

Decker Family Association 2010 Reunion

Life in Ulster County in the 1600s

Program of Events

Thursday, October 7, 2010

7:00-9:00 pm

Opening Reception

Courtyard Hotel
500 Frank Sottile Boulevard
Kingston, New York 12401

Refreshments included.

Meet the cousins at the opening reception. A chance to meet and greet other Decker cousins.

Friday, October 8, 2010

8:00-9:30 am

Kickoff Meeting

Elting Memorial Library
93 Main Street
New Paltz, New York 12561

Light continental breakfast included.

Opening of the Reunion. Presentation by Carol Johnson, curator of the Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection of the Elting Memorial Library.

10:00-12:30

Visit to Huguenot Street

Historic Huguenot Street
18 Broadhead Avenue
New Paltz, NY 12561

Admission to Huguenot Street included.

Presentation by Eric Roth, director of Historic Huguenot Street.

Box lunches provided; we'll eat at the picnic grounds at Huguenot Street.

Many of the descendants of Jan Broersen married descendants of the Huguenots.

1:30-3:30 pm Visit to Old Dutch Church in Kingston

Old Dutch Church
272 Wall Street
Kingston, NY 12401

Presentations by local historian Ted Dietz, and from the current pastor of the church, Ken Walsh.

It's through the records of this church that we have learned about Jan Broersen and his family.

4:00-5:30 pm Visit to Old Hurley

Hurley Reformed Church
59 Main Street
Hurley, NY 12443

We'll see the old stone house occupied by our cousin Jim Decker, and hear from Hurley town historian Deana Decker.

The Kingston church records were taken to Hurley during the Revolutionary War, to avoid destruction by British troops.

Saturday, October 9, 2010

Shawangunk Reformed Church
1166 Hoagerburgh Rd
Wallkill NY 12589

9:00-3:00, 5:00-7:00 Meetings, Workshops, Presentations

Presentations from Marshall Hamilton, Wayne Decker and several others on Decker family history and achievements.

Sharing time: Bring your family history records; get updates and benefit from work performed by other family members.

Decker Family Association Meeting, with election of new officers and consideration of association bylaws.

Presentation by Marc Bernard Fried, a historian of the Shawangunk area, describing to us the patterns of migration in this part of Ulster County.

The Shawangunk church was founded by early Deckers and other local residents, and is the the oldest church building in continuous use among American congregations of the Dutch Reformed Church.

Many of our Decker ancestors were laid to rest in the churchyard.

Lunch and dinner provided; served in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

3:30-4:45

Tea hosted by Anne Bienstock

Shawangunk resident Anne Bienstock lives in a house originally built by our Decker ancestors. She has graciously invited all reunion participants to visit her home for tea.

The house has been carefully restored and maintained, with many beautiful period decorations.

Directions to Anne's home will be provided in the meeting at the Shawangunk Church. Her home is just a few minutes from the church.

This visit will be a highlight of our reunion; we'll return to the church for final presentations and for dinner.

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Shawangunk Reformed Church
1166 Hoagerburgh Rd
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11:00-12:00

Worship service at the church.