

## Letters 1/6/2012

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR much loved Dutch Cousins Registered Agent (and mascot) Barbie Abbott (the little Dutch girl in costume at our Gatherings) - and Rod Hamman who had a Christmas wedding. Rod has attended our Dutch Cousin Gatherings.

Carolyn,

Here is the list of all who ordered CD's and Veterans Books.

I didn't send checks to Diana until I received a few (then it got to be Christmas ...). As you can tell, I haven't received many, but what I have received, I've sent Diana the checks and Claude the orders. If I receive more, I'll send them along.

Let me know if you think anything needs to be changed.

Happy New Year!

Oh, by the way,

Rod and I were married on December 27<sup>th</sup> in Michigan. The bride carried (what else?) Red and White Tulips! Everything was beautiful, so very soon I'll change my name to Barbie Hamman. What a great New Year for us!!!

Hugs, Hugs, HUGS!

Barbie Abbott

NOTE: Now Barbie you know our Dutch ancestor grandmothers did not change their names at marriage until the English forced them to. That was the English custom to show who **owned** the woman. Now, on a more serious note, if there is anyone who ordered a Veteran's book or a Photo CD and has NOT received, please hit reply and let me know. I will forward the info to Barbie. Thanks -- Carolyn

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Carolyn,

Have you heard about the \$5,000. donation Old Mud received recently from the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Tourism Commission? The James Harrod Trust had donated money for the floors. The Tourism money will be used for other needs. A second donation is looked to happen in the future. Ylpee!

Hugs,

Ruby Ingram

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Want to re-visit the wonderful 2011 Dutch Cousins Gathering in Harrodsburg? There are six blogs with photos (be sure to see all six.) I THINK you can hotlink to the first one, then just keep choosing "Previous" at the bottom of the page, which should take you to the next day's info. Let me know of any mistakes, corrections, additions.

Go here:

Day 1, Dutch Cousins 2011

[http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/6\\_Dutch\\_Cousins\\_Gathering\\_2011.html](http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/6_Dutch_Cousins_Gathering_2011.html)

Day 2, Dutch Cousins 2011 - Dutch barns; Vince Akers

[http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/5\\_Entry\\_1.html](http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/5_Entry_1.html)

Day 3, Dutch Cousins 2011 - Networking, Family Displays, Autograph party, John Curry

[http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/4\\_Day\\_3%2C\\_Dutch\\_Cousins\\_2011.html](http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/4_Day_3%2C_Dutch_Cousins_2011.html)

Day 4, Dutch Cousins 2011, worship

[http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/3\\_Day\\_4%2C\\_Dutch\\_Cousins\\_2011.html](http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/3_Day_4%2C_Dutch_Cousins_2011.html)

Day 4, Veterans Memorial

[http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/1\\_Entry\\_1.html](http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/12/1_Entry_1.html)

Day 4, Update on Old Mud Meetinghouse

[http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/11/29\\_Old\\_Mud\\_Meetinghouse\\_16\\_Oct\\_2011.html](http://www.carolynbleonard.com/CarolynBLeonard/DutchCousins/Entries/2011/11/29_Old_Mud_Meetinghouse_16_Oct_2011.html)

Enjoy! If you were there, let me know of any errors.

If you missed it, live vicariously. Now I am working on the nine-day trip to Nieuw Amsterdam (wonderful experience).

Hugs, Cousin Carolyn

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Carolyn I don't know if you met Dorothy Stratford when you went to the Somerset Co. Historical Society, however, she had been the Sec. of the NJ Gen. Mag for years. I simply can't believe she and Arthur Weaner died the same day. Judy

Dorothy Agans Stratford, "Dottie", a notable authority on Somerset County history and its people, passed away on Thursday December 15, 2011 in her home in Bound Brook at the age of 86. Dottie was a long-time member of the Genealogical Society of NJ, the Somerset County Historical Society and Camp Middlebrook D.A.R. She served in many capacities to several historical, patriotic and genealogical societies and for many years as corresponding secretary for both GSNJ and SCHS. Her funeral is Wednesday, December 21, at 10 AM at Hagan-Chamberlain Funeral Home, 225 Mountain Ave., Bound Brook, NJ.

Judy Cassidy

(NOTE: No we did not get to meet Dorothy. She had planned to greet us and participate on the tour but much to her disappointment and ours, she was not feeling up to it that day. Fred Sisser did a great job, but we missed Dorothy. and another library is now closed to us. Hurry and get your histories written folks. - carolyn)

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Dear Carolyn,

I believe you may use this with attribution.

Hopefully this will bring in a few good members too.

Thanks,

Mary Park

Mary Park got permission for me to share this information from Holland Dames. It has some great research guidance. If you are interested in learning more about the organization, do give Mary Park a call or an email:

Dear Holland Dames Associates:

As the year comes to an end, we are providing each of you a digital copy of *Researching Your Dutch Ancestors: A Practical Guide*. (See attachment in pdf format below.)

This guide is the final version of a Holland Dames publication that has been in production for over a year.

The purpose of the *Guide* is to help prospective members with the process of becoming a member of the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames.

This publication will be sent to many genealogical libraries in the New York (New Netherland) area.

If you know someone who is interested in becoming a member, this publication will be helpful in getting started and you may forward the attached file to anyone by email.

For all inquiries or referrals of new members, go to [info@hollanddames.org](mailto:info@hollanddames.org) or go to our website at [www.hollanddames.org](http://www.hollanddames.org) for more information about our Society.

You may print out the *Guide* as a reference for your own library. Or, if you want a paper copy, please send a request to [info@hollanddames.org](mailto:info@hollanddames.org) and a paper copy will be sent to you for \$10.00 (which includes the cost of printing and postage).

Best holiday wishes,

Mary Woodfill Park

308 Tunbridge Road

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2012! to all our Dutch Cousins wherever they are!

Carolyn Leonard

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**Jim Cozine**

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il.com

Jan  
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to Westerfield, Diana,  
Phyllis&John,  
dgaines4, Barbara,  
Barbie, me, Carolyn

Dutch Cousins Team

Did we make any donation to the OLD MUD yet ?

- I see the Tourism Comm & Harrod Trust donations below and that triggered my question..

Jim C

## Letters 1/7/2012

Dutch: letters (Attn Wyckoff, Van Nuys)

Since these two posts from the Dutch-Colonies mailing list may include ancestors of some of our Dutch Cousins, I am re-posting them here. They reference WYCKOFF, VAN NUYS, and others who moved from Somerset Co NJ to Berkeley Co VA(now WVA).

From: [marlowest155@frontier.com](mailto:marlowest155@frontier.com)

Date: January 5, 2012 12:46:27 PM CST

To: [DUTCH-COLONIES@rootsweb.com](mailto:DUTCH-COLONIES@rootsweb.com)

Subject: **[DUTCH-COLONIES] Need Lineage of Pheby Wyckoff in Virginia Married to Petr Dillow, Jr. in Va**

Reply-To: [dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)

I may have posted on this before but still do not have a definite answer on my Wyckoff lineage.

My 3rd great grandparents are Pheby Wyckoff that married Peter Dillow, Jr 23

March 1820 by Thomas Keyes, Methodist Episcopal Minister in Jefferson County, Va. ( now West Va.) By the Wyckoff Association through their 5 volumes which I have a copy of Vol. 2 Peter Wyckoff., Sr.is listed as the only one in that county which was formed from Berkeley Co., Va (now West Va.) He married Catherine Kroesen. Peter Wyckoff and Catherine Kroesen have sons Peter Jr, and James listed.

The Wyckoff Association lists Peter Wyckoff dying at the age of 116 years old. This is incorrect. I have a copy of his estate sale in 1817 and he died ca 1815. He is listed until 1815 in Jefferson County Personal Property Tax Lists.

In the list of children three Wyckoff ladies including my grandmother Pheby Wyckoff were left out of the Wyckoff books.

- i. Pheby Wyckoff married Peter Dillow, Jr 23 March 1820 Jefferson Co., Va. by Thomas Keyes. (my grandparents)
- ii. Sarah Wyckoff married Solomon Ator in 1814 by F. Moore.
- iii. Elizabeth Wyckoff married James Goldsberry (various spellings) 15 June 1820 by Thomas Keyes.

Peter Dillow, Jr and all of the Dillow's lived on the 75 acres of elder Peter Dillow, Sr which was near Shannondale and not far from Bull Skin's Run which is mentioned in Peter Wykoff, Sr 1817 estate sale in Jefferson County, Va (now West Va.) The land was near Harper's Ferry.

Also, in the 1787 Census of Virginia of Berkeley County elder Peter Dillow, (Dillo), Sr is living next door to Cornelius and Derrick Kroesen, Sr and Derrick Kroesen Jr is also there. Jefferson County was formed from Berkeley County. Derrick (Richard)Kroesen was married to Elizabeth Van Nuys.

In the 1810 Jefferson Co, Va census Peter Wykoff is living two homes from Joseph Vannactor (sp?) Matheny families who married into the Dillow's are living near him. Also in the 1820 Census of Jefferson Co, Va (now Va west Va. part of the list living next door to each other is :

i. Edward Goldsberry

ii. Cornelius Goldsberry .... keeping in mind Elizabet Wykoff (above ) married James Goldsberry

ii. Peter Dillow, Jr. and on down a little is Peter Dillow, Sr.

So Catherine Kroesen must be either the daughter of Jan Kroesen and one of his wives as he was married twice. Once to Breckje Bergen and second to Catrina Cornell who were in Somerset Co., NJ and Bucks Co., PA before that. But they had a daughter Catherine Kroesen who some believe married James Best while others think she married Peter Wykoff, Sr. So this means Catherine Kroesen is either the daughter or grandddaughter of Jan Kroesen whose will was proven in 1776 in Somerset Co., NJ.

I believe my Phebe Wykoff is the daughter of Peter Wykoff, Sr and Catherine Kroesen even though her and the other two Wykoff ladies mentioned above are not listed in the Wykoff Association volumes. There are not any other Wykoff's living in the county. Any help or info on this would greatly be appreciated.

Marianne Dillow  
Illinois.

**From:** [marlowest155@frontier.com](mailto:marlowest155@frontier.com)

**Date:** January 5, 2012 1:07:28 PM CST

**To:** [DUTCH-COLONIES@rootsweb.com](mailto:DUTCH-COLONIES@rootsweb.com)

**Subject:** **[DUTCH-COLONIES] Pheby Wyckoff and Perter Dillow, JR. and Derrick Kroesen and Elizabeth Van Nuys**

**Reply-To:** [dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)

I just posted on my grandparents PHOEBE (PHEBY) WYCKOF and PETER DILLOW, JR. in Jefferson County, Virginia (now West Va) formed from Berkeley Co., Va. I am still trying to determine her correct lineage.

DERRICK (RICHARD) KROESEN was born in Somerset, New Jersey. He married ELIZABETH VAN NUYS.

Children of DERRICK KROESEN and ELIZABETH VAN NUYS are:

- i. ISSAC CRUZEN/KROESEN, b. November 30, 1754, Somerset New Jersey.
- ii. CATRINA/CATERINA CRUZEN/KROESEN, b. August 15, 1756, Somerset New Jersey.
- iii. ELIZABETH CRUZEN/KROESEN, b. September 09, 1759, Somerset New Jersey.
- iv. DERRICK CRUZEN/KROESEN, b. June 24, 1764, Somerset New Jersey.
- v. JACOB CRUZEN/KROESEN, b. November 16, 1766, Somerset New Jersey; d. August 28, 1771.
- vi. CORNELIUS CRUZEN/KROESEN, b. February 01, 1769, Somerset New Jersey; d. August 30, 1835, Greene Co Ohio.

Some of these children lived in Jefferson Co., Virginia (now West, Virginia.)

DERRICK (RICHARD) KROESEN lived in the 1787 Berkeley Co., VA Personal Property List next door to my grandfather PETER DILLOW, SR.

PETER WYCKOFF, SR married to CATHERINE KROESEN are the only ones living in those Virginia counties with the Kroesen's that lived next to my grandfather PETER DILLOW, SR.

PETER DILLOW, JR married PHEBY WYCKOFF 23 March 1820 in Jefferson Co., VA (now West Va.) PHEBY WYCKOFF must have a birthdate around 1797-1801.

Any information would greatly be appreciated.

Marianne Dillow, Illinois

**Letters 1/19/2012**

Just needed to let you know my computer crashed and I am busily trying to save what I can on to my NEW IMac Quad Core -- supposed to be twice as fast as my old one. Jon bought the PowerMac G5 for me in 2001 and I sure hated to give it up, but poor old thing could not be revived. If we hold a funeral and bury Mac in our backyard, would you come?

[carolynleonard@mac.com](mailto:carolynleonard@mac.com)

thanks, carolyn

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Did you ever see a bridge under water? Dutch Architects were faced with a challenge -- to build an invisible bridge; one that could not spoil the ancient 1600s feeling of the ancient fort surrounded by a moat, but could still allow people to get across to enjoy the parklike atmosphere. How did they do it? They built an "underwater" bridge that parts the waters kind of like Moses parted the Red Sea in Old Testament times. See the pics and read about it here on my web page under Dutch Cousins:

<http://bit.ly/dutchbridge>

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Madison would be a very nice place. Good to see the places getting evaluated. Claude Westerfield

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Carolyn: Many, many thanks to the Dutch Cousins. Dianna and I are just putting the finishing touches on the DAR grant for Old Mud and will include a few photos. I may need your help in finding one of the SAR ceremony there two? years ago. I think that would help us make the case for the Revolutionary War connection.

Amalie

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Carolyn, Many of the Dutch Cousins emails seem hacked, Westerfields, Jon Wetzels, Luther Davenports, if you have not been involved, I suggest you notify people, and in the Subject Line mention something. This is getting crazy. I have a MAC, and most likely these people are microsoft, however, that being said, they are infecting other people.

Judy Cassidy

Claude's email has been hacked. I sent him a note and asked him to fix it and notify everyone in his address book.

Sorry about this. When this happens, the victim doesn't know about the emails going out under his/her name. I called Claude to be sure he was aware. He is VERY aware. He said his phone started ringing at 6 am the day that email hit. He has changed his passwords and thinks he has it under control, but wants to take it slowly and not send out any emails until he is sure his account is not contagious. He thanks everyone for their concern -- he is not in Scotland, but if everyone wants to send him the money then he might go!

Be very careful about emails like this. They are almost 100% scams -- and the victim would never see the money.

carolyn

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

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From the Vanarsdale email list:

In a message dated 1/17/2012 5:02:01 P.M. Central Standard Time,  
[Mjlahners@aol.com](mailto:Mjlahners@aol.com) writes:

I have Molly listed as the daughter of Isaac Van Arsdalen, 9 26 1746  
Harlington, Somerset County, New Jersey and death 2 12 1824, Harrodsburg,  
Mercer  
County, Kentucky. His wife was Mary Brooks, 1 19 1750 New Jersey and died  
3  
17 1837 Mercer County, Kentucky. Isaac was the son of Simon C. Van  
Arsdale  
and Antje Dorland. Molly may be listed as Mary,,,born July 3 1777 and  
died  
1 3 1856. I have her listed with her 3 girls.

In a message dated 1/16/2012 9:44:01 A.M. Central Standard Time,  
[gleek@ptd.net](mailto:gleek@ptd.net) writes:

Who were her parents? She married Hendrick Banta son of Hendrick  
Banta 3rd and his second wife  
Antjin Demarest. She was born abt. 1780 in PA and died in 1856 in the  
Shacker community in Pleasant Hill, Shelby Co., MO. The had three  
daughters Betsy, Ann and Polly who also died at the the same Shaker  
community. I cannot find her parents in the information that I have  
on the Van Arsdales.

Thank you,  
Glee Van Osdol Krapf

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Quinn-Library Research Residency

Through generous support from the Doris Quinn Foundation, the **New Netherland Institute** and the New York State Library will make a special Cunningham grant of \$2,500 in 2012 for specialized research in Dutch-related documents and printed materials at the New York State Library. Researchers interested in

the history of New Netherland and the Dutch Colonial Atlantic world are encouraged to apply for these funds. Applications *must be postmarked by January 27, 2012* . For an application form, go to <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/researchres.htm>

#### Quinn-Archives Research Residency Program

With the generous support of the Doris Quinn Foundation, the New Netherland Institute [www.nnp.org](http://www.nnp.org) at the New York State Library and the New York State Archives have joined forces to offer a fellowship to facilitate research on New Netherland and on the Dutch Colonial Atlantic World. The holder of this fellowship will spend up to a year in Albany, New York, working in the rich collections of the New Netherland Institute and the New York State

Archives.

#### Applicant/Project Applicability

The award for one year beginning June 1, 2012 is \$2,500. The holder must submit a final report, no later than May 31, 2013, on their research experience in order to receive final payment of award and is expected to publicized project results through: a public presentation, creating of brochure and/or an article submission to New York Archives magazine. Pre- or postdoctoral candidates in any discipline who are researching their topic are eligible, and any project dealing with the Dutch experience in the new world before 1800 will be considered.

Application can be found at [www.nysarchivestrust.org](http://www.nysarchivestrust.org) or by request at (518) 473-7091 and must be postmarked by January 16, 2012. **\*Note that as January 16, 2012 is a federal holiday, we will accept applications postmarked through January 17, 2012.**

For pre-application planning contact Dr. James D. Folts at (518) 474-4955 or e-mail [jfolts@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:jfolts@mail.nysed.gov)

[Application forms](#) are available on-line or by request:

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Cultural Education Center, Room 9C49

Albany, New York 12230

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## Letters 1/26/2012

Stuyvesant's statue to be moved. (hot link sent by Barbara Cozine of NJ)

<http://jclandmarks.org/stuyvesantmonument>

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### A Dutch Founding Father: Abraham Staats

In 1642, surgeon Abraham Staats and his wife Trijntje Jochems emigrated from Amsterdam to Kiliaen van Rensselaer's vast estate, Rensselaerswijck (now part of Albany and Rensselaer counties). Staats's job was not simply to treat ailing residents but also to advise the Patroon. He served as a magistrate of the court. Outside of court, he was often called on to resolve disputes between his neighbors.

Well respected within Rensselaerswijck, Staats was also something of a diplomat. Entitled to trade in beavers, he learned the Algonquin Indian language and was, therefore, able to act as an intermediary between colonists and Native Americans. The sloop Staats purchased to further his commercial interests placed him in contact with leaders in New Amsterdam (now New York City) and allowed him to develop a personal relationship with Peter Stuyvesant. For more information about the event go to

<http://www.albanyinstitute.org/z-%20AIHA%20website/3-Calendar/2012%20CALENDAR/01-January-2012/2012.01.29.htm>

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My mother, Estalene Cozine Harrington passed away 11/10/2011.  
She had been ill with lung/ liver cancer for only 2 months.  
She so enjoyed belonging to the Dutch Cousins!

Cheryl Harrington

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I'm so sad - I first met Estalene and one son here in Las Vegas. We shared Cozine family information to help build the Master Family Tree some years back before Dutch Cousins.  
(Note from Carolyn -- Estalene and her daughter Cheryl attended the Gathering at Harrodsburg -- 2007?)

Here is the link to Estalene Cozine's obit:

<http://www.bladeempire.com/obituaries/estalene-harriet-cozine-harrington>

Jim Cozine ( Las Vegas)

# ESTALENE HARRIET COZINE HARRINGTON

ESTALENE HARRIET COZINE HARRINGTON

Estalene Harriet Cozine Harrington was born on St. Patrick's Day, 1923. She died Nov. 11, 2011. St. Patrick's Day was the perfect day for a redheaded baby to be born. On her 70th birthday she was in a pub in Kilkenny, Ireland . . . fitting right in with her still beautiful hair.

Her parents were Ray and Clara Estalene Janeway Cozine of Washington, Kan. She had one brother, Elbert Cozine. All predeceased her.

She married Loren Harrington in New Hope Wesleyan Church in 1941. Dad died in 1990. Four children were born and all survive: Dr. Richard Harrington (Cheri) of Chandler, Okla.; Cheryl Harrington (Leon Houghton) of Concordia, Kan.; David Harrington (Mary Anne) of Guymon, Okla.; Roc Harrington (Hadas) of Concordia, Kan.

Grandchildren are Dr. Amy Gibson Nitza, Heidi Gibson Cripe, Will Gibson; Angela Harrington Pueblo, Derek Harrington; Molly Harrington Scott, Neal Harrington; Rae Harrington Neigebauer; stepgrandchildren: Brenna Payne, Brandi Sutton, Joe Solomon Harrington, Connie Semahar Harrington; Kenny Sills and Corey Sills. She was loved by many great-grandchildren and great-stepgrandchildren. She never treated anyone differently from the rest as they were all her grandkids of the heart.

Nieces Dr. Charlene Harrington and Rita Harrington were always very important in her life as was her only surviving nephew, Mark Cozine. She also is survived by two sisters-in-law, Ruby Meats Harrington and Ruth Palmquist Cozine.

Our mother was a strong, hardworking farm wife until the illness of our dad. She also worked many years at St. Joseph Hospital as a nursing assistant, ward clerk and Psych Tech, preferring to work the 11-7 night shift. After their farm sale they moved to a small house in Concordia.

She enjoyed the remaining years of her life involved in church and community affairs. She had very strong beliefs and enjoyed sharing them with others in the many letters to the editor that she had published. She was aware that many did not share those beliefs, but that did not matter to her. Her passion was writing and she wrote many articles on many topics. She also was an excellent seamstress and an avid reader. Those activities slowed as her eyesight failed. While we kids were at home she volunteered as a 4-H leader, Sunday School teacher, member of Farm Bureau and extension boards. She traveled worldwide during the 1990s. She always took many pictures and shared many of those trips with others in the community.

Along with her parents, husband and brother she was predeceased by son-in-law, Dean Gibson, daughter-in-law, Connie Hayden Harrington, nephew Tim Cozine, niece Debra Harrington and stepgrandson Jeff Sills.

Our mother was the epic "independent woman" who always took full responsibility of her life and her actions. She was proud of her life as are we! We will miss her!

Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, Concordia, with Pastor Denise Group and Joe Detrixhe officiating. Burial in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Concordia.

A social time for family and friends will be at the church fellowship hall following the burial.

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I bought a book for \$20 + S & H from Amazon & Higginson Book Company of Salem Mass called Genealogy of the Westervelt Family. It's a reprint of the 1905 original by Walter Tallman Westervelt. 8 1/2 x 11" softcover format.

The Westerfield's increased by 1 on 3 Jan 2012 with the birth of Albert Thomas Bracken III. He weighed in at 9 lbs. 5 oz. His parents are T. J. & Lacy Bracken (nee' Roy).

Kim Allison Ross  
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I would like to join this group. I am searching the Van Ausdall family. Seneca T. Van Ausdall was my great grandfather.

Christina "Christy" J. Smith  
Sheridan, Arkansas 72150  
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Special info for our Dutch Cousins trip bunch who visited Harper's Ferry national park in October, just a few short miles from where many of our ancestors lived for 20 years in (then) Berkeley Co Virginia (now WVA) on their way to Kentucky. We all thought this was a most beautiful place.

Carolyn,

A friend recently sent me this piece on Harper's Ferry. The last sentence sums it all up rather well.

Mary Jo Gohmann

Thomas Jefferson's description of Harper's Ferry, from his *Notes on the State of Virginia*:

The passage of the Patowmac through the Blue ridge is perhaps one of the most stupendous scenes in nature. You stand on a very high point of land. On your right comes up the Shenandoah, having ranged along the foot of the mountain an hundred miles to seek a vent. On your left approaches the

Patowmac, in quest of a passage also. In the moment of their junction they rush together against the mountain, rend it asunder, and pass off to the sea. The first glance of this scene hurries our senses into the opinion, that this earth has been created in time, that the mountains were formed first, that the rivers began to flow afterwards, that in this place particularly they have been dammed up by the Blue ridge of mountains, and have formed an ocean which filled the whole valley; that continuing to rise they have at length broken over at this spot, and have torn the mountain down from its summit to its base. The piles of rock on each hand, but particularly on the Shenandoah, the evident marks of their disrapture and avulsion from their beds by the most powerful agents of nature, corroborate the impression. But the distant finishing which nature has given to the picture is of a very different character. It is a true contrast to the fore-ground. It is as placid and delightful, as that is wild and tremendous. For the mountain being cloven asunder, she presents to your eye, through the cleft, a small catch of smooth blue horizon, at an infinite distance in the plain country, inviting you, as it were, from the riot and tumult roaring around, to pass through the breach and participate of the calm below. Here the eye ultimately composes itself; and that way too the road happens actually to lead. You cross the Patowmac above the junction, pass along its side through the base of the mountain for three miles, its terrible precipices hanging in fragments over you, and within about 20 miles reach Frederictown and the fine country round that. This scene is worth a voyage across the Atlantic.

In that same work, he mentions a map drafted by his father (Peter Jefferson) and Joshua Fry:

[http://explorer.monticello.org/?s1=0|s4=4\\_112](http://explorer.monticello.org/?s1=0|s4=4_112)

A commentary on the map's cartouche:

<http://www.history.org/history/teaching/enewsletter/volume3/december04/iotm.cfm>

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## Letters 2/2/2012

Don't forget to watch WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE premier tomorrow night (Friday Feb 3) at 7 pm central time on NBC.

From the Irish Civil War to the American Revolution, and from the African nation of Cameroon to the Republic of Bulgaria, Season 3 of *Who Do You Think You Are?* will take you all over the world and inside the fascinating family histories of 12 celebrities.

Martin Sheen learns how family members in Ireland and Spain stood up for their beliefs during times of war. *February 3rd, 8/7c*

**Next week - episode 2:** Marisa Tomei travels to Italy to discover the truth behind the rumor about her great-grandfather's murder.

*February 10th, 8/7c*

Tune in throughout the rest of the season to watch Blair Underwood, Reba McEntire, Rob Lowe, Helen Hunt, Rita Wilson, Edie Falco, Rashida Jones, Jerome Bettis, Jason Sudeikis and Paula Deen.

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The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) will host a free Family History Workshop, "Tracing Slavery and Slaveholding on the Kentucky Frontier," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in downtown Frankfort.

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Hotlink to my Writers Reminder for January 2012, <http://bit.ly/reminderJan2012>

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*FROM MARY PARK:*

*Researching Your Dutch Ancestors--A Practical Guide*

*\$10.00 PLUS \$5.00 POSTAGE*

Newly published by the Holland Dames, this guide focuses on available resources in major New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut repositories. It provides a list of helpful Internet sites. The purpose of the Guide is to help prospective members with the process of becoming a member of the Society of Daughters of Holland Dames, Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Families of New Netherland.

To print out order form go to [www.hollanddames.org](http://www.hollanddames.org) and click on Gifts and Books to Purchase.

For the hotlink, download the attachment page. My email provider won't let me send hotlinks in the email itself.

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Carolyn

This website may be of interest to the cousins.

<http://www.newamsterdamhistorycenter.org>

Has a 3D model of New Amsterdam, etc.

Jim Cozine

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Don't know if I'm considered a member of this group as I've not attended a meeting, but Madison is the research center for Jefferson Co., IN, where

Deborah Westervelt/Westerfield Baxter and most of her children resided after they left Jessamine Co., KY. Deborah was the daughter of James/Jacobus and Maria Demaree Westervelt. She survived being a captive of Indians, sold in Canada, returned to Kentucky and married James Baxter (Sr.) I'm sure you know that Jefferson Co. courthouse burned, but most if not all records were preserved using some unique methods. A sister Catherine Brazelton is said to have died in that county also.

If I am able, I would like to attend a meeting there.

Cordially, Doris Barfield Sanders

NOTE: If you are a Dutch descendant, and you are on the email list, then you are a member! Hope to see you at the next gathering.

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Carolyn, I am not sure how I got this email but I do recognize the name of Cynthia VannAusdall. I am guessing that I am related to you. I am Seneca VanAusdall's great granddaughter.

Christina "Christy" J. Smith, Pine Bluff AR

NOTE: You must have asked to be on here! and yes, you are a Dutch Cousin!

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Carolyn

- agree it looks very strong for Madison, IN -- we can save Frankfort, KY for another time.  
no need to keep working on options in my view.

Jim C

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Hi, I just wanted to inform you that Francis Montfort (deceased 1825) left much property in Switzerland County, Indiana, to his children. So a lot of Dutch folks were in that area. I suppose they may have been buried in Vevay. Madison is just across the road from Trimble County, Kentucky (my home). Brays orchards near bedford has been raising peaches and other fruit for over 150 years. They are the best tasting.

Good luck to all of you. I just wish I could join you.

Donna Stark Thompson (Gr Gr Gr Granddaughter of Francis Montfort, through William Montfort, George Drane Montfort, Benjamin LaMaster Montfort, Cordelia Alice Montfort Stark-my mother.)

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Hotlink to review of the COSSART chronicles.

<http://amzn.to/xVb5B4>

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Hi Carolyn, I was still debating which would be best: Madison, IN or Gettysburg. I'm happy to go with Madison which most seem to prefer. Joan Murray

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some history on the various provincial costumes of Holland and "Tulip Time" in Holland Michigan.

From: "Barbara Whiteside" <http://www.tuliptime.com/dutch-costumes-0>

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Hotlink to my BLOG on Change  
<http://bit.ly/myblogChange>

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Saw this in a 1995 NYGBS Researcher Newsletter

It may well be Mrs Dorr's manuscript of 1983 but could be something else?

Jim Cozine

#### THE EARDELEY COLLECTION AT THE BROOKLYN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

by B-Ann Moorhouse, C.G., F.G.B.S.

William Applebie Daniel Eardeley (1870-1935) was one of the most prolific New York genealogists of his time, and much of

his work remains unpublished. Following are the subject families of the Eardeley Collection, in the archives of the Brooklyn

Historical Society. Each family file may contain any number of pages — from one to over 200. The entries are handwritten and on

small slips of paper. A different set of genealogical notes by Eardeley was microfilmed some years ago, and those films are

available at the NYG&BS Library. The collection listed below has not been microfilmed and, inasmuch as it is a manuscript collection, the Brooklyn Historical Society does not permit photocopying. Generally, the notes on a family are alphabetized by the first name; therefore, one can find more easily the particular household of interest.

Abrams Bouton Corwin Eames Guion

Acker/Ecker Bower **Cosyn/Cozine** Earl -- etc.....

**Letters 2/9/2012**

#### **NEHGS Database News**

by Sam Sturgis, Digital Collections Administrator, and Ryan Woods, Director of Internet Technology

Parents and Witnesses at Baptisms in the Reformed Dutch Church, 1639-1730 (New Amsterdam/New York) 1639-1730. This database contains 44,600 names of mothers, fathers, and witnesses at baptisms.

### [Search the database](#)

The Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of the City of New York was officially founded in 1628, although services conducted by laymen had been held for several years earlier. The church building was rebuilt on several occasions and the most famous today is probably the Marble Collegiate Church on Fifth Avenue at 29th Street in New York City. More information on the church and its history is available at [WIKIPEDIA.com](#)

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Hi Carolyn, Just a quick note before leaving for the Library. I know both the Van Cleave and Covert families were involved in violence here in Jennings. I have to check first names but the Van Cleave supposedly committed suicide and his son claimed he was murdered because the family befriended a black family who had moved near them. Mr. Covert was married to an Amick (very prominent family in Scipio) and in an argument over a fence line he shot and killed a neighbor. Sorry but things like this stick in ones head, I have to fact check when I get to work. There was a John Van Cleave who owned land in 1838 and a Jared Ryker who owned land near him but bought his in 1853. We have a couple of families I am curious about Vanwy and Taulman neither show in your Low Dutch list, I know Taulman is of Dutch ancestry but is he just a stray who did not come as part of your group?  
Sheila KELL, Jennings, IN

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A good and informative article of interest to researchers of the New Netherland colonies appears in the online publication, "Flanders Today." This article (in English) concerns how many of the early VOC directors, who made the decision on recruiting and sending Henry Hudson to explore North America in 1609, were Flemish merchants and mapmakers.  
<http://www.flandertoday.eu/content/if-i-can-make-it-there>

(What was known as Flanders is now Belgium.)

The online magazine bears today's date at the top, although at the bottom, a 2009 date appears. 2009 was the 400th anniversary of Hudson's voyage. But whatever the date of publication, this brief article is nicely done. it's not always easy to find accurate historical information presented so clearly and succinctly, so this was a rare treat.

Enjoy,  
Liz J

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If you opt for Indiana for the next cousins meet, I could be tempted to join you. Best wishes for your planning.

Jay Fonkert, CG  
<http://www.fourgenerationsgenealogy.wordpress.com>  
<http://fourgenerationsgenealogy.blogspot.com/>  
Saint Paul, MN

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**NOTE: Think we could talk you into speaking again Jay?**  
**Have you made any more progress on your Cozine mystery?**

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The Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) will host a free Family History Workshop, "Tracing Slavery and Slaveholding on the Kentucky Frontier," at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History in downtown Frankfort.

Carolyn:

Since the Dutch were slave holders in KY, the KHS workshop sounds terrific. I have been working on a manuscript about Lucas Cornelius and his brother William Demit Vanarsdel, sons of Cornelius and grandsons of Capt. Luke Vanarsdale. Both brothers left Kentucky for MS in the mid 1830's, Lucas remained in MS, became a planter in Leake Co. MS with about 26 slaves, while William D. left and moved to Bossier Parish, LA where he never married but was a planter with about 27 slaves. William had a long relationship with Eliza Sergeant that resulted in 4 mulatto children, Union, Canada, Grandison and Pennie. He also had another son Lucius Vann by Susie. William was murdered for his money in 1867. I have also been working on the families of their former slaves and their families. While Lucas had no blood connections to his slaves most likely, William did. Among Lucas's slaves were Ruff and Sallie and their descendants, Newborn B., Nathan B. and others who continued to use the Vanarsdale name. William and Lucas were the only Vanarsdales in either Louisiana and Mississippi for many years with the exception of their slaves or children.

My point is that there are African American Vanarsdels also. Many of William's children and grandchildren went by the name Van or Vann, as he was called Capt. Van and his plantation the Vineyard or Van Yard. Several of these descendants have contributed information for this paper. The descendants of both families went on to become professional people, educators, medical field personnel etc. Lucas' sons all died young leaving no male descendants. I believe William was married with one son in Mississippi, however, they must have died as he remained a bachelor his entire life. So I would recommend that if anyone is interested, and you have the opportunity to attend this workshop, you consider doing so. It isn't easy, because in MS and LA at least, few slave sales or purchases were recorded. Getting past the 1860 slave schedule almost impossible, unless the planter left a will or inventory or family Bible where slaves were recorded very hard. Many of the Dutch in KY did record their slaves in wills, inventories and bibles or other documents.

This has been a great experience. Everyone wants to know who they are. So if you are fortunate enough to attend this conference I for one would love to hear about it.

Judy Cassidy

**NOTE: I would love to hear about it too. No chance I can go - too far! Would have to start driving tonight!**  
**If anyone goes, tell us all about it.**

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**VAN CLEVE FAMILY:** I am sending you the stuff on the Van Cleave family, still have to dig more on the Colverts. I am hoping one of your group will be connected to these folks so anything

I send is fine for the DUTCH LETTERS. There is another binder on this family, just copied these and e mailed them to myself so I could get to you.

I had a advanced genealogy class to teach today at the library so had to finish handouts for that, plus this warm winter we have been having has made it much busier than usual in the Genealogy room. More people are on the road traveling. This week I have had visitors from Illinois, Ohio and California digging in their Jennings County roots.

I am sending the information on Walter VanCleave (suicide or murder), plus his father Peter. It looks like from a *quick check* of census records Peter is a son of Jared VanCleave who shows in the Ripley County census of 1850 as being born in Kentucky.

Find a grave information on Peter

Birth:	Jul. 4, 1845
Death:	Oct. 24, 1931

Burial:  
Summerfield Cemetery  
Jennings County  
Indiana, USA

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Jared  
Vancleve

Age: 41

Birth Year: abt 1809

Birthplace Kentucky  
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Home in Shelby, Ripley,  
1850: Indiana

Gender: Male

Family 320  
Number:

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Here is another little tid bit I found. Different name Samuel VanCleve. It is from Jennings County Will Book 1, 1843 - 1862.

**Samuel Vancleve**-will written December 7, 1841-I devise that the perishable part of my estate (with the exception of all my beds and bedding together with our spinning wheel which I give to my wife **Nancy Vancleve** to be enjoyed by her forever) be immediately sold after my decease and out of the monies arising therefrom all my just debts and funeral expenses be paid. I devise that the rents and profits arising from the remaining part of my estate be given to my wife **Nancy Vancleve** such profits to be enjoyed by her during her widowhood. But should my wife **Nancy Vancleve** change her state in life by marriage then I desire that she be decreased to one third part of my estate both real and personal during the term of her natural life.

I do hereby contistiture my friends Land? Vancleve and John Haden Executors of this my last will and Testament.

Witnesses

William M. Johnson, George Griffith, William T. Griffith

This one had some problems, signed by Clerk of the Court-John Walker-February 14, 1842 but there is a note in the book stating-the above will was omitted to be recorded until June 29th 1843 on account of being mislaid.

Sheila kell  
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## Letters 2/21/2012

### **Mercer County (KY) Slaves, Free Blacks, and Free Mulattoes, 1850-1870**

Start Year : 1850

End Year : 1870

Mercer County, located in central Kentucky, was formed in 1785 from a portion of Lincoln County. It was named for Hugh Mercer, from Scotland, who was a physician killed during the American

Revolutionary War. Mercer County was the sixth county formed in Kentucky, and it is surrounded by six counties. Harrodsburg, the county seat, was first called Harrod's Town. It was founded in 1774 by James Harrod, who was a pioneer, explorer, and a soldier in the French and Indian War. Harrodsburg is considered the first permanently established settlement in Kentucky. The 1800 county population was 9,646, according to the [Second Census of Kentucky](#): 7,297 whites, 2,316 slaves, and 33 free coloreds. In 1830 there were nine [free African American slave owners](#). By 1860, the population had increased to 10,427, according to the U.S. Federal Census, and excluding the slaves. Below are the number of slave owners, slaves, free Blacks, and free Mulattoes for 1850-1870.

#### 1850 Slave Schedule

- 619 slave owners
- 2,952 Black slaves
- 295 Mulatto slaves
- 261 free Blacks
- 73 free Mulattoes

#### 1860 Slave Schedule

- 618 slave owners
- 2,353 Black slaves
- 732 Mulatto slaves
- 103 Colored slaves
- 167 free Blacks
- 1 free Colored [Parellee Meaux]
- 89 free Mulattoes

#### 1870 U.S. Federal Census

- 2,691 Blacks
- 566 Mulattoes
- About 142 U.S. Colored Troops listed Mercer, KY, as their birth location.

For more see Mercer County in [The Kentucky Encyclopedia](#), edited by J. E. Kleber; [Letters to Ministers and Elders on the Sin of Holding Slaves, and the Duty of Immediate Emancipation](#), by J. G. Birney; [Marriage Books, 1786-1984](#), Mercer County (KY) County Clerk; and [Through Two Hundred Years](#), by G. M. Chinn and R. W. Conover.

**Subjects:** [Slave Owners, Slaves, Free Blacks, Free Mulattoes in Kentucky, 1850-1870 \[by county K-M\]](#)

**Geographic Region:** Mercer County, Kentucky

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From the

## LDS Church Apologizes for the Proxy Baptism of Simon Wiesenthal's Parents.

The following teaser is from an article published February 20, 2012 edition of the *Calgary Herald*.

LOS ANGELES – Simon Wiesenthal's parents should not have been posthumously baptized, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has acknowledged. And on Monday, an official with the church apologized.

The uproar began last week when it was discovered that a member of the Mormon Church had submitted for posthumous baptism the names of Wiesenthal's parents, and that the couple, Asher and Rosa Rapp Wiesenthal, were baptized by proxy last month.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE, with link to a preview, at:

<http://www.genealogyblog.com/?p=17093>

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**The Annual Hendricks Award** is given to the best book or book-length manuscript relating to any aspect of the Dutch colonial experience in North America until the American Revolution. The Award carries a prize of \$5,000 as well as a framed print of a painting by Len Tantillo entitled *Fort Orange and the Patroon's House*. The prize-winner, chosen by a five-member panel of scholars, is selected in May or June. The Award is given at a ceremony in conjunction with the annual New Netherland Seminar, held in September. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed.

**Two categories of submissions** will be considered in alternate years:

(1) recently completed dissertations and unpublished book-length manuscripts (**2012**), and (2) recently published books (**2013**). If there is no suitable winner in the designated category in any particular year, submissions from the alternate category will be considered. In addition, submissions from the previous year will be reconsidered for the Award.

**Criteria:** Entries must be based on research completed or published within two years prior to submission. Manuscripts may deal with any aspect of the Dutch colonial experience as defined above. Biographies of individuals whose careers illuminate aspects of the history of New Netherland and its aftermath are eligible, as are manuscripts dealing with literature and the arts, provided that the methodology is historical. Co-authored books are eligible, but edited collections of articles are not, nor are works of fiction or works of article length. An entry may be a self-nomination, an outside nomination, or in response to invitations to submit from Hendricks Award readers.

Submissions will be judged on their contribution to the scholarly understanding of the Dutch colonial experience in North America and the quality of their research and writing.

Three copies of a published book or three clear, readable photocopies of the manuscript must be submitted on or before **March 15**, with a letter of intent to enter the contest. Copies cannot be returned. Alternatively, submissions may be in pdf format.

**Address entries to:**

The Annual Hendricks Award Committee  
New Netherland Institute  
Cultural Education Center, Room  
10D45  
Albany, NY 12230

**Send PDF submissions** to [nyslfn@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:nyslfn@mail.nysed.gov). Please use 'Hendricks award' in the subject line.

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## Genealogy Pointers (2-21-12)

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## Two-Day Sale on Dutch Reference Works

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Many Americans with ancestors from the Netherlands can expect to trace their forebears back to the 17th century in the New World. There are several reasons for this phenomenon. In the first instance, the Dutch actually preceded the British in colonizing the Middle Colonies, beginning with Henry Hudson's explorations in 1609 of the river that bears his name and culminating in the Dutch settlements at Albany and New Amsterdam (later New York City). Also important, prior to arrival of the Pilgrims and Puritans in New England, a number of these English Protestants had actually fled to Holland--where some married their Dutch-speaking co-religionists--before they ultimately sailed for the New World. Despite the best intentions of English mercantile policy, a number of Dutch traders and their sometimes human cargo would make their way to the Americas, further leaving their mark on the colonial population.

Each of the following ten reference works is a major reference on the Dutch origins of colonial Americans. We have reduced the price on each one of them by 40% or more through 11:59 p.m. EST tomorrow, February 22, 2012. If any branches on your family tree have a Dutch ancestor on them, we encourage you to consider these excellent publications.

### [New Netherland Roots](#)

The purpose of this book is to show the researcher how to trace a 17th-century New Netherland ancestor back to his place of origin in Europe. Author Gwenn F. Epperson demonstrates that without leaving the U.S., and without speaking or reading a foreign language, the researcher can successfully trace his/her New Netherland ancestry by using records available at the LDS Family History Library and family history centers throughout the U.S.

**Was \$22.00    Now \$12.95**

### [Dutch Colonists in the Americas, 1615-1815](#)

While much is known about the lineages of the thousands of Netherlanders who settled in the Americas during the 17th and 18th centuries, this book by David Dobson is derived from European records that generally have eluded the grasp of North American researchers. During the course of his researches in Rotterdam, Amsterdam, London, Barbados, and other archives, Mr. Dobson gathered a considerable amount of information concerning Dutch individuals who ventured to the New World between 1615 and 1815. Many of these references were found in obscure sources. Typically, each notice provides a date and place of residence in the New World, the individual's occupation, and a citation.

**Was \$16.50    Now \$9.50**

### [Scots-Dutch Links in Europe and America, 1575-1825. Volume II](#)

Dr. David Dobson compiled his second collection of Scots-Dutch links from primary and secondary sources. In each case he states the individual's name, occupation (soldier, merchant, student, etc.), date of the reference, and the source. Marriage entries typically give the Scot's name and place of origin, those of his spouse, and sometimes the name(s) of parents, or more. In a few cases the references are to Dutch persons who migrated in the opposite direction, lured by Scotland's offer of full naturalization. The author cautions researchers to note that the names brought to America by these immigrants were generally modified by the Dutch and, on occasion, provide no clue to their actual Scots origin.

**Was \$17.50    Now \$9.95**

### **[The England and Holland of the Pilgrims](#)**

Comprised of six books, this work constitutes an encyclopedic history of Pilgrim affairs in England and Holland, a systematic examination of every facet of Pilgrim life from the shaping of the Protestant conscience, to the history of the Separatists, to summaries and particulars of those who set out to America. Of inestimable value to the researcher is the appendicized register of all those in the Pilgrim company who resided in Holland up to the end of the 17th century. The entries, typically, give place of origin, occupation, names of wives (with dates of betrothal), references to contemporary Dutch records, and a variety of incidental matter--in all, a successful attempt at enumerating the whole company of Pilgrims in Holland.

**Was \$54.50    Now \$29.95**

### **[Baptismal and Marriage Registers of the Old Dutch Church of Kingston, Ulster County, New York, 1660-1809](#)**

This work is a transcription of the oldest extant Dutch church registers in the U.S.--extending a full 150 years and bearing reference to some 44,000 persons. Included are the names of many Dutchmen who first made their homes in New York or Albany. In addition, a very large proportion of the Dutch families who immigrated to this country before the close of the 17th century are represented here, since for a long time the Kingston Church was the only ecclesiastical jurisdiction between New York and Albany. Besides the Dutch families and, of course, the English, the names of the old Huguenot residents of Kingston--many of whom subsequently moved to New Paltz--and a large number of Germans who settled at Newburgh and other places are recorded here.

**Was \$70.00    Now \$41.95**

### **[The Register of New Netherland, 1626-1674](#)**

This work identifies the name, location, and date of service of every Dutch official to serve in New Netherland until the last trace of Dutch authority was removed in 1674. The book opens with a helpful chronology of the life of New Netherland, commencing with the colonization of 1623.

**Was 27.00    Now \$15.95**

**[Records of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Amsterdam and New York](#)**

This is a collection of the oldest extant marriage records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New York City (formerly New Amsterdam). The records span the period from 1639 to 1801 and are arranged in chronological order. Each of the more than 10,000 marriage entries includes the names of the bride and groom and the date and place of the marriage.

**Was \$36.00    Now 20.50**

**[Bergen \[NJ\] Records. Records of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in Bergen in New Jersey, 1688 to 1788](#)**

*Bergen Records* is a one-volume consolidation of the printed records of the Dutch Church of Bergen, now Jersey City, and is composed of three main parts: baptisms, marriages, and burials. Also included in this authoritative work are histories of early New Jersey Dutch families and a history of Bergen.

**Was \$29.00    Now \$16.95**

**[Records of the Reformed Dutch Church of New Paltz, New York Containing . . . Registers of Consistories, Members, Marriages, and Baptisms](#)**

This work begins with an account of the organization of the church and continues with a verbatim transcript (in translation) of the minutes of the Consistory. Subsequently, lists of church members and extensive records of marriage and baptism are introduced, with reference to several thousand early inhabitants, including those of Huguenot, Dutch, and English origins.

**Was \$28.00    Now \$16.50**

*Also check out the following book, which is on sale until the end of February:*

**[New York Historical Manuscripts: Dutch Kingston Papers](#)**

The old Dutch records of Kingston, New York, commonly referred to as the Kingston Papers, are fundamental to the study of New Netherland and constitute the historical basis for virtually all that is known of the local administration of the region of Esopus, formerly the village of Wildwyck (named Kingston by the English), during the formative years 1661-1675. The records consist of court minutes and secretary's papers, providing a record of hearings and trials as well as a record of legal and administrative transactions, and are of far-ranging historical and genealogical significance. The "Secretary's Papers, 1664-1675," contain legal transactions (contracts, agreements, bonds, wills, powers of attorney, and other declarations) and transfers of real estate (leases, conveyances, and bills of sale) and provide the researcher with an abundance of data pertaining to the inhabitants of Kingston.

**Was \$75.00    Now \$54.95**

**Letters 2/23/2012**

FIRST! Have SOME GREAT NEWS TO SHARE. I want to shout it to the world. As most of you know, two years ago I was diagnosed with breast cancer, official IDC - invasive ductal carcinoma. You may have read my blogs about the journey through surgery and 16 weeks of "chemo flu" and another year of the "miracle" drug Herceptin. WELL! I finished my chemo six months ago. Had my check up Tuesday. All is good! and the doctor told me I could have my infusion port removed. So that surgery is scheduled March 5 at Deaconness. I am so HAPPY!

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COMINGORE/TERHUNE/WILLIAMSON: Karen Prather, who attended our gathering in KY this year for the first time, has hit a roadblock on her way to proving DAR papers to the Commingore Patriot. Someone in our group MAY have the info she needs. We WANT her to get this connection proved, as it will be a benefit to others later. She needs the proof ASAP. If she doesn't get the line proved by May she has to start over from the beginning. The Harrodsburg Historical Society and the DAR themselves have worked on the case and the brick wall is still there. Our Terhune researcher par excellence (Barbara "old bat" Terhune) has not been able to solve the mystery. Here is what Karen needs specifically to prove her line from Anna Terhune to Asa Williamson.

Karen says: I still do not have the one document that shows either Asa Williamson and his parents Raney and Sarah Leveridge Williamson together, or Anna Terhune Williamson with her parents John Terhune and Annitie Commingore. I have proven everything from John Commingore to Anna Terhune and everything from John Leveridge to Asa Williamson. I have the marriage bond proving they were married but nothing that includes their parents names. I can't find a will for Raney nor Sarah and John Terhune's will only lists "children" not Anna by name. I cannot find birth records, nor death records. They are listed in several books but the authors do not reference any sources.

Please respond if you can help on this at all.  
Thanks, Carolyn

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Hi Carolyn,

I'm a Vancleave -- my Samuel Harris, grandson of Samuel and Leah Demaree married Elizabeth Vancleave, daughter of William Vancleave and Abigail Frost. The Vancleaves generally migrated to Kentucky along a slightly different route, from Long Island to New Jersey, but then to Rowan County, North Carolina, where Aaron Vancleave and Rachel Schenck are said to be buried at the Forks of the Yadkin. Jane Vancleave, their daughter, married Squire Boone and so with many of her siblings, including John Vancleave (see below) would have arrived in Kentucky at right around the same time or slightly earlier than those who came via Conewago or

Berkeley County. My ancestor, William Vancleave, is said to have been at Long Run, and as I recall, a young Vancleave woman was among those killed there. In Kentucky, the Vancleaves married Rykers, Bantas, and Demarees (to name a few) among the Low Dutch, so I imagine a lot of us have a Vancleave somewhere in our tree.

Allan Wenzel's "The Pioneers - The Vancleave Family" vol II, which isn't sourced in a detailed way, might be a good starting point. It seems to be researched with some care and I have found it helpful, with lots of interesting lore and details that can lead you to original documents. There is a section (chapter 11) about the descendants of Peter Vancleave b 1784/85 in Jefferson County KY and died in Jefferson County IN, that looks to be the line Sheila is researching. Peter is shown as the son of John Vancleave (Chapter 2).

So, relying on Wenzel's work, the line would be:

Aaron Vancleave b 1710 & Rachel Schenck b 1709

John Vancleave b 1739 & second wife Rachel-Demaree Ryker (Samuel and Leah Demarest's daughter so here is the Dutch Cousins connection) (John's first wife Mary Shepherd d. 1781)

Peter Vancleave b. 1784/5 Jefferson Co KY & 1st wife Ann Kennedy (d. 1816 Jeff. Co IN)

Gerardus (Jared) Van Cleave b. 1808/9 Shelby Co KY d. 1861 Ripley County m. (2nd) 1834 in Jenning Co IN , Mary (Polly) Ann Johnson

Peter Vancleave b. 4 Jul 1845 & his first wife Elizabeth Ferris (b. 3 July 1850, d. 1891 Jennings Co IN)

Walter Vancleave b. May 1881 m. Florence Wilkirson

I missed the first part of the chain on this subject, so am not sure if this is Sheila's own family history that she is researching...she'll want to check me and Allan Wenzel on all this, but it seems she would be my cousin twice over :)

Regards, Jan Pranger

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Dear Carolyn and your Dutch Cousins who traveled to New Amsterdam!

As you and your group enjoyed Zarkana so much at Radio city Music Hall NYC in 2011, I'm pleased to report the show will be back for a limited engagement this Summer! If you are interested in revisiting, or introducing anew this amazing show to your group, please let me and/or the office know as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful day!

Thanks,  
~Victoria

From: Victoria Rickman <[victoria@bestofbroadway.com](mailto:victoria@bestofbroadway.com)>

[www.BestofBroadway.com](http://www.BestofBroadway.com)

PS - that Cirque du Soleil show was INCREDIBLE! --Carolyn

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answers to questions about the Dutch: Letters 02/21/2012

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2. I included the LDS news brief in the previous issue of DUTCH: Letters, because we do have some LDS active members on our mail list. Latter Day Saints (Mormons) or LDS members believe people who have died can be baptized by proxy, thus allowing them the opportunity to become Mormons after their death. So genealogy is a part of their religious activities and we non-mormon genealogists are grateful to them for their teams of men and women microfilming records of Catholic and Protestant parishes, cemetery records, birth and death certificates—virtually any sort of record pertaining to past generations. And they are happy for us to use those products. There are often discussions of genealogists who object to their baptism of our dead relatives, who may not want to become Mormon after their death. Most particularly those of the Jewish faith who are still waiting for the Messiah to appear. The news brief would be of interest to both sides of the discussion () in my opinion.

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[from the chicago tribune:  
http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-02-08/news/ct-x-0208-trice-column-20120208\\_1\\_skin-hair-relatives](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-02-08/news/ct-x-0208-trice-column-20120208_1_skin-hair-relatives)

## Family's secret now out in the open

Cousins track down their hidden black and Jewish ancestry

February 08, 2012|Dawn Turner Trice

Cousins Jenny Sampson and David Dossett have always lived hundreds of miles apart. She lives in suburban Sugar Grove. He lives in Kingston, Ontario. Although they didn't meet in person until last

fall, they grew up hearing the same story: Their family emigrated to Canada in the early 1900s from Scotland.

So for years, the cousins, who are 50, considered themselves white. Dossett has reddish blond hair, hazel-colored eyes and skin so fair it easily sunburns. Sampson has reddish blond hair, blue eyes and fair skin. However, her hair, when not straightened, does hint to the contrary.

"It's springy and coarse," she said with a laugh. "There was this boy in the eighth grade I'll never forget, who said, 'You've got to have black blood in you because of your hair.' My sister and my father and I, we all have this hard-to-manage hair, but other than that, I never suspected we were anything but white."

In later years, Sampson and Dossett heard rumors — which older relatives went to great pains to tamp down — that their family hadn't come from Scotland after all but from Jamaica.

About three years ago, the cousins confirmed the rumors through genealogical research. One of the things that struck them was the extent to which their mixed-raced older relatives went to hide the fact that they were part black and part Jewish and had decided to improve their lot in their new country by passing as white.

Dossett said that most people think of Canada as being multiracial — and it is — but that even when he was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, he didn't have many interactions with blacks.

"We had some Chinese people in town, but black people stuck out and lived mostly in Nova Scotia," he said. "In 1907, our family members must have worried they wouldn't get good jobs unless they could pass. To be the favored group, you needed to have been from Scotland, Wales, England or Ireland, and they chose Scotland."

Sampson said that even though some of her relatives went on to live wildly successful lives that they may not have had as blacks, the decision still caused a rift in the family. That's one reason she and Dossett now are committed to telling their story.

Maintaining the secret was so important that over the years, some family members severed ties, fearing a darker-skinned relative might call into question a lighter-skinned one's family lineage.

"I didn't know my grandfather as well as David knew his, but neither wanted to talk about it," she said. "They both went to their graves hiding it, even after it really didn't matter anymore."

Sampson's and Dossett's grandfathers, who were brothers, emigrated to Toronto from Jamaica with their four siblings and parents in 1907. Dossett said the girls were encouraged to use lemon soap, which at the time was believed to be a skin-whitener. At least one sister refused to marry, afraid she might have dark-skinned children.

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Anyone have any ancestors from Kentucky?

## **THE BLUE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY**

<http://www.indiana.edu/~oso/lessons/Blues/TheBlues.htm>

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ATTN: Dutch Cousins tour members: (and others will enjoy this as well) Justin Ferate was our tour guide in NYC

**British videographer Peter Crosby created a short video about Justin Ferate, "New York Cicerone," that has received some very nice responses. Peter hopes to create a series about people with unusual occupations.**

Visit my website at <http://www.justinsnewyork.com/> to see the video.

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Today's top stories on [www.dutchnews.nl](http://www.dutchnews.nl)

- [Prince Friso of the Netherlands suffered 'very serious brain damage' in skiing accident](#)

Prince Johan Friso suffered 'very serious' brain damage during his skiing accident and doctors cannot say if he will ever regain consciousness, the head of the medical team treating the prince told reporters on Friday. [More...](#)

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank God for your good health report.

I am so very happy for you and your family.

One of my closest girlfriends here in Syria has just had her mastectomy and is starting chemo.

She has been asking me for reports on what others have experienced, since we had another girl friend who had the same, and is now back in USA, and healthy.

I am going to phone my friend now and tell her your experience.

We all get hope and positive feelings from hearing about the success of others.

If you could get better, then maybe she can too. We are hoping, and positive.

You might wonder how your words have traveled around the world, and landed in Latakia, Syria and will be used to pass on "hope".

Best regards and WISHES,

Lilly Martin Sahiounie

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Hello Carolyn

Regarding the term "colored," I grew up in the segregated south (Miami Shores, Florida) where the term "colored" was still used in polite society in 1951, when I moved to Washington, D. C., where the term "colored" was also used and the term "black" was considered pejorative. I am not sure when the term "colored" was generally discontinued, since I lived abroad off and on after 1953.

In Haiti, ostensibly a "black" country, where I lived for over two years in the 1960s, very fine social distinctions are drawn between the "blacks" and the various shades of "mulatto." Linguistically, the Creole word "nèg" (nègre in French, meaning Negro) is the term they use for a native of Haiti, regardless of color, and "blanc" (meaning white) is the term for foreigners. Historically, the mulatto elite have dominated the country's economy and usually exerted a predominant influence politically. Both Haiti and Louisiana were French colonies at the same time and quite similar culturally. There was, of course, a big influx of French Canadians (so-called Cajuns) in Louisiana after the British conquest of Canada in 1753 (the Seven Years War, known in America as the French and Indian War). Following the slave uprising in Haiti in 1803 and the defeat of the French forces there (due mainly to malaria), Napoléon, heavily engaged militarily in Europe, seeing the handwriting on the wall and having little more use for the Louisiana colony, sold it to the United States, the famous Louisiana Purchase, dramatically increasing the geographical size of our country.

Today, it seems that the "colored" people are not unanimous on what they want to be called, ranging from African American, to Black to just American. France, incidentally, makes no distinction statistically (I understand) among French citizens of various races.

David Smock, Florida

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----- Original Message -----

From: [Carolyn Leonard](#)

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2012 4:47 PM

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For Contributions to Understanding the Dutch Colonial Experience in North America.

The New Netherland Institute is the recipient of an annual grant from the Alice P. Kenney Memorial Trust Fund. This grant now enables the Institute to award an annual prize of \$1,000 to an individual or group which has made a significant contribution to colonial Dutch studies and/or has encouraged understanding of the significance of the Dutch colonial experience in

North America by research, teaching, writing, speaking, or in other ways. Reasonable travel expenses will be reimbursed. Persons or groups to be considered for this award can be involved in any pursuit of any aspect of Dutch colonial life in North America. Emphasis is on those activities which reach a broad, popular audience in the same way that Alice P. Kenney's activities did.

#### Criteria for Nominations:

- Candidates for the award can be nominated by members of the New Netherland Institute, by historical organizations, or by the general public.
- Nominations should be in the form of a nominating letter or statement (1-2 pages long) detailing how the nominator became aware of the nominee, which of the nominee's activities led to the nomination, how those activities qualify for the award, and what the perceived impact is of the nominee's activities.
- Nominations may also include illustrative materials which demonstrate the nominee's activities such as maps, brochures, photographs of exhibits.
- Nominations may also include up to three one-page letters of support from other persons.
- Three copies of all material must be submitted.

#### Selection Criteria:

- The winner shall be selected by a four-person committee consisting of the Director of the New Netherland Project, two members of the New Netherland Institute and a representative of the Alice P. Kenney Memorial Trust Fund.
- The committee shall consider (1) if the nominee qualifies for the award, (2) how significant the nominee's contributions are, (3) how large the audience is, (4) how great the chances are for continued influence, and (5) whether the materials are historically accurate and based on the most recent primary and secondary research.

Send nominations by **April 4, 2012** to:

The Alice P. Kenney Award Selection Committee

New Netherland Institute

P.O.Box 2536, Empire State Plaza Station

Albany, NY 12220-0536

E-mail: [nyslfnn@mail.nysed.gov](mailto:nyslfnn@mail.nysed.gov)

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Rough life for horses in the 1800s.

Horses and donkeys worked really hard for us.

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Hello Carolyn,

The following item in DutchNews brings to mind the treasure trove of documents of the GWC (West India Company) and the VOC (East India Company) prior to 1700 that were bundled up and sold as waste paper at a public auction in Amsterdam in 1821! Just imagine how much more we would know about New Netherland and other Dutch colonies had these papers been preserved!

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I am a Geradus Ryker 5th Great Granddaughter, and also a Jacob Smock 5th Great Granddaughter. I descend through Geradus Ryker Junior. So we must be related. Which of the Geradus Ryker offspring do you descend from Lynn. This would make us related, but I'm not sure which cousin it would be called.

Nice to meet you.

Thanks Carolyn. You were right about who I'm related to.

Donna

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YIPPEE! THAT'S WHAT DUTCH COUSINS IS ALL ABOUT! carolyn

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Carolyn- I understand that the next Dutch Cousins reunion is scheduled for Sep 21-23, 2013 at Clifty Falls State Park. Decades ago, I arrived at the easy way to explain where Madison Indiana is: it is on the river halfway between Cincinnati and Louisville.

Since I am from there, I am familiar with the territory. I am available to help with the arrangements, but cannot commit unlimited time etc.

A possible tickler might be a visit to the site of Smockville, Jefferson County, Indiana. It is the site of the first Post Office in Jefferson County, and Samuel Smock was the first postmaster. Samuel was a prominent citizen in the earliest history. Leah, his sister, married Gerardus jr Ryker; they are my ancestors. Smockville disappeared about 1835.

Lee, my Indiana brother, age 87, has been active with the Jefferson County Historical Society; they have a very large, very unorganized stash of miscellaneous Ryker genealogy/history. He is not taking on any more commitments.

Regards, Lynn Rogers

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I just updated my website and thought you might want to check it out. To visit, just click on the links below or paste the URLs into your browser.

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

[March 2012 events](#)

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You may want to study that date. Kentucky Speedway is having 2 major races that same weekend and also the bridge between Madison and Milton Ky

is being rebuilt on US 421. Mark W Bruner (Shelby County, Kentucky)

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**Bill LaBach**

See [www.rikerhome.com](http://www.rikerhome.com) for an extensive web site about the home built by my ancestor, Abraham Riker, at Queens in 1654. There is a large cemetery there too. The Rikers owned and farmed Riker's Island which is now a penal facility.

**Riker Home :: Welcome to the Lent-Riker-Smith Homestead!**

[www.rikerhome.com](http://www.rikerhome.com)

The Lent-Riker-Smith Homestead and its historic graveyard and gardens provide a link to the history of early Dutch settlers in New York.

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NOTE NAME JOHN MONFORT

Date: March 11, 2012 9:25:34 AM CDT

To: "[dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)"  
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Reply-To: [dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)

Chris and Liz, Chris wrote:> my "evidence" for stating that Aeltje Gerritse Van Duyn is remarried in 1708 is from T.G. Bergen's account of the **Van Duyn family** in NYGBR 10 (1879): 155-161 I have not seen a marriage date for Aeltje's second one. She had remarried by 1717 when she was a witness for her grandchild 28 Jul 1717. Thys Lane, Catryn Lane. Jan. Pieter Cornell, Aeltje Cornell DRC of Jamaica, Frost Transcription, vol 1, pg 36 Chris wrote:>He would marry Aeltje Gerritse Van Duyn, and have three children, with the Van Pelt surname. The family went by several names, Lane, Lanning and Laan. I don't know of any uses of Van Pelt by this family. Some examples: 20 Jan 1740 Adriaentje, Gerret Van Duyn, Seytje his wife [Verkerk], John Lanning, Ida his wife DRC of New Utrecht, NYGBR, Apr 1982, pg 77. John above is the Jan baptized in 1717.

Page 273.--In the name of God, Amen, March 18, 1766. I, JOHN LANE, of New Utrecht, in Kings County. My funeral expenses and debts to be paid out of my estate. My executors are to sell all my estate, except so much household furniture as my wife Ida shall think she has need of to keep house with. And I leave her the use of all the rest while she remains my widow, to bring up and educate the children. If my wife marries, I give her one of my best bedsteads and bed and furniture. All the rest I leave to my four sons, John, Matthew, Thomas, and Jacob. I make my brother, Mattys Lane, and my son John, and my friend, Johanes Bergen, and my cousin, Simon Boerum, executors. Signed "Jan Laan." Witnesses, William Barre, John Van Dyck, Henry Van Dyck. Proved, July 29, 1766, before John French, in New York. Abstracts of wills on file in the Surrogate's Office, City of New York (Volume VII. June 6, 1766-Nov. 29, 1771), pg 14 John above is the Jan baptized in 1717. Abstracts of Wills, Liber 32, pg 115

page 265- "In the name of God, Amen. September 20, 1776, I Tise Laan, of Oyster bay, in Queens County, being sick. My executors are to pay all debts. I leave to my wife, Martha, 200 pounds, and my best bed, and all linen and looking glass, table, and all pewter, six chairs, my best horse, iron pot and kettle. If any of the 200 pounds is left after her death, I give it to my daughter, Katharine Van Wyck's eldest child. I leave to my daughter, Katharine Van Wuck, all the rest.

I make John Hewlet, jr. **John Monfort**, and Eldred Van Wyck, executors." Witnesses, Simeon Striker, Margaret Boerum, Nathaniel Whitsen. Proved April 25, 1780. Tise Laan is the brother Mattys that John Lane mentions in his will. Mike Morrissey > To: [dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)

From: [blacknorthfarm@me.com](mailto:blacknorthfarm@me.com)

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## Long Island Cemetery Inscriptions online at NEHGS

This database contains over 13,000 inscriptions from 98 cemeteries on Long Island, in Kings, Queens, Suffolk, and Nassau counties. Created from a typescript set of cemetery inscriptions donated to NEHGS by Josephine C. Frost between 1912 and 1914, the original typescript volumes are numbered 1-12, but only ten volumes remain, volumes 6 and 10 being lost to time. The records date between 1652 and 1910.

A complete list of the cemeteries included can be seen here: [New York: Long Island Cemetery Inscriptions, 1652-1910](#).

[Search New York: Long Island Cemetery Inscriptions, 1652-1910](#)

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Ok, well actually I believe all blacks were colored at one point, and they didn't distinguish between mulatto and black. If you look at the 1870 and 1880 census during reconstruction in the south the census taker did distinguish between black and mulatto as did the slave schedules in 1860, after that everyone was Negro, but not colored. I think the term was really used a lot in Australia but it is out the window today. Judy Cassidy

On 03/02/12, Carolyn Leonard<[editor234@gmail.com](mailto:editor234@gmail.com)> wrote:

I wrote this because a new genealogist reading the census asked what the term mulatto meant and wondered if it was the same as colored.

On Mar 2, 2012, at 9:40 AM, carolyn leonard wrote:

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Carolyn, I think the most important thing is to ask people what they prefer. But really how many times do we refer to the fact that someone is white, almost never and that is the point. As more and more black people search for their roots, connections to all of us are going to be made and people need to think about how they

plan to embrace this. I have had several slave descendants ask if I have told Dutch cousins about them and what you all think. I hope you would all say welcome. These are very nice, educated people, most with college degrees in the medical and educational profession and they are as curious about us as we are about them. It all depends on their family history and how they were treated. Some prefer not to be involved, others are delighted. Most don't know how we will react because in the past, this was not a topic of conversation, however, our ancestors did not just have children with their slaves, they also had out of wedlock children with other women. Since divorce was not a priority, sometimes women left their husbands behind and moved to a different community and began a new life with a new Husband. This occurred in John Smocks family and it was his daughter. So everyone needs to expand their horizons and embrace the fact that our families may be larger than we thought..

judy Cassidy

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## Letters 3/15/2012

Just to catch everyone up on the Old Mud Donation.

Right now I am waiting for a new estimate from Amalie Preston. When I talked to her last week I thought we would have it by now but she is probably having trouble getting info she needs from someone else. Vince has also asked for some figures. If we have a specific number to shoot for, I think we will do better at getting any amount we need. The HHS committee decided to refinish the big double doors instead of building new ones and that makes sense to me. So Amalie was going to get an estimate on the refinish and install of those doors. If less than the \$7,000 we are prepared to donate (surely it would be!) then we could shoot also for a new door at the end toward the cemetery. Jim Cozine is ready to make the motion to send the money as soon as we get this estimate, so by next week that should happen. --carolyn

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## Helen Hunt, Next on Who Do You Think You Are?

**NOT This Friday but next, 23 March 2012, will feature Oscar winning actress Helen Hunt.**

Time: 8/7c

**“Helen Hunt fills in the missing branches of her family tree and discovers ancestors instrumental in the growth of America.”**

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The new Madison-Milton bridge is scheduled to be slid into place Sept 2012 (an event that I personally want to see). There is a web site, but I do not have address convenient. I doubt that the Kentucky race has customers use the Madison accommodations; it is approx 40 miles away.

**I can personally recommend:**  
**Clifty Falls State Park (they fill up a year in advance)**  
**Rte. 56 (south entrance; North entrance SR62)**  
**812-265-4135**  
**877-LODGES-1**  
**Country Hearth Inn**  
**308 Demaree Dr.**  
**812-273-0757**

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites**  
**300 Franks Drive**  
**800-HOLIDAY**  
**812-265-1111**

We/I have waited long enough for the stones to be set. i consider it especially annoying to not have heard any specific plans. I plan to personally go set them as soon as I can recruit a son or gson; but, I will keep you advised about planned schedule. It will not happen before Mon Mar 19, but possibly a week day.

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<http://www.rikerhome.com/about/intro.htm>

## Barb Terhune

Pendleton Woods of Oklahoma City (age 88) has received many honors for his volunteer work over more than sixty years. He is the most deserving person I know, and here's an opportunity for one more. It looks like voting ends today, Monday, April 2, so please vote now. The website states one vote per person. Instructions below.

Last year in Washington, D.C. Woods won the annual Community Champion Gold Award for volunteer service by an older individual. This year is the tenth year of the program, sponsored by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Pen was one of the three selected as nominee for the Community Champion Gold Award. Instead of the agency making the selection, they are asking for a public nationwide vote by e-mail. Pen, as he is affectionately known, survived horrendous conditions during the five months he spent as a German prisoner of war during World War II. He and other POWs had to pool their meager resources to keep themselves alive through the bitter winter after he was captured behind enemy lines in December 1944. He survived to become an incredible volunteer in our OKC community, especially working for veterans. He is a past president of the OKC chapter of Sons of American Revolution, an amazing historian and writer. In a local news story about him a few years ago, it was mentioned that he was director of Oklahoma Christian University's American Citizenship Center, which teaches young people about patriotism and commitment to public service. He said those are lessons all POWs learned while they were held captive. Being a prisoner made them recognize the importance of freedom.

"There's nothing we can take for granted, Woods said.

He is an amazing person and I am proud to call him "friend". I sure hope you take time to vote for Pen Woods.

Copy the following link to your browser:

[<http://agingnetworkvolunteers.org/elections/community-champion-awards/](http://agingnetworkvolunteers.org/elections/community-champion-awards/)

Scroll down to where it says VOTE on the right side of the page. Enter your name and email address. Click on the radio button next to Pendleton Woods, then click on the VOTE button.

Thanks, Carolyn

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From the [DUTCH-COLONIES@rootsweb.com](mailto:DUTCH-COLONIES@rootsweb.com) Digest (email discussion list) Vol & Issue 69

On 04/01/12, Carolyn Leonard<[carolynleonard@me.com](mailto:carolynleonard@me.com)> wrote:

This discussion on the Somerset County Dutch Churches evolving, combining, dividing has been fascinating to me especially as I have spent so much time trying to reason out what was going on here in 20 years in the life of my 6th great grandfather, Cornelius Cozine who later was Dominee of the Conewago Church in PA. From Sourland/Sowerland/Sowerlandt, to Readington Ch,

to Raritan and back again!

His 6th, 8th, 10th and 11th children were baptized and recorded in the church record at Readington, and in between he served as deacon, elder, assistant, and elder twice more at Raritan as well as having his 9th child baptized at Raritan. No record of baptism, of child number 7 has been found. As Nora said, apparently our ancestors just went to whatever church had a minister at the time.

1753: Cornelius COZINE/COSINE buys 326-acre farm on North Branch of Raritan River at Sourland NJ

1754: at Haverstraw, Rockland Co, NY temporarily, visiting relatives.

(1755/57 James/Jacobus Westervelt born on LI.)

1756: 6th child, 4th daughter, Jane, bap at Readington NJ church

1757: 7th child, 5th daughter, Elizabeth, born.

1758: (I) Raritan - Cornelius Kozyn was elected a deacon. 25 Oct 1758

1759: (I) Cornelius Kozyn was voted assistant of the Raritan congreg 21 June

1759

1759: 8th child, 6th daughter, Phoebe, baptised at Readington ch.

1761: (l) Cornelius Kozyn elected elder to replace Pieter Willemsen at

Raritans 19 Mar

1762: (l) (p379) Cornelius Kozyn, elder, named to amicably treat with the  
pastor. 8 Mar

1762: 9th child, 3rd son, John, born. (bp 9 May at First Ref. Church,  
Raritan)

1763: (l) Frans Cusaart elected elder to succeed Cornelius Kozyn 28 Dec 1763

1764: (l) Cornelius Kozyn elected elder to replace Pieter  
Willemse, (again) Raritan 21 Dec

1764: 10th child, 7th dau, Maria, bap. 7 Oct. Readington church

1765: Early migration begins to Conewago

1766: 11th child 4th son, Garard (Garret), bap 15 Nov. Readington church

1767: (l) Cornelius Cosyn's term as elder expired. 20 Mar 1767

1768: Cornelius inventoried est. of Pieter Van Nest

1768 Wife Antje STAATS dies? Buried at Readington church?

children aged: 24, 18, 17, 15, 14, 12, 11, 9, 6, 4, 2 years

1768 - In Oct, Cornelius Cozine applied for 300 acres in Conewago. (Jim C  
says 280)

1768: SOLD Somerset Co NJ farm to Hendrick Vanseveer

1768: Â In 1768, Hendrick Banta and 165 other Dutch and Huguenot families  
(more than 1,000 people) left New Jersey to settle in Conewago, York Co, PA  
....Â (Banta fam history)

Carolyn Leonard

Have you read my book, Who's Your Daddy?

U No U want to!

[1][www.CarolynBLeonard.com](http://www.CarolynBLeonard.com)

It is important to remember that often as a younger minister he served in a "Supply Minister" capacity. The RDC determined who was assigned to which congregation and for how long. Many congregations shared a minister because they were in short supply and in the beginning were being sent from Holland. Even when the RDC in America began training ministers, there just were not that many available. If you read the following you will see. So few ministers but such a great demand for them. So this normal was not have been his choice or decision, he was in essence filling in where needed until he got to Conewago where he served two congregations in his later years.

Judy

This used to be on line, don't know if it is any more, but it is really a valuable and insightful book.

The Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in North America, Volume 1, Embracing the Period from 1738-1812, Proceeded by Minutes of the Coetus (1738-1767) and the Proceeding of the Conferentee (1755-1767) and followed by the Minutes of the Original Particular Synod 1794-1799, [Hereafter cited: The Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the RDCh.] (New York, NY: The Reformed Protestant Dutch

[Church, 1859\)](#)

from Judy Cassidy

TO: Judy Cassidy,

I made copies of all the DRC churches' baptisms for that era. In studying the history of the DRC churches in NJ, for awhile they did not have an assigned minister for each church. So people went to whatever church had a minister performing baptisms near the birth of their child or just did not have them baptized, so it is best to check all the churches when looking for your ancestor.

Nora

On Thu, Mar 29, 2012 at 10:34 AM,  
<[2]jacassidy22@verizon.net> wrote:

Don't know what I was thinking other than it is close to the Middlesex-Somerset Co. line and when the DRC Church split mid 1700's, many of the Harlingen Church members, Church was then called Sourlandt, broke away and attended Six Mile Run for a

period of time, returning to Sourlandt a few years later. So I you are looking for information on the Harlingen DRC in that era, you also need to check Six Mile Run.

Judy

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From: Barbara Terhune <[oldbat@embarqmail.com](mailto:oldbat@embarqmail.com)>

Subject: Re: [DUTCH-COLONIES] Freylinghuysen and DRC schisms

Date: April 1, 2012 10:34:02 AM CDT

To: [jjward@scgc.org](mailto:jjward@scgc.org), [dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)

Hello Jeff,

I noted your Dutch-Colonies message (below) indicating some interest in Domine Theodorus Jacobus Freylinghuysen and the schisms in the Dutch Reformed Church in the 1700s. I call to your attention our book, published in 2007 - "Early Dutch Family Ties - Certain Elements of Genealogy, Social History, and Religious Interactions." The genesis of this book is the fact that Dom. Freylinghuysen's wife was Eva Janse Terhune<sup>3</sup>, daughter of Jan Albertse Terhune<sup>2</sup> and grand-daughter of the Terhune immigrant patriarch, Albert Albertszen<sup>1</sup>, the lintwever (ribbon-weaver). (Jan Albertse Terhune<sup>2</sup> was my husband's 7th great grandfather). Eva's sister, Annetje married Freylinghuysen's school-master and compatriot, Jacobus Schuurman. We correct long standing errors regarding Eva's and Annetje's genealogy in this book. Some (errors) still being repeated in the 2002 Theological article you referenced. Somehow the identities of Freylinghuysen's and Schuurman's wives were distorted in several instances, perhaps due to the writings of 19<sup>th</sup> Century ministers, albeit well-meaning, but not very good genealogists.

Our book is comprehensive, containing among others the following elements:

a) Correct genealogy of the early Terhunes and Freylinghuysens in Long Island and New Jersey.

Note: This chapter appeared in Dorothy Koenig's New Netherland Connections, Vol. 12 (2007), No. 3, pp. 71-78.

b) A political/social history of the New Netherland colony, 1624 - ~1700 including the 1681-1682 Leisler "Rebellion." Also a bit of English history that affected the American colony AFTER the English takeover in 1664.

c) A detailed discussion of "Pietism," Domine Freylinghuysen's radical variant of the Dutch Reformed Church's Teachings, quite similar to the excellent article you referenced except that we quote the writings of the time of the "Klagers" and "Dagers" on this subject recorded in the New York Ecclesiastical Records.

d) Freylinghuysen's life story including the schism in the DRC over his teachings and actions. Also the opinions and facts of his house slave, Ukawsaw Gronniosaw, written in the 1770s and reprinted in the book "Black Atlantic Writers of the 18th Century," edited by Adam Potkay and Sandra Burr, (1995), pp. 23-56..

e) A second schism involving the push for an American Classis, not European; i.e. the conflict between the Coetus and Conferente parties split the church again, not resolved until 1774 by Domine Livingston.

We believed when we wrote this book (and still do) that the social/political/religious history of the times impact genealogy and vice-versa.

Regards,

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On 3/29/2012 5:03 PM, Jeff Ward wrote:

As a descendant of Peter Dumont who was one of the principal dissenters, along with Hendrick Vroom and Simon Wycoff, I have tried to understand for many years what the dispute with Theodorus Jacobus Freylinghuysen was about. Just today I found a long and scholarly article online that examines the dispute in depth. It is from the Reformation & Revival Journal, Vol 2, no. 4 published in the fall of 2002. The authors are Joel Beeke and Cornelis Pronk. This is very interesting history. The fact that I have always found funny is that the Freylinghuysen and Dumont families intermarried frequently in subsequent years. I think that most of the numerous Freylinghuysen New Jersey politicians, including a currently serving member of Congress, descend from both men. Jeff Ward

I am aware of the Conferentie and Coetus struggle. I am writing the history

of the Probasco family who also were involved in the conflict and changing churches. It is a very fascinating story.

On Thu, Mar 29, 2012 at 2:21 PM, <[jacassidy22@verizon.net](mailto:jacassidy22@verizon.net)> wrote:

Hi Nora: The era I am speaking of was when the great internal struggle which broke out with lines of divisions with not only the church but families and communities, between the Coetus and Conferentie Factions. The Coetus group wanted to license and supply their own ministers (from within the RDC at Rutgers) while the Conferentie group favored continuation of having all ministers licensed and supplied from Amsterdam. This took place around 1750, and as mentioned many of those

formerly attending Sourlandt DRC (Harlingen)  
left and joined Six Mile Run for a short period  
because of this dispute. The Dorlant's were  
members for years of the Sourlandt, but in the  
1750's you will find them, along with some of  
their neighbors, at Six Mile Run for this reason.

Judy Cassidy

Letters 4/3/2012

Great news! We were awarded the National DAR grant of \$10,000 for the windows at Old Mud!  
The first half of the funds will be disbursed around June 15 and the second half July 15.

Thanks to Dianna Rose as registrar of our local chapter who realized this was available, got  
signatures, made copies, and critiqued the final product for accuracy. Thanks to Anna Armstrong  
for providing photos from her archives to accompany the grant. And a big thank you to the Jane  
McAfee Chapter DAR for being the sponsoring agency.

With the Dutch Cousins securing the doors--we are starting to see the light at the end of the  
tunnel.

Amalie Preston

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Hi, Carolyn:

I have been in touch with both David Smock and Jim Streeter thanks to your help.  
Unfortunately, neither of them have been able to help (although they both have  
given me a good deal of information) with my attempt to figure out where  
Abraham Smock (1799-1845) and his wife Mary Stagg (1780-ca. 1852) died and

were buried. Some records say Switzerland Co., Indiana and others say Harrodsburg, Mercer Co., Kentucky. David Smock suggested that I could submit a query to your newsletter. I would like to do that if I can.

I am still hoping to attend the 2013 Dutch Cousins reunion. I would really like to have the above question solved by the time I make that trip.

Thanks again for your help,

Alice Hostetter

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Carolyn:

Is there any information on the Perrine family that were French Hugenots who came to Ky. in the 1700's.

Ann Demaree

INRE: BANTA CABIN

I'm up for anything that works. My first thought is, has the cabin in any way been protected by virtue of a chain of title? Sometimes things like that get passed from owner to owner, each time relating (and giving protection) to what is known as an "exception" in the title, which then presents a "cloud on the title" to any prospective purchaser, meaning that the land can be

**conveyed, but a specific small area is made an "exception" to the whole plat, and has to stay as is in perpetuity.**

**We recently saved a grave and stone marker from the War Between the States for a young Texan who died and was buried there. A "cloud" on the title existed because the paragraph on the grave had been omitted from the most recent transfer. A real estate attorney had to go back through the chain of title to find where the exception began, but by george we have that grave protected. The title attorney charged about \$600. Best money we ever spent. Now maybe the cabin was not protected, but it goes back further than the civil war, and there's always a chance it does. Worth a shot -- not just at Mr. Livingston's current deed, but way back. Think about it!**

**P.S. could not reply all to this because some error, it says. Feel free to forward!**

**Martha Banta Boltz**

**Carolyn -- let me add a p.s. and a caveat. First thing whoever is in charge of looking into this should do, is go to the York County (?) court house, registrar of deeds. and look up the current deed to Mr.Livingston and see if in any way it mentions the cabin. Probably not -- we had to go back 3-4 transfers for ours. Once you have the deed in hand, and without talking to anyone at the courthouse etc., then you can contact a lawyer to run the title, and of course tell him or her what you are looking for.**

**If there IS a cloud found, it will diminish the sales value of the land --- ours did, and the NY lawyer who wanted to sell it was FURIOUS, not that it did him any good! But that isn't our problem, which is to find a way to preserve it. Just got afraid I was not particularly clear!**

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**TO Joan Murray: Thanks for the info -- good idea! I'm still for checking out the status on the deeds of the past, it may well be already protected, or has been at some time, which would give us a big head-up on protecting. Since we are less than an hour from GB, I figure we are as close as anyone, and I'm going to see what I can develop.**

**Martha**

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**I drove by the property today, and it looks the same as when you visited on your way to New York. There is a house trailer parked near the cabin. I do not remember if that was there then.**

**I also visited the nearby Dutch graveyard and it looks undisturbed.**

**Just a little information.**

**Ed Westerfield (Signed in under Charlotte's Web address)**

**NOTE: good to hear from you Ed - and thanks for checking on the Conewago cemetery.**

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**Thank you, Carolyn, for sharing the history written by a Joan Murray. I knew nothing about the Dutch families listed below, because I descend from Dutch and Belgian Dutch ancestors who went to Nova Scotia from New Jersey, but reading about the group that went west from NJ was quite interesting!**

**Jean Simon**

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**Letters 4/14/2012**

**SUCCESS AT LAST FOR KAREN PRATHER AS DAR DESCENDANT OF JOHN COMINGORE**

**On Apr 13, 2012, at 11:41 PM, Leonard Carolyn <[Buffalo234@cox.net](mailto:Buffalo234@cox.net)> wrote:**

Here was Karen's request a few months ago:

COMINGORE/TERHUNE/WILLIAMSON: Karen Prather, who attended our gathering in KY this year for the first time, has hit a roadblock on her way to proving DAR papers to the Commingore Patriot. Someone in our group MAY have the info she needs. We WANT her to get this connection proved, as it will be a benefit to others later. She needs the proof ASAP. If she doesn't get the line proved by May she has to start over from the beginning. The Harrodsburg Historical Society and the DAR themselves have worked on the case and the brick wall is still there. Our Terhune researcher par excellence (Barbara "old bat" Terhune) has not been able to solve the mystery. Here is what Karen needs specifically to prove her line from Anna Terhune to Asa Williamson.

Karen says: I still do not have the one document that shows either Asa Williamson and his parents Raney and Sarah Leveridge Williamson together, or Anna Terhune Williamson with her parents John Terhune and Annitie Commingore. I have proven everything from John Commingore to Anna Terhune and everything from John Leveridge to Asa Williamson. I have the marriage bond proving they were married but nothing that includes their parents names. I can't find a will for Raney nor Sarah and John Terhune's will only lists "children" not Anna by name. I cannot find birth records, nor death records. They are listed in several books but the authors do not reference any sources.

And here's how she did it! The genealogist in Washington asked for deeds on file in the Harrodsburg court house. My new friend, Myrgle Huffman, who works in the Harrodsburg Historical Library, went to the courthouse and copied them for me and mailed them to me. Those, together with all the many documents I had sent him previously, which Myrgle had also sent to me, he was able to put together an

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**Sam Smock, 24, Male, Fayette Co. KY, Dec. 1859, page 111.**

<http://www.forksoftheroads.net>

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**Carolyn,**

I concur with Vince 100% This is exactly the restoration process which we have used on our early 1800's log cabin. Unprotected logs have a short life expectancy. Water is the enemy. We put Hardiplank on three sides of our cabin and a porch on the fourth. . . in my research, I found over and over that as soon as the settlers had time or money or wood, they covered the walls of the cabins. . . that's why we have so many preserved today. . . they were covered!! Looks like a job well done to me. . . (we also had a hard time with Hardiboard and uneven walls!! My sympathy.

## Carla Gerding

**WOW! This (Old Mud Meetinghouse) looks great! What a difference the siding made.**  
**Kerin Smith**

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## Great article

**From Kim Ross in Alaska:**

[http:// en dot wikipedia dot org/wiki/Jacob\\_Aaron\\_Westervelt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jacob_Aaron_Westervelt)

Westervelt was the eldest son of Ari (Aaron) Westervelt and Vrowti Westervelt. Ari Westervelt was a builder by occupation. He built several houses in Franklin Street, New York, and constructed the [South Church in Schraalenburgh](#) in today's [Bergenfield](#) borough.<sup>[1][7]</sup> Westervelt was born in [Tenaflly, New Jersey](#), on January 20, 1800 and was baptized at Schraalenburgh on February 16, being the first child to receive that [sacrament](#) after the completion of the new church. The Westervelts then resided at the old family homestead on Tenaflly Road midway between [Englewood](#) and Tenaflly. When Ari Westervelt was working on improving the riverfront, he moved, together with his infant son, to New York in 1804, to be nearer his work.<sup>[8]</sup> It was to his father that Jacob Aaron owed his good education. His father died when Westervelt was only 14.<sup>[6]</sup>

The sources differ as to Westervelt's further education and early career. He received additional education under the tutelage of James P. Forrester, then headmaster of the school connected with

the Collegiate (Dutch) Church in New York, and was afforded greater educational opportunities under Barron & Brown, in a special course on [surveying](#) and [navigation](#). Afterwards he went to sea, serving on ships for more than two years. He left the sea in 1817 and became an apprentice under **Christian Bergh**, a prosperous shipbuilder on the [East River](#).<sup>[1]</sup> A differing source reports that he went to sea directly after his father's death,<sup>[9]</sup> while another states that he was already apprenticed to Christian Bergh in 1814.<sup>[6]</sup>

Another great site. Teaneck Public Library's historical sketch of

Teaneck.

[www dot teaneck dot org//virtualvillage/HistoricalSketchOfTeaneck /](http://www.teaneck.org/virtualvillage/HistoricalSketchOfTeaneck/)

[index dot htm.](#)

[dunhamwilcox dot net / nj / bergen\\_co\\_nj\\_marr2 dot htm](http://dunhamwilcox.net/nj/bergen_co_nj_marr2.htm)

That's N J and not N I. (Hard for me to tell when using lower case

letters). AND don't forget the \_ either. Again, so small & light hard

to see.

:-) Kim Ross

[slimkim at gci dot net](#)

Keep trying. You'll get there. Eventually.

[\[edit\]](#) **Christian Bergh's shipyard (1817–1836)**

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Westervelt learned the "art, trade and mystery"<sup>[2]</sup> of his profession in a most independent way—as a teenage [sailor](#) and as an apprentice to Christian Bergh, for whom he worked at the very latest

[[edit](#)] Westervelt & Co. shipyard (1836–1864)



**In 1836 Westervelt built at least two ships under his own name** [\(more\)](#)

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**Dear Members of the Maryland Society Daughters of 1812,**

I regret to inform you of the passing of Mary Young Pickersgill member, Anne Brooks Willis. Anne departed this life on 16 March 2012. Services and interment were private (Harry J. Witzke's Funeral Home, Howard County, MD).

We will miss our dear Anne!

Sincerely,

Joanne

Joanne Cecil Brown, President

Maryland Society Daughters of 1812

(NOTE: I will miss Anne's email notes, never met her but her notes were always cheery and sweet. Thanks to Mary Park for letting us know.)

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On Apr 14, 2012, at 10:08 PM, [jacassidy22@verizon.net](mailto:jacassidy22@verizon.net) wrote:

This is really bad, especially now that Arthur is dead. I wonder if the bank who maintains the Trust for the Church might have some suggestions. also would he consider subdividing the property. My concern is that is may be viewing the group as \$\$\$\$\$\$. If he can divide it, than that would lower the price. Since the Adams County Historical Society is not in existance, perhaps someone from the York Co. Historical Society might have a suggestion. Maybe Arthur's brother might have a suggestion. If the cabin could be moved perhaps on the land where the church once stood but of course I think even that land is owned by someone else. I suggest you call Arthur's brother since you had been speaking with him and see what he suggests.

Judy

On Apr 14, 2012, at 5:59 PM, Martha Boltz wrote:

**Really sad news === smarter people than I, know how to "save" such things, should be some mechanism by which we could do something, darn if I know what. Any ideas?**

**Martha**

**On Apr 14, 2012, at 5:33 PM, Rodney Dempsey wrote:**

Wow! We all would have to put up major money to preserve the Dutch heritage. I wonder if it would be feasible for him to section off or subdivide a small tract. Is there an old Cemetery on it?

It seems to me we have our hands full restoring Old Mud.

It would be nice to preserve some of the Conewago Property, though. Maybe the wealthy Dutch cousins may come out of the woodwork and buy it. There is so much Civil War history in the area, I doubt if the County Historical Society would pay much attention to it.

That area must be one of the few places where property assessments are increasing, in this real estate market today.

Rodney P. Dempsey [rod\\_dempsey@msn.com](mailto:rod_dempsey@msn.com)

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From: [buffalo234@cox.net](mailto:buffalo234@cox.net)

Date: Sat, 14 Apr 2012 17:08:51 -0500

Subject: Dutch: The old BANTA Cabin at Conewago (Gettysburg) PA

Hi Carolyn,

I don't know if anyone in the group would be interested but I thought I would let you know what I have to do with the Banta property. I put the new house there about 5 1/2 years ago for my

brother to live in and take care of the property for me until I would be able to move there myself. He is having some financial foes and I cannot afford to continue helping him. I am going to have to sell the place. <w\Emoticon-sadsmile[1].png> I thought I would contact you and you could let the Banta folks know and see if any of them may have an interest in purchasing the property. I am thinking the price will be somewhere around \$350,000. or less. There are 14.2 acres and the new assessment last year has it assessed at over \$400,000. which I feel is high but I lost the appeal. It may be listed for less. of course if I can sell with no realtor it would be less as well.

Thank You Carolyn, My best,

Darrell Livingston

You can contact Darrell at (717) 234-6571 or email at [DNLivingston@verizon.net](mailto:DNLivingston@verizon.net)

On Apr 21, 2012, at 10:49 AM, Becky Vaught wrote:

Hi Carolyn,

When each of my grandchildren have their first child, I order one of [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)'s 9 generation charts for them. If you haven't seen one, they are beautiful. Well, I have a new gr granddaughter, Kylie Elizabeth Cole, born Nov 30, 2011. I have been working on her mother's side and guess what? I found she is a low Dutch descendant through both of her parents! At least I think so according to the records I have found on ancestry. Does anyone know anything about a Anthony Van Sallee? He and his wife seem to have been among the most colorful characters in early New Amsterdam.

Becky Jolly Vaught

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Letters 4/24/2012

Apr 24 (12 days ago)

Carolyn Leonard  
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mac.com

to undisclosed  
recipients

Hotlinks to My Blog, my Book Reviews, Writers Reminder, and latest Gen tips.

<http://bit.ly/MyBlogPergola>

<http://bit.ly/ReminderAprMay>

<http://bit.ly/MyBookReviews>

Gen Tips: The Bane of Genealogists: <http://bit.ly/AprMay2012>

Some people mark messages as spam thinking that they are just deleting them. If you would prefer not to receive these updates, just hit reply and say "remove me".

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On Apr 24, 2012, at 2:51 PM, Joan Murray wrote:

**Hi Carolyn and Dutch Cousins, Today I wrote a letter to the National Preservation Trust attempting to interest them in purchasing and maintaining the Banta Cabin in Conewago. I don't know if Darrell Livingston would consider selling the cabin and a small portion of the property separately, or not, but I thought it might be worth it to try to interest the National Preservation Trust. They have a site online and one can get into it whether a member or not. I also posted the information on the cabin on the Banta Family website.**

**I'm attaching a copy of the letter I wrote, should anyone be interested in contacting other organizations which might be willing to attempt to save that site.**

**Joan Murray**

**<Banta - Letter to NPTrust.docx>**

**April 24, 2012**

**National Preservation Trust**

**Eastern Field Services**

**William Aiken House**

**456 King St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl**

**Charleston, SC 29403**

**Dear Sir/Madam:**

**As a member of the National Preservation Trust I am writing to acquaint you with a piece of property which I feel is worthy of saving. It is a two-story log cabin, built in 1747, in an area about 10 miles east of Gettysburg, PA, known as Conewago.**

**In 1768, the cabin was purchased by Hendrick Banta who had, shortly before, arrived in the area from Somerset Co. , NJ. I was in the cabin several years ago and it is in remarkably good condition – very sturdy and well-built.**

While Hendrick Banta is not a man whose name is readily recognizable, he has, indeed, contributed much to United States history. His ancestors arrived in New Amsterdam in 1659 from Minnertsga, Friesland, Netherland. When Friesland celebrated its 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the provincial government in 2009, it coincided with the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Henry Hudson setting foot on the shore in Manhattan. To commemorate these events, the provincial government compiled a book entitled "Famous Frisians in America." (English versions available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)) Among the sixty emigrant families chosen to be documented in this book was the Banta family from Friesland.

Hendrick Banta was a leader among his contemporaries. As a young man he moved from New York to Bergen County, NJ. He married first to Rachel Brower with whom he had six children. When she died early in their marriage, he married a second time to Antje Demarest with whom he had 15 more children. With Antje and all of the children, Hendrick moved first to Somerset County, New Jersey and some years later to Conewago, York County (presently Adams Co.) PA. They not only raised the 21 children, but in addition took in six children of Hendrick's son when both he and his wife died within a short period of time. All of these children lived at various times in that 1768 cabin in Conewago, PA.

When the Revolutionary War broke out, Hendrick, by then 60 years old, was chosen for the Committees of Observation and Safety for York County. A number of his sons enlisted in the Continental Army.

Conewago, Pennsylvania was a very strong-knit Dutch community, and after nearly all men of suitable age had served in the Revolutionary War, a decision was made in 1780 to pack up all they owned and move to the unbroken wilderness of Kentucky. Hendrick led a group of 75 on foot from Conewago to Pittsburg over land, across rivers, streams, mountains and rough terrain – men, women, children, old and young, cows, horses and other animals. In Pittsburg they ordered the building of flatboats, and when the river thawed the following spring they floated their boats with all their belongings and family members and poled their way to present-day Louisville, known then simply as the Falls of the Ohio. It was here they went ashore. Their boats were broken up and were used in the construction of cabins within a fortification. Louisville has prominently marked the site. The online Kentucky Historical Markers site lists all the locations where the Dutch made contributions to the development of Kentucky.

Many lost their lives to Indians in the early years of their existence in Kentucky. Eventually they developed and settled the town of Pleasureville. They built the first Dutch Church west of the Alleghanies, known as Old Mud Meeting House, owned now by the Harrodsburg Historical Society and on the National Historic Register.

Hendrick's children went on in the next generation to make names for themselves. Two sons, were among the founding members of the Shakers in Mercer County, Kentucky and what became (today) Shakertown at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. Six of his descendants became Texas Rangers. One was a founder of Flagstaff, AZ. Another was one of the first to use irrigated farming in the Imperial Valley of California so many were leaders in their time.

There is much to be known about this admirable man. Yes, I am a descendant. The cabin I described in the first paragraph is part of a 14.2 acre parcel containing a new home and the cabin. When the house was built 5-1/2 years ago the property was assessed at \$400,000, today it is somewhere around \$350,000. The owner is Darrell Livingston, (717)234-6571, email, [DNLivingston@verizon.net](mailto:DNLivingston@verizon.net). I do not know if he would consider selling just a portion of the property with the cabin (which is near the road).

I only feel the cabin is priceless and should be saved for future generations.

Incidentally my husband and I travel considerably across the United States and have visited National Historic Trust sites along the way – one of the most recent was Abraham Lincoln's summer residence on the grounds of the Veterans Hospital in northeast Washington, D.C. It was delightful.

Sincerely,

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Letters 5/7/2012

Dutch Cousins 2013 --put it on your calendar

Date is Friday September 21 - Sunday Sept 23, 2013

Place is Clifty Falls, Madison, Indiana (about 2 hours away from Harrodsburg KY)

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Our 2013 Gathering Coordinator, Donna Gaines, wants to know if some of the Smock descendants, Westerfield, and other cousins have some suggestions for what they would like to see and do at Madison Indiana.

Donna says: it would be great if we can get the potential attendees, and membership to provide me with any hints of what they want to see or learn or do at this gathering. That way I can go after specific ideas, and narrow down what will fit into our time frame.

Do you want speakers, tours, focus on certain family groups or if so which groups?

Do you want to visit cemeteries where the Dutch families are buried and if so which ones?

Jefferson County Museum

Information on Underground Railroad

Showboat Trip down Ohio

Organized tours of the Historical downtown in madison

Sunday worship where? Willing to drive to Old mud?

Any other suggestions?

Carolyn

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Looks like we *will* be "seeing the light" through the new windows at Old Mud! That's great news about the grant. Thanks for all you do for the Dutch Cousins, especially keeping us informed about special news items. You're the best!

Mary Bruner  
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Dear Carolyn,

Stealing shamelessly from Joan Murray's beautifully written letter, I contacted Bryan Van Sweden of the Pennsylvania Bureau for Historic Preservation. I wish I could say I had found a solution to our concern about the Banta cabin, but Mr. Van Sweden has offered a list of organizations that might have interest or ideas. For anyone who interested, they are listed in his message below.

Regards,

Jan Pranger

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Jan Pranger:

Thank you for contacting our office about the Banta Cabin in Adams County. Sorry for the delay in getting back to you. The family's history is very interesting, and it is impressive that the house is still standing. Although interest in the history of Adams County is expanding beyond the Battle of Gettysburg, I think there are only a few organizations that would be willing and able to take on a preservation project like this one. Here are a few groups that seek to preserve that area's historic character and/or interpret the community's history:

- Historic Gettysburg - Adams County: <http://www.hgaonline.org/> - This is an all-volunteer organization, but they have worked to identify historic farms and barns throughout the county.
- Land Conservancy of Adams County: <http://www.lcacnet.org/> - This group has professional staff, however their focus has traditionally been on farms and open space. While these properties often have historic buildings on them, I am not sure whether they are interested in accepting conservation easements on buildings alone.
- Hanover Area Historical Society: <http://www.hahs.us/> - This local historical society may be interested in telling the story of the family, but I don't think they have been very involved in preserving historic buildings.

- New Oxford Area Historical Society: This organization was formed just a few years ago, but you may find more information on their Facebook page.

- Littlestown Area Historical Society:  
<http://www.littlestownpa.info/LAHSociety/index.htm>

Our agency can no longer afford to acquire additional historic properties, but if the current owner is willing to sell the house, our staff can provide a potential buyer with suggestions for preserving and maintaining it. I am copying Mindy Crawford, executive director of Preservation Pennsylvania (and a long-time Hanover resident) to see if she knows of any additional groups or individuals who might be interested in the history of the Banta Cabin.

Please feel free to get back to us if you have any questions.

Bryan Van Sweden, Community Preservation Coordinator  
Central and Northeast Region  
Bureau for Historic Preservation  
Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building 2nd Floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17120  
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**Letters 5/10/2012**

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May events and Genealogy Tips: <http://bit.ly/GenTipsAprMay>

For the Dutch Cousins 2013 gathering:

Do you want speakers, tours, focus on certain family groups on if so which groups?

Do you want to visit cemeteries where the Dutch families are buried and if so which ones?

Jefferson County Museum

Information on Underground Railroad

Showboat Trip down Ohio

Organized tours of the Historical downtown in madison

Sunday worship where? Willing to drive to Old mud?

Any other suggestions?

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My calender for 2013 shows September 21st is on a Saturday. Does it start on Saturday and go through Monday or start on Friday the 20th and go through Sunday?

Barb Merideth, Caruthersville, MO

(NOTE: She is right. I must have been looking at 2012. Begins Fri Sept 20, 2013)

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Dear Carolyn,

Thanks for keeping me "in the loop". Two of us will be coming. How far ahead should we reserve our hotel room?

Joyce (Westerfield) Collins, West Covina, California

(NOTE: That is GREAT news Joyce. Ummmm. I think about a year from now would be good! LOL. Donna will let us know when to do it)

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Yes, to all....the ideas listed to do in 2013.

Cordially, Doris Sanders

(NOTE: Doris I don't have a phone # or mailing address for you if your email quits working)

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My very favorite thing is to visit the booths of the families that have genealogical displays. The more they are displayed the better, for me. Even though it can run little long, I like to hear a short synopsis of the ancestry of each family. Maybe that could be broken down between a morning and afternoon session.

I would like to learn about the Underground Railroad.

A good report, with slides or a narrated power point presentaion ,on the Low Dutch trip to New York would be great.

Rodney P. Dempsey of Shelbyville, KY

(NOTE: Mary Jo Gohmann may be ready and willing to do the slide show presentation on the trip, I have lots of pics too Good idea!)

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Is a side trip to Hopewell Presbyterian Church in Johnson county possible? - jim Cozine, Las Vegas

(NOTE: I can send pictures of Hopewell cemetery next to the church. Would that work? I think it is several hours drive from Madison, but Donna can check on that.)

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Hi, Carolyn:

I would especially like to go to Old Mud as I have ancestors (Smock) buried there. Would a bus trip be possible? Touring downtown historical Madison would be great. Also, the Showboat Trip down the Ohio R. sounds like real fun.

I will be eager to hear more.

Alice Hostetter, Spokane Valley WA

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Tours of some of the old homes that are featured in the Christmas candlelight tours would be nice, the Lanier Mansion.....time at the historical society building that used to be the railroad station.....Old Mud has been traditional for ending the gathering.....and most would like to see how things are coming along plus how the stones were set around the flagpole. I just want a couple hours in the courthouse to find some marriage records for my Montforts....lol.

HUGE thanks to Jan Pranger and Joan Murray for pushing to get the Banta cabin saved.....

and that would be my two cents worth.

For the record, Madison is a lovely old river town.....no floodwalls to obscure the view to Kentucky and wonderfully preserved old homes all around town. The stores have restrictions on how to renovate so they all carry the charm of the original buildings....the beautiful fountain near the funeral home off Main.....its a beauty.

barb whiteside, Clarksville, Indiana

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Hello Carolyn,

Although Smocks were among the early settlers of Indiana and promoted its development (e. g., Smockville), I defer to others who are familiar with the local geography and what is left to see to make specific recommendations.

Best regards,

David Smock, Florida

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Here is what I can pull off the top of my head.

I am going to be out of town for a few days. I could do some leg work May 14-25, if there are suggestions/requests.

A visit to the Ryker Family cem near Jefferson Pres Chu might be desirable. At this time, it has an adequate barbed wire fence which turns the livestock in the pasture. It is grown up in weeds and 25% briars. A tree has brown around Sam's grave stone. The present owner was very cooperative when Lee & I visited a few weeks ago. Initiated an offer to drive thru his pasture. Not many farmers would do that. A visit to that cem would drive home the need to financially support orphan cem maintainence. We would have to approach the owner about a hoard of people disturbing his cattle. I think that he would probably be ok with it.

Lynn Rogers, Dayton, OH

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When Jon and I visited Bill & Betty Demaree at Madison in 2005, they took us to the Jefferson County Museum and history center, the library genealogy section, a drive around to see the historic areas in the county where the Dutch settled, and to several cemeteries - I don't know where my list is of the cemeteries we visited as it was mostly

to see the Demaree graves. They took us for a walk to see downtown (they live just a block from downtown in a historic building) and to the neatest little cafe. Then we walked down to the river where a "showboat" was parked to let the passengers walk to town. It was a wonderful fun visit.

Carolyn in Oklahoma

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Just had to steal this from the Vanarsdale Mailing list, posted by Barbara Terhune:

(because of the variety of spellings...) The best way (for me) is to search for:

VanArs\*

VanAs\*

VanOs\*

VanAu\*

etc.

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The Lanier Mansion in Madison would be nice to see, although, it might be part of the downtown tour.

Lora Westerfield...Brandenberg, KY

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On 5/7/2012 1:4

Arthur Weaner tried for YEARS to get the Adams County and area to take an interest in the Northern Cemetery and to put a marker up and they could not see their way past the battlefield. Has anyone contacted his brother, who might just be more informed on local things. He might have a suggestion. Judy

Judy Cassidy, BlueBell, PA

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Anyone have any ancestors from Kentucky? (grin!)

Carolyn,

Bea and I stayed at that {Clifty Falls} lodge in Indiana years ago and it was perfect.

The town {Madison} also offers many historic businesses and houses, one in particular was a river boat captain's mansion, the Linear mansion which overlooks the river and is very worthwhile taking the tour.

Dave Buckingham, Seabring Florida

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Judy Cassidy sent this request:

Mark Vanarsdale, originally from Harrodsburg KY now retired from Barksdale AF Base in Webster Parish, LA, is looking for info on the Vans. His ancestor is William G. (prob. Garret) Vanarsdale, b. ca.. 1790 Mercer Co. Ky, married [Mary] Polly Pearson, Balous Freeman surety, 7 March 1833, Harrodsburg, KY. Children are Orlando Milton and Martha R. Orlando M. Vanarsdale moved later to Bath Co. KY. He would like the names of the parents of William G.

Mark Vanarsdale's email is [rocketmanone@hotmail.com](mailto:rocketmanone@hotmail.com) if anyone can help him.

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Hi Carolyn,

Conquest of a Continent, Nine Generations on the American Frontier has now had 42,329 pages read on Google Books. As you know, the entire book can be read on your computer for free. It closely follows the route that the Cousins took on your last Gathering.

Google has gone to a new format and some readers are having problems in pursuing this new format. Many are getting to the book with no pages read. They get to the book and a blank page shows up where the book should be. The answer is the three sideways exclamation points in the upper right hand corner of the screen. The following instructions will be helpful to those who wish to read the book.

You can read the entire book on "Google Book Search." Click the link below and then click the top book on the page (Conquest of a Continent, Nine ..... ) When the book comes up, click the three sideways exclamation points in the upper right hand corner. Then click "Chapter I" for the story of Hendrick's line of the family from two generations before they left

Friesland for the New Netherland. You can read the entire book for free on your computer. And the neatest thing is that if you close a session, it will take you right back to where you left off the next time you want to read more. Click here to begin.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=Conquest+of+a+continent%2C+Nine&tbm=bks&tbo=1>  
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Thanks for passing this along to the Cousins

**Mike (Theodore M. Banta, Author)**

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**Pam Ellingson**

350 years ago today (after a 46 day journey) my ancestor Lubbert Lubbertse Van Westervelt arrived in New Amsterdam (New York) on the Good Ship Hoop. I'll have to celebrate this evening by looking at photos of the Dutch Cousins Gathering and trip to New York.

**The Westervelt Family**

[www.thewesterveltfamily.com](http://www.thewesterveltfamily.com)

The Westervelt Family, an informative genealogical site

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I can relate to your experience of farm life, Carolyn, since I spent my summers, from 1935 through 1940, on my grandparents' farm in southern Illinois, back in the days of coal oil lamps, no electricity, no running water, dirt roads, horsepower, and a lot of manpower. I still visualize how everything was, and treasure the experience.

David Smock

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**Carolyn: Many Thanks for your site that shows the cabin built by Hendrick BANTA. I have a picture somewhere taken of the cabin a few years earlier. We obviously have common New Netherland ancestors. If we have one, we probably have many. They were very clannish. I have identified 23.**

**I wonder if the date of the cabin of 1797 should be earlier. The reason is that my records show (my ancestors) Hendrick BANTA's daughter Antje BANTA who married Barent REYNERSON had twin sons, Isaac & Abraham, born in Mercer County, KY, 18 July 1787.**

**This makes me wonder if the part of the Conewago Dutch Colony lead by Hendrick BANTA had moved to, KY, well before 1797. As I remember, may be incorrect, they moved back and forth from a fort, Harrodsburg?, to the Pleasureville area because Native Americans gave them problems.**

**(I found a little pride prejudice in an Adams County historical society librarian who made the point that the Germans were in the area before the Dutch. UUuum.)**

**Jack TAYLOR**

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[“There was regular communication between the Kentucky Dutch and their eastern relatives. Letters were delivered to the eastern settlements by people who gathered at the Crab Orchard to form themselves into armed parties for the dangerous journey. The Crab Orchard, about 18 miles southeast of Logan’s Station \[southeast of present-day Harrodsburg, Kentucky\], became the traditional meeting place for people wishing to travel the Wilderness Road.”](#)

David Smock - florida

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David says: about his unusual screen name: Bomendal is the name of my former home in McLean, Virginia, a name I made up of two Dutch words, bomen (trees) and dal (vale). The name is fairly descriptive of the place, with lots of big trees and land sloping down to a creek in back. I used Bomendal as my screen name in McLean and continued using it down here.

Below - information from David Smock in August 2009 - don't think I ever shared it but may be helpful to someone of the SMOCK - SCAMP/SCHAMP - FONTYNE-BOICE lines:

**MARY (MARIA) SMOCK (2721)**, daughter of **JOHN Smock (272)** and **Sara (Sally) Fontyne**, was bp 15 Jun 1760, Raritan DRC, Somerville, New Jersey.<sup>292</sup> Maria removed with her parents to Conewago, Penn., where she was married first on 5 Feb 1779, by the Rev. Cornelius Cozine, to **George N. Scomp**.<sup>426</sup> [He used the name **Schamp**, which evolved to **Scomp**.] "George Schamp" is listed in the DAR Patriot Index, as follows: "b 1761, d p 1844, m Mary Smock, Pvt., PA." Mary Smock Scomp was divorced in Pennsylvania and removed with her five children to Mercer County, Kentucky.<sup>74</sup> Maria and her children went to Mercer County with her mother and father, as well as with numerous members of her immediate family.<sup>466</sup> They evidently made the trek between 1786 and 1795. **REVISE, WENT TO KENTUCKY IN 1794.**

The following notice, published in the 25 Aug 1790 issue of the *Pennsylvania Gazette*,<sup>467</sup> raises a question about when and where Maria and George were divorced.

THIS is to certify, that my wife **Mary Schamp** has eloped from my bed and board unknown to me, and has taken all my children with her, namely, **Peter, Anne, John, Henry** and **Sarah**, without any just cause or provocation. These are therefore to forewarn all persons from trusting or harbouring of her, or any of them upon my account, as I am fully determined to pay no debts of her contracting from the day of the date hereof. But let her return home with what she took away, in a short time, or a few days. **George N. Schamp**.<sup>467</sup>

It seems that George and Mary removed, in about 1784, from Conewago to New Jersey, where their son Henry was born in 1785, and daughter Sarah in 1788. The Pennsylvania newspaper notice indicates that Mary, with her five children in tow, left George prior to 25 August 1790, and either joined her Smock family in Pennsylvania (Conewago), or was presumably to have done so, although it is not clear where she went. The birth of a sixth child, Hannah, in 1792-93, in New Jersey, suggests that Mary and George were reconciled, at least for a while. If this is true, then Mary must have left George for a second time, joined her family in Conewago, and then, in 1794, made the trek with them and other relatives to Kentucky. Curiously, Mary reportedly took five (not six) children to Kentucky, which number either is in error or one of the children remained behind. If one did remain behind, then the eldest, George (or Peter) would seem to be a likely candidate, since he would have been about fifteen years old at the time, but this is, admittedly, just speculation.

Although several sources say that Maria **divorced** George Scomp, one source clarified that she took her children and left George in New Jersey, returning to Conewago and then down with her parents to Kentucky, where she married "Evert Bice" even though **she did not divorce George "Schomp"**, simply because one needed permission of the State Legislature to do so!<sup>466</sup>

A published source reported that George N. Scomp (of Schamp), of New Jersey, a soldier in the Revolutionary war, died in 1844, at the age of 97 years.<sup>468</sup>

Mary married 2) in Mercer Co., Ky., **Ephraim Boice**,<sup>292</sup> with whom she had four children born in Ky.<sup>292</sup>

Rebecca K. Rowland, the youngest surviving child, wrote an autobiography dated 20 February 1894, Clay City, Kentucky, in which she confirmed her mother's first marriage to "**Jacob**" **Scomp** of New Jersey and named their six children: **George, John, Henry, Annie, Sallie** and **Hannah**.<sup>462</sup> "She [Maria Smock Scomp] was then divorced from him and in 17-- married my father **Ephraim Boice**, who came from New Jersey at an early day, by whom she had five children: **Mary, Katie, Jacob, Rebecca K.**, and a daughter who died in infancy. The others have died."<sup>462</sup>

### **Children of Maria Smock and George N. Scomp - (Scomp)**

A published source states that George N. Scomp (or Schamp) and Mary Smock had six children: **George, John, Henry, Anna (Byers), Sally, and Hannah (French)**.<sup>468</sup> The Rev. H. A. Scomp, who descends from Henry Scomp and did most of this research, reported that the last three children were born in New Jersey.<sup>74</sup> This presumably refers to Henry A. Scomp, Ph. D., LL. D., a prominent Low Dutch scholar.

1. **George** bp 5 Sep 1779, Conewago, Penn.<sup>74</sup> The Conewago baptismal record shows that "Joost Scamp" and "Maria Smock" baptized "Joost" on 5 Sep 1799.<sup>407</sup> George is identified as **Peter** by his father.<sup>467</sup>

2. **Ann** bp 13 Apr 1781, Conewago, m George Byers, died near Princeton, Ind.<sup>74</sup>

3. **John** bp 17 Aug 1783, Conewago, died near Vincennes, Ind.<sup>74</sup> John married 29 Jan 1810, in Mercer Co., Ky., Docia Timmons, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Timmons. John died in 1834.<sup>466</sup>

4. **Henry** b Oct 1785, in New Jersey.<sup>74</sup> d 12 Jun 1841.<sup>468</sup> A published source reported that Henry Scomp, a native of Somerset County, N. J. was born 11 Oct 1785, removed in 1794 to Mercer County, Ky., where he engaged in farming, married Flora Van Nice, b in 1788, d 1 Jan 1862, daughter of Cornelius and Mary Van Nice, had had seven children: John, George, Cornelius, William, Mary (deceased), Sally (Slaughter and Vanarsdall), and Cynthia (deceased); and died 12 Jun 1841.<sup>468</sup>

5. **Sarah J.** b 22<sup>426</sup> Jan 1788, in New Jersey.<sup>74</sup>

6. **Hannah** b 1792 or 1793, in New Jersey, m \_\_\_\_\_ French.<sup>74</sup>

### **Children of Maria Smock and Ephraim Boice - (Boice)**

7. **Jacob** b c 1799, Mercer Co., Ky.,<sup>292</sup> married Jane Van Orsdel of Mercer Co., Ky., by whom he had six children: Cornelius, William, Elizabeth, Nancy, John and James.<sup>462</sup>

8. **Mary** b 1800,<sup>74</sup> m in 1820 Dr. Gideon Wood of Mercer Co., Ky, by whom she had five children: Ephraim, Clarissa, Thomas, Francis and one who died in infancy.<sup>462</sup>

9. **Catherine** m Samuel Rynearson of Mercer Co., Ky., by whom she had five children: John, James, Ephriam, William and Eliza, all living [as of 1894] except James.<sup>462</sup>

10. **Rebecca K.** The following information is taken from Rebecca's autobiography, dated 20 Feb 1894, Clay City, Ky., except as noted.<sup>462</sup> She was b 16 Apr 1810, near Harrodsburg, Ky., d 6 Apr 1900 [date obviously added after her death], daughter of **Mary Smock**, and **Ephriam Boice**. "My father was a farmer and a shoe-maker by trade. When the weather would not permit his working on the farm, he busied himself making shoes, as he was very industrious. At that age, what clothes we had were taken from the flax patch and sheeps back. Mother, with our help, prepared the flax and wool which made our garments."<sup>462</sup>

**Rebecca** m 1) 27 Feb 1827, **Abraham Van Orsdel**, with whom she had ten children: **William G., James H., Mary B., Ann E., Rebecca E., Melinda C., Sarah E., Abram, Isabella H., and Henry C.** Abraham died 17 Mar 1849, three months before their youngest child was born.

**Rebecca** m 2) in 1855 [26 Jun 1855, per an unidentified source] **William C. Clinton**, whom she divorced in 1858. She sold her farm in Kentucky and in 1864 bought a home in Lexington, McLean Co., Ill. She m 3) when her youngest child was twenty-three years of age [in 1872], **Edward W. Rowland**, a Welshman by birth and a Presbyterian by faith, a widower with five children. "We lived happily together for fifteen years," she proclaims, "and for some unknown cause he deserted me." Since that time she made her home in Kentucky with her youngest child, **Henry G. Van Orsdel**.

Rebecca affirms that her maternal grandmother's maiden name was **Webber**, that she was married to **Charles Fontaine** before she married **John Smock**, and that the rightful heirs to the Trinity Church property in New York City were the Webbers. [Rebecca's maternal grandmother was **Sally Fontaine**, daughter of **Charles Fontaine**, whose mother was **Anneka Webber**.<sup>103</sup> Many would be heirs have sought in vain a claim to that valuable real estate in Manhattan!] A few other details in Rebecca's autobiography are not repeated herein.

11. Daughter who died in infancy,<sup>462</sup> order of birth not clear.

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Dear Ladies,

I am pleased to inform you that The Holland Society of New York has invited all the members of The Society of Daughters of Holland Dames to attend a presentation by Eduard van Breen, Hendricks Research Fellow at The New Netherland Museum. He will discuss his discoveries surrounding the Dutch East India Company Ship, de Halve Maen. Please see the letter below and the attached invitation.

All best,

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#### SCHOLARLY LECTURES RETURN

The Holland Society of New York is pleased to present, in conjunction with the New Netherland Museum, New York, an outstanding presentation by Eduard van Breen, a Research Fellow at the Museum. The presentation will be held on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at The Holland Society's executive offices, 20 West 44th Street, Suite 509, New York, NY, which is just off Fifth Avenue.

The presentation begins at 6:00 p.m., and at its conclusion a wine and cheese reception awaits our guests. As President of The Holland Society I am pleased and honored to have Eduard van Breen as our guest. I know that you will enjoy this special evening, which should conclude at about 7:30 p.m.

Contact information may be readily found on the attached evening program.

Warmest regards to all,

Charles Zabriskie, Jr.

President

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Hello Carolyn,

So happy to hear that the next meeting is in Madison, Indiana. It is about an hour and a half from where I live in Bardstown, Kentucky. It is a beautiful river town, and should be fun to explore.

My husband Rick and I were in Friesland (or Fryslan with a slant over the a) last October. We plan on going back, as the Fries people were among the friendliest that we have met in our travels to Europe. They loved telling us all about their Provience. They have assimilated with the Netherlands now, but until the 20th century, they had their own language, which some still use. They loved telling us of the history of Friesland ( many speak English, but not as many as you find in the Netherlands as a whole) and showing us their flag. It has slanted blue and white stripes, and in the white stripe are red designs that look like hearts. We learned that the "hearts" are leaves from a tree that grows there. I bought a bag to carry on the plane, that looks like the Friesland flag. As I was walking throught the airport in Amsterdam, many stopped and pointed, " Ah, Friesland!".

This is the land of Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates. When the canals and waters freeze in the winter, most of the Fries people still skate, as I was told by a woman who was well into her 70's. The Elfstedentocht Marathon Skating Event is in the winter months. They ride bikes in the summer ( as all of Holland does) and skate in the winter. They love water sports and have many sailing regattas during the summer . They insisted we try fries dipped in mayonase, The best in all of Europe they say. We found the seafood and soups to be wonderful.

We stayed in Harlingen, which is very close to Minerska, where our Banta ancestors migrated from.

If any of our cousins are planning a trip to Europe, I would highly recommend going to Friesland. It is an easy and beautiful drive from Amsterdam.

Regards,  
Beverly Johnson

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I needed your book, "who's your daddy." over the weekend.

have been checking on my dad's folks from perry county, KENTUCKY,

then realized my mom's side migrated to SW missouri, from perry county, TENNESSEE. They were English and Welsh, not Dutch.

I knew my great grandfather was illegitimate, but thought he was an only child. however, i put the perry county, TN query in and found a string of

questions from numerous people who were doing research on different families in the area... lo, there is my great grandfather's name, and the inquiry was dated 2005.

found the e mail for that person, and sent her an e mail. have had the most enlightening experience of my 78 years. he had two brothers and a sister, and this lady was the great granddaughter of his brother. she has

researched a lot, and indicated our great great grandfather carried on a long distance affair of over a thousand miles and probably was the father of all four children. now have a picture of my great great grandmother, and my mother would just die if she knew i found this out.

just started to fuel the fire on this one. what a surprise!

what a wonderful weekend...

martha roach

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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your message.

I wanted to be in touch since I had not heard from you regarding the message I sent on May 10. Please see below.

If you would, I would like you to please let the Dutch cousins network know about Mom's book.

Mom is now 90 and we got word from her surgeon Tuesday that it is unlikely that she will return to the farm since her knee simply is not healing right. It would mean the world to her if more folks would come to know of her book and access the material she has researched and preserved.

This is not a financial matter. We are financially blessed many times over. Any sales are entirely inconsequential. However, it would mean the world to Mom to know that more folks know about and have access to the information she spent five years compiling.

If you would include the information below in a future email to the cousins, I would be very grateful.

With thanks and blessings, Rev. John Van Nuys

Dear Rev. John:

I am so sad to hear your mom is not doing well. I met Kathleen when we visited Hopewell Church a few years ago. We took photos together and she showed us the little history room in the church with the Old Mud miniatures. I enjoyed visiting with Kathleen so much and consider her a personal friend. Vince Akers gave me a copy of her extensive and thoroughly researched book, and can certainly testify about the massive amount of information and photos included. We were all disappointed that you and she were unable to join us on the trip to New York last fall. I have to tell you I never received that first message. I don't know what happened to it because the address is correct. Weird things have been going on with this computer since I bought it in January, but so far as I know I hadn't lost any other mail. My 10 year old Mac G5 Tower crashed in December and I lost so many records I have been just swimming upstream ever since trying to restore things. Cant even find those photos at Hopewell with your mom. I did a search on the mailbox and nothing turned up. I apologize, but I cannot guarantee it won't happen again. I do usually respond immediately, so anytime you don't hear back from me, do re-send the email.

Your letter will be in the next Dutch Letters, in just a few days. Please give your mom a hug for me, and tell her I am saying prayers for a speedy and complete recovery. Sincerely, Carolyn

----- Original Message -----

**From:** jcvhome@att.net

**To:** Leonard Carolyn

**Sent:** Thursday, May 10, 2012 5:41 PM

**Subject:** Re: Dutch - 2013 MADISON IN

Dear Carolyn,

I hope this finds you well.

I wanted to be in touch to ask if you would forward to our cousins the following information about my mother Kathleen Van Nuys' book: *The Hopewell Journey: 350 Years from Immigrant Religion to Hoosier Faith: Hopewell Presbyterian Church 1831-2006*

After a 50 year career as a journalist, Mom spent 5 years researching the history of the group that migrated from the Old Mud community near Harrodsburg, Kentucky to Hopewell, Indiana in the 1820s.

Here is the Amazon link to the book:

[http://www.amazon.com/The-Hopewell-Journey-Immigrant-Presbyteria/dp/1425928951/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1336685560&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/The-Hopewell-Journey-Immigrant-Presbyteria/dp/1425928951/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1336685560&sr=1-1)

Here is what one reviewer (L. Johnson from Delaware) said:  
Kathleen Van Nuys has written a book indispensable for genealogists with Low Dutch, Huguenot and Ulster Scots ancestors who migrated from New Jersey through Kentucky to Johnson County, Indiana. The book contains the early history of this group and continues to the present. She has also collected stories about and from the people and photos of them, their houses and belongings.

Mom, now 90, is in the Masonic Home Hospital recovering from complications from a knee replacement that went south. Please keep her in your prayers and hopefully we will see you all at Madison this fall.

With thanks and blessings, Rev. John Van Nuys

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[from Kentucky's 4th dist congressman Geoff Davis.](#)

## Trips Retracing Daniel Boone's Journey Planned This Summer



The Fort Boonesborough Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports Fort Boonesborough State Park, is offering tours this summer that retrace explorer Daniel Boone's journey to Kentucky.

A one-day tour on August 21st will start at Fort Boonesborough State Park at 9:00 a.m. and will travel to Levi Jackson State Park in London and return to Fort Boonesborough later in the afternoon. The tour includes a presentation by Scott New, who portrays Daniel Boone at the fort. The cost is \$50.00 for adults and \$40.00 for children twelve and under, and includes fort admission, box lunch, snacks and water.

Two-day tours will be offered July 10-11 and September 26-27. These tours will also start at Fort Boonesborough and will take guests to Wilderness Road State Park in Virginia and Cumberland Gap National Historical Park along the Kentucky-Tennessee-Virginia border. Guests will spend the night at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Pineville. The second day will feature Levi Jackson State Park in London and will end at Fort Boonesborough.

The cost is \$220.00 per person for single occupancy or \$360.00 for two people, double occupancy. There are also rates for groups of three and four. The price includes transportation, admission to parks, lodging, four meals, snacks and water, and New's expert knowledge.

Transportation for the trips is by bus.

For reservations and more information, visit

<http://www.fortboonesboroughfoundation.org> or call Elizabeth Chalfant at (859) 771-3607.

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I apologize for the "ragged" appearance of the information on Mary Smock in the 29 May 2012 issue of Dutch Letters. It is still in draft form and somehow got distorted in transmission from one format to another. .

As for the information on Crab Orchard, it was copied from some publication (probably the Low Dutch Company, by Vince Akers), but the source citation is missing.

Anyone interested in the Smock family and related information may contact me directly.

**David Smock**  
[Bomendal@bellsouth.net](mailto:Bomendal@bellsouth.net)

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The Germans, Irish and others did settle in the Conewago region prior to the Low Dutch, so they were not the first group of settlers. I also believe the Banta cabin is probably from the 1772 era. Judy Cassidy

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IN case anyone else was confused by Cynthia's post on the VanArsdale message board.

Cynthia VannAusdall (the One Who Spells It Funny), from Oil City, Venango County, PA  
My 3rd Great Grandfather Isaac was William's brother. William was the father of William Wesley, Brother Van.

I should have said "originally from". Not moving again except to a nursing home or to be buried hopefully waaaaaaaaaaaaaay down the road!

How are things in Oklahoma, lots of storms? Weather has really settled down here. We were having July weather in May, which makes me really scared about July and August. Have been out digging moles around my trees, my neighbors haven't a clue. My trees will appreciate that when it gets really hot and dry.

Letters 6/12/2012

## Next Dutch Cousins Gathering!

Tentative date is Friday September 20 - Sunday Sept 22, 2013

Tentative place is Clifty Falls, Madison, Indiana (about 2 hours away from Harrodsburg KY)

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Dear Cousins,

Regarding Friesland, the spelling of the name of the province in the Frisian language is: *Fryslân*. The Frisian language is closer to English than is Dutch. Prior to the great storm in the 12th century, (if I recall correctly), which created the Zuider Zee ,(now the IJsselmeer), Friesland included a body of land that now forms West-Friesland, in the province of North Holland. In the 17th century, when Holland was one province, the geographical region was always referred to as Holland and West-Friesland. I, too, have fond memories of my visit to Friesland, in 1947, and recall that the provincial flag was more prominently displayed than was the Dutch flag. It was in Friesland,, on board the royal yacht, Piet Hein, on the Sneekermeer, that our student group was received by then-Princess Juliana and Prince Bernhard. Princess (now Queen) Beatrix, then nine years old, who was playing with her little dog, told me in perfect English that "Kiki used to be an English dog, but now he is a Dutch dog." Prince Bernhard mixed and served the drinks (jevever, or Dutch gin), and, since seating in the salon was limited, Prince Aschwin (Prince Bernhard's brother) and the Queen's Commissioner for the Province of Friesland, sat on the floor.

Incidentally, General David Petraeus' paternal grandparents were from Friesland, and I understand that he mentions what he terms his Dutch ancestry. For my part, I am pleased to have at least two Frisian ancestors: Fonda and Banta. Back in the days before the revival movement of the Frisian language, there was a saying that Frisian was good enough to speak to the cows during the work week, but Dutch was spoken in church on Sunday.

David Smock

Weston, Florida

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Just was reading about Friesland on Wikipedia, after seeing Beverly Johnson's post -- it's known for the tallest people in the European area. Makes me wonder what happened to me????

Martha Boltz

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1. Dutch baptisms and marriages in Cologne, Germany (cor snabel)

From: cor snabel <[cor.snabel@gmail.com](mailto:cor.snabel@gmail.com)>

Subject: [DUTCH-COLONIES] Dutch baptisms and marriages in Cologne, Germany

Date: June 11, 2012 8:25:43 PM CDT

To: Dutch Colonies <[Dutch-Colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:Dutch-Colonies@rootsweb.com)>, New-Netherland  
<[NEW-NETHERLAND@rootsweb.com](mailto:NEW-NETHERLAND@rootsweb.com)>

Reply-To: [dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com](mailto:dutch-colonies@rootsweb.com)

Dear listmembers,

Today I added a lot of transcriptions to:

the baptism records of the Dutch Reformed Church in Cologne 1571-1650

the marriage records of the Dutch Reformed Church in Cologne 1588-1650

the baptism records of the Walloon Church in Cologne 1599-1650

the marriage records of the Walloon Church in Cologne 1600-1650

Many of the persons involved and their descendents played a mayor role

in the development of Amsterdam as THE trading capitol of the Golden

Age.

Go to:

<http://17thcenturyhollanders.pbworks.com/w/page/742573/FrontPage>

Enjoy,

Cor Snabel

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Hi Friends & family

Here is some video that was shown on TV Monday of our Sailing Club  
here in Las Vegas...

You might know one of these old guys.

Jim

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jim Cozine <[coz999@embarqmail.com](mailto:coz999@embarqmail.com)>

**Date:** June 5, 2012 9:17:15 AM PDT

**Subject:** Fox 5 TV O'Aces Y C on TV

If you missed the broadcast yesterday morning you can see the 1st segment of the show by going to the Fox 5 TV website.

<http://www.fox5vegas.com/video>

then enter O'Aces Yacht Club in the search bar..when it starts to play it will be front loaded with a commercial for about 10-12 secs.,let it play and then the coverage of the club starts - total 3 min 10 sec.

I'll be asking Eric about the 2nd segment video.  
Thanks to all who have taken part in this effort.

Jim Cozine

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**Hello Carolyn,**

**Can anyone provide any information on the children of Barent Joosten (Ridder) and Sytie Laurens? This couple, whose marriage intentions were recorded on 7 December 1658, in the record of the DRC of New Amsterdam, settled in New Utrecht, on Long Island.**

**David Smock**

**Weston, Florida**

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The expertise and understanding needed to successfully uncover someone's biological parents comes, as with any research, through time and effort. [\*\*\*Missing Pieces: How to Find Birth Parents and Adopted Children — A Search and Reunion Guidebook\*\*\*](#), was written by Paul Drake and Beth Sherrill with the intent of improving the researcher's odds and chances of a successful search.

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Letters 6/24/2012

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Excerpt from Vince Akers:

I'll be happy to help with the Dutch Cousins event in Madison with a short talk Saturday on the reasoning behind the migration from Kentucky to Indiana. The reasons are rather interesting--land, labor, land, slavery, land, religion and land. I'll cover not only Jefferson County, but also Switzerland and Johnson Counties where other major Low Dutch settlements were made. I'll even take them quickly to the Pacific coast and beyond. Let's call it "After Kentucky: The Low Dutch Migration Into Indiana and Beyond." You can give me the time you want it to run as you firm up your schedule next spring.

I have been through Madison hundreds of times, and always find myself fascinated by the old buildings. It is truly one of the most lovely river towns on the Ohio! The Cousins will need to spend time in town. Clifty Falls also is beautiful. My first family camping trip was to Clifty Falls in 1956. I've been back many times since!

When I made reservations recently at the Clifty Falls Inn, I was initially told there was no vacancy. There were, however, rooms reserved for the Dutch Cousins. You might want to advise the Cousins to be sure to stipulate they are part of the group, otherwise they will be told there are no rooms available.

Hope this helps!  
Vince Akers, Indiana

*NOTE: Vince Akers is author of our "Bible", **History of the Low Dutch**.*

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Info from Donna Gaines, 2013 Gathering Coordinator:  
When the cousins make Reservations for the Clifty Falls Inn, (Fri Sept 20 leaving Sun Sep 22) it goes through their reservation system for all the Indiana State Parks, so you'll have to use our group number for them to pull up the info.

Our group # is – 0920DC      Clifty Falls Inn Reservations phone number is:  
**877.563.4371**

{NOTE FROM CAROLYN: I made my reservations to arrive on Thursday night, leaving on Monday. You can cancel up to 4 days before the arrival date. You have to pay for the first night to hold the room, it is \$112 plus tax at the group rate, \$115 for the extra nights at the regular rate. Wow! A \$3 discount - LOL; We stayed at the Country Hearth in Madison (on Demaree Drive!) a few years ago and it was comfortable and very reasonable. Nicer than the one in H-burg. **(812) 273-0757**}

Alternate Hotels are:

Hillside Inn  
4 star rating 11 user ratings 11 user ratings  
831 E Main St, Madison, IN 47250  
**(812) 265-3221**

Comfort Inn  
4.5 star rating 10 user ratings 10 user ratings  
3767 Clifty Dr, Madison, IN 47250  
**(812) 273-4443**

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites MADISON  
4 star rating 10 user ratings 10 user ratings  
300 Franks Dr, Madison, IN 47250  
**(877) 410-6679**

Downtowner (dining)  
4 star rating 18 user ratings 18 user ratings  
104 E Main St, Madison, IN 47250  
**(812) 265-4343**

I still need to firm up some side trips, and need to really know if people are willing to drive to Harrodsburg for a church service, otherwise, I need to plan a breakfast for the group.

I will get this all together, but it's time to make the reservations. I got mine, and am told they fill up quickly there. They aren't letting the River boat

run any longer due to safety concerns, I found out from the parks person. Still gathering information from the input of the cousins, so we'll have it together as far as program goes.

Thanks,

Donna Gaines, North Carolina

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Dear Carolyn: I have finished my manuscript on the families and slave families of Lucas Cornelius Vanarsdale of Leake, Attala, and Madison Co. MS and his brother William Demitt Vanarsdel of Leake, MS, Bossier and Webster Parishes, LA. These men were the grandsons of Captain Luke Vanarsdale and sons of Cornelius Vanarsdale of Mercer Co. KY. William had five natural children who are direct descendants of Symen Jansen Vanarsdale and were acknowledged as his children. I am sure this will hold true in other Low Dutch families as well. Slave research is quite difficult but it can be done, so if anyone has any questions, I will be happy to respond.  
Judy Cassidy, Pennsylvania

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Hello Carolyn,

My GrandFather was > Harry Thompson Banta > his Father > John William Banta < his Father > Abraham Banta > etc. back to Epke.

I see another George Banta in the line and he was probably who my Dad was named for?

I am so excited that Ted Banta is still living. I am in the middle of reading his book and I am so grateful for his work. I have been making books on ancestry for my kids, but for a long time couldn't find anything on Harry T. because the T. looked like an F. zarmom on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) helped me find him and just this month I started in again to find his ancestors over this next year. I am also retired and Ted did what I want to do but my projects won't be a book like that.

Betty Jean said we are Dutch Cousins so I hope that will qualify.

Being an artist I visually read from his words and have enjoyed it so much. His book is filled with all the things I wanted to know. It helps so much to get to 'know' them in a more personal way. I am experiencing changes seeing my Dad in the character, understanding him much better, feeling so proud to be a part of this family, and filled with gratitude how hard our ancestors worked to get us to this place in history. I have sent it online to read to my sons and grand-kids.

I met all these people in one day in April and I am spinning. All my life I have done pottery, wood work,

weaving and textile design, Sign painting, Illustration in pen and ink, etc. and teach art now, and when I saw all the handcrafts on a website in KY, I was so excited to come there!

Let me know what I need to do next.

Thanks so much!

Janis Kobe, California

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Hi Carolyn,

I enjoyed reading your site...stayed up all night almost just exploring! Had to go to [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) to get all the information for Rich's one-line study. Found a MESS! Why do they do a person that way?

Here is our one-line study:

**Richard's maternal grandmother was Carrie Louisa 'Loie' Banta Crouch; her father was Theodore F. Banta; his father was Jacob Banta; his father was Daniel 'Capt. Dan' Banta; his father was Hendrick Hendrickse Banta, III; his father was Hendrick Hendrickse Banta, II; his father was Hendrick Epkse Banta.**

I have been in touch with Janis Banta Kobe. She is so excited to find out about her Banta family!! She tells me that you are sending her some information for staying in the area while the Reunion is going on. I failed to think ahead!

Could you also send us information? Since we don't know of any kin in the area -- it might be wise to have a place to lay our heads when we get tired.

Betty Willerton, Alabama

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{Wow - Betty you and Janis descend from Anna, widow of Peter Duree, who later married Capt. Daniel Banta - we have some others from that line who come to the reunions. Peter Duree was killed by Indians in Kentucky - an amazing story. There are several accounts written up in books. Some confusion about Anna's maiden name & I have written Joan Murray, author of "The Banta's of Pleasant Hill" a book that you absolutely MUST read and hopefully meet the author next year. Here is a hotlink to my blog about the couple:

<http://bit.ly/AnnaDuree>

<http://bit.ly/DanIBanta>

If the hotlink doesn't work go to my website, [www.carolynbleonard.com](http://www.carolynbleonard.com) and choose "Low Dutch Heritage" - go to the last blog, choose archives and they are the last two.

#### **45. Anna Duree & the Indian Massacre**

Monday, November 24, 2008

#### **46. Cap'n Daniel Banta, a brave man**

Thursday, November 20, 2008

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Go to my website to download free genealogy charts and other stuff on the website [WHOSYOURDADDYBOOK.COM](http://WHOSYOURDADDYBOOK.COM) -- Glad for you to use them. Make all the copies you need, just leave the copyright info on there. Libraries love my charts, say they give them out because the commercial ones are too hard to use. You will want to get a genealogy program soon to save your information and make it easily accessible to you.

Here are the ones I suggest:

If you are on a Mac machine: Reunion by Leisterpro about \$99.

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

This is what I use.

on a PC: either Legacy <http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/> (free trial download)  
Legacy has just come out with a Mac version and I have it but haven't tried it yet.

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**Letters 6/28/2012**

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If any of you are interested in going, you had better make your reservation at the Park soon. I plan to go. Most of the people are older than dirt and boring, but so am I! I like to see how we are all connected. Most people have interesting booths that chronicle their genealogy. You will be suprised how many people you have as Dutch Cousins.

Rodney P. Dempsey. Shelbyville, KY

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Caroline i am from the Andrew Shuck line from Henry County Ky ! Please add me to your lists for more information ! Robert Louis Shuck ! I grew up in Louisville ,Ky but am living in Hollywood Florida now ! Thank you Robert Shuck

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Thanks for sharing my ramblings with Mr. Banta.

He wrote me a note.

My Dad was probably named after his Dad. George Banta

and this name stops with him because of no boys.

tidy! :)

xxoo janis Kobe

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Please tell the lady from NC that the "TED Banta" who wrote the original Banta book, is no longer living!!! Since it was written in what, 1889?, he'd be over 120 years old by now.

Martha Banta Boltz

NOTE from Carolyn: There are TWO Theodore Banta authors.

Theodore MELVIN Banta published 1893 - A Frisian Family, the Banta Genealogy

Theodore MICHAEL Banta, published 2001, Conquest of a Continent: 9 generations

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Hi Janis,

Carolyn forwarded me your correspondence. Yes, I'm alive and doing as well as can be expected for 88 years of age. I'm delighted that you enjoyed my book and that it answered many of your questions about us Bantas. I started doing research for the book when I retired in 1991 and completed the book in the year 2000. That, of course, was twelve years ago.

The story of the Bantas is an amazing one. The story of the New Netherland colony established by the Dutch Wet Indies Company is also an amazing one and one that has been all but left out of American history. So the book not only tells the Banta story but also the story of an American colony that has been largely ignored in spite of all of it's contributions.

I'm so pleased that my book has made you aware of the part we have played in opening the frontiers of our country, Signing your book seems to be logistically very difficult as I live in Rancho Palos Verdes, a suburb of Los Angeles. If you send me your address, I could sign a sticker that you could place on the fly leaf. If you click reply and send me your address, I'll prepare and mail you such sticker.

Theodore M. (Mike) Banta, Author "Conquest of a Continent, Nine Generations on the American Frontier."

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Sorry but due to our trip to Thailand and Cambodia the first week in Oct. we will not be able to make it this year.

Sandy Pettit

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Hi, Carolyn: I made reservations for Clifty Falls Inn for the reunion--Thurs. night thru Sun. night leaving Monday. My friend, Jan Whaley, will be with me. Am looking forward to this event and meeting you and the others. Thanks again for the info. Also, will look forward to hearing more of the details.

Alice Hostetter

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NOTE: Because many of our Dutch are also HUGUENOT, I am including this info. These stone houses sure look like the DEMAREE house we visited in Bergen County NY last fall. (and for good reason!)

Dear Friends,

The historic stone **Abraham Hasbrouck House**, built circa 1721 in New Paltz, will soon be open to the public.

Located on **Historic Huguenot Street**, the house is part of a National Historic Landmark District featuring seven unique stone houses dating to the early 1700s, a burial ground and a reconstructed 1717 stone church, all in their original village setting. Nestled into ten landscaped acres, the houses are surrounded by a riverside nature preserve and is close to downtown New Paltz. Here is a helpful website:

<<http://www.huguenotstreet.org/>>

The **Huguenot Street Historic District** is located near downtown New Paltz, approximately 90 miles north of New York City. The seven stone houses and several accompanying structures in the district were built in the early 18th century by Huguenot settlers fleeing discrimination and religious persecution in France and Belgium. After negotiating with the Esopus Indians, this small group of Huguenots settled on a flat rise on the banks of the Wallkill River in 1678. The settlers named the site in honor of *Die Pfalz*, the region of present-day Germany that had provided them temporary refuge before they came to America. Recent archaeological finds indicate that the immediate area settled by the Huguenots was occupied by Native Americans prior to European contact. The site is one of the oldest continuously inhabited settlements in the United States.

Travel through downtown New Paltz and just before the small bridge over the Wallkill River, look to the right and you'll see a small street sign that says "STONE HOUSES." Turn right and in less than two minutes, you'll be transported to another world!

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NOTE BELOW - I BET this information INCLUDES WESTERFIELD!

Hello & happy weekend.

I don't know if anyone here is a Westerhouse or Waggoman descendent, but I have some work ready on these families. These people were Dutch merchants originally of Amsterdam, who in the 1640's and 1650's had dealings with New Amsterdam, then soon settled in Eastern Shore Virginia and Maryland.

Dutch merchants had been trading for Virginia tobacco since before the 1630's. By the 1650's, a small but well-connected community of Dutch skppers, merchants and manufacturers was living among the English residents of Virginia and Maryland. English citizenship had become crucial for the continued export of products (such as tobacco) into Holland, due to trade embargos imposed by the Anglo-Dutch wars. Several of these Dutch families were originally from Amsterdam.

In 1647, Peiter Stuyvesant attempted to prosecute Willem Westerhuysen, after he was discovered at New Haven, Connecticut with a ship carrying a cargo of guns and powder. The ship "St Beninjo" and its remaining cargo was confiscated. Westerhuysen remained in New Haven, where he was naturalized as an English citizen, but in 1653 he transported himself and his family to Northampton County, Virginia. His future son-in-law, Hendrick Gillisz. Wageman, spent some time working on a ship belonging to Wybrant Janssen, and appeared in court at New Amsterdam several times between 1654 and 1657.

I have recently finished a research project in the archives of Amsterdam, Netherlands, which makes it possible to identify ancestors of William Westerhuysen. I have also found a few generations back of the Dutch ancestors of Westerhuysen's son-in-law Henry Wageman (Waggoman), my ancestor, who married Weyntje Schyn, Westerhuysen's step-daughter.

Reports on both sets of families (Westerhouse and Waggoman) can be found on my website, where these reports contain the details from Amsterdam, and are annotated with citations to baptism and marriage records & etc. I am not posting the full reports here because the information on the families, plus the notes, would make very long messages to the list. I make no profit from visits to this website - it's simply neater to post my work on the website, where the formatting remains intact.

I hope Westerhouse and Waggoman descendents will find this useful and helpful. To see the articles, go to:

Westerhouse:

<http://17thcenturyhollanders.pbworks.com/w/page/54776247/William%20Westerhouse>

If anyone needs visual copy of the Amsterdam records, feel free to PM me:

iris.gates AT [gmail.com](mailto:iris.gates@gmail.com). If there are any questions or comments, I can answer them here or in PM.

Best wishes,

Liz J

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