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TWO GIFTS FOR NEW NETHERLAND PROJECT

The New Netherland Project is the beneficiary of two donations that will both enhance the work of the Project and provide a head start for fundraising in 1987.

On December 19, Mr. J.H. Brinckmann, Vice-President of AMRO Bank and President of the Dutch American West-India Company Foundation [DAWIC], presented a check for \$25,000 to the Friends of the New Netherland Project. These funds were raised by DAWIC at the Peter Stuyvesant Ball held last October in New York City. After \$4500 of the funds were used to complete the Project's matching obligation on its current NEH grant, the remaining funds will be held by the Friends to be applied toward the next NEH grant expected in 1987. A sizeable proportion of the new grant has thus already been matched.

One long-term goal of the New Netherland Project has been to encourage scholars to devote their research efforts to the neglected period of early Dutch American history. Now thanks to the help of Andrew Hendricks of Lumberton, North Carolina, this goal will receive special attention. Dr. Hendricks, a descendent from an early Dutch set-

tlar, has endowed an award to be presented to the best manuscript submitted each year on early Dutch-American colonial history. The endowment begins with a principal of \$26,000. The initial award will be \$1000 in 1987 and half the income from interest thereafter. Plans are to present this award as part of the Project's Rensselaerswyck Seminar in September each year.

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SYMPOSIUM AT FOLGER INSTITUTE

On March 12-14, 1987, the Folger Institute will host an international symposium entitled Decline, Enlightenment, and Revolution: The Dutch Republic in the Eighteenth Century, marking the two-hundredth anniversary of the Dutch Revolution of 1787. Scholars from both sides of the Atlantic will come to the Folger Library to focus new attention on political and cultural development in the Netherlands during the 18th century. The symposium will explore a period of Dutch history which has been largely neglected, when French-language publishing activity and intellectual exchange in the Netherlands--of central importance in the dissemination of European Enlightenment ideas--contrasted sharply with the economic and political decline which succeeded the Golden Age

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I am working at the Univ. of Amsterdam on a thesis concerning the nature of contacts and contracts between Indian groups and Dutch traders or colonists in the Hudson Valley. If it is possible, I would like to spend some time researching in Albany in the near future; and would need to find a sponsor or some means of financial support.

DUTCH BARN SOCIETY

The New World Dutch Barn is a feature of the historic landscape of New York. A number of these barns are found in the Hudson, Mohawk and Schoharie valleys, and in other areas of Dutch and German settlement. The massive beams and Old World framing are a tribute to the people who produced the buildings. Constructed with basic hand tools, the barns are a marvel of practical engineering. Many have survived over 200 years of use and misuse.

Members of the Dutch Barn Preservation Society visit, record, and help preserve the distinctive architectural form described as the New World Dutch Barn, and other barns of the period. The Society will publish and exchange information about the barns, and the group hopes also to

raise funds and take other steps to preserve these barns for the future.

To join this society send \$5 for a regular membership or \$20 for supporting membership plus your name, address and phone number(s) to Dutch Barn Preservation Society, c/o Shirley Dunn, Crailo State Historic Site, 9-1/2 Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, NY 12144.

17TH CENTURY SITE TO BE RESTORED

The Onondaga County Legislature has approved a \$2.3 million renovation of the 17th century historic site near Syracuse known as Ste. Marie de Gannentaha. This is the only living history site in the county where costumed interpreters regularly re-create the lifestyle of a past era, and one of the very few in the entire nation that focuses on the early colonial years of the 17th century. Although this is a French site, there was regular contact between the French and Dutch at Fort Orange in the years of the site 1654-58. One of the issues that will be addressed in the new visitor center is the economic reality of the European-Native trade of the period including the Dutch-French rivalry. For more information on this site contact Dennis J. Connors, Director of Museums, Onondaga Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 146, Liverpool, NY 13088; phone (315) 457-2990.

360TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Collegiate School of New York City, which has its roots in New Netherland, will celebrate its 360th anniversary with a year-long gala of events. The school year will open with an important Archives Exhibit drawn from Collegiate's collection of photographs, documents and memorabilia.

The following months will feature exhibits of rare 18th century documents, including copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The school will also present speeches by historians of New Netherland and the Constitution, a display of contemporary Dutch art, and "Adam Roelantsen Day" - a traditional Dutch school day circa 1628. The climax of Collegiate's year-long celebration will be a star-studded benefit concert in Carnegie Hall on May 23, 1988, presenting artists from Collegiate's own family: Andre Previn, Itzhak Perlman, Emanuel Ax and others.

For more information on individual programs contact Esty Foster, Director of Administrative Service, Collegiate School, 241 West 77th Street, New York, NY 10024.

RECENT DISSERTATIONS

Natalie A. Naylor submits the following list of recent dissertations which may be of interest to researchers in New Netherland history:

Randall H. Balmer, "Dutch Religion in an English World: Political Upheaval and Ethnic Conflict in the Middle Colonies." PhD Princeton, 1985. Dissertation Abstracts, v. 46/05-A, p. 1312; Order #GAX85-15861.

Paula D. Christenson, "The Colonial

Family in New York: A Study of Middle and Upper Class Interpersonal and Institutional Relations." PhD SUNY Albany, 1984. DA, v. 45/03A, p. 918.

Regina M. Kellerman, "The Stadhuis of New Amsterdam: New York's First City Hall." PhD (architecture) Penn State University, 1983. DA v. 44/08A, p. 2273; order # GAX83-27512.

Ada L. Van Gastel, "Adriaen Van der Donck, New Netherland and America." PhD (American Literature) Penn State Univ., 1985. DA, v. 41/06-A, p. 1630; order # GAX85-16112.

Richard S. Moss, "Slavery on Long Island: Its Rise and Decline during the 17th through 19th Centuries." PhD St. John's, 1985. DA, v. 62/12A, p. 3834; order #GAX86-02014.

Vivian L. Kruger, "The Slave Family in Early New York, 1626-1827." PhD Columbia, 1985. DA, v. 46/08A, p. 2408; order #GAX85-23186.

The Marcurius would like to thank Prof. Naylor for submitting these titles. We invite others who come across any information of interest to researchers in the Marcurius network to drop us a line. That's why we started the newsletter, to make it easier to share the most recent information on New Netherland.

MISCELLANY

As of Nov. 2, 1987, Sleepy Hollow Restorations will be changing its name to Historic Hudson Valley. The address will remain the same, however, namely 150 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

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LEAN YEARS ARE OVER FOR NEW NETHERLAND PROJECT

The New Netherland Project has been awarded its 4th three-year matching grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. This new grant provides an outright gift of \$50,000 and the offer to match dollar-for-dollar \$82,000 raised from private sources. The new NEH grant will fund the Project through June 30, 1990. Ordinarily this would mean that the Project would now undertake several fundraising campaigns which in the past have drained much time and effort from the real business of the Project, the translation of the 17th century Dutch archives of New Netherland.

However, as the last issue of the MERCURIUS reported, the Friends of the New Netherland Project is holding \$20,000 from the funds raised by last year's Stuyvesant Ball. In addition, the Project was the recipient of two \$50,000 New York State legislature grants in 1986 and again in 1987. The 1986 grant came so late that we were not able to begin using the money until December 29, 1986; thus over \$30,000 remained from the 1986 grant when the 1987 grant went into effect. It now looks as if the Project will be able to apply most, if not all, of the legislative grant money as matching for the new NEH grant, in effect completely matching the entire \$82,000 required by NEH. Any remaining funds and any funds donated to

the Project will be held to be applied to funding needs after 1990. Project staff are now free to devote themselves entirely to translating and editing.

One of the editing projects now underway is a volume of "Selected Rensselaerswyck Seminar Papers" from all past seminars. The Lucius Littauer Foundation has given the Project \$15,000 to publish this volume and to distribute copies to major research libraries. Dr. Zeller is collecting and editing about 25 papers and hopes to have the volume to the publisher by summer with the slim chance of having it printed in time for the 10th Rensselaerswyck Seminar in September 1987.

The New Netherland Project's most recent publication, The Curacao Papers, is now available from our publisher, Heart of the Lakes [2989 Lodi Rd., Interlaken, NY 14847-9763] for \$40.00 plus \$2.00 postage [NYS tax if resident]. This handsome 500-page volume includes both the English translation and the Dutch transcription, a complete subject index, table of 17th century coins, weights and measures, and its illustrations feature a full-color fold-out facsimile of a 17th century map of the Caribbean. The documents in this volume contain much information on Dutch mercantile interests including their involvement in the sugar, salt, and slave trade, and

the volume would be a valuable addition to any colonial historian's library.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, ETC.

The "Conference on New York State History" will be held June 5-6, 1987 at SUNY Oneonta and it includes two sessions of interest to New Netherland scholars. The new publisher of New Netherland Project translations, Walt Steesy of Heart of the Lakes, will be a panelist in the session "The Publisher Meets the Historians: Publishing History Books on New York". Bruce Dearstyne of the NYS Archives will speak on "An Archival Perspective on Historians and the Documentation of Life in New York". Brochure and registration information available from Conference on NYS History, 3093 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230.

The Metropolitan Historic Structures Association of New York City is sponsoring a two-week heritage preservation tour of the Netherlands June 17-28, 1987. Emphasis will be on understanding the Dutch contribution to American culture and the factors which led to Dutch pre-eminence in art, commerce, world exploration and colonization. For more information write to Metropolitan Historic Structures Association, Dyckman Museum, 4881 Broadway, New York, NY 10034.

The 10th Rensselaerswyck Seminar will be held September 19, 1987, and it will be a "New Netherland Hutspot" with papers on five different subjects. Speakers and topics include Randall Balmer on the influence of the Domines in maintaining Dutch cultural identity after the English takeover; Peter Rose on 17th and 18th century foodways in the Hudson Valley; Stefan Bielinski on the people of New Netherland a generation later; James Tanis on Dutch forerunners of American political thought;

and Len Tantillo on the creation of his historical painting Fort Orange 1635. The night before the seminar the first \$1000 Hendricks Manuscript Award will be presented to Olive Rink, author of Holland on the Hudson. The awards banquet will be open to all who wish to attend at a cost of \$20 or less per person. For registration information and brochure contact the New Netherland Project, New York State Library, CE 11D35, Albany, NY 12230.

A 1989 conference commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Leisler Rebellion is being planned by the New Netherland Project. Please send suggestions for speakers to the New Netherland Project and not to Long Island Studies Institute as announced in the last issue of the Mercurius. We would like speakers on all aspects of the Leisler Rebellion and its aftermath.

PLANS TO REBUILD THE HALF MOON

At a news conference in Albany on Thursday, April 30, 1987, Andrew A. Hendricks of Lumberton, North Carolina announced plans for a celebration in 1989 of the first European settlements in the states of Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, the states that comprise what was formerly New Netherland. 1989 marks the 380th anniversary of Henry Hudson's voyage of discovery, and Andrew Hendricks plans to build a sailing replica of Henry Hudson's ship, Halve Maen, to serve as a focus for celebrations in 1989 provided he can obtain community support from at least twenty communities in the former "New Netherland" area. Community support is needed by July 1, 1988, so that the ship will be ready for ceremonies in 1989.

Through Holland Village Inc., a corporation set up in the state of New Jersey and registered in the

state of New York, Andrew Hendricks has arranged for the Half Moon to be built in Holland by an experienced ship-building firm recommended by the Dutch government. The entire cost of the ship's construction, which will exceed one million dollars, will be assumed by Holland Village, Inc. The ship will be christened in Holland possibly by the Dutch royal family. After being exhibited in Holland, the ship will be transported to the United States.

The Half Moon will have exhibits about Dutch-American history including origins of the following: the American declaration of independence, the American constitution, the American flag, freedom of religion, separation of church and state, and the free public school system. In addition, there will be a display of ethnic dolls, as well as nautical, navigational, and sports exhibits. Holland Village, Inc. will provide approximately ten employees dressed in authentic Dutch costumes to guide visitors through the Half Moon and to sell items related to the celebration of the 380th anniversary of Hudson's voyage.

Commemorative items [such as an early map of New Netherland, blueprints for the ship, a Dutch tile showing the ship, etc.] are currently being sold to help finance the construction of the Half Moon. Arrangements are being made to sell these items through such organizations as the NYS Museum Shop, Albany Institute. Other organizations interested in selling these commemorative items should contact the New Netherland Project.

Dr. Hendricks recounted the celebrations of other states to commemorate their founding: Massachusetts at Plymouth Plantation with the ship Mayflower II; Virginia at Jamestown Festival Park with the Goodspeed; Maryland at St. Mary's City with the Dove; and North Carolina at Roanoke Island with the Elizabeth II. "It is unfortunate," Dr. Hendricks observed "that the greatest maritime area in

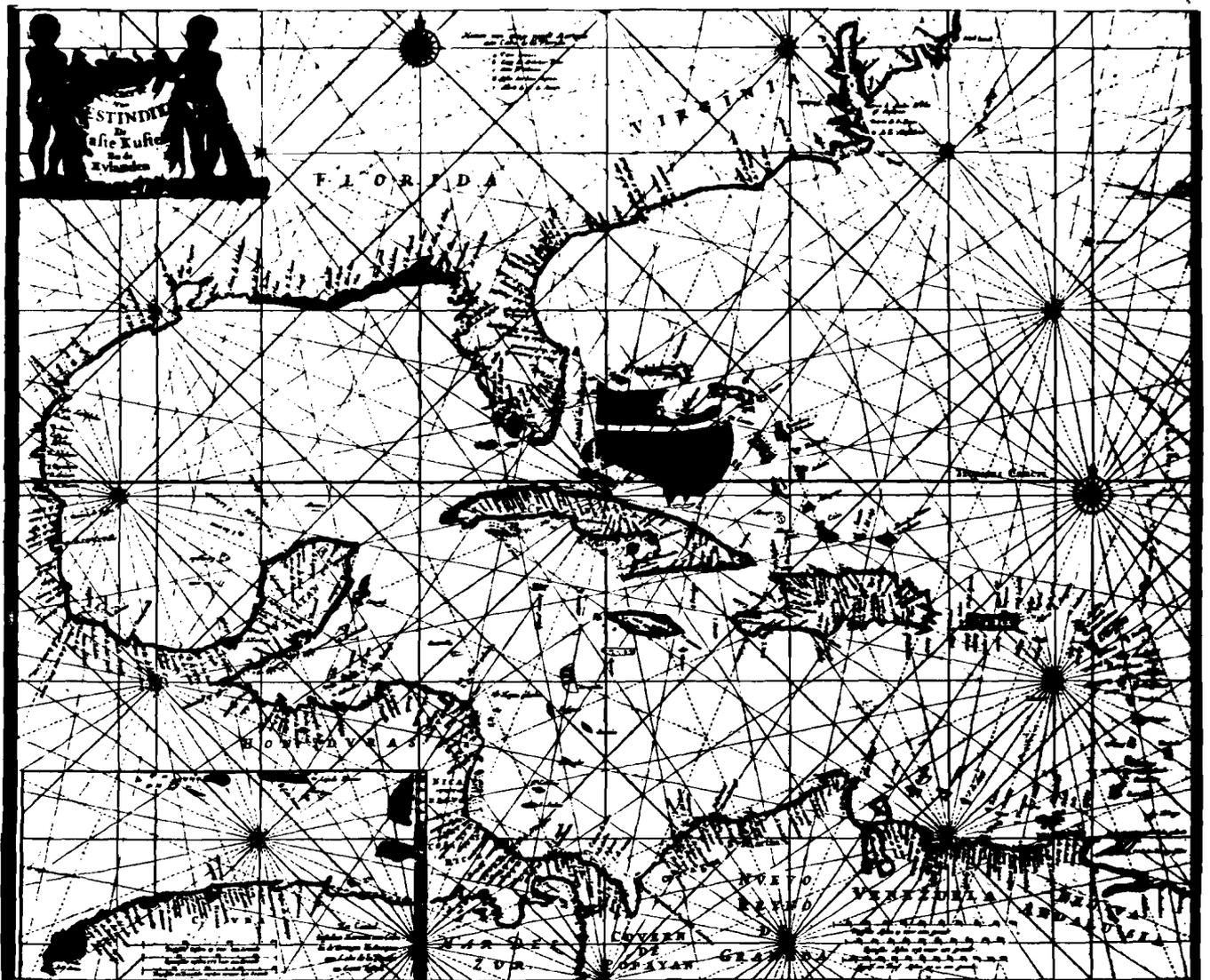
this country, the mid-Atlantic states, do not have a sense of their founding or their early heritage. Dutch-American history is the least studied area in American history."

Through projects such as the rebuilding of the Half Moon and the recently instituted Hendricks Manuscript Award, Andrew Hendricks hopes to acquaint the people of the former New Netherland area and this country as a whole with their non-English heritage. In order to keep all interested parties informed of his plans, Dr. Hendricks will be issuing a newsletter, New Netherland Festival. Please write to him at 10 Rosewood Drive, Lumberton, NC 28356 if you would like to be on his mailing list.

HENDRICKS MANUSCRIPT AWARD WINNER

The winner of the 1987 Hendricks Manuscript Award of \$1000 for the best manuscript on New Netherland history is Oliver Rink for his book Holland on the Hudson. Prof. Rink will be honored at an award banquet on Friday, September 18, 1987 in Albany, NY and he will present a summary of his research at that function. For further information on the 1987 award banquet contact the New Netherland Project.

The selection committee for the 1988 Hendricks Manuscript Award is now accepting submissions of manuscripts. For guidelines and submission deadlines please write to Hendricks Manuscript Award Selection Committee, Friends of the New Netherland Project, P.O. Box 2536, Empire State Plaza Station, Albany, NY 12220-0536.



A 10 x 8 inch, full-color facsimile of this Dutch mariners' map of the Caribbean taken from the 1667 Goos Atlas in the New York State Library is available for \$2.00 from the New Netherland Project, NY State Library, CEC 11D35, Albany, NY 12230. This is the fold-out map which appears in the Project's recent publication, The Curacao Papers.

of the 17th century. Questions now being raised about this contradictory period in Dutch history will be examined in four sessions over the course of two days.

Opening on Thursday night, March 12, with a keynote address by E.H. Kossmann of the University of Groningen and a reception at the Royal Netherlands Embassy, the symposium will continue the following day, Friday, March 13, at the Folger Shakespeare Library with morning and afternoon sessions on "Three Dutch Revolutions: 1747, 1787, 1795," and "Civic Humanism and the Dutch Republican Tradition". Saturday, March 14, will also be divided into morning and afternoon sessions, devoted to "The Dutch Enlightenment" and "Dutch Culture in its Social Setting".

For registration information, contact Gregory Barz, conference organizer, at the Folger Institute, 201 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003; (202) 544-4600, ext. 246.

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CURACAO PAPERS AT PRESS
(FINALLY!)

The New Netherland Project's newest volume of translations, The Curacao Papers, went to press on January 5, 1987. It should take approximately nine weeks to print and bind this volume of 500 pages. The following words from the preface by the governor of the Netherlands Antilles express the importance of this volume:

"Thanks to the dual role played by Petrus Stuyvesant in both New Netherland and Curacao in the year 1642 to 1664, this publication, so to say, "kills two

birds with one stone." Not only do the documents tell us about the West India Company's way of managing its properties on Curacao, they also help us to understand the scope and nature of the business relations in those days between the colony in the Caribbean and New Netherland, relations that were not severed after the conquering of New Netherland by the British but continued to prove their importance especially during the American Revolutionary War."

To order the CURACAO PAPERS send \$40.00 for each copy plus \$2.00 shipping (NYS residents add 7% tax) to Heart of the Lakes Publishing, Interlaken, NY 14847.

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MARCURIUS NETWORK PAYS OFF

A note by Jan Folkerts of Groningen which appeared in the February 1986 issue of De Nieuw Nederlanse Mercurius prompted C.A. Weslager, author of Dutch Explorers, Traders, and Settlers in the Delaware Valley 1609-1664 (Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 1961), and other books and articles dealing with the 17th century, to write Mr. Folkerts. Their subsequent correspondence proved to be mutually beneficial and intellectually stimulating.

When Bill Alrich, a trustee of the Holland Society of New York, invited Dr. Weslager to read a paper at the first reunion of the Alrich family held in New Castle, Delaware, November 7-9, 1986, Weslager chose as his topic "Peter Alrichs: New Castle Merchant, Indian Trader, Plantation Owner, and Politician." In his research for the paper, Weslager found that Peter Alrichs was born in Groningen ca. 1637. Correspondence with

Folkerts revealed that Peter's father Sigfridus Alrichs was a student at the University of Groningen and following his graduation became a Dutch Reformed minister in the parish of Niekerk and Faan near Zuidhorn not far from Groningen. Folkerts was able to supply Weslager with other valuable background data for his paper.

Dr. Weslager writes, "Thanks to De Nieuw Nederlanse Marcurius, a paper on an outstanding Dutch-American, Peter Alrichs, brought me into contact with a Dutch "pen pal" and the paper will shortly be published by the Alrich family." For information about the Alrichs (Alrich, etc.) family, and the paper, interested persons should write Bill Alrich, 248 Upper Gulph Road, Radnor, PA 19087.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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This represents a change of address and of personnel. Greenhouse Consultants provides all manner of historical and archeological consulting services, including background research, archeological testing, and full-scale excavation. The 1983 Broad Financial Center site at Pearl & Whitehall in lower Manhattan yielded significant artifacts from the warehouse of Augustine Hermanns.

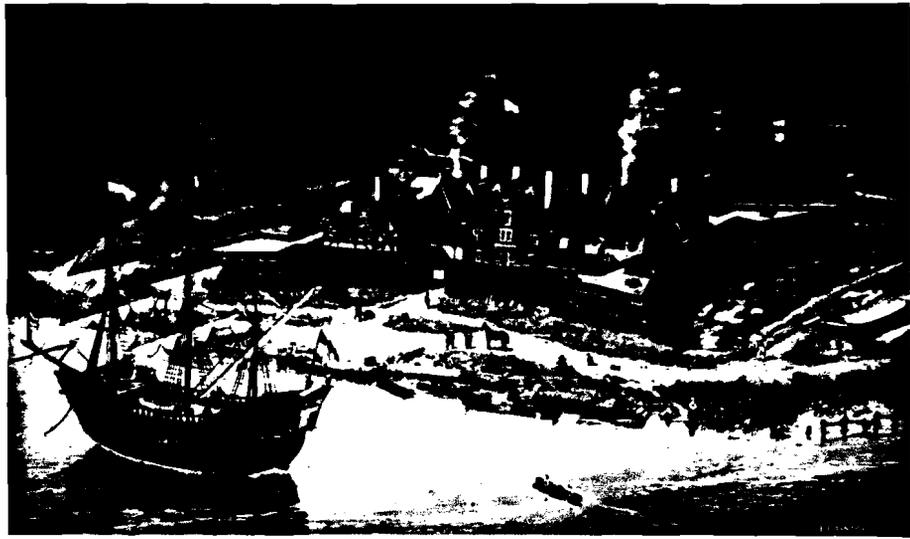
Jan Piet Puype, Librarian/Keeper of Documents, Nederlands Scheepvaart Museum, Kattenburgerplein 1, 1018 KK Amsterdam, The Netherlands

I am a specialist in ancient weapons and right now am involved in detailed research on 17th century Dutch firearms. I have been intensely engaged in the analysis of gunparts from Seneca Iroquois sites and should now like to study Mohawk gun finds. I invite anyone who is seriously interested in the same subject to contact me.

Barbara Kelly, Curator, Long Island Studies Institute, Hofstra University Library 9th Floor, 1000 Fulton Ave, Hempstead, NY 11550; Phone: (516)560-5097

The Institute combines Hofstra's New York History Collection and the Nassau County Museum Reference Library and constitutes a major research center for the study of Long Island local and regional history. The reference collection includes books, records and documents, maps, newspapers, photographs, audio-visual materials, and manuscript collections. The Institute will sponsor meetings, workshops, exhibits, and conferences as well as media offerings and publications.

The Institute would be willing to co-sponsor (with the New Netherland Project) a conference in 1989, the 300th anniversary of Leisler's Rebellion. Please contact Natalie Naylor, Director of Long Island Studies Institute, with suggestions for speakers, etc.



A collector's print of "Fort Orange 1635" by L.F. Tantillo is available in a limited edition of 950 numbered copies. These reproductions have been made by the process of offset lithography. Specially formulated inks designed to reduce the effects of ultra-violet light were custom mixed to produce the color balance desired by the artist. The entire edition was printed on Andrews/Nelson/Whitehead 100 lb. cover, an acid free paper made of 100% cotton fiber, to archival standard. All film separations and plates have been destroyed and no further art prints will be made at any time. Unframed the price is \$210; framed with either cherry or antique gold, \$340; \$15 of the purchase price will be donated to the New Netherland Project. Order from Roger Leon, P.O. Box 374, 43 Mall, West Sand Lake, NY 12196.

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