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Upcoming Meetings and Events

March 1, 1995: Deadline for New York State Library Research Residency applications. While the awards do not include a monetary stipend, Research Residents do receive direct borrowing privileges and access to the reference, database, photoduplication and interlibrary loan services of the State Library. Applicants must submit: 1) an application form, 2) a resume that includes the names and addresses of three references and a list of relevant publications, and 3) a formal description of the research project in two pages or less. They should also include a statement of the relevance of NYSL's collection to their project. For further information contact:

Paul Mercer, Chair
Research Residency Committee
New York State Library
Cultural Education Center
Albany, NY 12230
(518) 474-4461
(518) 473-7121 TDD/TTY

March 7, 1995: Talk by David S. Cohen, previous Hendricks Manuscript Award winner, entitled "**Defining the Dutch-American Farmhouse.**" This slide lecture will show the primary defining

characteristics of the *Dutch-American* farmhouse types as opposed to the Dutch farmhouse in America by showing which architectural characteristics can be traced back to prototypes in the Netherlands as opposed to those that are the product of cultural processes in America. The talk is sponsored by the New Scotland Historical Society and will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Wyman Osterhout House Community Center in New Salem. Call Mark King at [518] 861-6022 for more information.

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March 8, 1995: Talk by David W. Voorhees, previous Hendricks Award Winner, editor of *de Halve Maen* and of the Papers of Jacob Leisler. Voorhees' talk is entitled "**How Ther Poor Wives Do, and Are Delt With: The Role of Women in Leisler's Rebellion.**" The talk is sponsored by the Holland Society Library at 6:30 p.m. in the Portrait Gallery at 122 East 58th Street in New York City. A \$4.00 donation reserves a seat. Send reservations with checks payable to the Holland Society of New York, 122 East 58th Street, NY 10022.

March 12, 1995: 2-4 p.m. Charles Gehring will lecture on "**Rensselaerswijck: Privatization of Colonization.**" in the Town of Colonie's Centennial Series on Local History at the William K. Sanford Library on Albany-Shaker Road. Contact Jean Olton, Town Historian, at [518] 783-1435 for further information about the lecture series and events related to the celebration of the Town of Colonie's 100th anniversary.

April 1, 1995: Charles Gehring will speak on "**Swedish-Dutch Relations in the Delaware Valley**" at a symposium hosted by the American Swedish Historical Museum in Philadelphia. The Symposium has been tentatively titled "Dutch and Swedish Presence in America in the 17th Century." The museum is located at 1900 Pattison Avenue; call [215] 389-1776 for further information.

April 4, 1995: The next speaker in the Voorheesville **Arthur Gregg Local History Seminar** will be Wayne Franitz from the Department of Fine Arts of Syracuse University. Dr. Franitz is the author of *Paragons of Virtue: Women & Domesticity in 17th-century Dutch Art* (Cambridge University Press:

1993). The title of his slide talk is **"From the Old World to the New: Domesticity in 17th-Century Dutch Art and its Impact on the Patroon Painters"** Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The talk will be held at 8:00 p.m. in the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church on Maple Avenue. For further information contact Dennis Sullivan at [518] 765-2468.

April 23, 1995: 2-4 p.m. Talk by Derk Westerhof, Historian of the City of Hasselt, entitled **"Early Years in the Netherlands of Kiliaen Van Rensselaer: Founder and First Patroon of Rensselaerswijck."** This is another talk in the Town of Colonie's Centennial Series on Local History at the William K. Sanford Library on Albany-Shaker Road. Contact Jean Olton, Town Historian, at [518] 783-1435 for further information.

Research Interests

William A. Starna, professor of anthropology at the State University College at Oneonta, has been awarded a \$30,000 fellowship to **study the social interaction between American Indians and Dutch settlers in New Netherland** during the 17th century. "Little has been written about Indian-Dutch social relations and this study will partially fill that void," said Starna. "It will serve to complete the picture of ethnic diversity that typified New Netherland, and perhaps most importantly, it will furnish the critical context of native cultural systems and social environments within which the Dutch were transformed into 'New Netherlanders.'"

Starna's study will emphasize the natives' point of view of their encounter with the Europeans, the response of the Indians to the Dutch intrusion, the effects of disease epidemics, a detailed analysis of the fur trade, an examination of Indian-Dutch political economies, and the development of joint social "landscapes" such as religion, marriage and occupation. Outcome of this study will be a book with the preliminary title of "Natives and New Netherland: A Social History of the Indian-Dutch Frontier." Contact Prof. Starna at the Department of Anthropology, SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820; [607] 436-2016.

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The Papers of Jacob Leisler Project is collecting all the correspondence and related family papers of Jacob Leisler (1640-1691), the ill-fated governor of New York, 1689-1691. The project would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information about personal and public correspondence, diaries and business documents, as well as portraits and other material objects relating to Leisler and his immediate family. Contact: Dr. David William Voorhees
The Papers of Jacob Leisler
Department of History
19 University Place, 5th Floor
New York University
New York, NY 10003

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Hubert de Leeuw announces the formation of **Adriaen Block & Hendrick Christiaensz Historische Werkgroep**. This study group will focus on gathering information on Dutch activities in Long Island Sound shortly after the explorations of Hudson. De Leeuw is looking for any information relating to

this period as well as for volunteers who can help with the search and processing of any documentary evidence uncovered. Contact De Leeuw at Paalstraat 61, Post-Box 38, 2900 Schoten, Belgium. Tel. 32-3 685 07 21.

Researchers in the Netherlands

The August 1994 issue of the Marcurius carried the final names of a list of researchers in the Netherlands interested in New Netherland. The following are additions or changes to that list.

Replace Hilde Verheul with Mrs. Ingrid van Vessum
West Indisch Huis
Herenmarkt 97
1013 EC Amsterdam
31-20-624 7280 (voice) or 31-20-638 1145 (FAX)

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Information is sought on relationships to **Hugh Goodyear** (Manchester, UK 1588 - Leiden, Netherlands, 1661), Minister of English Reformed Church in Leiden 1617-1661. Personal correspondence in the Leiden Municipal Archives includes letters to/from Hugh Peter (Harvard) & Governor Bradford. Information sought concerning his second cousins Robert Goodyear (merchant in Virginia) and Thomas (merchant in the Port of London). Possible connections with import/export of English Bibles. Also Elizabeth Goodyear, married William Aspinall/Aspinwall in 1627 (one known daughter born ca. 1644), emigrated to America (his profession: clockmaker and/or attorney-at-law). Is there any connection with Samuel Goodyear, apparently deputy governor of New Haven in 1647?

Ann Veenhoff, MA
 Marja Smolenaars, MA
 VENA (Women & Autonomy Ctr.)
 Leiden University
 P.O. Box 9555
 2300 RB Leiden/Netherlands
 (voice) 31-71-273600
 (FAX) 31-71-273619

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To serve as a basis for historical and genealogical research, the **Central Bureau voor Genealogie (CBG)** has established a **database** on New Netherland settlers. If you have documentation, from archives or private records, pertaining to persons who settled in New Netherland or the east coast during the 17th century, we would be pleased to list your information in our database. For further information write: Mevr. L. Alsemgeest
 Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie
 Postbus 11755
 2502 AT Den Haag
 (voice) 070-381 4651

Publications

The New Netherland Project announces publication of *Council Minutes 1655-1656*. This latest volume of translations in the New Netherland Documents series is available from Syracuse University Press for \$75 plus shipping and handling. Send your order to SUP, 1600 Jamesville Ave., Syracuse, NY 13244-5160; or FAX [315] 443-5545. Members of Friends of New Netherland will be able to purchase this book through FNN at a 20% discount.

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The most recent issue of the **Dutch Family Heritage Society Quarterly** (Vol. 7, No. 4 for 4th Quarter 1994) includes an extensive article by Mary Lynn Spijkerman Parker entitled "A Trip to Albany." This

article is a report on Mrs. Parker's week-long trip to Albany to attend the Rensselaerswijck Seminar and explore research facilities. This quarterly publication has interesting articles for those who are researching Dutch families. Membership in DFHS is \$20 annually, and members receive free queries. Back issues are available for \$5.00 each. Write Dutch Family Heritage Society, 2463 Ledgewood Drive, West Jordan, UT 84084-5738.

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Just published by Hendricks Manuscript Award winner, David Steven Cohen, is a new book entitled *Folk Legacies Revisited* and which includes a whole chapter on "Afro-Dutch Folklore and Folklife." The book is available in both hardcover and paperback from Rutgers University Press, 109 Church Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

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A new book by Shirley W. Dunn, entitled *The Mohicans and Their Land, 1609-1730* is available for \$24 plus \$3 shipping and handling from Purple Mountain Press, Ltd., P.O. Box E3, Fleischmanns, NY 12430. Order toll free at 1-800-325-2665. This book has been submitted for the 1995 Hendricks Manuscript Award.

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Lloyd Ultan, in collaboration with The Bronx County Historical Society, has recently published *The Bronx in the Frontier Era: From the Beginning to 1696*. The 250-page book is available from BCHS, 3309 Bainbridge Ave., The Bronx, NY 10467.

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Dirk Vellenga has published a **historical novel** entitled *Het Boek Rin-*

ning: vier eeuwen met de Fondas, Vanderbilts, Roosevelts en andere nederlands-amerikaanse geslachten. Mr. Vellenga writes: "There is a lot of interest in the Netherlands in the Dutch period of the United States and the story of famous families. My novel is doing well in Holland. I am now looking for a suitable translator and publisher in the United States." Order the book from Uitgeverij Conserve, Postbus 74, 1870 AB Schoorl, Netherlands; tel. 02209-3693; FAX 02209-4370. If you wish to correspond with Mr. Vellenga, his address is Wadestein 44, 4901 CP Oosterhout, Netherlands.

News

Call to Action

The news coming out of Washington these days bodes ill for NEH (the **National Endowment for the Humanities**). There is talk of doing away with NEH completely.

Who cares? All readers of the *Marcurius* should care. Since 1979, NEH has funded the New Netherland Project with a series of 3-year matching grants. Without this support from NEH, the New Netherland Project would not have been able to exist. The matching grants have resulted in 14 volumes of translations and have attracted a lot of local funding. If NEH is not funded by Congress, that will be the end of the New Netherland Project.

The New Netherland Project is undertaking a **letter-writing campaign** to congressmen and senators, especially from the five

states included in the New Netherland area: New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Connecticut. Legislators need to be made aware of the kinds of projects NEH supports and how cost-effective NEH grants can be.

We urge all readers of the *Marcurius* to take the time (*right now*) to inform their own congressmen and senators of the importance of NEH. Even a postcard will help!

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The last *Marcurius* listed an offer by a member of the Friends of New Netherland, to host researchers from the Netherlands who come to the United States. We can add another name to that hospitality list:

Paul F. Palen
102 Paradise Ave.
Piermont-on-Hudson, NY 10968
[914] 365-2358

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We are saddened to report the death of **Elizabeth Dove Lewkowitz** on Monday, June 13, 1994. Mrs. Lewkowitz was active in several genealogical societies, including the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society. She was a great friend to the New Netherland Project, and it was she who first arranged for the annual meetings of the Friends of New Netherland to be held in the lovely NYG&B auditorium.

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The Consulate General of the Netherlands has turned over to the New Netherland Project a complete **traveling exhibit** entitled "**The Dutch Republic in the Days of John Adams.**" The exhibit consists of 40 panels (19 5/8 x 25 5/8 inches) mounted on laminated plastic. The panels are in two cases, 20 panels in each case, weighing 160 lbs. If you are interested in borrowing

this display, please contact the New Netherland Project to make arrangements.

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Successful New Netherland Conference in Middelburg

Study Group New Netherland, founded in the Netherlands in May 1993 by people who professionally or otherwise are interested in the history of New Netherland, held its first conference on January 13. It was graciously hosted by the staff of the Roosevelt Study Center, which is located in the historic abbey complex in the heart of Middelburg, capital of the Dutch province of Zeeland. In attendance were some sixty people from the Netherlands, Belgium, and the United States. After Mrs. Kate Delaney, American Cultural Attachée, had opened the conference, the keynote address was delivered by Prof. Joyce Goodfriend of the University of Denver. In "The Coming of Age of Colonial Dutch Studies in the United States," Goodfriend reviewed the vicissitudes of Dutch culture in pre-revolutionary North America and recent trends in historiography. In "Opkomst en verval van de Nederlanders in het Atlantische gebied" (The Rise and Fall of the Dutch in the Atlantic), Prof. Piet Emmer of the University of Leiden argued that the permanent loss of New Netherland to the English in 1674 was inevitable as England by that time had in every respect surpassed the Dutch Republic as the dominant power in the Atlantic.

The main theme of the conference, "New Netherland from a Biographical Perspective," was addressed after lunch by five other speakers. Nico Plomp of the Central Bureau for Genealogy in The Hague, illustrated with various examples the importance of genealogical studies in "Nieuw-Nederlanders en hun Europese achtergrond: de stand van zaken in het genealogische onderzoek" (New Netherlanders and Their European Background: The State of Affairs in Genealogical Re-

search). Prof. Willem Frijhoff of Erasmus University in Rotterdam, whose biography of Everhardus Bogardus is due to appear in April, demonstrated in "Dominee Bogardus als Nieuw-Nederlander" (Domine Bogardus as New Netherlander) that historians will have to reconsider the views they have traditionally held of the controversial minister and his wife, Anneke Jans. Charles Gehring of the New Netherland Project devoted his lecture, "Petrus Stuyvesant, Directeur-Generaal van Nieuw-Nederland: een spannend begin, 1647-1652" (Petrus Stuyvesant, Director-General of New Netherland: A Tense Start, 1647-1652), to Stuyvesant's resolute handling of three major crises: the border conflict with the English in Connecticut, the encroachment on New Netherland territory by the Swedes in the Delaware area, and the dispute over Albany between the West India Company and the patroonship of Rensselaerswijck. In "Johannes de Laet: drie aspecten van een veelzijdig man" (Johannes de Laet: Three Aspects of a Versatile Man), Jaap Jacobs of the University of Leiden discussed de Laet's activities as an Amsterdam director of the West India Company, as shareholder in the patroonship of Rensselaerswijck, and as a scholar engaging in a polemic with Hugo Grotius about the origin of American Indians. Ada van Gastel reviewed Adriaen van der Donck's important contributions to New Netherland history in "Adriaen van der Donck as Spokesman of the New Netherland People and as Author."

Many of the participants inquired whether a New Netherland conference could be organized in the Netherlands on a regular basis, e.g. ever other year. Plans for a conference in 1997 are being considered. Publication of the lectures is scheduled for December 1996. Readers of the *Marcurius* will be kept informed.

[This report is by Jos van der Linde, who was the primary organizing force behind this conference and who deserves much credit for its success.]

Totidem Verbis

Our *Marcurius* has existed for ten years (issue #1 was February 1985)—does anyone recall why we named it that? The *Correspondence of Jeremias van Rensselaer* twice mentions (p. 329 & 332) a "newspaper" by this name, which he was sending to his family. O'Callaghan concluded (*History of New Netherland* 2:552) that Jeremias himself was the author/publisher of this "newspaper." No copies of the original have ever been found.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

May 20, 1995: "Fiddle Up a Barn Ribbon Cutting Ceremony" at the **Dutch Barn**, Gate 3, Brandle Road, Altamont Fair Grounds; soon to be the permanent home of the Old Songs Festival. The barn came from Montgomery County, and was carefully taken apart, repaired and reassembled on the Altamont Fair Grounds. The opening ceremony will be followed by a concert, covered dish picnic and a country & contra dance. Contact Andy Spence at [518] 765-2815 or write to Old Songs, Inc., P.O. Box 399, Guilderland, NY 12084.

May 26, 1995: Talk by Charles T. Gehring entitled "Trade and Colonization 1609-1664: The Dutch in North America" at the History of the **Fur Trade Conference** being held at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For further information contact Bill Wicken at [902] 420-5668 or 496-8140.

June 2-3, 1995: Conference on New York State History at SUNY Brockport. Charles Gehring will comment on papers in the session on "Empire and Frontier" and

Martha Shattuck will be moderator for the session on "Women and the Workplace." For reservations write Stefan Bielinski, Conference on New York State History, 3093 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; [518] 474-6917.

June 11: Friends of New Netherland event featuring tours of Dutch properties (including a Dutch barn) in the mid-Hudson region around Peekskill and Beacon, as well as presentation of the 1995 Kenney Award. For further information contact Friends of New Netherland secretary, Hennie Newhouse, at [518] 486-4815.

June 24-25, 1995: Blauvelt Family Reunion in Warwick, New York. Contact Jean C. Anderson at [914] 987-7718 if you are interested.

September 16, 1995: 18th Rensselaerswijck Seminar on the general theme of relations between New Netherland and New England. Speakers and other details will appear in the August *Mercurius*.

October 19, 1995: Interdisciplinary Symposium on 17th-Century Dutch Art and Life at Hofstra University. An exhibit of drawings by 17th-century Amster-

dam artist Jan Luyken will coincide with the symposium. For a brochure or further information, contact Prof. Donna R. Barnes, Dutch Symposium Coordinator, 124 Hofstra University, Mason Hall, Hempstead, NY 11550-1090

Research Interests

Since 1990, archaeologists in Anne Arundel County, Maryland have been excavating house sites related to the 1649 Puritan settlement called "Providence" or "Severn." This settlement later became known as "Arundelton" and eventually "Annapolis" and is now the state capital. One of the most surprising aspects of the archaeological discoveries has been the amount of Dutch material culture which has been recovered. Not only are there numerous clay tobacco pipes and ceramics of Dutch origin, but there are extensive amounts of Dutch architectural artifacts. One site had a Dutch pantile roof, a Dutch yellow brick firebox, painted decorated "Delft" tiles, and Dutch green and yellow glazed floor tiles. We have no historical documents which can shed light on the situation. If anyone encounters information relating to this settle-

ment, please contact:

Al Luckenbach, County Archaeologist,
Anne Arundel Co., Box 6675, Annapolis,
MD 21401; [410] 222-7441

The publisher, Den Hertog B.V. in Houten, the Netherlands, has just published the 18th-century Dutch notes, diary and letters of Dina van den Berg, the pietist wife of Domine Frelinghuysen of Raritan, New Jersey. The title is *De leiding van des Heeren liefde met Dina van den Bergh*. Some of the material was found in New Brunswick at the Reformed Church Archives. The editor of this volume would like to find a scholar in the U.S. interested in translating and publishing this book in English. If you are interested, contact him at:

Dr. Johan H. van de Bank,
Margrietlaan 62,
6713 PN Ede,
The Netherlands

Publications

After 12 years of research, the *Descendants of Mathys Coenradsen Hooghteeling 1655-1994*, compiled by Marian and Joseph Kasak, is being published by Anundsen Publishing Co. in Decora, Iowa. The 600-page book is fully indexed. Before May 15, the \$40 purchase price will include shipping and handling. After May 15, there will be a \$5.00 charge added. Send orders with check made out to Marian & Joseph Kasak, 1130 Borland Court, Reedsburg, WI 53959; or call [608] 524-6033.

Joyce Goodfriend's *Before the Melting Pot, Society and Culture*

in Colonial New York City, 1664-1730 is now available in paperback from Princeton University Press.

The **Association of Blauvelt Descendants** announces publication of Vol. II of the revised *Blauvelt Family Genealogy* covering the 7th and 8th generations of the family. The book is available for \$35.00 plus \$4.00 shipping from Assoc. of Blauvelt Descendants, c/o Susan Heilmann, 685 Terrace Heights, Wyckoff, NJ 07481. Vol. I covering generations 1-6 is also available for \$30 plus \$3 shipping from Marilyn Brack, 24 Mary St., N. Haledon, NJ 07508. Make checks for either book payable to the Association of Blauvelt Descendants.

Book Sale!!!

Syracuse University Press has discounted the following books until June 15, 1995:

Fort Orange Court Minutes \$42.50
Laws and Writs of Appeal \$22.50
The Andros Papers, volumes 1-3 @ \$37.50 per vol. You must use the enclosed order form to get the discount; or call: [315] 443-2597 for the special discount form.

With support from a Local Government Records Management Grant from the State Archives, New Netherland Publishing printed 200 copies of a **4th-grade and 7th-grade curriculum** using primary documents in social studies teaching. These two books join two others published last year. Titles are:
Books for 4th Grade:

- Book I: *The New World Through Dutch Eyes* (four units on Use of Primary Sources, Geography, Navigation & Trade and Commerce)

- Book II: *Daily Life in New Netherland* (three units on Internal Trade Relationships, Social Justice and Women's Studies)

Books for 7th Grade:

- Book I: *From the Old World to the New* (three units on Life in the Dutch Republic, the Journey Over and Life in the New World)
- Book II: *People in New Netherland* (four units on Natives & Invaders, Many Nationalities, Different Religions, Women and Children)

The books were distributed free to social studies teachers in New York State. However, all 200 copies are now gone; and there are no more funds for reprints. Teachers wishing to order the books may write to Mary Capobianco, Glenmont Elementary School, Route 9W, Glenmont, NY 12077; [518] 463-1154. She will keep a list of those who want copies; and as soon as reprints are available, she will inform you of costs.

Peter Christoph has just published an expanded **history of the Bradt family**, entitled *A Norwegian Family in Colonial America*. The 250-page book sells for \$37.50 + \$4.75 shipping from Higgenson Book Co., 148 Washington St., P.O. Box 778, Salem, MA 01970.

Martha Shattuck published an article entitled "Heemstede: An English Town Under Dutch Rule," in *The Roots and Heritage of Hempstead Town*, Natalie A. Naylor, ed. The 252-page book with over 50 illustrations is available from the publisher, Heart of the Lakes, P.O. Box 299, Interlaken, NY 14847-0299. Price is \$15 for paperback or \$25 hard cover, plus \$4 postage.

Report from the Friends of New Netherland

The Friends' newly organized office area is located on the 8th floor of the Cultural Education Center in Albany, adjacent to the Project. The office handles the details pertaining to Friends' membership and Project fundraising among other miscellaneous items of business. Mrs. Henrica Newhouse, Project associate, is available weekday mornings from 9-12 to receive calls. Othertimes, messages may be left on the answering machine or with Greta Wagle or Patty Ryan who work on fundraising. The Friends' phone number is [518] 486-4815.

Under the direction of Peter Rose, plans for this year's events are well underway. The "centerpiece" of the year will be the Project Dinner on September 16 following the Rensselaerswijck Seminar. The Ambassador of the Netherlands and the Consul General are expected to attend the dinner. Coming up very quickly is an early summer outing to Dutchess County on June 11 for a tour of three Dutch houses: the Van Wyck, the Madame Brett, and Mount Gulian. At the Mt. Gulian Dutch barn there will be a joint ceremony to present the Kenney Award and to honor Charlotte Wilcoxon for her writings. She will be the subject of our second publication recognizing writers who focus on New Netherland. Details of the June 11 event should be available in mid May. Through the tireless efforts of Tara van den Hout a special event for the Circle of Corporate Friends

was arranged for May 11 at the Van den Hout's NYC home; Dr. Gehring spoke to the group about goals of the Project.

The Friends' Board holds monthly meetings on the 3d Wednesday of most months at 3:00 pm in the Librarian's Room of the NYSL. Members of the FNN are encouraged to attend and participate.

News

Hooray! The New Netherland Project survived very stiff competition and will receive a **new 3-year NEH matching grant** beginning this year. However, the grant is \$24,000 short of what was requested; so NNP staff has accepted a 3% cut in salaries. The first year of the grant is an outright gift of \$70,000. Then, NEH will match another \$150,000 raised by the Project up to the beginning of 1998. Fundraising will begin immediately, as this is the largest sum the Project has ever had to raise.

The news from NEH is not all good, however. **NEH is under serious attack** as a result of the new Congressional majority's proposed budgetary reductions. Some congressional opponents have even advocated "zeroing out" the NEH entirely, along with its sister agencies, the National Endowment for the Arts and Institute for Museum Services. Unfortunately, all three are scheduled for reauthorization this year, providing a convenient opportunity for their enemies to mount an assault.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN. ACT NOW! HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO.

- CALL, FAX, OR WRITE TO YOUR U.S. REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORS. Tell them why you believe the work of the National Endowment for the Humanities and state humanities councils is important.
- URGE your friends and colleagues to do the same.
- WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPER expressing your views on the value of a federal commitment to the intellectual and cultural life of our nation.

Don't Delay! The congressional leadership is expected to act swiftly on the budget and on reauthorization. An immediate public response is our best defense. NEH, with a budget of approximately \$177 million, provides essential support for humanities research, teacher education, conservation of fragile books and artifacts, programs in libraries, museums, and historical societies, public television and radio productions, and state humanities programs.

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Charles Gehring, translator and director of the New Netherland Project, has received **another medal**. At its annual banquet on April 22, the Netherlands Society of Philadelphia presented the Society's Gold Medal to Dr. Gehring for 20 years of work devoted to translation and publication of the New York Colonial Manuscripts. Announcement of Dr. Gehring's previous honor (the Order of Orange-Nassau) received last fall can be found in Vol. 16/Number 2 of *Humanities*, a NEH publication.

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The fiscal crisis in New York, resulting in thousands of layoffs and early retirements, has made it necessary for State cultural institutions to implement **additional closing hours**. The public halls and shop of the State Museum will be closed all day on Tuesdays. The State Archives and State Library will close Tuesday afternoons (1-5 p.m.) and Wednesday mornings (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.). Please take these new hours into consideration when planning a research trip to Albany.

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The New-York Historical Society is reopening to the public on May 11th. Hours: Wed. noon-8pm; Thurs.-Sun. noon-5pm; closed Mon. and Tues. [212] 873-4300.

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The De Wint House (also known as Washington's Headquarters at Tappan) will soon have a Dutch barn on site. The barn belonged to the Hopper family of the Scotland Hill area of Nanuet. It has been moved to the Tappan site where it will be raised on a new foundation. For further information: [914]

359-1359 or 20 Livingston Avenue, Tappan, NY 10983. [*DeWint Digest* Vol. 2, Issue 4 submitted by Paul Palen]

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A **replica** of the founding ship of New Sweden, the *Kalmar Nyckel*, is being built at the Wilmington, Delaware Shipyard. Expected to cost \$2 million, the replica is scheduled for completion in 1996. For information about visiting the site, contact the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, 1124 E. Seventh St., Wilmington, DE 19801.

Totidem Verbis

A few years ago we received a call from NYC requesting a good reason to have a party sometime in early August. I checked my "historical calendar" and suggested August 9. As the date fell on a Saturday, it fit into the plans of the Manhattan group perfectly. It just happened that on this date in 1673 the combined fleet of Evertsz and Benckes sailed into New York harbor and recaptured the former Dutch possession of New Netherland. What better excuse for a party in the City! It was pure luck that the dates coincided; however, my calendar at least made it easy to check whether there were any significant events worth considering. The calendar is nothing more than an old 1986 weekly appointment book which I dedicated solely for historical events in the seventeenth century. Whenever I come across an important date I enter it in the appropriate place with the year of occurrence. Following are entries for the months May through July. If you have any additions, reactions, corrections or objections please send them in.

Historic Events, May-July

- May 4, 1626.** Peter Minuit arrives in New Netherland aboard the *See Meeuw* to become director.
- May 11, 1647.** Petrus Stuyvesant arrives at Manhattan with the WIC ships *Groote Gerrit* and *Princess Amalia* to assume his position as director general of New Netherland, Curaçao, Bonaire and Aruba.
- May 13, 1619.** The beheading of Johan van Oldenbarnevelt, leader of the anti-war party, at The Hague; this victory of the counter-remonstrants led to continuation of war with Spain and the formation of the WIC.
- May 17, 1691.** Execution by hanging of Jacob Leisler and his son-in-law Jacob Milborne in NYC.
- May 21, 1654.** Fort Casimir on the Delaware captured by Johan Rising, newly arrived governor of New Sweden, on Trinity Sunday (57 days after Easter); Dutch fort renamed *Fort Trefaldighet* (Fort Trinity).
- June 18, 1629.** Death of Piet Heyn, who captured the Spanish silver fleet, in action against the Dunkirkers.
- July 6, 1588.** Defeat of the Spanish Armada by a combined English and Dutch force.
- July 6, 1652.** Formal declaration of war with England, usually called the First Anglo-Dutch War.
- July 10, 1584.** Assassination of Willem, Prince of Orange and Nassau, at his residence in Delft.
- July 21, 1667.** Treaty of Breda, ending the Second Anglo-Dutch War.
- July 26, 1581.** The Act of Abjuration at the Hague in which representatives of the rebelling Dutch provinces abjured their oath to Philip II; comparable to our Declaration of Independence.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

September 16, 1995: 18th Rensselaerswijck Seminar entitled: "neighbourly correspondence: Relations between New Netherland and New England."

The all-day seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration and coffee in the Museum Theater of the Cultural Education Center at the south end (Madison Avenue) of the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Introductory remarks begin at 9:00 a.m. and speakers at 9:30 a.m. There will be an hour and a half for lunch and the afternoon session will resume at 1:30 p.m.

The following five speakers will present papers:

- Cynthia Van Zandt, Ph.D. Candidate at University of Connecticut, "Did Boundaries Really Matter in Seventeenth-Century North America?"
- James W. Baker, vice president and chief historian, Plimoth Plantation, "Over the Seas to Belgic Land: The Place of Dutch Culture in Interpreting the Plymouth Pilgrims"
- Richard H. Pickering, director of special projects, Plimoth Plantation, "Accursed Tenates to the Great Trouble of the Collonies: Liberty of Conscience and its Effect on Colonial Responses to the Quakers"
- Martha Dickinson Shattuck, Ph.D., New Netherland Project, "An Uneasy Alliance: The Dutch and the English on Long Island"

- Drs. Jaap A. Jacobs, doctoral candidate, University of Leiden, "The Hartford Treaty: A European Perspective on a New World Conflict"

Registration of \$25 should be sent to the New Netherland Project at the address below or can be paid at the door on the day of the seminar. A buffet lunch will also be available for \$15, but only prepaid.

September 16, 1995 evening:
New Netherland Project Dinner sponsored by the Friends of New Netherland.

From 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—Drinks and hors d'oeuvres, tasting of antique apple varieties, some brought here by Dutch settlers; Arthur Heydendael at the piano, playing Dutch and international melodies.
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.—"Dining from Two Tables" is the theme for the four-course dinner, followed by Dutch liqueurs and chocolates. The menu, created by food historian Peter G. Rose, will be catered by Glen Sanders Mansion. New Netherland quiz with enticing prizes.

At about 8:00 p.m.—Remarks by

- His Excellency Adriaan Jacobovits de Szeged, Ambassador of the Netherlands
- by Willem F. Eric Nooter, Ph.D., recipient of the 1995 Hendricks Manuscript Award
- by Charles T. Gehring, Director, New Netherland Project.

Invitations and further information about the NNP Dinner are available from Friends of New Netherland, P.O. Box 2536, Albany, NY 12220-0536 or call Hennie Newhouse at [518] 486-4815.

October 8-14, 1995: Archives Week in New York.

Watch for activities in Albany and various localities. In Schenectady, there will be activities at various sites all week. NNP staffer, Nancy Zeller, will talk on teaching 17th-century handwriting to fourth graders in the Brown Bag Lunch Series, Wed., October 11 in the Schenectady Public Library. For a complete schedule of events in Schenectady contact Maureen Gebert at [518] 382-5147.

October 14, 1995: Meeting of Patron Branch of the Holland Society of New York

Luncheon at the University Club of Albany will be following by a talk by Tweed Roosevelt entitled "Return from the River of Doubt," retracing the dangerous and exciting expedition made by Theodore Roosevelt through the Brazilian wilderness. Reservations (\$20 per person) must be received no later than October 10. Please contact Robert E. Van Vranken at [518] 399-2588 (Work) or [518] 399-7102 (Home) to confirm menu choice (filet Mignon or sole almondine) and the number of individuals attending.

October 19, 1995: Interdisciplinary Symposium on 17th-Century Dutch Art and Life at Hofstra University.

An exhibit of drawings by 17th-century Amsterdam artist Jan Luyken will coincide with the symposium. For a brochure or further information contact Prof. Donna R. Barnes, Dutch Symposium Coordinator, 124 Hofstra University, Mason Hall, Hempstead, NY 11550-1090.

October 21, 1995: NNP staffer, Nancy Zeller, will speak to the New England Society of Archivists about the fourth grade curriculum she helped develop using the records of New Netherland.

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Research Interests

Our list of New Netherland researchers in the Netherlands, published in August 1993-August 1994 issues, should reflect the following changes of address:

- Jan M. Baart, Stedelyk Beheer Amsterdam, Afd. Archeologie, Noordermarkt 45, 1015 NA Amsterdam
- C. van Schaik, Oud Wulfseweg 19, 3992 LT Houten

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Firth Haring Fabend, whose book *A Dutch Family in the Middle Colonies 1660-1800* won both the Hendricks Prize and the New York State Historical Association Prize in 1989, has received a research grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission to support her new work. Tentatively titled "Between Heaven and Hell: Our Reformed Zion," it is a study of the Reformed Dutch laity in New York and New Jersey in the 19th century. Firth believes the persistence of Dutch culture in New York and New Jersey for two centuries after the English conquest can be laid at the door of the Reformed Dutch Church.

Publications

The Capital District Library Council has just published a revised *Director of Repositories* of historical documents in the ten-county region around Albany. Copies of the 1995 edition of *Directory of Repositories* can be ordered from CDLC at a cost of \$5 apiece to cover shipping and handling. Send your order to Documentary Heritage Program, c/o J. James Mancuso, Capital District Library Council, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206; [518] 438-2500 or FAX [518] 438-2872.

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An article by Firth Fabend entitled "The Continuing Legacy: Dutchness in America!" appears in the summer issue of *de Halve Maen*, the quarterly journal of the Holland Society of New York. You can subscribe to *de Halve Maen* without being a member of the Holland Society by sending \$28.50 [\$32.50 international] to The Holland Society of New York, 122 East 58th Street, New York, NY 10022-1939.

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An informative article by Shirley Dunn and John Stevens on the 1680 Van Bergen barn appeared in Vol. 8, No. 1 (Spring 1995) issue of the *Dutch Barn Preservation Society Newsletter*. Contact DBPS at P.O. Box 176, Rensselaer, NY 12144.

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Friends of New Netherland have published the second small book in the New Netherland Writers Series compiled and edited by FNN and the Project. It honors Charlotte Wilcoxon's lifetime of work and is entitled "Through an Antiquarian's Eye: The Writings of Charlotte Wilcoxon." Copies of this book, as well as the first publication in the series "Reflections on the World: The Writings of Howard G. Hageman," are available at \$5.00 to members of FNN (\$7.00 to non-members). Contact FNN at [518] 486-4815.

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The Dutch Republic: Its Rise, Greatness, and Fall 1477-1806. By Jonathan Israel. Illustrated. 1,231pp. New York: Oxford University Press. \$39.95. Geoffrey Parker (*The Dutch Revolt*) reviewed this monu-

mental work in the *New York Times Book Review* for July 23, 1995.

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The quarterly journal *Flanders* is published by the Flemish Community of Belgium in English. Those interested in subscribing should send the equivalent of 600 BEF (for 4 issues) by payment to bank account 091-2201003-05 of the Departement Coordinatie - Administratie Externe Betrekkings, Boudewijnlaan 30, B-1210 Brussel; please mention *Flanders* on your payment.

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Prof. Willem Th.M. Frijhoff of Rotterdam University will present his biography of Everardus Bogardus to the Rijksmuseum of Amsterdam on September 11, 1995. The book is entitled *Wegen van Evert Willemsz: Een Hollands weeskind op zoek naar zichzelf (1607-1647)*.

News

Congratulations to Eric Nooter, winner of this year's Hendricks Manuscript Award for his dissertation (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam) entitled: *Between Heaven and Earth: Church and Society in Pre-Revolutionary Flatbush, Long Island*. The award will be presented at the Rensselaerswijck Seminar on September 16.

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On May 11, under the leadership of new Executive Director Betsy Gotbaum, New-York Historical Society, New York's oldest museum, celebrated a long-awaited reopening after a ten-million dollar restoration funded by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and the New York State Department of Education. The renovation relocated the main entrance to Two West 77th Street, facing the American Museum of

natural History. Visitors now arrive through an elegant Rotunda and then enter an enlarged and refurbished Great Hall. The reconstruction also brings state-of-the-art climate control to the galleries.

New-York Historical Society museum is open Wednesdays Noon to 8 p.m. and Thursdays-Sundays Noon to 5 p.m.. The library is open Wednesdays-Fridays Noon to 5 p.m. Prints, photographs and architecture holdings are available by appointment only, [212] 873-3400, ext. 228. A donation of \$3 for Adults and \$1 for Children and Seniors is suggested.

Call for Papers

A conference on Long Island Women: Activists and Innovators, will be held at Hofstra University, March 22-23, 1996. Papers are invited about women from Brooklyn to Montauk, from the 17th to the 20th centuries, who have contributed in diverse fields and "ordinary" women in different contexts

of class, race, and ethnicity. Selected papers will be published. Two copies of paper proposals, accompanied by a resumé, are due by August 30, 1995. For further information, contact Athlene Collins, Conference Coordinator, Cultural Center, 109 Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11550-1090: [516] 463-5669; FAX [516] 463-4793 or Conference Co-Director, Natalie A. Naylor, New College, [516] 563-5846.

Report from the Friends of New Netherland

Judging by the record turnout, our June event in the mid-Hudson region was a huge success thanks to Peter G. Rose, who made the event happen, to Elaine Hayes and the Board of Mount Gulian for the use of the barn, to Roy Jorgensen for inviting us to collaborate and his wonderful food, to Bill Wilson, Mary Hughes and all the volunteers at the three sites.

Those attending the event toured three historical Dutch properties and then assembled at the Dutch barn at Mount Gulian for refreshments and a joint ceremony to present the 1995 Kenney Award and to honor Charlotte Wilcoxon for her writings on New Netherland. The Kenney Award was presented to Dr. Susan Staffa in recognition of her work instructive of the early Dutch history of Schenectady. Charlotte Wilcoxon was honored with the presentation of *Through an Antiquarian's Eye: The Writings of Charlotte Wilcoxon*, a bibliography and sampling of her writings [see ordering details under publications].

FNN looks forward with much anticipation to its next event, the New Netherland Project Dinner on September 16 on the Terrace Gallery of the Cultural Education Center in Albany. This year's dinner with a theme, prizes and surprises promises to be even more exciting than last year's. Mark your calendars!

Totidem Verbis

In the last issue we began a historic events calendar which took us from May through June. Before we continue with three more months, a correction needs to be made for the month of May. It needs to be noted that Leisler and Milborne were executed in New York City on May 16, 1691 a Saturday and not May 17 as it appears in various sources. The editors are indebted to David Voorhees, editor of the Leisler Papers, for this correction. Once again, we welcome any corrections, comments, additions, and suggestions.

Historic Events, August-October

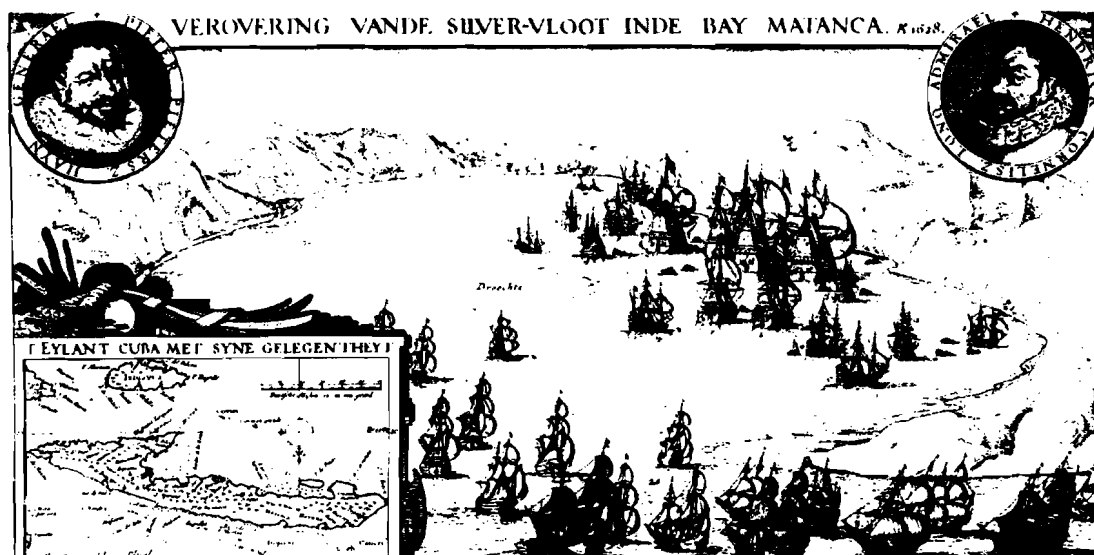
August 8, 1672. Alexander d'Hiniyossa, former director of Amsterdam's colony on the South River, beheaded at Edam for inciting to mutiny and leaving his post at Wesel.

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August 9, 1673. The combined fleet of Cornelis Evertsz and Jacob Benckes captures New York and restore New Netherland during the Third Anglo-Dutch War. New York City is renamed New Orange; Kingston becomes Swanenburgh; Albany, Willemstad; Fort Albany, Fort Nassau.

September 5, 1655. Stuyvesant's expedition against New Sweden on the Delaware leaves Manhattan after Sunday church service. The expeditionary force consisted of seven ships, including *Den Waagh*, a forty-two gun warship on loan from the city of Amsterdam, and 350 soldiers.

September 8, 1628. Piet Heyn, in command of fleet West India Company squadron of warships, captures the Spanish silver fleet in Matanzas Bay, Cuba.



September 8, 1628. Stuyvesant surrenders New Netherland during peace time to an English invasion fleet commanded by Richard Nicolls.

September 11, 1655. Stuyvesant captures the Swedish fort "Trinity" (former Fort Casimir) at present-day New Castle, Delaware.

September 15, 1655. The Peach War erupts with attack on New Amsterdam by a combined force of Manhattan and Indian warriors.

September 19, 1609. The East India Company ship *Halve Maen*, commanded by Henry Hudson, reaches the present-day Albany area.

September 25, 1655. Johan Rising, governor of New Sweden, surrenders the Swedish colony to Petrus Stuyvesant, director general of New Netherland.

September 29, 1647. The West India Company ship *Princess Amalia* sinks in Bristol Bay near Swansea, Wales with a large loss of life, including Willem Kieft, former director general of New Netherland and Everardus Bogardus, former domine in New Amsterdam.

October 3, 1574. Relief of Leiden after a long and bitter siege by Spanish forces. Prince of Orange rewards citizens by making Leiden a university center.

October 11, 1614. The place name New Netherland appears for the first in a resolution of the States General of the United Provinces concerning trading licenses between New France and Virginia.

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Until November 17: The New Netherland Museum's replica of the *Half Moon* will be anchored in the Washington, DC/Alexandria, VA area to participate in a re-enactment of the salute given by the Dutch in 1776 to the American brig *Andrew Doria*; ceremonies will be attended by representatives of the Dutch and American governments. Sponsorship for this event by individuals and companies in varying amounts is being sought. For details on sponsorship levels and benefits, contact Keven Haydon, Communications & Development, Half Moon Visitor Center

and New Netherland Museum, Liberty State Park, Jersey City, NJ 07305; (201) 433-5900 or FAX (201) 433-0242. The *Half Moon* will return to the Hudson River by November 22.

December 13-14, 1995: The Boymans-van Beuningen Museum in Rotterdam/Netherlands will hold a "Men-of-All-Things" Symposium in connection with their exhibition "One Man's Trash is Another Man's Treasure: the Metamorphosis of the European Utensil in the New World."

The first day of the symposium (Dec. 13) will feature the following talks:

- "The Inexhaustible Kettle" by Alexandra van Dongen, Curator Boymans-van Beuningen Museum, organizer of the exhibition
- "Political impact of the Dutch trade on the Iroquois Six Nations" by Martha Sempowski of the Rochester, NY, Museum & Science Center
- "Combs which connect parts of the world" by Jan Baart, Amsterdam Archeological Department
- "Chesapeake/Maryland fur trade in the 17th century" by Thomas Davidson of the Jamestown Settlement Museum
- "Taste of Change" by Ms. Peter Rose, Food Historian

Dinner on the first night will be a 17th century food tasting organized by Peter Rose. Papers on the second day will include:

- "Great Journeys of Small Treasures: European Toys in the New World" by Annemarieke Willemsen of Catholic University of Nijmegen
- "The People May Be Illiterate but they are not Blind: The Iconography of 17th-century Dutch Tobacco Pipes in Nieuw Amsterdam" by Diane Dallal, Archeological Director, South Street Seaport Museum
- "Traduttore, traditore: Forged Documents relating to Van den Bogaert's Journey in Mohawk Country" by Charles Gehring, New Netherland Project, Albany
- "Dutch and Native American Women Traders in 17th Century New Netherland" by Martha Shattuck, New Netherland Project, Albany
- "Romans and the Indigenous People around Amsterdam" by Arjen Bosman of the University of Amsterdam
- "The Ghent Garbage Project" by Jean Bourgeois of University of Ghent, Belgium
- "Big Apple Garbage Survey" by Nancy Rothschild, Barnard College
- "Junk to Jewels and the Aesthetics of Altering" by Peter Francis Jr., Director of the Center of Bead Research, Lake Placid, NY

This is a real blending of researchers from both the Netherlands and the United States.

For further information or to register for the symposium, please contact Alexandra van Dongen at the Museum Boymans-van Beuningen, Postbus 2277, 3000 CG Rotterdam (street address is Museumpark 18-20); tel. 31-10-4419400; FAX 31-10-4360500

Research Interests

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- J.B.E. (Annemieke) Galema, George Martenslaan 36 9951 ML Winsum The Netherlands tel. 0595-444425; email: galema@let.rug.nl
- New telephone numbers as of October 1995 for the Roosevelt Study Center, Abdij 9, Box 6001, 4330 LA Middelburg/The Netherlands. tel. 31-118-631-590 and FAX 31-118-631-593

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Eva Devos, a 4th-year student at the University of Ghent (Belgium) would like suggestions for a thesis on some aspect of New Netherland, using the New Netherland documents. Contact her at Leo Baekelandstraat 23, B-2650 Edegem, Belgium; fax: 323 234 15 86.

Publications

Friends of Crailo State Historic Site have published a 40-page booklet entitled *Clothing the Colonists: Fashions in New Netherland*. The booklet reaches beyond clothing's role in providing warmth and displaying fashion to reflect the colonists' relationships with the native peoples and the West India Company. Copies cost \$7.50 each with \$1.00 postage for the first book and \$.50 for each additional book. Make check or money order payable to and send to:

The Friends of Crailo, Inc.
9½ Riverside Ave.
Rensselaer, NY 12144

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A new (second) paperback edition of C.R. Boxer's *The Dutch Seaborne Empire, 1600-1800* is now available through any bookstore. The Penguin Books edition sells for \$12.95; and the New York State Museum Shop carries it.

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The most recent publication of the Reformed Church in America Historical Series is Allan J. Janssen's *Gathered at Albany: A History of a Classis* from its beginning in 1771 to 1979. It is not only local history, but also a case study of the Americanization of an Old World entity. The 163-page book can be ordered for \$11.99 from William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 255 Jefferson Ave. S.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503.

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Dirk Westerhof, local historian of Hasselt in the Netherlands, has published booklets on two New Netherland families and is working on a third. Already available are: *Lansing from Hasselt to America* and *Cuyler(t) from Hasselt to America*. The third booklet will concern the Gardinier family. Please contact Mr. Westerhof to obtain copies:

Dirk Westerhof
Hoogstraat 51
8061 HB Hasselt
tel./fax 31-5209-2042

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The voice of the young is only rarely heard in history. Yet there are exceptions. In the summer of 1622, 15-year-old tailor apprentice Evert Willemsz Bogaert, a Protestant orphan from the Dutch town of Woerden, is temporarily struck deaf and dumb, having had a mystical experience in which he is vis-

ited by God's angel. He could only communicate by writing, and the adolescent's short letters were published by Lucas Zas, headmaster of the Latin School he attended. Ten years later, Everhardus Bogardus was a minister posted to New Amsterdam on Manhattan. Here we meet him again, fighting for his ideal of a Christian society. He stood up for European colonists, African slaves and Native Americans and challenged the policies of the Dutch West India Company. Here, too, he married a Norwegian widow, Anneke Jans, with whom he had numerous children. Called back to his fatherland to account for his actions, he was drowned in a dramatic shipwreck off the Welsh coast in 1647.

With his *Wegen van Evert Willemsz Een Hollands weeskind op zoek naar zichzelf, 1607-1647* [Pathways of Evert Willemsz: A Dutch Orphan in Search of Himself, 1607-1647], Willem Frijhoff, professor of history of ideas at Rotterdam University has written not only a compelling biography but also a richly detailed and sharp portrait of the culture and daily life in the first half of the 17th century.

The 920 page, partly color-illustrated book, is available in the series *Memoria* [ISBN 90 6168 402 I] for HFL 89.50 from Uitgeverij SUN, P.O. Box 1609, 6501 BP Nijmegen, the Netherlands. Upon receipt of your order, it will be mailed to you with a pre-printed giro account slip enclosed (no need to send payment with the order). The book is in Dutch and the publisher is looking for a translator for an eventual English edition.

The Low Countries, the third yearbook of Stichting Ons Erfdeel, is now available for \$76. The aim of this yearbook is to present to the English-speaking world the culture and society of the Dutch-speaking area, which embraces both the Netherlands and also Flanders, the northern part of Belgium. Articles in this yearbook, by contributors from the Low Countries and abroad, survey the living, contemporary culture of the Low Countries as well as their cultural heritage. Place your order with Stichting Ons Erfdeel, Murissonstraat 260, 8931 Rekkem, Flanders, Belgium; tel. 32-56-411201 or FAX 31-56-414707. Checks should be payable to Stichting Ons Erfdeel.

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The Tip of the Island: The Saga of Lower Manhattan 1614 thru 1987 by David Allgeyer is the story of one of history's truly great dramas, played out on an unbelievably small area on the tip of an island. Published by Oldbuck Press, Inc., P.O. Box 1623, Conway, AR 72033. It can be ordered from the publisher; call (501) 336-8184.

News

The New York State Archives announces the **Larry J. Hackman Research Residency Program** sponsored by the New York State Archives Partnership Trust. This year the program will award a total of \$15,000 for qualified applicants to pursue research using the holdings of the New York State Archives. Two awards of \$6,000 each will be made for in-depth research, and two smaller awards of \$1,500

each will be made for shorter research visits. Awards are intended to defray costs of travel, living expenses, and other research-related expenses.

Eligibility: Applicants working on doctoral dissertations and those at the post-doctoral level are particularly encouraged to apply, but any proposal for advanced research will be considered. Projects involving alternative uses of the Archives, such as background research for multimedia projects and historical novels, are also eligible. Topic or area of study must draw on the holdings of the New York State Archives. Preference will be given to projects that have application to enduring public policy issues, particularly in New York State, and that have a high probability of publication or other public dissemination. Other considerations aside, preference will be given to proposals for research in Archives' holdings that have been little used or have only recently become available.

Application forms are available from Jill Rydberg, New York State Archives Partnership Trust, Room 9C49, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; phone: (518) 473-7091, fax: (518) 473-7058, Email: jrydberg@mail.nysed.gov. The application deadline for 1996 awards was October 31, 1995; it is assumed that the deadline for 1997 awards will be October 31, 1996.

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Call for Papers

Individual paper abstracts, panel proposals, and other program sug-

gestions are now invited for the 1996 Conference on New York State History at the Hudson Valley Study Center at SUNY New Paltz. Presentations may consider any aspect of the history of New York over the past 400 years. Diverse theoretical perspectives and innovative methodological approaches are welcomed. The deadline for proposals is December 31, 1995.

Interested parties are encouraged to discuss proposals and any conference-related ideas with the conference organizers David Brumberg of Cornell University, Wendell Tripp of the New York State Historical Association, and Stefan Bielinski of the New York State Museum, (518) 474-6917.

A proposal must include paper and/or session titles, names and phone numbers of all participants and a 1-2 page description of each presentation. Special scheduling and equipment requests also should be noted. Address proposals to Stefan Bielinski, Conference on New York State History, 3093 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230. Participants will be notified by mid-February 1996.

Update on NEH funding Status

The next step in the journey toward FY-1996 for the National Endowment for the Humanities is a conference to iron out differences between House and Senate interior appropriations bills. The Senate gave NEH \$10.5 million more than the House. It is urgent that individual members of Congress fight for the higher Senate appropriation.

Your message to senators should be “Thank you for appropriating \$110 million for NEH. Please hold firmly to that number in conference.” The message to House mem-

bers should be “Please recede to the Senate on appropriations for NEH.” Please take some time to write your senator and congressman today to plead for their sup-

port for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Totidem Verbis

The worst mistake you can make in a calendar of events is to record an incorrect date. I did just that in the previous newsletter. There was some reaction to the entry of September 8, 1628 as the date when New Netherland was taken over by the English, but many saw how easy it was on the computer to repeat the date for Piet Heyn’s capture of the silver fleet and then forget to change the year! In any case New Netherland was lost to the English in 1664 and not 1628. Once again, we welcome any corrections, comments, additions, and suggestions to the following calendar.

Historic and Noteworthy Events, November – February

November 10, 1674. New Netherland officially returned to England as the province of New York, as a result of the Treaty of Westminster, ending the third Anglo-Dutch war.

November 15, 1688 n.s. Willem III Hendrick, Prince of Orange, Stadhouders of Holland and Zeeland, enters Tor Bay along the south-west coast of England with 50 ships and lands 21,000 troops in Brixham, Devonshire; Willem marches on London where he is crowned William III, king of England.

November 16, 1776. Johannes de Graaff, governor of St. Eustatius, a Caribbean possession of the Netherlands, salutes the Massachusetts ship *Andrew Doria* and becomes the first foreign power to recognize the flag of the American colonies, which are in revolt against England.

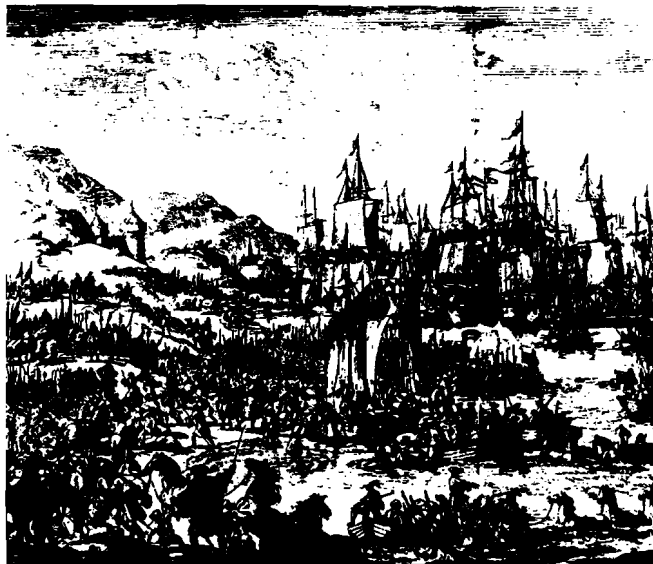
December 5. *Sinterklaas avond*, the night before the traditional birthday of St. Nicolaas, during which children are presented with gifts. The event forms the basis for the American tradition of Santa Claus.

January 23, 1579. Signing of the Union of Utrecht, which brings the seven northern provinces of the Netherlands together into a defense alliance against the Spanish Hapsburgs.

January 26, 1654. “Verzuimd Brazil”—The Dutch formally surrender their holdings in Brazil to Portugal; known as the Capitulation of Tabora.

February 8, 1575. Founding of Leiden University.

February 19, 1674. Signing of the Treaty of Westminster, ending the third Anglo-Dutch war.



Landing of the Dutch army at Tor Bay
Engraving by Romeyn de Hooghe