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Spring 2018

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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I believe we have finally made it to spring; that last bit of snow and the colder temps at the tail end of April certainly surprised us here in Orange County. With spring comes spring cleaning, and that's just what happened at the Bull Stone House at the end of April. Thank you to everyone who participated in the **Grab the Bull by the Horns** Spring Clean-up Weekend! Lots of cleaning, yard work, sorting, scanning of photos and documents, and **organizing of the attic** occurred. There are many more projects in the works and I am excited about all the progress being made by our board and faithful volunteers. You can view photos from the weekend on our website www.bullstonehouse.org.



Elsa preparing new curtains for the 2nd floor

And speaking of our website, be sure to visit and look at the recent content updates. An events calendar has been added, providing a look ahead for events happening at the Bull Stone House. Also, under the CONTACT tab, biographies of board members have been added. I am pleased to announce that we have recently filled the open board positions with four committed volunteers, **Nancy Boyd, Lisa Brown Ryan, Barbara Sylk and Jack Thew**. Our leadership team welcomes them and looks forward to their contribution.

In other news, which was previously shared via our Constant Contact email, donations continue to arrive at **record levels** and house tours remain **very active**. The homestead beautification and improvement planning over the last number of months are coming to fruition. After carefully reviewing multiple bids, your Association board of directors has authorized expenditures within budget for the painting of the upstairs bedrooms, and mold removal for the lower level of The Bull

Stone House. The board also expects to move forward in the near future, with the correction of some electrical deficiencies. These careful and diligent steps for repair, improvement and preservation are being done **as a direct result of your financial support**, and participation in our fundraising activities.

Now, let's talk **PICNIC!**

Did you know that at this year's **151st Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic** we will be celebrating the 300th wedding anniversary of **William Bull and Sarah Wells**? Yes, it's true! 300 years ago in 1718, William and Sarah were the first couple married in what is now the town of Goshen. We'll toast the nuptials during Picnic and have some cake!

It's been almost *ten years* that cousin **Bill Cardone and his family** have been providing us the opportunity to enjoy BBQ chicken at Bull Picnic. This year will be without the BBQ, as a much needed break is in order for the Cardones. Let's all send them our deepest gratitude for all their efforts and generosity in preparing those delicious lunches.

The **Bull Art Auction** is back this year, with work of artists from the **Walkill River School of Art**, and director **Shawn Dell Joyce**. Artists have been creating beautiful pieces from both inside and

Shawn Dell Joyce Sketching the House



outside (en plein air) of the Bull Stone House which will be auctioned during picnic. Proceeds from the auction go directly towards offsetting picnic costs. See the rest of the Picnic & Reunion details on page 3; it's going to be a celebration to remember.

Cousins, thank you again for your continued support and donations. I hope your kinship to this family strengthens your devotion to keep the Stone House strong and the Bull Family connected. See you August 4th and remember, the reunion continues to be on the *first Saturday* in August.

~Lyle. Line of Mary

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 4, 2018 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 14, 2018

Lyle Shute, President
Peggy Becker, Secretary

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A Wedding to Remember

The following account of the marriage ceremony of **William Bull** and **Sarah Wells** is published in *The History and Genealogy of the William Bull and Sarah Wells Family of Orange County, New York* or as we lovingly refer to it, **The Bull Blue Book**.

“At last the happy day arrived, and **William Bull** and **Sarah Wells** passed out of their previous bonds and were bound to each other on 25 August 1718.

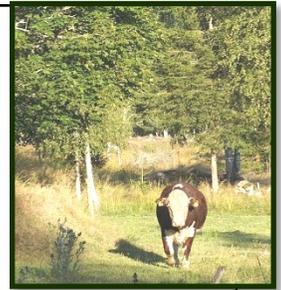
The marriage ceremony took place at “**Denne Hill**” and we are favored with the following account of it by ***Mr. Eager**:

““Previous to this time courts of justice had been established and a magistrate resided in the neighborhood, who was called upon to perform the marriage ceremony, there being no priest to do it. Bull was an Episcopalian and wished to be married according to the forms of that church, but how were the banns to be published three times to make the contract valid? After long deliberation they concluded that circumstances altered cases, and that three proclamations made in one day were as affective for all purposes as if they were made during three successive weeks. To test the principal and carry it out in practice, the guests being assembled and the bride and groom

anxiously waiting to know how it was to be performed, the magistrate, with a solemnity demanded by the occasion took up the book of common prayer and proceeded to the front door of the house and there proclaimed the banns to the trees of the forest. Then he walked through the hall to the back door and made a second proclamation to the cattle and outbuildings; and then again at the front door made a third to the wilderness at large. The trees of the forest made no objection; the cattle did not forbid the banns; and the wilderness seemed to echo back its approbation and consent, whereupon the marriage ceremony was immediately performed. Though this is a new and hazardous experiment on a delicate subject, we never heard that its legality was questioned, even by those who were most personally interested in the matter. Tradition affirms this to have been the first marriage within the limits of the old town of Goshen.”“

*Mr. Eager is **Samuel W Eager**, William and Sarah’s great-grandson who first published this account in his book, “An Outline History of Orange County” in 1846-47.

Join us at the 151st Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of this historic union. Saturday August 4th, 2018.



Tours of Bull Stone House

We’ve had many tour groups visit the Bull Stone House this year. Sometimes family is in the area, or local folks interested in Orange County and of course, the local Scouts.



We recently had the pleasure of providing a tour for a **Goshen/Sarah Wells Girl Scout Daisy Troop**. The girls delighted to hear the story of Sarah’s journey to the area. They enjoyed viewing the wedding dress, the historical artifacts, and the photo albums of past picnics. They also enjoyed hearing about the history of the master bedroom bed and roped trundle bed and learning the origin of the “sleep tight” saying. The highlight of the tour for the girls was when each of the daisies took a turn working the outdoor pump and watching the resulting water flow from the well. If you know of someone interested in touring, please **email** the Stone House at **info@bullstonehouse.org**



Volunteers needed!

Volunteer at the 151st Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic

- ◆ Come to The Stone House on **Thursday afternoon August 2nd** 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!

Did You Know?

Did you know that 2018 marks the anniversary of the end of **World War I**? Did you also know that it was **Ebenezer Bull** the 2nd who “conceived the idea of forming a family association to take over the property and keep it in the family hands forever”? He had no children to whom it could be bequeathed as it was to him by his father. “This was subsequently done in **1921**, when the newly formed **William Bull and Sarah Wells Family Association** took title to the Stone House and adjoining farm... It was planned to serve as a **fitting memorial** to the Bull soldiers and sailors who had served and died in the first World War”.

Well now you know. So let’s all take time to **pay tribute and honor** all of the Bull ancestors who served in that historic battle, several of whom are buried in the Hamptonburgh Cemetery.

Take a walk up the trail during picnic to **pay your respects**.
- excerpts from the *Bull Blue Book*



You are Invited
To the 151st Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic

This year the Bull family is celebrating the 151st Reunion with a very special anniversary. It is the 300th wedding anniversary of our beloved ancestors William Bull and Sarah Wells. We'll have a toast and wedding cake to mark the occasion.

2018 also marks the anniversary of the end of World War I. We will pay special honor during Picnic to our Bull family members who served in that great and tragic war, and others who served our Country.

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 2nd from 1- 5pm**; we'll be setting up tables and benches and preparing the grounds.

Friday the 3rd 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 4th**. 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 and consider bringing something for the **Sharing Table** as your cousins did in picnics past. (see page 7 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, view the **group photos** from picnics past and the **albums of newspaper articles from picnics past**, 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) **The Art Auction is back!** Artists from the **Walkkill River School** will have original pieces of Bull art on display for bidding to purchase (proceeds benefit the Association).

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 **email** the Stone House at info@bullstonehouse.org 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.

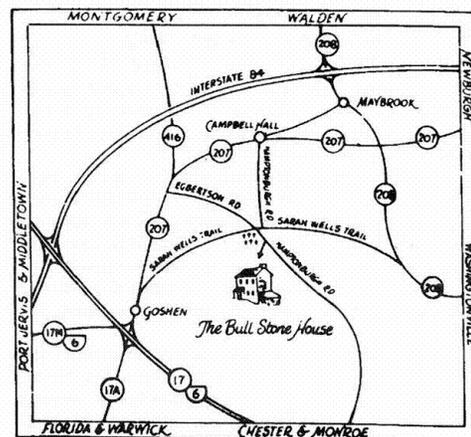
Stick around at the end of the day to **help put away tables and benches**. Then we'll share memories of another reunion as the evening settles in.

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!

151st Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 4, 2018



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

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Sarah and Jim Brownell
The Johnson Family Farm
Marc Nozell
Kathi and Bob Nywening
Orange County Arboretum
Bill & Judy Wood

Donations received and recorded to April 25, 2018. Any omissions or errors are unintentional.

Thank you to all who participated in making this a truly memorable pathway. The final engravings will be completed later this spring. We have other unique Homestead beautification and memorial opportunities, such as tree plantings and benches for individual donors upon request. See photos of the Pathway under the PHOTOS tab at www.bullstonehouse.org

The following cousins purchased engraving on pavers for the Bull Stone House Memorial Pathway

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Thank you for these loving gifts



Donations in Honor and Memorium

Kenneth & Judith Anderson In memory of my mother, **Marion Read Jenni**

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**Keep Your Genealogy
Current!**

We have over 27,000 *living* Bull descendants and spouses in the Bull Genealogy – is your line up to date? **Births, deaths, weddings**, please share them all so we can keep our genealogy current. Please contact me, Judy Wood, your dedicated Genealogist, or go to the **Ancestry tab** on our website to **update your family's group form** or with a simple note through the **Contact tab** on the website. To contact Judy directly:
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Call: Cell 972-413-0300
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**Bull Preservation
Projects !**

Yes, it's true! The Bull Stone House has accumulated many documents over the decades and we need to modernize our archives. **Marc Nozell** has volunteered to be the project task leader for the **Bull Archive Project** under the **Historical Interpretation and Collections Committee** (HIC). The goal is to scan, transcribe, organize and make available these materials for current and future generations.

This is an extremely important task to preserve our shared history and we need volunteers of all skill levels to make this project successful. While some tasks will require scanning documents at the Bull Stone House, other tasks like **transcribing** can be done from the **comfort of your home** with **minimal computer skills**, and yes, even while wearing your pajamas - we won't tell. Don't worry if you aren't a computer expert, assistance will be available. If you have an interest in contributing to this project, contact Marc at marc@nozell.com or 603-494-3318. **All skill levels are welcome!**

**Join us for Genealogy &
History Day**

Friday
August 3rd
1 - 4 pm

On **Friday August 3rd**, 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.

Contact Judy Wood for more information. (972) 413-0300 or at bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net

Genealogy Picnic Specials

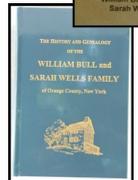
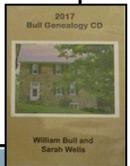
Available at the BullMarket Tent **at Picnic!**
CD and Book Package - \$75

- **2018 CD** including 78,000+ names
- **Bull Blue Book** - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells; published in 1974 including most of the first 7 generations.

Book Only - \$35

Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells; published in 1974 including most of the first 7 generations.

If you have previously purchased a 2006-2017 Genealogy Picnic Special you may purchase the new 2018 CD at the Genealogy tent for \$15.00.



**Bull Stone House
Open to the Public**



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 16th from 1-4 pm**. And again in **October on the 6th**. Tell your friends who have always wanted to get a sneak peek inside this piece of colonial America's history.



**Calling All Creative Cousins!
Annual Reunion and Picnic
T-Shirt Design Contest**

Get out your markers and start getting creative! We are looking for a single line/ single color drawing for an adult t-shirt and a child's t-shirt. **Artists of all ages are encouraged to submit designs.**



Design a kids or an adults or both! Submissions will be reviewed and if chosen they could become the design for this year's picnic t-shirt!

You can use a computer art program or freehand draw, just remember to **keep it very simple**. Single line, single color.

This year's gathering is in celebration of the 300th wedding anniversary of William and Sarah...I'm feeling cake!



Designs must be received by **June 10th**. Either scan and email them as a jpg (300 dpi) to info@bullstonehouse.org or mail them to the Bull Stone House, 183 County Route 51, Campbell Hall, NY 10916.

Let's get drawing!

**Let's Try This Again
With Feeling**

"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**."

Is your mouth watering yet? It was the above passage from the **Bull Blue Book** about what folks brought to picnic back in the day that inspired us to bring back the sharing table. 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, we'll try it again. We'll have the sharing table in a prominent location and don't forget to bring a copy of your recipe, if appropriate, and a serving spoon. Yummy.

Sharing is caring.



Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

OPERATING		
Income	General Contributions	\$2,048.00
	Annual Giving Campaign	\$16,302.00
	Genealogy	\$640.00
	Endowment	\$3230.00
	Dividends	\$7,948.00
	Interest	\$964.00
	Bull Market	\$911.00
	Picnic Lunch/Art Auction	\$4,460.00
Total		\$36,503.00
Expense		
	Operating	\$23,317.00
	Genealogy	\$248.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$4,110.00
	Bull Market	\$665.00
	Annual Giving Campaign	\$2,016.00
	Attorney	\$425.00
	Miscellaneous	\$269.00
Total		\$31,050.00
CAPITAL		
Income	Pathway Pavers	\$8,302.00
	Grants	.00
Expense		
	Pathway	\$13,095.00

Do we have your correct postal and e-mail addresses? Please contact Judy Wood at bull-familygenealogist@versizon.net or mail your corrections to the Bull Stone House at the address below.

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