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ANNUAL REUNION

Our 62nd Annual Reunion will be on Saturday, October 8, 1994 at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, Highland Park, New Jersey. A reservation form is elsewhere in this *Nieuwsbrief*. Please complete the form, attach your check for the luncheon and mail it to Scott Voorhees not later than October 3rd. Better yet, so that you won't forget, do it now!

There is nothing like a hall full of cousins saying hello and meeting one another. Steven Coerts would be amazed at the diversity of his descendants - so will you after an enjoyable day chatting with everyone, making new friends and renewing old acquaintances.

LOCATION

Highland Park is across the Raritan River from New Brunswick. Automobile directions are inside the *Nieuwsbrief*. New Brunswick is serviced by New Jersey Transit from Manhattan and Newark, and by Amtrak from Philadelphia, Washington and points South. There is transportation from Newark Airport to Penn Station, Newark, and thence by New Jersey Transit to New Brunswick. Taxis are available in New Brunswick.

DR. FIRTH HARING FABEND TO SPEAK

Our speaker will be Dr. Firth Haring Fabend, author of the prizewinning *A Dutch Family in the Middle Colonies, 1660-1800*, which was reviewed in the last newsletter. The title of her talk to us is: "'Suffer the Little Children': Evangelical Child Raising in Reformed Dutch Families, New York and New Jersey 1826-1876". Dr. Fabend recently authored the lead article in the Spring, 1994 issue of *de Halve Maen*, "'According to Holland Custome': Jacob Leisler and the Loockermans Estate Feud". This is a fascinating discussion, not only about the incredibly intricate family relationships involved in the Estate (actually, more than one), but also as it examined the differing Dutch and English testamentary systems. We look forward to hearing Dr. Fabend - don't miss it!

LUNCHEON

Ladies of the Church will prepare lunch for us at a cost of \$12.00 per adult and \$6.00 per child under 10 years. Lunch will consist of soup, assorted prepared sandwiches, salad and

desert. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches will be available for the children. YES - BRING THE KIDS. Nursery Services will be available.

AGENDA

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. -- Executive Committee meeting
10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. -- Fellowship and Genealogical
11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. -- Lunch, Speaker and Annual Meeting

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. -- Fellowship and Genealogical

GENEALOGY

Once again, genealogical assistance will be offered to members of the Association. Our Genealogical Team will be there to answer your questions. Hopefully, a preview copy of Volume II of the *Van Voorhees Family* covering the Fifth Generation will be available.

ANNUAL MEETING

During and following the luncheon we will have a short annual business meeting and election of certain officers. This will constitute formal notice for the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Van Voorhees Association.

HOTEL

A block of rooms has been circled by the Association at the Marriott in Somerset. See the details and other hotel ideas inside.

SOIREE

Lois and Manning Voorhees will host a social gathering of the cousins in their room at the Marriott between 5:30 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. on Friday night, October 7th. Please join us. "Dutch treat" dinner will follow.

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CHANGE OF NAME

Notice anything different on the first page? No - well, grab another look. Our newsletter has a new name: *Van Voorhees Nieuwsbrief*. The name was adopted by the Executive Committee in its April 23rd meeting.

We hope that the new name will add a "back home" flavor. Thanks to Elisabeth Ripton for suggesting that the masthead be changed and to Dr. Charles T. Gehring, Director of the New Netherland Project, for assistance with the Dutch. Thanks also to Bob Van Voorhis, our publisher, for the layout.

CORRECTION

The May/June issue discussed Voorhees College on page twelve and stated in the last paragraph that Elizabeth Evelyn Wright was the former Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees. This was incorrect. Mrs. Wright was the founder of Voorhees College and Mrs. Voorhees, with her husband, Ralph, were the financial benefactors that materially aided the early development of the College. The two ladies were separate persons. Thanks to the several cousins who wrote about this unfortunate error.

J. Kenneth Morris has written an excellent biography of Mrs. Wright that is recommended for your Fall reading: *Elizabeth Evelyn Wright 1872-1906, Founder of Voorhees College*, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee, 1983.

Members may contribute to Voorhees College by writing to the Office of Public Relations, Denmark SC 29042, telephone 803-793-3351. *The Voorhees Voice* is their newsletter.

CLIFFORD G. VOORHEES

The May/June issue reported the passing of Clifford G. Voorhees, Manasquan NJ, on April 6, 1994. June Wick reminded us that Mr. Voorhees was an Underwriter of the genealogy that was initiated shortly after the founding of the Association. This work culminated in Volume I of *The Van Voorhees Family*.

The Tenth Anniversary review of a decade reports that Mr. Voorhees had been added to the Committee of Underwriters that was responsible for the "care of the genealogy". Mr. Voorhees lived in Metuchen NJ at the time.

MORE VOORHEES IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

We have received several responses to the Revolutionary War article in the May/June issue. Our thanks to all of you. Note must be made that we are not responsible for any typographical errors - serious genealogists should consult the original sources.

We counted three cousins who were thirteen years old in 1776!

Elizabth Edgar sent us the following from the *DAR Patriot Index* and the 2nd Supplement.

Mrs. Joseph Edgar, 423 Harrison Ave., Highland Park, NJ 08904-2707.

From the Patriot Index:

Van Voorhees (includes Van Voorhis, Voorhees, Voorhes, Voorhies, Vorhees, Voris and Vorys)

Aaron: b 2-1760 d 11-27-1841 m Hannah Morris, Pvt NJ

Abraham: b 5-2-1753 d 2-19-1808 m Willempe Wyckoff Drm NJ

Abraham: b 9-16-1730 d 1812 m Maria VanDoren Pvt JJ

Abraham: b 11-6-1751 d 3- -1811 m Marretje Phillips Pvt NY

Abraham: b 5-17-1748 d 1-4-1818 m(2) Sarah De Mond PS NY

Albert: b 4-6-1727 d 3-24-1784 m Adrionna VanDerwort Pvt NJ

Albert: b 1-1-1738 d 8-25-1825 m Jannetje VanHouten Pvt NJ

Albert: bpt 8-28-1748 d p. 1800 m Rachel Bogart Pvt NJ

Albert: b b 12-26 1757 d 12-25-1834 m Margaret Workman Pvt NJ

Albert: b c 1742 d c 1820 m __ Sol NJ

Albert: b 3-25-1753 d 2-18-1830 m Anna Banta Pvt PA

Albert P: bpt 11-27-1743 d p 2-17-1791 m Mary Doremus Pvt NJ

Coert Jr.: b 6-2-1756 d 3-9-1821 m Ann Updike Pvt NJ

Coert bpt 10-4-1761 d 1816 m Jane Hogeland Sgt NJ

Court: b 1741 d 1800 m Mary Johnson Pvt NJ

Daniel: b 12-18-1737 d p 11-16-1783 m Maria Tallman Pvt NJ

Daniel: b 3-9-1749 d 1782 m(1) Sarah Gordan (2) Eve Covenhoven Lt NJ

Daniel: b 1759 d __ m Rebecca lmlay Pvt NJ

Daniel: b 7-8-1738 d 2-21-1819 m(1) Mrs Sarah (Van Voorhis) Brit (2) Mary Newton (3) Nancy Meyers Pvt PS NY

David: b 9-6-1758 d 10-9-1841 m Eve Oakley Pvt NJ

Folkhard: bpt 5-7-1756 d 5-10-1822 m Margaret Gottery Sol NJ

Garret: bpt 1-30-1748 d p 1784 m Elizabeth Burr Pvt NJ

Garret: b 1739 d 10-18-1816 m Ann Beekman Pvt NJ

Garret: b 6-9-1763 d 12-14-1861 m Jerusha Rugg Tms NJ 5-1-1720 d c 1785 m(1) Melije Nevius (2) Sarah Strothoff PS NJ

Garret, Jr: b 3-4-1750 d 10-18-1823 m Matilda Ditmar Sgt NJ

Hendrick: b 1760 d 7-26-1827 m Elizabeth Williams Pvt NJ

Hendrick: b 5-12-1740 d 11-12-1827 m Jane Lesley MM NJ

Henry: bpt 11-18-1759 d p 1802 m Elizabeth Letson Pvt NJ

Henry: b 4-21-1735 d 9- -1801 m Hannah Flagler Pvt NY

Issac: bpt 8-17-1755 d 4-14-1833 m Jane VanDerveer Sgt NJ

Issac: b 4-3-1758 d 10-4-1844 m Sarah Nevius Pvt NJ

Isaiah: b 8-5-1750 d 3-16-1834 m(1) __ (2) Charlotte __ Ens NJ

Jacob: b __ d __ m Lammetie Simonson Pvt NJ

Jacob: b 10-21-1748 d 9-22-1814 m Sarah Cockaver Pvt NJ

Jacob: b 1742 d 2-2-1828 m(1) Hannah Sickles (2) Sarah Sickles (3) Agnes __ Pvt NJ

James: b 1751 d __ m Maria Doty Pvt NJ

James: b 12-23-1748 d 10-31-1810 m Anna Harris Wgn NJ

Jerome: b 4-8-1743 d p 1797 m Ann Townsend Pvt NY

John: b 11-5-1745 d 4-28-1819 m Rebecca Williamson Pvt NJ

John: b 9-1-1757 d 9-25-1796 m Ann Schenck Pvt NJ

John: b 1-18-1763 d 3-5-1817 m Maria LeQuier Pvt NJ

John: b 6-7-1738 d 9-28-1804 m Johanna Rowe Pvt NY

John C: b 12- -1747 d 1807 m Margaret Van Zandt Capt NJ

Koert: b 3-15-1749 d 1822 m Rachel __ PS NJ

Lucas: b 5-2-1753 d 8-24-1812 m Johannah Dumont Pvt NJ

Martin: b 8-28-1763 d 7-31-1825 m Alice Van Dyke Wgn NJ

Peter: b 10-10-1750 d 10-10-1823 m Elizabeth Talman Pvt NJ

Peter: b 2-12-1756 d 6-21-1842 m Maria Ditmars Pvt NJ

Peter: b 5-7-1759 d 4-17-1833 m Mary Boice Pvt NJ W

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 Rem: bpt 1-30-1757 d p 1793 m(1) Hilletje __ (2) Elizabeth __
 Pvt NJ
 Roelef: btp 9-19-1742 d 10-16-1799 m M Rebecca Pease Pvt NJ
 Stephen: b 1-21-1739 d 6-12-1815 m Margareta Van Dyke Pvt NJ
 Stephen: bpt 2-5-1748 d p 1778 m Maria Blauvelt Pvt PS NY
 Stephen: b c 1730 d 11-23-1796 m(1) Maria Leek (2) Elizabeth
 Mathewman PS NY
 Wm.: b 1727 d 1784 m Ann Conenhoven Sgt NJ
 Zachariah: b 3-25-1748 d 7-3-1811 m(1) Anna Lawrence (2)
 Nancy Springsteen Pvt NY

From the 2nd Supplement to the Index:

Garret: b 3-11-1748 d 12-20-1848 m Leannah Hollenshend Pvt
 NJ PNSR



Harold Van Voorhis supplied the following information
 from the *Official Register of the Officers and Men of New
 Jersey in the Revolutionary War*, compiled by William S.
 Stryker, Society of the Cincinnati, reprinted by Genealogical
 Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1967.



*Harold L. Van Voorhis, The Penthouse Suite 335, 490 Univer-
 sity Ave., Des Moines IA 50311-3341.*

Voorhees, Minne. Assistant Commissary in General Hospital,
 Continental Army, April 19th 1777; Commissary, ditto, August
 5th, 1777; also Captain and Quartermaster in Quartermaster
 General's Department.
 Voorhees, Theunis. Steward in General Hospital, Continental
 Army, January 1st, 1779.
 Voorhies, Peter V. Second Lieutenant, Captain Conway's company,
 First Battalion, First Establishment, November 29th, 1775; First
 Lieutenant, ditto, September 18th, 1776; First Lieutenant,
 Captain Longstreet's company, First Battalion, Second Estab-
 lishment, November 29th, 1776; Captain, ditto, November
 1st, 1777; Captain, First Regiment; taken prisoner and mur-
 dered by Tories, near New Brunswick, October 26th, 1779.
 Van Voorheese, Abram. First Battalion, Somerset; also Continental
 Army.
 Van Voorheese, Abram, Jr. First Battalion, Somerset; also State
 troops.
 Van Voorheese, Albert. Bergen.
 Van Voorheese, Albert P. Bergen.
 Van Voorheese, Court. Captain Vroom's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Van Voorheese, John. Captain Coonrad Ten Eyck's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Van Voorheese, Peter. Captain Romine's company, Bergen; wounded
 at Fort Lee.
 Van Voorheesse, William. State troops.
 Voorhees, Aaron.
 Voorhees, Abraham. Captain Jacob Ten Eyck's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset; also Continental Army.
 Voorhees, Abram. Middlesex.
 Voorhees, Albert. Captain Maxwell's company,

Second Regiment, Hunterdon.
 Voorhees, Court. Lieutenant Bergen's company, Somerset.
 Voorhees, Court. Captain Stout's company,
 Third Regiment, Middlesex.
 Voorhees, Folkard.
 Voorhees, Garret. Lieutenant Bergen's company, Somerset.
 Voorhees, George. Essex; also Continental Army.
 Voorhees, George. Sussex.
 Voorhees, Gerardus. Somerset.
 Voorhees, Gilbert. Captain Duryea's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorhees, Grades. Captain Duryea's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorhees, Guisbert. Somerset.
 Voorhees, Henry. Captain Waddell's company,
 First Battalion, Monmouth.
 Voorhees, James. Captain Duryea's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorhees, James. Middlesex; also Continental Army.
 Voorhees, James. J. Middlesex.
 Voorhees, James R.. Middlesex.
 Voorhees, Jeremiah. Captain Durdyea's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorhees, John. "Captain Stryker's Troop, Light-Horse", Somerset.
 Voorhees, Lucas. Monmouth.
 Voorhees, Lucas. Somerset.
 Voorhees, Martines. Somerset.
 Voorhees, Minnah. Somerset.
 Voorhees, Nicholas. Middlesex.
 Voorhees, Obadiah. Captain Duryea's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorhees, Peter G.
 Voorhees, Tunis. Matross, "Captain Barnes Smock's Company,
 Artillery, "Monmouth".
 Voorhees, William. Captain Waddell's company,
 First Regiment, Monmouth.
 Voorhees, William. Somerset.
 Voorhees, William. Middlesex.
 Voorheese, Abram. Somerset.
 Voorheese, David. Somerset.
 Voorheese, Garret. Lieutenant Bergen's company, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Garret. Captain Voorhees' company,
 Third Regiment, Middlesex; also State troops.
 Voorheese, Garret R. Middlesex.
 Voorheese, Hendrick. Somerset.
 Voorheese, Henry. Burlington; also Continental Army.
 Voorheese, Henry. Somerset.
 Voorheese, Isaac. Somerset.
 Voorheese, Jacob. Middlesex.
 Voorheese, Jacob. Captain Vroom's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Jacob. Captain Coonrad Ten Eyck's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Jacobus. Captain Vroom's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Jacques. Somerset.
 Voorheese, James. Somerset.

Voorheese, Jaques. Monmouth.
 Voorheese, John. Hunterdon.
 Voorheese, John. Somerset.
 Voorheese, Martines. Middlesex.
 Voorheese, Obadiah. Somerset.
 Voorheese, Paul. Somerset; also Continental Army.
 Voorheese, Peter. Captain Vroom's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Peter. Captain Coonrad Ten Eyck's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Ram. Captain Duryea's company,
 First Battalion, Somerset.
 Voorheese, Roeliff. Captain Voorhees' company,
 Third Regiment, Middlesex; also State troops.
 Voorhies, Daniel. Middlesex.
 Voorhies, John R. Middlesex.
 Vorious, Nicholas. Captain Moore's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Vorious, Peter. Captain Moore's company,
 Second Battalion, Somerset.
 Vory, Isiah.
 Voorhees, Teunis. Captain, armed boat "Revenge" (navy)

Carrie Burnard wrote that her Revolutionary War ancestor was Rem Voorhees and listed data that is consistent with the foregoing two references for "Rem" and "Ram". Carrie also noted that Rem's baptismal date was 30 January 1757 at Six Mile Run, NJ. Rem presumably is # 833 in *The Van Voorhees Family*, which shows the baptismal date as 20 January 1757. This illustrates the challenge of genealogical research. Ms. Carrie A. Burnard, 930 John R, Apt. 1122, Troy MI 48083.

Fr. Bill Lydecker, whose address is listed in Who's Who, submitted the following interesting piece.

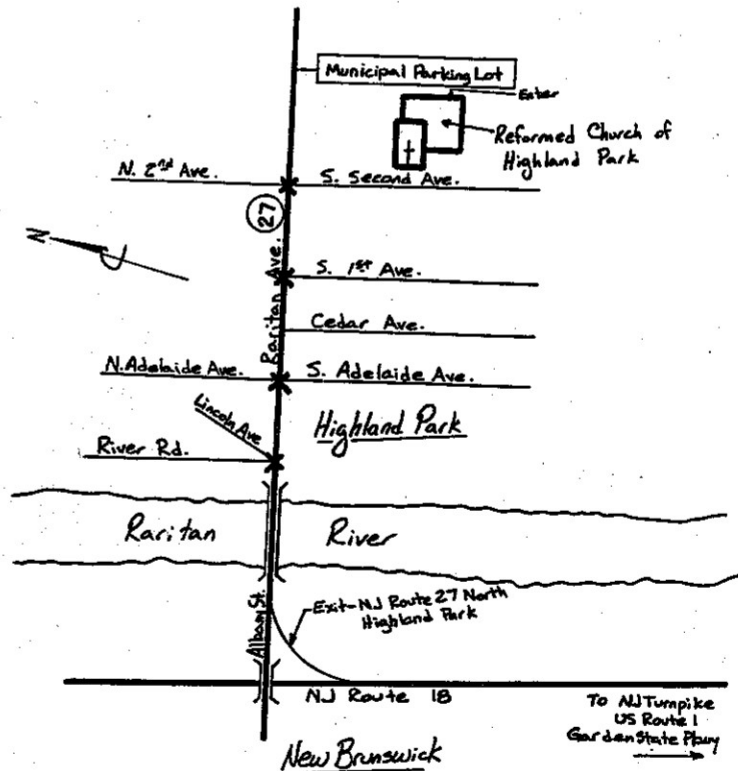
Albert Petrus Van Voorhees, # 372 in Volume I, the Van Voorhees Family. It is suggested there that his claim to Revolutionary War service is questionable, but I quote from the Lydecker Genealogy written by my father and grandfather. The following is in my father's hand.

"Albert Petrus Van Voorhees of 'Arcola NJ appears in Official Register of the Officers and Men of New Jersey in the Revolutionary War compiled by William S. Stryker 1872 in the Official Roster of State Troops and Militia. With the privates is Albert Van Voorhees, Bergen, also Albert P. Van Voorhees, Bergen, page 805. [spelled "Voorheese" in the

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HOW TO DRIVE TO HIGHLAND PARK FOR THE 62nd REUNION

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



GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairperson Fr. Bill Lydecker has announced that the Genealogical and Historical Committee will meet during a "Dutch treat" dinner at the Hyatt Regency hotel on the evening of October 7, 1994. The meeting will convene after the Soiree hosted by Lois and Manning Voorhees. Anyone interested in the work of the Committee is encouraged to attend.

NEXT NIEUWSBRIEF

This issue of the *Nieuwsbrief* is purposefully short. The January issue deadline is November 15, 1994. Manning Voorhees continues to look for interesting material about the family and will welcome your contribution. OK? Please send all items to Manning and not to Bob Van Voorhis, our Publisher.

Stryker extract herein - Ed.] John R. Voorhis told L. K. Lydecker June 3, 1924, when he was a boy, that his Grandfather Peter A. Voorhis told him that he, Peter, when he was a boy lived in English Neighborhood. That his father Albert Van Voorhees had sided with the Revolutionists and as the country around his house was in the hands of the British, his father could not come home and Peter and his mother after dark would go into the swamp to the west with food for his father who was a soldier in the Continental Army. Albert dropped the Petrus and the Van, and changed the spelling to Voorhis and is buried along with his wife Mary in the Voorhis Burial Ground in Perpetual Care of New York Cemetery Ass of Hackensack NJ on the East side of Paramus Road, north of the trolley crossing and 1,000 feet south of (???) route 4. The inscription being 'In Memory of Albert Voorhis who departed this life March 9th A.D. 1828 aged 84 years 3 months and 23 days'. 'In Memory of Mary wife of Albert Voorhis who departed this life April 27th in the year of our Lord 1813 aged 62 years 4 months & 3 days.' 'Her faith patience Love and zeal should make her memory dear. Do Thou O Lord the prayers fulfill she offered for us here.' Markers of Sons of American Revolution 1775 and Daughters of the American Revolution 1776-1891 are at this

grave. (1954 all the graves in this plot were moved to Maple Grove Cemetery in Hackensack NJ.)

"February 7th 1955 Jacob Westervelt Voorhis told me that at the close of the Revolutionary War Albert P. Voorhis was given a grant of land in Tompkins County New York for his Military Services. The Original grant signed by John Hancock was in the possession of John Voorhis grandson of Jacob Westervelt Voorhis oldest first cousin and is now supposed to be in the library of the Sons of the Revolution in Faunces Tavern. Albert P. Voorhis in order to retain title was supposed to work the land but he said that if the boys could not keep the brush down at Red Mill (Arcola)[now Paramus NJ - WJFL] that there was no use going up to Tompkins County to work the farm there and so it escheated to the State of New York and was afterwards purchased by Ezra Cornell and given to found Cornell College" [University].

NOTE: The John R. Voorhis mentioned was John Richard Voorhis, sometime Grand Sachem of Tammany Hall in New York and highly respected by all who knew him, especially my parents who took us to see him when he was over 100 years old - WJFL.

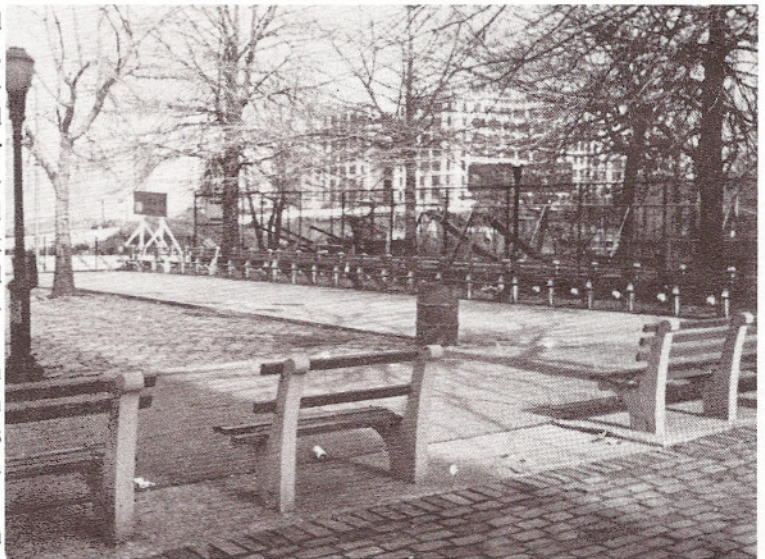


VAN VOORHEES PARK

Our Executive Committee on April 23rd approved a \$500 donation to the Friends of Van Voorhees Park, 327 Hicks Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201, telephone 718-643-0754. The Treasurer of the Friends acknowledged the gift, and said: "Thank you very much for your group's donation in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). We very much appreciate your financial and moral support to save Upper Van Voorhees Park for future generations." The acknowledgement stated that deductions to the Friends are deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

An article on Van Voorhees Park that appeared in The New York Times of May 19, 1994 is reproduced on the next two pages of this *Nieuwsbrief*. This article is copyrighted © 1994 by The New York Times Company and is reprinted by permission.

Photo of Van Voorhees Park taken by Tom Van Voorhis April, 1994.



NEW NETHERLAND PROJECT

Your Association has become a member of the Friends of the New Netherland Project. The Executive Committee approved this action in its meeting of April 23rd.

As we have commented in previous issues, the Project is contributing significantly to contemporary knowledge and understanding of New Netherland. The Association and our members have benefited many times from the Project and its personnel, who have given of themselves for us countless times. The Executive Committee believes that it is quite appropriate for our Dutch family heritage organization to support the important activities of the Project.

The New Netherland Project, New York State Library, CEC 8th Floor, Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12230.



MARILYN BRACK RETIRES AS SECRETARY

Marilyn Brack said that she will not stand for reelection. Marilyn suffers from carpal tunnel syndrome, which inflicted her sometime ago, receded and then recurred this past Winter. She has been a dedicated Secretary and we know that Marilyn will give a repeat excellent performance in a follow-on role. We hope very much that Marilyn will agree to fill another position that will not require typing. Thank you, Marilyn.



Trying to Measure A Park's Worth

By ANNE RAVER

YOU could make a case that Van Voorhees Park is just a rundown little playground in Brooklyn, so polluted by traffic from the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway and Atlantic Avenue that the children would be better off if a parking garage were put there.

"That's a park?" said Brooklyn Borough President Howard Golden last week. "I used to go down there every day, and I was overwhelmed with the amount of pollution on the B.Q.E. And I never saw more than a handful of children utilizing it at any time of day."

Or you could look at it in a different light, when the sun sets over the East River in the late afternoon and a breeze blows the smell of water through a cooling forest of three dozen old oaks. And teen-aged girls from Yemen, their hair swathed in black cloth, laugh on the swings.

"If I give their names, their fathers

Turf battle in Brooklyn.

Yet, Long Island College Hospital says the park is deserted, rundown and ugly. The hospital, which is across the street from the park on the Hicks Street side, wants to build an eight-story, 430-car garage there.

"It's a very unattractive visual site," said Arnold Tannen, the hospital's executive vice president. "Unless you have X-ray vision, you cannot see the water."

It's true. You can't see the water from the playground. You get a great view of the Port Authority buildings on the harbor. And sometimes you have to raise your voice to be heard over the trucks.

But what you do get is a wonderful quality of light on Atlantic Avenue as it opens up to the harbor. It's one of the reasons Brooklyn feels lighter in spirit than Manhattan — no canyons.

And what about the patients who can look out the west windows of the hospital? They're high up enough to see the harbor — and children laughing in the playground. Views like these can be healing.

And then there are the trees: 32 mature oaks, pumping out oxygen over the trucks, doing their part for air pollution, as well as beauty, in a city where about 15,000 trees die every year, and most don't live to be even seven years old.

A recent United States Forest Service study of the Chicago metropolitan area showed that trees, which filter out sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide and ozone from the air, as well as provide shade in summer and wind protection in winter, save millions of dollars for that city.

"To say that we don't need trees and a buffer zone near a highway is unconscionable," said Ronald Shiffman, one of the four members of the City Planning Commission who voted against the garage last July. "That's why Robert Moses built those little parks along the expressway."

It was the hospital, in fact, that gave the land to the city in 1941, to allow space for the expressway and enough park to buffer it. So it would be ironic if the hospital

got it back to park the very cars that Mr. Moses drew to the city by building all those highways and bridges. And placing a garage in the park, where the traffic of Hicks Street, Atlantic Avenue and the B.Q.E. all come together, opponents say, will only increase congestion.

The hospital says it has to build the garage for medical reasons. "We have cancer patients, people in wheelchairs," said Tom Dugan, a hospital spokesman. "To presume that they can walk five blocks from a garage is unrealistic."

Roy Sloane, who has lived on Pacific Street, just east of the hospital, for almost 20 years, said that "there are about 400 physicians at the hospital" and that

"they want to pull in and park, visit their patients and run on to the next hospital."

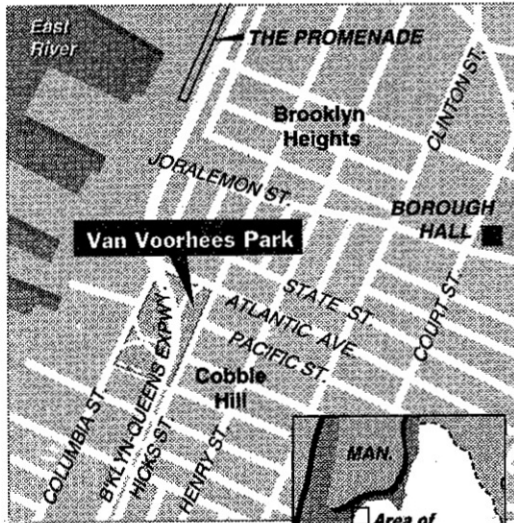
Mr. Sloane led the members of the Cobble Hill Association in their fight against the hospital's first plan for a garage, at Pacific and Henry streets, right behind the hospital. The plan surfaced in 1982, threatening to cover up part of their sky and draw a stream of cars past their brownstones.

They hired a lawyer. They started negotiating — with Mr. Golden as the mediator. And after two years, the two sides struck a deal: if the hospital agreed not to build on Henry Street, the association would support a garage on Van Voorhees Park — which, if you live in Cobble Hill, is already blocked from view by the hospital.

The hospital also said it would build two "parklets" — now it proposes three — on Henry Street to make up for the lost park. The agreement was signed 10 years ago — but it is essentially the same plan that made its way through the city's review process last summer.

On July 19, the Planning Commission voted 7 to 4 in favor of the deal brokered by Mr. Golden. Mr. Shiffman, who teaches urban planning at the Pratt Institute, voted against the garage. He called the proposal "a political compromise, not a plan that emerged from a participatory process." He said residents of Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn Heights, the borough and the city were not involved.

A park, Mr. Shiffman said, should be destroyed or changed only under "extraordinary circumstances, and then only if it is replaced acre for acre in a manner that is accessible,



The New York Times

would get upset," said a woman acting as their chaperone. "They're very strict. They don't even want us to take pictures of them. But they love this park, they really do."

Lester Bates, the program director of the Brooklyn Central Y.M.C.A., says hundreds of children use the park, in the Cobble Hill section, after school. "It's the only park in the area with such great equipment," he said. "The kids can do their own thing here, and it's really safe."

Van Voorhees Park is a highway buffer.

inviting and open to the public." But the three parklets are "small, shadow dominated and encircled by hospital structures," he continued, adding, "They are totally inadequate as a replacement for the existing park."

And if you walk down Henry Street, where the parklets would be, you will see that there is no light coming from the water, no open sense of sky. No oak trees.

If you live in Cobble Hill, like Mr. Sloane, you may think the parklets a vast improvement — because there are cars parked there now. But if you are a child who lives in an apartment and is used to running across a big playground, playing kickball in a river breeze, you might miss something. And Van Voorhees Park is a meeting ground for a rich mix of Hispanic, black and Middle Eastern children.

Benjamin Baxt, an architect who has lived in Cobble Hill for 24 years, has proposed an alternative garage, for the corner of Amity and Hicks streets, right across from the emergency room. But the hospital said that the site was too small.

The Parks Council, a coalition formed to protect public space in the city, has suggested using the underutilized city and private garages already in the area, with a shuttle system to and from the hospital.

Many have pointed out the importance of Atlantic Avenue to the future development of the Brooklyn waterfront. A park is a more inviting gateway than a garage. But a hospital is not in the business of visionary planning. And there is no city plan for green space. So the city approved the plan brokered by Mr. Golden.

Now, the garage is being held up by a lawsuit filed in State Supreme Court in Manhattan by the Friends of Van Voorhees Park, against the City of New York and the State Department of Health. It charges, mainly, that no alternatives were ever seriously considered. The suit has been put on hold until June 11 at the request of the Giuliani administration so it can consider the case.

There is a greater issue here. Green space is disappearing, bit by bit, all over New York City, not just in Brooklyn.

A police firing range occupies 50 acres of parkland in Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx. A new, larger tennis stadium is slated for Flushing Meadow-Corona Park in Queens. A state psychiatric research center is being built on Riverside Drive at 165th Street in Manhattan, on land

that was intended as parkland but never purchased by the city.

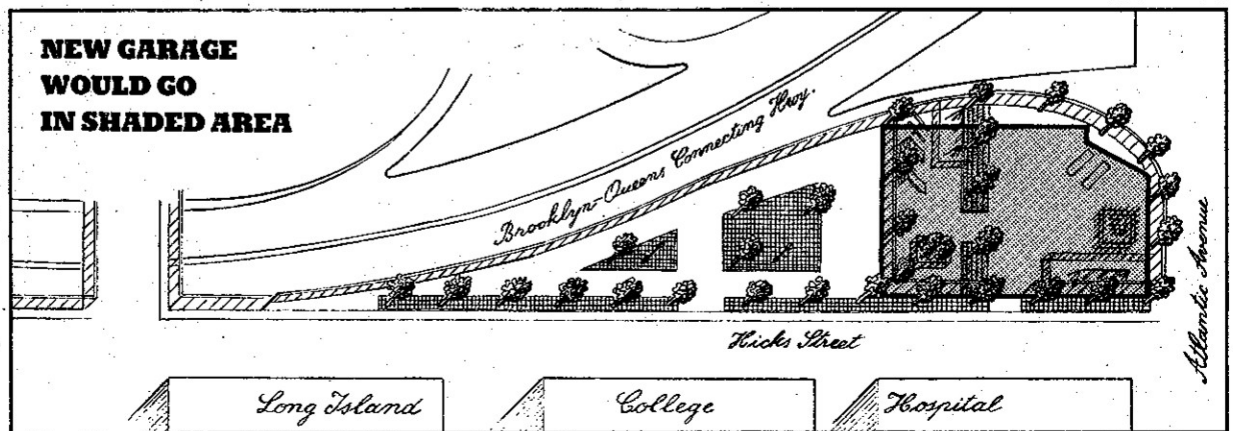
And this isn't just a New York City issue. It's happening all over the world. Last month, Sumiko Enbutsu of Tokyo helped the Friends of Van Voorhees Park plant a Japanese pagoda tree on the playground. She told the children helping her about how the Friends of Shinobazu Pond were trying to save a sacred lotus pond — a former religious site that dates back to the 17th century and is a sanctuary for thousands of birds — from a 600-car underground garage. She told of some progress: the original plan called for 2,000 cars and an exhaust tower, complete with revolving restaurant, poking up out of the pond.

Van Voorhees Park doesn't have a sacred anything (unless you count trees and children). It's always been expendable.

When Robert Moses first drew up his plans for the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway, it went straight down Hicks Street, through Brooklyn Heights.

"But the Brooklyn Heights neighborhood brokered a compromise, and the B.Q.E. swung westward, through Van Voorhees Park," said Steve Whitehouse, the director of planning for the Parks Department. So Van Voorhees Park got the B.Q.E. — and Brooklyn Heights got the Promenade.

What Van Voorhees Park needs from Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is the wisdom of a Solomon.



Rodica Prato

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Cornelia Voorhees Mason reports that Scott Voorhees, our Vice President, has agreed to stand for reelection.

A mail ballot is elsewhere in this *Nieuwsbrief*. Please vote and send your ballot to Marilyn Brack, our Secretary, as specified on the ballot form.

Help Needed!

Unfortunately, Cornelia also reports that she has been unable to recruit a candidate for Secretary. If you are interested in serving as Secretary of the Association, PLEASE contact Cornelia before the Annual Reunion. Her address and telephone are listed in Who's Who. The Secretary must be able to attend the two yearly meetings of the Executive Committee and the Annual Reunion, which are typically held in the area of New Brunswick NJ. The Annual Reunion occurs on the same day as the Fall meeting of the Executive Committee. Major annual tasks are writing two sets of Committee minutes, one set of minutes for the Annual Reunion business meeting and mailing notices of the two Committee meetings (address labels provided). May we hear from you?

CLARENCE T. VOORHEES

We reported the untimely passing of Clarence Voorhees, of Sun City AZ, in the last newsletter and mentioned his extensive genealogical work. The depth of Clarence's genealogical effort was not understood until Beth, his wife, sent Clarence's computer disks to Steve Shyers. Approximately 500 cousins are carefully tabulated in his genealogical programming, concentrated in the eighth through thirteenth generations. Steve says that Clarence's work is "very well done and professional".

Clarence left us a true legacy that will benefit our successors.

NEW MEMBERS

Tom Van Voorhies, our Membership Chairperson, reports the following seventeen new members as of June 7th:

Jeffery Van Voorhis Mansell, New Wilmington PA
Joan Voorhees Moore, Canadaiqua NY ***
William E. Day III, Brick NJ
Janet Kay Taylor, Redland CA
Darwina S. Michael, Avon NY **
Mary Jo Willis, Fairview IL
Thomas K. Voorhis, Anaheim CA ** +
Renee Catalde, Erie PA
Georgia Belle Austin, Shawnee OK **
William A. Roberts, St. Augustine FL
Roger W. Sherman, Jr., Fruitland Park FL **
Sandi Sherman, Fruitland Park FL **
Jim McCuller, Jr., Lawrenceville GA **
Bettye Barest, Lakeland FL **

Thomas Henry Van Voorhis, Dallas TX
John Voorhies, Jr., Strongsville OH ***
Alice E. Spence, Weaverville CA

Key = *** Contributing Member
** Sustaining Member
+ Donation

Welcome to all -- we hope to chat with you at the Annual Reunion.

JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI MUSEUM

We again draw your attention to the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Museum on the New Brunswick Rutgers Campus. We suggest that you visit the Zimmerli while in town for the Annual Reunion.

The Zimmerli is an excellent art museum. Unfortunately, the staff did not know what the major exhibit will be over the Reunion weekend when this *Nieuwsbrief* was written in early July. However, note should be made that their Japanese Gallery was opened in June and that the Zimmerli has an extensive collection of Russian art. Hours for the Reunion weekend will be 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Tuesday through Friday). Telephone: 908-932-7237.

HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

These are the highlights of the Executive Committee meeting of April 23, 1994 that are not mentioned elsewhere in this *Nieuwsbrief*: Treasurer Barney Ward has automated our accounts on Lotus computer software associating it with Microsoft Access data base programming ... Committee decided not to seek advertising for the *Nieuwsbrief* as a source of revenue ... agreed to cancel further exploration of a trip to Hees in 1995 because of relatively poor response ... discussed the structure and content of our annual meetings, which will henceforth be called the Annual Reunion ... Tom Van Voorhies reported 45 new members from September 1993 to March 1994 ... Bob Voris said that continuing sales of Volume I of *The Van Voorhees Family and Through a Dutch Door* are good ... current billings of Florence Christoph and Adriana Brown were approved for payment ... Ginny Ward commented that she had several genealogical research inquiries since October, 1993 ... Steve Shyers said that he had 17,021 individual names in his genealogical data base ... June Wick reported that the Association will be listed in *Reunions* and *Yankee*, and was listed among family organizations in *Genealogical Helper* - in addition, June has written to some genealogical newspaper columns.

There is no Adrian reported in the *DAR Patriot Index* or the Stryker work excerpted here. Maybe Adrian is #388 in *The Van Voorhees Family* or perhaps there was a spelling error by the Revolutionary scribe. Captain Voorhees may be the same "Voorhees, John" of "Captain Stryker's Troop, Light-Horse" of Somerset. It is not clear how "Col. Quick" fitted into the picture, but perhaps there are differing points of time involved with the two records.



Bruce D. Chilton, 22 Dolphin Lane, Northport NY 11768

NEW ARRIVALS

Lynnora and Tom Van Voorhies, East Northport NY, rejoiced on April 23, 1994 about the arrival of twin granddaughters, Samantha Rae and Ashley Shayne - Elaine Van Voorhies and Peter Abruzzo are the proud parents ... March 24, 1994 was the big day for Corbin Alan Harwood, who is the first son of Jodi and Jesse Harwood, Fairfield IA - Jesse is the great grandson of Verne Vorhies, father of Merle Vorhies.



MANY THANKS ...

Walter Steesy, of Interlaken NY, noted in previous issues of the newsletter that Steve Shyers was faced with the costly and time-consuming task of converting our mailing address zip codes to the new 5 + 4 basis. This is an enormous job! Walter offered to do this for the Association with his computer equipment. Thank you, Walter, we are very grateful.



MILESTONES

Verle Albert (Abe) Vorhies, of Fairfield IA, was called on February 20, 1994 while on vacation in Las Vegas... he was 62 years old and the brother of Merle Vorhies, also of Fairfield.

William J. Voorhees, aged 78, was called on May 24, 1994... a former resident of Dover Township NJ, he and Vivian, his surviving wife, moved to Branchville NJ shortly before his death.

Edna Rauscher Elliot Moehle passed away in her 76th year on April 15, 1994... she lived in Mt. Pleasant IA and is survived by her husband, Norman... Mrs. Moehle was the granddaughter of Josephine Vorhies Rupp of IA.

Sylvia Vorhies, San Luis Obispo CA, wife of Dr. Ralph, died in 1993. She and her husband visited Hees with the Van Voorhees group in 1984 and attended several Annual Reunions.

We learned that Koert Burnham, Keeseville NY, died on May 12, 1992 when his May/June Newsletter was returned. He is survived by Florence, his wife of nearly fifty years.

We also learned about the death of Mrs. George B. Shultz, of Grandville Ferry, Bosiko, Nova Scotia, when her May/June Newsletter was returned.

Kathlyn Voorhees Stutz, aged 84 of Englishtown NJ, passed on May 28, 1994. Her husband, Charles, predeceased her in 1967... Mrs. Stutz is survived by three sons.



LODGING FOR THE REUNION

A block of rooms has been circled at the rate of \$59.00 per night with free parking at the Marriott in Somerset. If you choose this hotel, please tell the reservation clerk that you are with the Association. If by chance the block is fully reserved, the same rate will apply - again, say that you are with the Association. Somerset is north of and next to New Brunswick. The Marriott is at 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873, telephone 908-560-0500.

The closest hotel to the Reformed Church in Highland Park is the Hyatt Regency, 2 Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, telephone 908-873-1234. Rates will be \$85.00 per night plus \$3.00 parking. The Brunswick Hilton, formerly the Ramada Renaissance, is located at Exit 9 of the New Jersey Turnpike at Route 18; address 3 Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick NJ 08816, telephone 908-828-2000. Rates will be \$75.00 per night plus parking. The Sheraton is on Route 18 South in East Brunswick and rates are \$60.00 per night including parking. Address is 195 Route 18 South, East Brunswick NJ 08816, telephone 908-828-6900.

Other sources of lodging are:

McIntosh Motor Inns	Best Western
255 Davidson Ave.	US Hwy. 1
Somerset, NJ 08873	New Brunswick, NJ 08901
908-563-1600	908-828-8000

These hotels and motels are listed for your convenience and are not necessarily recommended or warranted by the Association.



DICK SCUDDER

The newsletters of The Holland Society of NY and the Scudder Association featured a photograph of Dick Scudder, of Cherry Hill NJ, who was given the Daughters of the American Revolution Certificate of Award and Medal for Excellence in Community Service. Dick was honored with this coveted award because of his many years of service to the DAR, the Sons of the American Revolution and other patriotic and lineage societies. Congratulations, Dick.



Thanks to June Wick for forwarding information from the Scudder Association newsletter.

IOWA REUNION

Thirty-seven Members of the Vorhies, Vorheis and Voorhees clans gathered at the Lockridge Community Hall [in Fairfield IA] over the July 4th weekend to share food, memories and get acquainted and reacquainted, each video-interviewed briefly by Kevin Vorheis of Memphis TN, attending with his 5-year old son, Isaac, recognized for coming the furthest to attend.

Also attending were Bill Vorhies with his mother, Agnes, sister and nephew, Lee and Joe Steck of St. Louis; Donna Vorhies and John and Maxine Vorhies Grizzle of Carrollton IL; First-time attendees, 90-year old Frances Reed of Burlington, recognized for the being the oldest present, and her daughter, Georgiana Green of Wapello; Marie Vorhies and her children as follows: Juanita and Bill Griest and Maxie, Kay and Larry Milks, and Lea Bradley, all of Mr. Pleasant, Themma and Max Smiddy of Macomb IL, Stan and Mary Vorhies of Dallas City IL, and Roberta and Paul Mattson of Lockridge -- needless to say, they were recognized for the most from one family present.

Dan and Carol Vorhies of Monticello, brothers George, Harold and Pauline, and Clarence with son Dick and Pat Vorhies were present, as were Verne and Joyce Vorhies and Merle and Darlene Vorhies with son Greg, and Betty Arnold, all from the Fairfield area.

Agnes Vorhies showed a video of attendance at the 1962 and 1990 reunions and a tour taped of the Vorhies Cemetery.

An update of the Vorhies Cemetery and concerns of a Vorhies stone at the Lockridge Cemetery were announced.

Mrs. Darlene Vorhies, 306 W. Harrison Ave., Fairfield IA 52556

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA

An excellent Holiday gift idea for your family or children is membership in the Association. This is a great way to memorialize our family heritage. Tom Van Voorhies, whose address is in Who's Who, will be pleased to send you brochures and applications. On the other hand, a simple letter to Tom together with your dues check should be sufficient. After all, he has data for present members so that extensions for their immediate family and children are quite easy. Tom will mail the membership cards and so forth. How about it?

MISSING COUSINS

Newsletters have been returned marked undeliverable - no forwarding address for the following members. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these cousins, please write to Steve Shyers. His address is listed in Who's Who.

William G Voorhees
1900 E. Elizabeth St.
Brownsville TX 78520

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Mrs. Stanley T. Heflin
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Alexandria VA 22303-1858

Randell F. Vorhees
200 Merryweather
Grosse Pointe Farms
MI 48236

If you reside in the area of any of these missing cousins, kindly ask your local telephone information for their number and give them a call. Perhaps the telephone connections are current.

WHEN YOU MOVE...

If you move, PLEASE notify Steve Shyers so that you will not become a missing statistic. Once you are an "undeliverable", you will have disappeared forever.

VOLUME II

David Voorhees reported to the Executive Committee on April 23rd that good progress is being made on Volume II of *The Van Voorhees Family*. This will cover the Fifth Generation. Data for the Coert and Lucas Lines are largely transcribed onto computer disks and about 80% of the Jan Line is transcribed. Florence Christoph, our Genealogist, is working on the Albert Line and has entered considerable information into her software, Roots 3. Genealogist Emeritus Al Stokes asked upon his retirement that he retain the Jan Line for completion. David distributed disks containing Volume II to date for proofreading. Adrienne Haney, our New England Regional Organizer, is assisting David with the computer transcribing as the genealogy is produced.

Considerable work remains to be done on the genealogical front as well as selection by Bob Voris, Publications Chairperson, of additional material for inclusion in the book.

Upon the recommendation of Chairperson Fr. Bill Lydecker, an amendment to Florence's Agreement with the Association was executed that enlarges somewhat the scope of her work with respect to Volume II. Approval of the Executive Committee was obtained by mail, pursuant to the By-Laws, after the April 23rd meeting.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Compiled by Virginia V. Ward

Descendant of Andrew VOORUS, b. 1824/25 NY?, m. Hannah TIBBETS/TIBBITS, d. 20 May 1889 Manilus NY, seeking any information about Andrew, his wife Hanna Tibbits, his parents Eleazer and Margaret (MILLER) Voorus, or any of his children, including my gr. grandfather Hiram Andrew Voorus (b. 2 December 1856, Cazenovia NY, m. Melvina

Lucinda WATSON, 1886?, Verango Co. PA, d. 24 November 1927, bur. Pleasantville PA). Will also share all my research. Thank you. Dorothy (Hogg) Moore (VVL 12131), 336 Sarver Road, Sarver PA 16055.

Would like to exchange information on these people: Eliza Van VOORHEES, b. 1806, Dutchess Co. NY, m. 1831 James CROCKER, son of Jesse Crocker and Frances DeKAY. Eliza is daughter of Jerome Van Voorhees and Sabra SCOTT; Eliza's siblings are: William, Cornelius, Ann and Sarah. John D. Mellon, 5036 Dumont Place, Woodland Hills CA 91364, telephone 818-884-4517.

Need parents of Sarah Maria BRADFORD and her place of birth and death, who m. Nelson VOORHEES of Florida (Fonda), Montgomery Co. NY. Had 6 children; first child b. ca. 1846. Moved to Fairfax Co. VA about 1850 where they died; at least he died in VA. Cannot find death certificate for her in VA, DC or NY. She died according to tombstone on 23 October 1896. His father, John, had a farm at top of "Bean Hill" where present day YMCA is now located. Don't know if she was from same county or not. Any help regarding Sarah will be appreciated.

Please write to Ginny Ward if you have any Genealogical Queries or wish assistance and/or ideas for your family research. Ginny is available to help members with their genealogical efforts - her address is listed in Who's Who.

VOORHEES STATE PARK

In 1929, Foster M. Voorhees, a former Governor of New Jersey, donated his 325 acre farm to the State for a park. Called "Hill Acres" by Gov. Voorhees, the 640 acre tract is now a public recreational area. Voorhees State Park is located in the north western portion of the State, two miles north of High Bridge. It can be reached from I 78 (Exit 17) by taking Rt. 31 North to Rt 513 North or from Rt. 206 South by taking Rt. 513 South.

The Park offers many features: an observatory, a parcourse (18 exercise stations along a one mile path "for use by people of every level of fitness and athletic ability"), scenic overlooks, hiking, jogging, bicycling, camping, hunting, fishing, cross country skiing, picnicing with a picnic shelter (charcoal grills, tables and "sanitary facilities" are provided), and playground. Camping is available all year: a family area contains 50 wooded campsites each with a picnic table and fire ring - "modern rest rooms with hot showers" and other camping amenities are available, and there are two "group campsites" that can accommodate 75 campers each. Approximately 450 acres of hunting land are in the Park and children may fish in two ponds.

For reservations and further information, write to: Voorhees State Park, 251 County Road 513, Glen Gardner NJ 08826; telephone 908-638-6969.

As a further note on Gov. Voorhees, the Township of Voorhees is also named after him. The Township is in the south western part of New Jersey.

1994 DUES NOTICE

Dues through December 1994 were payable January 1, 1994. Please check membership desired and note any change of address. Mail to the Treasurer: Mr. Bernard V. Ward, 117 Arlington Ave., Somerset NJ 08873. Please make checks payable to The Van Voorhees Association. Your dues are deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Please tell us the name and date of birth of any new member of your family, with the names of his/her parents and the immediate grandparents (with the Van Voorhees line).

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<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	\$ 7.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing	\$ 27.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	2.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Life	200.00
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If you know your nine digit zip code, please enter it for our assistance in achieving the lowest postal cost.



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ABSENTEE BALLOT

A. I _____ hereby authorize the following ballot to be voted for me at the 62nd Annual Reunion of the Van Voorhees Association on October 8, 1994:

FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Scott Voorhees Other

B. I hereby authorize the Secretary to act as my proxy and to cast one vote for the nominee of the Executive Committee for the position of Secretary.

Yes No

Please return your Absentee Ballot to Mrs. Frederick Brack, Secretary, 24 Mary treet, North Haledon, NJ 07508 for receipt not later than October 7, 1994. A photocopy of this ballot will be accepted.

Signed: _____ VVA #: _____

62nd ANNUAL REUNION RESERVATION

Please reserve the following places for me at the 62nd Annual Reunion:

Children under 10 years: # _____ @ \$ 6.00 = \$

Adults: # _____ @ \$12.00 = \$

TOTAL \$ _____

Names of those in my group: _____

Adults: _____

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Are you attending for the first time: Yes No

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Are you planning to attend the Genealogical Session: Yes No Perhaps

Name: _____ VVA # _____

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State: _____ Zip: _____

Please indicate your Line(s) of descent (check all that apply):

Coert Lucas Jan Albert

Merghin Aeltje Jannetje Hendrickje

Please enclose your check for the total amount payable to The Van Voorhees Association and mail to:

Scott T. Voorhees
30 Orchard Street
Emerson, New Jersey 07630-1219

Reservations must be received not later than October 3, 1994. You may photocopy this form.

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