



DuBois

Family News

December 2007

DuBois Family Reunion Highlights



On sunny Saturday morning, Dawn Eliot set up her hand loom for making tapes for clothes. Her dress and portable loom took us back to the time when these were used instead of buttons. She showed us different patterns that were possible for these small and important ties that “kept the eighteenth century together.”



Nigel Massey helped set the mood for our time travel to colonial times in church. The Dutch hymn we know



Contents

DBFA Reunion Highlights	1-2
President's Message	3
Friends of Huguenot Street	4
DBFA Finance Report	5
DBFA Election	5
Old Fort Lives On	6

www.dbfa.org



Executive Board

President

Terry L. DuBois
46715 McLeod Rd.
Myakka City, FL 34251-3907
president@dbfa.org

Vice President- Buildings & Grounds

Dina Downing DuBois
PO Box 473
Cornith, VT 05039
fort@dbfa.org

Vice President-Finance

Pamela Bailey
305 Hyde Park Road
Landenberg, PA 19350
finance@dbfa.org

Vice President-Membership

Fred DuBois
4296 Jennings Fish Camp Rd.
Lake Wales, FL 33898
membership@dbfa.org

Secretary

Carol Edelman
108 Buck Drive
Ruckersville, VA 22968
secretary@dbfa.org

Appointed Officers

Genealogist

Catherine Smith
119 N Ohioville Rd/
New Paltz, NY 12561
genealogy@dbfa.org

Editor-In-Chief

Sally Lord
4268 RT 20
Durham, NY 12422
newsletter@dbfa.org

as *We Gather Together* would have been popular with our Huguenot Ancestors who would have known the Dutch words. "Wit heden nu treden voor God den Heere..." After singing together we heard Rev. Massey reading from Matthew 6:25 in English and French. "C'est pourquoi je vous dis: ne inquietez pas, pour votre vie...."

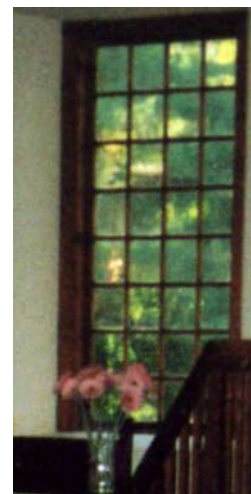
Eric Roth put on his historian's research hat and spent time with us in the library sharing his research into the religious persecution and challenges the Huguenots faced during their emigration within Europe and to the New World. During lunch he spoke with us about the future plans for the Fort. (See article by Eric.)



Marc Friede gave a highly entertaining talk about what it was like here in the valley during the early days of the Esopus wars. His research is so thorough and his telling of it so vivid, you'd think he lived in those days.

Friday evening Oct. 19th, 2007 regular attendees of the DBFA reunions met with several new to Huguenot Street and the reunion. Jackie Lubinski and her husband Joe came full of Jackie's genealogical quest stories. Jim and Alice DuBois punctuated the evening and weekend with great good humor.

Members honored our deceased members with heartfelt saying of their names as flowers were placed in a vase and later on a grave site. Robert E. DuBois; Marian King Baldwin; Mrs. Theodore Flynn; Ruth DuBois Vonderworth; Robert Lesnick, Dr. Dean C. DuBois; Mrs. Frank Foster, and Judge James Glazebrook were those remembered.





From The President's Desk

By Terry L. DuBois



Seasons Greetings to all! Wow this year has really gone by fast. It seems like only a short time ago it began. My apologies for not being able to attend the reunion this year. I am told that the small group that did attend had a great time. A special thanks to Dina DuBois for chairing the reunion this year. Thanks also to Fred DuBois for all he did to help and for taking the pictures.

A few words to update everyone on my prostate cancer. In June, July and August 1 and 2nd, I had radiation therapy at James A Haley VA Hospital in Tampa, FL. The treatments went very well and the cancer appears to be shrinking. I had very mild side effects and I'm feeling pretty good. December 6th I go back for another follow up visit. At that time I will also meet my new oncologist and I hope to get cleared to return to work. I am also getting a hormone implant every 12 weeks to help slow the cancer. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated.

The election this year will be by mail in ballot since there was too small attendance at the reunion. Please take a few minutes to fill out the ballot and mail it in.

A special thanks to those Board members who will be leaving the Board after this election. Carol Edelman is stepping down as our secretary, Dina DuBois, VP of Buildings and Grounds is leaving us as well. Fred DuBois, VP membership is leaving the Board but will still do membership as membership chairman. Thank you all for your dedication for the years you have served our membership.

The roof on the Fort is in need of replacement. HHS is in the process of taking bids for the job. The DBFA Executive Board has voted to provide HHS with \$21,000 to help cover the cost. A special thanks to the Hasbrouck Family Association for donating \$2,000 to the DBFA to add to that amount. We now have \$23,000 towards the roof project. If you would like to contribute to the roof project, please send your donations to Pam Bailey payable to the DuBois Family Association. We still need about \$12,000 to cover the total estimated cost. Please mark your checks for Roof project. Donations are tax deductible.

Pam Bailey
305 Hyde Park Rd
Landenburg, PA 19350

A reminder to everyone that the dues year ends December 31. Fred DuBois has mailed out renewal notices to those members that need to renew.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Terry DuBois
DBFA President



Dear Friend of Huguenot Street:

Earlier this year a challenge was put to me: *Can you define everything that Historic Huguenot street represents in one word?*

I struggled with the idea. One word to describe everything about Historic Huguenot Street? It simply did not seem possible that a single word could accurately capture the complexity of our site, the depth of its history and diversity of our historic homes.

It was about six months later when I realized I was wrong. There is one word that defines Historic Huguenot Street. That word is “*Home.*”

Home conveys comfort, memories, familiarity — everything that is close and dear. This word surely held a very special meaning for the Huguenots who were forced to flee their homes in Europe and who toiled so hard to create a new home in America. For all of us today — the families of the patentees, the members of our local community, or simply lovers of history — *Historic Huguenot Street* is still home to us and is a very special part of our lives.

But the privilege of having a home is balanced by the responsibility of maintaining it. *While we all love having this 300 year old National Historic Landmark to call home, we must all do our part to ensure its future.*

Maintaining over forty properties and tens of thousands of artifacts, as well as hosting 15,000 visitors each year is expensive, but the generous support of individuals such as you make it possible. Last year, together we prevented the collapse of one of these homes — the Jean Hasbrouck House. L

Here are some of our current projects that need your support:

- Re-opening the Jean Hasbrouck House. The renewed Jean Hasbrouck House will offer both exhibits and period room settings, and will feature family friendly self guided tours.
- We will launch an Outreach to Schools program designed to educate local children about the unique beginning and history of our special community.
- Repairs to the foundations of all of our historic homes to stabilize and protect these homes for the future.
- In our quest to increase attendance, we will continue to add new and innovative programs to our calendar of events.
- Finally, and looking ahead to 2009, we have a great opportunity to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson’s voyage. This will include special exhibits, conferences and events on Native American history and archaeology.

In our increasingly complicated world, we are fortunate to share this very special place. I urge you to join me in supporting the important work of collecting, preserving, and sharing this truly inspiring American story. Your tax-deductible gift is critical to preserve this unique National Historic Landmark that so many of us call “*Home.*”

Sincerely,
Eric J. Roth
Director
Historic Huguenot Street

To make a donation, please visit: <http://www.huguenotstreet.org> and click on **Annual Appeal**

DuBois Family Association Finance Report

By Pamela Bailey

As of October 31, 2007 the DuBois Family Association Balances

Money Market Fund \$26,117.72

Certificate of Deposit \$52,855.81 (reinvested from a \$50,000 CD 2006)

American Funds \$56,440.35

Business Checking \$6,136.79

In November DBFA received a gift of \$2000 from the Hasbrouck Family Association for replacement of the roof on the Fort.

In addition, the Association received a bequest from the estate of the late Robert E. DuBois for \$10,000, which will also be placed into the Fort fund line. DBFA is working with Historic Huguenot Street to review the bids for the roof replacement.

Robert E DuBois of Wading River, formerly of Shoreham, Long Island died at the St. Charles Hospital in Port Jefferson on August 31, 2007 at the age of 78. He was born in Southampton, NY on March 30, 1929 son of George E. and Ruth (Penny) DuBois and had been a department head with the Nassau County Supreme Court. Mr. DuBois was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving during the war in Korea. He is survived by his beloved wife Marilyn Hutton DuBois and was the loving father of Mark and Scott DuBois, Christopher Bieger, and Nancy Bullis. He is also survived by his dear sister Lois Hilger and was the proud grandfather of six and the great-grandfather of two.

The DuBois Family Association is indebted to the Robert DuBois family for sending us this bequest. His DuBois line is Cre'tien>Louis>Louis Jr.> Jonathan>Louis J.>Jonas>George>George W.>George E.>my Dad, Robert E. DuBois

—*Scott DuBois*

DBFA Election

This election is being held by mail in ballot due to the small turn out at the reunion. You must be a DBFA member to vote. Please fill out the ballot and mail it to Catherine Smith no later than January 10, 2008.

Please mail ballots to:

Catherine Smith

119 N Ohioville Rd

New Paltz, NY 12561



President.....Terry DuBois

Vice President-Finance.....Pam Bailey

Vice President-Operations.....Bill Haines

Vice President-Public Relations...Caroline DuBois

Secretary.....Jackie Lubinski

_____ **I approve the slate of officers.**

Old Fort Lives On

Courtesy of The New Paltz Times

by Anne Pyburn

For nearly six decades, the Old Fort Restaurant, elegant yet unadorned, was a beloved New Paltz institution. If the kitchen is the heart of the home, perhaps the Old Fort could be said to have been the heart of town.

“For a long time, it was the only place,” says Dianne Dubois Gleichenhaus, a descendant of the family that built the fort in 1705. “People had their weddings, anniversaries and showers there. All those big moments.”

In 1990, the restaurant fell victim to a Catch 22: Modern building codes forbade its continued operation, and historic preservation codes forbade substantive renovation. Two days before Christmas of that year, its doors closed for the last time.

But the Old Fort, thanks to three lifelong friends, has been resurrected. It lives on in the pages of *Recipes and Memories: The Old Fort Restaurant*,

“Food At Its Best” read the sign, a relic of the days when “all food was prepared from scratch, nothing was saved for another meal or wasted,” as collaborator Gladys Fishman Gottlieb notes in her essay on cook Alice Crans, the unpretentious queen of the Old Fort kitchen.

A former waitress who found herself inspired to capture the flavor of this particular slice of New Paltz before it became irretrievably lost, Gottlieb conceived the idea of the cookbook..

Gottlieb, Glietzenhaus and another former waitress, Fern Cangelosi, sat down with Crans, who when the project began in 2005 was having a hard time hearing and walking, and asked her to dictate to the authors the recipes she knew so well. Though boss lady Elsie Hannah Oates was long gone, Crans was happy to share her culinary lore. “She had them all in her head,” says Gottlieb.

Leafing through the recipes is a voyage back in time, before there were such things as “foodies” and “nouvelle cuisine.” The Old Fort was all about the simple goodness of baked ham, pot roast, and chicken and biscuits, prepared simply and perfectly from the best raw materials, enjoyed by the likes of Eleanor Roosevelt and the Paltz Club.

Yet a restaurant isn’t just about the food, and this book isn’t just about the recipes. “It’s really more history than it is a cookbook,” says Glietzenhaus. Anyone striving to create a classic meal might find inspiration and relatively foolproof guidance in the straightforward, precise instructions.

As, indeed, the Old Fort might have been said to be more a labor of love than a mere commercial establishment. “At the Fort, excellent food is graciously served and there is a feeling of friendliness between Mrs. Oates and her co-workers. The waitresses are unusually pleasant and courteous,” noted a travel magazine circa 1955, when courtesy was perhaps less unusual a value than it has since become.

This good feeling, combined with Oates’ and Crans’ high standards, enforced with a tact that allowed warmth to prevail, helped create memories for thousands. Along with a brief history of the Old Fort prepared by Jane Oates Tulley, to whom Elsie Hannah Oates was “Nanna,” a grandmother larger than life, and a biography of Crans, there is correspondence. Satisfied customers reminisce. One recalls how, as a young unskilled homemaker, she and her husband ate well solely through the auspices of Alice Crans. There are old photos, postcards, menus, and placemats delightfully mingled with the recipes like dashes of seasoning.

The book is available at the Antique Center at the Water Street Market and at Clarkson’s Appliances on Route 32; for \$12, and would be a sure hit as a holiday gift for any Old NewPaltzian or for anyone learning to cook. *For more information, call Glietzenhaus at 255-7629.*



The Old Fort Restaurant Cookbook was put together by (l-r) Fern Clark-son-Cangelosi, Gladys Fishman Gottlieb and Diane Dubois Gleichenhaus. [Lauren Thomas]

DBFA has it all.

- Housewares
- Magnets
- Buttons
- Golf Shirts
- Post Cards
- Caps
- Mugs
- Greeting Cards
- Coasters
- Mouse Pads
- Calendars
- *And Much More!*

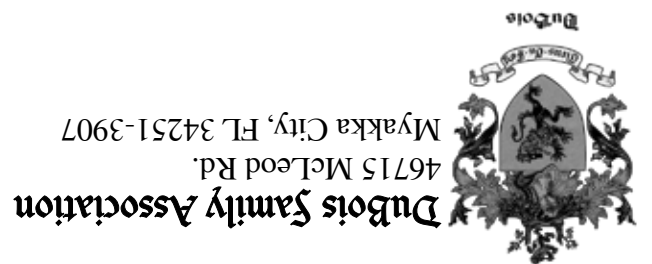


www.cafepress.com/dbfa

DuBois



*Postmaster:
Address Service Requested*



DuBois Family Association
46715 McLeod Rd.
Myakka City, FL 34251-3907