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Spring 2012

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.

300 Years Strong

Todd Vandervort - President

A Tri-centennial year, can you believe it? Just take a moment to comprehend the magnitude of that statement. It truly is remarkable that the Bull family can collectively say that we have, and will continue to have, a very rich history in what is now called Orange County thanks to the pioneering Sarah Wells and William Bull. There is no better time to embrace, support and be part of this legacy, and to participate in what we have planned throughout the year.

On February 23rd we held our Tri-centennial Celebration Reception event at the campus of SUNY Orange in the Orange Hall Gallery which is right next to the Sarah Wells Building. Over 50 people were in attendance including many dignitaries from



President Todd Vandervort and County Executive Eddie Diana

the Orange County community. Most notably, SUNY Orange President Bill Richards came to support the Celebration but also to make a major announcement. The SUNY Orange Board voted recently to keep the Sarah Wells name a part of the Campus. Even though they will be tearing down the Saran Wells Building and replacing it with a new School of Science and Engineering, they have decided to name the new Café in the building after Sarah Wells. Sarah will be prominently recognized in the new building and her story will be told to thousands of students that will frequent the building. In addition to President Richards, we were honored to have New York State Senator John Bonacic and Orange County Executive Edward Diana in attendance. Both elected officials spoke very fondly of the Bull Family and all that we have meant to Orange County, New York State, and to them personally; even sharing some wonderful memories of my Great Aunt Amy Bull Crist. The Board under the direction of Peggy Becker created an excellent video about Sarah Wells and the Bull Family which was then shown to all of the attendees. This moving video will be a highlight at the 145th Annual Reunion and Picnic.

We have several events happening this year and now is the time for you to participate in some way. Sarah Wells Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 at the Bull Stone House, an afternoon open to the public, of tours, activities, music, animals and fun; the 145th Annual Reunion and Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4, a bigger and more souped up version which will be attended by many more cousins than usual and encompass the entire weekend; and on September 22 we will host another public event, a 5K fun run called "Running with the Bulls" which

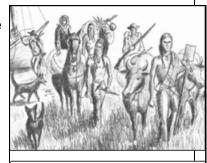
will take place between the Bull Stone House and Hill Hold, the homestead of, and built by one of Sarah and William's children, Thomas. We need volunteers to make all of these events successful. Whether you want to make a donation, serve on a committee for one of the upcoming events, or physically share your help, your participation is welcome, needed, and required.

I have been blessed to work with a Board that is and continues to be an inspiration! We collectively have accomplished a great deal and we are poised to do more to preserve, promote and educate as we chart the next chapters for this great family. But we need your help. Please help us build on the tradition and history that we collectively inherited and call or email me with your support. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Celebrate the **300th Anniversary of Sarah Wells' arrival** to the Wawayanda Patent throughout this year and share your Bull Family pride. **May 19** - Sarah Wells Day - bring your family <u>and</u> friends **August 4** - The 145th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic **September 22** - Running With the Bulls 5k fun run

See pages 3, 6 & 7, and www.bullstonehouse.org for all the details



Celebrating
the 300th Anniversary
of Sarah Wells' Arrival

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, 2012 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, 2012

Todd Vandervort, President Kathi Nywening, Secretary

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2010—June 30, 2011



OPERATIN	G	
Income		
	General Contributions	\$4,649.00
	Genealogy	\$1,354.00
	Endowment	\$275.00
	Dividends	\$4,911.00
	Interest	\$2,770.00
	Bull Market	\$2,488.00
	Picnic Lunch	\$4,031.00
Total		\$20,478.00
Expense		
	Operating	\$22,889.00
	Genealogy	\$416.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$5,179.00
	Miscellaneous	\$200.00
	Bull Market	\$2.510.00
Total		\$31.194.00
CAPITAL		
Income	Annual Giving Campaign	\$20.023.00
	Grant	\$400.00
Expense	Out building roofs	\$16.300.00

Friday August 3rd Genealogy Day!

We have over 26,000 living Bull descendants and spouses in the Bull Genealogy – is your line up to date? Research your Bull ancestors and update your family line in the Bull database or share family documents (Bible records, photos etc.) with our family Archivist – Linda Bull. The Friday before the picnic (August 3rd) from 1 to 4 PM you can enjoy time under the Genealogy tent to have more one on one time before the picnic.

Genealogy Picnic Special Available at the 2012 Picnic ONLY

CD and Book Package for \$75 includes:

2012 CD including 65,000+ Bull descendants
Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah
Wells published in 1974 with the first 6 generations and a 1984
Addendum

Book Package for \$35 includes:

Bull Blue Book - History & Genealogy of William Bull & Sarah Wells published in 1974 with the first 6 generations and a 1984 Addendum



(If you have previously purchased a 2006 - 2011 Genealogy CD – you can purchase the new 2012 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!

Bull Genealogy now Online

Did you know that the Bull Genealogy is now available to view online at Ancestry.com? You do not need to pay for an Ancestry.com subscription to receive access; all you need to do is ensure that Judy Wood has a valid email address for you. Feel free to contact me anytime: Judy Wood, 5505 Frost Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028 bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net, phone # 972-539-4215

Mark Your Calendars

and get ready for a year full of great activities at The Bull Stone House and beyond!

Sarah Wells Day - Saturday, May 19, 2012 1:00—5:00 pm

The Bull Stone House and property will be open to the public and Bull family members for a day of fun with a colonial twist. For \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, the House and Barn will be open for tours along with all sorts of activities for the afternoon. Here's a chance for you as Bull Family members to let your friends know what all the Bull has been about. There will be crafts, refreshments, animals, music and bounce houses! You can even introduce your friends to Frank the Ox.

This day is our way of sharing the history of Sarah Wells and William Bull with our community, and honoring the Tricentennial year of Sarah Wells' arrival to the Hudson Valley. If you are local to The Stone House, stop by and bring your friends. If you would like to help out with the tours, parking, activities or more, please call The Stone House today! 845-496-2855

Activity supplies are limited so please call to reserve space today!

Running With the Bulls - Saturday, September 22 2012

No, we are not heading to Pamplona, it's happening right here in Orange County! It's a 5k fun run from Hill-Hold, built by William Bull and Sarah Wells' son Thomas, to The Bull Stone House. **Register online at www.bullstonehouse.org.** Both Houses will be open for tours and runners/walkers will receive a commemorative t-shirt and place winners will receive awards. Registration is \$20 for 18 and up, \$10 for students. Strollers go free. Get out your running shoes and start your training today.



Volunteer; it feels good

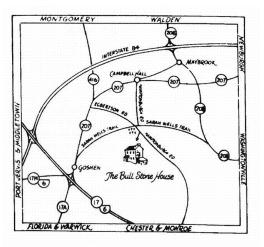
We need your help. All these wonderful events take wonderful people to make them happen. Please contact the Stone House today at 845-496-2855, or e-mail at info@bullstonehouse.org to let us know which event can use your talents and time.

Thank you.

145th Annual BULL PICNIC Saturday August 4th, 2012



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

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Towards the headstone:
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memory of Margaret L Moon

Thank you for these loving gifts



You are invited!

This year's Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic are so big we could not contain it to one day!

The 145th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic will be a weekend long celebration of the 300th anniversary of Sarah Wells' arrival on the Wawayanda Patent.



Beginning on Friday August 3rd:

If you are local or staying nearby for the weekend, come early on Friday and spend some time with our Genealogist and friends, as well as our Archivist. Pour over the pages of our genealogy and learn more about your family tree or any of the Bull lines. Do you have family photos or documents that you think should be included in the Bull Family archives? Well bring them along to be scanned and digitally added to the collection.

Head out into neighboring towns for a taste of the local cuisine for dinner. Then, once the sun goes down, we will have a bonfire and sing along back at The Stone House. Bring your guitars, harmonicas and your voice. Don't forget a flashlight and bug spray. Then early to bed because Saturday is a big day!

Plans for Saturday August 4th include:

Bull Stone House and New World Dutch Barn tours beginning at 10:00; Genealogy/History tent; Souvenir tent; Ramapo Fault String Band; The Story of Sarah Wells video; Bull Roast luncheon for sale for adults, chicken nuggets for children; Pony & cart ride; Ox Cart; Quilt display; Bounce House; Group Photos; Ponies & animals to visit; Hikes on the walking trails, and Activities for the kids! Wow! So much to see and do. Don't forget to visit with all your cousins; some you know and some you've yet to meet. There will also be an unveiling in the cemetery of the new headstone for – 5 children of William & Sarah: John & Hannah Holly Bull, Thomas Bull, Isaac & Sarah Mulliner Bull, William Bull II & Mary Bull Booth.

Please feel free to bring a picnic lunch if you are not interested in the beef or chicken nugget catered meal. If you wish, make enough for dinner leftovers when we take the tables and chairs back to the barn till next year's picnic.

Just hang out and spend more time visiting with cousins.

And then on Sunday, August 5th

If you're not too tuckered out we even have a kayaking trip planned, or you can attend services at one of the local churches in the area. Visit our website for names and addresses of churches, or "find a business" *churches* on maps.yahoo.com near our location: 183 County Route 51, Campbell Hall, NY 10916.

Kayaking will depart at 10:00 a.m. near Cornwall, NY. A 2 & 1/2 hour journey on the Hudson River to see the place where Sarah Wells landed on her journey 300 years ago. More details will be sent once you register.



All in all it will be a weekend to remember no matter how much you are able to participate; a weekend of honor, celebration and family connections.

Please fill out the registration form on the following page and send it in right away!

We can't wait to see you!



145th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic Weekend Registration Form - Required

(Please print legibly or use a return address label)

I/we will attend the Bull Picnic on Saturday August 4th, 2012

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email	
Email#Children under 12	
Names of additional attendees in your party (Please print legibly & separate by commas)	
I/we would like to purchase lunch for Saturday the 4th	
# Adults @ \$16.00 Bull Roast - includes: Roast Beef, roll & butter, roasted the cob, green salad, lemonade or iced tea or bottled water, and ca # Children @ \$5.00 Chicken Nuggets (under 12 or those with small appetites) - includes: Roast Beef, roll & butter, roasted the cob, green salad, lemonade or iced tea or bottled water, and cake for descriptions.	ake for desert cludes: Chicken
No thanks; we are bringing our own picnic basket luncheon.	
I/we would like to camp on the Bull property	
Tent/Camper "no electricity" \$10.00 a night August 3 rd 4 th 5 th August 3 rd 4 th 5 th August 3 rd 4 th 5 th	-
Kayaking on the Hudson at New Windsor, NY - Sunday August 5 "Where Sarah Wells Landed" - This is limited to the first 30 kayakers to register.	ith, 2012
# Adults or Children 12 and over (that can swim) Cost \$ 60 per person	
Quilt Display at the Picnic, I will participate by bringing a Quilt	_ size (Twin, Full, etc)
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Make checks payable to: Bull Stone House Assoc. 183 County Route 51 Campbell Hall, NY 10916-2924

Do not hesitate to call The Stone House with questions or to order via credit card (845)496-2855

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