

The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2010

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.*

Mark your calendars today!
We will be celebrating the
300th anniversary of Sarah
Wells' first European
settlement in the central area
of what is now Orange
County, at the 2012 Annual
Reunion and Picnic! Saturday,
August 4, 2012. Don't miss it;
it will be an historic day!

A New Roof Over Our Heads!!

Ta Da! In case you did not get to see it at the 2009 picnic, the Dutch Barn slate roof is on and it looks fantastic! This Association can not thank you all enough for your support, financially, physically and emotionally. We could not have done it without you. In addition to the barn, new tapered cedar shingle roofs are now in place on the little house, the privy and the lean-to at the back of the main house. The winter months were much less stressful knowing that leaks would not be an issue. With an enormous thank you to Senator William S. Larkin for facilitating the state grant, to all who



The New World Dutch Barn with it's new roof!

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 7, 2010 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, 2010

Todd Vandervort, President
Juliana Bodensieck, Secretary

contributed to the capital campaign, to the family and friends who donated time, services and sweat, we say: Hooray for you! Thank you for knowing the importance of preserving these local and national treasures for generations to come. The last roof desperately needing replacement is over the garage, formally the horse barn and carriage house. If you would like to direct a donation to this roof, please send your check to the Stone House with "carriage house roof" in the memo section or call the Stone House with your credit card donation. 845-496-2855.



Going Green

It's not trendy, it is the right thing to do. By receiving your BULL-e-tin via e-mail not only saves paper, but it also saves the Association quite a bit of funds. Please send your e-mail address along with your name and postal address to Judy Wood via e-mail at bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net, by U.S. mail at 5505 Frost Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028 or by phone at (972)539-4215.

If you would like to make a donation to help defray the cost of printing and mailing please send your check to the Stone House with "BULL-e-tin" in the memo or call the Stone House with your credit card info. Thank you.



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Notes from the President

Todd Vandervort
todd@vandervortgroup.com

Spring is here at last. We made it through another winter at the Stone House but not without some challenges. Our historic homestead was without power for several days, along with thousands of residents in Orange County. With the storms came many downed trees and branches. Thankfully, cleanup work has begun and the Board is actively gearing up for our Spring Board meeting.

We are excited to build on our recent successes as we plan for the upcoming year culminating in our Annual Picnic and Reunion. Speaking of the Picnic, this year's Picnic will be held on August 7th. Mark your calendars and don't forget to place your order for our chicken barbeque culinary feast. The Picnic is a great tradition that brings us all together each year. It is also a great opportunity for the Board to update everyone on the progress we are making. We need your input though as we further chart our short and long term goals. The future of maintaining the Homestead and the Bull legacy depends on it. Hope to see you in August!

Speaking of the Board, I would be remiss if I didn't share with you some of what the Board is working on. The Historical Interpretations Committee is already gearing up for the monumental occasion of the 300th Anniversary in 2012 of Sarah Wells coming to Orange County. The Building and Grounds Committee continues to be very active. They are methodically making headway on the needed repairs to the foundation of the homestead and the associated leaking of the lower walls of the Bull Stone House. They are working closely with Vince Pietrzak a local civil engineer who is the husband of cousin Cathy Roe Pietrzak (Line of Mary). Vince will be surveying and mapping the property, existing building structures, significant trees, stone walls and other important features of the homestead site to create an accurate digital site plan record.

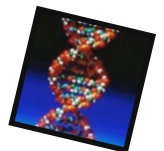
Last but not least, a heartfelt thank you goes out to our extended family who participated in our Annual Giving Campaign. We successfully raised \$20,031.00 from 266 cousins and these dollars donated will go a long way to help the Association meet our short and long term objectives. Thank you! I look forward to seeing you at the Picnic to thank you in person. Until then, feel free to call me at 518-463-3202 or email me if you have any questions and/or comments. In addition, I encourage and welcome your active participation and input as we chart the future course of this important legacy.



President Todd Vandervort with Senator William S. Larkin at Bull Picnic 2009



What's in our Bull DNA?



Three of our male Bull cousins recently had their DNA tested at the Ancestry laboratory. Each cousin did a swab test from the inside of their mouth which contains a complete copy of their genetic blueprint. They each sent their swabs into the lab where a 46 marker test was performed to find their paternal DNA which is passed basically unchanged from father to son. We learned that all 3 Bull cousins matched on all 46 markers exactly, which means they all come from the same Bull line and now we have our own Bull group. Our Haplotype is J2a1b, which means that our ancient ancestors came from the fertile crescent area (presently this area is Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Iraq) and migrated into Europe about 5,000 years ago. What do we hope to glean from these DNA results? Our Bull family has wondered for years if we are connected to the South Carolina Bulls (Stephen & Barnaby Bull who emigrated from England in 1670) or the Connecticut or Albany, NY area Bull line. If these other Bull lines have their DNA tested we may be able to prove, or disprove, if we have a common ancestor. If you want more information about the DNA results or if you know a Bull male that would like to join our Bull DNA project please contact Judy Wood – Bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net or call 972-539-4215. Find more info regarding DNA on our website at www.bullstonehouse.org

You are Invited!
To the 143rd Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic!

At the first signs of spring our thoughts begin to turn to Bull Picnic. And once again the picnic committee is planning a day filled with activities for all ages!

Bring your safety goggles, gloves, long sleeve work shirt and work shoes to follow in the stone-working footsteps of William and Sarah by helping to rebuild a stone wall. There will be animals to pet and ponies to ride, games to play, tours of the homestead, and the annual Bull Picnic awards to fill out the day! All the while the sweet sounds of the Ramapo Fault String Band will serenade our day.

Bring a picnic lunch for your family or pre-purchase a barbeque 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.

Wear your smiles and bright colors because this year is a group photo year. We will gather on the lawn after the business meeting for the photo. Photographer Robert Stone will also be available for small groups and candid photos. Pricing will be posted.

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.

We hope to see you there!

10 am ~Registration
and Bull Stone House
Tours begin



Contact the Stone House:

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fax (775) 256-7157
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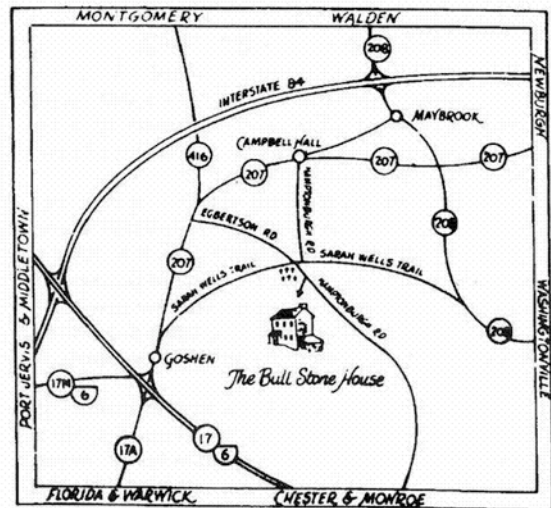
12 noon
~ Lunch and Annual
Business Meeting
(House tours close at
noon and reopen after
the Business Meeting)

143rd Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 7th, 2010



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 below who participated in our annual capital campaign

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Donations received and
 recorded to
 March 19th, 2010

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 Memorium**

In loving memory of our dear
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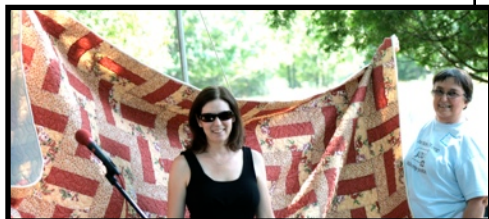
Louis & Ellen Springsteen in loving
 memory of my sister, **Alice Jamison
 Pierson & her husband, Stephen G
 Pierson**

*Thank you
 for these
 loving gifts*

It was a long winter so Cousin Barbara comes through again! 3rd Annual Quilt Raffle to Benefit the Stone House!

Let's all hope Cousin Barbara Dailey can keep this beautiful and selfless tradition going because these quilts are gorgeous! For the past two years Barbara has handcrafted and donated these treasures to be raffled off at Picnic. Look again for the ticket sellers to purchase your chance to win another beautiful piece of Americana art. Beautiful to hang on a wall or

cozy for snuggling. Thank you again Barbara!



2009 lucky raffle winner with the amazing artist

BBQ Chicken Plates are back for Picnic 2010!

Thank you cousin Bill Cardone and crew! If you have had the pleasure of eating this awesome chicken you know you will be back too! You can always pack your family picnic baskets, but if you are traveling a distance or just want to leave lunch up to someone else, please place your orders today.

Included in your lunch plate will be **1/2 a chicken, baked potato, green salad, corn on the cob, a cookie and a soda or water** all for just **\$12.00**. It is half a chicken and a whole piece of corn so plan accordingly for your family.

Please send your checks payable to the "Bull Stone House Association" or call the Stone House with your credit card number to reserve your luncheon plates today! Don't delay, a limited number of plates will be prepared. The last day we will take orders is July 24th. Yummy!



Friday August 6th Genealogy/History Day!

We have over 23,000 living Bull descendants and spouses in the Bull Genealogy – is your line up to date? This year marks the return of Genealogy Day. This day allows you expanded time to research your Bull ancestors and update your family line in the Bull database. You can also share your family documents (Bible records, photos etc.) with our family archivist – Linda Bull. **From 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** you can enjoy more one on one time under the Genealogy tent to delve deep into your family line. Want to chat before then? Feel free to contact me anytime: Judy Wood, 5505 Frost Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028

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Genealogy Picnic Special Available ONLY at the 2010 Picnic

CD and Books Package includes:
(1) 2010 CD including 61,700+ Bull descendants

(1) Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of

William Bull & Sarah Wells; published in 1974 with first 7 generations

(1) 1984 Addendum to the Bull Blue Book
All three above items for \$75

Books Package includes:

(1) Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells; published in 1974 with first 7 generations

(1) 1984 Addendum to the Bull Blue Book

Both above items for \$35

(If you have previously purchased a 2006 - 2009 Genealogy CD – you can purchase the new 2010 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!



2010 Reunion Group Photo!

Photographer Robert Stone will take our group photo with the Stone House as a backdrop. You will be mailed a 16X20 color photo for only \$25. Robert will be available to take small groups and candid shots as well. Please visit his website at www.robertstonephoto.com

Bull Family Crest Jewelry

Your cousins at Cierra Rose Designs will again be offering our Bull family crest jewelry for sale at picnic. This year will feature a wider range of styles and prices to suit everyone! From hand-engraved solid gold heirloom pieces to more affordable genuine gemstones. We will even be unveiling bright hot colors for the summer! There will be rings and pendants for both men and ladies! Credit cards are accepted and as always, a portion of your sale will go directly to help support the Stone House Association. We hope to see you this August at picnic proudly sporting your distinctive family crest jewelry!



Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Income		
	General Contributions	\$2,544.00
	Genealogy	\$1,420.00
	Endowment	\$425.00
	Dividends	\$6,872.00
	Interest	\$7,187.00
	Bull Market	\$596.00
	Picnic BBQ	\$2,733.00
Total		\$21,777.00
Expenses		
	Operating	\$19,412.00
	Genealogy	\$1,153.00
	Restoration	\$500.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$8,338.00
	Capital Campaign	\$669.00
	Miscellaneous	\$145.00
	Bull Market	\$300.00
Total		\$30,517.00
Income		
	Capital Campaign	\$12,600.00
	Grant	\$25,000.00
Expense		
	Project Expense	\$33,105.00

Ask not what your Stone House can do for you, ask what you can do for your Stone House! Sound familiar? JFK had it right when he called upon America to volunteer. We are calling on our family and friends to volunteer your time in any way you can. Please chat with any board member on picnic day to see what you can do for *your* Stone House for the Reunion or throughout the year.

Help restore our Bull STONE heritage

This year at the annual picnic and reunion you can be a part of history and help rebuild one of the stone walls on the homestead property. Follow in the footsteps of our ancestors as you use the colonial style of craftsmanship in repairing the tumbled down wall next to the front lawn of the Stone House.



You can place one stone or many. Come prepared with your work gloves, work shoes, a long sleeve shirt and safety glasses. Don't forget to bring your muscles to move the heavy rough stones. We will provide the stone hammers, chisels and pry bars. What a fun, memorable and practical event for picnic day.

Stone House neighbor Greg Beall, formally trained and with many years of experience laying walls at his own unique homesite, will guide us in restoring this decorative stone wall which separates the lawn from the field. Come experience what William Bull and Sarah Wells did as a necessity to clear the wilderness landscape and to create their home site lasting for generations. The stone wall now just needs your help for a little facelift. If you have any questions please call the Stone House at the number above.

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