

# The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2015

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

Todd Vandervort

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Happy spring cousins! Did you know that 2015 marks another historic milestone in the legacy of the William Bull and Sarah Wells family? This year we celebrate the **300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of William Bull emigrating** from Dublin, Ireland to New York State. William Bull's arrival in New York in 1715 coupled with Sarah Wells' earlier arrival in 1712 and their subsequent marriage in 1718 was the beginning of **a true American story**; not only for the descendants of this great extended family, but a story that is to be shared with anyone interested in this rich genealogy.

William Bull purchased 100 acres of land prior to marrying Sarah, on which the Bull Stone House currently resides, and Sarah received 100 undeveloped acres of her choice from Christopher Denne; she chose the land on which the New World Dutch Barn now sits. In 1719 they began clearing the land before building the house that we enjoy to this day. It took over 13 years to complete the process of building the Stone House with Sarah reportedly carrying the stones and William cutting and laying them, building the house one level at a time. Think about it, taking over 13 years, what an amazing feat and what a treasured legacy! They reached their goal through **hard work, perseverance and planning**.



Fast forward to today as your Association Board continues to be faithful stewards of the Homestead and all of the affairs that come before us. As you read though this BULL-e-tin you will certainly get a good snapshot of some of our key highlights over the last year. Thank you to all who donated to our Annual Campaign. Your financial support is greatly appreciated and very much needed.

As your faithful stewards though, there are some things that we need to bring to your attention. In order to sustain and enhance our position as a Board and extended family, to preserve and protect our "never end" status, we need your input **and** involvement. Financial donations are always welcome but we also need **active volunteers** to help us on Picnic day, to serve on committees throughout the year to offer expertise as lawyers, accountants, financial planners and yes, we need to have a more strategic and formal presence in the social media space!

You have heard me mention "involvement" before but it is going to be **critical to our continued survival** to build a strong base of support as a necessary component and building block in order to move with strength and stability into the future and beyond.

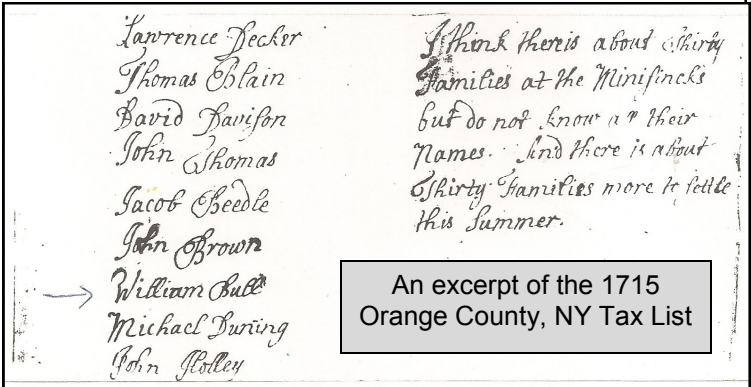
## ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the ANNUAL MEETING of the WILLIAM BULL AND SARAH WELLS STONE HOUSE ASSOCIATION, INC. will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2015 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, 2015

Todd Vandervort, President  
Kathi Nywening, Secretary

It took Sarah and William over 13 years to build our Homestead. Using that as a backdrop of something started and finished, let's all take this time to "get involved"; to put together the necessary building blocks that will organize and sustain us in support of a **"never ending" legacy**. Be on the look-out for more frequent communications from the Association as the Board is finalizing our upcoming budget and priorities for the new year. We can then clearly communicate what it is we need from you, our cousins. I know we can count on you. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my request to **"get involved"**.



An excerpt of the 1715 Orange County, NY Tax List



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## Buildings & Grounds

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Hello cousins! The Buildings and Grounds Committee has sure been busy this year! As some of you have probably seen on our website, we have undertaken some major structural projects and with great success. If you haven't been to the website recently, please go to the news and photos tabs to see video and photos of what we

have been up to. Not only have the board and our paid contractors been busy but a local boy scout has been hard at work on his Eagle Scout project in the woods at The Stone House.

In April, Scout Mark T. Felice (that is he working on the bench below), of Troop 316, Blooming Grove, NY, Hudson Valley Council and his fellow scouts and volunteers arrived at the Bull Stone House to begin the work of his Eagle Scout Service project. We were so proud to be able to offer this opportunity to a local



Scout, and also have the WBSWSHA be the beneficiary of an important nature and fitness project. The Eagle project has been in planning since the summer of 2014, when the board had approved the nature trail project concept. The intent was to create and define a walking trail from the

North West corner of the grassy meadow adjacent to the lane, (typically where we have one of the parking areas for the picnics), through the woods to the Hamptonburgh Cemetery where the William and Sarah monument is located. A sitting area was created beneath some evergreens along the way on the trail, for those wishing to take a break and relax in the shade while making the brief hike to the monument. What a fabulous way for those visiting the homestead to enjoy the local scenery, as well as explore and learn about the important heritage of our ancestors. This particular project ties into a Girl Scout Gold project, completed by Goshen Area Girl Scout, Chelsea Collins of troop 487 in

2009, at which time she and her team constructed two stone seats at the entry of the trailhead. Let's also recognize 10th generation Bull Family member, Tucker Brownell (in the green shirt), and his Goshen High School National Honor Society colleagues, who were some of the original volunteers involved in clearing the wooded areas and laying mulch, which now help form the walking trails. We hope that during your next visit to the homestead, all of you will be able to take a hike, and enjoy the newly created pathway leading to the William and Sarah monument.



**You are Invited!**  
**To the 148th Annual Bull Family**  
**Reunion and Picnic**  
**as we celebrate the 300th Anniversary of**  
**William Bull's arrival to the U.S.!**

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 while you're in the area, check out [www.orangetourism.org](http://www.orangetourism.org) for other things to do and sights to see.

As soon as you arrive on Saturday 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 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.

Let us know you're coming by replying online at the Bull Stone House website.  
[www.bullstonehouse.org](http://www.bullstonehouse.org)

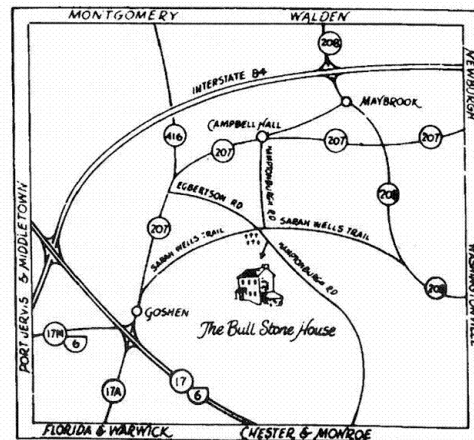
See you soon!

# 148th Annual BULL PICNIC

## Saturday August 1, 2015



*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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**Muriel Clark & Paul Stewart and Elizabeth Branscombe** in memory of our mother **Winnifred Ruby Haynes Hanscomb**

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Donations received and recorded to April 2, 2015



*Thank you for these loving gifts*

**Genealogist's  
Corner**

### Exciting Updates

Last August our goal was to reach 70,000 names in the Bull Genealogy database and you helped us not only reach, but surpass that goal. Cousin Betty Bashaw of Bradenton, Florida won the prize of a 2014 Bull Genealogy CD for being the person to submit the 70,000<sup>th</sup> name. We now have over 71,000 names and still growing. Is your family up to date? It only takes a phone call or email to Judy Wood to update your family line. Take a few minutes to call or email Judy at the contact info below. The electronic version of the family group sheet is still available on the Bull website [www.bullstonehouse.org](http://www.bullstonehouse.org), just click on the Ancestry tab and then click on the form and fill it out (one sheet for each family unit) and send it in. DNA testing results are back on a direct female descendant of Sarah Wells, thru the line of Ann Bull Eager. Cousin Dorothy Quimby not only took a DNA test but donated the funds to make this happen. We are hoping to match with new Bull/Wells cousins.

### Goals for 2015-2016

Are you into Genealogy? Would you like to help Judy and team to search for missing Bull family members, upload photos, bible and baptism records, birth & death certificates to Ancestry.com or search Find a Grave online from the comfort of your home computer? Let me know if you are interested in helping. Find more baptism records for each of William & Sarah Bull's children. We learned just this spring that John Bull (the first child) born May 21, 1721 was baptized in The Highlands, NY north of Newburgh at a Lutheran church and was witnessed by Jurgen & Elizabeth Looksteed. This record was found in the 1903 Year Book of the Holland Society of New York, which conflicts with the Bull Blue Book information that William & Sarah took each of their children to New York City to be baptized. Watch for our Constant Contact blasts during the year for more updates. To reach me, Judy Wood, Bull Family Genealogist call Home #972-539-4215 Cell # 972-413-0300 or Email: [bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net](mailto:bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net) Write: 3100 Vista Heights Lane, Highland Village, TX 75077

### Skeletons in the closet?

Well not likely, but we sure have found a treasure trove of history. The Historical Interpretation and Collections Committee along with the Association Board members have been hard at work digging through boxes and boxes of old files, letters, documents, photos and all sorts of items from the main closet in the "board room" at The Bull Stone House. Items have been sorted and scanned and the long road ahead on this project continues with many, many volunteer hours. If you have an interest in volunteering for this project, please contact me and see when we are gathering next.

In other HIC news, the Bull Stone House will be open to the public for tours as part of New York State's Path Through History program.



On June 20th the House will be open from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. for tours; donations accepted. If you would like to be a tour guide for the afternoon please let me know as soon as possible. This is always so much fun when we are able to share our family history with the public. People are truly amazed that we have kept our genealogy going and that the Bulls have lived in the house, mostly continuously, for almost 300 years!! You don't have to be well versed in all things Bull, just have a sunny personality and an interest in sharing our history. We'll give you all the particulars you'll need to know.

Yours in history,  
Linda Bull - Archivist  
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### Genealogy Picnic Special

Available at the 2015 Picnic ONLY.

### CD and Blue Book for \$75 includes:

2015 CD including 71,000+ 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 - 2014 Genealogy CD, you can purchase the new 2015 CD for \$15 at the Genealogy Tent)*

**Some bad news and some good news**

*Order your BBQ chicken plate for the 148th Annual Bull Family Reunion and Picnic by July 10th!  
www.bullstonehouse.org*

First the bad news:

Due to a long standing obligation, cousin Bill will be unable to perform his BBQ magic at Bull Picnic this year. I think after all these years he deserves a break from us Bulls although he and his crew will definitely be missed.

The good news is you can still have the convenience of purchasing lunch at picnic as we have found a local caterer willing to face our herd!

Order your BBQ chicken plates online at [www.bullstonehouse.org](http://www.bullstonehouse.org)! The plates come with chicken, corn, potato salad, a cookie and a drink, all for only \$16.00!

Of course you are always welcome to bring your own picnic lunch if you prefer. And maybe something to have later in the day when you stay to help put tables and benches back in the barn. Sometimes it's just too hard to say goodbye so soon after lunch.

*Friday, July 31st  
from 1 - 4 pm*

**Genealogy/History Day is happening again!**

Friday July 31st, 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 with our beloved genealogist Judy and her team; find out more about your lineage and share any info you have with them. Linda Bull our archivist will be thrilled to see any historical documents, photos or artifacts of Bull family members you can share. We will digitally scan them for posterity's sake and the ability to share them with our large family audience.

**Financial Statement**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014

<b>OPERATING</b>		
Income	General Contributions	\$455.00
	Genealogy	\$475.00
	Endowment	\$1895.00
	Dividends	\$7853.00
	Interest	\$1,985.00
	Bull Market	\$1543.00
	Picnic Lunch	\$1159.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$15,365.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
	Operating	\$29,612.00
	Genealogy	\$248.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$3,319.00
	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Bull Market	\$110.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$33,289.00</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>		
Income	Annual Giving Campaign	\$18,164.00
	Grants	\$800.00
<b>Expense</b>		
	Project Expense (incl video)	\$5,840.00
	Capital Campaign	\$0.00

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**Want to make a donation to the Bull Stone House right now?**  
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