

The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2014

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.



Chimney Repairs Underway

Lyle Shute - Vice-President

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Imagine wending your way down the long gravel driveway towards the Stone House, past the cemetery and along the forest of tall trees contained behind the low stone wall. At the end of the wall an expanse of green yard opens up on either side of the drive. You look up and take in the iconic view of the Bull Family homestead; a view thousands of people before you have taken in with awe, appreciation and reverence. Now imagine that 300 year old fieldstone architectural wonder... without the chimney! Not the same powerful impact, is it?



Despite the incredible stonemasonry skills of our paternal forebear William Bull, *the house is almost 300 years old for goodness sake*, mortar near the top of the east wall had come loose and has been falling off more and more each winter. After investigating possible causes, it was determined that the boiler flue may have been adding to the deterioration from the inside out because the chimney, which is the original stone and mortar, was never lined (sealed) against the corrosive oil flue gases which eat away at the interior mortar joints. So like any renovation project on an old structure, getting to the root of the problem always leads to more than is expected. The Buildings and Grounds Committee has been working diligently to find the correct restoration process and the correct contractor to meet our "Bullish" standards.

Well the search is over and repairs are underway. The first phase of a multi-phase repair project, involved installing a stainless steel lining within the stone chimney for proper venting of the boiler. A video scan of the interior of the stone flue from the top of the chimney to the bottom was performed, to verify a new 6" diameter stainless steel lining could be installed without obstruction. Then a full chimney sweep cleared soot and other loose material from the interior perimeter of the flue passageway. After placing dust protection, a corner portion of the fire box in the first floor fireplace was carefully removed to allow the old galvanized pipe to be removed, and the new lining to be installed. A 40 foot long stainless steel flexible liner was pulled through the existing stone flue passageway. After the liner was in place, the bricks and stones previously removed from the fireplace were reinstalled. The result is a safe and permanent venting system that will prevent further deterioration of the chimney, and will allow the boiler to operate with maximum efficiency. We believe this issue is now solved and is certainly a much safer condition than before.



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 2, 2014 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, 2014

Todd Vandervort, President
Kathi Nywening, Secretary

Next up for the Buildings and Grounds committee is evaluating bids and qualifications of contractors for the next big project - the east wall repairs! See more photos of the chimney repair and the next project on our website.

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Message from the President

Todd Vandervort

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I hope all is well as we head into a long overdue Spring. Our Homestead survived a very harsh winter thankfully! First and foremost a big thank you is in order for your continued support of our annual Capital Campaign. To date we have raised close to \$20,000. We need your help to get over the \$20,000 mark. Your collective support of the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association is greatly appreciated!

Planning for this year's Picnic is well underway and our now famous barbeque continues to grow in popularity; mark your calendar for August 2nd. The theme for The 147th Annual Reunion and Picnic will be the sesquicentennial of The Civil War. See pages 3,6 and 7 for all the details. If you have any Civil War Bull Family memorabilia, please bring it with you to the Picnic. We will also be recognizing a very special person and family member who needs no introduction. Michael Brown will be stepping down from the Board and his able daughter Melanie wants to carry on her father's legacy by replacing him on the Board. As you know, Melanie has taken over for her father as the resident caretaker of the Bull Stone House and Museum. That transition has gone extremely well. So please make a point to come help celebrate and thank Michael for all that he has done as a 45 year resident at the House and all that he has accomplished as a Board member.

Last but not least, I would like to thank a very committed Board. As you will see when reading through this Bull-e-tin, we as a small Association Board, continue to accomplish a lot thanks in large part to our Board and our volunteers. I feel compelled again though, to place another Call-to-Action. We need to get more of the family involved in our activities. Please consider joining one of our committees as a volunteer. We conduct a lot of our business via conference calls which should make it easier to participate. I am going to post a listing of our committees on our website so you can see and decide how you would like to help us. Two areas that I would like to bring to your attention for consideration are the Historical Interpretations and Finance Committees.

As we transition to the future of this great family legacy, we need to work together so that we can further preserve, maintain and grow in a deliberative, organized and thoughtful way. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in August.



Yes, YOU! The William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association is a completely volunteer run organization. From our President to our committee members, nothing gets done without a volunteer to do it. We need your help and we need it now. In this digital age, even if you live thousands of miles from the Stone House, there are still things you can do to keep our family strong. Want to help leave a legacy for your immediate family and don't know how? Contact Todd Vandervort at his e-mail above or on his cell at (518)376-4476 even if it's just to chat about possible ways you can make a difference. Yes, you, can!

Proud Dad

Michael Brown

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Great news to report to all, especially to those with a few concerns about the 75 year Brown family's residency at our unique Bull homestead which began in 1937 with Louis Brown and his wife Corinne Bull Brown, a 7th generation descendant.

Lou and Jo, as they were lovingly called, raised a fresh herd of 5 Bull descendants to carefully occupy and present a home to all visitors, a living family memorial to over 100 Bull family members who served during WW1. After 30 years, they retired to a home purchased in Lou's hometown of Montgomery, presently the residence of a 9th generation Bull cousin. On Thanksgiving Day 1967, their son Michael K. Brown, along with his wife Betty and 7 children, began a 45 year residency continuing the Brown/Bull custodial responsibilities. During the passage of time, as the family grew, Betty's Homegoing and Mike's pending move to marry a high school classmate, it was time to select a new resident. The Bull Association Board unanimously accepted Michael's youngest daughter Melanie J. Latimer as the resident caretaker.

As an educator/administrator teaching in a local private school, Melanie has carried on what has become known as the Brown residency tradition. From all reports by visitors and those on your managing board, she is surpassing the expectations of family, friends and new visitors alike.

Respectfully yours and a grateful Dad,
Michael Brown

You are Invited!
To the 147th Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic!

Sesquicentennial...now that's a mouthful! What does it even mean?! Dictionary.com states the definition as: pertaining to or marking the completion of 150 years. What happened 150 years ago in American history? The Civil War, a momentous time in this country's formation. At this year's Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic we will be honoring our ancestors who fought and lived during this War Between the States. Check out page 6 of this BULL-e-tin for all the details about the events and activities we have planned for this weekend.

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 and then Saturday is the main event. If you have extra time, check out www.orangetourism.org for other things to do and sights to see while you're in the area.

Bring a picnic lunch on Saturday 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.

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.

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 with putting tables and benches away. Share your leftovers and enjoy the afternoon and evening as the quiet summer night settles in

and we talk about new memories from another Reunion and Picnic.

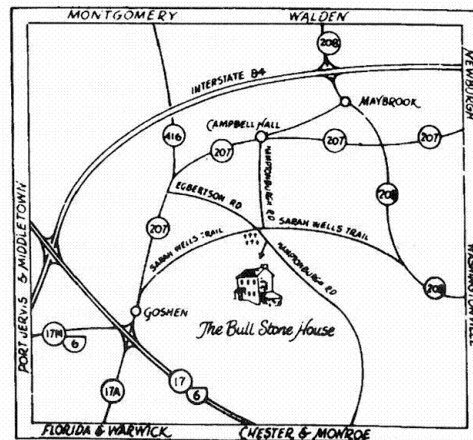
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 By phone: 845.496.2855 (BULL)
 By e-mail: info@bullstonehouse.org
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 Tours are by Appointment



147th Annual
BULL PICNIC
Saturday August 2, 2014



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 who participated in our Annual Giving Campaign

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Donations received and
recorded to April 2, 2014

**Donations in Honor and
Memorium**

George Allington in memory of
Eldona Weller Allington who passed
away April 23, 2013

Bonnie Brown in memory of my
mother, **Barbara Bull Brown** line of
John 8th generation

Floyd & Donna Brunsink in memory
of my parents **Arthur & Cynthia
Weller Oom**

Roberta Bull in memory of **Floyd,
Richard, Mary & Raymond Bull**

James & Nancy Burk in memory of
Hannah Bull Burk

William & Mary Ann Cohen in honor
of **my brother's Michael & Sally**
Brown's marriage and my parents
Corinna & Louis Brown

John Congleton in memory of
Jerome T Congleton III

Trisha Danka in memory of
Gwendolyn Haylock Carlson

Michael & Sheryl Giles in memory of
Jerry Sayer

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of **Mary Ackerly Condit's** 90th
birthday

Robert & Sarah Hensen in memory
of my mother **Miriam Jane Zabriskie
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(DAR & Line of John)

Alice Parry in memory of **Henry G
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grandfather, **Hamlet S Roe**

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Bill & Judy Wood in memory of my
brother, **Jerry Sayer**

Dr. Joan L Woods in memory of
David George Hulse Stewart

*Thank you for these
loving gifts*



**Genealogist's
Corner**

**Win a 2014 Bull Family
Genealogy CD!**

Be the first Bull to submit the 70,000th new name to the Bull Family Genealogist and win a copy of the 2014 Bull Genealogy. We are only 700 names away from having 70,000 names in the Bull Database. Are your children, grand children, spouses and cousins recorded? Contest is open thru picnic day, August 2nd, so get those updates in soon! How do we send in our updates you ask?? Here's how: Download the new electronic version of the family group sheet from the Bull website www.bullstonehouse.org! Click on the Ancestry tab, click on the form and simply fill it in, save it to your desktop and then email it, or print it out and mail it to me, Judy Wood (see contact info below). It's just that easy!

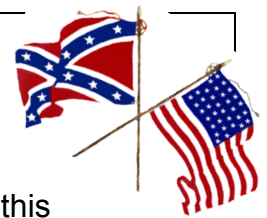
**What can we learn
about Sarah Wells
through DNA testing?**



We've tested the Bull males, now it's the ladies turn. Are you a direct female descendant to Sarah Wells thru one of the seven female lines (Sarah, Esther, Mary, Margaret, Catherine, Ann or Eleanor) and through a female daughter in every generation since? If you think you qualify and would like to be tested, contact Judy Wood. Each DNA test is \$99 – so even if you aren't a match, you can help us by making a donation toward this endeavor by sending in a donation to the Bull Stone House – marked Female DNA Test.

To reach me, Judy Wood, Bull Family Genealogist, Call: 972-539-4215, Email: bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net or Write: 3100 Vista Heights Lane, Highland Village, TX 75077 I look forward to hearing from you. Let's talk some Bull!

**2014 is the 150th
Anniversary of the U.S.
Civil War**



And we will be commemorating this historic event, and those of our Bull Family ancestors who fought in this pivotal war, at the 147th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic.

Beginning with Genealogy and History Day on Friday, August 1, from 1-4 pm, you are invited to share any photographs, letters, diaries, and artifacts, you may have from your Bull family relations who served in the Civil War. We hope to be able to scan, record and save for posterity, any items and your memories, which can than be digitally shared on the Stone House website. When you pre-register for picnic, please indicate what items you are bringing so that we are better able to record them.

On Picnic Day we are planning special Civil War activities and events, and even hope to have our local Civil War re-enactors turn out, as the family helps our nation celebrate the sesquicentennial of the war between the states. Judy Wood has been hard at work compiling a list of the courageous Bull ancestors who served in this war. Check back to our website for the list as well as future highlights for Picnic Weekend. Yours in history,
Linda Bull - Archivist

Genealogy Picnic Special
Available at the 2014 Picnic ONLY.

**CD and Blue Book for \$75
includes:**
2014 CD including 69,000+ 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 - 2013 Genealogy CD, you can purchase the new 2014 CD for \$15 at the Genealogy Tent)

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2012—June 30, 2013

OPERATING		
Income	General Contributions	\$3,025.00
	Genealogy	\$1,440.00
	Endowment	\$2,320.00
	Dividends	\$6,002.00
	Interest	\$1,903.00
	Bull Market	\$6,154.00
	Picnic Lunch	\$6,165.00
Total		\$27,009.00
Expense	Operating	\$28,565.00
	Genealogy	\$2,606.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$11,390.00
	Miscellaneous	\$100.00
	Bull Market	\$2,839.00
Total		\$45,500.00
CAPITAL		
Income	Annual Giving Campaign	\$15,149.00
	Grants	\$250.00
	Special Events(Tricentennial)	\$1,040.00
Expense	Project Expense (incl video)	\$2,639.00
	Special Event(Tricentennial)	\$2,331.00
	Annual Giving Campaign	\$299.00

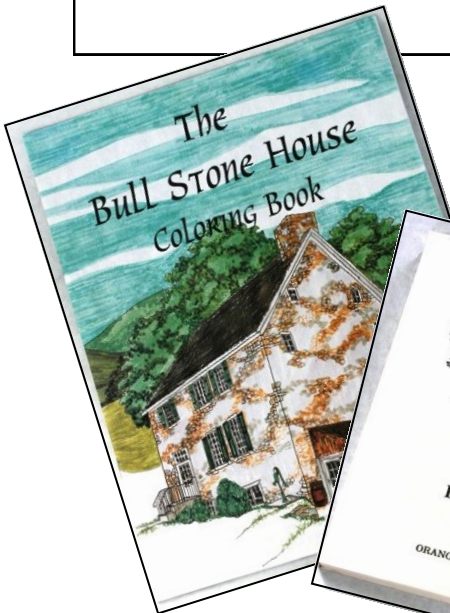
Thank Goodness! BBQ Chicken Plates Once Again!

Order your BBQ chicken plate for the 147th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic by July 11th! www.bullstonehouse.org

Is it just me or does everyone start to feel that rumbly in your tumbly as soon as someone mentions Cousin Bill Cardone's famous BBQ chicken? Bull Picnic cannot get here fast enough to savor this delectable lunch plate. Even if you pack other fixins to share with your cousins, you must try some of this chicken.

Order your BBQ chicken plates online at www.bullstonehouse.org! The plates come with 1/2 a chicken, a whole ear of corn, green salad, potatoes, a cookie and a drink, all for only \$15.00! It's a lot of food so you may consider sharing a plate. Once you taste it, any other chicken just cannot compare!

Of course you are always welcome to bring your own picnic



Don't forget to check out the BullMarket on our website for all your Bull souvenirs and historical books. All profits go to the maintenance and preservation of The Bull Stone House.



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