

The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2016

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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Greetings Cousins! As your new William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association Board President, I am delighted to share my first "From the President" piece. I look forward to serving you and the Association as we go forward with our history.

It wasn't a very snowy winter around the Bull family homestead, but spring is always a welcome event. And even though the bears were in hibernation, the Bull Board was not. We were affected by one of the few snow storms in January when it postponed our Board meeting, but that made our meeting in February all the more productive.

We covered a lot of pending issues, committees were solidified, and several Association infrastructure items were reviewed.

The board gave sincere thanks to outgoing President, **Todd Vandervort** for his ten years of unwavering service. Todd will continue his dedication to the board by staying on as Nominating Committee chairperson. Considering joining the board? Todd can be reached at Todd@vandervortgroup.com. Thank you again Todd.

We welcomed our newest Association board member, **Patti Banks**. She immediately jumped in with both feet by taking the helm of the Development Committee as the chairperson, succeeding board member **Cindy Chadwick**. The chairperson is responsible for coordinating the Annual Giving Campaign, ongoing fundraising and grant efforts. Thank you to Cindy for her years of guidance and leadership in Development, and for continuing on as a Development Committee member to assist in maintaining continuity and sharing her expertise.

As of this writing our **Annual Giving Campaign** has generated donations almost \$20,000.00 Although the focus of the Campaign is year end, it is never too late to donate. We have made things very easy by creating a donation page on our website where you can visit and donate any time of day or night. www.bullstonehouse.org. Every donation, no matter how large or small, makes a difference and we thank you for your continued support.

A very important project we are addressing is updating the Association by-laws. As new state regulations for non-profits have been enacted, we need to conform to the latest requirements. As such, we have retained a specialist in non-profit by-laws to help us with this task. We have also instituted a by-laws sub-committee to lead the effort in completing this necessary project.

As always, the **Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic** will take place on the first Saturday in August; this year it is **Saturday, August 6th**. We are so excited to present our theme of

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 6, 2016 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, 2016

Lyle Shute, President
Kathi Nywening, Secretary

"Celebrating Amy Bull Crist"! All the picnic details are on page 2 & 3 of this BULL-e-tin but suffice it to say that we hope the day will be as memorable as the force of nature that was Amy!

And while you're visiting our website, did I mention our website yet? -www.bullstonehouse.org - Be sure to select the "History" tab and spend some time reading the excellent **"Tales from the Blue Book"** pieces. Our very talented cousin, **Bob Eager**, has edited this series and they are a real treasure. There are still more to come as they are released monthly.

I look forward to seeing you on August 6th. Find me and let's have a chat. If you'd like to speak to me before then, call me at (845) 614-0592.

Lyle signing the topping off beam of the Rowley Center for Science and Technology at SUNY Orange - Feb 2013



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Celebrating Amy Bull Crist

On March 9th of this year, **Amy Bull Crist** would have turned **110 years old**. On August 6th, 2016 the 149th Annual Bull Family and Reunion will be a celebration of all things Amy. Amy was a 7th generation member of our family, the 2nd of four daughters born to **Bartow Wright Bull and Mary Ann Manning** in "Brick Castle" and a powerful woman in many facets of life in Orange County. She held several positions with the Bull Family Association and was an integral part of shaping education in this area. Amy began her teaching career in a one room school house and went on to become the **District Superintendent of Schools in Orange County**. She was a major part of the development of Orange County Community College as well as Orange-Ulster BOCES.



To celebrate this dynamic character in our Bull Family story, activities at Bull picnic will include some trademark "**Amy-isms**". Amy was known for her strength as well as for her **signature pearls**; addition-

ally for her love of a certain **German chocolate cake**. Sign up to bring a cake or cupcakes for our **Amy's Cake-Walk***. Let us know when you **RSVP to Picnic online** at www.bullstonehouse.org.

Kids and grown-ups! Come to picnic dressed as you remember Amy for the **Amy Bull Dress-Up Contest** or head over to **Amy's Dress-Up Corner** where we'll have some accessories you can wear to show that certain Amy style.



Amy Bull Crist, 2nd from left in back, with other Board of Managers: Henry P. Bull, Alfred Booth, Hamlet S. Roe, and Robert M. Jackson. In front are the eldest, Elizabeth Bull Green, and youngest attendees to Bull Picnic circa 1940.

Be sure to bring your memories of Amy to share with your cousins over picnic lunch and most of all, don't be late; **punctuality** was very important to Amy. Oh, and maybe bring some ham...she liked that too.
*see below for Cake Walk description.

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 18th from 1-4 pm**. 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 again be open to the public in September as part of **The Hudson River Ramble**.
Saturday the 10th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and **Saturday the 17th** from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.



Want to Be a Better Bull?

Volunteer at the 149th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic

- ◆ Come to The Stone House on Thursday afternoon August the 4th 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 today to volunteer!

*Amy's "Cake Walk" \$3.00/ticket



What is a Cake Walk anyway?

The Wikipedia description of a cake walk: **Cakewalk** (or **cake-walk**) is a game played at carnivals, funfairs, and fundraising events. It is similar to a raffle and musical chairs. Numbered squares are laid out on a path. Tickets are sold to participants, with the number of squares in the path equal to the maximum number of tickets sold. The participants walk around the path in time to music, which plays for a duration and then stops. A number is then called out, and the person standing on the square with that number wins a cake as a prize (hence the name).

We'll play our version so bring your baked good and \$3 ticket money for a fun time. Sounds yummy!



You are Invited
To the 149th Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic
Celebrating Amy Bull Crist

Mark your calendars and make your travel plans to join us at the Bull Family homestead for an historical Saturday, or a full weekend rich in history. If you are local to the Stone House, or are planning on arriving in the area 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 unique time to get to know your cousins. **Friday is Genealogy/History Day** from 1 - 4 pm and then **Saturday is the main event**. If you have extra time while you're in the area, check out www.orangetourism.org for other things to do and sights to see.

As soon as you arrive on Saturday head straight to the **registration table** and get yourselves registered. You don't want to miss the opportunity of winning a blue ribbon! This year, even if you can't make it to Picnic, let us know if you think you have an eldest male or female at your house! **We are in search of the eldest Bull family male and female and we're sending ribbons wherever you are!** Email our genealogist bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net or call The Stone House today.



This year visit the **Daughters/Sons of the American Revolution table!** Bring your questions and a copy of your signed application if you're already a member through the Bull family.

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. Please keep your four-legged companions on leash at all times.

There is plenty of room for R.V.s and campers to stay on the grounds with our 30 amp electrical outlet standards.

Please call or visit our website for more information on accommodations in the area. **We have a block of rooms reserved at The Comfort Inn & Suites in Goshen, NY under BULL FAMILY PICNIC. 845-637-2476.**

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)

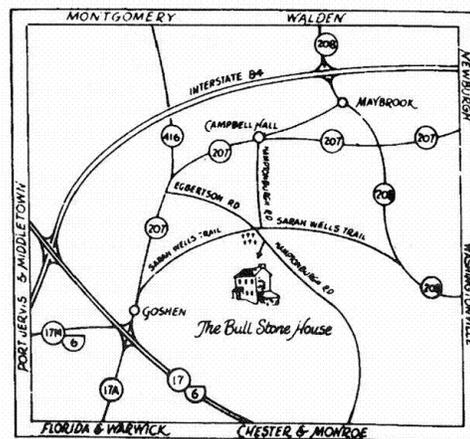
Stick around at the end of the day to help put away tables and benches. Then we'll share leftovers and memories of another reunion as the evening settles in.

Let us know you're coming by **replying online** at the Bull Stone House website www.bullstonehouse.org and we'll see you at the homestead in August!

149th Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 6, 2016



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 February 29,
2016

Donations in Honor and Memorium

Patricia Banks in memory of
Hannah Burks

Ryan Berg in honor of **C Gordon
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Porter** a descendant of Sarah Wells

Alida Brinckerhoff & family in
memory of **Doris Sayer**

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picnic

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James & Nancy Burk in memory of
Hannah Bull Burk

L Ruth Earl in memory of my
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Terry & Glenn**

Tom & Joan Frangos in honor of
Fanny Benedict

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1827-1910

Mary Louise B Wilson in
recognition and support of **Bice Wil-
son's** service to the Bull family

Bill & Judy Wood in memory of **Do-
ris Sayer** - pathway project

*Thank you for these
loving gifts*



**Genealogist's
Corner**

**Cel-ah-brate Good
Times, Oh Yeah!!**

How does one celebrate a milestone? Well since my milestone is that I am very fortunate to have been the Bull Family Genealogist for a **decade** this year, I'm celebrating by closing in on **75,000 names** recorded in the Bull Family Genealogy!

When I took over as genealogist in 2006 we had about 45,000 names recorded. I actually celebrate every time I find a missing family record or piece of Bull genealogical information. It's like solving a puzzle or a mystery. I love it!

Want to join the celebrating?? But how, you ask, if you live far away from the Bull Stone House and Orange County, NY? **I'll tell you how!** With the advent of the computer and the internet, the world of genealogy has been opened wide!

Access on the internet to Ancestry.com, Find a Grave, FamilySearch.org, and using e-mail, we are able to learn where our ancestors lived, where they are buried and whom they married, all from the comfort of our living rooms.

Now that I am retired from IBM, I'm raring to go and I invite you to join me in discovering hidden treasures of information about our family line. I have several genealogy sleuthing volunteers but with 74,000 names to research, we need a small army; an army of BULLS!

All you need is a computer and access to the internet and I will provide the training. We have so much more to learn about William Bull & Sarah Wells and their 12 children.

Want to find out more or just talk genealogy?

I'm **Judy Wood, Bull Family Genealogist**

Call me: Home 972-539-4215,

Cell 972-413-0300

Email: Bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net

Write: 3100 Vista Heights Ln Highland Village, TX 75077

I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you!

**Historical Interpretation & Collections
News**

Linda Bull

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What a paragon of history is The Bull Stone House. Yes, the structure itself is an historical architectural wonderment, but after 300 years can you imagine the treasure trove of historical riches there are stored within its walls? The **Historical Interpretation & Collections Committee** along with several Association Board members and assorted volunteers have been chipping away at closets and storage areas to gather, identify, sort and preserve these meaningful items which tell our family's story. One of those volunteers, cousin **Marc Nozell**, has provided the HIC committee with access to software called "Collective Access" and donated the website to store the copies of all our scanned treasures. *Collective Access is free open-source software for managing and publishing museum and archival collections. It has been used by New York Society Library, Smithsonian Channel and the New York State Archives.*

We are thrilled to have had about a dozen volunteers respond to the Bull Survey this past year, willing to help with this vast and important project. Some volunteers living in and around Orange County, will help with the sorting and scanning, and those who live elsewhere will be helping with transcribing and notating on Collective Access. We are still looking for help with both aspects. Near or far, your Bull family needs you. Please contact me at the address above or **Judy Wood** at bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net. All you need is a computer and access to the internet; the HIC committee will provide all the training necessary over a conference call.

Don't miss out on **Genealogy and History Day!** Friday **August 5th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm** on the grounds of the Bull Stone House. More details on page 7. Yours in history, Linda Bull

Genealogy Picnic Special

Available at the 2016 Picnic ONLY.

CD and Blue Book for \$75 includes:

2016 CD including 74,000+ Bull descendants and spouses plus the Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells (published in 1974 with the first 6 generations)



(If you have previously purchased a 2006 - 2015 Picnic special set, you can purchase the new 2016 CD for \$15 at the Genealogy Tent)

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. Getting hungry just thinking about it... How long till Picnic??

*HE'S BAAACK!!
Cousin Bill and gang,
the BBQ Masters,
are back!! Our taste
buds have
missed them so!*



Never Enough Time to Talk Genealogy? Got Some History To Share? Then Genealogy/History Day is For You!!

On Friday August 5th, 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 with our beloved genealogist Judy and her team; find out more about your lineage and share any info you have with them. Linda Bull our archivist will be thrilled to see any historical documents, photos or artifacts of Bull family members you can share. We will digitally scan them for posterity's sake and the ability to share them with our large family audience.

Friday, August 5th, 1 - 4 pm

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

OPERATING		
Income	General Contributions	\$453.00
	Genealogy	\$960.00
	Endowment	\$845.00
	Dividends	\$7,201.00
	Interest	\$1,021.00
	Bull Market	\$1,126.00
	Picnic Lunch/Art Auction	\$3,324.00
	Certificate of Deposit	\$40,000.00
Total		\$54,930.00
EXPENSE		
Expense	Operating	\$23,617.00
	Genealogy	\$229.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$3,813.00
	Miscellaneous	\$146.00
	Bull Market	\$0.00
Total		\$27,805.00
CAPITAL		
Income	Annual Giving Campaign	\$19,600.00
	Grants	\$750.00
EXPENSE		
Expense	Project Expense	\$42,000.00
	Capital Campaign	\$0.00

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By phone: 845.496.2855 (BULL)
By e-mail: info@bullstonehouse.org
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Tours are by Appointment

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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