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### 58th ANNUAL MEETING

ed. note: our thanks to Cornelia Voorhis Mason for the following report on the recent Annual Meeting of the Association:

After a filling luncheon, President Donald Vorhis called the meeting to order. He welcomed one and all, pleased that about 80 friends and members could attend. Don asked for the Life Members present to stand. They did, representing the states of North Carolina, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. Also recognized were four new Association members, from Washington, DC, Iowa, Arizona and Texas. Clarence Voorhees from Sun City, AZ was the member who had traveled furthest to be with us.

Bob Buttler read the financial statement. Don spoke of our scholarship winners at Voorhees College (see article elsewhere in this Newsletter) and our pledge to give another \$1000 for the year 1991-92. Cornelia Mason presented Arthur R. Voorhees as the nominee for Vice President. The members present voted unanimously in favor of Art, in addition to the 45 absentee ballots received. Art then reported on the 45 new members thus far this year, bringing our total membership to about 410. Bob

Voris reported on the continuing success of sales of the Genealogy, Volume I, and that work is continuing on preparations for Volume II. Bob Voris then surprised Elizabeth Edgar, representative



of the Lucas Line for many years, by presenting her with an arrangement of flowers for her long and faithful years of service to our organization. He spoke on behalf of us all when he expressed our gratitude for all of her efforts, large and small. Elizabeth was not only Line Representative, but the one whose house was stocked with all the Van Voorhees sales items. She packaged and sent the various items as they were sold. The Executive Committee will miss her joie de vivre,



generosity of spirit and lively intelligence. When presented with the flowers by Bob, Elizabeth humorously retorted, "I know its time to step down because I was here when you presented flowers to Helen Voorhees many years ago!"

Scott Voorhees then introduced our guest speaker, Ms. Peter Rose, who spoke on the general history of Dutch food and its implications for the New World. In the 17th century the Dutch were a mighty and wealthy nation. Due to their explorations they had been introduced to many vegetables and spices. These different foods were imported to the Netherlands and were plentiful for those who could afford them. With slides from Dutch



Guest Speaker, Ms. Peter Rose

art, Ms. Rose entertained us with a lively commentary on what the middle class ate. In one painting alone we could see an abundance of vegetables and fruit from artichokes to turnips. What was missing, of course, were the foods native to the New World. Ms. Rose went on to say that when the Dutch emigrated to Long Island

and pushed out into other areas they adopted and adapted the new native foods to their tables, foods such as squash, corn, cranberries, and wild turkeys. America today can be grateful to the Dutch for their contribution of the doughnut.

We all had a special time together, learning more about each other as well as the culinary ways of our Dutch ancestors. Manning Voorhees discussed the possibility of another trip to the Netherlands, which several members have expressed an interest in joining. All members will receive information pertaining to the trip, presently being planned for next fall.

Scott Voorhees reminded those present that next year's meeting is scheduled for October 12, at New Brunswick, with Dr. Charles Gehring of the New Netherlands Project as guest speaker.

#### COMING IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS:

May 1991: Part 2 of Manning Voorhees' talk about our historical research in the Dutch Archives (Part 1 elsewhere in this Newsletter)

July 1991: Excerpts from Voorhees Civil War battlefield letters.

Later: Van Voorhees patriots in the American Revolution

#### IOWA REUNION

Darlene Vorhies reports that they had another successful Iowa reunion in May. Between

45 and 50 attended (Darlene was too busy meeting everyone to get a good count), with many new faces as well as some old ones that hadn't been seen in a while. How about some photos next time, Darlene?

#### COLORADO REUNION

Dr. Harry V. Unfug reports that the descendants of Harry P. and Mary E. Vories late of Pueblo, CO held a reunion at Beulah, CO on June 15-18, 1990. The descendants of Harry and Mary now number 42 grandchildren through gr.-gr.-gr.-grandchildren

#### MILESTONES

Eugene C. Vories of LaVeta, CO recently had his fourth western novel, "Saddle A Whirlwind" published by Walker & Co., New York.

David and Karen Voorhees are the parents of Coerte Russell Voorhees, born on November 21, 1990.

#### ADDRESS CHANGE

Genealogical Committee Chairman, Rev. William J. F. Lydecker has recently accepted the post of Priest in Charge of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Ashland, NY. This is a country church, southwest of Albany, not far from the Hunter Mountain ski area. Fr. Bill is the first resident clergy at the church in over 15 years. He hopes that his presence will lead to growth of the congregation. His new address is:

Rev. William J. F. Lydecker  
Box 148  
Ashland, NY 12407-0148  
(518) 734-5987

#### MORE VAN VOORHIS's on STAMPS

Do you know that it is possible to buy US postage stamps that have been overprinted with "VAN VOORHIS, PA"? Both my brother and I have been stamp collectors since boyhood, but it was only this year that we became aware that such stamps exist. These are known as a type called precancels and were printed to sell to mass mailers so that postal workers would not have to spend so much time cancelling letters. Stamps precancelled with the name of a town and State were in use until 1978. The four stamps shown with the precancel occur



on three different series of stamps: the Americana, the Prominent Americans, and postage dues. Van Voorhis is a small town in Washington County, in southwestern Pennsylvania.

--contributed by Robert C. Vorhis, Lithonia, GA



**VAN VOORHEES ITEMS FOR SALE**

In response to our "Help Wanted" ad in the June 1990 Newsletter, Judith Voorhees has volunteered to take over this work from Elizabeth Edgar. By now, she is fully stocked with the various items. All orders should be accompanied by a check made out to the Van Voorhees Association, and include your membership number ("VVL-xxxxx" on the mailing label). All orders should be sent to:

Judith Voorhees  
 1311 Allaire Road  
 Spring Lake, NJ 07762  
 phone (201) 449-4902

Items for sale include:

	Members	Non-members
Coat-of-arms blazer patch	\$5.00	
Baseball cap	\$5.00	
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
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Lapel pin/tie tac	\$15.00	
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 The Van Voorhees Family Volume I		
Genealogy           soft cover	\$15.00	
hard cover	\$20.00	

**MEMBERSHIP**

Word of mouth continues to be our best advertising. Inside the back page of this Newsletter is a short form membership application which you can give to family members or others interested in joining the Association. Photocopies are acceptable, in case you don't want to cut up your Newsletter. If each member encourages just one brother, sister, cousin etc. to join the Association, our membership will immediately double!!



## IN MEMORIAM

Ludlow Elliman, of Damariscotta, ME, died Aug. 31, 1990, age 80. A graduate of Princeton University and the University of Bordeaux (France), and a retired USNR Lt. Commander veteran of World War II, he was active in the life insurance business until retiring in 1963. From that time he was an active student of genealogy, his efforts there were profiled in the August 1989 Newsletter. Mr Elliman is survived by his wife, the former Jane Littig Yerkes, a daughter, Patricia Leo, son Thomas, and four grandchildren.

Peter A. H. Voorhis, of Pelham and Essex, NY, died Aug. 30, 1990, age 93. A veteran of World War I and graduate of the NY Law School, he was a retired sales executive and investment banker, and co-founder, in 1946, of Kalb, Voorhis. He is survived by two daughters, Cornelia Mason and Charlotte Traynor, son Baird, 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

## GENEALOGICAL QUERY

GQ-23 Seek info on James Voorhees, d. 1916, NJ. He m. Mary Cottingham, d. Livingston, NJ (sister Esther MacMahon). Their children were: William, Edgar, Halsey, Eleanore DeGrace, Harriett Scharbach and Maybelle. M. Aakjar, 9 Hawthorne Pl. - 3P, Boston, MA 02114.

## DUES NOTICE

Dues for 1991, which are tax deductible, are due January 1, 1991. The dues notice appears inside the rear page of this Newsletter. Please note, that in a change from previous years, in an attempt to reduce both cost to the Association, and a great deal of effort by several volunteers, the Annual Membership Cards will not be sent out, except if you check the box on the dues notice and enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope with your dues remittance.

## TRIP TO THE NETHERLANDS

We recently received the notice of the planned trip to the Netherlands, which will include stops in Hees and other locations of importance in our family history. All members should have received a copy. If you did not, and are interested in participating, please contact the travel agent handling the arrangements:

Mrs. Meg Butler  
Empire Travel  
16 W. River Road  
Rumson, NJ 07760-1419

The trip is scheduled to leave New York on Monday, Oct. 14, 1991 (following the Association Annual Meeting at New Brunswick on Oct. 12), and last 14 days.

ed. note: The following article is the first of two parts, excerpted from the text of a talk given by Association Historian, Manning Voorhees, to the Old Bergen Branch of the Holland Society of New York, on October 17, 1990. The second part will appear in the next Newsletter.

#### SEARCHING FOR OUR DUTCH PERSONALTY

This winter, the Van Voorhees Association will publish a volume of original research into the progenitor of the Voorhees clan, Steven Coerts. It will be both genealogical and historical -- dealing largely with Steven's life and times in The Netherlands. We trust that historians will put it to good use in furthering our understanding of the Dutch of New Netherland, who developed their culture in the old country. I will discuss tonight the story of our work, which is one of risk but also of success.

But first, what is the Van Voorhees Association -- or more correctly, the Van "Fore-Hayes" Association? Organized in 1932, we are about 700 strong spread across the country. Any man or woman who can trace his or her ancestry to Steven Coerts by direct lineage or marriage is eligible to join the Association.

Steven Coerts left his comfortable farm house in 1660 at the age of 60, packed up his family and set sail for New Netherland. It was quite a group:- Steven; his second wife, Willemetje Roelof Seuberinck; daughter, Hindrickje, and her husband, Jan Kiers; and seven other children. The family lived in the Province of Drenthe on a rented farm near Hees, which is in the northeast quadrant of The Netherlands. Amsterdam is to the west and is the port from which the Coerts family sailed.

Hees was farming country in the seventeenth century and is still largely farming today. The neighboring "big" city and mailing address is Ruinen, which is rather quiet and relaxing. Drenthe in the 1600's was thinly populated and folks are still relatively scarce. After a few minutes drive from Ruinen, you arrive at the hamlet of Hees, which is marked by a simple suburban-like street sign. Yes, this is how you know that you have arrived! The farms are sizeable and pastoral. Over the past 300 years, the farm houses are still large and essentially unchanged in appearance. The seventeenth century Drenthe farmhouse in the open-air museum at Arnhem bears a strong similarity to the farmhouse today in Hees.

We can stroll down the street in Hees to part of the original Voorhees farm. There is a some development along the street, but everything is very peaceful and quiet -- a sharp departure from the rush and crowds of Amsterdam. Our ancestral family land is still there, most of it undeveloped.



There were three major farms at Hees in the seventeenth century:-

Achterhees or the farm behind Hees, Middlehees or the farm in the middle from Hees, and Voorhees or the farm before Hees. During our 1984 family trip to The Netherlands we went to Assen which is north of Hees and the provincial seat of Drenthe. Assen is quite a bit more active and city-like than is Ruinen. We went there to tour the Drenthe archives and for a presentation by the Chief Archivist of Drenthe. The provincial archives are located on a nice campus in a landmarked building. Paul Brood, the Chief Archivist, gave us a lecture about Steven Coerts and a tour of the document stacks which are below ground.

The significant point of Dr. Brood's presentation to my story tonight is the many old documents and papers that he showed us from the seventeenth century and earlier. For instance:- the Ordelen or book of sentences from 1542 showing property litigation involving an ancestor of Grandpa's, Coerte to Hees; the accounting book at the Dikninge Convent from 1595 to 1599 in which farmers' rent and other economic items were recorded -- this was before secularization of land in the very early 1600's when the Roman Catholic church owned and leased most of the regional farm land and administered it through the Dikninge Convent<sup>1</sup>; another Dikninge accounting book recording the stewardship of the three farms at Hees, including Voorhees; and the journal recording the rental of Pols Erve by Steven Coerts in 1658. This is the farm that Steven left when he sailed to New Netherland.

I looked at those ancient documents and Dr. Brood's stacks below ground and wondered, "What is there in these ancient books that we do not know about Steven Coerts?" Up to that moment, we had very basic information about Grandpa such as his name, his age and the names of his wife and children, as well as some historical data translated by earlier investigators. But -- and I emphasize the "but" -- we really had only bits and pieces, and a lot of the information was not particularly connected into a continuous story. We thought that Steven had lived on and farmed the family homestead at Voorhees for part of his years in Drenthe, although we knew that he had rented a farm near Ruinen in 1658 or two years before he set sail. When Dr. Brood showed us the record book containing Steven's rental of the farm at Pols Erve, I realized that other documents probably existed and that definitive research into our ancestor might be profitable. Quite obviously, there was much to be learned -- and it seemed to be right there within several feet of us.

Departing from my story a bit, a rather humorous thing happened that involves your Old Bergen president, Bill Lydecker. During our 1984 family trip, we visited the open-air museum at Arnhem, as I mentioned earlier. Next to the seventeenth century Drenthe

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<sup>1</sup> After secularization during the Reformation period, Dikninge continued to be a major land lessor but was subject to civil control and administration.

farmhouse is a day laborers' cabin from Groningen. Around the cabin and growing on the roof is a low evergreen-like bush. The name of the bush is "Hes". The similarity between Hes and Hees immediately struck us -- add a second "e" to Hes and you get Hees. We asked a gardener working there if the Hes bush was the original source of the name Hees, and he responded "ja, ja" -- or something like that. Well, we carefully clipped a small sample of the illustrious bush and I showed it to the annual meeting of the Van Voorhees Association in the following October. Father Bill was singularly impressed. Wow, here was the source of our family name! And -- what could be better than to have it growing in his yard for all to see. Bill quickly went to his garden center and was told that no one there knew of the Hes bush. That did not slow him down and he demanded that the expert consult his reference books:- still negative -- no such thing.

Bill complained to me and I wrote to Paul Brood, who replied that the relationship between the Hes bush and Hees is not documented. He suggested that Hees originally meant "'young beech-wood', later 'bushes'" and that it occurs in The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany. Dr. Charles Gehring, of the New Netherland Project and your speaker last year<sup>2</sup>, wrote to Bill and said that Hees is sometimes spelled "Hes" and is derived from early settlers originating from Hessen in Germany or from the Germanic idol, Hes. When you stop to think about it, the derivations of Paul Brood and Charlie Gehring are probably complementary, not contradictory. Hees is Germanic in origin. So much for the Hes bush -- a great discovery that fizzled.

Well, that's how it all began -- our trip in 1984 and the visit to Assen. At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Van Voorhees Association in April of 1986, I suggested that the Association engage someone to research the ancient documents in Assen to learn as much as possible about Steven Coerts. The Committee agreed with my idea and I wrote to Paul Brood. He forwarded my letter to Jan Folkerts in Groningen, who responded that he would be pleased to take up the task but could not start for several months. In the interim, however, Drs. Folkerts advised that he planned to be in Albany to speak at the Rensselaerswijck seminar that coming September.

What good fortune! We did not know Drs. Folkerts and felt very uneasy about committing a sizeable sum of money to someone that we had never met. This was an obvious and troublesome risk. And so, five months later in September of 1986, Bill Lydecker and I discussed the research project with Jan Folkerts over dinner in Manhattan. Don Sinclair, unfortunately, was unable to join us.

Father Bill and I were impressed with Jan Folkerts. However, there was one more step for us to take in appraising him. I asked Bill to

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<sup>2</sup> Dr. Gehring will be the speaker at the next annual meeting of the Van Voorhees Association on October 12, 1991.



inquire about Jan with Charlie Gehring. Charlie had high praise for Jan Folkerts, both as to his professional capabilities and to his integrity. Jan had worked at the state archives in Assen and Groningen and was then the state archivist for Overijssel at Zwolle. He is an historian of the late medieval Dutch period, with a specialty in agriculture of seventeenth century New York, and -- of considerable importance -- he can accurately read and translate the seventeenth century Dutch language.

We had found our team leader. Jan said that he could not do the day-to-day work because of his job restraints and that he would have to hire someone to work under his supervision and that of Paul Brood. Jan placed the appropriate advertisement and Dick Wijmer was engaged. Dick is also an historian, has research experience in the archives of Groningen and the Dutch Reformed church, and also has a thorough knowledge of the paleography of the region.

Our team of experts had been assembled and we were confident of their abilities. However, there remained some major risks that the Association had to minimize. Jan told us that the source material is fragmentary and scattered. There was no certainty of any success, small or large. We were apprehensive that the Association would discover that the project was a failure but with a sizeable unpaid monetary commitment that had to be honored: At what point would we realize this:- before all of the funding had been remitted or at some intermediate point with some of the money still in our pocket?

Our president, Don Vorhis, suggested that the work be divided into phases and that each phase was not to be funded until we were satisfied with the progress made and/or product received up to that point. Accordingly, the work was parsed into six phases with a cost set against each. The Association had the right to cancel all future work at the end of each phase with no incremental monetary obligation. We could "cut and run" at our option. This arrangement did not eliminate the risk of a costly failure, obviously, but it was clearly mitigated.

David Vorhis, a lawyer, wrote a simple letter agreement setting forth all of our basic understandings. We have the copyrights to Jan's report and we also have the American publication rights to his article containing original research on emigration from Drenthe in the seventeenth century.

At long last, the project commenced in early February of 1987. On March 31st, Jan wrote to me and said that the research to that point "had been very successful". The farms at Voorhees and Middlehees had been traced to the year 1180, a large number of Steven Coerts' ancestors had been found -- although reconstruction of exact family relationships was difficult -- and it had been ascertained that Steven probably had not lived on the farm at Voorhees even though he called himself "Van Voorhees". Incidentally, the Latin description for the farms in 1180 spelled Hees as -- you guessed it -- "Hes". The bush!

As the project progressed, we accepted the work done at each phase and remitted the agreed-upon funds to Jan. In the summer of 1987, we received a draft report of some 100 pages. There was explicit detail about Steven Coerts' immediate family and closer relatives, a listing of his ancestors for three or four generations, descriptions of the farms at Voorhees, Middlehees and Achterhees:-- their structures, animals and acreage, and a discussion of Steven's life and the farms that he rented. The sheer weight of the newly discovered data was awesome. Yes, my wondering what could be in those ancient tomes of the Drenthe archives was off-base -- there was no way that we could have imagined the depth of information that was, in fact, available.

We learned that the farms at Voorhees and Middlehees were so-called "full farms" and that the farm at Achterhees was smaller and did not become a "full farm" until 1632. For instance, Voorhees had 47 acres of which 14 were privately owned by the tenant, three structures of which the largest was 27 feet wide with 8 crossbeams, 20 head of cattle and 4 horses. Farms with less than 21 acres and four horses were not "full farms". We also learned that Steven Coerts' father was Coert tho Middlehees and moved from that farm to Voorhees just before Steven was born in 1600. Thus, Grandpa called himself "Van Voorhees". Our family name could have been Middlehees -- not Voorhees! It was startling to discover that my name narrowly missed being something other than Voorhees. The three farms at Hees were operated by the Coerts family, either near or distant relatives. The first draft report described them and their ancestors in fair detail.

In the fall of 1987, Jan advised me that all of the sources of the Drenthe archives had been examined. Since it had been clearly established by then that Steven Coerts had rented a succession of farms in the region, Jan suggested that the research continue in Meppel, Hasselt, and Steenwijk -- and Amsterdam with respect to a nephew of Steven's who lived on Brickers Island in the harbor. There would also be more research into the farms that Steven rented, his daughter, Marrichien, who did not go to New Netherland, continuation of the several family trees after Steven sailed in 1660, and the ultimate disposition of the three farms at Hees.

Jan stated that there was a low probability of discovering anything significant. Nonetheless, the Executive Committee approved the additional work. We wrote an amendment to our letter agreement and divided the new work into two phases.

In December of 1987, Jan corresponded and said that the extended research proved that Steven Coerts had lived in the region of Meppel for some time. Meppel in the seventeenth century was the largest city in Drenthe. A son was born in 1640 that we had not known about. His name was Wessell and the father was Steven Coerts of Oosterbuur, a small hamlet outside of Meppel. Wessell did not accompany the family to New Netherland. He would have been 20 years old at that point and perhaps he elected to stay in Drenthe, or maybe he died. Jan also reported the marriage of Marrichien to



Roelof Oostinge of Spier on November 19, 1664. Marrichien was listed as the daughter of Steven Coerts and "the late Aaltjen Wessels". While that explains the source of the name for the newly discovered son, Wessell, it was also the initial identification of Steven's first wife. We had found our first Grandma, a long term objective for many in the Van Voorhees Association.

In August of 1988, Jan wrote to me and said that the research into the generations following Steven's departure in 1660 was progressing into the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and the names were growing exponentially -- there were questions as to what was really important about increasingly distant relatives. The farms at Hees were sold into private ownership in 1751 and Voorhees ceased to exist as a farm in 1882 --108 years ago. Some possibilities remained for further research in the archives at Overijssel, but he advised that no one could be sure that further time and money would yield any good results. Since we had obtained infinitely more from the project than we dreamed possible at our most optimistic moments, it was decided to terminate it and proceed to publication.

Bob Voris, chairman of our publication committee, took over. Peter Christoph, of the New Netherland Project, suggested to me that we investigate Gateway Publishing Co. in Baltimore. Accordingly, Bob and I visited Gateway, and he has worked with them to move the volume close to publication at this moment. Steve Shyers has devoted dozens of hours working on his computer at home typing and transforming about 200 pages of text into a form that the Gateway typesetting computers can use.

The book will contain Jan Folkerts' and Dick Wijmers' final report on Steven Coerts, something over 100 pages, Jan's research on emigration from Drenthe in the seventeenth century, his talk on Drenthe and New Netherland to the Van Voorhees Association annual meeting in October of 1989<sup>3</sup>, Peter Christoph's talk to our annual meeting in October of 1986, and Peter's article in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record<sup>4</sup> of October, 1982 about Jan Eltinge's disputed inheritance in which Steven Coerts and son-in-law Jan Kiers had roles. Last, but far from least, there are the

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<sup>3</sup> With the permission of the Van Voorhees Association, Drs. Folkerts' presentation was adapted by him into an article, "Drenthe and New Netherland Two Outer Provinces at the Time of Emigration", de Halve Maen, Volume LXII, Number 4, December, 1989, pp. 8-11, The Holland Society of New York.

<sup>4</sup> Permission has been granted to the Van Voorhees Association for reproduction of Mr. Christoph's article, "Documents Concerning Jan Eltinge's Disputed Patrimony; Sources for Biographical Data on His Family and Friends", The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume 113, Number 4, pp. 193-197, October, 1982, The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society.

eleven Van Voorhees letters.

The Van Voorhees letters were written from relatives in Drenthe to Coert Stevens, the son of Steven Coerts, and to Margaret Polhemius and to Albert and Cornelis Coerten. The letters were written between 1684 and 1729. The Van Voorhees Association had published four letters and a fifth was in the 1888 Van Voorhees genealogy. Don Sinclair was convinced that a sixth letter existed, but he had not found it. Don asked Bill Lydecker to look into this, which Bill did -- visiting the State Library in Albany, the 42nd Street Library and the Brooklyn Historical Association with no success. Enlisting the help of his friends at the New Netherland Project, Bill again attacked the State Library in Albany. He struck out until all of the Teunis G. Bergen files were brought to him. Finally with the very last file labeled "Letters in Dutch", Bill hit a homer. After a good Dutch war whoop, Bill called Charlie Gehring who confirmed that the material was, indeed, the Van Voorhees letters. But -- Father Bill had not found just the sixth letter, but eleven letters: the original five plus six new ones not hitherto known.

Charlie Gehring has translated all of them, including the ones earlier translated, and they will be published in the research volume. The letters deal mostly with family affairs but give a good picture of life in Drenthe at that time as well as glimpses of life in New Netherland. We consider the Van Voorhees letters to be another breakthrough.

Our book will be entitled, Through a Dutch Door - 17th Century Origins of the Van Voorhees Family. My wife, Lois, suggested "Through a Dutch Door". The idea is a Dutch door that is closed on the bottom half, restraining us from stepping out of the present, but open on the top permitting us to look into the past.



**Mark Your Calendar**

**NOW!!**

**59th Annual Meeting  
of the  
Van Voorhees Ass'n**

**Saturday**

**October 12, 1991**

**New Brunswick, NJ**



... AT THE 58th ANNUAL MEETING:



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Return completed applications,  
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The Van Voorhees Association  
Arthur Voorhees  
1900 SW 83rd Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33324

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



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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).

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<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	\$2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Life	\$150.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$10.00		

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