



DuBois Family News

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Where To Do Research

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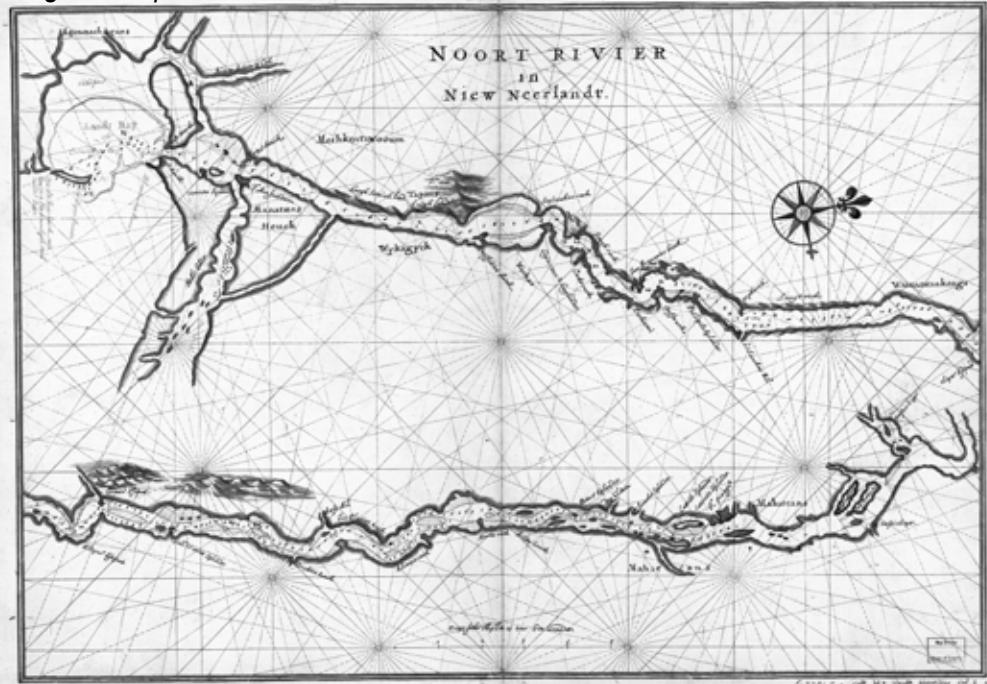
For me winter is my time to do genealogy research. I've been working on my family tree and my husband's family tree. His is a lot easier since most of his relatives came from Orange County, NY, mine from Brooklyn, NY and Cooperstown, NY. This winter I've concentrated my research on old maps. These have proven to be very interesting since some show the homesteads of residents. Elting Library has lots of maps of Ulster and Orange Counties and most of them have the homesteads and older cemeteries and family plots shown. Some maps I have found online by visiting county websites and the website www.hrvh.org (Hudson River Valley Heritage). Consider looking at these old maps and see if you can find your family's homestead.

In the near future pictures of the DuBois family and pictures of New Paltz in the 1950's and 60's will be online. The Elting Memorial Library will be putting these online for distant viewers to be able to see without having to travel. I'll keep you posted about when and where they can be seen. The library is celebrating its centennial this year. If in New Paltz stop by the history collection and do some research.

For those who like to read and had relatives living in New York City during the beginning of the last century, read *Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.* by Ron Chernow. It is an interesting book about the times

Circa 1639 map shows the Hudson River from Manhattan Island to Albany, natural features, and other geographical entities in the region. From Library of Congress Map Collection.

and the ying and yang personality and life of Mr. Rockefeller. His estate is just a short distant south of New Paltz and open to the public. Known as Kykuit the estate was given to the public by Happy and Nelson Rockefeller, grandson of John D. Sr. A short distance from this estate is Tarrytown and Sunnyside, the home of Washington Irving. Lots to see and do here in the Hudson Valley.



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From The President's Desk

By Terry L. DuBois, DBFA President

DBFA members and friends,



Let me start with an apology for the lateness of the December newsletter. The plan was to focus the newsletter on the new roof on the Fort. However the work on the new roof, while underway, is not yet at a point where progress is that visible. Materials have been purchased to lock in prices and prep work has begun. Work has been put on hold until the weather improves. When work resumes there will be lots of pictures of the work being done. I will put the pictures and progress on our website.

Our Secretary, Jackie Lubinsky, has had a set back in her fight with Breast Cancer. The cancer is much larger and more advanced than her doctors had thought. Her treatments are going to take much longer than anticipated. She has had to resign her chair to focus on her health. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

My prostate cancer is still in remission. My PSA is holding at less than 0.1 and I am considered cancer free.

My kidney readings are almost back to normal. In April I will get my final hormone shot. They will continue to check my PSA every 3 months or so to be sure the cancer stays in remission. Please keep me in your prayers.

While 2008 was not a reunion year the Executive Board has been working with HHS to fund repairs and improvements to the Fort. We donated \$24,000 to HHS to help cover the cost of the new roof. The balance of the cost will be covered by grant money and funds from the Newsome Trust. The new roof should last 100 years. Also we donated \$3,000 to HHS for the purchase of two display cases that will be used for exhibits in the Fort. These donations while needed have almost emptied our Fort Fund and our investments have suffered substantial losses due to the economy. I am aware that the economy has tightened everyone's budgets but ask that you please help us to rebuild the fund with what ever you can afford. We have received donations of \$1,000 and \$500 from two of our members and that is a great start. Over the last few years HHS has made several repairs to the Fort and now the roof is being replaced. The Fort should not need any major repair work done for some time. This should give us time to replenish the Fort Fund and the Newsome Fund to cover future needs or emergencies. Don't give until it hurts, give until it feels good!!!!

I have improved the graphics used on products in our Cafepress online store and added some new products. The coffee mugs now have wrap around graphics that look really nice. Did you know we now offer camcorders? We have the worlds smallest HD camcorder with designs you can only find in our store. HHS is very impressed with products in our store and is considering selling some of the products in the HHS gift shop. They will purchase the products from us. Shop online at: www.cafepress.com/dbfa

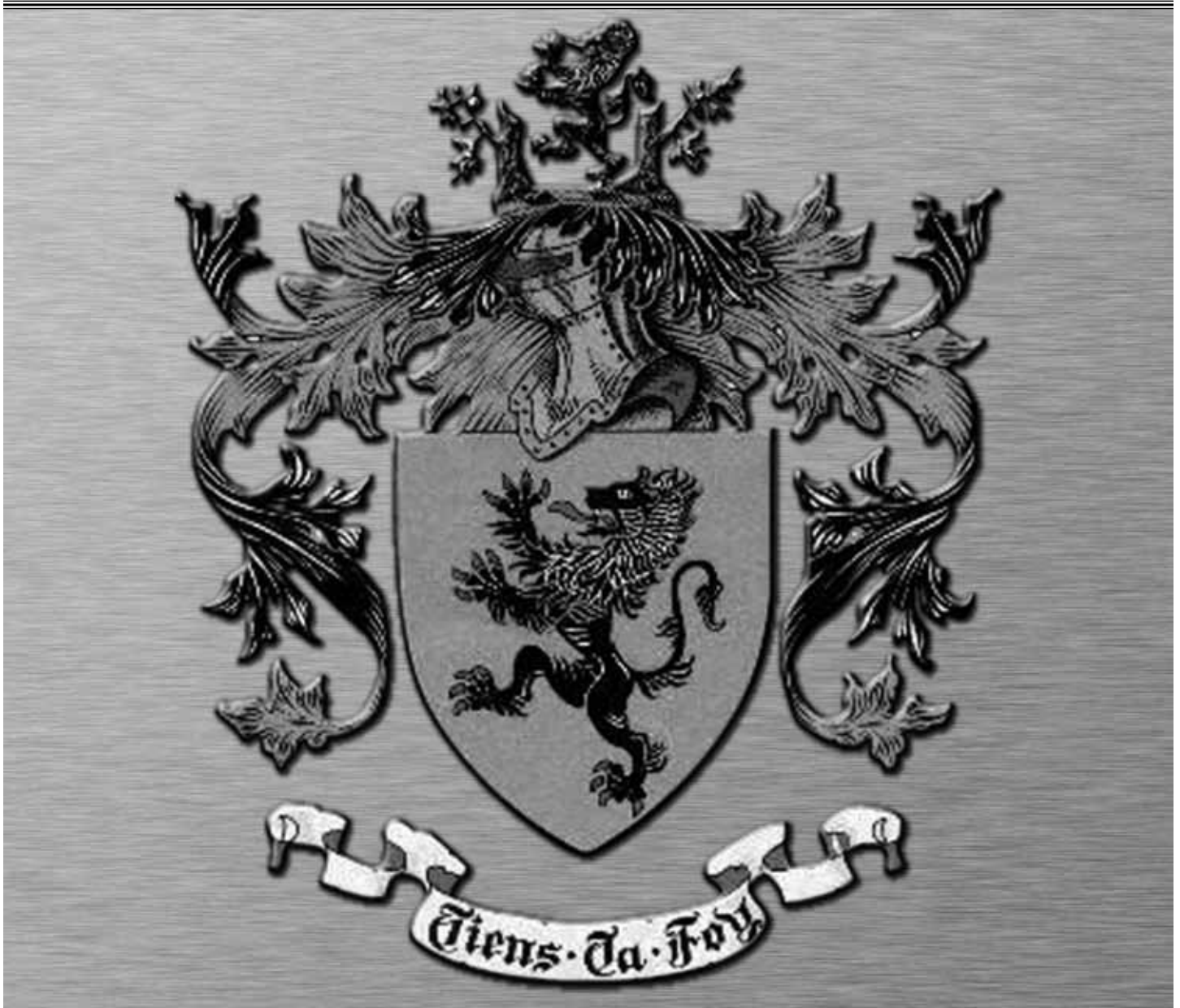
This year is a reunion year. The DBFA reunion will be held the third weekend in October. Please make plans to attend. The Henry Hudson celebration should make it a memorable reunion.

As always, we need volunteers to help out in different areas. We need to add new members so spread the word. If you would like to help out please contact me at president@dbfa.org.

Terry DuBois, DBFA President

Old Fort Restaurant Cook Book Second Printing

Diane DuBois Gleichenhaus, chair of the Old Fort Restaurant Historical Committee, reports that the Cookbook has been so popular that they are in the process of a second printing. The popular cookbook has recipes and memories of The Old Fort Restaurant which was a New Paltz landmark for many years. For ordering information contact Diane DuBois Gleichenhaus at 845-255-7629.



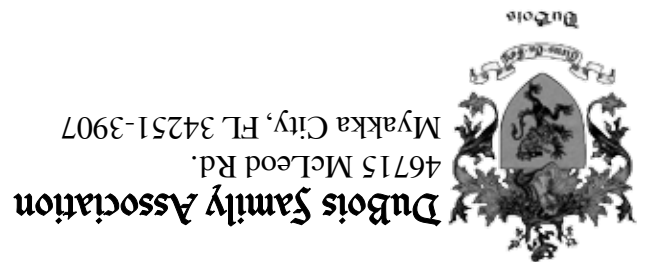
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