

The BULL-e-tin

Spring 2011

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.*



**Bice and Edie Wilson sharing
memories at Picnic 2010**

Have You Ever Considered Planned Giving?

A planned gift or bequest is a practical way to provide meaningful financial resources for the future of the Bull family and the Bull Stone House, and can also provide tax benefits for your estate and your heirs. Your bequest to the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association may be for a specific dollar amount, a percentage or fraction of your estate, or a part or all of your estate after other specific bequests have been paid. A bequest to the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association could also be in the form of a trust, providing income to another individual for life, with the trust principal coming to the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association upon the death of the income beneficiary. You can also make a contingent bequest, which provides for family and friends whom you name and will benefit the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association only if the named beneficiaries predecease you. You can also make a planned gift by designating the William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association as the beneficiary on your life insurance or as the successor beneficiary for your retirement benefits (IRA, 401k, etc.).

If you are considering making a planned gift or a current donation, remember to inform your attorney, accountant, and/or financial planner that we are a tax-exempt organization so that you can receive all appropriate tax benefits for your gift. Please also remember that when making a planned gift, the Association's legal name should be used: "William Bull and Sarah Wells Stone House Association, Inc."

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 6, 2011 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, 2011

Todd Vandervort, President

We're Full Of Bull, Not Spam

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. We need to keep the herd informed.



**A heap of Bull cousins,
Bull Picnic 2010**

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From the President

Todd Vandervort

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Spring has sprung and the grass is nice and green at the Bull Stone House thanks to a whole bunch of rain. Hopefully things will dry out as we head towards the unofficial start of summer – Memorial Day Weekend. Speaking of summer, this year's Reunion and Picnic will again be held on the first Saturday in August, the 6th. Why not have your family make it a weekend event! Friday we will again be holding the Genealogy and Historic Collections Day. Take advantage of a less hectic day to chat with our Genealogist, Judy Wood, to learn more about your line, and bring your family photos and documents for scanning into the archives by our Archivist Linda Bull. Saturday will be our 144th Annual Picnic with the not to be missed, scrumptious chicken barbeque. Details are on page 7. Stay on through Sunday and take advantage of other historic sites in Orange County. Visit www.orangetourism.org for lots of fun ideas.

The Board is meeting again June 18th to finalize this year's picnic plans as well as continuing plans for 2012, the 300th anniversary of Sarah Wells' arrival. What a tremendous milestone. We are planning several events for the year. As your Board President I would like to use this milestone as a call to serve. We need your involvement; consider joining the Board, chairing a committee or volunteer wherever you can. Please e-mail me to chat about your interests. I can't wait to see many of you at the Picnic; enjoy the unofficial start of summer and pray for sun.

Buildings and Grounds Update

Lyle Shute - Committee Chair

lshute@hvc.rr.com

We are happy to report the Association has successfully completed another needed restoration project on the Horse Barn and Carriage House at the homestead. The Horse Barn and Carriage House was the last remaining outbuilding at the homestead that was in need of roofing replacement and framing repairs. Earlier in April of 2010, we had an assessment of the Horse Barn and Carriage house to help us understand the historical significance of the building, and its construction techniques, so any repairs made would not detract or alter the originality of the building. The conclusions indicated that the building was a combination of old and new construction, some historical and other portions more modern and added on over time. The new work on the North East portion of the building (garage area) entailed reframing of the roof rafters with new rough sawn lumber, and new 1x12 rough sawn ship lap decking, all from a local sawmill. Any of the existing hand hewn framing below the roof rafters was preserved and remains intact. The Southwest portion of the building, which is historically significant, received new 1x3 purlins on the existing roof deck. The entire building received taper sawn red cedar shakes, similar to other out buildings, to maintain continuity. The project was able to be completed in November of 2010, in time to be structurally sound and water tight for the ensuing winter. We thank you for your continued support, as we do our best to diligently maintain the homestead.



You are Invited!
To the 144th Annual Bull Family
Reunion and Picnic!

Has it been a whole year already?! It seems the older we get the faster time is passing. Usually that is a scary thought but in this case it means another fun filled weekend of family and fun at Bull Picnic is just around the corner!



If you are local to the Stone House, or are planning on arriving 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 special time to get to know your cousins. Friday is Genealogy/History Day and then Saturday is the main event. Make it a weekend you're sure to remember.

Saturday will showcase all the usual events, animals, music, house tours, and of course the blue ribbon awards. Stone wall building will return, as well as games and crafts for the little ones.

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.

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)

Contact The Bull Stone House:

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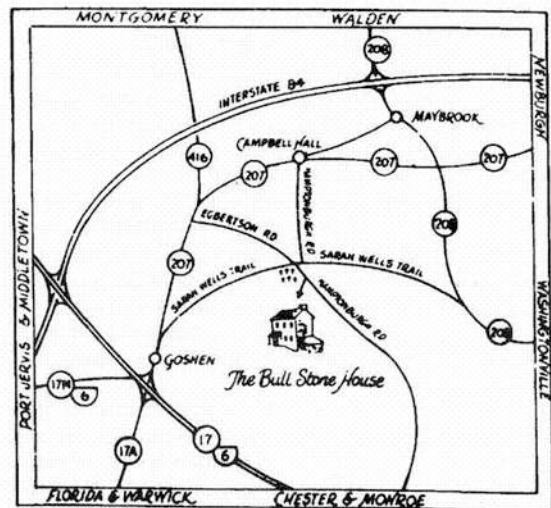


144th Annual
BULL PICNIC
 Saturday August 6th, 2011



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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The following family and friends made donations in loving memory of the keeper of the homestead hearth for over 40 years. Our dear cousin, and wife of Michael K. Brown, **Betty Jean Whitby Brown**, passed away this January.



Betty will always be remembered for her love of family and friends, and her lovingly prepared foods. The kitchen at The Bull Stone House will forever remain Mama Brown's Kitchen.

Ron & Gladys Bally
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*Thank you
 for these
 loving gifts*

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Samuel Sherer in memory of both my paternal grandparents

Martha Carpenter Siegriest in memory of my grandfather **Hamlet S Roe**

Laura Jane Wassmer in memory of **Roxy Taney Bull Weatherlow**

Donations In Honor and Memorium

Donations received and recorded to April 20th, 2011

Calling All Volunteers

Your Bull Family needs your help. In the upcoming months as we head into 2012, and celebrating the anniversary of Sarah Wells' arrival, the Association is looking for any and all family members interested in joining or volunteering on the Board and within committees. Please call the Stone House today to let us know how we can count on you. We are making some exciting plans for a year of celebrating Sarah Wells and the Bull Family history. Please come and join us. Several Association Board positions are coming to term this year but help is needed at all levels. Call or e-mail the Stone House to see where you can leave your legacy for generations to come.

**Mark your calendars for next year's picnic! The 145th Annual Reunion and Picnic will be held on Saturday, August 4th 2012! We will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of Sarah Wells' arrival in the central area of what is now Orange County, New York! Please join us as the day will be historic! Check our website for updates often:
www.bullstonehouse.org**



2010 Reunion Group Photo Still Available For Purchase

Please contact Photographer Robert Stone at 845-496-3545 to inquire about purchasing the group photo from the 2010 reunion. You will be mailed a 16X20 color photo for only \$25.

www.robertstonephoto.com

Work continues on the Bull **STONE** house wall...

A stonemason's work is never done. If you didn't get a chance at last year's picnic our homestead neighbor, Greg Beall, will be back to supervise the ongoing repair of the tumbled down wall next to the front lawn of the Stone House. Follow in the footsteps of our ancestors as you use the colonial style of craftsmanship in repairing the wall. 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. If you have any questions please call the Stone House at 845-496-2855.



Genealogy/History Day are back, Friday August 5th

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.**

Genealogy Picnic Special Available ONLY at the 2011 Picnic

CD and Books Package includes:

- (1) 2011 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 - 2010 Genealogy CD – you can purchase the new 2011 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!

Genealogist's Corner

Judy Wood - Genealogist
bullfamilygenealogist@verizon.net

Over the last 5 years as the Bull Family Genealogist, many of you have contacted me and updated your family genealogy in the Bull records. This year I'd like to offer a free Genealogy CD to the first family to send in a 14th generation Bull descendant. Currently we are up to the 13th generation on most of William & Sarah's 12 children, but I know I haven't heard from everyone on the mailing list. Is your family up-to-date? It's easy to contact me via email or snail mail – if you don't know your generation #, just drop me a line or plan on visiting me during the Genealogy Day from 1-4 p.m. on Friday, August 5th before the picnic or Picnic Day under the Genealogy tent.

Over the years many of you have sent in stories, obituaries, marriage and birth notices on your family members and I would like to encourage everyone to save those notices and mail me copies or type up transcriptions to be added to the genealogy records. They will help tell a story about your ancestor and give meaning to the dash between the birth and death dates. It can also help you find a lost gravestone or cemetery or help you find Aunt Mary's married name or cousins that you have lost touch with years ago.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me directly by email or post: 5505 Frost Lane, Flower Mound, TX 75028

Financial Statement

Fiscal Year July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

Income		
	General Contributions	\$2,583.00
	Genealogy	\$525.00
	Endowment	\$2,680.00
	Dividends	\$5,415.00
	Interest	\$3,732.00
	Bull Market	\$1,866.00
	Picnic	\$3,136.00
Total		\$19,937.00
Expenses		
	Operating	\$19,073.00
	Genealogy	\$924.00
	Restoration	\$0.00
	Annual Picnic/Meeting	\$3,261.00
	Capital Campaign	\$2,663.00
	Miscellaneous	\$200.00
	Bull Market	\$706.00
Total		\$26,827.00
Income	Capital Campaign	\$18,575.00
	Grants	\$1,800.00
Expense	Project Expense	\$25,109.00



Bill's BBQ is Back Again

Yay and Hooray!! The Cardone Crew will be back again this year with their delectable chicken BBQ plates. 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 **\$13.00**. Yep, the price went up a tad but 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" with the tear off form below, 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 22nd. Yummy!

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Purchaser's name _____

Purchaser's phone number_(____)_____ Number of plates _____

Purchaser's e-mail address for confirmation _____

Check made out to The Bull Stone House Association in the amount of (\$13.00 X # of plates) _____

Mail to: The Bull Stone House, 183 County Route 51, Campbell Hall, NY 10916
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