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Nieuwsbrief : Publication Times

by

Marilyn Van Voorhis Voshall, Editor

Over the years I've been thinking that we need to standardize the 2 dates (about 6 months apart) when the 2 issues of the *Nieuwsbrief* are published.

This might not always be possible. Such delays could be caused by illness of the editor and/or other authors who write necessary information. Late pub-

lication could also be caused by "recently" acquired knowledge of major importance.

The advantage of setting these 2 dates means that every author would always know when articles were due. Holidays are not involved, so the Due Dates for Articles will not change.

The 2 Publication Months are APRIL and OCTOBER, which are 6 months apart.

This means that the **EDITOR should Receive:**

1. ALL ARTICLES for **April** Publication by **MARCH 31st**; and
2. ALL ARTICLES for **October** Publication by **SEPTEMBER 30th**.



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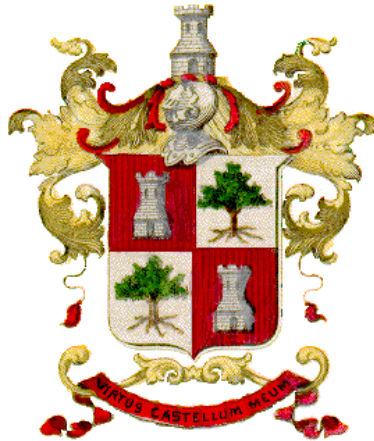
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Purpose of the Van Voorhees Association

The purpose of the Van Voorhees Association is to provide genealogical research for members of the association which is comprised of descendants of the Van Voorhees Family.

Membership is open to **any descendant** of the Van Voorhees Family whose patriarch was Steven Coerte (van voor Hees: Van Voorhees).

The Van Voorhees Association is what you make of it.

We have decided to try **Facebook (TM)** as our primary form of electronic communication instead of an e-news email. Help us improve communication by visiting our Facebook page. Use the Discussion Board to post your genealogical queries and share family news with your Van Voorhees cousins.

Family members can share tips and news and even ask questions. This is not intended in any way to replace the *Nieuwsbriefs*. That paper newsletter will continue to come to your mailbox. Please submit all articles for the *Nieuwsbriefs* to our editor as you have always done.

Share Your Reunions and Genealogical Events

Our **Van Voorhees Event Calendar** is on Google (TM) and viewable by the public. It is the perfect place to post your genealogical events, family reunions, and other van Voorhees related events.

Events should be either Dutch-American genealogical in nature or of interest to Van Voorhees family members. To submit an event for inclusion on our calendar, please click the button below or send the same information to our [webmaster](#).

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The Future of Master Genealogist (TMG) Software

Bob Voorhees Greensboro, NC

On July 29, 2014 Bob Velke, owner and sole developer of this software, announced that support for TMG will be discontinued. This decision is apparently made because the market for software of this sophistication is not large enough to support the program.

We have used TMG as our software of choice for over 20 years. Our entire database of close to 100,000 names is a TMG database. (The TMG data to Word). Thank heavens we have the books. We need to thank the leaders of the Van Voorhees Association, especially Manning Voorhees, for making the books happen.

But this is not a time to panic. Experienced software developers know that this sort of thing happens a lot. What usually happens is the software developer community gradually supports the software. There is very sophisticated protocol among private developers for handling situations just like this one. Microsoft will support Windows 8 at least through 2023, so the

current software which we have installed on at least 8 computers should work fine for 9 or 10 years. If bugs creep in they can be fixed by private developers. Very importantly Bob Velke has signaled his support for anyone trying to help his thousands of users. (This would include releasing things like source code to help private developers.) Even though Bob stopped selling the TMG program at the end of Sept, he plans to keep his support staff on the job until the end of 2014.

No comparable Program exists. While some of the advanced features in TMG have comparable functions in some other programs, there is today no program offering many of TMG's best features. Waiting to see what accommodations other developers make or whether any of the several efforts we know about produce a successor program to TMG materialize, seems like a wise choice. Experts are urging TMG users not make any rash choices.

In Memoriam

Emery Norton Voorhies, age 65, died on Tuesday May 20, 2014 after a brief illness. Born in 1949, he was the son of **Dr. Norton William Voorhies** and **Mary Rees Voorhies**, both of whom are deceased.

He graduated from the University of Mississippi, where he belonged to Delta Kappa Epsilon. He received a Juris Doctorate from the Loyola School of Law and practiced many years in Covington, LA.

Among his survivors are **Jane Hamilton Voorhies** (his wife), his daughter (**Harvison Smith Voorhies**), **Molly Voorhies Gahagan** and Bill Gahagan (his sister and brother-in-law) and their children (**Wiley**

Gahagan and Molly Heurtin), 4 grand-children plus nieces and nephews.

His Memorial Service (11 AM on May 22, 2014 after one hour of visitation) was at Christ Episcopal Church. Condolences to the family may be made via ejfieldingfh.com. Instead of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

Funeral arrangements were managed by the
E.J. Fielding Funeral Home
(985-892-9222)
2260 West 21st Avenue
Covington, LA 70433

Gretchen ("Chris") Voorhees died Wednesday, August 7, 2014 at the age of 77. She was born on March 4, 1937 in Boston, MA to Martha Catherine Nash and Myron Arthur Myers.

She graduated from high school in White Plains, NY and began studies at the State University of Iowa. From Penn State University she received a bachelors degree and in 1961 a masters degree in Speech Pathology. She also held a degree in music.

In 1966 in a suburb of Philadelphia, PA **Chris** married **Robert Fait Voorhees**, Chairman of the Van Voorhees Association Genealogy Committee.

Chris was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother, speech therapist, and dedicated community volunteer. She lived and worked in Wilmington, Delaware, Westfield, New Jersey, and Greensboro,



N.C. Her work was primarily in preschool and elementary settings where she assisted children with speech and language impairments.

Chris dedicated a considerable amount of her time to volunteerism and community service. As a volunteer, she spent many years singing with her church choir and also served as President and Co-Founder of the Westfield Tennis Association.

She is survived by her husband, 3 children (**Jill Voorhees Vick** of Denver, Colorado; **Karen Lura Voorhees** of Boston, Massachusetts; and **Kenneth Robert Voorhees** of Vienna, Virginia), and a total of 7 grandchildren (**Curran, Catie and Lauren Vick; Carey and Madeline Christa Voorhees; plus Austin and Cameron Voorhees**).

The Memorial Service was held at 2 PM on Sunday, August 17, 2014 at The Unitarian Universalist Church in Jamestown, NC. Memorial donations can be sent to: The Unitarian Universalist Church
5603 Hilltop Rd.
Jamestown, NC 27282

News van Verwanten (News of Cousins)

Mike Morrissey of Ypsilanti, MI recently became a new member of the Van Voorhees Association. He is descended from Neeltje, the daughter of Coert Stevens Van Voorhees and his wife, Marritje Gerritse Van Couwenhoven. Neeltje married Garret

Roelofs Schenck.

Mike Morrissey and Perry Streeter made a mtDNA study proving their descent from Neeltje along her female line. The results were published in *New Netherland Connections* (vol. 10, page 37).

Devin Voorhies was mentioned in an article by Nctchezdemocrate.com (published at 12:01 AM on Friday, June 27, 2014). It stated that Devin was a

quarterback at Louisiana State University during summer camp. Devin is hoping to impress Louisiana State University with this ability.

Alle wolken regenen niet.

All Clouds do not rain.

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Through a Dutch Door: 17th Century Origins of the Van Voorhees Family now must be purchased from Heritage Books Inc. The code name is V3758 and the price is \$22.00. The book can be ordered via website www.heritagebooks.com or by mail to the address:

Heritage Books Inc.
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The Van Voorhees Association has published the *9th Generation CD* (including 9th generation children).
Members of the Van Voorhees Association: \$29 plus \$3 shipping and handling = **\$32 (total)**; and
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Important: (1) Please include your email address, if possible, so we may communicate with you as needed; and
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Checks or money orders should be made out to the **Van Voorhees Association** and
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Gerret Van Voorhees

by Wendy Buscaglia

I became a member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) in 2012. I initially thought that I would gain membership through my Van Voorhees ancestor but was saddened to discover that he was not in the massive DAR database. This means that even though there may be sufficient evidence of service, that patriot is not recognized by the organization. I gained membership through another ancestor. Once I was a member, I set about to have my fifth great grandfather, Garret Van Voorhees, properly recognized for his service during the Revolution.

The business of adding a patriot to the extensive DAR database is a lengthy and often problematic process. Founded in 1890, the DAR is among the oldest patriotic societies for women in the United States and prides itself on stringent guidelines. While Garret's service is well documented in New York in the Revolution and The Van Voorhees Family in America, he was not recognized by the DAR. This means that no direct descendant of Garret had ever been a member of the organization. The process of proving Garret's service took several months. I was greatly assisted by a volunteer genealogist from my local DAR chapter. The most difficult part of the research involved proving Garret's residency during the Revolution and then proving that he was in fact the same Garret Voorhees listed in service and pension records. There are many Van Voorhees from New York and New Jersey who were patriots. There are also enumerable ways to spell Van Voorhees and Garret! These differences proved tricky to decipher. Another obstacle was that county lines were not static. The Mohawk District, where Garret lived, became the Town of Mohawk in 1772 when Tryon County was split off from Albany County. Today it is part of Montgomery County.

Garret was born April 10, 1761 in Monmouth County, NJ. His parents were Andreas and Ann Voorhees. He was their 5th child. Sometime after Garret's birth, the family moved to New York. It can be assumed that the Voorhees family were farmers. It is known that Garret's father (Andreas b.1729) and grandfather (Hendrick 1696-1766) were farmers as were most of the families in this rural area. In 1782, Garret married Lavinia Francisco in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, NY. It was during this time that he served with the 14th Albany NY Militia as a private under the command of Colonel Peter Yates. Schaghticoke's strong Dutch heritage may have help-

ed keep Loyalist activity to a minimum. The Dutch had no great loyalty to the British as they viewed them as past conquerors and economic competitors. According to pension papers, the 14th Albany was called out every summer to help patrol the border and work on construction in places like Fort Edward. During my research, I did not find evidence that this militia company saw battle action. Garret received final payment for his services in 1785. It is interesting to note that his wife's three brothers were also part of the 14 Albany Militia.

It can be assumed that after the Revolution, Garret returned to farming and raising his family with Lavinia. They had nine children. Garret died in 1831 in Montgomery, NY. His son was Eleazor (1802-1868). Eleazor's son Phillip Voorhees (1841-1908) was my great-great grandfather. Phillip was the first in his family to leave the New York area in nearly



two hundred and fifty years. He and his wife, Catherine, (above) followed a popular migration route west to Kansas. One of their daughters, Myra Bell married Samuel Britten and they lived in Oklahoma.



Christine (left), who is my grandmother, in the 1920's moved from Oklahoma to Texas. She and my grandfather raised their ten children in the Longview area.

Christine passed away in 2003 at the age of 95.

I am very proud of my ancestor Garret's service during the Revolution, I am thrilled to honor his memory and open up this line for other Voorhees cousins who may want to become members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. I am also indebted to my friend Marion Weiner, the volunteer genealogist who helped me accomplish my goal to have Garret properly recognized.

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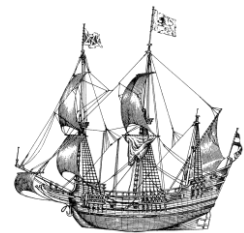
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