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FROM THE EDITORS

We have received many kind comments from members regarding how they enjoy the Newsletter, and anticipate its arrival in the mail. For these notes, we are very appreciative, particularly because it tells us that the members are interested in the Association and its work. Unfortunately, due to time restraints of job, family and rebuilding our house, we don't always have time for individual responses. To those who have written, please accept our thanks for letting us know that our work is appreciated by the membership. Occasionally there are questions as to "why haven't I received a Newsletter since ..."

Publication of the Newsletter is based on several factors, primary of which are:

1. Announcing upcoming activities of the Association.
2. Reporting on past activities.
3. Sharing of information submitted by members and friends of the Association.

We hope that sufficient material is submitted to justify three or four Newsletters annually. Unfortunately, this has not been the case in recent years,

so publication schedules have been governed by announcing, and reporting on, the Annual Meetings. This has left us with a pretty big time span between a December/January and July/August Newsletter. We know that everyone has milestones in their immediate family's lives. Let us know so that we can report them. Historical Committee Chairman Manning Voorhees has a backlog of ideas for articles, many of which would make good research subjects for school term papers (why not contact him and make a school assignment something with a personal interest). Or maybe you have a pet family-related subject you would like to research and/or write about. Perhaps a favorite ancestor who had an interesting life story.

Please help us keep the Newsletter interesting and informative. Send us your input today. Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement.

Remember, this is YOUR Newsletter!

MILESTONES

Donald J. Voorhies, Ph.D., was named recipient of the Tandy Scholars Award, given in recognition of outstanding

school mathematics, science or computer science teaching. Voorhies is a teacher at Catholic High School in New Iberia, LA. He had previously been named winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching.

Rev. Thomas Voorhies was recently ordained a Roman Catholic Priest by Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica

in Rome. Fr. Voorhies is the son of Bennett Voorhies of Lafayette, LA, and is the brother of Rev. Jay Voorhies, also of Lafayette.

Stephen LeC. Shyers IV and his wife Peggy became great grandparents (again) with the birth of Stephen LeC. Shyers VII on July 17, 1990. Parents are Stephen LeC. VI and Brenda Shyers.

MEET THE CANDIDATE

The nominee for Vice President of the Association is incumbent Vice President Arthur R. Voorhees. Art is completing his second term as Vice President. He has also served the Association for the past 8 years as Membership Committee Chairman.

ADDRESS CHANGE

If you move, or are planning to do so, please advise our computer specialist, Steve Shyers, as soon as possible. From the time mailing labels are printed until Newsletters are mailed and delivered by the post office takes about 4 to 6 weeks. Since the Post Office generally will not forward bulk mail, you will miss a Newsletter, and the Association will be charged 30 cents for the address correction. Please help us serve you better. Send address changes to Steve at: 26 Laurel La., Newark, DE 19713.

Please note a change of address for Association Secretary Candace Voorhies, effective 8/25/90 to: 118 Vassar St., Rochester, NY 14607.

DAVID ACKERMAN DESCENDANTS

Our "sister" association, David

Ackerman Descendants - 1662, has announced publication of "The Ackerman Family, Vol. II". This is a companion volume to their earlier Vol. I, and covers descendants born up to roughly 1890, and later on many lines. It is a hard cover book of 318 pages. To obtain a copy, send a check made out to "D.A.D. - 1662" to Mrs. Harold Vasios, 374 Simons Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601. The price is \$40.00 plus \$2.40 postage and handling.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee

Chairwoman Cornelia V. Mason reported that the committee has selected the incumbent Vice President Arthur R. Voorhees to run for reelection this year. Art has agreed to being nominated. An absentee ballot and information about the candidate are located

elsewhere in this Newsletter for those who cannot attend the Annual Meeting to participate in the selection of Association officers. Absentee ballots must be received no later than October 3, 1990.

Secretary

The Minutes of the last (57th) Annual Meeting are published below.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION
30 SEPTEMBER, 1989
"CHURCH ON THE GREEN"
HACKENSACK, NJ

After a pleasant luncheon, the meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Donald Vorhis.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been printed in the Newsletter, the reading of the Secretary's report was suspended by motion and by vote.

G. Harold ("Bob") Buttler gave the Treasurer's report, which was accepted by the membership:

Total Revenues	\$17,300.20
Total Expenditures	9,811.54
Checking and Savings Accounts:	
Total Balance, 9/88	72,741.41
Total Balance, 9/89	79,758.82

Membership Chair, Arthur Voorhees, reported that we have gained 56 new members this year, including four new Life Members, three of which are President Don's grandchildren! Total paid membership in the VVA is 440.

Cornelia Mason, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that 44 absentee ballots had been received for inclusion in this year's election for the positions of President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Association. The slate put forth by the Nominating Committee includes:

Donald Vorhis for President
Candace Voorhies for Secretary
G. Harold Buttler for Treasurer

Art Voorhees, Vice-President, then took charge of the meeting, and reminded the membership that the office of Secretary will be, for this election only, for a term of three years, so that, in the future, two officers will be elected each year, instead of three one year, and only one the next.

Nominations were requested from the floor and, since none were forthcoming, the incumbents were re-elected to their positions by a show of hands.

Scott Voorhees, Program Chair, announced that 90 people had signed up to attend this meeting--the largest showing in many years. He also noted that there will be a punch reception after the meeting, and tours of the historic church.

Bill Lydecker, Genealogical Chair, reported that, for those who are planning on staying an extra day, there will be a list of historic sites, homes and churches available. He also reported that his committee continues to be active, and that the Coert line is nearly completed.

Bob Voris, Publications Chair, reported that his committee is working on three projects:

1. Volume I of the genealogy is still selling well: 1600 copies were printed, and 1150 of those have been sold, with \$3000 being cleared. An Index to this volume is being published and will be mailed to purchasers of the book.

2. Volume II, which includes generations 5 and 6, is being prepared, with the able assistance of David Voorhees of Hopewell, NJ.

3. A Research volume, with six different historical inclusions, is being readied for publication.

Manning Voorhees, Historical Committee Chair, reported that his committee has been working on the content of the Research volume, and hopes to have it published next year. Included will be the Steven Coerts research done by Jan Folkerts, along with his article on migration from Drenthe, a transcription of his talk today, an article by Peter Cristoph of the New Netherland Project, plus a transcription of his talk to the VVA, and a new translation of the "Van Voorhees Letters." The book will sell for around \$15.

George Davis, Chair of the Planning Committee, talked about the "Planning Document" which the Executive Committee is trying to develop, under the guidance of President Don. It is hoped that this document will provide a goal-directed focus and concrete objectives, so that the VVA can develop a clear sense of purpose and direction to guide it into the 21st century. It is important for the future of the organization that it have some sense of what it wishes to be and where it wants to go.

Manning Voorhees introduced our featured speaker, Drs. Jan Folkerts who, through searching the Dutch archival material in Drenthe, Overijssel, and Zwolle, discovered some of the historical roots of our ancestor, Steven Coerts (Van Voorhees).

Drs. Folkerts reported that Steven was the son of Coert Van Middlehees, who probably moved to Hees, in the province of Drenthe, between the years 1595 and 1599. The earliest reference to Steven is a 1633 glazier's receipt found at Dickninge; in 1641, Steven was on the tax-dodger's list at Meppel; in 1642, documentation shows that he was in Ruinen.

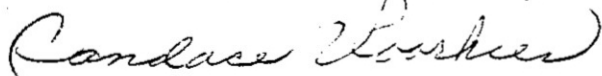
The reasons for Steven's migration in 1660, at the age of 60, to the New World are unknown; but there were probably both "push" and "pull" factors operating. It is known, for example, that 6% of the population of Ruinen left for America around this time, probably due to increased taxes and economic downturns. Younger sons, too, probably didn't get the hereditary tenancy of the better farms, and had a hard time "making it." Earlier Drenthe residents, such as the Strykkers and the Rev. Johannes Polhemius, had already moved on to the New World in the 1650s, and the later immigrants may have followed them, after hearing reports of the good land and agriculture to be found there.

Whatever the reasons, Steven did well in America and, by 1683, he owned 116 acres of land on western Long Island--an area, in many respects, similar to Drenthe. His sons also did well: Coert had 126 acres in 1683, Lucas had 72 acres, Jan had 19, and Albert had already moved to Hackensack.

Drs. Folkerts reported that there are still some unexplored sources which may yield more information on our ancestral roots: the notarial Archives in Amsterdam, for example, may be helpful. He also suggested that "mapping" the Dutch archival sources, perhaps by joining with other interested groups, might prove fruitful.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Candace Voorhies, Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING

Final arrangements have been made for the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association. As announced in the last Newsletter, this year's meeting will be held on Saturday, October 6, 1990, at the First Reformed Church in New Brunswick, NJ, beginning at 12:00 Noon. The Guest Speaker will be Peter G. Rose, translator and editor of the recently published "The Sensible Cook - Dutch Foodways in the Old and New World".

Luncheon for this year's meeting will include:

Baked half chicken	Tossed garden salad
Baked potato	Apple pie
Green beans almondine	Coffee, tea

Reservations for the luncheon should be sent to program committee chairman Scott Voorhees, using the reservation form elsewhere in this Newsletter. Reservations for luncheon MUST be received by Scott no later than September 23, 1990.

Getting There

The map elsewhere in this Newsletter shows the meeting location and nearby parking. Note that the parking garage adjacent to the Church, normally restricted to county employees, is available for public parking on Saturdays.

For those who prefer to travel by public transportation, the Church is a short walk from the New Brunswick train station, which is served by regular New Jersey Transit and AMTRAK trains from Penn Station, New York, and by some AMTRAK trains from Washington, DC and Philadelphia. For those who have not been to New Brunswick recently, this area of the city has undergone a substantial urban renewal effort, with notable improvement.

Lodging

The closest lodging to the meeting location, within easy walking distance of both the meeting location and train station, is the Hyatt-Regency New Brunswick. Other lodging is also available in the New Brunswick area, as follows:

Hyatt-Regency New Brunswick
2 Albany St.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(201) 873-1234

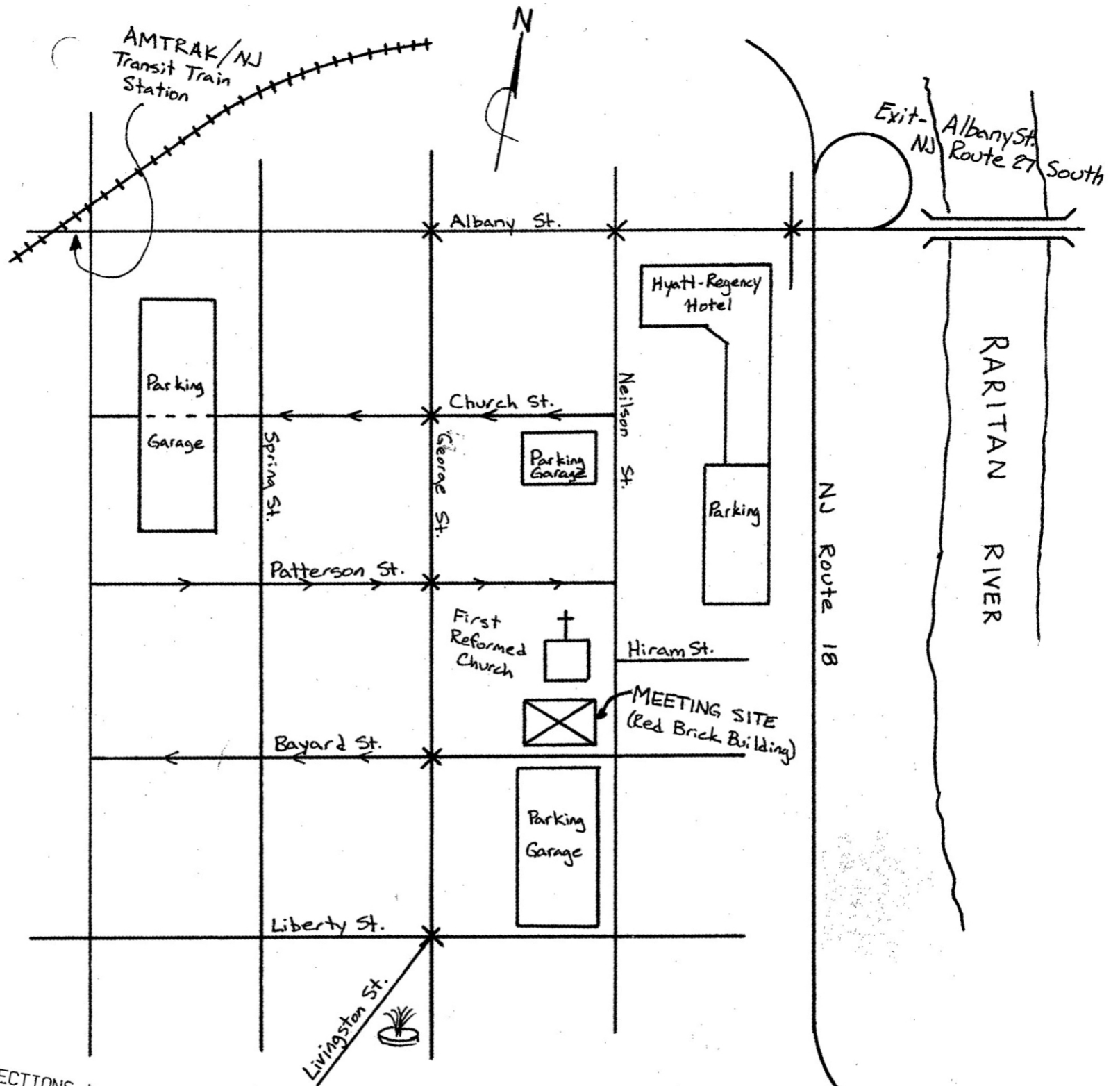
Somerset Marriott Hotel
110 Davidson Ave.
Somerset, NJ 08873
(201) 560-0500

McIntosh Motor Inns
255 Davidson Ave.
Somerset, NJ 08873
(201) 563-1600

Best Western New Brunswick
US Hwy. 1 at State Hwy. 18
New Brunswick, NJ 08901
(201) 828-8000

PRESIDENT'S WELCOMING MIXER

In keeping with recent tradition, President and Mrs. Don Vorhis will host a welcoming mixer in their room at the Hyatt-Regency New Brunswick on Friday evening, Oct. 5, 1990, at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this casual, informal get-together.



DIRECTIONS to the Annual Meeting of the VanVoorhees Association:
 From the New Jersey Turnpike: Exit 9 (New Brunswick) travel west on NJ Route 18 to the exit for Albany St./NJ Route 27South. (DO NOT take the exit for Route 27/ Highland Park, which comes first). At second traffic light on Albany St., turn left onto Neilson St. Three blocks to the First Reformed Church. The meeting will be held in the red brick building adjacent to the Church, at the corner of Neilson St. and Bayard St. See map above.

To NJ Turnpike,
 US Route 1,
 Garden State Parkway

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