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ANNUAL MEETING

The fifty-seventh Annual Meeting got an unofficial start Friday evening, September 29, 1989, as over 20 members of the Association joined President Don Vorhis and his wife Lois for a "get reacquainted reception" at the Oritani Motor Lodge in Hackensack, NJ.

September 30, 1989 was a beautiful autumn day for the 57th Annual Meeting of the VanVoorhees Association at the historic Church on the Green in Hackensack, NJ. In attendance were nearly 100 members and friends of the Association, the largest group at an Annual Meeting since the 50th Anniversary celebration in 1982.

While the Executive Committee met in the morning, the Church and churchyard were open for visiting by the members. Several members of the Church were present to answer questions. Among items of interest were the Church's original bell, recently returned after over 100 years service at another area church, and the memorial plaque placed by the Association in 1942, in memory of Albert Stevense VanVoorhees, one of the

founding elders in 1686.

Genealogy Committee Chairman Rev. William J.F. Lydecker provided the invocation, which was followed by luncheon. Life Member (and presidential grandson) Andrew Carson James, age 4 months, was the youngest in attendance, and Dean and Jean Schooler from Long Beach, CA were recognized for traveling the furthest to attend.

Elections were held, with Don Vorhis, Bob Buttler and Candace Voorhies re-elected as President, Treasurer and Secretary (3-year term), respectively, of the Association. Once again, a large number of write-in ballots were received and counted, indicating a good participation by members not able to attend the meeting.

Committee reports were presented by the committee chairmen (see elsewhere in this Newsletter). History Committee Chairman Manning Voorhees then introduced our Guest Speaker, Drs. Jan Folkerts, who directed the very successful research recently completed in the Netherlands archives, seeking information about our ancestor, Steven Coerte, prior to his emigration to New Netherland in 1660.

Drs. Folkerts began by commenting on the many similarities - physical, economic, social and cultural - that existed in the mid-seventeenth century in Drenthe Province, and the westerly end of Long Island. Economic conditions in Drenthe had deteriorated, by 1660, to the point that emigration became a serious alternative for many residents, including Steven Coerte. Many of these new emigrants settled near each other in the vicinity of Flatlands. The agricultural opportunities which existed in New Netherlands certainly far exceeded those in Drenthe, where the records indicate Steven's ancestors had farmed since the mid-1300's. There appears to have been some hereditary rights for the eldest son in the land leases. Steven had at least two older brothers, whose farms were more extensive than those which can be assigned to Steven. This could be a strong incentive for Steven, especially considering the general economic conditions. The records also indicate that Steven's farm buildings were in need of repair.

Great strides have been made in recent years in understanding the history of New Netherlands, as archival materials become available to researchers through programs such as the New Netherlands Project. Much remains to be done, however. The research into the VanVoorhees ancestry in the Netherlands which Drs. Folkerts directed has shown that there is much yet to be learned in those sources. Until now, the story of the emigration in the seventeenth

century has been a story of numbers and places. That story is now being filled out with names and the stories of the people they represent. One of those was our own Steven Coerte.

(ed. note: The result of Drs. Folkerts' research into the VanVoorhees family in the Netherlands will be the subject of the research volume to be published in the near future by the Association. See Committee Reports elsewhere in this Newsletter.)

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Rev. Lydecker, and was followed by a punch reception. The Church and churchyard were again open for exploration. We noted several members, both before and after the meeting, excitedly exchanging genealogical information.

Our thanks to Program Committee Chairman Scott Voorhees and his committee for all their efforts, Guest Speaker Drs. Jan Folkerts, and all of you who attended the meeting for making it another great success.

Plan today to attend the next Annual Meeting! Location and program have not yet been determined, but the date will be:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1990.

IOWA REUNION

Darlene Vorhies informs us that the next Iowa reunion is tentatively scheduled to be held on May 27, 1990 (Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend). Anyone interested in attending or wanting additional information should contact Darlene at Rt. 1 Box 39, Fairfield IA 52556 or by phone (515) 472-4449. This has been a popular event every time it has been held in recent years. If you will be in the area, don't miss it!

De HALVE MAEN

Several members have sent newspaper clippings regarding the replica of Henry Hudson's ship De Halve Maen (The Half Moon) which has been under construction at Albany, NY, and which had been set for a maiden voyage in the summer of 1988. The untimely death of the replica's designer resulted in a delay in the completion and sailing of the ship. Our information is that the ship has been completed and will sail throughout the New Netherlands area during 1990, with Dutch Heritage festivals at each port. The ship is operated by a non-profit organization whose goal is to establish a permanent exhibit of Dutch Heritage. Watch for De Halve Maen at your local New Netherlands port.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH (New Brunswick)

We have been informed by the Rev. J. David Muyskens, Pastor of the First Reformed Church at New Brunswick, NJ, that several monuments in the churchyard are falling apart and in need of immediate restoration. There was an early and continuing association of numerous members of the family with this church, and a number of early family members are buried in the churchyard. The Association has had the privilege of holding its meetings there, most recently in 1988.

The monuments requiring restoration are those of Domine Elias Van Bunschoten, who was one of the outstanding figures in the early history of the Reformed Church in America; Dr. James Spencer Cannon, minister of several Reformed Churches and Professor of Church History; and a third tomb in the same group with the others. The plan is to repair the three monuments, and attach a plaque to each with the full text of the inscriptions. Similar plaques will also be attached to two other stones in the group.

We are fortunate that none of the VanVoorhees stones in the churchyard has suffered the fates of these monuments. All restoration costs must be raised by special gifts. Tax deductible contributions can be made to the First Reformed Church designated for monument repair, to:
First Reformed Church 9 Bayard St. New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

MILESTONES

Dr. Harold R. and Ruby Voorhees celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary on Aug. 6, 1989, with an open house reception at the Kalamazoo Ladies' Library Building. Dr. and Mrs. Voorhees retired to Kalamazoo, MI in 1966 from Illinois, where Dr. Voorhees had been Professor of Physics and Dean of Students of the Physical Sciences Division of the University of Chicago. Mrs. Voorhees retired from 30 years of teaching in the public schools of Michigan and Illinois. They have one daughter, Jane Goethal, of Grand Rapids, MI.

President Don Vorhis and his wife Lois became grandparents three times in eight months recently.

Their first new grandchild, Katherine Peacock Vorhis was born Dec. 11, 1988, daughter of David and Debbie Vorhis.

The next new addition was Andrew Carson James, born May 21, 1989 to proud parents John and Linda James. (Andrew was the youngest LIFE member at the recent Annual Meeting).

The most recent member of the family is Brenna Jean Vorhis, daughter of Richard C. and Patricia M. Vorhis, born Aug. 10, 1989.

Dora (Mrs. George) Vorhies of Fairfield IA, was elected to a 2-year term on the National

Council of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Council governs the Auxiliary between National Conventions.

Greg and Lori Fry of Fairfield IA are the parents of Danielle Lynn Fry born Sept. 12, 1989. Lori is the daughter of Paul and Roberta Vorhies Mattson of Lockridge IA, and granddaughter of Sam and Marie Vorhies of Mt. Pleasant IA.

David VanVoorhis Wood, son of Cecilia VanVoorhis Wood, is the present Captain of the US Coast Guard barque EAGLE, America's only operating Tall Ship. The ship recently returned from a training cruise to Europe and Russia, having visited Leningrad and participated in the celebration of the Bicentennial of the French Revolution. This year is the Coast Guard's bicentennial, and they will spend next summer's training cruise in American waters. This will include visits to many ports, where the public will be invited to come aboard for a tour of the ship. Watch for the EAGLE to visit ports near you. Dave would like to meet any VanVoorhees who visit.

During the July European Summit, President and Mrs. Bush attended Sunday worship at the American Cathedral in Paris, where they were joined by Patsy Leo, wife of the Very Rev. James Leo, Dean of the Cathedral. Patsy is the daughter of Ludlow Elliman of Damariscotta ME.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Genealogy Committee

Al Stokes is continuing the research and writing for Volume II of the Genealogy. A good start has already been made in the typing of the manuscript, which is being done on a computer by David Voorhees. This should reduce the production time once the manuscript is completed, and opportunity for errors in the completed volume, since the computer system is compatible with the computerized typesetting equipment of our printers. Repeated proof reading for transposed dates and misspelled place and personal names will be greatly reduced from the effort that was necessary with the manual typing (and retyping) and typesetting used for Volume I. Hopefully, indexing will also be simplified.

Virginia Ward has volunteered to act as coordinator of genealogy research efforts by Association members. All members who are researching VanVoorhees lines (including lines of female descendants) are requested to contact Virginia with a brief statement as to which line(s) you are working on. Please include enough information to identify specific persons. If you are researching in a geographic area (or would like to) please also let her know. A post card is sufficient. Our hope is that by coordinating efforts, duplication of effort can be avoided, possibly allowing more work to be accomplished in the same time. Those who responded to recent

genealogical questionnaires need not contact Virginia at this time, as she has all of the material submitted. Virginia Ward, 15 Beverly Rd., Mt. kisco, NY 10549

Al Stokes has a specific request for researchers to work on research of public and church records and gravestones in Allegheny County NY and Montgomery County NY. He has many lines for which little or no information is available to him locally, and which terminate in the fifth and sixth generations in these areas. Anyone who wants to work on this please contact Virginia Ward (see above).

Please note that genealogical research in original sources by the Association Genealogist is limited to those areas to which he has ready access. This is limited to the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area. Until now, most of the research in the early generations has been in this area, so this has not presented a problem. However, as the work moves into the later generations, our ancestors started to move into the broader geographical distribution now seen in our membership. This tremendously complicates the research task. Unfortunately, this may result in some lines not being followed in future Volumes of the Genealogy UNLESS our members assist in the raw research. If you live in, for example California, but all of your

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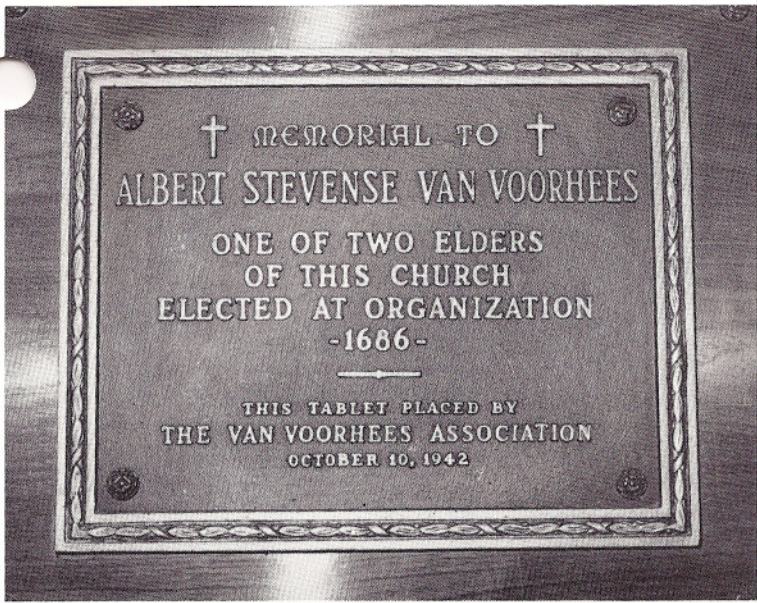
History Committee Chairman Manning Voorhees presenting his committee report

The "Church-on-the-Green",
Hackensack, NJ



Part of the gathered family at the
57th Annual Meeting

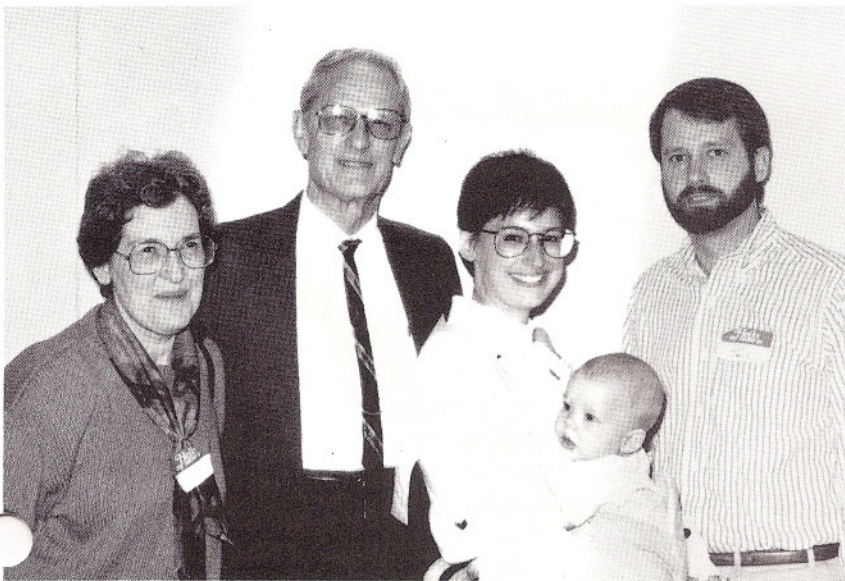




Albert Stevense VanVoorhees memorial plaque at the Church-on-the-Green



Guest Speaker Drs. Jan Folkerts



Lois Vorhis, President Don Vorhis, Linda Vorhis James, Andrew Carson James, John James

ancestors lived in western Pennsylvania, why not do some work researching your local repositories. Information you find in California may be just what we need to complete the line of our researcher (your cousin) who is working in Pennsylvania, but whose own great grandfather was born in California.

Membership Committee

Chairman Art Voorhees reported that the Association membership continues to grow. This year has seen, in addition to 56 new members of the Association, 8 new Life members.

History and Publications Committees

Chairmen Manning Voorhees (History) and Bob Voris (Publications) reported on the progress made on the preparations for publication of the research volume, including the Netherlands

research and related items. Drs. Folkerts' final draft report has been received and edited for readability, and clarification of several questions which had been raised by committee members. Bob is presently working to obtain necessary releases for material to be incorporated in the volume. All of the text for the book, with the exception of some introductory material, has been entered into computer disk format, from which final typesetting will be done.

Dr. Charles Gehring of the New Netherlands Project, reported on the progress made to date in translating the VanVoorhees letters, as reported in the last Newsletter. Translation of the newly found letters has been completed, with final editing and review to be completed in the near future. Previous translations of the other letters will also be reviewed.

DUES NOTICE

Association dues for 1990 are due and payable January 1, 1990. Please use the dues form elsewhere in this Newsletter. Please send your dues (tax deductible) to: G. Harold Buttler 72 Upland Ave. Metuchen, NJ. 08840 Any member who is unable, for financial reasons, to pay the dues is requested to contact Mr. Buttler, requesting a waiver of dues payment.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Do you know someone who isn't a member of the Association, but SHOULD be? Are YOU reading a passed-on Newsletter, or a copy in one of the many Libraries which receives the Newsletter? A membership application is located on p. 11 of this Newsletter. Send it in today (or make a "sales pitch" to that other person). Photocopies are OK too.

IN MEMORIAM

Linda Lyon Van Voorhis, age 87, died at her home in Irondequoit, NY of natural causes on Aug. 20, 1989. She was the wife of the late John Van Voorhis, judge on the State Court of Appeals and Supreme Court, and longtime Association member, Executive Committeeman, and advisor. As a girl, Mrs. Van Voorhis started writing poetry, publishing her first book of verse at age 22. She published two later books also, and her work appeared in several anthologies. During World War II, she was active in volunteer groups. Mrs. Van Voorhis is survived by her son Eugene, and daughters Emily Harris and Allis D'Amanda.

Blair E. Voorhees, former Treasurer of the Association, died May 3, 1989, following a brief illness, at age 81. Before his retirement 20 years ago, he was employed at Johnson & Johnson Inc., at New Brunswick, NJ, and was a member of the J&J Quarter Century Club. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in North Africa. Blair is survived by his wife, Jennie Mate Voorhees, a sister, Kathlyn Stutz, and several nieces and nephews.

Harold Carl Voorhees died Aug. 22, 1989 at home, Maitland FL at age 69. A veteran of World War II, he served in Algeria, French Morocco, Sicily and the invasion of southern France. He was a career Foreign Service Officer, attached to embassies and consulates in Florence, New Delhi, Bangkok, Athens, Rome, The Hague and Hong Kong. Harold is survived by his wife, Lydia Bedini Voorhees, two daughters, Lisette Voorhees Maydan and Barbara Voorhees Degler, and a brother, Association Vice President Arthur R. Voorhees.

Adeline I. (VanVoorhis) Farr, of Olympia WA, passed away on June 21, 1989. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Ed, one daughter, Elizabeth Rose, and one grandson, Thomas, and six great grandchildren.

Life Member Anna M. Voris, 69, of Sun City Center FL, died Oct. 2, 1989. A native of Mt. Rainier MD, she had lived in the Tampa Bay area for 10 years, where she was active in many civic organizations. Anna was a retired curator at the National Galleries of Art, Washington DC, and a veteran of World War II, when she served in the Navy WAVES. She is survived by a sister, Dorothy Voris Hieronymus and a brother, Calvin Voris.

Retired Federal District Judge Donald S. Voorhees of Seattle, died on July 7, 1989, age 72. Of his rulings in 12 years on the Federal bench, his most noteworthy was his 1986 decision in which he found that the Government improperly concealed evidence from the courts at a 1944 hearing concerning the necessity of relocating Japanese-Americans from the western states to internment camps. Judge Voorhees was a graduate of the University of Kansas and Harvard Law School. He is survived by his wife, Anne, five children, Stephen, David, John, Diane and

Richard, brother Gordon, sister Joan Garland and three grandchildren.

Gordon Durand Voorhis, 94, died at his home in Red Hook, NY, on Aug. 31, 1989. In 1932, he founded the Voorhis Tiebout Co., manufacturer of soap dispensers, which he served as President until his death. He also owned the Voorhis Farm, one of the outstanding apple orchards in the Hudson Valley area; and one of the finest Morgan Horse Stables in the U.S. He was a member of the Hall of Fame of the American Morgan Horse Association, which named him Morgan Horseman of the Year in 1988. Mr. Voorhis was a graduate of New York University, and an Army veteran of World War I. He is survived by his second wife, Helen Button Voorhis, and a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Chidsey.

FOR SALE

The Association continues to stock several items for sale to members. Two new items were introduced at the recent Annual Meeting in response to member requests. These are a VVA baseball-style cap, and a blazer pocket patch. The cap is orange, with the letters VVA, and the castle from the coat-of-arms above the brim, in one-size-fits-all. The patch shows the coat-of-arms and motto embroidered in six colors (red, gold, silver, brown, black and green) on a black background. It is suitable for use as a blazer pocket or jacket patch. Both items were hot sellers at the Annual Meeting, and are available for \$5.00 each (\$6.00 non-members). Items for sale include:

	Members	Non-members
Coat-of-arms blazer patch	\$5.00	\$6.00
Baseball cap	\$5.00	\$6.00
Historic Handbook Van Voorhees Family in Netherlands and America	\$6.00	\$7.00
Van Voorhees Letters	\$2.50	\$3.00
50th Anniversary History of the Van Voorhees Association	\$2.50	\$3.00
50th Anniversary Photograph	\$7.00	
Hand Painted Coat-of-arms	\$10.00	\$12.00
Coat-of-arms pattern for cross stitch/ Needlepoint	\$1.50	\$2.00
Coat-of-arms ceramic tile	\$10.00	\$12.00
Lapel pin/tie tac	\$15.00	
Ladies charm	\$15.00	
The Van Voorhees Family Volume I Genealogy		
soft cover	\$15.00	
hard cover	\$20.00	

Members please include your member number (VVL-xxxxx at top right of mailing label) with your order. Make checks payable to The Van Voorhees Association. Send all orders to : Mrs. Joseph Edgar 423 Harrison Ave. Highland Park, NJ 08904.

Return completed applications,
with remittance to:

The Van Voorhees Association
Arthur Voorhees
PO Box 125
Tuckerton, NJ 33324

Upon acceptance of this
application, further infor-
mation will be requested.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

THE UNDERSIGNED, A DESCENDANT OF
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Dues through December 1990 are payable January 1, 1990. Please check membership desired and note any change of address. Mail to the Treasurer, MR. G. HAROLD BUTTLER, 72 Upland Avenue, Metuchen, New Jersey, 08840. (Envelope enclosed). Please make checks payable to "The Van Voorhees Association".

Please report below the name and date of any new member of your family, with the names of his or her parents, and the immediate grandparents (Voorhees line).

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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Please include this form and your mailing label (or photocopy of both) with your remittance.

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