 6. You might find it also in any of your big chain grocery stores, either in foreign foods, the cookie aisle, or with Xmas goodies. It comes from Scotland. Perhaps you have heard of Walker's shortbread. If your store carries Walker's shortbread, they might also be stocking this Walker's little mincemeat tarts. Buying this box enables me to just eat a tiny mincemeat tart or two, instead of having to eat the remaining 5 slices of regular sized whole mincemeat pie. It is probably more dough than mincemeat, but come Thanksgiving Day, I'll give these little mincemeat tarts a try!

Another thing: Since a high portion of the Mayflower ship crowd had been living in Leiden, Holland, and they surely celebrated the 3 October Thanksgiving Dutch holiday while they were in Holland, I am beginning to wonder if the first Thanksgiving in USA was really influenced by and celebrated by the Leiden crowd in Plymouth MA in 1620 on 3 October 1620, or was it 1621, since they were familiar with it in Holland. I am descended from several Mayflower passengers, but I believe that none of my particular Mayflower ancestors had lived in Holland prior to coming to Plymouth, Mass. If I remember correctly, we probably don't know exactly which day in the fall of 1620, or was it 1621, that the Mayflower crowd first celebrated the first USA Thanksgiving holiday with the Indians. I grew up in Massachusetts, but I never realized that there once was a tribe of Indians named the Massachusetts Mayflower passenger colonists. Massasoit was one of their Indian chiefs, or sachems. Maybe the suffix soit, from Massasoit, Indian sachem, could be the same as a suffix chusetts from Massachusetts. I always knew that Massachusetts had to be an Indian name, but I didn't realize that it was a whole tribe! Perhaps the Massachusetts tribe was practically annihilated in one of those wars, either Indian tribe against Indian tribe, or perhaps the King Phillip War, waged by the English Massachusetts crowd in the 1600s against the Indians. Anyway, I forget whether or not we have a paper trail with the actual date of the first Thanksgiving in Massachusetts.

Thank you to David Smock for the info about the Dutch celebration about the 3 October 1574 "lifting of the siege of Leiden, Holland, during the Eighty Years War of liberation from Spain."

Thank you also to Jim Woodfil for his anecdote about mince pie. My mom and grandmother may have bought mince pie from the grocery store, frozen (a possibility) though my grandmother and mom cooked ever so much more than I do now! My grandmother's oldest sister even made mince pie stuffing with real meat in it, to store in mason jars for the winter, a practice called canning, and storing it in the basement for winter use.

My Dutch ancestry does not come from my mom or her mom. Rather, it comes from my dad's mom's side of the family. My Dutch ancestors, after the American Revolution, went from New Jersey and New York, as Dutch Loyalists (loyal to the British side of the American Revolution) after the American Revolution, to Nova Scotia, Canada. In Nova Scotia they wouldn't have much grief anymore for their Loyalist (Tory) politics. I am guessing that there probably was also a king in the Netherlands in the 1600s and 1700s, when my Dutch ancestors came from Belgium and the Netherlands to New York City (New Amsterdam) in the early 1600s.

My youngest Canadian Dutch ancestor was my dad's mother's paternal grandmother,, Mary Van Norden, who married Jacob Lyon Hatfield. The latter was a descendant from the immigrant to USA, Matthias Hatfield (also spelled Heesvelt and other spellings) who lived in the 1600s in Connecticut and New Jersey. His will was proved 13 December 1687. He was originally from the City State of Danzig, now called Gdansk. He told the governor of a state, he also a physician, when Matthias was ill that he was a High Dutchman, from (the City State) of Danzig, now called Gdansk. That floored us all, because we always thought the Hatfields were English! Matthias married on 25 August 1664 Marie Pardie (young widow of Marie's first husband, Claes Allertszen Paradys who was killed by the Indians. Marie was born Mariken Melyn whose father, Cornelis Melyn, owned all of the New York City borough of Staten Island except one farm. My great-great grandmother, Mary Van Norden was born 13 February 1772, daughter of Gabriel Van Norden and Jane WESTERVELT. Mary Van Norden's husband was Jacob Lyon Hatfield (Hetfield), he born 9 December 1757 and baptized in St. John's (Episcopal?) Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey (now called Elizabeth, New Jersey). on 24 March 1758. Jacob Lyon Hatfield "went to Nova Scotia where in 1786 he received 200 acres at Tusket River" in Tusket" (Yarmouth County) "Nova Scotia, where my dad;s mother, Bessie Hatfield (nee Elizabeth Maria Hatfield) was born in 1859 to Jacob Hatfield IV and Eleanor Jane MacKinnon (Gramma Jake). Curiously, it was the immigrant ancestor to America (USA), Matthias Hatfield who donated the land across from St. John's Church for the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, NJ.

My source for the Hatfield information and their wives is from "The Descendants of Matthias Hatfield" compiled by "Abraham Hatfield, compiler of "The Hatfields of Westchester and Captain John Hatfield, Loyalist", 1954, Published by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

Carolyn, thank you so much for your emails. I love reading them, even though it is mostly about the Pennsylvania and Kentucky Dutch ancestors of many of you.

Jean (MacGregor) Simon
Huntsville, Alabama
State Deputy Chieftain &
Council Member
American Clan Gregor Society

Dr. Bob Schenck sent this wonderful photo from the gathering at Madison IN. He asked me to convert it to pdf to make it easier to post. Had never done that before, but with a little research I was able to do that online - and it is free! Here is the hotlink in case you need to convert a jpg to pdf. <http://www.from-jpg-to-pdf.com/>
What a wonderful memory - and with our Barbie doll in the picture too! Just have to share the photo here.

Did I already include this in a "letters" issue? Any Brinkerhoffs reading?

FROM Antoinette "Toni" Curtis Siegle and Cathleen Murray:

We visited Low Dutch cemetery today, searching for grave sites of our ancestors – Brinckerhoff. It was so exciting to locate this cemetery. We just learned this evening that there is both a north and a south Low Dutch cemeteries, which we will visit the Low soon. In addition, we located your very interesting blog tonight and read about your many activities, trips and research. Please place us on any list that would inform and educate us concerning the life of our ancestors. Below is our Brinckerhoff family tree that has been researched. We are sending this so you will know we are very serious researchers and any additional information would be greatly appreciated. Please excuse any typing problems, I am having some eye sight problems that will hopefully be corrected.

Abraham Brinckerhoff and Femmitie Bloom

Dirch Brinckerhoff and Mrs. Dirck

JorisDircksen and Susannah Dubbels

HendrickJorisen Brinckerhoff and Claasie (Bloomgaert) Bogart

JacobusHendrickse Brinckerhoff and Agnitie Banta

Joris“George” Jacobus Brinckerhoff and Martyntje “Martina” Bogart

Jan “John” L. Brinckerhoff andSarah Van Arsdel

George Joris Brinckerhoffand Ida Cassatt

Henry James Brinckerhoffand Katherine Steiger

David C. Brinckerhoffand Clara Elizabeth Mayer

David Lawrence Brinckerhoffand Sarah Anastasia Punch

Sarah L. Brinckerhoffand George Curtis / Bernadette Brinckerhoff and Frank Marino

Antoinette BrinckerhoffCurtis and Barry Siegle / Cathlen Brinckerhoff Marino and John Murray

Antoinette Curtis Siegle or Toni [\(410\) 461-8944](tel:4104618944)

Cathleen Murray

CAN YOU HELP SOLVE THIS MYSTERY

From Carolyn Leonard and Jim Cozine, researching Thomas H.B. Cozine, youngest son of Harvey Cozine and Mary Ann Snider Cozine, born 14 Jan 1845 Mercer Co, Kentucky. Tom disappears from the records after 1860, except for this mysterious newspaper entry:

1884: The Harrodsburg Democrat, Harrodsburg, KY Vol 1, No.21 Friday, June 6, 1884

Funeral Saturday, a funeral cortege left the depot, and wended its way to Mt. Pleasant Church about three miles west of town. **The infant of Mr and Mrs Thomas Cozine, that had died at Lexington on Friday**, was brought on the train to this place, where **they were met by their uncles, Col. C P and Capt Andy Whitenack and other friends**. The cherub was in Heaven when the kind friends laid the remains in the cold grave of God's half acre. May the parents, as little children, ever be ready to meet their child in the great hereafter.

Note: the Uncles as mentioned, CP and Andy Whitenack are buried int he cemetery but there is no COZINE child burial memorial record we have found. CP and Andrew Whitenack are the sons of Abraham D. Whitenack and "Annie" Comingo

Whitenack (buried in a family cemetery near Mount Pleasant), and so far none of their daughters are known to be married to a COZINE. It's a mystery! would love to hear from anyone who could help solve it.

1850: Mercer Co KY #274 (Harvey's 3rd wife Elizabeth is listed below children.)
Harvey COZINE age 48 (1802) Brickmason KY (all in HH born in KY, exc. Barney - Ireland)

Samuel, 15, b. 1835

Peter, 14, b. 1836

John, 7, b. 1843

Thomas 5, b. 1845

Meredith 2, b. 1848

Elizabeth, 24, b. 1826

Mary Crilley age 27, b. 1823 (she is still with Harvey & family 30 years later)

Mary Ann 3, 1847 (This would be "Molly Crilley" who married the blacksmith William Lyons by 1870)

Barney Crilley, age 35, Ireland, stonemason

Source Citation: Year: 1850; Census Place: District 1, Mercer, Kentucky; Roll: M432_213; Page: 274; Image: 210.

Son William Cozine age 18 is living at Bourbon KY probably as an apprentice in the family of James D. Knox Tailor, wife Clarissa age 31, Amanda W age 15, Mary Ellen age 13, Thomas C age 11, Carrosso (male) age 10; and William Cozine age 18 is listed as a tailor also.

The Cozines seem to have always lived near Salvisa in Mercer Co, and Mary Crilley with her daughter Mary Ann lived with the Harvey Cozine family from 1850 through 1880 census. - Mary's husband Barney Crilley, stonemason born Ireland, lived with them in 1850 age 35 - but he disappears after that.

1860 Census, Harrodsburg, Mercer Co., Kentucky, page 13) - Thomas H. B. Cozine, age 14, printer, born in

Kentucky. living in household of Harvey COZINE brickmason, age 50

and his 3rd wife, Elizabeth Ann Tumey (Toms stepmother), brothers: Peter 22, John P. age 17, Thomas H.B. 14,

(and Tom's half brothers: Meredith R. 12, James S. 5, David B. 2), and (no relationship known) Mary V. Crilley age 36 seamstress.

1862???bio of Thomas' brother John P Cozine says all his brothers were soldiers. I have been able to find military records for all but one of Harvey's sons -- that of Thomas.

Kentucky: A History of the State, Battle, Perrin, & Kniffin, 6th ed., 1887, Shelby Co.

"JOHN P. COZINE, editor of the Shelby News, was born in Mercer County, Ky., May 3, 1843, and is a son of Harvey and Mary (Snider) Cozine, natives, respectively, of Shelby and Mercer Counties. His paternal grandfather was born in Virginia* (wrong - Peter VH Cozine, the grandfather was born at Conewago in Pennsylvania), but settled in the southern part of Shelby County, Ky. (Peter got 80 acres bounty land at Mt Eden on the Spencer & Shelby county line for his service in war of 1812.), whence Harvey Cozine, when quite young, moved to Mercer County, where he followed bricklaying. During the recent civil war, Harvey, with eight of his sons, joined the Union forces...."

1870 census, there is a T. H. Cozine born ca 1842 (age 28) in Columbia, Boone Co, Missouri. Says he was born Missouri. Living in the Columbia Hotel, occ. PRINTER.

1884 - the infant of Mr and Mrs Thomas Cozine, that had died at Lexington on Friday, was brought on the train to this place, where they were met by their uncles, Col. C P and Capt Andy Whitenack and other friends. (buried apparently at Mt. Pleasant church)

1885: letter from David "Dock" Cozine in Kentucky to brother George Cozine in Kansas: "...All the boys are married but myself...and all have families but Bro Pete; he has no children<78-ctx-.tiff>" "Bro.Thomas Was In MO Last We heard..."

? 1886 -Marriage date 1 Sep 1886 Thomas J. Cashion married Mary M. Satterfield in Corse Island, Dunklin co, Missouri.

? 1890 census veterans; Thomas Cason, Corporal, Co C, 65th MO Inf; date of enlistment 3 Feb 1864, discharge 1867; 3 years.

Jerry Sampson thought he knew someone who could shed some light on the baby's burial and the Whitenack connection. He didn't tell me who, but said he was forwarding it to them. I'll take anything! I have corresponded with the whitenack family scribe - Put all the whitenacks in my Reunion database but could never find anything to connect.

OKC is experiencing the first winter storm for this year with very slippery icy snow lightly covered roads. We have stayed inside and rested - a good thing to do on a cold Sunday. Yesterday we made Dutch Chicken Soup. My daughter Judi was an international exchange student at the University of Utrecht, in the Netherlands in 1995 for a year. She brought home some good recipes. It is easy and delicious, with chopped chicken breast, mushrooms, carrots and corn with angel hair noodles. Problem is I went to inspect the remodeling job going on in our guest room, and Jon dumped the whole box of noodles in. You know how those noodles plump up and grow in liquid like rice? Well we now have enough condensed Dutch Chicken Soup to last us for several days! all we have to do is cut out a chunk, put it in a bowl, add some chicken broth and stick it in the microwave. Here's the recipe...Enjoy

Dutch Chicken Soup

from Judi Leonard Mills

1 pkg mushrooms, sliced

1 bunch green onions, chopped, tops & all

1/2 stick butter or margarine

1/2 jar (3 3/4 oz.) Wyler's chicken bouillon granules

1-2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breast, chopped

3 or 4 carrots, scraped and chopped

1 (8-oz.) pkg thin egg noodles, crumbled

1 pkg frozen corn

2 (14-oz.) cans chicken broth & 2 cans water, or more

Saute in big pot, mushrooms and onions in oleo mixed with bouillon. While that is sauteing, cut up chicken and add those pieces to the pot. Let it all simmer about 5 to 10 minutes until chicken is cooked. Add carrots and steam until they are slightly cooked. Add chicken broth and water. When that is all heated add the package of noodles, and then the frozen corn. Simmer until cooked, turn off fire, cover and let set a few minutes before serving.

Makes enough for about 10 people; total cooking time about 20 minutes. Serve with fresh French bread and butter. Delicious!

Letters 12/3/2013

From Dr. Bob Schenck -- We're in the Holland Society Newsletter!

Please go to this link to see news of the MidWest Branch of the Holland Society.

Our November 17 reception for the Dutch Consul is the new lead article, but the article about my visit with you and the Dutch Cousins is next! Enjoy. It was a pleasure to with your fine group. Bob Schenck

http://www.hollandsociety.org/br_midwest.html

(This link may work by clicking on it, but if not, please copy and paste into your browser bar.)

GELUKKIG SINTERKLAASDAG TO ALL DUTCH COUSINS

This tongue twister wishes all Dutch Cousins a HAPPY SAINT NICHOLAS DAY. Sint Nikolaas, or Sinterklaas as he is commonly know, and Zwarte Piet (Black Pete), his black helper, make their rounds on the eve of 5 December, leaving gifts in *klompen* (wooden shoes) left out by Dutch children, with a carrot inside the shoe for the good saint's white horse. Our own Santa Claus is a direct descendant of Sinterklaas, thanks to our Low Dutch ancestors. The Christmas tree is a German tradition and actually of pagan origin, as is the winter celebration that evolved into Christmas. To work up enthusiasm for the centuries-old holiday, Sinterklaas and Zwarte Piet now arrive well in advance of the appointed date by modern conveyances, including a helicopter, and a carnival-like atmosphere reigns in the land, with many people in blackface dressed up like Zwarte Piet. Unfortunately, this practice has given rise to some criticism as being racist, but almost all Dutch people consider this good, clean fun having nothing to do with slavery, which, unlike in the United States, did not exist in the Netherlands. Details about Saint Nicholas Day and the origin of the Christmas tree can be read at the following web sites:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sinterklaas>

http://www.simpletoremember.com/vials/Christmas_TheRealStory.htm

David Smock, Florida

I would like to make a suggestion. Would it be possible when compiling the newsletter to separate the genealogical emails from the receipt emails. they are both of value, and in this way, for those who print and save them, they would be able to do so with out messages being mixed together.

Thanks

Judy Cassidy

NOTE FROM CAROLYN -- Sorry Judy. Everyone else seems to enjoy the "folksy" news and recipes from cousins.

from Jeff Villines:

Thank you so much for the Comingore information in the newsletter! I have some of that info but not all of it. So excited to have a more complete picture of my great grandmother's family! Jo Ellen Villines

P.S. I make a mince pie every Thanksgiving for those who don't care for pumpkin (me).

Holland Society newsletter, courtesy of Jim Cozine



Some people asked about the history of the Dutch Cousins, so Here's what Jay Westerfield and I came up with.

WESTERFIELD REUNION

Sept. 1998 in Louisville, about 25 attended

Sept. 2000 in Harrodsburg, about 50 attended

Oct 2002 in Owensboro, about 75 attended

July 2003 in St. Louis, about 12 attended

DUTCH COUSINS

Sept 2005 in Harrodsburg, about 110 attended

Sept 2007 in Shelbyville, about 150 attended

Sept 2009 in Harrodsburg, about 150?(115 reg. by Sept 1)

Sept 2011 in Harrodsburg ... about 80 attended

Sept 2013 in Madison Indiana (100 attended)

2015 - in Frankfort Kentucky! (2,000 expected)joke

Lots of great info in this online booklet; The year book of the Holland Society of New York, 1900;
Here are some excerpts:

<https://archive.org/stream/yearbookofhollan1900holl#page/n275/mode/2up>

(read to page 183 - Autographs)

The year book of the Holland Society of New York, 1900
page 121, bottom

1661 (29 Dec) Vrutje Gerrits, wife of Cousy, the wheelwright, owes to an estate 37 guilders 16 stivers. (my note:
Cousy is COZINE/COSINE)

(begins on page 110, DUTCH RECORDS IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, NEW YORK
Book labelled "Original records of burgomasters and orphan masters" "surrogates"

Names of persons who divided estates, or gave security therefor, after death of husband or wife.
page 118, From a stray leaf of court records. "Adolf Pieterzen is asked about the best means for supporting the
wall between the City Hall and the Bridge.
VOL II OF MINUTES OF ORPHANS COURT.

Page 129 - end of the orphans court minutes.

REGISTER OF SALOMON LA CHAIR, notary public at New Amsterdam

page 131: !661. Feb 17. Isaak De Foreest, burgher at New Amsterdam, sold half of mill at Goanis to Adam
Brouwer, miller at Goanis. Witnesses, Henderick Obe, Jan Joris Rappalje.

(next entry) Translation from Dutch into English of demand by Heer Fiscal against Joris Wilson, Quaker, for having
lodged and allowed to preach in his house a Quaker preacher. The translation was made for Michael Spicer of
Gravesend.

page 140: 1662. May 2. Joannes Theodosius Polhemis, preacher at Midwout, Long Island, appoints as his attorney
Hendrick Van Vleuten, apothecary at Amstrdam in Holland, to receive for him what is due to him from the estate
of Servaes Carpentier, Dec'd.

page 141: 1662. May 10. Jan Schryver, inn keeper, at New Amsterdam grants to Paulus Van der Beeke at New
Amsterdam a lot at (N.A.) on the Beavers graft between Hendrik van Bommel's and Pieter Pra's, extending from
Beaver's graft to end of the Marketsteegh. Witnesses Eghbert Meynderts and Pieter Harmensen.

page 151: 1662. Sep 22: Geertie Jans, widow of Reynier Stoffelsen dec'd makes a will; names as heir or heirs, child
or children of her daughter Tryntie Reyniers, wife of Meyndert Barents Kuyper. Said Tryntie to have usufruct? until
said child or children shall be of age. In case of demise without heirs the estate to go to the deaconry of New
Amsterdam. Witnesses: Everdt Duyckinck and Hendrick Obe.

1662. Oct 4. Volckertie jans, wife of Jan Jansen Van Hoesem, living at Fort Orange, declares that Geertie Broeders said that 140 guilders worth of her white seewan was missing. Some time after when the former was in the act of selling her black seewan to Pieter Van Hael which Barentie (no name) had removed from a string of black seewan, she (does not specify clearly who she isk) took up the black string and said it belonged to her. Witnesses: Nicholaes Bootand Hendrick Obe.

page 152: Walewyn Van der Veen's record
taken from a translation by Dr. E. B. O'Callaghan.

iiinfo about Wolfert Webber and wife and children inheritance.

page 158: Schepen Register (from the original dutch)

9-year-old HOLLAND's got talent (amazing voice)

this is amazing. Can't believe that voice is coming from this little girl.

<http://www.flixxy.com/9-year-old-girl-sings-opera-on-hollands-got-talent.htm>

sent by John C. Westerfield (president, Dutch Cousins)
Valuations
by anonymous

To realize
The value of ten years:
Ask a newly
Divorced couple.

To realize
The value of four years:
Ask a graduate.

To realize
The value of one year:
Ask a student who
Has failed a final exam.

To realize
The value of nine months:
Ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.

To realize

The value of one month:
Ask a mother
Who has given birth to
A premature baby.

To realize
The value of one week:
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize
The value of one minute:
Ask a person
Who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize
The value of one second:
Ask a person
Who has survived an accident.

Time waits for no one.

Treasure every moment you have.

You will treasure it even more when
You can share it with someone special.

To realize the value of a friend or family member:

LOSE ONE.

Don't you just love Christmas decorations? Here's a fun way to decorate even your computer screen this Christmas! You can download this free Starry Night themed wallpaper by clicking this link:

<http://bit.ly/1cwDrHT>

Letters 12/15/2013

from the Harrodsburg Historical Library:

September after the Dutch Cousins gathering in Madison IN, many of us went to Harrodsburg KY to worship at the Mud Meetinghouse and research at the Historical Library. We made the news.



from Barbara Cozine in New Jersey:

The Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in the village of Margraten, about six miles from Maastricht. There lie buried 8,301 American soldiers killed in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall and winter of 1944-5. Sgt. Bill Dukeman, 101st Airborne Division, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Second Battalion, Company C is buried there. He was killed in the battle of "The Crossroads" in northern Holland.

The Dutch hold an annual memorial concert every September at the above cemetery to remember and honor the Americans who died to free them in Operation Market Garden and subsequent efforts to eject the German army from Holland. Sgt. Dukeman, like many other fallen GIs, was "adopted" by a Dutch family. Dukeman's family in the States was contacted and hosted in Holland, and his grave site decorated each year by his Dutch "family." They keep his portrait in their home, displayed in a place of honor. Fathers pass this obligation down to their sons in Holland. This version of the original "taps" music is played by a 13 year old Dutch girl named Melissa Venema. The conductor of the orchestra is recently deceased Andre Rieu from Holland .

Many of you may never have heard taps played in its entirety . The original version of Taps was called Last Post, and was written by Daniel Butterfield in 1801. It was rather lengthy and formal, as you will hear in this clip, so in 1862 it was shortened to 24 notes and re-named Taps. Melissa Venema is playing it on a trumpet whereby the original was played on a bugle.

Watch at this site, and go full screen.

<http://www.flixxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

YOU GOTTA SEE THIS - nothing to do with Dutch but too cute and timely not to share with my cousins!

<http://videos.komando.com/watch/4588/kims-christmas-music-dogs-with-hands-play-little-drummer-boy>

From Mr. Lynn Rogers,

On page 43 of Franklin A. Ryker's book, there is a pic of a chair which belonged to Abraham Ryker in the 1600s. Both a good jpg photo and a pdf description may be downloaded. Ryker descendants might be interested. See forwarded email from mcny.

Thank you for your interest in the Museum of the City of New York. I have included a link to download the catalog record of the chair in question, object 40.296. The record includes a thumbnail image and I have included a slightly larger reference image, for which there is no charge. If you would like to request a high resolution image, you can direct that inquiry to rights@mcny.org, who will provide you with an estimate.



Our cousin Vince has given the cousins another Christmas present!

Amalie Preston sent an emergency message that a plaque mentioning the Low Dutch Tract was to be auctioned off Friday Dec 13.

Hello all! A friend, Kent Riley, has come upon this plaque which will be auctioned this Friday at Mike's Auction, 755 New Lebanon Rd., Campbellsville, Ky. It appears to be a DAR marker for the Low Dutch Tract in Shelby County. Diana, can you find out which chapter this is? Looks like Ballard is in the name. We need to contact them and see if this has been stolen. I'll try to contact the historical society down there tomorrow and see if they are aware of this. If worse comes to worse, we really need to go down and bid this in.

Vince or Carolyn--are you aware of this sign? It has four corner holes and I assume was bolted to the side of a building? It appears to be a DAR marker of the site of the Low Dutch Tract purchased from Squire Boone. Hopefully the picture is attached.

Amalie

A little research showed the plaque belonged on the mill stones near the six mile Meetinghouse we visited in September.

Amalie - I was not aware of this plaque but it definitely should not be auctioned! Looks like it says "Placed by the (something) Ballard Chapter DAR." There is a Bland Ballard chapter DAR at Eminence and I am copying the contact person Ann Marie Scott to see if she can help us. Could you contact the auctioneer and ask him not to sell, or to name a price and we will try to come up with the amount.

I pulled it into iPhoto and worked to read it. Here's what I got. "This site marks the religious and civic center of the LOW DUTCH COMPANY which purchased from squire boone in 1786? (not sure of date) to become the home of 34 families. Erected by Bland Ballard chapter Daughters of American Revolution."

quick! We don't want to lose this. Obviously stolen. Thanks so much for sharing the info and giving us a chance to get it back.

Carolyn

On Wednesday, December 11, 2013 11:09 PM, Vince Akers wrote:

Hi Amalie!

This is the old DAR marker for the Low Dutch Tract. The DAR style mill stone (with the metal X marking the spot where the marker was stolen) is still located along Highway 421 just NW of the KY highway marker for the Low Dutch Tract. This is right up the road from the relocated Six Mile Meetinghouse. It is on the other side of the road where the meetinghouse was originally located. I have attached a July 2007 photo I took of the DAR stone from which the marker was taken. You can see the KY highway historical marker in the background. I seem to recall that this marker had a history of being periodically stolen, then it would turn up, be re-installed and stolen again. The original installation of the DAR marker is described in Maude Johnston Drane's 1948 *History of Henry County*, pages 158-9, including a quotation of the inscription which matches exactly the photo you sent. Original installation was in 1939 and the first theft in 1943.

Clearly this is a stolen marker which should be returned at no cost. However, if some bidding is necessary to retrieve it, I am willing to reimburse anyone who can get it so we can return it to Henry County. Please let me know what I can do to help in any way. I can be reached on my cell phone at **317-695-4514**.

I have copied Earl "Hammer" Smith at the Henry County Historical Society. I'm sure he'll be interested!

Thanks Amalie for sending out the SOS for this!
Vince

Carolyn: I will go down to the auction house today. Vince is on his way down from Indiana. We will try to coordinate getting this item today, and not let it go to auction. I am waiting to hear from our state DAR regent.
Amalie

Mike Vander Woude arranged for a local boy scout troop to clear and clean up the Lammert Dorland family cemetery located on Sunset Road, Montgomery Twp., Somerset Co., NJ, on Sat. Dec. 7th. They did a wonderful job including outlining the area for a fence. Once again the field stones markers are visible. Decendants of the Dorland family owe Mike a big vote of thanks for volunteering to take on this much needed job. The Dorland cemetery is one of the few early cemeteries still remaining in this area of New Jersey and while many of the stones remain under the surface of the cemetery, a few are still visible as is the brick and brass topped monument erected in place of the Memorial Stone for Lammert Janse Dorland. Those remaining field stone markers are very similar to the ones erected in the Northern Cemetery at Conewago. Inscriptions are still not visible.

Judy Cassidy

To all the interested parties,

Amalie Preston and I met Thursday afternoon at Mike's Auction between Lebanon and Campbellsville to try and head off the auction Friday of the Low Dutch Company bronze marker which has been missing for many years from its millstone base along

Highway 421 southeast of Pleasureville in the center of the Low Dutch Tract. According to the 1948 *History of Henry County*, the marker was originally installed by the DAR in 1939, was stolen in 1943, a new one was cast and reinstalled and shortly after the missing marker was located. We have no idea if this is the original 1939 marker or the reinstalled marker that was again stolen years ago, maybe decades ago.

Mike Pruyear, owner of Mike's Auction, showed us the marker and listened to our concerns about getting it back to Henry County. Mike said he had a responsibility to the estate whose 40-year collection of antiques and memorabilia he was commissioned to auction off on Friday. He felt he was not a liberty to pull the marker out of the auction without proof it was stolen and since he had advertised it for sale at the auction on the internet. He was concerned disappointed bidders would turn him in to the Auction Board if they made the trip for the marker and it was not offered for sale. We thanked Mike for advertising the marker since that is how we were alerted to it coming up for sale. I asked if he thought bidders would be interested in the metal value and, if so, how much that was. He thought it was maybe \$200. I offered him \$200 to take it right then for Henry County saying that way the estate was "whole" and anyone coming to bid on it for historical purposes should be satisfied to know it was going back to Henry County. Mike said he could not sell it Thursday, he was bound to auction it fairly on Friday, but he would give us his word that he would get the last bid and buy it for us. If the bidding stopped at \$200 or less, he would sell it to us at that price. If the bidding went over \$200, he would still sell it to us for \$200 and "eat" the difference himself. He and I shook hands on the deal. Mike arranged with Amalie for her to pick up the marker at his home on Saturday. I think Mike Pruyear came to a practical, reasonable and honorable solution that was fair to the estate, the auction bidders and all of us who want to see this bronze marker returned to Henry County.

Amalie Preston went to Mike's home on Saturday morning and, true to his word, Mike had the marker waiting for her. The bidding had stopped at \$185 and for that amount Mike sold the marker to Amalie for the DAR and its return to Henry County. It will be up to the DAR where the bronze marker will once again be displayed. The old millstone sitting along 421 may not be a safe location. One option may be to loan it to Sam and JoAnn Adams for display at the Low Dutch Meetinghouse moved and rebuilt just down the highway from the millstone which was placed near the original site of the meetinghouse. Wherever it is displayed, it is now safe and secure!

Attached is the chain of e-mails beginning Wednesday evening which triggered this mission. I've also attached a pdf of the pages from Maude Johnston Drane's 1948 *History of Henry County* reporting the 1943 re-installation of the marker. Also attached are three photos:

- 1) Vince Akers, Mike Pruyear (holding the marker) and Amalie Preston taken Thursday at Mike's Auction
- 2) A close-up of the marker taken Thursday
- 3) The millstone on which the marker was originally installed along 421 taken in July 2007

THANKS!

Vince Akers

On Thursday, December 12, 2013 8:20 AM, Vince Akers <vinceakers@yahoo.com> wrote:

I looked up Mike's Auction's website and see that their store is open 10AM-6PM today. I've decided to just get in the car and drive down and get this marker. I'll donate it to the DAR and/or HHS or whoever will see it returned and displayed in Henry County. It's 4 hour drive, so I'm leaving now. If anyone has a better idea or any other information, please call me on my cell phone at **317-695-4514**. Vince

On Thursday, December 12, 2013 7:45 AM, Vince Akers <vinceakers@yahoo.com> wrote:

I've attached a PDF of the page in the *History of Henry County* that quotes the marker's text. Vince

On Wednesday, December 11, 2013 11:09 PM, Vince Akers <vinceakers@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Amalie!

This is the old DAR marker for the Low Dutch Tract. The DAR style mill stone (with the metal X marking the spot where the marker was stolen) is still located along Highway 421 just NW of the KY highway marker for the Low Dutch Tract. This is right up the road from the relocated Six Mile Meetinghouse. It is on the other side of the road where the meetinghouse was originally located. I have attached a July 2007 photo I took of the DAR stone from which the marker was taken. You can see the KY highway historical marker in the background. I seem to recall that this marker had a history of being periodically stolen, then it would turn up, be re-installed and

stolen again. The original installation of the DAR marker is described in Maude Johnston Drane's 1948 *History of Henry County*, pages 158-9, including a quotation of the inscription which matches exactly the photo you sent. Original installation was in 1939 and the first theft in 1943.

Clearly this is a stolen marker which should be returned at no cost. However, if some bidding is necessary to retrieve it, I am willing to reimburse anyone who can get it so we can return it to Henry County. Please let me know what I can do to help in any way. I can be reached on my cell phone at **317-695-4514**.

I have copied Earl "Hammer" Smith at the Henry County Historical Society. I'm sure he'll be interested!

Thanks Amalie for sending out the SOS for this!

Vince

On Wednesday, December 11, 2013 10:11 PM, Amalie Preston <amaliepreston@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello all! A friend, Kent Riley, has come upon this plaque which will be auctioned this Friday at Mike's Auction, 755 New Lebanon Rd., Campbellsville, Ky. It appears to be a DAR marker for the Low Dutch Tract in Shelby County. Diana, can you find out which chapter this is? Looks like Ballard is in the name. We need to contact them and see if this has been stolen. I'll try to contact the historical society down there tomorrow and see if they are aware of this. If worse comes to worse, we really need to go down and bid this in.

Vince or Carolyn--are you aware of this sign? It has four corner holes and I assume was bolted to the side of a building? It appears to be a DAR marker of the site of the Low Dutch Tract purchased from Squire Boone. Hopefully the picture is attached.

Amalie

----- Forwarded message -----

Vince Akers shared these files from Dropbox:



Letters 12/18/2013

On Dec 16, 2013, at 8:00 AM, Firth Fabend wrote:

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you so much for posting Barbara Cozine's information about the American Cemetery near Maastricht. My second cousin, John Scott (a Haring descendant), age 19, was killed at this time and is buried here. I will forward this to his brother's widow, Glory Schott. It is very moving. Merry Christmas to you and yours.

Firth Fabend

On Dec 16, 2013, at 8:31 AM, David L Smock wrote:

Hello Carolyn, Regarding the first item, André Rieu, the conductor of Johann Strauss Orchestra, is alive and well. In fact, he is scheduled to give a concert near Weston (where I live) next April, I think it is. It was André Rieu, Sr., also a prominent conductor, who died, but that was in 1992, as noted in the following biographical summary..

André Rieu sr.

Afbeelding gewenst

Algemene informatie

Land Nederland

Portaal Muziek

André Rieu sr.----Hij werd in 1949 dirigent van het Maastrichts Stedelijk Orkest. Onder zijn leiding werd dit in 1955 omgevormd naar een provinciaal symfonieorkest, het Limburgs Symphonie Orkest (LSO), dat hij leidde tot 1980. Het LSO is het oudste symfonie-orkest van Nederland. Andries Antonie Rieu (André Rieu senior) (Haarlem, 12 mei 1917-1992) was een Nederlands dirigent. Zijn zoon is de violist en orkestleider André Rieu (junior).

Visiting the military cemetery at Margraten (very near Rieu's home town of Maastricht), in 1947, was a most moving experience. Knowing the character of the Dutch people, it is not surprising that they still commemorate the American role in liberating the Netherlands during World War II. At the banquet held in Washington, D. C., on the 50th anniversary of the liberation, hosted by the Netherlands Embassy, the Netherlands Ambassador said, among other things, that "our gratitude will be everlasting." Earlier that day, the Ambassador presented the 50th bell for the carillon, a gift of the Netherlands government, which carillon is located very close to the Iwo Jima Memorial, next to the Arlington National Cemetery. The audience was then treated to a carillon concert.

David Smock, Florida

[repeat below from previous "letters" in case you missed it - referred to above - and worth playing again even if you did before. It is quite an amazing performance by a 13 year old girl, to have been performed anywhere -- but especially at the American cemetery in the Netherlands.]

from Barbara Cozine in New Jersey:

The Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in the village of Margraten, about six miles from Maastricht. There lie buried 8,301 American soldiers killed in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall and winter of 1944-5. Sgt. Bill Dukeman, 101st Airborne Division, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Second Battalion, Company C is buried there. He was killed in the battle of "The Crossroads" in northern Holland.

The Dutch hold an annual memorial concert every September at the above cemetery to remember and honor the Americans who died to free them in Operation Market Garden and subsequent efforts to eject the German army from Holland. Sgt. Dukeman, like many other fallen GIs, was "adopted" by a Dutch family. Dukeman's family in the States was contacted and hosted in Holland, and his grave site decorated each year by his Dutch "family." They keep his portrait in their home, displayed in a place of honor. Fathers pass this obligation down to their sons in Holland. This version of the original "taps" music is played by a 13 year old Dutch girl named Melissa Venema. The conductor of the orchestra is recently deceased Andre Rieu from Holland .

Many of you may never have heard taps played in its entirety . The original version of Taps was called Last Post, and was written by Daniel Butterfield in 1801. It was rather lengthy and formal, as you will hear in this clip, so in 1862 it was shortened to 24 notes and re-named Taps. Melissa Venema is playing it on a trumpet whereby the original was played on a bugle.

Watch at this site, and go full screen.

<http://www.flixxy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

On Dec 18, 2013, at 7:38 AM, Jack Taylor wrote:

To: REYNERSON Family & Carolyn LEONARD

From: Jack TAYLOR

Just today I got an Email entitled "Dutch letters 12/15/2013". This is sent out from a distant cousin who lives in OK. I am **forwarding it to you** because there are several things in it that are connected to our family. Specifically, the section at the top of the Email "from Barbara Cozine in New Jersey". The account of the military operation and the cemetery is very similar to my Uncle's Herbert REYNERSON's military service.

I have added below Carolyn Leonard's name if you want to be added to her Email list you can contact her. Then below that information is what I am sending to "Dutch Letters" about my Uncle Herbert REYNERSON.

From: Jack TAYLOR

Re: Barbara COZINE in NJ

Are you sure Andre RIEU died? I am a fan of his and recently saw his music on our Public TV Station in Houston. His death was not mentioned. Wikipedia does not yet report his death. Andre RIEU's home is Maastricht next to the Margraten Cemetery.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andr%C3%A9_Rieu

My uncle Herbert REYNERSON is in the that Margraten US Military Cemetery. Our family has a picture taken shortly after WW 2 that shows a Dutch lady who was one of the many who adopted graves. We received a picture of her next to Herbert's grave and a message to our family.

Since that picture the cemetery has been landscaped and is a beautiful cemetery & memorial. I visited the cemetery in 1959. Most recently Herbert's son, Craig, has visited the cemetery with his daughter and her husband. They uncovered more facts connected to Herbert's action at the farm where Herbert was KIA.

I have traced my uncle's service. He was living in OK City at the time he joined a National Guard early in WW2. Early he was a part of a group that guarded the locks at Sault Ste. Marie on the Great Lakes because Hitler had said in "Mein Kamp" that in case of war the locks on the Great Lakes would be bombed. Later he went to Europe arriving immediately after "The Battle of the Bulge". He was a part of Operation Market Garden that fought up the Netherlands/German Border and turned toward the Rhine River bridge at Wesel. He was killed as he threw a smoke grenade into a German Machine gun nest which resulted in their immediate surrender. He was killed less than 30 miles from the REYNERSON Ancestral Home in Hengelo, Gelderland, NL.

On Dec 16, 2013, at 5:12 AM, Martha Boltz wrote:

Carolyn -- Don had such a good time with the Banta group. We met some of you in and around Gettysburg last year when we saw the old Banta cabin, a real treat. Just a note to tell you that I lost my husband, Don, this past Sunday morning from a combination of CHF, pneumonia, Kidney disease, etc.

Martha Banta Boltz

On Dec 16, 2013, at 1:30 PM, Mary Sue Chatfield wrote:

Carolyn,

This is a very interesting story! Thanks to all those responsible for accomplishing the return of the marker and to you for sharing it.

Take care,

Mary Sue

On Dec 16, 2013, at 6:43 PM, Preston Forsythe wrote:

Thanks Carolyn for the newsletters and info on my Dutch Cousins.

We are packing right now for 5 weeks in Florida with warm wx.

I do want to learn more about my Westerfield relatives.

Preston in Muhlenberg Co., KY

On Dec 16, 2013, at 9:55 PM, Della Ford Nash wrote:

This was surely interesting. Thanks for sharing.

On Dec 16, 2013, at 8:29 PM, Peggie Mendoza wrote:

That is a totally awesome and heartwarming thing to do.

On Dec 16, 2013, at 11:45 PM, Robert Schenck (Dr. Bob) copied us on his missive to Holland Society:
Greetings Fellow Holland Society members:

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember that the Pilgrims enjoyed eleven years of religious freedom in Leiden (in the old province of Holland) before setting sail for America and were well acquainted with the celebration of Dutch Thanksgiving on 3 October, to commemorate the heroic lifting of the siege of Leiden, on 3 October 1574, during the Eighty Years War of liberation from Spain. The traditional Dutch fare on that holiday is hutspot, a stew, made various ways today.

Details of the traumatic siege of Leiden can be read at
<http://www.google.com/search?aq=ft&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8&q=seige+of+leiden>.

For the information above, I am indebted to David Smock, Florida from a group named "Dutch Cousins" that are descendants of early Dutch migrations to Kentucky, and ultimately to Indiana and all points west, for sending the above to me. I had spoken to them at their biennial meeting two months ago at Madison, Indiana, on the banks of the Ohio River.

The above link will take you to a variety of listings about just where our Thanksgiving celebration derived from...from celebrating the lifting of the siege of Leiden in Holland. That was where the Pilgrims spent 11 years before sailing to "Plymouth Rock."

One more thing we can be proud of with our Dutch traditions!
Happy Thanksgiving!

Robert Schenck, MD
Membership Chairman
The Holland Society of New York

A repeat from David Smock of Florida for making Hutspot:
As for "hutspot," I understand that it is made a variety of ways. Historically, it was what the starving inhabitants of Leiden found, upon their liberation, in the abandoned stewpots of the Spaniards, who fled from the rising waters so hastily that they did not have time to take their dinner with them! What the exact ingredients in the pots were is not clear to me.

According to a contemporary Dutch recipe, hutspot was made of finely chopped mutton or beef, green vegetables, parsnips or prunes, sprinkled with lemon or orange juice, moistened with strong vinegar, well mixed and boiled for a long time with fat and ginger. Other variations existed, for example with onions. A more spicy dish of Spanish origin, "ollapodrida" (called "olipotriga" by the Dutch), sometimes replaced the hutspot on feast days.

(Paul, Zumthor, "Daily Life in Rembrandt's Holland," p. 69.)
The recipe in my Dutch regional cookbook is as follows (intranslation):

300 gms. "runderstoofvlees" (brisket of beef) salt and pepper 50 gms.
butter or margarine
1 onion
1 bay leaf
piece of mace
500 gms. white beans
1 1/2 kg. carrots
500 gms. parsnips
500 gms. onions

Cut the beef in cubes, salt and pepper, and sauter in butter or margarine. Add a diced onion. Boil the beans. Add bay leaf and piece of mace. Simmer the meat for 1 1/2 hours. Then add the beans. After 30 minutes add the cut up carrots, parsnips, and onions. Cook for about 45 minutes.

The recipe from The Holland Society of New York (which I will send to You later) is slightly different.

Best regards, David

Barbara Whiteside maintains a facebook page for Dutch Cousins. There are now several thousand genealogy groups on Facebook. Some are for commercial enterprises and some are for researching in a specific locale or for a specific topic or surname. They are all community forums in which we can participate and help one another with our research. Social networking on Facebook is a great way to meet others, to teach others, and to help others. In order to make it a productive and helpful tool for our research, there are several things we should all put into regular practice. (from "Cyndi's List" blog.)

Common Rules to Follow in a Thread:

- Read the initial post carefully to be sure you understand the comment or the question.
- Before replying, be sure to read the entire thread first so that you don't repeat something that has already been said by someone else. Unless, of course, it is something that bears repeating.
- Be thorough in your reply if you are offering advice or answering a research question.
- If you are stating a personal opinion, offer some reasoning to back up your statements.
- Do not assume that the reader has the same knowledge-base that you do about the topic or about genealogy in general.
- Remember that the reader of the thread isn't just the person who wrote the original post. Everyone who belongs to the group can read what your replies contain. This is always an opportunity to keep in mind that you may be sharing information with new genealogists and you might be helping them to learn new ways to do their research. You might also teach the veterans a thing or two.
- If your reply includes a reference to something found online, be sure to include the URL (web address) for the reference. Copy & paste it from your web browser directly into your reply to be sure it is accurate and will work properly.
- If your reply includes a reference to a specific work, online or offline, be sure to include the complete title so that it will be easy for others to track down.
- Stay on topic. If the topic strays from the original post, it might be time to start a new thread.
- If the thread becomes more of a personal conversation between you and another person, it might be time to move it to a private message conversation instead of using the public forum.
- Respect the opinions and advice given by others. Have a thoughtful conversation with others, encouraging a good-natured exchange of ideas and research methodology tips.
- Mind your manners. A public forum isn't the time or the place for anyone to do or say something that they wouldn't do or say in person, face to face. It's sad that I have to include this bit, but I've seen tempers flare far too often. Treat others with the same courtesy you wish for yourself.
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On Dec 17, 2013, at 6:00 PM, Mike Vande Woude wrote:

Enclosed are some wonderful historical documents from the Holland Society of New York. These discussions and research papers are about the "Low Dutch" that migrated from Central Jersey to Kentucky and Pennsylvania. As early as the late 1600's you can read about the Terhunes, Dorland and many other names we are familiar with just by being associated with this area. I hope you enjoy the reading as much as I did.

NOTE from Carolyn: I AM ATTACHING the first installment of Vince Akers HISTORY OF THE LOW DUTCH, which Mike sent. Most of our cousins have a copy of the booklet by Vince with his articles on Low Dutch, but thank you for sending, and because we have several new cousins on the list all the time who may not have these, I will include them. But because of size limitations on email, they will come one at a time. Have you checked out the FREE application Dropbox where you could download things like this and photos from the cloud - no size limitations? Here's a hotlink to check that out if you don't already have it. I have used Dropbox for more than a year and think it is GREAT!

<https://db.tt/934BbPP6>

On Dec 18, 2013, at 12:39 PM, Meg Hacker wrote:

Hi Carolyn,

Start 2014 off right by attending our Friday Freebie program on the ***Highlights of the National Archives at Fort Worth***: January 10th at High Noon at our Montgomery Plaza location (2600 West 7th Street). Join us as our Education Specialist, Jenny Sweeney, takes you a virtual discovery tour of our records--especially the fun finds! Space is limited, so please RSVP today: ftworth.education@nara.gov or calling **817-831-5620**.

Happy Holidays!

Meg

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Letters 12/26/2013

PRETTIGE KERSDAGEN

MERRY CHRISTMAS

GELUKKIG NIEUW JAAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR

David Smock, Florida

On Dec 19, 2013, at 11:16 AM, jacassidy22@verizon.net wrote:

It would be interesting to learn whether or not, any of the Cousins can recall of their grandparents or even great grandparents celebrated Christmas using any of the Low Dutch family traditions. I don't recall reading or hearing about if and when the Kentucky Low Dutch stopped these traditions or what their traditions were. I know in my family, perhaps because the women they married after the 1800's were Scotch Irish or German any Low Dutch customs were not celebrated until just about everything they did was American. I am not sure they even knew they were Dutch by 1900 or so.

Since several members are fortunate to still retain their family letters or papers and written or verbal histories, perhaps clues might be found there.

Judy Cassidy

On Dec 18, 2013, at 7:10 PM, Simon wrote:

Carolyn, Thank you so much for the below-listed website with the 13 year old girl playing the 1801 long version of Taps. We are a military family ourselves. Fun to learn the history of Taps, composed in the long version in 1801! Last January we buried a 2nd cousin in Arlington National Cemetery, a lady Major in the U. S. Army. Of course, they played Taps! The cemetery was quite beautiful and very formal. Fortunately, it was a warm day in January 2013.

<http://www.flixy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to all,

Jean (MacGregor) Simon
Huntsville, Alabama

On Dec 18, 2013, at 10:16 AM, Charlie Westerfield wrote:

Carolyn,

This is an article from "American History" magazine, which I have subscribed to for many years. Thought the cousins would enjoy.

Thanks for all the hard work. PS sorry for the quality of the scan, my scanner is on its last leg.

Charlie Westerfield

Gotham Gift Giver

by Sarah Richardson

Around 1837 Robert Weir created six versions of *Saint Nicholas*, showing the Christmas character caught in the act of dispensing gifts. What looks like a somewhat sinister Santa scene is in fact a rich tongue-in-cheek tribute to the Dutch heritage of New York so celebrated by Washington Irving. It was in 1809 that Irving wrote a comic history of New York featuring Dutch protagonist Diedrich Knickerbocker and containing more than

30 references to St. Nicholas as the patron saint of the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam. More than 20 years later, in 1835, Irving founded the Society of St. Nicholas, open to male descendants of people living in New York or New York City before 1785. (The society still exists, and membership is still restricted and by invitation only.) The conventional jolly Santa of the American Christmas was drawn later in the century by cartoonist Thomas Nast.

1 Bad or Good?

A switch pokes out of the stocking on the left, and gifts fill the stocking on the right.

2 Hand Signals

St. Nick's distinctive finger-to-the-nose gesture is a detail drawn from Irving's history of New York, according to scholar Laurretta Dimick.

3 Dutch Details

Delft tiles depicting nativity scenes line the fireplace.

4 Sainly Symbols

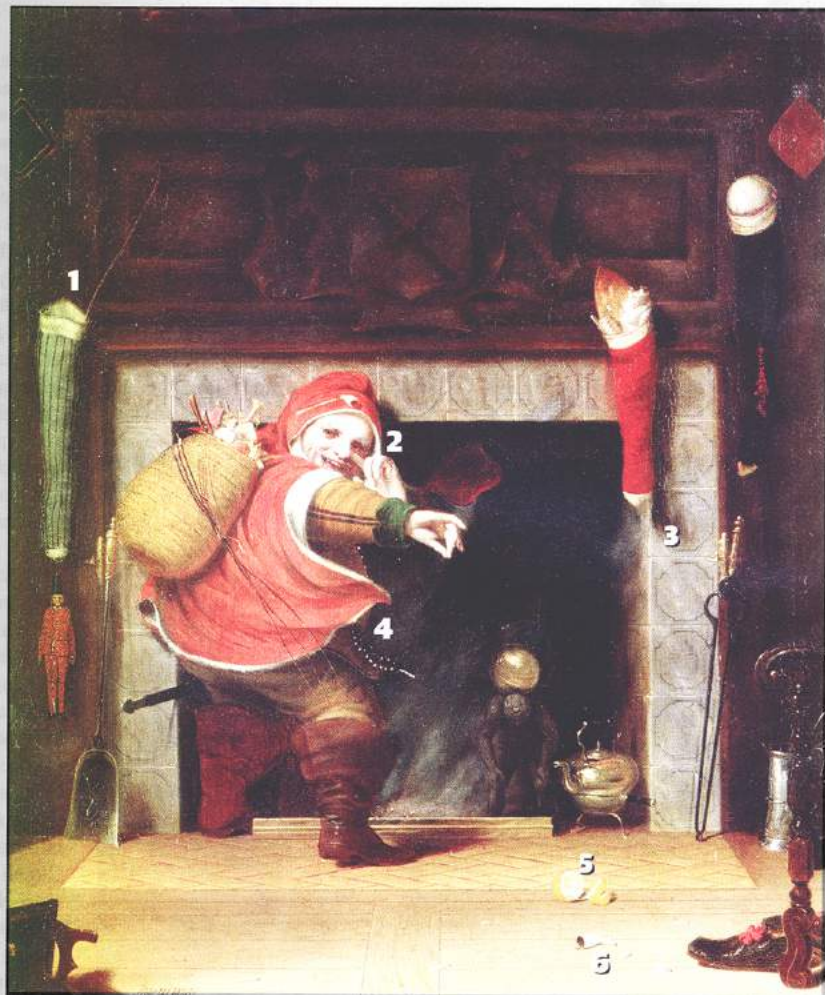
The red cloak and dangling rosary evoke the dress of a Catholic bishop.

5 Double Duty

The orange peel refers to the Christmas season, and also to William of Orange, the Dutch-born Protestant king of England.

6 Right of Initiation

The traditional burgher's pipe in St. Nick's headband and the broken pipe on the floor likely refer to a membership rite involving breaking a pipe over the head of the initiate.



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1662. June 20. Epke Jacobs, inn keeper of Vlissingh on Long Island, acknowledges to owe Nicholaes DeMeyer of New Amsterdam, 104 guilders and 14 schepels of peas, for merchandise received to his satisfaction. Witnesses, Claes Machael and Meyndert Barents Van Keyserryck. (Holland Society of New York)
page 143 <https://archive.org/stream/yearbookofhollan1900holl#page/n319/mode/2up>

On Dec 26, 2013, at 9:04 AM, Amalie Preston wrote:

Vince and Carolyn: I finally contacted Phyliss Koch of the Bland Ballard Chapter DAR in Henry County. They are amazed at the recovery of the plaque after so many years! They agree that it is probably not safe to place it on the roadside again and . will make a decision at a later chapter meeting. Ms. Koch agreed that either the Seven Mile Building or the Historical Society would be logical places. In the meantime, I will take the plaque to the Henry County Historical Society for safekeeping. They will keep us "in the loop" as to their final decision. A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you both.
Amalie Preston

On Dec 23, 2013, at 11:05 AM, jacassidy22@verizon.net wrote:

Vince Akers and I are working on a project which involves a Simon Vanarsdale, who was living in Vincennes, Knox Co., Indiana from about 1802-1810. He was a slave catcher and was hired by the Heirs of John and Elizabeth Brown Kuykendall who originated in Hampshire Co., VA, now WVA. The parents died between 1794 and 1800 with their children inheriting the slaves. The Heirs took their slaves with them when they moved from Virginia to Kentucky and then to Knox Co., IN. in the early 1800's. Indiana has a form of slavery until about 1810. Slaves not indentured by their owners when they moved into the State, were considered free. Discovering this, the Kuykendall Heirs planned to take their slaves back to Hampshire Co, VA and sell them there, when the slaves discovered this they ran. The slave family included a mother Phyllis and her 5 teenage children, Bob, Kate, Hanah, George and Peggy. Simon arrested three of them, i.e. Hanah, George and Peggy, but a writ of Habeas Corpus was filed by Peggy and others and the cases went to Court. Simon lost, the case was retried, he lost again. George was bound over to Territorial Governor, William Henry Harrison, Hanah was bound over to Benjamin Beckes and Peggy went free. Simon next appears and we believe him to be the same man, in St. Louis Missouri and Ste. Genevieve, MO. He was in all kinds of trouble in St. Louis, and then applied and was granted a license to Trade with the Indians along the Mississippi. He probably originated in Kentucky, and was on the Vincennes voting list in 1807, so was over 21 probably in 1802. He is not Capt. Simon, husband of Rachel Banta. If anyone has information on the identity of this Simon, we would certainly like to hear from you.

I have to admit I am now hooked on DOWNTON ABBEY (Masterpiece Theatre on Public Broadcasting station - OK it is channel 14 OETA, season 4 starts Jan 4). Found this place where you can watch the back shows since I never got started until the end of season 3. WOW. I have now seen the first six episodes of season one and the first of season Two. Incredible writing, acting and producing. Oh the plots and subplots - the intrigue and drama - the glory of the Lords and Ladies and the interaction with their house maid and servants. It puts history in perspective through those living it.

Downton Abbey is a British period drama television series created by Julian Fellowes and co-produced by Carnival Films and Masterpiece.[1] It first aired on ITV in the United Kingdom on 26 September 2010 and on PBS in the United States on 9 January 2011 as part of the Masterpiece Classic anthology.

The series, set in the fictional Yorkshire country estate of Downton Abbey, depicts the lives of the aristocratic Crawley family and their servants in the post-Edwardian era — with the great events in history having an effect on their lives and on the British social hierarchy. Such events depicted throughout the series include news of the sinking of the RMS Titanic in the first series; the outbreak of World War I, the Spanish influenza pandemic, and the Marconi scandal in the second series; and the Interwar period and the formation of the Irish Free State in the third series.

Check it out here:

<http://www.simplyjune.org/p/downton-abbey.html>

To see our Christmas 2013 in photos, I will put a dropbox link invite in the NEXT dutch letters, which will include our AFTER-Christmas letter.