



The 2021 Event!

Our 9th Low Dutch Cousins Gathering Sept. 24 – Sept. 27, 2021

Friday, Sept. 24

Harold R. Benson Farm
Kentucky State University
Frankfort, Kentucky

Saturday, Sept. 25

Harold R. Benson Farm
Kentucky State University
Frankfort, Kentucky

Sunday, Sept. 26

Old Mud Meeting House
Harrodsburg, Kentucky

Monday, Sept. 27

Harrodsburg Historical Society
Research Library, Harrodsburg, Kentucky



Registration Deadline – **August 20, 2021**
See inside to register.



The Low Dutch Cousins

From New Amsterdam in the 1600s

To New Jersey, to Pennsylvania, to Kentucky

And on ... and on ...

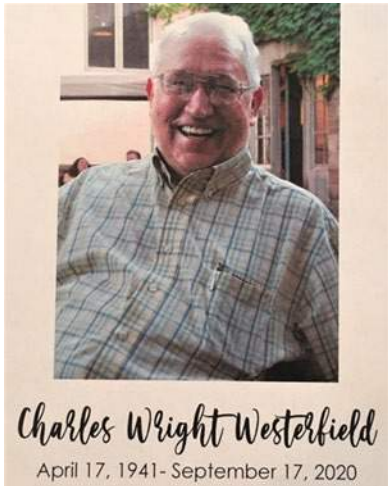
THE COUSINS ARE COMING THIS FALL!

Come and be part of the ninth gathering of the Low Dutch Cousins at Frankfort and Harrodsburg, Kentucky, for a fun and educational weekend September 24-27th. We are descendants of Dutch people from the lowlands of the Netherlands. They came across the sea and settled New Amsterdam, moved to New Jersey, migrated to near Gettysburg, and made history when they later populated the Kentucky frontier in the late 1700s. Low Dutch families continued to migrate to Harrod's Fort, now Harrodsburg, where they bought land and built the Old Mud Meeting House, now newly restored. The public is invited to join in celebration of our heritage in worship on Sunday with Russell Gasero of New Brunswick New Jersey, Archivist Emeritus to the Reformed Church of America (formerly Dutch Reformed). Special entertainment, presentations, and events are planned for your enjoyment each day. We only do this every two years so you won't want to miss it. To learn more about our organization and gatherings, I encourage you to go to our website, www.DutchCousins.org.

My Dutch Cousins are a treasure! Sincerely, Carolyn Leonard, President Emeritus.

In Memory of Charlie Westerfield

Remembering Charlie



Charlie Westerfield loved life and it showed in everything he did. Above all, he loved the Lord. His favorite verse, John 3:16 is a testament to that, now inscribed on his gravestone. He loved his country, and was quite the patriot, serving first in the Air Force and then later joining the Army to fly helicopters during the Vietnam era.

His family, of course, was foremost in his heart. Not just immediate family, but also his extended family, like his "Dutch Cousins." He always looked forward to meeting with all those "cousins" at the reunions. We even drove to Farragut, Iowa once just to visit cousin, Rev. Claude Westerfield. What a pair those two were, exchanging endless stories!

As president of the Dutch Cousins during 2018 and 2019, he devoted countless hours striving to make that gathering a very special event. What a challenge he undertook, getting the "Westerfield Massacre" historical markers in place. What a *labour of love* for him, and what pride now when we can see that mission fulfilled!

Charlie did everything with utmost passion, whether it was traveling this country, taking pictures, flying his drone, or just telling stories – he gave it his all, and loved what he did! That is quite a legacy.



CHARLIE AND MARILYN WESTERFIELD



WESTERFIELD MASSACRE MARKER DEDICATION

MEETING HISTORY AND LOCATIONS FOR DUTCH COUSINS



2007 MARKER DEDICATION

2005 we met at Harrodsburg, Anderson Farms barn, toured three Dutch houses still in use (John Cozine, Ann Demaree, and can't remember #3)

2007 in Shelbyville with Vince Akers leading a bus tour of the Dutch Tract, old buildings, Pleasureville meeting house and Dutch cemetery.

2009 Met at Harrodsburg, Mercer Co Extension Center, with tour of Shakertown.

2011 Met at Harrodsburg, Mercer Co Extension Center, followed by a "Footprints to NY" tour (rated *INCREDIBLE!* by the group).

2013 met at historic Madison, IN, Clifty Inn, toured Pleasant Dutch cemetery, led by Lynn Rogers.

2015 met at Frankfort KHS and toured the Lt. Gov mansion led by Steve & Heather Henry.

2017 Frankfort KHS, coordinator Lynn Rogers led tour to Shelbyville Painted Stone Settlers reenactment

2019 met at Harold R. Benson Farm, Kentucky State University, Frankfort. Bus excursion to view the Parklands project with Vince Akers and Steve Henry, and dedication of the two historical markers: Westerfield Massacre and Low Dutch Station.

2021: Harold R. Benson Farm, Kentucky State University, Frankfort.

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Check out this link for more surnames and surname information.

<http://dutchcousins.org/surnames/>



DUTCH COUSINS 2005 to 2021

2003 – In St Louis, Westerfield/Cozine reunion votes to organize the Dutch Cousins, Carolyn Leonard, Chair, with help from Jim Cozine, & Claude Westerfield.

2005 - No t-shirts, no group shot. We met at Anderson's barn, toured Harrodsburg, the John Cozine house and Ann DeMotte's house, and the circle A farms. We worshipped at a sad-looking Old Mud and adopted it as a project. Leaders: Claude & Kathy Westerfield, Carolyn Leonard, Jay Westerfield. Speakers: Larry Voreis, Vince Akers, and Bill Faulconer.



2007 - Red shirts with white letters, at Shelbyville. Vince Akers led the tour of Long Run Massacre site, Dutch Tract, 6-mile Dutch church. We visited a historic Horse Farm, ate at the Old Stone Inn, dedicated Vet memorials and worshipped at Old Mud. Cousin James Moore, who gave the keynote dinner talk, showed up as "Grandpa" Cozine.



And 2009...



2009 - Bright blue shirts with white. We met at the Harrodsburg County Extension office, toured Shakertown, and Ft Harrod, honored and placed memorial markers for 17 Dutch Revolutionary Vets. Cousin James Moore came this year as a 18th century Dominee. Restoration and repair of Old Mud continues.

You may arrive not knowing any of us, but you will leave as family.

2011 - Bright orange shirts with white at Harrodsburg library and the extension office.

Speakers were Carolyn Leonard,

Vince Akers, Howard Gregory (Dutch barns), and John Curry, Longrifle hunter expert.

We toured a local Low Dutch H-bent barn and honored 8 more Veterans. After the event, the cousins boarded a 50-passenger bus for a 10-day trip to follow the footprints of our Dutch Ancestors back to New York, led by Carolyn Leonard. We stopped in every settlement where our Low Dutch had left footprints and a few places they had not been.



2013 - white shirt, orange letters at Clifty Inn Park, Madison, Indiana. We toured the beautiful park and visited Pleasant (Low Dutch) cemetery. Speakers: Patsy Harris, actress, escaped slave with the Underground Railroad; Bob Schinck, author and president of Holland Society of NY, Mary Park, of the Society of Holland daughters. President Claude

Westerfield, Coordinator Donna Corless-Gaines. Vince Akers led us on a tour of the reconstructed 6-Mile Dutch meetinghouse, now a yarn shop. We worshipped at Old Mud and had communion with the 1797 wine cup found by Vince Akers. The meetinghouse now has hardy-board siding to protect the mud and wattle walls, and repair continues.

2015 - Black shirts with orange lettering at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort. President John C. Westerfield, coordinator Barbie Hammon. Steve and Heather Henry led us on a bus tour of Frankfort, including the Lt. Governor's mansion where they lived when he was in office, and the historic state capitol. We got a little goofy at times in 2015!



Family is like music, some high notes, some low notes, but always a beautiful song.



2017 - Royal purple with white trim; at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort. President Carolyn Leonard, Registration chair Janice Cozine, Coordinator Mr. Lynn Rogers led our bus excursion to the Painted Stone Massacre reenactment which no one should ever miss. Our speakers included specialists on DNA and genealogy, JoAnn Adams of the 6-mile meeting house who

showed us how our ancestors spun wool, Keynotes Vince Akers and Eddie Price. Researcher Charlotte Olson helped a lot of people with their research. This was a very special year as Dana Banta Wade's children sang for us and Russell Gasero, archivist of the Dutch Reformed church, helped us re-dedicate the restored Old Mud Meeting House which is now paying its own way by hosting weddings and other special occasions.

and then there was 2019

2019 - Teal with white trim; we met at the Harold R. Benson Farm at Kentucky State University in Frankfort. President Charles Westerfield, Vince Akers, and Steve Henry narrated the bus trip to dedicate historic roadside markers honoring the Dutch heritage at sites near Louisville. Dr. Kirk W. Pomper, Director of KSU Land Grant Programs taught us about "Paw Paws." And for the first time Charlie Westerfield used a drone to take our group pictures. A memorial bench was dedicated to Claude Westerfield at the Old Mud Meeting House.

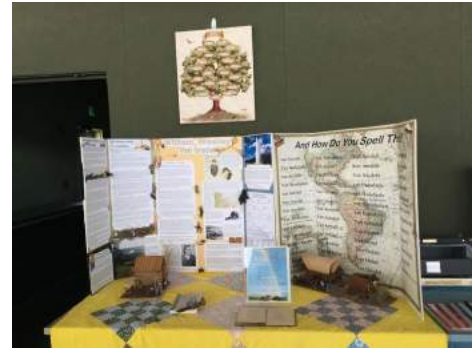


Interested in viewing more pictures from the 2019 reunion visit <https://bit.ly/3frWGvu>



CHARLOTTE OLSON, EMILY WELCHES AND RENE' ANDERSON - COMPARING FAMILY INFORMATION

This Is what Dutch Cousin Reunions are all about – collaborating and learning more about family.



VANNAUSDALL FAMILY DISPLAY



HISTORICAL COMMUNION CUP



RUSS GASERO SERVING COMMUNION

Communion at Old Mud is served using an incredibly special metal communion cup. In 1797 Rev. Peter Labagh made a missionary trip to Kentucky organizing the first Dutch Reformed congregation. This resulted in the congregation of our Old Mud Meeting House.

Hotel Information

Listed below are locations, telephone numbers, and our discount codes to use when you call to make a reservation. We're not endorsing any particular one because we feel all are nice and convenient for us and they do serve breakfast each morning.

We have blocked rooms for Friday Sept. 24th and Saturday Sept. 25th.

Keep in mind, there are cut-off dates about 3 weeks before, to assure rooms are available.

Review their websites for more information. Cancellations up to two days before, without penalty.

The Hampton Inn & Holiday Inn are right off I-64. The Capital Plaza Hotel is located about 4-5 miles going into Frankfort. This hotel has been used many times by our Cousins.

Capital Plaza Hotel in the heart of Frankfort.
405 Wilkinson Blvd
Frankfort, KY 40601
502-227-5100
Discount code - **4688**
Rate - \$109.00 + tax = \$123.63

Holiday Inn Express Frankfort
1000 Vandalay Drive
Frankfort, KY 40601
502-352-4650
Discount code - **DUTCH COUSINS**
Rate - \$109.00 + tax = \$123.63

The Hampton Inn Frankfort
1310 U.S. 127 South
Frankfort, KY 40601
502-223-7600
Discount Code - **DCG**
Rate - \$104.00 + tax = \$117.97

The Dutch don't wake up in a bad mood...they 'step out of bed with the wrong leg.

The Dutch Cousins of Kentucky are so incredibly grateful for our founders and leaders. We have a strong foundation in what began as the “Westerfield” family reunions. Their Founders along with our Founders, Carolyn Leonard, Jim Cozine and Claude Westerfield gathered in 2003 and voted to organize “The Dutch Cousins”. By 2005 all the ‘Cousins’ were invited to Harrodsburg, KY for our first gathering, and has continued to gather every two years, since then. In 2013 the Riker/Ryker Family organization was invited to join the Dutch Cousins’ group, as well. Over the years we have had so many dedicated leaders. We could not have made it this far without all their combined hard work.



The enthusiastic vitality of these cousins kept our engine running over the years successfully engaging volunteers. We have enjoyed their outstanding organizational skills providing us with such enjoyable gatherings and trips. They are the talented ones that have done exhaustive research and have a remarkable facility in weaving the facts into informative and interesting accounts, painting the picture of the challenges and accomplishments of our Low Dutch Ancestors.



The historical marker chairs and committees have met the perplexing process and tasks with great tact and perseverance. Since 2007, we placed gravestones on 35 Dutch Revolutionary Veterans and one War of 1812 Veteran. In 2011 we had a dedication for the Old Mud Patriot Markers at Old Mud’s cemetery and in 2019 we had a dedication for the Historical Westerfield Massacre Marker placed at Brooks, KY. As of 2019, our group along with a cousins’ personal donations, have donated \$140,386.00 to the



restoration of our 200 plus year old, Old Mud Meeting House which has now become a functional museum and meeting venue. Our officers and volunteers wear so many hats to ensure we can meet at our biannual gatherings and accomplish so much! Everything they do has the goal of teaching and preserving our history.

Naming individuals would become an impossible task as every member contributes to the success of the Dutch Cousins’ goal of researching, sharing, and preserving the genealogy and history of our common Low Dutch heritage. Every single Dutch Cousin contributes to our unity and growth. At the most basic level our new members add to our shared genealogy with their known family tree. We all love meeting new cousins and increasing our circle. We will continue to honor our founders and leaders as we invite more cousins into our midst so we can continue the legacy of the Low Dutch Cousins of Kentucky. We hope you can join us in September to make our 9th Dutch Cousins Gathering another SUCCESSFUL year!



and here we are in... 2021



2021 Elected Officers:

President Tamara Fulkerson of Crestwood, KY
Vice President..... Mary Jo Gohmann of Floyds Knobs, IN
Registrar and Treasurer Janice Cozine of Mt Washington, KY
Secretary Denise M. Perry of Somerville, TN

Board of Directors:

Board Member Eddie Cozine of Mt. Washington, KY
Board Member Malcolm Banta of Rotonda West, FL
Board Member Amalie Preston of Harrodsburg, KY
Immediate Past President Charles Westerfield, Louisville, KY

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Nominations Chair..... Tamara Fulkerson of Kentucky
Gathering Coordinator..... Janice Cozine of Kentucky
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Registration Janice Cozine of Kentucky
Meals Janice Cozine of Kentucky
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Webmaster..... Pam Ellingson of Wisconsin
Program Speakers..... Tamara Fulkerson of Kentucky
Heritage Displays Cynthia VannAusdall
Hospitality..... Emily Welches of Indiana
Dutch Silent Auction..... King & Sharon Cole of Texas
Historian **OPEN POSITION**
HHS Low Dutch Research Day Amalie Preston of Kentucky
Photography Zach Akers of Indiana
Surname Banners Tamara Fulkerson of Kentucky
DAR/SAR Ancestor Assistance..... Charlotte Olson of Illinois
Conewago Project Malcolm Banta of Florida
 Laurel Auchampaugh of New York
Publicity Denise Perry of Tennessee
T-Shirt Fundraiser..... Janice Cozine of Kentucky
BOOKS & RESEARCH **OPEN POSITION**
Old Mud Service Russ Gasero of New Jersey

2021 Dutch Event Speakers



FRIDAY: 4:00 p.m. — *Speaker to be announced.*



FRIDAY: 6:00 p.m.: Russell Gasero: “Something to Chew On: A Story About Archives”
Russell Gasero is Archivist Emeritus to the Reformed Church in America (the former Dutch Reformed Church of the 17th-19th centuries). He retired from that position in June 2020 after 42 years of service. What are archives? Why do we keep records? Is food a record? Should food even be preserved?

These and other questions will be discussed by Russell in his presentation detailing the establishment and growth of the Archives of the Reformed Church in America. We have all used archives in our research, but they are so much more than just family history resources. Russell will talk about the nature of the archival task and why archives are important. He will also touch on food in archives—not eating at your desk or the processing table, but the preservation of food in the archives.



SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. Kevin Hardesty as Daniel Boone. *THE FIRST KENTUCKIAN* is a performance with the Chautauqua Program of the Kentucky Humanities Council. A dynamic, 45-minute, one-man play. Born November 2, 1734, Boone quickly demonstrated a preference for the outdoors and established himself as an accomplished hunter and explorer. In 1767, he first visited Kentucky and found this new territory as beautiful as it was dangerous, as it was hotly contested by native populations and the ever-advancing British colonists.



SATURDAY: 1:00 p.m. — *Speaker to be announced.*

SATURDAY: 3:00 p.m. Andre’ Faul “Regenerative Agriculture: Sustainable Food Production Systems That’s Better for the Environment, Better for the Animals and Better for the Consumer.” Mr. Faul currently manages his 100-acre Regenerative Farm in Henry County, KY. His family purchased the farm about 5 years ago and since then they have farmed on the property using regenerative and rotational practices to manage their various livestock on pasture. Currently they produce Pasture-Raised Chicken & Pork, Grass-Fed Grass-Finished Beef & Lamb and Pasture Raised Turkey. They also have a very unique product with our Kentucky Grown Saltwater Shrimp.



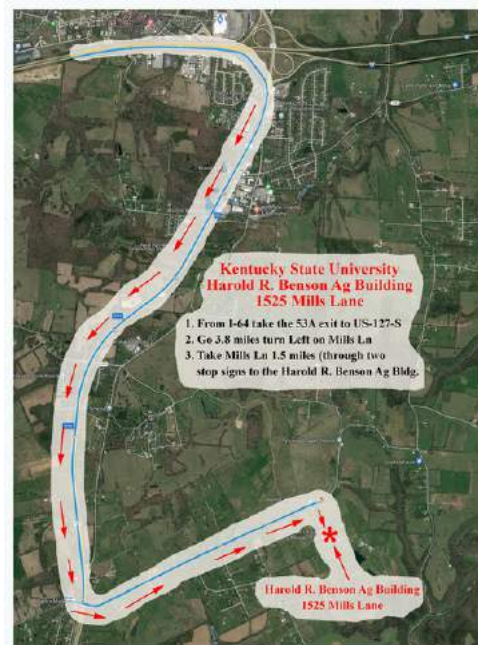
Saturday 6:00 pm, Keynote speaker Eddie Price will present, “Homemaking on the Frontier.” A retired history teacher, Mr. Price will take us on a journey back to 1811 where we will experience homemaking on the Kentucky frontier – “from the ground up.” Beginning with clearing timberland, fencing off pastures and planting crops, he will take us through building the home. We will learn how frontier folk cultivated and preserved their food, made their clothes, and doctored their families.



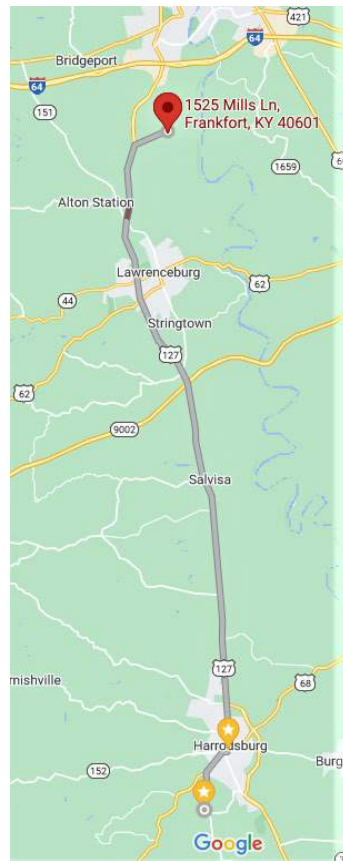


SUNDAY: 10:30 a.m.: Worship service at the Old Mud Meeting House, speaker Russell Gasero. He will be preaching on the texts Deut. 6:4-7 and Hebrews 12:1-4. It is an opportunity to understand our relatedness over time from our ancestors through our children's children and the amazing faithfulness of God. The generations of those who built Old Mud have created a continuing community that exists today in the Dutch Cousins. The worship service will follow the form use at the time of worship at Old Mud.

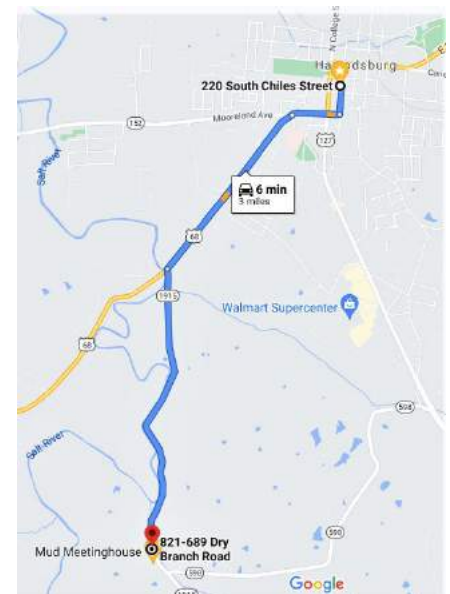
MONDAY: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Harrodsburg Historical Society Research Library and Dutch Archives under direction of volunteer Amalie Preston of Salvisa. Amalie is a board member of Dutch Cousins, and the James Harrod Trust, as well as spearheading the Harrodsburg Historical Society's Old Mud Restoration Committee.



HAROLD R. BENSON FARM – KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY



FRANKFORT TO HARRODSBURG



HARRODSBURG TO OLD MUD MEETING HOUSE

Like branches on a tree, our lives may grow in different directions, yet our roots remain as one-*Unknown*.



BENCH DEDICATION: The Dutch Cousins presented a memorial bench in memory of our past president, Claude Westerfield, to his wife and son, Kathy and Corey Westerfield on Sunday, September 15, 2019, at the Old Mud Meeting House burial grounds.

WANT TO BE ON THE LIST? Email (dutchcousinsofky@gmail.com) if you would like to be on the 800-member Dutch Cousins Letters Email list to receive important information about gatherings and new finds. Our list is not shared with anyone else, The "Dutch Letters" probably average one a week or less. just whenever there are enough email notes collected to make a "letter" of interest.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE INVITED TO OUR NINTH NATIONAL LOW DUTCH COUSINS GATHERING!



FOLD LINE

POSTMASTER

Please send address changes

To: Denise M. Perry

110 Cedar Hill Cove

Somerville, TN 38068



“Come to Frankfort and Harrodsburg. We will make you kindly welcome.”
www.DutchCousins.org