

The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2017

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.



From the President

Lyle Shute

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Is it safe to say Happy Spring yet? A series of big snow storms towards the end of this winter surprised us here in Orange County but I think we are finally in the clear to think spring thoughts. Spring time means BULL-e-tins in the mailbox and I'm thrilled to share all the news from the Homestead.

And the **big** news is... this year we are celebrating the **150th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic! 150 years! Saturday August 5th**; I cordially invite you to be a part of this historic event. Not many families can say that they have been gathering in reunion since the 1800's but we Bulls are proud to announce just that! Picnic day will be **all about family** so start gathering yours and plan on being there to celebrate. Our website www.bullstonehouse.org has many local accommodation links and of course we have our electrical hook ups for those who want to camp on the historic Stone House grounds. For more information about this and other details of the day, turn to page 3. To read about some of the history of Bull Picnics, select the **history** tab on our website and go to **Tales From the Bull Blue Book**. Volume IX contains excerpts from the *100 Years of Bull Picnic* book; fascinating reading. We'll have lots to see at picnic including an amazing archive of newspaper articles of Bull Picnics through the years as well as a display of Reunion photos.



President Lyle Shute on a Bull cemetery explore 3/17



1928 Bull Family Reunion and Picnic

I encourage you to come for the weekend and really connect with the influential history of the Bull family in Orange County. Visit Hill-Hold and Knox's Headquarters, both part of the Orange County parks department and both built by our Bulls. Check out www.orangetourism.org for more info.

Thank you to every one who participated in our **Annual Giving Campaign** this year. Your generosity and care for the Association is so greatly **appreciated**. We are pleased to announce an exciting new way for you to make your donations. Please visit our Development Committee table at picnic and chat with board members who will explain our new

Pledge Campaign program. It is similar to how public television stations run their pledge campaigns and it allows us to better facilitate our budget. Remember, every donation, no matter how large or small, makes a difference and we thank you for your continued support.

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 5, 2017 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 April 1, 2017

Lyle Shute, President
Kathi Nywening, Secretary

Be sure to see the enclosed flyer about the new **Pathway Paver Project** and how you can leave your legacy on the Stone House grounds by purchasing an engraved paver stone for our **new walkway**. We hope to have at least 25 pavers in place by picnic.

As reported in last spring's BULL-e-tin we were required to update our **by-laws** to conform with new state regulations. Therefore we will be voting to accept the new by-laws during the business meeting at picnic. If you would like a **copy to review** before then, please contact the Stone House and they will be sent or e-mailed. Thank you for your involvement as we continue to uphold our fiduciary responsibility to the Association. Feel free to contact me with any *Bull* you'd like to discuss either via email or phone at (845) 614-0592 and don't hesitate to track me down at picnic just to say hello! See you in August!

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150 Years of Gathering in Reunion

“On Friday, September 18, 1868, more than a hundred descendants gathered on Lookout Hill above the Hamptonburgh church for a basket picnic. This was the largest gathering of all, as the previous two meetings had generated much interest and enthusiasm...When the meeting was nearly over, one member spoke at some length saying that the three meetings had been very worthwhile in getting the family together and increasing family solidarity; but regretfully, there seemed to be nothing further to do than to say goodbye to each and go home. Then he made a suggestion. Why could not at least an annual gathering be held, even though there were no funds to be raised or monuments to be erected? This suggestion was met with unanimous approval, and it was voted to make the family picnic an annual affair.”

And so it began and continues to this day! What began as a gathering to erect a monument to the memory of William Bull and Sarah Wells, our descendants realized the importance of gathering in communion with family to share and create memories. *The above excerpt is from the first chapter in the “Bull Blue Book”.*

The William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association is so looking forward to celebrating our **150th Annual Reunion and Picnic on Saturday, August 5th**. It truly is hard to comprehend that our actual ancestors have persevered to maintain this annual tradition. That they then could have even imagined us, their progeny, feeling the same level of pride, determination and understanding of the importance in gathering each year. Not to be corny but it really swells the heart.

We hope your heart is swelled and that you are moved to join your company of cousins at the Homestead this summer. As always it will be a time to connect and reminisce with the cousins you know and those you have yet to meet. Look for the highlights of the day. A **collection of newspaper articles** written about **Bull Picnic over the years** lovingly prepared by **Sandy Johnson** and **Judy & Bill Wood**. We will also have a presentation of the **group photos from reunions past**; try to find yourself! More details about the day are throughout this BULL-e-tin so grab a cup o’ tea and spend some time reading and we’ll **see you in August!**



Order your Chicken BBQ Plate by July 15th

Cousin **Bill Cardone** and crew are back this year with their tantalizing BBQ chicken recipe and lunch plate.

If you’re traveling a distance or just want the ease of having someone else prepare your lunch, **place your orders online today at www.bullstonehouse.org or call the Stone House.**

The plates come with chicken, corn, baked potato, salad, a cookie and a drink, all for only \$16.00! It’s a lot of food so you may want to consider splitting with a kiddo.

Of course you are always welcome to bring your own picnic lunch and fixins if you prefer. See the box at right about the “sharing table”!

Why do I always work on this piece before lunch??

Volunteers needed!

Volunteer at the 150th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic

- ◆ Come to The Stone House on Thursday afternoon August the 3rd to help set-up for picnic.
- ◆ Stay late on Saturday to put away tables & benches, and pick up trash.
- ◆ Volunteer as a Docent in the House.
- ◆ Help with activities on Picnic Day.

We can’t do it without you!
Call the Stone House or go to the Contact tab on our website today to volunteer!



Bringing Back The Sharing Table

“**The basket dinners were something to marvel at.** Everyone brought his own but the fare was **shared by all** on the communal tables. The traditional staple has always been **fried chicken**. Along with this, the early minutes mention the **piles of fresh bread and biscuits**, the fragrant aroma of coffee and **baskets of peaches**. Especially remembered were **Mrs. Jesse Booth’s cinnamon rolls**, **Mrs. John Thew’s cakes**, and **Mrs. Santee’s delicious peach pies**. There were also muskmelons and watermelons from local gardens and **Mrs. Lewis Woolsey of New Paltz** always brought great bunches of **luscious grapes**.”

After reading this description of picnic fare in the “Bull Blue Book” the sharing table is back! Many of you already share amongst your immediate family but if you’d like to **bring along a special something**, something maybe your ancestor’s were known for bringing to picnic, find the “**sharing table**” when you arrive. You might bring along a few copies of the recipe too! Yummy!

You are Invited
To the 150th Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic

Yes, **150th!!** The Bull family ancestors had no idea what they started back in 1868! But here we are, still going strong. The day of the week has changed over the years but for the last several we have found the **1st Saturday in August** makes it easier for more cousins to attend.

If you are local to the Stone House, or are planning on arriving in the area early, we could sure use your **help on Thursday the 3rd**; we'll be setting up tables and benches and preparing the grounds.

Friday the 4th is Genealogy/History Day from 1 - 4 pm (more about that on page 6).

The main event begins at 10:00 am on **Saturday the 5th**. As soon as you arrive head straight to the **registration table** and get yourselves registered. You don't want to miss the opportunity of winning a blue ribbon!



Bring a picnic lunch for your family or **pre-purchase a BBQ chicken plate** (see page 2 for details). Consider bringing something for the **Sharing Table** as your cousins did in picnics past. (see page 2 for more on that as well). Tables and benches are provided but you may want to bring your own lawn chairs or picnic blankets for more flexibility and comfort. **Lunch begins at noon** with the Annual Business Meeting immediately following.



Other things to see and do during the day: Chat up an Association Board Member, pet some animals, take part in the **"Candy Walk"** (\$2.00/ticket gives you a chance to win 150 pieces of candy!), view the

group photos from picnics past and the **albums of newspaper articles from picnics past**, take part in the 50/50 raffle, and don't forget to take a tour of the star of the day, **The Bull Stone House**. (House tours close at noon and reopen after the Business Meeting) So much to see and do!

There is plenty of room for **R.V.s and campers** to stay on the grounds with our 30 amp electrical outlet standards at a fee of \$10. per night. Please call the Stone House to confirm space. Visit our **website for more information on accommodations in the area**. Go to the Links page to see the local hotels where we have reserved blocks of rooms. Don't wait as these go fast! For everyone's consideration, **pets are no longer invited** to Bull Picnic.

Stick around at the end of the day to **help put away tables and benches**. Then we'll share leftovers and memories of another reunion as the evening settles in.

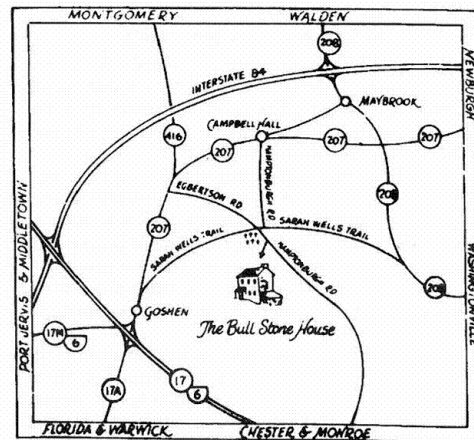
Please **RSVP** online at **www.bullstonehouse.org** to let us know you're coming. We can't wait to see you at the homestead in August!

This just in! We will be taking a **group photo** this year!! Definitely stay for that and start practicing your smiles!

150th Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 5, 2017



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 a right (East) on Sarah Wells Trail. Go about four miles to a 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 March 27, 2017. Any omissions or errors are unintentional.

It is with a very heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of our dear friend **Frank Tetler**. Frank was the leader of the **Ramapo Fault String Band** who played at our picnics for many, many years. We will miss you Frank and the lovely strains of your strings. *"God be with you till we meet again"*.



Donations in Honor and Memorium

Kevin Abrams In memory of **Michael Abrams**

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Julia Cole Thank you cousins for keeping the legacy going

Jim Condit In memory of **Vertres Ackerly**

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Catherine Matthews Love all the "Bull"

Nancy Miller In honor of **Frances Bull Florenzie** who celebrated her 95th birthday this year

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Edith Wilson In honor of our father, **Don (H. Donald) Wilson** and to support **Bice Wilson**

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Thank you for these loving gifts



**Genealogist's
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**Keep Your Genealogy
Current!**

We have over 23,000 *living* Bull descendants and spouses in the Bull Genealogy – is your line up to date? Please contact me, Judy Wood, your dedicated Genealogist, or go to the Genealogy tab on our website to update your family's group form. Births, deaths, weddings, please share them all so we can keep our genealogy current.

Here's how you can get it touch:

Judy Wood, Bull Family Genealogist

Call me: Cell 972-413-0300

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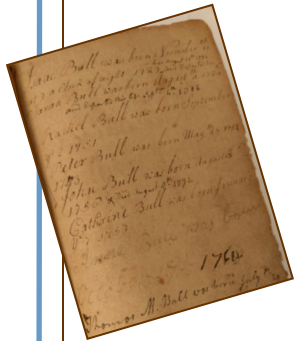
I'm a genealogist and I'm not afraid to get dirty! Well of course not unless I'm wearing those special white cotton gloves.



**Do you have any Bull
Family documents from 1700-1840?**

Writer and Journalist **Julie Boyd Cole** (line of John, Thomas and William) and **Sarah Brownell** (same lines) are researching the history of the **first three generations** of the Bull Family, including **Sarah Well's origin story**. Julie is collecting photos of **old documents** and **artifacts** from our family. If you have anything in your personal collection, please consider sharing it with Julie by text or email at jhccole@gmail.com.

Just take a picture with your cell phone of the front and back and send it via email, or you can text it to Julie at 352-871-5354. Please include a brief history of the piece, your name, contact information, your family line and where the item came from and any family lore surrounding the item. If your picture is used in any publication, you will receive a photo credit and a copy of the final work!



**Join us for Genealogy &
History Day**

Friday
August 4th
1 - 4 pm

On **Friday August 4th**, both our **Genealogy Committee** and our **Historical Interpretation and Collections Committee** will be at the Bull Stone House from 1-4.

Come spend some quality time one on one with **Judy Wood** and her Genealogy team; dig deeper into your lineage and bring any updates you may have to share.

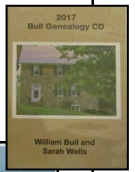
Linda Bull, our archivist will also be on hand to receive any historical documents, photos or artifacts of your Bull family members you are able to share. We will digitally scan them for posterity's sake and the ability to share them with our large family audience.

Genealogy Picnic Specials

Available at the BullMarket Tent at Picnic!

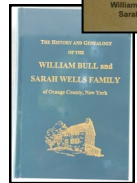
CD and Book Package - \$75

- **2017 CD** including 76,000+ names
- **Bull Blue Book** - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells; published in 1974 with first 7 generations.



Book Only - \$35

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If you have previously purchased a 2006-2016 Genealogy Picnic Special you may purchase the new 2017 CD at the Genealogy tent for \$15.00.

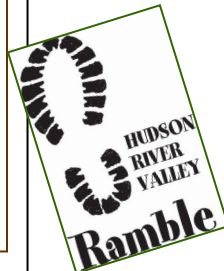
Mark Your Calendars

As part of "I Love NY's" **Path Through History** program, The Bull Stone House and New World Dutch Barn will be open to the public for tours on **June 17th from 1-4 pm**. And again in **October on the 11th**. Tell your friends who have



always wanted to get a sneak peek inside this piece of colonial America's history.

The house and barn will also be open to the public in September as part of **The Hudson River Ramble**. Keep an eye on our website for details.



The Cornerstones of Our Association



For 300 years, the Bull Family has remained committed to staying connected and preserving our ancestral homestead. William and Sarah Bull began their lives in this country as poor, indentured servants but they were still able to leave each of their 12 children a piece of their legacy. This legacy included land to five sons and their beautiful stone house and Dutch barn to son John. John then left those to his son, and so it continued.

We have maintained that commitment despite many financial ups and downs, the French and Indian War, the American Revolution, the Civil War, the Great Depression, and untold stories of smaller hardships. Gratefully, the Bull family has prevailed in keeping strong these **cornerstones of our association**:

- **The Homestead**
- **The Genealogy**
- **The Annual Reunion and Picnic**

Our not-for-profit Association currently raises the bulk of the monies necessary to pay for both our **recurring annual operating expenses**, as well as our **one-time capital improvements**, through donations from our family members during our **Annual Giving Campaign** and periodic **Capital Campaigns**.

This year we are pleased to announce two new initiatives for fund raising for both our annual expenses, and for the wonderful capital improvement project announced at last year's reunion - the **Memorial Pathway**. For all of the information on how you can purchase a Memorial Paver as part of this wonderful **capital improvement**, please see the enclosed flyer.

For our **annual recurring expenses** we will soon begin an **Annual Pledged Giving** program; *similar to how public television stations raise funds*. This will be used in conjunction with our current Annual Giving Campaign to better help plan our budget.

We are thrilled to introduce both of these initiatives and know that each will improve the process of how we keep the **cornerstones** of our family strong.

For more information on both of these new efforts please visit our **informational table** at the 2017 Bull Family Reunion and Picnic. Learn how you can help keep our not-for-profit Association strong for generations to come.

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

OPERATING		
Income	General Contributions	\$692.00
	Annual Giving Campaign	\$13,349.00
	Genealogy	\$370.00
	Endowment	\$1,835.00
	Dividends	\$7,599.00
	Interest	\$1,059.00
	Bull Market	\$1,361.00
	Picnic Lunch/Art Auction	\$2,359.00
Total		\$28,624.00
Expense	Operating	\$20,484.00
	Genealogy	\$431.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$4,515.00
	Bull Market	\$992.00
	Annual Giving Campaign	\$1,619.00
	Miscellaneous	\$921.00
Total		\$28,962.00
CAPITAL		
Income	Endowment	\$5,000.00
	Grants	.00
Expense	Projects	.00

Want to make a donation to the Bull Stone House right now?

Go to www.bullstonehouse.org and select the **donate** tab. Every donation makes a big difference in preserving our history!

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