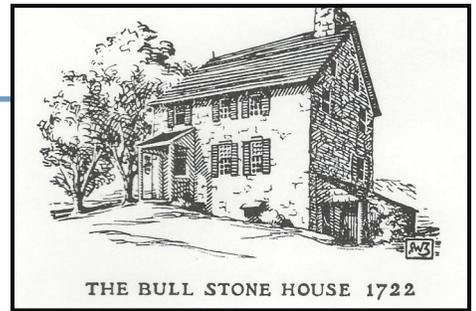


The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2019



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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Hello cousins!

I hope you all have had a wonderful year and are making your plans to attend the 152nd Annual Reunion of the descendants of William and Sarah Wells Bull on Aug. 3, 2019. Our Annual Reunion and Picnic is the second oldest, continuous annual family reunion in the country! Not too many people in America can say that they are part of a such an incredible legacy, something we can't take for granted.

I would like to share a recent example of preserving the legacy of the Bull family. A descendant, Penelope Ann Bull Clary, of Sarasota Florida, sent two family bibles for preservation in the Bull archives at the Homestead in Campbell Hall, NY. These bibles date back to the early 1800's, over 200 years old. One bible was Henry James Walsh's, grandfather of one of the early Bull genealogists Stevenson Walsh, and the other was from Penelope's father

Richard Leonard Bull. Penelope's words regarding the Bible donation "I'm doing this for my Father; the Stone House is where these bibles belong." We are so honored to receive these important family legacy items, with hand written ancestor records inscribed throughout, Thank you Penelope for contributing these items to our collections at the Homestead. We truly play an important role preserving our part of the nation's history.

Now lets talk Picnic! This year's theme is "Homecoming". The August reunion isn't just our family reunion, it is also the annual meeting of members of the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association, Inc, a nonprofit incorporated almost 100 years ago to preserve the pillars of our family - the historic Bull Stone House and estate, the annual reunion, the written genealogy and the volunteer effort.

This year, our main focus is on the Stone House, the various repairs and securing a live-in caretaker. As many of you know, the house has been in Bull family ownership for almost all of its years since Sarah and William built it in the early 1700s and has had a Bull descendant living in it for most of that time. We are looking for a Bull descendant to be our new caretaker and invite you to send in your letter of interest if you would like to be considered.



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, 2019 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 (5) directors.

Dated May 1, 2019

Lyle Shute, President
Nancy Boyd, Secretary



From the President
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It's Bull Picnic Time

What comes to mind when you hear the words “**let’s have a picnic**”? I bet you think **food, family, and FUN** and that’s just what we are planning for this year’s Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic!

The Picnic Committee is working on several new ideas for this year’s gathering which will include activities for ALL ages. Yep, that means **out-of-your-seat** active participation with laughter and family enjoyment, but you’ve got to be there to be a part of all of the excitement.

Plans include a **corn hole tournament** with beautiful new, handmade regulation corn hole boards created and delivered by our cousin **Karl Franck**, all the way from New Hampshire! New **horseshoe pits** are in the works, so get your teams ready! Sign-up boards will be at the registration tent; don’t miss out!

Picnic is also a time to get to know our cousins better. We will be recording memories and stories you’d like to share. What is **your first, or your favorite memory** of The Stone House or Bull Picnic? Have any fun or poignant tales about your family to share? We know there are many treasured memories out there, so start reminiscing with your kin.

Look for several activity centers where you can create take home items. Get your shaking arms ready to make some old fashioned “**Bull Butter**” to share and enjoy.

This year’s picnic theme is “**Homecoming**”. Come home to family. Come home to your roots. Come home to your family homestead. Come home to simplicity and the chance to create lifelong family memories with the cousins you know and the ones you’ve yet to meet. Come home on

Saturday, August 3rd!

See the full picnic invitation with more details on the next page.



From the President

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The Bull association is funded each year almost entirely by donations from its membership, which means that we ask each of you to consider making even a small dollar donation to the association. It’s easy to do online by utilizing the DONATE button on our website www.bullstonehouse.org. You can also mail a check to the address listed on page 1 of this BULL-e-tin. For 100 years, the expenses to preserve our four pillars have been paid for by people like you.

We are increasingly using social media to share Association updates, committee needs, requests for help, and so on. You don’t have to live close by to help on tasks, so don’t let the distance stop you! Nearly 80 percent of our membership lives 100 miles or more from the Stone House.

Please be sure we have your current e-mail address and update it whenever you make a change. The less we spend on postage, the more funds we have to put toward other needs.

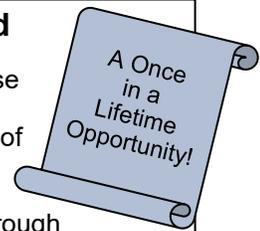
In light of our ever increasing financial needs, this year we formed a committee to investigate ways to create a revenue stream outside of donations. The Economic Development Committee will be investigating a solar farm development. A solar farm is a bank of solar panels spread out on about 20 acres. This sustainable technology provides clean energy to the utility grid, utilizing a ground mounted solar array for which the Association would receive long term lease payments for hosting on the property. We are only in the very beginning stages of due diligence, but I wanted to communicate the long term planning being undertaken.

Lastly, don’t forget to RSVP for the Reunion on our website. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Lyle - Line of Mary

Bull Stone House Caretaker Needed

The William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association is seeking a responsible, mature individual or couple to serve as the caretaker of the Bull Stone House. This is a **rare opportunity** to live in the family’s treasured historic homestead and to serve the family through stewardship of the property.



Key responsibilities include (but are not limited to):

- Managing daily administrative tasks related to the house
- Managing daily and seasonal upkeep of the property (interior and exterior)
- Assisting with historical education, house tours, and community outreach

Key qualifications include (but are not limited to):

- Bull family descendant
- Excellent communication and organization skills
- Experience with historical properties and interpretation

To receive more information about how to apply, **please send a letter with your interest and qualifications to:** Info@bullstonehouse.org or by mail to The Bull Stone House 183 County Route 51, Campbell Hall, NY 10916

You are Invited
To the 152nd Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic

It is time once again to gather in reunion and catch up on the past year's news and to meet new family members. With each picnic comes new memories. This year we are celebrating Homecoming; coming home to *your* Bull homestead. If you have been here before or this is your first time attending, the **Bull Stone House is your home**. Welcome home.

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 2nd 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 3rd**. 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! Sign up for Corn Hole and Horse Shoe teams at registration as well.

Bring a picnic lunch for your family and maybe something for the **Sharing Table** as your cousins did in picnics past. 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*) Visit with our genealogist to review and update your family records, take part in craft making or kids activities, purchase a treat from the ice cream truck, share a family memory or simply visit with **all of your cousins!**

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.

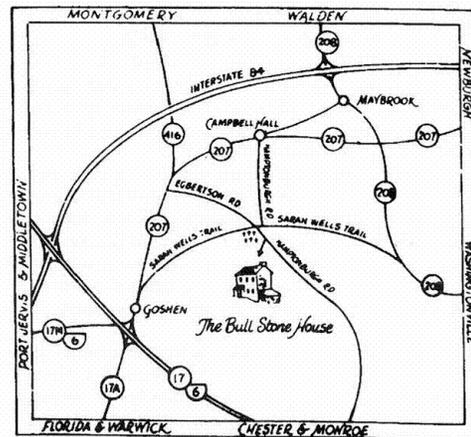
Stick around at the end of the day to **help put away tables and benches**. Then we'll share memories of another reunion as the evening settles in.

We can't wait to see you at your homestead in August!

152nd Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 3, 2019



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

RSVP online at
www.bullstonehouse.org
to let us know you're coming

A sincere thank you to all listed below who generously donated to the Association this fiscal year!

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Did You Know?

The following are **additional ways you can help raise funds** to preserve *your* Bull Family legacy:

Shop on **Amazon smile** instead of Amazon - a percentage of their commission on your purchases will be sent to the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association's nonprofit.
bit.ly/BullStoneHouse-Amzn

Purchase an engraved paver on the **Bull Stone House pathway**; more information coming soon.

Create a **Facebook fundraiser** on your Facebook page and ask your friends to give to our nonprofit.

Utilize and share our website's Donate link.
www.bullstonehouse.org/donate

For more information on these or other ways to raise funds to continue your Bull Family legacy, please contact our Development Team at
info@bullstonehouse.org

Donations in Honor and Memorium

Roberta Bull in memory of her husband **Floyd Bull**, her parents-in-law **Raymond & Mary Bull, Richard G. Bull, and Grace & John Bull**

Ruth Ashcraft Bull, Travis Ashcraft Bull and April Perkins Bull in loving memory of Ruth's husband / Travis' dad **Andy Ashcraft** and Ruth's brother / Travis' uncle, **Jim Bull**

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Thank you for these loving gifts



Friday
August 2nd
1- 4 pm

Genealogist's Corner

Judy Wood - Genealogist
line of John

Your 2019 Bull Genealogy now stands at over 81,000 names! We listened to your privacy concerns, and living people's information has been privatized from the cd, but a printout of *your* living family is available upon request.



The **\$75.00 2019 Picnic Special** includes: **The History of the William Bull & Sarah Wells Family** - the *Bull Blue Book* - published in 1974 **and** one of these electronic options: a **CD**, a **jump drive**, or it can be emailed to you via "We Transfer".

Any questions or to update your family line, please contact Judy Wood at 972-413-0300, or at bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net or write me at 3100 Vista Heights Highland Village, TX 75077

Join us for Genealogy & History Day

If you would like to spend some quality time with our genealogist **Judy Wood** and dig a little deeper in your family line, join us on **Friday August 2nd at the Bull Stone House from 1-4 pm**. Of course members of the Genealogy Committee will also be available during picnic but things aren't quite as busy on Friday afternoon. Don't forget to bring any updates you may have to share.

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

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 Linda before August for our Historical Interpretation and Collections Committee's collection policy.
lbull08@frontiernet.net

Archival Project Update

Over the centuries the Bull Stone House has amassed quite a wide assortment of family photographs, letters and various other documents and printed material. Cataloguing this quantity of Bull history continues to be a daunting task. But the Bulls are getting busy and the work is underway!



Maria Bull,
gr-daughter of
Hasbrouck Decker

So far, volunteers have **scanned 1656 images** with only **132 transcribed**. So, yes, **we need your help**. If you have a computer, can use a mouse and can surf the web, you are more than equipped to help with this process. No special software to install or complicated instructions.

Buildings and Grounds

Bice Wilson - Chairperson
bicewilson@gmail.com

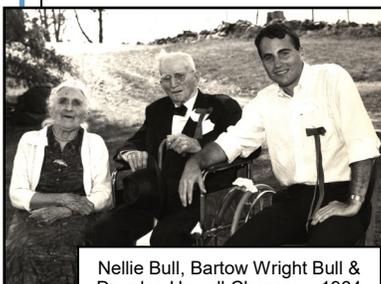
Looking ahead to building improvements in 2019.

Over the past two years your board has been pursuing improvements to the Stone House on many fronts: electrical safety, mold remediation, and identifying necessary masonry and carpentry repairs in the Basement level. We are in the process of soliciting bids for the replacement of the family room and kitchen windows, for related masonry and waterproofing repairs, and for new finish carpentry and plaster work to restore the family room and kitchen. We will also be pursuing new ventilation systems in the basement to assure combustion air for the boiler, and assure the movement of fresh air through the basement. These projects will be undertaken after the picnic, and will be ready for the arrival of our new caretaker.

Bull Stone House Once Again Open to the Public



The Bull Stone House is proud to again participate in the "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 15th from 1-4 pm**. And again in **October on the 6th**. Tell your friends who live near by and have always wanted to get a sneak peek inside your amazing family's homestead!



Nellie Bull, Bartow Wright Bull & Douglas Howell Chessen - 1964

Cousin **Marc Nozell**, *line of John*, is leading the effort and is happy to get you started contributing to this interesting and important project. **Contact Marc at marc@nozell.com** for more information and to see what amazing

things have been discovered in your family history.

Join the Bull Pen

Hear Ye, Hear Ye... We are looking to build our **Bull Pen**! What is it? How can you join? What does the **Bull Pen** do? These are all very good questions and we have the answers.

Your family Association is integral to keeping our heritage alive and our beautiful, unique homestead well taken care of. However, it doesn't happen magically. We need more members to join the work force and get involved both now, and **for our future**. There are so many ways to do this, and we are sure that you will find the perfect avenue that works for you.

The **Bull Pen** is a group of Bull cousins, just like you, who choose to get involved wherever they have experience or interest. If you enjoy getting your hands dirty and are able to perform physical tasks on the property, please become a part of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. If you are into social media and communications, you know, the techy stuff, then join the Public Relations & Communications Committee! The Picnic Committee is a welcoming group that is always looking for ideas and suggestions to make our Annual Reunion a memorable experience. There are so many ways you can become part of the herd and *living nearby is not a requirement*. The current Board wants *and* needs you in order to keep future Bull generations informed and excited about their family roots. Our **Bull Pen** members will also be asked to share their interest in becoming Board members in the future. We **NEED** you! Please don't leave it *up to others*. The number of those *others* is dwindling and our active herd needs to be grown.

If you have an interest in becoming a part of our **Bull Pen**, please contact **Todd Vandervort** - todd@vandervortgroup.com



Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

OPERATIONS	
Annual Campaign	\$ 17,914
Memorials	1,537
Other Donations	923
Other Contributions	1,021
Genealogy	685
Bull Market (Net)	1,820
Picnic	2,402
Investments	9,248
Total Income	\$ 35,550
Fund Raising	\$ 1,668
Genealogy	204
Picnic/Annual Meeting	5,059
House & Grounds	20,000
Legal	4,723
General Administrative	5,927
Total Expenses	\$ 37,581
Net Operating Income	\$ (2,031)
OTHER	
Paver Income	16,260
Special Events	1,591
Purchase of F&E	(975)
Repairs & Restoration	(3,433)
Paver Expense	(3,510)
Net (Increase/Decrease)	\$ 7,902

Picnic Volunteers needed!



Volunteer at the 152nd 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 Reunion tab on our website today to volunteer!

You're good at sharing

Last year's **Sharing Table** was a huge success so lets keep it going! Records of Bull Picnics of the past talk about the delicious foods our cousins brought to share -

"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**."

Many of you already share amongst your immediate family but if you'd like to **bring along a special something**, something maybe your ancestors were known for bringing to picnic. 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.
Remember...*Sharing is caring.*

Keep in Touch

By phone: 845.496.2855 (BULL)
By e-mail: info@bullstonehouse.org
On the web: www.bullstonehouse.org
Mailing Address: 183 County Route 51
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Tours are by Appointment

Have you moved or changed your e-mail address? Let us know by using the above contact information.

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