

The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2013

The William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association, Inc

Keeping The Stone House strong and the Bull Family connected to each other and the world.



Bull Stone House Resident Caretaker Retiring Michael Brown - Vice-President

Thanksgiving Day 1967 was a very different day for the 9 members of the Michael K. & Betty J. Brown family, 8th and 9th generation members of the William Bull and Sarah Wells family, through the lines of John, William and Thomas, when we moved in to the Bull Stone House. I had grown up in the house with my parents Louis E. and Corrine Bull Brown, along with 4 siblings with fond remembrances of a loving and happy childhood, among the numerous visitors to the historic landmark residence. After 30 years of residency my parents chose to purchase a house in my father's boyhood village of Montgomery, NY to live the rest of their lives.



Bulls and Browns gather at The Stone House - 1974

As a youth I remember asking my grandfather Bartow Wright Bull who I was, to which he replied, "Boy, you are old stock American." I didn't really know what that meant, but thought of him as a wise elderly gentleman and accepted his answer without question. He was a farmer with a registered Holstein Friesian dairy on land grant acreage passed down through five William Bulls, on which I had hoped to live, farm and raise a family. Our Lord had other plans for me, which brought me by faith to the Bull Homestead. My Christian experience had taught me to yield to the plan He had prepared for this life. The blessings we have experienced here for over 45 years are truly a gift from Whom all blessings flow and the generosity of our growing extended family members. I came with the hope of a place where my children would grow into the adults they have become. At the time I knew little about local history, antiques were old stuff, I thought genealogy was a study of the dead only and the Bull story should be backed by actualities, not just folklore. I joined many local societies, read history books and invested myself in learning about, what has become for over 300 years, the Bull legacy. It is truly unique that the heritage I discovered is just that, a pioneer story of peopling a wilderness tract of land to influence

the life we are now a part of as individuals and a family – a truly American saga. As the years have flown by, I wondered at times when my soul would be called Home, would they be carrying my remains in a pine box up the lane to be laid with my ancestors on Bull Burying Hill, now the Hamptonburgh Cemetery. It has been 2 ½ years since Betty was called by her loving Creator to be with Him. My physical activity has slowed since that time, causing me to realize it might be time for a change caring for five buildings, 120 acres and the large family responsibilities I've acquired over these fruitful years while dwelling in the focal location of the Orange County Bull Family.

During the past year, a growing relationship with a beautiful godly mature woman I graduated from high school with, has lead to a marriage causing me to move from here to a location near Pulaski in northern New York.



Extended Michael Brown Family in the BSH long room -2010

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ANNUAL MEETING of the WILLIAM BULL AND SARAH WELLS STONE HOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC. will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2013 at one o'clock PM, E.D.T. at THE BULL STONE HOUSE, Hamptonburgh, New York for the transaction of such business as may come before it and to elect (4) directors.

Dated May 1, 2013

Todd Vandervort, President
Kathi Nywening, Secretary

Oh, I could elongate this article with many factual details, observations and Bull stories acquired over these many years, but as my wife has said, I'm not disappearing, only moving a little distance and can easily return if and when needed – told you she was wise. I leave as I came, by faith in the Providence of God, knowing the story of the Bull family will be carried on by my well educated school teacher and administrator, and faithful daughter Melanie Joy Brown Latimer, who has lived here from age 3, except for a couple of brief periods. I have full confidence she, along with an able and very supportive Board of Directors, will continue to well manage the elongating history begun by an impoverished immigrant stonemason and his wife, an orphaned indentured servant girl.

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From the President- What's Next?

Todd Vandervort

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It's that time of the year again. Spring has sprung and the Association Board is hard at work. Before looking ahead, I wanted to take a minute to recognize 2012 and the truly historic Tri-Centennial year. A lot of effort went into making the year a memorable one not only for the Bull Family but also for the Orange County community. Many thanks to countless volunteers and organizations and a very special thanks to a very committed Board, including our two Tri-Centennial Co-Chairs Sarah Brownell and Lisa Forst!

Starting in 2013, the Board welcomed aboard our two newest members – Bice Wilson and Julie Cole! We have met twice already and have had monthly calls. The Committees are fully appointed and very active. Priorities have been established for the year and work is well underway.

Speaking of priorities, I would like to spend a little time on a couple of those priorities. As you well know, our yearly priority is always the Annual Picnic. This year's picnic is on August 3rd, so mark your calendar. The Annual Picnic Committee is now chaired by one of our newer Board members – Sue Cooney. We could use your help, though. Please consider joining the Committee to help with the planning or volunteering the day of the Picnic. If you're interested, please contact Sue at susanjcooney@gmail.com.

Another priority for this year came about as a result of the engagement and May 4th marriage between our own Michael Brown and Sally Tubbs. After the wedding, Michael will be moving to live with Sally. The Board and I are very happy for Michael and Sally. I'm also happy to announce that Melanie Brown Latimer has agreed to live at the Bull Stone House. Thank you, Melanie! A heartfelt thank you is due to Michael for his 45-year legacy of residing at the Bull Stone House. Words can't describe the impact that Michael has had to the great benefit of the extended Bull Family and the Association. I have appointed a Transition Committee to work closely with Michael and Melanie and we look forward to sharing more with you about the transition when we see you at the picnic.

Last but not least, I would like to say thank you to all who have donated to our Annual Campaign thus far. To date we have raised just over \$16,500. These funds will go a long way in helping us preserve our great homestead.

Ready to Fill Some Very Big Shoes

Melanie Brown Latimer

Michael, Melanie and Bridget
in the Stone House garden.

In 1937, Louis E. and Corinne A. Brown were given the opportunity of becoming the caretakers for the Bull Stone House. They moved in with their two young sons. Through the years they added two more sons and a daughter. After caring for the house for thirty years, they decided it was time to live a more "retired" life-style and bought a house in Montgomery, NY. It was the hometown of Louis' boyhood. But now the question was, who would be the new caretaker? Who better than someone who grew up in the house and knew a bit about the routine of the house. Michael (their son) and his wife were asked to be the next caretakers. They said yes to the inquiry.



On Thanksgiving Day, 1967, Michael and his wife Betty, along with their seven children, had the privilege of moving in to be the new caretakers. Mike had grown up there and was excited to share the wonderful experiences he had with his own family. He always teased that he would be carried out in a box when it was time for a new caretaker. Thank God that isn't the reason he is leaving now! His wife Betty died in 2011. Mike continued on with the responsibility for taking care of the house and the duties that go along with the house. In 2012 a former high school classmate's husband passed away and Mike was helping her through the grief process. Their friendship blossomed into a much deeper relationship and Mike proposed to her later that year. He decided during this time that his care taking years were coming to an end. He is getting married in May and moving to upstate NY. He was the caretaker for over 45 years. It is now time for a new caretaker. Again, who better than someone who has lived most of her life in the house.

So, I, Melanie Brown Latimer, having grown up in the house, and spending most of my life there, have been given the honor and privilege of being the new caretaker. I am very excited about this new chapter in my life! I think it is so great that the Brown Family legacy of living in the Stone House can continue with me. It has been 75 years thus far, starting with my grandparents, that one immediate family can care for the larger family's homestead. It was wonderful growing up in the house. I always said that when my parents no longer wanted, or weren't able to care for the house, that I wanted to take over the responsibilities of the house for the extended family. I am now having that childhood wish come true. I look forward to what the future holds for me as I care for our Bull Family Homestead.

You are Invited!
To the 146th Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic!

What a year 2012 was! Did you make it to the big picnic last year? So many cousins in one place! Double the amount as is usually in attendance. 2013 might be back to our usual numbers of 300-350 but most other people still can't compete with that much Bull.

So mark your calendars and make your travel plans to join us at the Bull Family homestead for an enjoyable Saturday or a full weekend.



If you are local to the Stone House, or are planning on arriving on Thursday before the picnic, it's all hands on deck as we start the set-up. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated and it is also a

special time to get to know your cousins. Friday is Genealogy/History Day and then Saturday is the main event. Make it a weekend you're sure to remember.

Saturday will showcase all the usual events, animals, music, house tours, and of course the blue ribbon awards. Stone wall building will return, as well as games and crafts for the little ones.

Bring a picnic lunch for your family or pre-purchase a BBQ chicken plate to enjoy as you visit with cousins under the massive maple trees. Tables and benches are provided but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets for more flexibility and comfort.

There is plenty of room for R.V.s and campers to stay on the grounds. We have 30 amp electrical outlet standards. Please call or visit our website for more information on accommodations in the area. And don't forget to keep your four-legged companions on leash at all times.

10 am ~Registration and Bull Stone House Tours begin
12 noon ~ Lunch and Annual Business Meeting
(House tours close at noon and reopen after the Business Meeting)

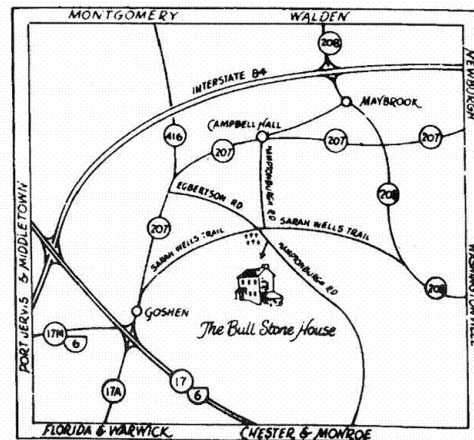
Stick around at the end of the day to help with putting tables and benches away. Share your leftovers and enjoy the afternoon and evening as the quiet summer night settles in and we talk about the new memories from another Reunion and Picnic.

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146th Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 3, 2013



1722 Bull Stone House
The Stone House at Hamptonburgh,
Orange County, New York,
is just off the Sarah Wells Trail at County
Route 51 about 4 miles northeast of Goshen



Driving to the Stone House

Traveling from East or West:

1. Take I-84 to Middletown, NY, and then route 17 East to exit #124 - Rt. 207 towards Goshen.
2. Take Rt. 207 through Goshen to right (East) on Sarah Wells Trail. Go about four miles to right on County Rt 51, then an immediate right on the gravel lane alongside Hamptonburgh Cemetery.

Traveling from North or South:

1. Take I-87 to the Harriman exit. Then take Rt. 17 West to exit #124 - Rt. 207 towards Goshen.
- Follow #2 above

Thank you to all listed who participated in our Annual Giving Campaign

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Donations received and
recorded to April 14, 2013

**Donations in Honor and
Memorium**

Elinor Caesar in memory of
Larry Caesar

William & Mary Ann Cohen in
honor of my brothers **Michael K
Brown, William Bull Brown,
Louis E. Brown**

Elizabeth E Coniff in memory
of **Emma Mailler, Barkelew
and Reuben Swift Barkelew**

Robert & Ione Dixon in
memory of **Richard Bull** who
passed away May 22, 2012

L Ruth Earl in memory of **Gary
R Earl**

Family of John Geffert in
memory of **Thelma Weller
Kunst** who died Sept 25th,
2012

Meriel Gregory in memory of
my mother **Meriel Bull Mitchell**

Homer E Hill in memory of my
deceased wife **Alice Morgan
Hill**

Charles F Johnson in memory
of my Brother in law - **George
Mills** and in memory of **Bill
Smiley**

**Mary & Emi Link & William
Spademan** in memory of
James W & Margaret C Link

Robert Nabbe In continuing
memory of **Marjorie Tobin
Nabbe, Line of John**

Mary Jane Sorrell in memory
of **Henry Pierson Bull, Mary
Elizabeth Bull, Margery Bull
Jackson, Virginia Bull Meath,
and James H Sorrell**

John & Gayle Vandervort in
memory of the **Bull girls -
Helen, Amy, Molly & Corrine**

Walter & Laura Wassamer in
memory of **Roxy Laney Bull**

William & Judy Wood in
memory of **Elizabeth Bull
LaRue**

*Thank you for these
loving gifts*



**Genealogist's
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**Bull Family Genealogy
Now Online!**

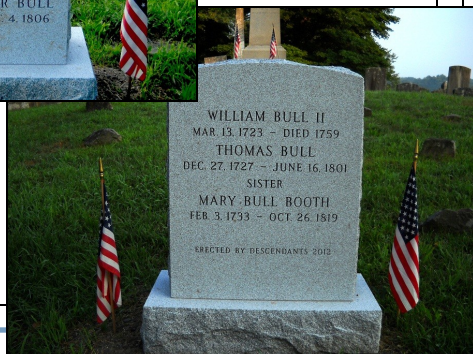
Did you know that the Bull family genealogy has been available for over a year to view online at Ancestry.com? You don't even have to pay for an Ancestry.com subscription to receive access! All you need to do is ensure that Judy Wood has a valid email address for you. Feel free to contact me anytime: Judy Wood, 5505 Frost Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028 bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net, phone # 972-539-4215

Here is what Line of Isaac cousin, Virginia Young Carrington, had to say about the online Bull Genealogy: "Thank you so much for the link to Ancestry.com. I am going through family pictures right now, and I will scan anything I find that might be of interest to you. I feel so very fortunate to have all the Bull family history available to me. Very few are so fortunate. What really astounded and pleased me the most was the photo of the grave of my baby, Charlotte Virginia Carrington. How did you obtain this? I can't begin to tell you how much this recognition means to me. One wants so much for it to be known that she was on this earth if even for a brief time. To have that picture and the inclusion on the family tree means everything to me. Thank you again for the excellent job you are doing. I am sure so many others are touched just as I am. I will be sending you pictures of my immediate family group."

**New gravestones on Burying Hill for 5 of
William Bull & Sarah Wells' children**

These two new headstones were unveiled at The 145th Annual Bull family Reunion and Picnic. John & Hannah

Holly Bull; Isaac & Sarah Mulliner Bull; Thomas Bull; William Bull II and sister Mary Bull Booth, now have headstones on "Burying Hill".



Thank you to all who contributed to make these happen.

**Friday August 2nd Genealogy and
History Day!**

We have over 27,000 living Bull descendants and spouses in the Bull Genealogy – is your line up to date? A new family group sheet version is now available on the Bull Website, that can be typed in from your computer – Thanks to Bob Eager (line of Ann) research your Bull ancestors and update your family line in the Bull database or share family documents (Bible records, photos etc.) with our family Archivist – Linda Bull. The Friday before the picnic (August 2nd) from 1 to 4 PM you can enjoy time under the Genealogy tent to get more one on one time before the picnic.

Genealogy Picnic Special
Available at the 2013 Picnic ONLY.

CD and Book Package for \$75 includes:
2013 CD including 67,000+ Bull descendants and spouses
Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells (published in 1974 with the first 6 generations) and 1984 Addendum

Book Package for \$35 includes:
Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells; published in 1974 with the first 6 generations and 1984 Addendum



(If you have previously purchased a 2006 - 2012 Genealogy CD – you can purchase the new 2013 CD for \$15 at the Genealogy Tent)
Can't attend the picnic this year? Have a relative pick up one of these specials for you!

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011—June 30, 2012

Visit the Bull Stone House Website to order your BBQ Chicken plate for the 146th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic by July 15th! www.bullstonehouse.org

BBQ Chicken Plates are back!!

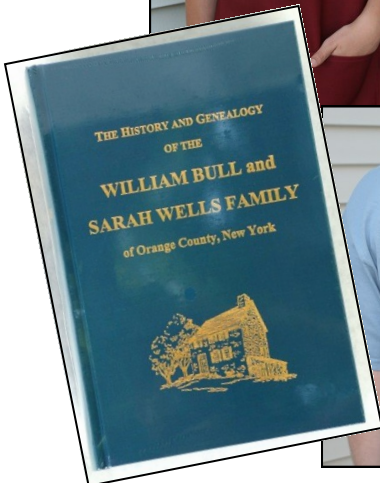
Feel like taking a day off from cooking, traveling a long distance to Bull Picnic, or is it that you just have heard about the amazing BBQ chicken plates cooked up by Cousin Bill Cardone?! Whatever the reason, this chicken is always in season!

We are once again offering the BBQ chicken plates for purchase for your Bull Picnic lunch*. Now you can order yours online at www.bullstonehouse.org! The plates come with 1/2 a chicken, a whole ear of corn, green salad, potatoes, a cookie and a drink, all for only \$13.00! It's a lot of food so you may consider sharing a plate. Once you taste it, any other chicken just cannot compare!

*You can always pack a picnic lunch if you prefer.

Don't forget to check out the BullMarket on our website for all your Bull souvenirs and historical books.

All profits go to the maintenance and preservation of The Bull Stone House.



Volunteer; it feels good

The Sarah Wells and William Bull Stone House Association is an all volunteer organization. Our Board and Committees are cousins and friends with a passion about keeping The Stone House strong and the Bull family connected to each other and the world! Let us know how you would like to join this dynamic group and where we might use your talents. Please contact the Stone House today at 845-496-2855, or e-mail at info@bullstonehouse.org.

OPERATING		
Income		
	General Contributions	\$4,606.00
	Genealogy	\$440.00
	Endowment	\$935.00
	Dividends	\$7278.00
	Interest	\$2,994.00
	Bull Market	\$2,525.00
	Picnic Lunch	\$2,316.00
Total		\$21,094.00
EXPENSE		
	Capital Campaign	\$1,099.00
	Operating	\$27,531.00
	Genealogy	\$1342.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$3218.00
	Miscellaneous	\$280.00
	Bull Market	\$2,987.00
Total		\$36,457.00
CAPITAL		
Income	Annual Giving Campaign	\$15,945.00
	Grant	\$600.00
EXPENSE		
	Video Project Expense	\$1,200.00
	Special Event	\$2,570.00

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