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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY

I am very impressed by our strength and depth. We are certainly a vibrant organization.

Over the past eighteen months, several of our key volunteers choose to retire after many years of dedicated effort. We respect these decisions - after all, there is always a proper time to step aside and let someone else pick up your responsibility. That is the way things should be.

One might have thought that management problems would develop. Where will the successors come from, who will they be? But then, word was sent out that openings had occurred and help was needed. Volunteers came forward and the positions were filled. For some positions, more than one person offered to help. Management of the Association continued in a seamless fashion.

This is quite impressive, to say the least. It also is very reassuring. Contrary to the popular thought in America today, volunteerism among the "cousins" of the Van Voorhees Association is strong. I, for one, thank all who have assumed new responsibilities. You will certainly be rewarded by your efforts.

Organizing a new chapter "from scratch" is difficult. There will be many disappointments before success is achieved. Two ladies have volunteered to start regional chapters in the West and New England. Pat Zumwalt and Adrienne Haney are off to a good start and we wish them Godspeed.

Now, I am not suggesting that additional volunteers are not needed. To the contrary, the "help wanted" sign is still flying. We need an Editor for the Newsletter who will work with Bob Van Voorhis (see "Newsletter Succession, page 8) and we need more organizers of new regional chapters. May I hear from you?

Manning W. Voorhees

CITY OF NEW YORK WANTS TO CONDEMN VAN VOORHEES PARK

STEVEN COERTEN VAN VOORHEES PARK

STEVEN COERTEN VAN VOORHEES,
THE ANCESTOR OF ALL OF THE VOORHEES
FAMILY IN THE UNITED STATES, EMIGRATED
FROM HOLLAND TO AMERICA IN 1660 ON THE
SHIP BONTEROU (SIC) AND SETTLED IN
FLATLANDS, PART OF THE PRESENT BOROUGH OF
BROOKLYN

THIS PARK WITH ITS PLAYGROUNDS IS NAMED IN HIS MEMORY

The City of New York wants Van Voorhees Park in Brooklyn to be the site of an eight level parking garage for Long Island College Hospital. Public hearings before the City Planning Commission have begun. A plaque on the site reads as shown above.

Van Voorhees Park was demapped as a park in 1984 and the idea of using it for a parking garage has been around for more than a decade. The proposal has been approved by the City Planning Commission and will be brought before the City Council. Known locally as Upper Van Voorhees Park, it is a 0.92 acre retreat within eye-sight of the Atlantic Ocean on Hicks Street between Amity Street and Atlantic Avenue in the Cobble Hill section. The park is directly across Hicks Street from the Hospital. About 40% of the area is a playground and the balance is parkland, said to feature 32 mature trees of which 27 are large oaks. In the Brooklyn environment, the existence continued on page 3

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61st Annual Meeting and Reunion Saturday, October 9, 1993 Highland Park, NJ

Executive Committee

8:30 am

Workshop and Reunion

10:30 am

Luncheon and Business Meeting

12:30 pm

Guest Speaker

Continued

Cookies & Punch Reception, Continued GenalogicialConversation and Renunion

The 61st Annual Meeting of the Van Voorhees Association will be held on Saturday, October 9, 1993, at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, Highland

Park, NJ.

Map, directions and reservation form are located elsewhere in this Newsletter. Reservations should be sent to Scott Voorhees and received by him not later than October 3, 1993.

The format of the meeting will continue the Genealogical Workshop offered last year and will also provide an opportunity for cousins to meet with each other. Ginny Ward will launch the Workshop with a short presentation. The G-Team will be available to address your questions and discuss your research and genealogical interests. Line Representatives are planning short "hello" sessions with their Line members just before lunch.

At 12:30, we will have luncheon and a brief business meeting, followed by our Guest Speaker, Ms. Janny Venema (see page 6). We will then adjourn for further conversations about your genealogical interests, good fellowship and reunion.

All activities will be at the Reformed Church in Highland Park, New Jersey. Youngsters are welcome - nursery facilities will be provided.

President's Reception -- Following in the tradition of recent years, festivities will begin with a reception hosted by Lois and Manning Voorhees at 5:30-7:00 P.M. Friday evening in their suite at the Hyatt Regency, to be followed by "Dutch Treat" dinner at the motel.

Luncheon -- Luncheon at \$15 per person will include:

Chicken & Rice

Cranberry Sauce

Relish Dish

Two vegetables

Bread Selection

Homemade Dessert

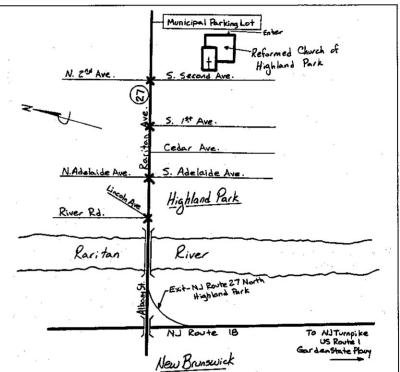
Coffee, Tea

The following map shows the meeting location and nearby parking with road directions. For those who prefer to travel by public transportation, the Church is about 1 1/2 miles from the New Brunswick train station, which is served by regular New Jersey Transit and AMTRAK trains from Penn Station, New

Annual Meeting and Reunion October 9th, 1993 Highland Park, New Jersey York, and by some AMTRAK trains from Washington, DC and Philadelphia.

Lodging -- The closest lodging to the meeting location is the Hyatt-Regency in New Brunswick. A block of rooms is being held for members at the special rate of \$78 for the night of October 8th. Parking will be at half price, or \$3. When reserving please state that you are with the Van Voorhees Association. We understand that other major motels in the area are booked for the Eighth.

Hyatt-Regency 2 Albany St. New Brunswick, NJ 08901 908-873-1234



From the New Jersey Turnpike: Exit 9 (New Brunswick), travel west on NJ Route 18 to the exit for NJ Route 27 North\Highland Park. Cross the bridge, go straight past the fourth traffic light at 2nd Avenue. Enter the Municipal Parking Lot about 150 feet past the 2nd Avenue light on the right. Enter rear of Church Parish House from parking lot.

A GENEALOGICAL DITTY

Sing to the tune of What Kind of a Fool Am I?

What kind of fool am I to trace my family tree? It seems that I spend all my time on genealogy. What kind of fool would sit all day inside

A dark and dusty courthouse,

Where old deeds reside?

What kind of fool am I to try to prove that once My relatives packed all their goods inside a humpback trunk. So when I finally find what year they sailed the sea Then I will know the thrill of family history.

Marge Waterfield, Funny Songs and Other Humorous Things I Found Combing My Family Tree, 1985; we understand that Ms. Waterfield has given permission in her book to "pass them around". Source: Marilyn McLaughlin, Gladstone, MO via Prodigy.

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City of New York Wants to Condemn Park continued from page 1

of 32 trees in one place with its open air atmosphere is quite distinctive.

The Hospital plans to provide 430 parking spaces in its multi-level facility. It is proposed to exchange three smaller "mini-parks" for Van Voorhees Park, but this is opposed by a neighborhood group because they will be "deeply shadowed" and separated from each other, among other reasons. Ironically, the Hospital played a key role in acquiring the land for Van Voorhees Park in 1941.

Steven Coerts settled in Nieuw Amersfoort which today is part of the overall area that embraces the park. While not identical geographically, Van Voorhees Park and the location of Steven's farm are certainly proximate to each other.

Further information can be obtained from the Friends of Van Voorhees Park, 113 Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11201. Telephone: (718)852-2418.

JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI MUSEUM

While you are in town for the Annual Meeting and Reunion, you might wish to visit the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum. Located on the campus of Rutgers University in the former library building, the Museuum is named after Jane Voorhees Zimmerli, the mother of Alan and Ralph Voorhees and Alice Adams. Alan and Natalie Voorhees generously donated funds fifteen years ago to construct the museum and Ralph serves on the Board of Overseers with his son, Scott (not the Association Vice President).

The Museum is excellent and highly recommended. In addition to other important collections, the Zimmerli has become the largest single repository of Russian art outside of that country. The featured exhibit on the weekend of October 9th will be the George Riabov Collection of Russian Art. Riabov offers a selective collection of pre-Baroque religious objects to 20th century modernism, including set designs and costume. There will be other exhibits, too.

The Zimmerli is at the cornor of Hamilton and George Streets in New Brunswick. This is a reasonable walk from the Hyatt Regency and a short drive from the Reformed Church where we will meet in Highland Park. Hours on Friday will be 10:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. and Saturday & Sunday 12:00 P.M. -5:00 P.M. Telephone: (908)932-7237.

IF YOU MOVE ...

One of our continuing problems is the loss of members because they have not sent us their new address. The Post Office will forward mail only for a relatively short period, and if the Newsletter is mailed thereafter it is returned marked "no forwarding address". The member is often then lost forever. PLEASE SEND STEVE SHYERS YOUR NEW ADDRESS at the same time that you advise your bank, magazines and other people. If you know your new nine digit zip code, that will be most helpful. Thanks very much!

Butler county native served country well

One of Indiana's most dynamic and controversial politicians had only a brief connection with his native Butler County. Daniel Wesley Voorhees — who spent 31 years in the U.S. Congress — was known as "The Tall Sycamore of the Wabash."

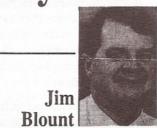
"He knew when and how to compromise, even to reverse himself," observed Indiana historian William E. Wilson, who said Voorhees was better known for his personal honesty "in a period of shabby public morals, than for his brilliance as an orator and his long and steadfast service to his party in Indiana."

Voorhees was called "The Tall Sycamore of the Wabash," said Wilson, "not only because he was tall — over 6 feet, massive head and broad of shoulder — but because, in the excitement of forensics, his hair stood out like the quills of a sycamore's button ball."

Voorhees was born Sept. 26, 1827, in Liberty Township, but as an infant moved with his family to a log house in Fountain County, Ind., north of Veedersburg. A highway historical marker east of Covington on U.S. 41 north of U.S. 136 and I-74 notes the site of his boyhood home.

In 1849 he was graduated from Asbury College (now DePauw University) and in 1850 he married Anna Hardesty of Green Castle. Voorhees read law in Crawfordsville in the office of Henry S. Lane, later a Republican governor, and in 1851 opened his practice in Covington, the county seat. Two years later he was appointed prosecutor by Gov. Joseph A. Wright.

Voorhees lost in 1856 in his first attempt to win a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, and the following November moved his family and law practice to Terre Haute. In April 1858 he was named U.S. District Attorney for Indiana by



President James Buchanan.

Voorhees was considered a Copperhead, a label given to Democrats who opposed President Lincoln's war policies during the Civil War. Their opponents depicted the Copperheads as traitors working in the interest of the Confederacy.

In Congress, Voorhees opposed New England-backed tariffs which benefited what he called "manufacturing monopolists" of the eastern states by "subjecting the great agricultural West to onerous and unequal burdens."

Voorhees, who refused the congressional nomination in 1866, won the seat in the 1868 and 1870 elections, but lost to Morton C. Hunter in 1872.

Voorhees was appointed to the U.S. Senate Nov. 6, 1877, after the death of Sen. Oliver Morton and remained there for more than 20 years until March 3, 1897. He was defeated in the 1896 election by Charles W. Fairbanks of Indianapolis, also an Ohio native, who served until he was elected vice president Theodore Roosevelt.

For four years (1885-1889), a son, Charles S. Voorhees, also was in Congress as the delegate from the Territory of Washing-

The elder Voorhees died in Washington, D.C. on April 9, 1897, a month after leaving the Senate, and was buried in Highland Lawn Cemetery in Terre Haute.

(Jim Blount, a former editor of the Journal-News, teaches Ohio history and civics at Wilson Jr. High School.)

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THE SAMUEL VORHES HOUSE

Marilyn McDaniel, of Muncie, Indiana, draws our attention to the Samuel Vorhes House that is part of the Sharon Woods Village open air museum in Cincinnatti, Ohio. Marilyn credits her father's cousin, Glendon Voorhees, with the "discovery" of the Vorhes House.

The House is a two story brick structure. It is said to illustrate "the rather simple phase of the Federal style" having a symmetrical front facade with a central entrance. First floor windows are nine-over-six and the second floor windows are six-over-six, with brick lintels. The roof, said to be unusual, is hipped on one end and gabled on the other.

It is not known for certain if the House was erected by Paul Custer, whose family owned or controlled the land from 1815 to 1825, or if it was constructed after Samuel Vorhes acquired the land in 1825. The Vorhes family occupied the property from 1825 to 1865. Samuel Vorhes in his will, dated February 2, 1842, left the 123 acre property to his wife, Jane Myers Voorhees, until the youngest of their 13 children became 18 years of age. Thereafter, the property was to be sold, with Mrs. Vorhes to receive the income from one-third of the proceeds or one-third of the real estate. In 1856, Mrs. Vorhes apparently chose one-third of the real estate because she occupied the House until 1865.

Around 1977 the House was moved from its original location in Sharonville to the Sharon Woods Village because it was in the path of an industrial development.

Sharon Woods Village is open from May through October on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, and one week in December for a localized Christmas celebration.

DANGER

Collections of names gleaned largely from telephone books and perhaps from published works are sold as so-called genealogies - a scam of long standing. This is not to say that every family history book that is compiled by writers who are not connected with the family concerned are frauds. No one can say that. However, there are many compilations sold today that are not worth very much. Often the postcard or letter offering such books is not well written and\or is carefully drafted to hedge the contents. This should be your first clue that the publication is at least suspect. Caveat emptor!

GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairperson Bill Lydecker requests members (and their spouses and friends) of the Genealogical Committee, and others who may be interested, to join him for dinner on Friday evening, October 8, 1993, at the Hyatt Regency if you are in town then for the Annual Meeting and Reunion the next day. The dinner chitchat will be after the reception hosted by Lois and Manning Voorhees. Bill has several items of business to discuss including Volume II of *The Van Voorhees Family*.

REVIEW OF THROUGH A DUTCH DOOR

D.J. Wijmer, J. Folkerts, and Peter R. Christoph, Through a Dutch Door: 17th Century Origins of the Van Voorhees Family, Published for the Van Voorhees Association. (Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1992).

In 1984, members of the Van Voorhees Association made a tour of the Netherlands, with particular emphasis on visiting Drenthe Province. Steven Coerts, the progenitor of the family, may have been born about 1600 on a farm called Voorhees near Hees in Drenthe, although his known residence prior to emigration was a farm near Ruinen called Pol's erve, The tour stopped to visit the Drenthe Archives in Assen to hear a talk by the archivist, Paul Brood, along with a tour of the library stacks where many original documents and books from the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries are stored. At the time, Manning Voorhees wondered, "What is in these old books that we don't know; what can they tell us about Steven Coerts?"

Back in the United States about a year later, the executive committee of the Van Voorhees Association approved a plan to engage Dutch historian drs. D.J. Wijmer as principal researcher in collaboration with drs. Jan Folkerts. These men were associated with the State Archives in the provinces of Drenthe and Groningen. The objectives of this project were to research the records of Drenthe in general and the Van Voorhees family in particular and to extend the family genealogy both before and after Steven Coerts came to America. Research sources included rent-master accounts, resolutions of the provincial bodies, sixteenth-century archives of the Convent of Dikninge, town archives, and other late-medieval sources.

The result of this project is Through A Dutch Door. The work is divided into six sections. The first, written by drs. Wijmer, is about Steven Coerts, his family, and his Dutch background. This section is the main purpose of the book. Sections II thru VI were written by drs. Folkerts and Peter R. Christoph, and the information contained in these sections concerns Drenthe and New Netherland at the time of emigration, seventeenth-century emigration from Drenthe to America, the New Netherland Project, four original seventeenth-century Van Voorhees letters, and documents concerning Jan Eltinge's disputed patrimony. This material was previously made available to researchers in the form of publications and typescripts. The exception to the above is the translation of seven additional letters relating to the Van Voorhees family, dated between 1684 and 1729, recently uncovered by the Rev. William J. Lydecker at the New York State Library in Albanyan and the MA tolersone MA

Section I has four main parts: (1) the situation in Drenthe between 1580 and 1660, including a destructive war and the need to impose taxes which created records; (2) the farms near the village of Hees up until 1660 and their relationship to the Convent of Dikninge; (3) the inhabitants of the farms known as Voorhees, Middelhees, and Achterhees; and (4) the factors that may have contributed to Steven's decision to leave the Netherlands.

Through A Dutch Door is not a genealogy in the regular sense of the word, though there are genealogical charts included

as an appendix to Section I. Drs. Wijmer points out that the preparation of a genealogy would be a dangerous task, since it concerns a period in which there are no regular baptismal, marriage, or death registers at his disposal. To indicate where uncertainties exist on the genealogical charts, Wijmer has used a dotted rather than a solid line. For example, because the emigrant Steven's patronymic name was Coerts we know his father was Coert, who probably died in 1620, but it has not been proven that Albert, who is very much present in the records, was Coert's father. This may disappoint some persons related to the Van Voorhees family who are looking for new genealogical data. However, it is refreshing that the author does not try to make the unproven relationship appear as fact.

Though this book has few new genealogical facts, it does show the overall situation faced by Steven Coerts and his ancestors. This should give persons related to the Van Voorhees family a keener understanding of their ancestors's way of life. Moreover, the letters published here contain a wealth of information useful not only to the family historian, but to scholars as well. The book is also recommended to historians and genealogists interested in researching seventeenth-century emigration from the Netherlands, because it reveals the kinds of records available prior to the keeping of vital statistics.

— David M. Riker

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DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Melba McCaskill writes that she is interested in learning the identity of a certain "Van Voorhees" who was a prisoner of the Japanese in Manila during World War II. She wonders about his home area and life after internment, and rightfully believes that members of our family group would like to learn of this one man's experiences in the terrible Santo Tomas prison camp.

Mr. Van Voorhees appears in *The Iron Gates of Santo Tomas* by Emily Van Sickle (1992, Academy Chicago Publishers, Chicago, ISBN 0-89733-379-9). Melba says, "Each mention of this man shows his generous spirit and friendship".

To quote page 182 of the book:

"One of Van's [another personality] shanty neighbors, a man named Van Voorhees who was vice-president of a large American motor corporation, often accompanied us in the evening to the campus front lawn where we listened to the music. About six-foot-three and husky, Van Voorhees was known as 'Big Van', while my Van, a mere five feet eleven, was called 'Little Van'. Handsome, with snow-white hair and clear blue eyes that sparkled when he smiled, he had weighed a portly 300 pounds until an illness which had kept him outside camp for a year trimmed down his figure to a respectable 230-odd pounds."

If you can identify Mr. Van Voorhees, please write to Mrs. Melba M. McCaskil, 2527 West Wadley Avenue, Midland TX 79705. Don't forget, please, to send a copy to the Editor so that your news can be included in a future issue of the Newsletter.

JANNY VENEMA WILL SPEAK AT ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 9th

Scott Voorhees has arranged for Ms. Janny Venema to be our speaker at the Annual Meeting and Reunion on October 9, 1993. Ms. Venema is an historical researcher and translator for the New Netherland Project. She also prepares lesson materials for seventh grade students and has just finished From the Old World to the New: Using Primary Sources in the Seventh Grade Classroom. Among her projects is the translation of the account records of the Dutch Reformed Deacons in Beverwijk/ Albany (the church administered the welfare programs in New Netherland). In May of this year, Ms. Venema's book Children of Luxury and Poverty; Poverty and Charity in Beverwijk/ Albany (loosely translated from the Dutch) was published in the Netherlands. Ms. Venema wrote the lead article in the Spring, 1991 issue of de Halve Maen, the journal of The Holland Society of New York, entitled Poverty in Seventeenth-Century Albany. This was an extract from her recent Master's thesis at SUNY, Albany. She was born in Drenthe, the home-

land of Steven Coerts, studied in Groningen and taught high school Dutch and history in Haarlem. Ms. Venema came to the United States in 1985 and has worked at the New Netherland Project since that time. She will speak about "working with primary sources" of historical data.

MILESTONES

Douglas Voorhees, of Baltimore, MD, passed away on July 6, 1992 at the age of 81 ... his wife survived him.

Mildred Voris Kerr, of in Penngrove, CA, was called on April 24, 1993 at the age of 89 ... a daughter Lydia, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive ... Mildred will be remembered as the pioneer of the first Association tour of the Netherlands and Hees, and a staunch supporter of the Association.

Julia V. Kapp, of Shelbourne, VT, died on June 1, 1993 at the age of 89 ... Elizabeth Edgar, retired long-time member of the Executive Committee who lives in Highland Park, NJ, is

APPEAL OF THE FRIENDS OF NEW NETHERLAND PROJECT

(The following has been supplied by the Friends of the New Netherland Project and is reproduced by approval of the Executive Committee)

The Friends of New Netherland are raising funds during its newly-launched fund raising campaign to secure the financial future of the New Netherland Project. A new three year NEH matching grant is in hand, and for this the Project needs to raise an additional \$95,000 to meet the total matching obligation of \$132,350 by the end of March, 1995. The Project's long-range goal is to raise funds for an endowment of \$1 million by the turn of the century, thus securing the Project indefinitely.

In the past and currently, the New Netherland Project has worked closely with the Van Voorhees Association, providing information, speakers at Annual Meetings and Reunions and assistance with translation of colonial family documents. Dr. Charles Gehring, Director of the Project, was the speaker in

October, 1991 and Ms. Janny Venema, a researcher and writer for the Project, will be the speaker this coming October. Peter Christoph, a specialist in English documents of the Dutch era, was our speaker in October, 1986; he has two articles in Through a Dutch Door. Charlie Gehring has assisted the Association numerous times and he is presently the consultant for the Association's endeavor to locate and translate documents pertaining to Steven Coerts in this country. Through these contacts the Friends are aware of the Association's appreciation and interest in the work of the Project, and wish to give Association members the opportunity to join the Friends of New Netherland and to support the Project financially.

With a minimum contribution of \$25.00, you will receive the following benefits:

- o 1-year membership in the Friends of New Netherland
- o Frameable, full-color facsimile of the 1667 Goos Mariner's Map of New Netherland
- o 1-year subscription to the New Netherland Project's newsletter, De Nieu Nederlanse Marcurius
- o At least 20% discount on publications purchased through the Friends of New Netherland
- o Invitations to special events, such as the Hendricks

Manuscript Award banquet

Contributions in excess of \$25.00 will go directly to the New Netherland Project to meet its matching obligations under the current NEH grant. Those funds will be doubled by NEH to provide operating expenses for the Project. Please use the form below to send in your contribution today. Contributions are deductible for Federal income tax purposes. Thank you for your consideration.

The Rev. William J.F. Lydecker President, the Friends

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NEW MEMBERS

Tom Van Voorhies reports that the following 41 cousins have joined the Association as of July 1, 1993.

Dorothy Louise Ohliger, Wash., D.C. Ronald A. Vooris, Sr., Nassau, N.Y. William C. Latham, Willow Springs, IL Russell Ramsey Cohen, Highland Park, NJ * Nancy G. Voorhis, W. Nottingham, NH John Vooris, Poestenkill, NY Joseph P. Voorhees, Fairbanks, AK Bogert Cox Holly, Dover, NJ Margaret Voorhees Barrett, Studio City, CA Marilyn Voorhees McDaniel, Muncie, IN Cyntihia L Pote, Franklin, IN Mark E. Willey, Maquoketa, IA Judith E. Wright, Sunbury, OH Charles R. Voorhis, Lebanon, IN Georgiann Pinkston Lovell, Tulsa, OK Steven Glenn Van Voorhies, New York, NY Mary McCandless Palin, South Lake Tahoe, CA Muriel Jane Wilson White, Mobile, AL Leon A. Alpaugh, Bellingham, WA Susan Gayle Norris, Shalimar, FL Deborah K. Mayes, Knoxville, TN Renee Voorheis, Batavia, IL Robert Torrence White, Huntersville, NC Melwyn C. Hallam, Morton, IL Richard Huntley Snow, Chicago, IL Willadeane Voorhees Zwicker, Columbus, OH Esther B. Capestro, Point Pleasant Beach, NJ ** Beverly J. "Toni" Kohn, Vancouver, WA Bruce D. Chilton, Northport, NY ** Rachel Anne Wallace, New Orleans, LA Helen E. Schultz, Ellis Prarie, MO Merrilyn Knapp Loutzenhiser, Newport, OR *** Travis Charles Morgan, Lafayette, LA ** Anne Marie Tangeman, Jasper, IN ** Susan Jane Srindharan, Ortonville, MI Matthew Thomas Voorhees, West Islip, NY * Helen R. Van Voorhees, Wyndmoor, PA Theodore LaRue Bogert, Orlando, FL Sean R. Fleming, Point Pleasant, NJ Geoffrey Van Voorhees Bronner, Hanover, NH * Evelyn A. Winter, St. Petersbury, FL

> Key: * = Junior Member ** = Sustaining Member

*** = Contributing Member

Steve Shyers was able to issue lineage charts for over 75% of our new members. Steve did his usual terrific job.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 24, 1993

Frank Van Voorhis reported that he met with members and non-members in Ohio ... Adrienne Haney and Pat Zumwalt were designated Regional Organizers ... Cornelia Mason will nominate a Line Representative (Presidential appointee) for the descendants of Steven Coerts' four daughters (excluding Marchien, who remained in the Netherlands); it was agreed that a single Line Representative should be nominated now because of the paucity of data on the female lines ... Manning Voorhees will explore the feasibility of a third trip to the Netherlands and Hees for the Spring of 1995 ... Tom Van Voorhies will send a "new member kit", containing the latest Newsletter and other material, to new members ... Tom will also chair a Task Force on Membership to study the feasibility of a new member campaign ... Bob Voris reported that sales of Through a Dutch Door are good and the publication is close to break-even ... David Voorhees said that good progress has been made on Volume II of The Van Voorhees Family and he hopes that the book can be ready for the printer within two years ... Ginny Ward reported that her genealogical correspondence has increased ... Steve Shyers now has a bit less that 15,000 names on his genealogical computer data base ... Bill Lydecker reviewed the first report from Adrianna Brown on our project to find and translate the documents\papers of Steven Coerts in this country, and said that Adrianna is continuing to pursue the research ... June Wick has corresponded with many publications and other contacts to publicize the Association ... Scott Voorhees reported that the genealogical\reunion format of last year's Annual Meeting was successful.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

During the Executive Committee meeting on April 24, 1993, Chairperson Cornelia Mason reported the following nominees for election at the Annual Meeting and Reunion on October 9th:

President:

Manning W. Voorhees (incumbent)

Treasurer:

Bernard V. Ward

Cornelia said that nominations from the floor on October 9th will be in order.

> (cut here) ABSENTEE BALLOT

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i	I,, authorize the following
İ	ballot to be voted for me at the Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Van Voorhees Association on October 9, 1993:
i	(check one each)

PRESIDENT (2-year term) TREASURER (2-year term) [] Manning W. Voorhees

[] Bernard V. Ward

[] Other

Other

Please return you Absentee Ballot to Mrs. Frederick Brack, Secretary, 24 Mary Street, North Haledon, NJ 07508 for receipt not later than October 7, 1993. A photocopy will be accepted.

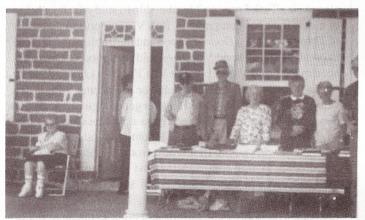
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BERGEN COUNTY DUTCH DAY

On May 15, 1993, several cousins manned the Association's table at the annual Dutch Day affair held on the grounds of the Ackerman-Zabriskie-Von Stuben House in New Bridge, New Jersey. Many members and prospective members talked with June and Bob Wick, Marilyn Brack, Marcella Lavorgna, Tom Van Voorhies, Steve and Peggy Shyers, and Manning Voorhees. Among those who stopped by to say hello were Florence and Peter Christoph.

Tom made an imaginative new membership display that attracted considerable attention, featuring a descendant chart for one of the Lines from Steven Coerts. Our participation was organized by June, with able assistance from Marilyn and Marcella.



Left to right: Peggy Shyers, Steve Shyers, Manning Voorhees, June Wick, Marilyn Brack, Marcella Lavorgna and Tom Van Voorhies partially blocked by the column, with "Dutch" entertainers. Photo by George Davis.

BARNEY WARD NOMINATED TO SUCCEED BOB BUTTLER AS TREASURER

Barney Ward has been nominated to succeed Bob Buttler as Treasurer of the Association. The elec-

tion will be at the Annual Meeting and Reunion on October 9th.

Bob attended his first meeting of the Association in 1982, when Don Vorhis became President, and shortly thereafter found himself as Treasurer. He "agreed to serve for only two years" but, recognizing a job well done, the Association re-elected Bob for several terms. Bob is a Professional Engineer and retired "officially" from an engineering position at Johnson & Johnson in 1979. However, he has continued to apply his skills part-time and as a consultant. The Association thanks Bob for tending to our finances in a very able manner for eleven years. We have enjoyed the comfort of excellent management and of knowing



Bob Buttler



Barney Ward

NEWSLETTER SUCCESSION

Pat and George Davis announced their retirement as Editors after ten years in the last issue of the Newsletter. We are indebted to them for developing our Newsletter from pointzero to the excellent form that is today. They gave their time, talents and imagination most generously to the task of building our sole mode of communication so that it now is the glue that keeps our widely dispersed membership together. Thank you, Pat and George.

Robert E. Van Voorhis, Jr., of Cedar Falls, Iowa, answered the call for assistance. He is Editor-in-Chief of TeleProfessional, a monthly magazine, directed to the art of effective marketing, sales and service communications via telecommunications. (Yes, that includes "telemarketing".) Bob uses computerized desktop publishing in his job and will utilize these skills in publishing the Newsletter. Bob and Marcy, his wife, have three children, (Sara Elizabeth, 12; Amanda Jean, 9; and Jeffrey Coert, 6.) Bob is an alumnus of Iowa State University (JLMC, 1974). He is of the Coert Line.

Manning Voorhees filled the role of Editor for this issue, putting together the content and sending it on disk to Bob for him to set up. A permanent Editor or writer\compiler is needed to complete the Newsletter masthead. Continuation of a qual-

ity Newsletter is critical to the long-range success of the Association. It is the only means of communicating with our farflung membership - without it we would surely wither. Please contact Manning if you wish to volunteer to be our Editor. The job entails attendance at meetings, which are currently in New Jersey, writing\preparing copy for Bob. You should Bob Van Voorhis have a computer word processor with



either Microsoft Word 5.0, WordPerfect 5.0, or the ability to save files in ASCII format. Please - the job is very important!

that all-is-well.

Barney joined the Association in 1986 and lives with his wife, Sue, in Sommerset, New Jersey. He holds a B.S. in Business and is employed by Revlon where he reviews new products. A former Treasurer of his Magyar Reformed Church in New Brunswick, Barney's interests center around antique cars and computers. He plans to computerize the Treasurer's function and to communicate name and address additions\deletions with Steve Shyers by modem. Barney is the son of Joe and Ginny Ward, who coordinates member research on the Genealogical Committee. Ginny is a member of the Executive Committee, as Barney will be if he is elected as Treasurer.

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WHAT'S WITH THE COUSINS

Jean Dones, of Columbus Ohio, will present a paper on Francis Voris, Shaker Trustee\Peoria Businessman at the 19th Annual Shaker Seminar sponsored by Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA this summer ... Jean is especially interested in the Voris Shakers and the family of John Voris (#810 in The Van Voorhees Family).

The Rev. Arthur M. Vorhes and his wife, of Eau Claire, WI, and David V. Harmon and his family, of Weston, MA visited Hees this spring ... both Arthur and David reported that it was a meaningful experience to see the Old Homestead.

Willa Allison Peters was born on April 9, 1992 ... Willa is the daughter of Brian and Abbie Jo Peters and the granddaughter of Richard and Margaret Philips, Dillon, CO.

Amelia Rose Voorhees was born on May 25, 1992 ... Amelia is the daughter of Brian and Iva Voorhees and the granddaughter of Earl and Jean Voorhees, North Syracuse, NY.

Dr. Peter W. Voorhees has been promoted to "full" Professor of Materials Science at Northwestern University ... Peter is a physicist and applied mathmetician ... he lives with his wife, Maria, and two children in Winnetka, IL, and is the son of Manning Voorhees.

Kimberly Kavanaugh, of Oldwick, NJ, the greatgrandaughter of Mildred Voorhees Kavanaugh, will attend Voorhees High School in Pottersville, NJ, this fall.

Clifford John Daniel Langley arrived on December 14, 1992 ... Clifford is the son of Clifford and Doris Langley and the grandson of Robert and Gloria Hamilton, of Santa Rosa, CA.

A few days later, Drexel James Erickson arrived on December 20, 1992 ... Drexel is son of Eric and Mary Atkinson, the grandson of James and Donna Voorhees Atkinson, of Austin, TX, and the great-grandson of Theodore and Marie Voorhees.

If you have news, please send it to the Editor.

FIRTH FABEND WILL BE OUR 1994 MEETING AND REUNION SPEAKER

Scott Voorhees has announced that Dr. Firth Haring Fabend will be our speaker at the 1994 Annual Meeting and Reunion. Dr. Fabend is the author of A Dutch Family in the Middle Colonies, 1660-1800 (1991, Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, NJ), which was reviewed in a recent issue of the Newsletter.

FLORENCE CHRISTOPH SUCCEEDS AL STOKES AS GENEALOGIST

Acceding to Al Stokes' request to retire, the Executive Committee approved the engagement of Florence Christoph as Genealogist.

Al became Genealogist in 1975. Genealogy has been a hobby of Al's since 1928. He has been very active in the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, serving as a Trustee for more than thirty years and as Treasurer since 1964. Al holds membership in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the Pennsylvania Genealogical. Society, the New Jersey Society Sons of the American Revolution



Al Stokes

and the Society of Colonial Wars, and serves as genealogist for the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America for New Jersey. Among Al's efforts for the Association is Volume I of The Van Voorhees Family, published in 1984 covering the first Four Generations. This was a significant undertaking because Elias Van Voorhees' A Genealogy of The Voorhees Family in 1888, while a ground-breaker, has many errors and omissions. Al had to do considerable research to produce Volume I. His research continued with the Fifth Generation for Volume II, which is well along. Al's accomplishments are truly professional and have helped place the Association in the forefront of family associations.

Florence is a Certified Genealogist and resides in Selkirk, New York, near Albany, with her husband, Peter. She is the genealogist for the Schulyer family organization and recently completed volume two of that group's genealogy. Earlier last year Florence published *Upstate New York in the 1760's*, comprising tax and militia rolls. She is well acquainted with the traditions and ways of the New Netherland Dutch.

PICTURE WANTED

Donald J. Voorhies is attempting to assemble a portraitphoto gallery of the predecessors of the various Louisiana
Voorhies. He has succeeded in obtaining the likenesses of all
from the 8th Generation (Cornelius Voorhies, b. 7/18/75 d. 8/
26/35) to the present. Donald is particularly interested in
obtaining the likenesses of those in the preceding generations,
especially: (i) Daniel Van Voorhees, 7th Generation (b. 3/9/
1749, m. daughter of Gen. Peter Gordon) and (ii) Cornelius
Van Voorhees, 6th Generation (born in Flatland, NY, and
moved to Princeton area, NJ). If anyone has a picture of either
or both of these gentlemen, or knows where such may be,
please write to Donald so that he can arrange for duplication:
208 Hilltop Circle, New Iberia, LA 70560.

60th ANNIVERSARY GROUP PHOTOS

Judy Voorhees plans to have 8x10 black and white copies of the group photograph taken at the meeting last October available at the Annual Meeting and Reunion on October 9.

JAMES VORIS OF KENTUCKY

BY JEAN DONES

My objective at the present time is to determine the parents and siblings of my Great-Great Grandfather, James Voris of Kentucky. I believe that determining his parentage will link his early family line with the extensive information I have on his descendants.

The earliest positive documentation of my descent from James Voris is his marriage to Cynthia Vandiveer in Mercer County, Kentucky on 1 February 1803.

The attached chronology summarizes information I currently have on James Voris (all spellings), subject to additions and corrections. I would also like to make the following observations:

I. The name "Aaron" has appeared in each generation since James Voris came to Kentucky. His son (my Great Grandfather) was "Aaron"; my Grandfather, James William Voris, had a brother "Aaron". This name also appeared in succeeding gnerations.

I am particularly interested in further information on the Aaron Voris, who is listed as a male head of family in the Conewago Colony (records of the Dutch Reformed Church now at the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia).

Also Aaron Voorhees is on the membership list of the Dutch Reformed Church of the Conewago prior to 1775. Another reference to Aaron Voorhees includes him on a list of members of the Conewago Colony but as "aname that does not appear on the baptismal record". I believe this would mean he did not have children born or baptized at Conewago.

Probably most significant is the listing of Aaron Voorhees (along with Garret Voorhees) in the names copied many years ago from the Lower Dutch Reformed Graveyard at Conewago by Reverend Demarest.

I am wondering if the Aaron Voris who died during the Conewago years might be the father of some of the young men who went on to Kentucky in 1780, including James Voris.

It is believed that most of the members of the Conewago Colony came from Somerset and Bergen Counties, New Jersey, starting about 1765.

II. I know that there was more than one "James Voris" (various spellings) in early Kentucky, but in my chronology I have tried to focus on references to the James Voris I believe may be the "right one".

I will welcome any comments, corrections or suggestions that may help establish the vital link between the early Kentucky James Voris and his Conewago/New Jersey ances-

With appreciation and good wishes,

(Mrs.) Jean Dones 3940 Mountview Road, Columbus, OH 43220 October 30, 1992

* Demarest, Rev. David, Pastor of Presbyterian Church of Gettysburg, Pa., History of the "Low Dutch Colony of Conewago".

* Copy of an original (author unkown) in the Historical Society of York

Honeyman, A. Van Doren, The Conewago Colony - Baptisms 1769-1793, Somerset County Historical Quarterly, New Jersey, October 1915.
* MacPherson, B.F.M., "A Bit of History about Early Settlers", The Gettysbury Times, 1960-62.

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER STARTS

In early July, Adrienne Haney mailed around 52 invitations to the initial meeting of the New England Chapter on July 31st. The meeting will be at her home in Leominster, Massachusetts, or a near-by location. Earlier in the Spring, Adrienne sent approximately 55 letters to members in the New England area and received some 30 favorable responses. Her concentration for the moment is the northern portion of New England; she might extend southward if all goes well.

Adrienne joined the Association in 1991. She holds a B.S. in Criminology and has worked in a prison. Adrienne currently is a mental health counselor and especially likes emergency room work. An avid genealogist for the past four years or so, Adrienne assists David Voorhees with transcribing material for Volume II of The Van Voorhees Family - they communicate via computer modem. She attended the recent convention of the National Genealogical Society. Adrienne and Jim, a retired Army officer, have two children, seven and ten years.

WESTERN CHAPTER HOLDS FIRST MEETING

On June 16th, Pat Zumwalt met with ten cousins in Mt.

Vernon, Washington. The Western Chapter is off-and-running. This was a result of several previous individual meetings and telephone conversations. Vivan Nogle, who lives in Mt. Vernon and helped Pat set up the meeting, agreed to act as the contact person to keep the group informed.

Pat mailed 211 inquiry letters this



Pat Zumwalt

Spring to members, family\friends and Voorhees names in the telephone book. She received 44 responses from the 144 letters sent to members and a total of 54 responses spread over Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and Washington. Positive answers were received from 43 respondents. Pat plans to meet with members and nonmembers in all of these states and to hold a joint meeting sometime in the future. She is contemplating Reno as the site for the meeting.

A resident of Susanville, California, with her husband Art, Pat joined the Assocition in 1990. She is an ardent genealogist and has done extensive research on her family. Pat says that she has thousands of names in her computer data base. After attending college, Pat has been a farmer, managed a nine-story high-rise building in Los Angeles and was a manager for Radio Shack. She also has been the Oregon State Coordinator for Volunteers. Pat has been an Organizing Regent for the DAR and presently is Registrar for her local chapter. She and Art married four years ago and have eight children and five grandchildren.

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GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Need proof that ELIZABETH VOORHEES (b. ca. 1762, d. 31 Jan 1837), wife of William Fisher of West Windsor, Middlesex Co., NJ, is the daughter of William Voorhees (#503 in Volume I, *The Van Voorhees Family*) and Anne Couwenhoven. Seek information from descendants of Elizabeth's probably brother Daniel (#1341).

Shirley H. Goetz, 94 Greenwood Road, Murray Hill NJ 07904

Seeking the parents of JACOBUS (JAMES) VOORHESE, b. abt. 1763. Married Elizabeth VanAntwerp, b. 16 Jan 1765 in Fonda, NY. Their children were: John, b. 10 Jun 1792 (my G G Grandfather); Mary, christened 18 Dec 1796; and Nancy, christened 1799. All three children were christened at the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Caughnawaga, Fonda NY.

Ruth D. Martin, 1204 Langley Circle, St. Clair MI 48079-5405

Looking for PETER VOORHEES, father of Stephen Henry Voorhees, b. New Brunswick, NJ 15 Nov 1850 d. in Trenton, NJ 22 Jul 1935. His wives:

- 1. Sarah Ann Johnson, m. date unknown
- 2. Matilda Richmond (nee Reihl), m. 4 Dec 1882
- Phoebe Reihl (nee Horner), mother of Matilda, #2, m. 6 Aug 1898

 Matilda Barlew (nee Reihl -- same woman as #2)
 Richard R. Voorhees, One Columbine Court, Montvale NJ 07645

Need to locate someone who has researched the will or probate record of WILLIAM CORTELYOU, d. 28 Jan 1838. Ross T. Dunlop, 6328 Barrie Road IK, Edina MN 55435-2245

Searching for the gravesite, photo or any other personal data of AIMEE (AGATHA) VOORHIES (nee GRADENIGO), widow of Cornelius Voorhies, Sr., b. 1780 at the Opelousas Post, LA (prior to statehood), m. Cornelius 1803 at Opelousas Post. Cornelius was Sheriff and Judge in the Avoyelles Post, then Parish. They were the parents of Horace Flavius Voorhies, Sheriff of Lafayette Parish during the Civil War. Cornelius, Sr. and Aimee were the progenitors of almost all of the Voorhies' in South Louisiana.

Bennett Voorhies, Jr., P.O. Box 52307, Lafayette LA 70505

Please send your genealogical queries and news about your research activities/interests to Virginia Ward, who coordinates and assists members with their genealogical research. Ginny suggests that when you send her a query, that you tell her whether you have already checked with Steve Shyers to inquire if your line in his family database.

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	The Association continues to stock items of interest to members. All				
Through a Dutch Door -		orders should be accompanied by a check payable to the Van Voorhees Association with your membership number ("VVL-xxxxx" on the mailing label). PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH. All orders should be sent to:			
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1993 DUES NOTICE Dues through December 1993 were payable January 1, 1993. 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. Please make checks payable to "The Van Voorhees Association". Your dues are deductible for Federal income tax purposes. 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 (with the Van Voorhees line). MEMBERSHIP FEES	Please reserve the following places for me at the 61st Annual Meeting and Reunion: Luncheon: places @ \$ 15.00 = \$ Names of those in my group: Adults: Children: VVA #
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If you did not pay your dues in 1992, please add that amount

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Please complete this form or photocopy.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Fair Haven, N.J. 07704-3108 41 Oaklawn Road The VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION

