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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTARY

The Executive Committee has been saying for a long time that Volume II of *The Van Voorhees Family* will emerge in a couple of years. This was a sincere forecast -- and every one had full faith that it would happen. So, what's new? Succinctly, our genealogy has been delayed for at least two and probably three more years.

Let me review the history. Al Stokes, our professional genealogist, commenced Volume II sometime after Volume I was published in 1984. It was originally intended that the follow-on genealogy was to cover the Fifth Generation after Steven Coerts. Generations One through Four are contained in Volume I. Families grow exponentially and research into the Fifth Generation was extensive. Nonetheless, Al made material headway until illness slowed his progress. Florence Christoph succeeded Al in May of 1993 and he was called the following August.

Florence, Adrienne Haney and David Voorhees produced a draft of Volume II, based in large part upon Al's work, after Florence became our professional genealogist. Preparation of the draft had commenced before Al's death. Florence also transcribed all of the data from paper records to Roots III, her genealogical software at the time. Computerization was essential to establish control over the thousands of information bits and so that we could prepare copy for our printer. We thought then that Volume II would be published after we resolved many data contradictions and thoroughly proofread the text.

Two unexpected detours blocked our progress. First, Dorothy Stokes, Al's widow, delivered to us forty cartons of records from Al's archives. These records included original papers of Elias Van Voorhis, Dr. Oscar Voorhees, Harold Hazeltine, and Don Sinclair plus additional records from Al. Obviously, they date from the late 19th century well into this century. Florence and Judith Van Voorhis set about to enter all of this information into the computer data base. The work is significantly completed, but much needs to be done. A hurdle is the difficulty of reading the handwriting of genealogists who

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IT'S REUNION TIME!

The Coerts family arrived in New Netherland 336 years ago. Ten to twelve generations later, depending upon your particular line, their descendants will gather on October 12, 1996 at the Reformed Church in Highland Park NJ. This will be the 64th Reunion for the Van Voorhees Association.

Florence Christoph, our Genealogist, will be the speaker. She has been immersed in our genealogy and will relate her impressions of and insights into the Van Voorhees family. The title of Florence's presentation is, "The Voorhees Family as Seen Through 115 Years of Collecting". Florence's computer data base now has some 38,000 names and will soon pass into the 40,000 range as the records are entered. Some of these names are duplicates because of the different roles in which the persons appeared. Nonetheless, our family data are growing. Florence will bring a "show and tell" consisting of early bible records, letters, pictures and other samples of items that she has found in the archives. Our usual agenda has been rearranged somewhat. Florence will speak to us before lunch in the Sanctuary of the Church where the acoustics should be better than the dining room. We look forward to Florence's presentation which will be illustrated with overhead slides.

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CALENDAR

Annual Reunion
October 12, 1996
Executive Committee Meeting
April 26, 1997

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are no longer with us. Secondly, professional genealogical standards with respect to the citation of data sources have tightened significantly since Al wrote his material. We are now required to cite information sources very explicitly. Our choice was to publish a genealogy that fell well short of today's exacting requirements or rework the entire text. The Executive Committee in its meeting of April 27, 1996 decided to overhaul the text rather than publish a deficient genealogy that would survive forever."

David has assumed the critical role of Administrative Coordinator in our effort to produce Volume II within a reasonable time. He will coordinate the efforts of the Genealogical and Historical Committee and the Publications Committee. Florence has changed her software to Master Genealogist. It has the capability to store and sift citations in the required manner as well as any anecdotal information that may be included in the text. The software will produce a consistent format and style, thereby eliminating a bothersome difficulty.

Please be assured that efforts are progressing at a deliberate pace to complete Volume II. It is possible that the final book will include an updated Volume I and perhaps the Sixth Generation. Florence has found many changes in, and additions to the data in Volume I and the Sixth Generation seems to flow relatively easily as the Fifth Generation is being compiled. Aside from our disappointment that Volume II is still in the workshop, the possibility of a genealogy that ranges from the First

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At this writing we are still tuning up the agenda, but it essentially will be as follows:

- 9:00 A.M. Executive Committee meeting
- 10:15 A.M. Arrival, coffee and pastries, socializing
- 11:00 A.M. Florence's presentation in the Sanctuary with questions and answers
- 12:15 P.M. Lunch, short business meeting and Grandpa's Quiz
- 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. -- Genealogy workshop and socializing

Our annual business meeting will be short. Baby sitting services will be available.

Lois and Manning Voorhees will host their pre-Reunion gathering on Friday night, October 11th, in their room at the Clarion Hotel between 5:30 P. M. and 7:00 P. M. Please join us. Dutch treat dinner at the Clarion will follow. Hotel suggestions and directions to the Reunion are elsewhere in this *Nieuwsbrief*.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 12th of October to meet new cousins and renew old acquaintances. Please fill out the reservation coupon (a photocopy will be fine) and mail it with your check to Scott Voorhees for receipt not later than October 8th.

See you all then!

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through the Fifth, and perhaps the Sixth Generations is a book that should be welcomed by all.

Volume II will not come about by wishful thinking. It requires human energy. David, Bill Lydecker and Bob Voris need your help. If you are willing to assist with some of the research into the details or assist with the publication process, such as proofreading, please write to David. There is a need for researchers in regions removed from the East Coast. David's address is in "Who's Who". As of this writing, four cousins have responded. However, there are many openings in this endeavor -- and we need you.

Manning W. Voorhees

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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER AGAINST HALBERT'S

This article is based upon a longer report in the March/April 1996 NGS Newsletter of the National Genealogical Society. NGS stated that the article may be reprinted in other publications. The National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street North, Arlington VA 22207-2399, telephone 703-525-0050.

Last January, we received an offer to purchase a book heralded as *The World Book of Voorhees*. The offering material stated that there "are now over 2,065 households bearing the Voorhees name worldwide." The first Voorhees that the authors found was Steven in 1660, but the volume also "includes individual Voorhees who immigrated to the New World between the 16th and early 20th centuries." Members of the Van Voorhees Association know that such statements are nonsense. We reported in the May/June 1994 Newsletter that members of the Association should be cautious about another publication, *The Voorhees Since the Civil War*. Each book costs \$29.50 and are largely computer generated listings from telephone directories, among other public sources.

Halbert's, Inc., of Bath OH, is a mail order firm that published these books. "Halbert's", "Family Book Offer" and "Historic Book Offer" are trade names of the Numa Corporation of Akron, OH.

In March 1995, NGS and the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) submitted to the Chief Counsel of the U. S. Postal Service a 120 page report detailing the marketing practices of Halbert's. NGS and FGS requested that the Postal Service investigate these practices. On November 21, 1995, "the Postal Service issued a supplemental cease and desist order prohibiting Halbert's from further use of certain misleading marketing practices." This order included a consent degree signed by Halbert's. There are earlier cease and desist orders that were issued in 1985 and 1988, which remain in effect.

Briefly, the 1995 supplemental order provides:

- a. Halbert's cannot represent that a relative is/was involved in the solicitation of sale, preparation or endorsement of the publication. The Postal Service contended that the sollicita-

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tion letters for *The World Book of Voorhees* and *The Voorhees Since the Civil War* violated the 1988 consent agreement. Solicitation letters for the latter book were signed, Carol Voorhees, i.e. Halbert's used these book titles for many families, merely substituting surnames.

- b. Halbert's was ordered "to display prominently the following disclaimer on any advertising for surname-related publications: 'No direct genealogical connection to your family or ancestry is implied or intended'".
- c. Halbert's was ordered to cease representing that advertising has been approved by the Postal Service.

For a period of one year after the 1995 order, "Halbert's must, '... within ten days after written request therefor, pay full and unconditional double cash refunds, including postage, handling, and deposits, to all consumers who have previously requested in writing to [Halberts], and not received within thirty (30) days after the receipt of the written request therefor, refunds in connection with any and all surname-related solicitations in use prior to the date of [the consent agreement]". Halbert's must also honor refund requests from the Better Business Bureau, the Postal Inspection Service, the Ohio Attorney General's Office and "any other duly constituted governmental entity which has received complaints from consumers about its promotions."

NGS summarized the 1988 order, which we will not repeat here. You are urged to contact NGS for the full text of their article and any other details that you might wish.

When the next offering arrives for a Halbert's publication, appraise it carefully. Caveatemptor.

MILESTONES

Elise Valentine Hill, of Vista CA, was called on October 27, 1995 in her 75th year. She was descended from Issac W. Voorhies, who was the son of Cornelius and Elizabeth (Willson) Voorhies. Elise is survived by her sister-in-law, Martha Jane Thomas, of Lancaster CA.

Samuel E. Van Voorhis, of Newark OH, died on December 19, 1995. He is survived by his son, Samuel Clay Van Voorhis, of Little Hocking OH, and daughters Amy Ryder and Victoria Elder, of Port Charlotte FL.

Hope Beekman, of Westfield NJ, passed on January 9, 1996. She is survived by her husband. They were married 53 1/2 years.

Oliver B. Voorhees, of St. Louis MO, died on April 25, 1996 at the age of 69. He was a business man in St. Louis. He had been chairman of Voorhees Painting Co. since 1955 which was expanded during the 1970's and 1980's to include Voorhees International, Inc., a firm that specializes in hotel and motel renovation throughout the country. Oliver is survived by his wife, Mary Alice, two daughters, four sons, two brothers, two sisters and sixteen grandchildren. He was the son of Harry B. Voorhees, who was descended from Albert S. Voorhees, William Harrison Voorhees, Isaac Voorhees and Samuel Newton Van Voorhis, of the Coert Line. Robert T. Voorhees, of St. Louis, is a first cousin of Oliver.

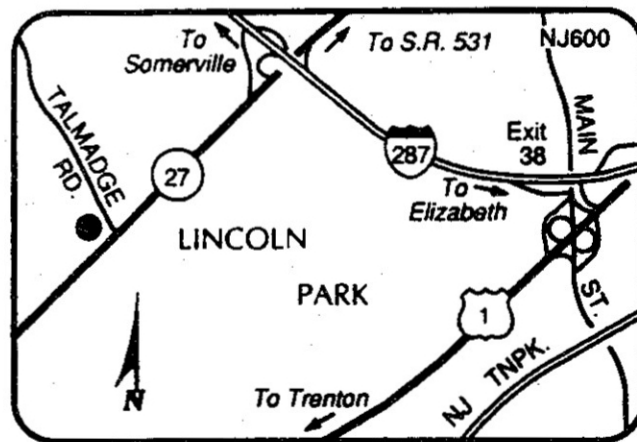
Katherine V. Cowles, of Oak Harbor WA, was called on

June 15, 1996 at the age of 86. A graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Katherine was a dedicated piano teacher and organist. She is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth A. Cave, of Oak Harbor, grandson Richard Cave, of San Diego CA, sister Clara V. Roland, of Richmond VA, and several nieces and nephews.

LODGING FOR THE REUNION

The Association has arranged a block of rooms at the Clarion Hotel priced at \$74.00 per night, which will include a continental breakfast. The Clarion is located at 2055 Route 27, also known as Lincoln Highway, Edison NJ 08817. Use Exit 10 on the New Jersey Turnpike to I-287 north and then to Route 27 south. Route 27 also runs through Highland Park, where it is known as Raritan Avenue (see map of Highland Park). The Reformed Church in Highland Park is a seven minute, almost straight-line drive. A map is elsewhere in this issue. Telephone numbers of the Clarion are 908-287-3500 or 800-221-2222. When you telephone, please say that you are with the Van Voorhees Association and ask for our block of rooms.

Edison is serviced by Amtrak and New Jersey Transit at the New Brunswick railroad station. Take a taxi from the station to the hotel. Transportation is available from Newark Airport to Penn Station at Newark and from there to the New Brunswick railroad station via New Jersey Transit.



Alternate facilities may be found at the Marriott, 110 Davidson Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873, telephone 908-560-0500, and the Hilton Brunswick Towers (formerly the Renaissance), 3 Tower Center, Route 18, East Brunswick NJ 08816, telephone 908-828-2000.

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

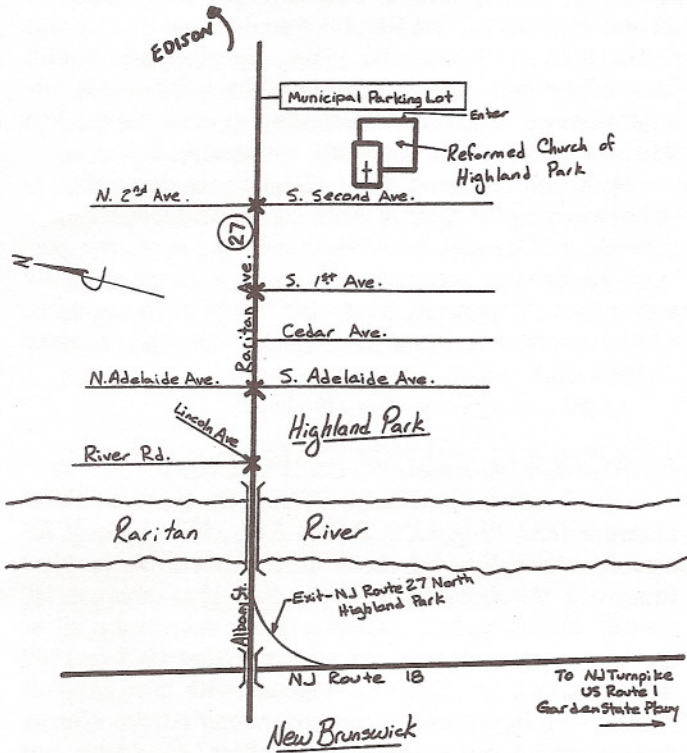
Visit the Van Voorhees Association web site on the Internet at:

<http://akorn.net/~voorhees>

Courtesy of William R. Voorhees, of Norcross GA

IF YOU DRIVE TO HIGHLAND PARK FOR THE REUNION

Use Exit 9 on the New Jersey Turnpike to Route 18 west and then to the exit for 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 Reformed Church Parish House from the parking lot.



DANIEL VAN VOORHIS

The June 1996 *Nieuwsbrief* commented upon a silver teapot made by Daniel Van Voorhis that was offered for sale by Paul Maynard Antiques, of Greenville DE. We asked if anyone had information about our silversmith ancestor -- and we are happy to report that we received six responses. Elsa Hauschka, of Bremen ME, sent us the Maynard advertisement.

There would seem to be little doubt that Daniel Van Voorhis is very well known today as a fine silversmith. Patrick Wickern, an art historian in Kansas City MO, wrote, "Foremost among the Van Voorhees family silversmiths is Daniel Van Voorhis whose work is well known to collectors of Americana." Alice Smyk, of Binghamton NY, told us that a "beautiful teaset of Daniel's is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan. Stephanie Goldberg, via the Internet, said that her mother, Elinor Patricia Hennicke, saw an exhibit containing around a dozen pieces of silver made by Daniel earlier this year at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan. Bob Voorhees, of St. Louis MO, said that the St. Louis Art Museum around fifteen years ago had an exhibit of craftsmanship by American silversmiths and that Daniel's work "was featured". These facts, certainly, speak for themselves.

Alice commented that Daniel was known to her family in Somerville NJ, which is near Princeton.

Marilyn Wender, of Maumee OH, sent us an interesting article, "Know Your Antiques", by Ralph and Terry Kovel, from the October 23, 1960 issue of the *Toledo Blade*. It is in Q & A format, and we quote:

Q. My silver cup has the initials DVV on it. Was there ever a silversmith with these initials? My great grandparents brought it west from New York City.

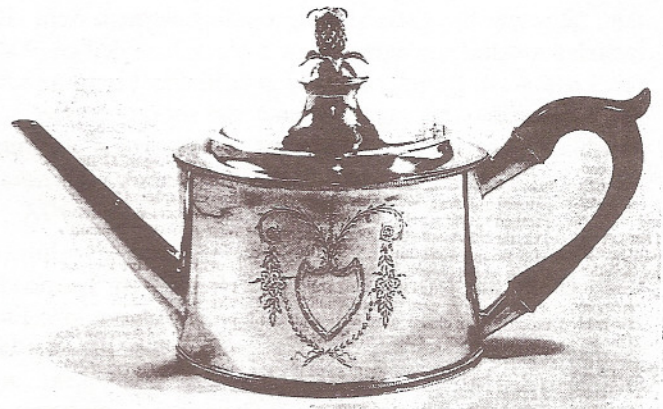
A. Daniel Van Voorhis was a silversmith in New York City from 1785 to 1805. His initials were used as a mark on many of the pieces he made. He was an outstanding silversmith.

Bob draws our attention to a discussion in our *Historical Handbook* about Daniel on pages 95 and 96. The *Handbook* was published by the Association in 1935 and is available for purchase from Judy Voorhees (her address in Toms River NJ is listed in "Who's Who"). Stephanie commented that the *Handbook* described Daniel's hallmarks as his initials "DVV" within a rectangle or an eagle within a diamond shaped lozenge.

Patrick developed the following sketch of Daniel's life, based upon information in *American Silversmiths and Their Marks III* (Stephen G. C. Ensko, privately printed by Robert Ensko, Inc., New York, 1948). Data in the *Handbook* comport largely with information in the Ensko text. There are some differences, however.

30 Aug 1751	Born to Cornelius and Neeltje Hoagland Van Voorhis at Oyster Bay NY
1775	Married Catherine Richards
6 May 1782	Working on Front St., Philadelphia PA
5 Feb 1783	Moved to Princeton NJ
by 1785	Working in New York City with a partner
1787	Working at 72 Hanover Square, NY City
1789	Working on Queen Street, New York City
1791/92	Partnership with a cousin, Garret Schanck [or Schenck ?]
1792/98	At various addresses in New York City; working with son Thomas in 1798, who was deceased by 1805
1805	Appointed Weigher at the Custom House, New York City
6 June 1824	Died in Brooklyn

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SILVER TEAPOT, CIRCA 1790
BY DANIEL VAN VOORHIS
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Patrick said that he found conflicting information with respect to Daniel's appointment as a Weigher in 1805 or 1815. We look forward to whatever further information that Patrick can generate. The Ensko publication also lists the firm of Van Voorhis, Schanck and McCall of Albany NY in 1800. Patrick wonders if Daniel "had reentered partnership with his cousin or whether the Albany firm was the business of near kinsmen."

We developed Daniel's lineage is as follows:

1. Steven Coerts
2. Coert Stevense (Van Voorhees), #4 in *The Van Voorhees Family, Vol I*
3. Cornelius Van Voorhees, #24
4. Daniel Voorhies, #126
5. Cornelius Van Voorhees, later Van Voorhis, #504
6. Daniel Van Voorhis, #1343 in the present draft of Vol II.

Daniel was the nephew of Capt. Daniel Van Voorhis, #513, who was captain of a merchant ship during the Revolutionary War. Capt. Daniel and the father of silversmith Daniel were brothers. Capt. Daniel was a hero among the Revolutionary patriots. All of this tends to be a little confusing because our forebears liked to repeat names for their children -- note that in this brief story there are two Cornelius' and three Daniels. Comprehension is also not helped by the changes in surnames. Bob writes that he traces his ancestry through Capt. Daniel, so it would appear that silversmith Daniel is in a branch of Bob's line.

Stephanie reported that Daniel's children were:

- (1) John Richards Van Voorhis, b 1776 in Philadelphia PA, d 1805 in Brooklyn NY,
- (2) Susanna Van Voorhis, b 1780 in Philadelphia PA,
- (3) Daniel Cornelius Van Voorhis, b 1782 in Princeton NJ, d 1818 in Brooklyn NY,
- (4) Richards Van Voorhis, b 1785 in Brooklyn NY, d 12 April 1881, (had at least one child), and
- (5) Elizabeth Van Voorhis, b in Brooklyn NY, (had least one child).

There were also three additional children, but Stephanie did not know their names or other particulars except that they were born in Brooklyn NY.

Marilyn also sent us part of an article in the New York Times for June 16, 1989 discussing urban archeological excavations in Manhattan. The article says: "A museum exhibition, 'Beneath the City Streets,' running through Sept. 10, includes hundreds of items from a block bounded by Wall, Pearl and Water Streets, an early landfill site. From the cobble floor of the 18th century home and shop of Daniel Van Voorhis, silversmith, goldsmith and jeweler, came charming

delft tiles with biblical or pastoral scenes, and sets of ceramic crucibles in which metal was melted." Some of the delft tiles are shown in an illustration to the article; they were used on fireplaces and walls. [Ed. This follows the European practice of the time, which can be seen today in landmark buildings.] The article also contains a diagram of the archeological dig. The Van Voorhis structure was next to "the privy of the Richard M. Bowne household, built in the early 19th century and used, like most privies, as a convenient trash pit." Many archeological items were found in the privy-trash pit. An accompanying diagram shows that Daniel's building was on the shoreline of the East River before the Bowne privy was placed between it and the River. Considerable landfill occurred thereafter such that the site of Daniel's house is now a fair distance inland. It is interesting to note that the Van Voorhis structure rested on landfill at that early time.

Now, for the good news. Daniel's craftsmanship is owned today by his cousins. Alice commented that she has a table spoon. Elsa said she believes that the tea pot was purchased from Paul Maynard Antiques by a Voorhees family member -- "unfortunately, not by me." As Marilyn recollects, a "relative or family friend" in Columbus, OH owns some of Daniel's work.

An interesting story, to say the least.

Abraham Van Voorhees

Patrick wrote that Noel D. Turner in *American Silver Flatware 1837-1910*, (A.S. Barnes & Co., New York, 1972) lists Abraham Van Voorhees as a silversmith in New Brunswick NJ about 1840. In the Fall 1995 *Nieuwsbrief*, Connie Walterschied, of Doniphan MO, described a silver spoon apparently given to her mother around 1908 or 1909 that is marked, "A. Voorhees" together with three symbols (which were reproduced in the *Nieuwsbrief* article). Connie was seeking information about "A Voorhees". Could it be that Abraham Van Voorhees is this "A. Voorhees"?

Brooks and Van Voorhis

Patrick also notes that Brooks and Van Voorhis is listed by Turner as a firm in Utica NY about 1843. Does anyone have their craftsmanship?

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FRANK J. VAN VOORHIS, 1913-1996

Frank J. Van Voorhis was called from this life on July 18, 1996 at the age of 83. He suffered from brain lymphoma which was diagnosed early this year. Frank was a long-time worker for the Association and an ardent supporter. His last positions were Representative for the Coert Line and Chairman of the Communications Committee. Frank was an

engineer and worked as Director of Engineering and Construction for the White Castle Systems and as Plant Engineer for Owens Corning Fibreglas. He is survived by his wife, Grace, son, Richard, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Grace's address is: 909 Evening Street, Worthington, OH 43085.

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

The Executive Committee in its meeting of April 27, 1996 decided that the financial picture of the Association will be briefly reported in the Nieuwsbrief from time-to-time.

INCOME	<u>7 mos 4/28/95</u>	<u>9 mos 5/31/96</u>	1996 Budget
Dues	\$ 3,784	\$ 2,079	\$ 5,500
Interest	1,078	592	2,000
Sales	1,503	1,388	2,200
Genealogical Appeal	-----	244	0
Meeting Charges	<u>833</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>1,200</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,198	\$ 4,866	\$ 10,900
 EXPENSES			
Genealogy	\$ 6,669	\$ 2,605	\$ 8,000
Historical	NA	0	1,000
Annual Reunion	1,051	1,994	2,200
Newsletter (w/Post.)	3,344	2,964	5,600
Postage & Supplies	870	606	425
Sale Inventory	402	0	400
Donations	500	50	0
Regional Support	-----	-----	100
Insurance	<u>169</u>	<u>169</u>	<u>175</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,005	\$ 8,388	\$ 17,900
DEFICIT	<u>\$ (5,807)</u>	<u>\$ (3,522)</u>	<u>\$ (7,000)</u>
C/D Liquidation	\$ 21,265	\$ 0	
 RESOURCES			
Oper. Checking a/c	\$ 17,834	\$ 13,924	
Books Checking a/c	4,782	6,128	
Savings a/c	2,835	2,847	
Certs. of Deposit	<u>57,405</u>	<u>58,639</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$ 82,856</u>	<u>\$ 81,538</u>	

Adjustments

On July 1, 1996, \$2,109 was deposited in the Operating Checking account. On the reporting date of May 31, 1996, Florence Christoph was owed \$5,055 for her genealogical services; this amount plus the \$2,605 expenditure listed above indicates a pro forma genealogical outlay for the 1996 Fiscal Year of \$7,660. Interpolating the deposit and genealogical outlay into the nine month statement for May 31, 1996 results in a pro forma operating deficit of \$6,468. A further expenditure will be the Spring Nieuwsbrief. The printing and postage bill had not been received as of this writing. It should be around \$1,500.

Comment

Comparison of the financial data is hindered by the different reporting periods -- seven months and nine months for 1995 and 1996, respectively. We apologize for this inconvenience. Deficits are being currently absorbed by the conversion of a CD to cash in 1995, which is reflected in the operating checking account balances for both reporting periods. Unfortunately, the Genealogical Appeal was clearly not successful. A relatively small amount of the July 1st deposit will be credited to the Genealogical Appeal.

The present disposition of the Executive Committee is to continue drawing down our CD reserves in order to maintain the genealogical pace. A longer term affect of this policy will be the reduction of interest income and resulting pressure on financial sufficiency. Our interest income at higher market rates has been significant. Thus, the real affect of our present situation and policy will be deferred to the future when the CD reserves will have been expended and interest income thereon will be zero.

Increase in Dues Rates

The 1996 budget envisions a total operating expenditure per member of around \$20. Based upon our financial picture, the Executive Committee in its April 27, 1996 meeting voted to increase dues rates effective on January 1st of next year. The Regular membership dues will rise from \$7.00 per year to \$10.00, the Sustaining membership from \$12.00 to \$15.00 and the Contributing membership from \$27.00 to \$30.00. The present Junior membership dues at \$2.00 per year and the Life membership at \$200.00 will not be changed. Our new dues rates will compare favorably with those levied by many other family heritage associations.

--- Manning W. Voorhees

FLORENCE CHRISTOPH OUR SPEAKER FOR 1996

Florence was born in Montgomery County, NY and is a descendent of early New York Dutch, Germans, Irish, Scottish, English and an Indian. She grew up in the Mohawk Valley, where her German ancestors settled in the 1730's. A graduate of Hartwick College, in Oneonta NY, Florence majored in mathematics and physics. Florence was a high school mathematics teacher for a short while but she decided to devote her full time toward raising three children. Her husband, Peter, retired as Administrator of Manuscripts and Special Collections at the New York State Library in Albany NY and is presently active as an historical editor with the New Netherland Project. Peter was our speaker in 1986 and is the author of two chapters in *Through a Dutch Door*.

Genealogy has been Florence's profession for over twenty years. She has been a Certified Genealogist for over ten years. This is a very prestigious designation granted after considerable study and examination by the Board of Certification of Genealogists. The Board requires periodical re-examination to ensure that a Certified Genealogist continues to be deserving of the designation.

Florence compiled and edited the *Schuyler Genealogy*, Vol. I 1600-1800 and Vol. II 1800-1880, published by the Friends of Schuyler Mansion in 1987 and 1992. She also edited *Upstate New York in the 1760's, Tax List and Selected Militia Rolls of Old Albany County 1760-1768*, published by Picton Press in 1992. Florence was co-editor of four volumes of the *Administrative Papers of Governor Sir Edmund Andros of New York*. The volumes cover the period 1674 to 1688 and were published by Syracuse University Press between 1989 and 1993; they are part of the New York Historical Manuscript series of the New Netherland Project. She has presented lectures to the National Genealogical Society annual conference, the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, the New York Chapter of Palatines to America, Order of Colonial Lords of Manors in America (New York), National Conference of Palatines to America, the New York Council of Genealogical Societies annual conference and the Rensselaerswjk Seminar of the New Netherland Project. Her article, "A Marriage of History and Genealogy, Part II" is in the Fall 1995 *Nieuwsbrief*.

Florence has been our professional genealogist since May of 1993. Part of her activities are recounted in the President's Commentary on page one. We are a complicated family and Florence has many insights and impressions from her work to date.

Be sure to mark your calendars for October 12th and learn about the Voorhees Family in America.

Next Year

Scott Voorhees is pleased to announce that our speaker in 1997 will be Walton Van Winkle, III. He is chairman of the committee that is producing *Flatbush Church Records*. This effort is supported by The Holland Society of New York. The first volume might go to press this coming Winter. We under-

stand that the Records have considerable Voorhees material as well as references to Coert Stevense (#4 in *The Van Voorhees Family*), who was an elder or deacon of the church. Walton will present the *Flatbush Church Records* from the Voorhees perspective.

TREASURER'S FUNCTIONS AND PEOPLE CHANGES

The scope of our Treasurer's functions has grown over the years to embrace a wide range of responsibilities that are quite time consuming for a volunteer organization whose members are otherwise busy. These functions were studied with the objective of reducing the time requirement and raising our managerial efficiency. The following structure is proposed.

1. The Treasurer will be responsible for the expenditure of all monies, will maintain the checking and savings accounts, including Certificates of Deposit, will maintain the books of account and will prepare periodical financial statements. The Treasurer will be responsible for our financial credit standing and solvency.
2. A new position, Financial Secretary, will be responsible for the receipt of all monies and will make all deposits into our operating checking account. All dues checks will be sent directly to the Financial Secretary. The Financial Secretary will prepare periodical financial statements for his/her function.
3. The Membership Chairperson will be responsible for initiating the process whereby new members are entered onto our records and into our computer data base. He/she will forward new-member dues checks to the Financial Secretary and will also issue all membership cards. These functions will be in addition to the other activities of the Membership Chairperson.
4. The Data Base Manager will be responsible for our membership roll, production of mailing labels and the Management Information System (MIS) of the Association. Included with the MIS will be dues delinquency data. The Data Base Manager will continue to respond to genealogical inquiries.

This structure separates member relationships and internal financial management, which will be the responsibility of the Treasurer. Hopefully, our response time with member related actions will be shortened. The structure also divides the money function between two individuals. This is a desirable level of financial control. A Finance Committee may be created to monitor the financial position of the Association and the effectiveness of our financial and financially related membership systems. "Is everything working well?" will be a major responsibility of the Finance Committee.

Therefore, certain amendments must be made to our By Laws to effect some of the foregoing changes. Pursuant to Article V, Section 3 of the By Laws, notice is hereby given that the following amendments to the By Laws will be called for a vote at the annual business meeting of the Association to

be held on October 12, 1996 at the location and time discussed elsewhere in this *Nieuwsbrief*. Article X, Section 1 requires a majority of two-thirds of those members voting at the October 12th meeting, including absentee ballots, to approve the changes. A copy of our By Laws can be obtained by writing to Manning Voorhees.

Resolved, that:

1. The following sentences shall be substituted for the first sentence of Article III, Section 1 in its entirety: "The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A Financial Secretary may be elected who shall also be an officer of the Association."
2. Article III, Section 3, shall be amended in its entirety to read: "In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Financial Secretary, the President shall nominate a candidate who, upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the office."
3. The following sentences shall be added at the end of Article VIII, Section 1: "Notwithstanding the foregoing in this Section, the Treasurer shall have the primary responsibility for the expenditure of monies from the accounts of the Association and the Financial Secretary shall have the primary responsibility for the deposit of monies into the accounts of the Association. A Finance Committee may be appointed by the President to monitor the finances of the Association. The Vice President shall be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and the President shall be *ex officio*."

People Changes

As the result of Barney Ward's personal situation, and completely apart from the foregoing, he will resign as Treasurer effective September 14, 1996. It has been difficult for Barney to cover all the requirements of the position. He was not asked to resign. We appreciate Barney's efforts and contributions as our Treasurer. He was very helpful with our computer based MIS and updating our computer capabilities.

Scott Voorhees volunteered to act as Financial Secretary *pro tem* and has functioned in that role since June 29th. Unless another candidate is identified before the business meeting on October 12th, Scott will stand for election as Financial Secretary. **PLEASE SEND ALL DUES CHECKS TO SCOTT.** His address is listed on the Dues Payment coupon and in "Who's Who".

There is no identified candidate for Treasurer as of this writing. The position of Secretary remains unfilled. These are two important responsibilities -- half of our four officer positions will be vacant shortly. Needless to say, the Association cannot continue to succeed in its objectives with critical officer vacancies.

WHAT DID THEY WEAR ?

Have you often wondered what our early ancestors wore? Answers may be found in *Clothing The Colonists: Fashions in New Netherland* by Jane Rigby, published by Friends of

Crailo State Historic Site, 9 1/2 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer NY 12144. This thirty-nine page booklet costs \$8.50. David M. Riker reviewed the publication in the Spring 1996 issue of *de Halve Maen* (The Holland Society of New York) and said, "This is the first publication that I know of devoted entirely to the clothing of New Netherland and one I believe readers of *de Halve Maen* will find informative and enjoyable. I highly recommend this attractive and professionally-produced booklet."

TESTAMENTARY GIFT

Our financial reserves that are currently residing in Certificates of Deposit were received by the Association many years ago as testamentary gifts. The funds were conservatively invested over the years and are now being drawn down for genealogical outlays, as discussed elsewhere in this *Nieuwsbrief*. While none of us wishes to contemplate the hereafter, we suggest that you include in your estate planning a testamentary gift to the Association for genealogical purposes. That would be a wonderful remembrance and would help to ensure that our genealogical work will continue.

The language in your will is quite simple and might be as follows:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ xxxxxx unto the Van Voorhees Association, a tax-exempt organization located at 2415 Spring Hill Drive, Toms River NJ 08755-0987 (or its successor by whatever name it may then be known), which sum shall be used to further the genealogical research conducted by the Association as its governing board may determine."

Your attorney might contact Manning Voorhees or Scott Voorhees to confirm the wording of the bequest in advance. This can be done on an anonymous basis without disclosing either the identity of the donor or the intended gift. The benefit of advance notice is that it can avoid problems or disputes concerning a possible error in the name of the Association or a possible stated purpose of the gift that cannot be easily fulfilled.

MORE ABOUT PEOPLE

Which "Judith"?

What are the probabilities of having two ladies with the same given name as active workers for the Association? Low, one would think. But -- it has happened. *Judith Voorhees* is Chairperson for the sale of various Voorhees and Association oriented items. She resides in Toms River NJ. *Judith Van Voorhis* manages our Management Information System (MIS) and responds to your genealogical inquiries. She resides in Niskayuna NY. Mail is being sent to the incorrect "Judith". Please send your purchase requests and covering checks to Judith Voorhees in Toms River NJ and your genealogical inquiries and changes of address to Judith Van Voorhis in Niskayuna NY.

Genealogical Inquiries

As stated above, please send your genealogical inquiries to Judith Van Voorhis in Niskayuna NY. Judith will research

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your questions using the Association computer data base. She and Florence Christoph periodically exchange data disks so that Judith effectively uses Florence's data for researching your queries. If Judith cannot answer your request, she will contact Florence. Then, if Florence cannot locate the answer, Judith will send your questions to Ginny Ward who will prepare her "Genealogical Queries" column for the *Nieuwsbrief*. Ginny did not have any inquiries for this issue or the last.

MISSING COUSINS

Nieuwsbriefs have been returned as undeliverable for the following members.

Ms. Ruth V. Heyse
307 Southwest Drive
Silver Spring MD 20901-1241

Ms. Virginia V. Cole
3000 NE 48th Street, #106
Fort Lauderdale FL 33308

Miss Rachel A. Wallace
3610 Gentilly Boulevard
New Orleans LA 70122

Harry D. Baker
3957 Marcasel Avenue
Los Angeles CA 90066

Mrs. Marie Voorhees
182 Polk Road, #672
Mena OK 74135

Mrs. Rebecca Colesar
185 West State Street
Trenton NJ 08608-1101
(a life member)

If you reside near a missing cousin, please attempt to locate him or her. They will disappear forever from our mailing list unless we find their new addresses. Fortunately, we have been successful in locating some of our missing cousins in the past. Let's hope that our success will be continued.

ARE YOU GETTING A NEW ADDRESS?

Our thanks to the several cousins who recently sent us their new addresses. This will ensure that they will continue to receive the *Nieuwsbrief* and other communications.

When you write those many change of address cards, please be sure to send one to Judith Van Voorhis in Niskayuna NY. The Post Office will forward our mail for a limited peri-

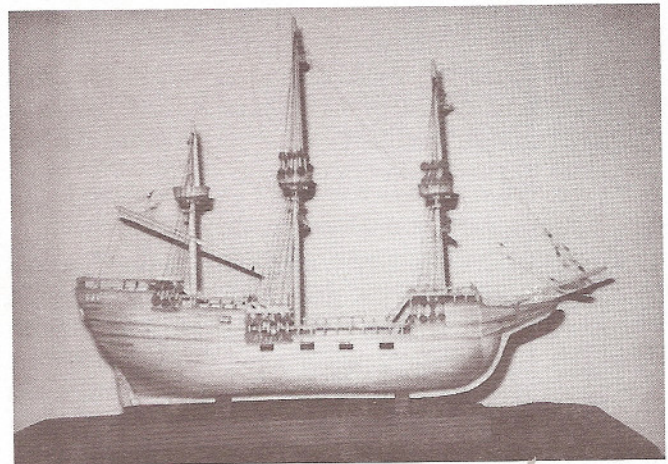
od of time and sometimes will tell us your new address -- but, this does not happen all of the time. You then become "undeliverable" and you will cease hearing from us. So, please tell us when you move. The same request applies to seasonal addresses. Please tell us when you typically go to your winter/summer residences. We receive a lot of returned mail due to seasonal moves.

Jared Selengut

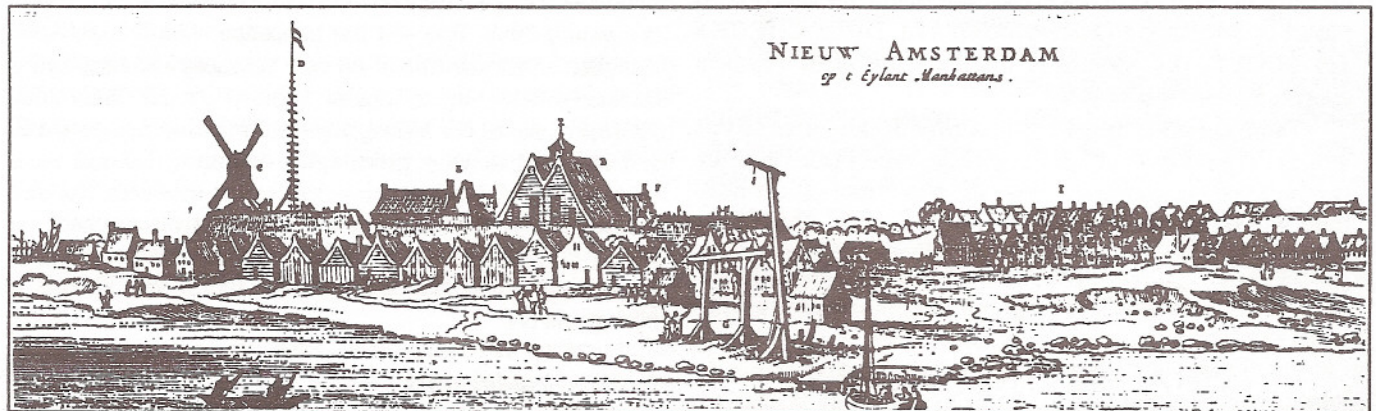
Jared is Judith Van Voorhis son. He attacked our mailing labels and has converted almost all of them from the basic five digit zip code to the new 5+4 mode that the Post Office wants everyone to use. This is a tremendous achievement and we are very appreciative that this is now behind us. Jared, thank you very much.

de BONTE KOE

We reported in earlier issues of the *Nieuwsbrief* that Russ Vorhies, of Minatare NE, is building a scale model of *de Bonte Koe*. This is the ship that carried the Coerts family and other Drenthe immigrants to New Netherland in 1660.



Russ report of March 2nd missed the April *Nieuwsbrief*, but we quote it here. "In the 1640's, the length was approxi-



This is a rendition of Nieuw Amsterdam ca 1651. It must be very close to the scene that Steven Coerts and family gazed upon when they arrived in the harbor nine years later. The rendition is from

Iconography of Manhattan Island by I. N. Stokes (New York, 1915), detail from the N.J. Visscher Map of 1656.

mately 150 feet from the bowsprit to the stern of the ship and the beam or width was 35 feet. The ships of that era were of the same basic design. The Mayflower of the year 1620 was 111 feet long and stayed in Leyden, Holland, a few months before starting to America. It arrived in America on November 11, 1620. The ships probably changed little from 1620 to 1660, when our family came to America. I would like to make a model about 2 feet long and show the standing and running rigging without furled sails in order to show the details. It makes for a more interesting model. I have built a mock-up of a ship of the 1640's and have enclosed a picture."

Russ is seeking key information about ships of the 1640-60's in the attempt to make his model as exact and realistic as possible. Unfortunately, we have not received responses to letters requesting these data -- which leaves Russ somewhat on the proverbial limb. If anyone has personal knowledge or an information resource (such as a reference book) about sailing craft of that time or can suggest where answers can be obtained, please write to Russ or telephone him. His address is: Russell E. Vorhies, P.O. Box 431, Minatare NE 69356; telephone 308-783-2671. Russ is looking forward to hearing from you. We also are looking forward to a photograph of *de Bonte Koe* in Volume II of our genealogy.

VOORHEES WORD SEARCH

by Michelle L. Klauka, North Pole AK

AELTJE	FACES
ALBERT	FAMILY
ALLEGIANCE	FAR (away)
AMERICA	FARMER
ANCESTORS	FLATLANDS
APRIL	FOOD
BAPTIZED	GUILDER
BREWERY	HARD (work)
BROTHER	HEES
CHILDREN	HENDRICKJE
CHURCH	HOLLAND
CIVIC	HOME
DAUGHTERS	HORSE
DE BONTE KOE	HUNT
DEEDS	IMMIGRANT
DESCENDANTS	JAN
DRENTHE	JANNETJE
DRESS	KOERT
DUTCH	LAND
EARLY (years)	LEAP (year 1600)
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LONG ISLAND	RELIGION
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MANY (descendants)	SEARCH
MARRIED	SEBRING
MERGHIN	SHOES
NETHERLANDS	SISTER
NEW JERSEY	SPOTTED COW
NEW YORK	SOCIETY
NIEUW AMSTERDAM	SONS
OATH	STEVEN
OCEAN	SURNAMES
PASSAGE	TRADE
PAST	TRAVEL
PEACE	TRIP
PIETER (Lucasz)	VAN VOORHEES
PRAY	VILLAGE
PROVINCE	VOYAGE
REFORM	WILLS
RELATIVES	(new) WORLD

NEW MEMBERS

Tom Van Voorhies, our Membership Chairperson, reports that the following cousins have joined the Association as of July 1, 1996.

Sara A Voorhees, Milford NJ **
Pamela E. Bunce, Leominster MA **
Jean Howell Knauer, Paradise Valley AZ **

Noel L. Smith, Bellevue WA **
Cheryl Elnora Martin, Savannah GA
Robert G. Bell Wolfe, Sturgis MI **
C. Kay Haworth, Fullerton CA **
Marjorie Dean Martin, Orlando FL

Key ** = Sustaining Member

Welcome to the Van Voorhees Association.

WHEN YOU ARE IN TOWN FOR THE REUNION...

The Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum, in New Brunswick NJ, is an excellent choice for devoting some time before or after the Annual Reunion in neighboring Highland Park. It is located on the Rutgers University campus.

The major exhibit over the weekend of October 12th will be Four Centuries of Prints, selections from the Museum's permanent collection. This will be in addition to the Zimmerli's exhibits of Japanese and Russian art. The Zimmerli is a leader in Japanese art and has one of the largest collections of Russian art in our country. Hours for the Reunion weekend will be 12:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. on Friday. Telephone: 908-932-7237.

ALEDA V. SADOWSKI AND KEN VOORHEES

Aleda and Ken are siblings with notable accomplishments. They are the daughter and son of Maxine and Charles Voorhees, of Milltown NJ.

Aleda is a Clinical Nurse at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick NJ. Working with a Rutgers University professor, Aleda co-authored two impressive articles focusing on geriatric care. "Update on Cardiovascular Drugs and Elders" appeared in the September 1995 issue of the *American Journal of Nursing* and "The Hypertensive Elder: A Review for the Primary Care Provider" was published in the May 1996 *Nurse Practitioner*. We will not begin to comment on the content of the articles -- that's beyond us. However, they are quite impressive. Congratulations, Aleda.

You will remember the article on the USS Cavalla in the Fall 1995 *Nieuwsbrief*. Commander Ken is the Executive Officer on board this submarine and spent considerable time under the Arctic ice cap on an exploratory assignment. Charles sent us a large photograph of the Cavalla's crew on the deck of the boat that we will put up at the Annual Reunion. He also commented at the end of May that Ken is "presently deployed, location unknown." Three verses from the Navy Hymn were enclosed with the photograph that seek guidance and protection for those who serve under water.

Charles F. Voorhees, 145 W. Church Street, Milltown NJ 08850

DON SINCLAIR

Don Sinclair has added two new publications to his list of achievements. We learn from *The Monmouth Connection*, the newsletter of the Monmouth County (NJ) Genealogical Club, that Don published this year *NJ Newspapers and Journalism* and *NJ Fourth of July Orations*. We again extend congratulations to our long-time genealogical researcher and Member-at-Large of the Executive Committee. It is indeed difficult to keep up with you, Don.

ANDREW JACKSON VAN VORHES AND THE SIOUX INDIANS

The following article was written by Ross Dunlop, who is a frequent contributor to the *Nieuwsbrief*. He has developed considerable information about Abraham VanVorhes, #926 in *The Van Voorhees Family*. Andrew Jackson VanVorhes was the son of this Abraham and the grandson of Abraham, #276. Ross' data indicate that their family name was VanVorhes rather than Voorhees as shown in Vol. I. Ross T. Dunlop, 6328 Barrie Road, Edina MN 55435. Thank you, Ross -- we look forward to hearing from you again.

Andrew Jackson VanVorhes (Publisher of the *Stillwater Messenger*) had been picked to assist the Indian Agent in the delivery of the Annuity due at Fort Ridgely. It was said to be a keg with \$72,000 of gold in it. What would that be worth today? They arrived at Fort Ridgely at noon 18 August 1862 the very day that Little Crow laid siege on Fort Ridgely. Even though VanVorhes was only one of about 100 civilians and another 100 or so soldiers, he is firmly cast in bronze. Little Crow had believed that Fort Ridgely was the key to driving the Europeans back to Saint Paul and beyond. Even with his overwhelming numbers, the small force at the Fort held out for several days until a force of about 1,600 men who had been enlisted for Civil War service arrived and broke the siege. Andrew Jackson VanVorhes was later appointed Captain of Commissary at Fort Ridgely. I had thought that it was Fort Snelling but maybe he served both at different times. It was unfortunate that his name is spelled wrong in the bronze casting but it was made many years after he died.

[Ed. Ross enclosed several photographs of a monument that was erected in 1893 at the site of Fort Ridgely MN. References to bronze above are to this monument. We quote from the monument: "Erected A.D. 1893, by the State of Minnesota to preserve the site of Fort Ridgely, a United States Military post established in 1853, and especially to perpetuate the names and commemorate the heroism of the soldiers and citizens of the state, who successfully defended the fort during nine days and investment (sic), August 18-27 1862, and who gallantly resisted two formidable and protracted assaults upon it, made August 20 and 22 1862 by a vastly superior force of Sioux Indians under command of Little Crow and other noted Indian leaders and warriors.

[August 18, 1862, the Sioux Indians of the Upper Minnesota River, in violation of their treaties, broke into open rebellion and within a few days thereafter massacred about one thousand citizens in the south western part of the state, and destroyed property of the value of millions of dollars. Many men, women and children fled to Fort Ridgely and were under its protection during the siege. The successful defense of the Fort by its garrison consisting of Companies B and C, Fifth Regiment Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, the Renville Rangers and citizens and refugees, was likely very instrumental in saving other portions of Minnesota from pillage (?) and devastation and greatly contributed to the ultimate defeat of the Indians and their expulsion from the state.

[Andrew Jackson VanVorhes is among 49 other "Armed Citizens" cited on the monument for the defense of Fort Ridgely (his name spelled with two e's). It is interesting to note that nineteen women cheerfully and bravely assisted in

the defense of the Fort." Cheerfully?]

Ross also enclosed a photocopy of the Northern Superintendent's report for 1862 about this episode. To quote: "Owing to the state of the finances of the country, the government found it inconvenient to send on the *annuity money* as early as has had been usual for some four years previous; and, although the delay was only about four or five weeks, yet the Indians did not understand it. They were excited about it, and kept inquiring why their money did not come; I assured them that it would come, and asked them to wait patiently. They seemed content on this subject, and, however unfortunate the delay may have been in furnishing a pretext for the outbreak, yet I am well satisfied that nobody but scribblers, scamps, and unmitigated scoundrels have ever alleged this delay as a cause of, or even a fair pretext for, the outbreak. No Indians or half-breeds have ever said or thought so, yet the delay, short as it was, was unfortunate in this: that it afforded material to work upon, and to begot the public mind as to the real cause or causes of the outbreak. As the misstatements on this question have been widely circulated, it may be permitted me here to state a few facts. There is no time fixed, by either law of treaty, for the Sioux annuity payments. Prior to the year 1857 the payment was made semi-annually -- one half in the spring or early summer, and the other half in the autumn. Superintendent Cullen changed this, (and, I think, wisely) by having but one time of payment each year, and that *when the grass affords good pasture*. Last year (1861) the Lower Sioux were paid on the 27th of June, and the Upper Sioux on the 18th of July. This year (1862) the money did not leave St. Paul until the 17th day of August, and it arrived at Fort Ridgely on the 18th day of August, the very day of the outbreak at the lower agency. There it remained during the siege. After the siege was raised, it was concluded to postpone the payment till a more favorable season, and the money, in the original package, was started back to St. Paul, in care of those who had brought it up, viz.: C W. Wykoff, Major Hatch, J. C. Ramsey, A. J. Van Voorhees (sic), and C. M. Dailey, esqs. ... I never saw the money itself; I saw the *keg* at Fort Ridgely in which it was said to be. I think it was there and I believe it was gold. Neither I nor any other persons, in the year 1862,

offered any annuity money in the shape of gold, silver, greenbacks, or in the shape of anything else, to the Sioux of the Mississippi. I have been a little particular in this regard, for what seem to me good reasons, yet I am somewhat grieved thus to spoil so many fine, pious, romantic, philanthropic, lachrymose, and devilish publications on the subject of the cause of the raid -- dishonest agents, greenbacks, discount for gold, 'Lo! the poor Indians' ... [Ed. What is the good Northern Superintendent telling us?]

Ross continues: It is interesting that the VanVorhes name died out in the fourth generation. The wife of William VanVorhes of the third generation listed herself as a widow about the turn of the century; he turned up in his Mother's probate in 1930 in Seattle. He did not receive property. Maybe he started a new family out there. This same person had a son whose wife called herself a widow in the 1920's. Yet he was a plaintiff in a civil action in 1925 brought by an unnamed VanVorhes. Maybe it was the alleged widow. I found someone who matched his place and date of birth in the Social Security death list in Ohio. Maybe we can find a VanVorhes of this line who does not know his connection. [Ed. -- Ross, give us the rest of the story!]

THE NEXT NIEUWSBRIEF

The deadline for the January 1997 Nieuwsbrief is November 30th. Please send interesting family and genealogical-historical articles and/or other information/material to Manning Voorhees. You are the real authors of our newsletter.

The Nieuwsbrief will now be mailed First Class. Yes, it is more expensive than Third Class (Second Class is now available only to commercial mailers). However, delivery by Third Class extends over several weeks and it appears that not everyone received the January 1996 issue (this happened before with Second Class when it was available). If you did not receive the January issue, please write to Manning Voorhees for a copy. There is little point to expending the time and money to produce a newsletter if delivery is not reasonably timely and if all of the membership do not receive it.

1996 DUES NOTICE

Dues through December 1996 were payable January 1, 1995. Please check membership desired and note any change of address. Mail to the Treasurer: Mr. Scott T. Voorhees, 147 Grand Boulevard, Emerson NJ 07630. 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).

MEMBERSHIP FEES

[] Junior \$2.00 [] Regular \$7.00 [] Sustaining \$12.00
[] Contributing \$27.00 [] Life \$200.00

If you did not pay your dues in earlier years, please add that amount to your remittance:

[] Regular \$7.00 [] Junior \$2.00

[] Check here, and enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to receive a 1996 membership card.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

If you know your nine digit zip code, please enter it for our assistance in achieving the lowest postal cost.

BOOK ORDER FORM

Through a Dutch Door, 17th Century Orgins of the Van Voorhees Family
 _____ copies @ regular price, \$22.00 \$ _____

The Van Voorhees Family, Volume I
 _____ copies hardcover, \$20.00 \$ _____

_____ copies softcover, \$15.00 \$ _____

10% discount for 6 or more
 copies to the same address \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to The Van Voorhees Association and mail to:
Mr. Robert S. Voris, 802 Berkeley Rd., Westover Hills, Wilmington, DE 19807

Please enclose this complete form or a photocopy with your order.

Did you previously purchase Volume I, The Van Voorhees Family: Yes No

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ITEM SALES FORM

The Association continues to stock items of interest to members. All orders should be accompanied by a check payable to the Van Voorhees Association. Please do not send cash. All orders should be sent to:

Ms. Judith Voorhees, 30 San Salvador Street, Toms River, NJ 08757, Telephone (908)505-9232

Items for Sale	Members	Non-Members	Quantity	Price
Tote Bag	\$10.00	\$11.00	_____	_____
Coat of Arms Tile	\$10.00	\$12.00	_____	_____
Coat of Arms Patch	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	_____	_____
Historic Handbook	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00	_____	_____
Van Voorhees Letters	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.50	_____	_____
Baseball Cap	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	_____	_____
Handpainted Coat of Arms	\$10.00	\$12.00	_____	_____
Tietac\Pin	\$15.00	\$15.00	_____	_____
Coat of Arms, X Stitch Pattern	\$ 1.50	\$ 2.00	_____	_____

TOTAL \$ _____

Purchases are sent postpaid with no additional shipping charges.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ VVA # _____

64th ANUAL REUNION RESERVATION

Please reserve the following places for me at the 64th Annual Reunion:

Children under 10 years: # _____ @ \$6.00 = \$ _____
Adults: # _____ @ \$15.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Names of those in my group:

Adults: _____

Children: _____

Are you attending for the first time: Yes No

Do you need/would like Nursery Services: Yes No

Name: _____

VVA # _____

Address: _____

City: _____ 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
147 Grand Boulevard
Emerson, New Jersey 07630

Reservations must be received not later than October 8, 1996. You may photocopy this form.

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ABSENTEE BALLOT

A. I, _____ hereby authorize the following ballot to be voted for me at the 64th Annual Reunion of the Van Voorhees Association on October 12, 1996

FOR VICE PRESIDENT Scott T. Voorhees Other

FOR FINANCIAL SECRETARY Scott T. Voorhees Other

AMENDMENTS TO THE BY LAWS:

Resolved, that:

1. The following sentences shall be substituted for the first sentence of Article III, Section 1 in its entirety: The officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A Financial Secretary may be elected who shall also be an officer of the Association.

2. Article III, Section 3, shall be amended in its entirety to read: In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Financial Secretary, the President shall nominate a candidate who, upon confirmation by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the office.

3. The following sentences shall be added at the end of Article VIII, Section 1: Notwithstanding the foregoing in this Section, the Treasurer shall have the primary responsibility for the expenditure of monies from the accounts of the Association and the Financial Secretary shall have the primary responsibility for the deposit of monies into the accounts of the Association. A Finance Committee may be appointed by the President to monitor the finances of the Association.

The Vice President shall be the Chairperson of the Finance Committee and the President shall be ex officio.

I vote yes for the foregoing amendments I vote no for the foregoing amendments.

Please return your Absentee Ballot to Manning W. Voorhees, 2415 Spring Hill Drive, TomsRiver NJ 08755-0987 for receipt not later than October 10, 1996. A photocopy of this ballot will be accepted.

Signed: _____ VVA #: _____

The VAN VOORHEES ASSOCIATION
2415 Spring Hill Drive
Toms River, NJ 08755
ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

