

The 2022 Event!



Our 9th Low Dutch Cousins Gathering Sept. 16 – Sept. 19, 2022

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| Friday, Sept. 16 | Harold R. Benson Farm Kentucky State University Frankfort, Kentucky |
| Saturday, Sept. 17 | Harold R. Benson Farm Kentucky State University Frankfort, Kentucky |
| Sunday, Sept. 18 | Old Mud Meeting House Harrodsburg, Kentucky |
| Monday, Sept. 19 | Harrodsburg Historical Society Research Library, Harrodsburg, |



Kentucky

Registration Deadline – **August 20, 2022**
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!

Be part of the ninth gathering of the Low Dutch Cousins at Frankfort and Harrodsburg, Kentucky, for a fun and educational weekend September 16th-19th. 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 these every two years so you will not 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.

DeMott-Banta Cemetery

Chris Canine

This is the story of this little cemetery a few miles down the way from the Old Mud located in Cove Springs.

It all started for me when I was doing research of our cousins at the Harrodsburg Historical Society one day. A volunteer came in and said there was this cemetery outside town that needed some help. President Nancy Hill said, "Chris do you want to go find this cemetery?" I said, "sure I'm up for an adventure!" We headed out and located it! On our first visit we were able to traverse the overgrowth to find a few headstones with some cousin's names!



I was hooked! Fortunately, my dad Jon is hooked too! We are passionate about taking care of this cemetery that has at least one confirmed Revolutionary War soldier in it! HHS spoke with the surrounding landowners and gained the blessings for us to care for it!

Our first encounter was of this first photo! Five-to-six-foot weeds and saplings! We had help from several SAR members and HHS President Nancy Hill.

It took us until March of this year to clear the entire cemetery! We have so much more work to do! There are so many headstones and field stones! I am making a map and hope to do research on those we know are here! There are a lot of mysteries to be uncovered and quite a few stories to tell also! Hopefully, you all will come to the gathering to hear about and see this cemetery Sunday after church! We look forward to sharing this treasure with you all!



Praten over koetjes en kalfjes – "Talking about little cows and little calves"

translated means chatting about nothing of importance.



The 2022 Dutch Cousins Gathering is pleased to work with the New Amsterdam History Center, NAHC, which offers many topics of interest on our Dutch heritage. Our gathering will provide a virtual presentation of Toya Dubin's introduction to **Mapping Early New York**, an innovative approach to telling history. Ms. Dubin's lively descriptions include how the residents of New Amsterdam lived and worked, whom they married, and even what they drank.

More information about NAHC can be found at:
www.newamsterdamhistorycenter.org

New Amsterdam History Center, 1345 Avenue of the Americas, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10105



Check out this link for more surnames and surname information.
<http://dutchcousins.org/surnames/>

Memorials of our Dutch Cousins

We would like to remember recently deceased family and friends of the Dutch Cousins by providing an honored table display of photos or writings about them. The table will be located by our Family History Displays at the Gathering.

All members are invited to participate and bring a special note, photo, or appropriate memorial of the deceased person.





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 an incredibly 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.



What happened in 2021! COVID!

The 2021 Dutch Cousins reunion was cancelled due to Covid. Several cousins joined a Zoom meet and greet which provided time to get updates, see old friends and meet new cousins. No matter how nice it was to see familiar faces and hear voices we recognized, we all missed our normal time meeting together. **Bring it on 2022!!!**

Interested in viewing more pictures from the previous reunions? <https://bit.ly/3kkjXkK>



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 hotel because we feel all are nice and convenient for us. We have blocked rooms for Friday Sept. 16th and Saturday Sept. 17th. 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.

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| <p>Capital Plaza Hotel Frankfort. 405 Wilkinson Blvd Frankfort, KY 40601 502-227-5100 Price - \$109.00 + tax = \$123.63 DC discount Code - 5064 Cut-off date - 8/16/2022</p> | <p>Holiday Inn Express Frankfort 1000 Vandalay Drive Frankfort, KY 40601 502-352-4650 Price - \$140.00 + tax = \$158.78 DC discount Code - Dutch Cousins block Cut-off date - 9/1/2022</p> | <p>The Hampton Inn Frankfort 1310 U.S. 127 South Frankfort, KY 40601 502-223-7600 Price - \$170.00 + tax = \$192.81 DC discount Code - DCG Cut-off date - 9/3/2022</p> |
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The Dutch don't wake up in a bad mood...
they 'step out of bed with the wrong leg.

What is Happening at Old Mud!

Be sure to attend the gathering to see it yourself and hear the stories behind this transformation!



The renovations of the School House at Old Mud have been completed

Two new bathrooms have been added to the remodeled schoolhouse.



In May of 2021, the Harrodsburg Historical Society met at the Old Mud Meeting House and School House. Amalie Preston was presented a plaque by HHS President Nancy Hill for her leadership, support, and effort in the restoration of the old Mud Meeting House



And the work continues in 2022

There have been multiple weather events that have affected in the grounds at Old Mud including large, downed tree branches and limbs which have had to be resolved. The flagpole was broken in the ice storm and is on the list to be repaired. Chris Canine and his wife, Kristi, are planning and preparing for the upcoming Dutch Cousins Gathering this fall. This includes painting fences, gates, and ramps around Old Mud.



and here we are in... 2022



2022 Executive Committee:

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HistorianDawn Knezic of Michigan
HHS Low Dutch Research DayAmalie Preston of Kentucky
PhotographyZach Akers of Indiana
Surname BannersTamara Fulkerson of Kentucky
DAR/SAR Ancestor Assistance.....Charlotte Olson of Illinois
Conewago ProjectMalcolm Banta of Florida
..... Laurel Auchampaugh of New York
PublicityDenise Perry of Tennessee
T-Shirt Fundraiser.....Janice Cozine of Kentucky
Books & Research**OPEN POSITION**
Tech AdvisorJeremy Westerfield, New Mexico
Old Mud ServiceRuss Gasero of New Jersey

2022 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. **Deirdre A. Scaggs** is the author of *Women in Lexington* and coauthor of *The Historic Kentucky Kitchen: Traditional Recipes for Today's Cook* and *Our Rightful Place: A History of Women at the University of Kentucky*. Deirdre will focus on *The Historic Kentucky Kitchen* book, a collection of nineteenth - and twentieth-century recipes from the University of Kentucky Libraries Special Collections. Archival collections were scoured for clues that would lead to find recipes: journals, scrapbooks, and books of “receipts”—an old term for “recipe.” Most of the recipes included in this book are adapted from handwritten recipes in the archives, many are from clippings pasted in scrapbooks, and some are from historic Kentucky cookbooks.

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.



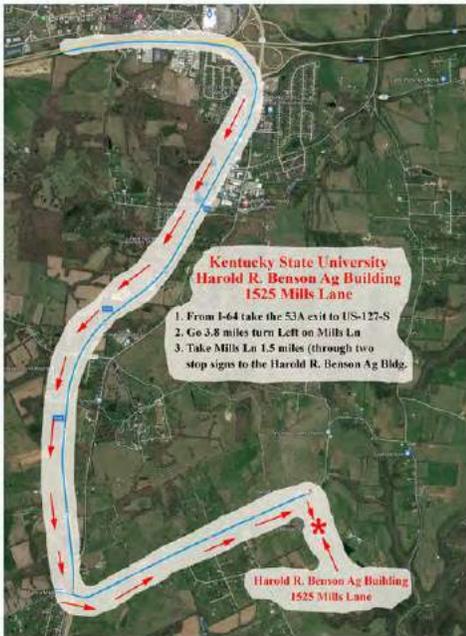
Saturday 6:00 pm, Keynote speaker Eddie Price will present, “Homemaking on the Frontier.” A retired history teacher, Mr. Price will take us on a journey back to 1811 where we will experience homemaking on the Kentucky frontier – “from the ground up.” Beginning with clearing timberland, fencing off pastures 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. His sermon will be “The Saints Who Propel Us Forward.” 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.

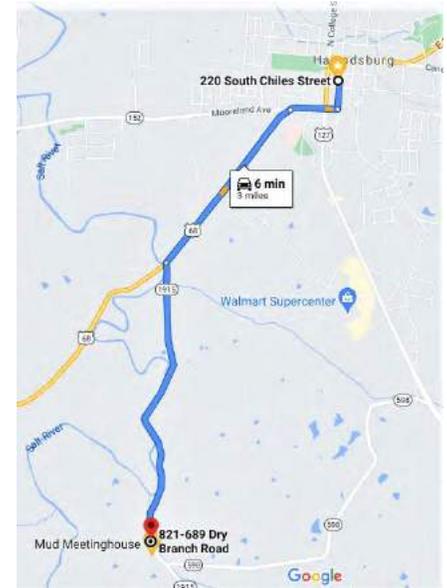
MONDAY: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Harrodsburg Historical Society Research Library and Dutch Archives under direction of volunteer Amalie Preston of Salvisa. Amalie is a board member of Dutch Cousins, and the James Harrod Trust, as well as spearheading the Harrodsburg Historical Society’s Old Mud Restoration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



DUTCH COUSINS QR CODE:

Scan the QR code with your camera app on your phone to be easily directed to the DUTCH COUSINS website: www.dutchcousins.org for more information. Please share with friends and family who are interested in their Dutch Heritage.

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 valuable 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
IN FRANKFORT, KY! SEPT 16-19, 2022**



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Please send address changes

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“Come to Frankfort and Harrodsburg. We will make you welcome.”

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