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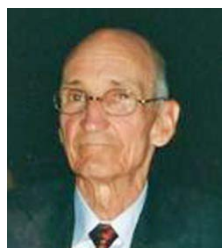
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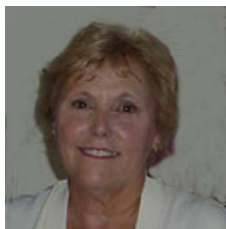
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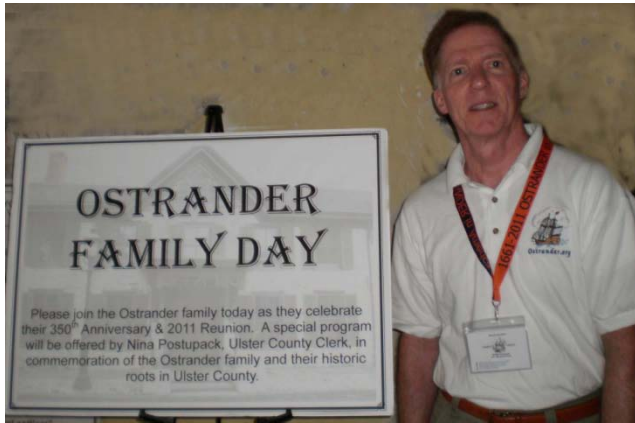
## About our Organization

To perpetuate the memory and genealogy of the antecedents and descendants of Pieter Pietersen Ostrander; to maintain family unity and encourage the study of family history; to unify genealogical, historical and biographical research; and to pool the resources and efforts of the members.

## The President Says...

By Peter J. Ostrander

As your new president I want to take this time to thank you all in advance for your support over the next two years. I hope we can build on the enthusiasm you all have shown with your support of the 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration and reunion this summer.



The OFA kicked off its 27<sup>th</sup> year in August where the OFA got its start back in 1984, in Kingston, NY. Attendees came from 20 of the 50 states including far away places Wasilla Alaska, California, Nacogdoches Texas, and British Columbia Canada, along with more locally New York and the Hudson Valley and many places in between. It was an amazing mix of family.

The OFA celebrated the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival of our patriarch Pieter<sup>2</sup> Pietersen Ostrander (PP2) here in America on August 6, 1661. One hundred and fifty members strong turned out for the 3-day celebration and reunion. The theme of the reunion was to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of PP2's arrival and to celebrate this event in the places he actually lived. The ancestral home and lands of Pieter<sup>2</sup> Ostrander were in Kingston and Hurley NY. Pieter<sup>2</sup> lived in Kingston from about 1663 until the early 1670s. From early 1670s until his death ca. 1740, Pieter<sup>2</sup> Ostrander lived, worked and raised his family in Hurley. The weather was perfect for walking the streets and touring some of the stone houses that our patriarch once knew. The 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration dinner at the Beekman Arms (in Rhinebeck) Saturday night culminated two days of events, and Sunday we closed out the reunion with services at the Old Dutch Church (in Kingston). All in all it was a wonderful and memorable event.

The event took much coordination and cooperation. Special Thanks! goes to all who helped especially the Old Dutch Church and Pastor Walsh, the Hurley Dutch Church Women Guild and Sandy Emrich, the Hurley Heritage Society and Iris Oseas, the Ulster County Archives and County Clerk Nina Postupack and archivist Ken Gray, Sandi Zinaman (Kingston lunch), Lisa DePalma (Kingston Trolley), Debra Harris (Holiday Inn), Pat Murphy and the Friends of Historic Kingston, Persen House historic site, NYSHS Senate House, Beekman Arms Inn and Brenda Catalano, Rhinebeck historian Nancy Kelly and to all the OFA officers and members, who helped plan and work on this reunion—Glenn, Linda, Kurt, Wes, Roseanne, Jim, Becky, and Peter H. and our spouses, who had to put up with us.

Others describe their thoughts on the reunion elsewhere in this newsletter. So I'll just recap and provide some numbers to put the size and scope of this reunion into perspective. There were 150 strong who attended this, the largest reunion of the OFA. We had nearly 130 for lunch each day at the Dutch churches in Kingston and Hurley and the food was just great. There were over 45 rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn by the OFA. There were 130 attending the dinner at the Beekman Arms which we found out was the largest sit-down dinner ever served there, and the feedback was unanimous that the food and service were perfect. No better place to cap off our celebration than a historic inn that was originally started by the brother (Willem) of our own Rebecca Traphagen (wife of Pieter<sup>2</sup>). Over 115 took the walking tours in Kingston and Hurley each day and many were able to walk around the home site of Pieter<sup>2</sup> Ostrander thanks to Kathy Stott, current owner of the property.

It was interesting to note the percent of those who attended by their branch affiliations: Jacob—5%, Johannes—25%, Arent—22%, Hendrick—2%, Pieter—14%, and Willem—31%. Unfortunately, there was no one identified with any daughters of PP2, nor sons Teunis and Hermanus. Perhaps in the coming years, we can add members of these branches.

But numbers cannot sum up the friendships made and renewed, the history and enjoyment of all by visiting together the historic ancestral

home of the patriarch of all Ostranders, Pieter<sup>2</sup> Pietersen Ostrander.

Let's all try to keep in touch over the next two years by email, letters, phone calls and reading the OFA newsletters. Share the information you find in your research on your family and branches. Please reach out and bring a new member into the OFA, and I'll see you all again in two years at the next reunion.

Another wonderful result of the reunion is the donation that Judy Spitzer made in memory of Collin and Betty Ostrander, her uncle and aunt. Thank you Judy, such a kind way to remember special people.

And I've saved the best for last...I very pleased to announce that Irving 'Skip' O'Strander has accepted the Vice President position. Three years ago, he wrote an interesting newsletter article about making the connection to a Sidney Ostrander as his GGGF, who as it turned out also happens to mine as well!! You will soon benefit from his research skills; he is the brains behind the new Q&A column coming in future newsletters. Welcome Irving!!

Again I want to thank all of you who were able to come and participate in this year's 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration and reunion; your attendance was greatly appreciated. For those of you who were not able, we will over the next few issues of the newsletter include articles and photo to share with you this reunion.

## Introducing... Irving "Skip" O'Strander

*Ed. Note: In the photo, Irving (right) and his recently discovered cousin, President Peter J. Ostrander.*



The first question is – Why is there an apostrophe in my name? Well when I was born my mother wrote the apostrophe on

the birth certificate in the hospital, and it was recorded in city records with the spelling of O'Strander. This is the spelling used by my own family and my two brothers; my father's name is spelled the common way, Ostrander. The fee to

change spelling is steep, and on the other hand, it's also unique!

What made me want to trace the family name? A couple of things come to mind: 1) when I was in junior high school in Springfield, Massachusetts and there was a new gym teacher, he was going down the roster of pupils and when he got my name, sighed and said, "I thought I had left the Ostranders behind me". I later asked him why he said that; he told me he just came from a school in Kingston, New York and there were 90% Ostranders in his class; 2) my dad had always told me we were German as he knew and I wanted to find out more; and 3) my mother's family came from Canada and she always talked on how it was there.

I have been tracing my family and my wife's (Barr) ancestry for about twenty-five years and I have 2865 people and 736 surnames. Within the last three years, I finally connected myself to the Willem line. In the Ostrander book, I am [BB id 20277] one of the unconnected lines on page 750. My line is now Willem<sup>3</sup> [BB id 6], Pieter<sup>4</sup> [BB id 3497], Petrus<sup>5</sup> [BB id 3506], John<sup>6</sup> D. [BB id 3571], Sidney<sup>7</sup> D. [BB id 20247], Merriem<sup>8</sup> James [BB id 20248], Walter Henry<sup>9</sup> [BB id 20253], Irving<sup>10</sup> C. Sr [BB id 20269].

My mother's side (Malo) traces directly back to Quebec, Canada where she was born. The family came to New France (Quebec, Canada) in 1680 from St. Malo, France for basically the same reason our ancestors came to New Amsterdam. Their name upon arrival was Ayyette and added *dit St. Malo*, which designates where they came from in France, and as we have seen with our name, it has changed over the years with spellings such as Ayyette, Hayette, St. Malo, Malo along with other derivatives.

I am OFA member 247, and I have been a member of the Vermont Genealogical Society along with the Western Mass Genealogical Society. Over the years, I have helped numerous people with Ostrander and Barr names and met many cousins.

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# OSTRANDER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION 2011

By Marsha Hansen

*Ed. Note: In photo, Marsha at the Persen House.*



I am a new member of the OFA and a new addict to genealogy. I have always had an interest in my ancestors but until two years ago I had not done any serious searching. Some exciting

initial successes in tracing my husband's family really got me hooked.

My great grandmother, Mary Jane<sup>7</sup> Ostrander [BB id514], married Lancelot Waller, whose parents farmed the land across the road from where I grew up. Their farm was located in South Norwich Township, Oxford County, Ontario. My family lived across the "townline" in Dereham Township. Our address was R.R. 1 Ostrander – named for my 2x great grandfather Henry<sup>6</sup> B. Ostrander [BB id 164], who operated the post office there. I come from a large family and money was always a little scarce as I was growing up (the late 50s). My siblings and I were expected to work and earn money from an early age and one of my first jobs was cutting the grass for the cemetery at St. Charles Church. It would take me almost 6 hours to complete the job. Each time I hauled the lawnmower around the relatively elaborate and matching monuments erected for Mary Jane, Lancelot and his parents, I would wonder how it was that ancestors of mine had the money to pay for such fancy stones.

I am a younger daughter of a youngest daughter of a youngest daughter. I never knew my grandmother—and my mother never knew her grandmother (Mary Jane). I think that, in part, explains why I have no stories or photos from my Ostrander heritage. One year ago, on my way to the airport, I made a fleeting visit to the St. Catherine's Public Library Genealogy Department. That is where I discovered what I refer to as the large tome (Big Book). I was more than a little surprised to discover that two

Ostrander Family Reunions had been held in Tillsonburg; and yet, for no reason that I can explain, I still did not pursue my Ostrander heritage.

On a rainy Sunday afternoon this April, I was randomly googling the names of various ancestors who had initially settled in the Niagara area of Ontario. When the OFA site popped up with their plans for celebrating the 350 years of Ostrandersons in America, I was hooked. As they say – "the rest is history"!

I now know that there is a lot more "out there" for me to find, and that with some effort I should be able to piece together a little more of "the story" of my immediate ancestors. Meeting all of my Ostrander 'cousins', and sharing their enthusiasm has given me a new energy for the search.

The following is a brief description of some of the events at this year's reunion. I suspect that, if asked, every attendee would have a somewhat different version of the weekend. I apologize for any omissions and/or genealogical errors I may have made.

## FRIDAY AUGUST 12, 2011

Following a substantial breakfast at the Holiday Inn, we boarded a replica trolley bus for the short trip to historic Kingston (old name Wildwyck). Our very energetic and accommodating trolley driver was busy all day shuttling the approximately 130 Ostrander descendents between the following sites:

### SENATE HOUSE & MUSEUM

One of many limestone buildings in Kingston, the "Senate House" was built in 1676 as a home. It is reputed to be the oldest extant building in America to have served as a public building when, in September and October of 1777, during the Revolutionary War, it became the temporary meeting place of the first New York State Senate. It has been restored to look as it would have in 1777. The adjacent Museum houses a large collection of artwork, documents and historical objects donated by local residents.

### PERSEN HOUSE

First built as a one room dwelling (wood on a stone foundation) in 1661; it was burnt in a 1663 Esopus Indian attack and rebuilt in stone soon thereafter. A partial restoration has exposed the carpentry and building techniques used in the 5

phases of construction. One can see a typical jambless 17<sup>th</sup> century Dutch fireplace, a hand-hewn stud wall infilled with handmade bricks, and thirty inch long wooden shingles. The dimensions of the beams and floorboards (14-18 inches) attest to the size of the local trees used in the construction.

An archeological dig of the undisturbed dirt floor under phase three unearthed some 20,000 artifacts; and carbon dating of burn layers provided evidence for the 1663 burning, as well as the 1777 burning of Kingston. On display were many artifacts from the dig, as well as copies of documents of land transactions involving our ancestor Pieter Pietersen.

#### WALKING TOUR of the KINGSTON STOCKADE AREA

Members of the 'Friends of Historic Kingston' guided us on a walking tour of the stockade area. The stockade was built in 1658 by order of Governor Peter Stuyvesant as a measure to protect the 60–70 European settlers living along the Esopus Creek. Tensions between the settlers and the Esopus Indians had been on the rise, and the high bluff of land on which the stockade was constructed afforded some natural protection. The wooden houses and barns moved board by board into the stockade no longer exist, but 21 pre-revolutionary buildings still stand in this area. Kingston claims that in the United States, the corner of their John and Crown Streets is the only intersection where one can find 18<sup>th</sup> century stone houses on all four corners. The Friends of Historic Kingston have published an excellent brochure with information on 33 historic buildings contained within the stockade area and can be contacted at [www.fohk.org](http://www.fohk.org) for more information.

#### THE OLD DUTCH CHURCH

Founded in 1659, this church has maintained meticulous records of baptisms and marriages since its inception. The current building constructed in 1852 is its fourth home. Pastor Walsh oriented us to the current church built in a "Renaissance Revival" style. He regaled us with the story of the competition between this church and another for the highest steeple, and how **curiously** both steeples were to fall down. In the cemetery that surrounds the church is the grave of one of Kingston's most prominent citizens- George Clinton. Born in Ulster County, George

Clinton became New York's first Governor and the fourth Vice President of the United States.

#### SATURDAY AUGUST 13, 2011

Following breakfast, we carpoled for the short drive to Hurley (old name Nieuw Dorp). After an organizational briefing at the Hurley Reformed Church, we began our tour of what now appears to be a sleepy little village with a lot of history. Visits were made to a number of historic stone houses with collections of period furniture and artifacts. Of particular interest to Ostranders are the Elmendorf House (1709) and the Abe Houghtaling House (1708) built by or for Pieter Pietersen Ostrander (PP2). The Hurley Heritage Society hosted our visit to the Museum. They publish an excellent brochure about historic Hurley and can be contacted at [www.hurleyheritagesociety.org](http://www.hurleyheritagesociety.org). At the Old Hurley Burial Ground (stones date back to 1713), there are a number of Ostrander monuments. A transcription of the cemetery stones is available from the Hurley Heritage Society.

At mid-day, the Hurley Reformed Church Ladies provided us with an excellent buffet lunch that included Hurley corn on the cob, a crop that has been grown since PP2's time.

Many of us also visited the site of PP2's home. The original stone home was torn down sometime before 1880 and a new Federal style brick home built in its place – perhaps on the same foundation.

A late afternoon bus tour to Rhinebeck past the 1714 lands of Pieter<sup>3</sup> and Willem<sup>3</sup> and the Hog's Bridge brought us to the Beekman Arms Inn. After a brief walkabout in central Rhinebeck, we settled in for our dinner at the Inn. The Beekman Arms claims to be the oldest Inn in America, and the family connection through the Traphagens made it a very special place for Ostranders to meet for dinner.

After dinner Nancy Kelly (Rhinebeck Historian) outlined the early colonization and development of the area around Rhinebeck.

I would like to express my appreciation to all the volunteers who, through their time and effort, made this reunion such a success. It was quite a journey into the past for me.

## Reunion Memories



**Lynn Ostrander**  
(OFA # 12) [BB id  
5000] kicked off the  
reunion by recounting  
the origin of OFA:  
1982 – Vinton  
Ostrander held a  
meeting at Buttermilk

Falls in Ithaca, NY, inviting many of the Ostranders known to him at the time. At this meeting, he invited 9 people to meet with him the following year “to lay the foundation for the Ostrander Family Association.” The full text of Lynn’s history lesson follows and is also on our website.

Lynn and his wife Trudie are weavers. Lynn held a lottery to present weaving and woodworking gifts to his cousins. Number 88 (Lynn’s current age) won a red, white & blue twill weaving; number 62 (the number of years that Lynn & Trudie have been married) received a gold colored German overshot pattern; and number 32 (number of people currently in Lynn’s family) won a wood flower picture of a Pink Lady Slipper.

Lynn presented OFA with the banner he made for the 1984 reunion; Trudie gave OFA her scrapbook of early reunions.

### A Bit of History from Lynn Ostrander

At the 2011 Reunion

*Ed. Note: Lynn’s text is transcribed from his typewritten notes, maintaining original spelling and punctuation.*

In order to get to say what I want to say and also not get too far afield I have written out my little talk.

In 1982 when Vinton sent out a call for any and all Ostranders to meet for a reunion at Buttermilk Falls, Ithaca, NY; it was the privilege of Trudie and I to be there. At that reunion Vinton named a committee of about nine people to meet with him the next year to lay the foundation for the Ostrander Family Association.

In 1983 four of those who had been named met with Vinton at Kingston, NY. They were Chester, Peter H, Phyllis Feeney and myself. At that time I did not know who my great, great grandfather was; but I did know that my great

grandfather was born in the town of Arlington, Bennington Co, VT. So before that meeting Trudie and I had gone up there to see what I could find. I found some Ostrander land deeds and obtained copies. One showed where John had divided that land and sold part of it to his son Walter and part to his son Alexander about the turn of 1810-1811. I had no idea who those men were but later learned that John was my gr gr grandfather and Walter was my gr gr grandfather.

But getting back on track, in 1984 we returned to Kingston for the first national reunion. It turned out to be international because some folks from Canada had come down. (This is the banner that I made for that reunion) For the next several board meetings and reunions the main topic of discussion was the hashing and rehashing of the organization of the association. The by-laws were written and rewritten and rewritten (those were the days my friends, I thought they would never end) I think my reversal of the meaning of that snatch of song well makes the point of how I felt about it all. It was good to meet with the people even during that time.

Then came the discussions about putting our genealogy in a book. We were still gathering information and of course new people were being born, so there were questions: Do we have enough information? How long should we wait? When should we set a cut off date? How should we go about it. Vinton was learning how to use a computer (and believe me computers in that day were not what they are today) He and Floyd Hazen were working at storing our information on floppy disks.

Then a rising star by the name of Emmett appeared. I remember when he sought my help for some genealogy and we continued to share information for several years but it was not long before he had far surpassed me in his work. He and Barbara Dahl published a basic information book of birth and marriage records from churches of eastern New York.

But then he really took off gathering information for our Big Book. One year he came to the reunion with a stack of paper over two feet high. It was hand written family group sheets. Many of us had been contributing to that store of information and in 1999 it all came together in

the publishing of our Big Book. Collin was the very capable editor.

Trudie was born a Jordan and proud of her heritage, but over the years she has truly become an Ostrander. For several years she was editor of our news letter – De Bonte Koe. She has all the copies of the news letters stashed in a notebook. She has another notebook filled with pictures from early reunions. I have served as [president,] Area Vice President, membership chairperson and since 2002 as book sales coordinator. Trudie and I have the distinction of being the only couple who have both served as president of the association.

I am thankful that my son Bob and his wife Marge made it possible for us to attend this reunion. Thanks to all of you for listening to an old man reminisce.

(Gifts)



### An Early Ostrander Reunion

Wes Ostrander brought his rendition of a 1715 Ostrander Family reunion for us to enjoy. The April 2011 issue of the *Journal* showed a sketch of Arent<sup>3</sup>'s house in Hurley, NY. At the reunion, we saw Wes' progress. He has painted the house as well as many family members. In the upper left corner is Pieter<sup>1</sup> Carstensen; in the upper right corner is Geesje<sup>1</sup> Jans and Arent Teunissen. Other family members are scattered around the house and are numbered. The legend at the bottom identifies the family by numbers.

He says the painting needs a few farm animals, some fruit trees, the lane leading to the cemetery, and a game of nine pins.

From **Ross McCurdy** [BB id 3006]: Was that a great reunion or what? It was so good to see so many there from my branch of the family,

descendants of John<sup>5</sup> and Christiana (Cohoe) Ostrander of Pelham and Bayham Townships, Ontario. John<sup>5</sup> is one of the great grandchildren of Pieter<sup>2</sup> and Rebecca (Traghagen) Ostrander.

I was fortunate to become an OFA member early on when I happened to see a notice for the 1984 Kingston reunion and the plan to organize an Association, becoming member #16. I attended with my young family, and as my first order of business upon checking into the hotel was to find an ice machine to keep baby bottles cold, I headed off in the search, bringing me down to where the Association had a registration table set up. I asked the person manning the table, Jim Van Etten, about an ice machine, and he felt it was easier to take me there than to give directions. As we walked I asked him if there was some sort of convention going on, and he replied that it was an Ostrander reunion. I stopped and declared, "Why, my great great grandmother was an Ostrander!" Jim, of course, was astounded by this apparent coincidence, not yet knowing that I was there for the reunion. And, of course, I paid for being the smartie pants I was because when a treasurer was needed, my name was right there at the top of Jim's memory.

A few years later, I was hearing about the Big Book project and wondered about the extent of the records for my branch. Upon conferring with Emmett Ostrander, I learned there was almost nothing, so I went to work researching and compiling, hoping to beat the project's deadline, ultimately publishing my work in progress in July 1993. With the Big Book still in the works, I published a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition to the *Descendants of John & Christiana (Cohoe) Ostrander, a Work in Progress to the 7<sup>th</sup> Generation*. This one raised Ostrander descendants to even greater heights of apathy as it sure took a long time to unload the ones printed. Even donating \$ to OFA for each copy sold through the Association raised little interest. As it is now out of print, the question of doing a 3<sup>rd</sup> (and final) hard-cover has been raised. It would go to the 7<sup>th</sup> generation except for the Ostrander surname which would be brought to the present.



**Descendants of John<sup>5</sup> & Christiana (Cohoe) Ostrander**  
 FRONT ROW, L to R: Elaine George<sup>10</sup>, Nancy Falzon, Susan Gaudio, Myrtle Gilreath<sup>10</sup>, Ruth Dixson<sup>10</sup>, Duane Miller<sup>10</sup>  
 BACK ROW, L to R: Ross W McCurdy<sup>11</sup>, Paul Ostrander<sup>10</sup>, Lindsay Sale<sup>10</sup>, Janice Gilreath<sup>11</sup>, Fran Gilreath<sup>11</sup>, Marsha Hansen<sup>10</sup>

MISSING: Ellen McDowell of Pennsauken, NJ; her descent was unrealized until after the photo was taken!

**NOTEWORTHY AT THE REUNION –**

**Long Distance Travellers:**



JUDY RAYNOR and daughter SANCI travelled from Wasila, Alaska.



MARSHA AND DANIEL HANSEN hail from British Columbia, Canada.

**Multi-Generational:**



MONA Y'BARBO (center) from Nacogdoches,

Texas, came with her daughters and son-in-law, TRACY WILBURN and DEBBIE WHITEHEAD from Tomball, Texas



and SHARI AND LUIS GARCIA from Spring, Texas. Mona says Nacogdoches is the oldest town in Texas.



Marty, Ryan, Martin II

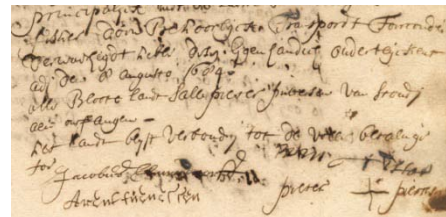


Sierra, Nena, Forest

MARTY OSTRANDER from Castle Creek, NY brought his wife, SANDY (not pictured); their son RYAN and his wife, NENA; oldest granddaughter FOREST; 10 year old granddaughter SIERRA; and 6 year old grandson MARTIN II.

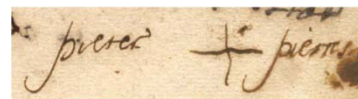
**Pieter<sup>2</sup> Pietersen Document**

By Peter J Ostrander



This document was displayed for Ostrander

Family Day at the Persen House in Kingston. The document is a court record dated August 8, 1684 for a land purchase by Pieter<sup>2</sup> Pietersen [Ostrander] (PP2), who was then about 27 years old. Also note, the document was also signed by his stepfather Arent Teunissen, whose signature is his name.



The document was signed almost 23 years to the day

[August 6, 1661] PP2 first landed in America. From this document, note that Pieter Pietersen (PP2) could not sign his name but used his mark. Wes Ostrander had noted years ago that this mark may represent more than just the perceived 'X'. If you look at the actual mark closely in the photo, you will see that it is a cross '+'.

Noting the fact that PP2 was a linen weaver, Wes suggested that perhaps his mark was a symbol of his profession as a weaver. In weaving, the horizontal thread (the weft) is a heavier fiber than the lighter vertical thread, the warp. Note, the horizontal line in his mark is darker than the vertical and both are wavy much like the weft and warp threads in weaving.

So perhaps by putting his mark to paper in this fashion, PP2 was not only signing his name with a mark but also giving his peers and us today an indication of his profession. Ken Gray of the Ulster County Archives provided the following transcription of this document.

COURT DOC 1684: Appeared before me Wm. DLaMontagne, Secretary at Kingston, William Fisher, who declares to have sold to **Pieter Pietersen** certain parcel of land on the Wassemaker's land, along the outer fence of Poulus DeBuer's plantation. The separation is a "doue" Kill just in the center between Leendert Cool's and tall (lange) Jacob's. Which center of the Kill constitutes the exact boundary, up to a Northern Nut tree (Noorts Neute Boom) which tree stands in the center of the boundary and next to the outer fence near a palisade next to the brush fence toward Horly (en by de Ringheyninge by een pali- saet naest by de Rysheyninge naest Horly).

Said Pieter Pietersen has further also bought the right of all the gardens which Fisher possesses by virtue of purchase of Delavall.

For which land Pieter Pietersen is to pay seven hundred fifty sch. of wheat, the first installment of which will fall due in the year 1685/6 precisely in February half in wheat, half in good merchantable maize, but all grain to be merchantable and to be delivered free at Kingston, being the just one third part. And so further for the two years following, without any exceptions. And in the last year, but especially at the last payment, Fisher shall grant a proper transfer.

In testimony of the truth have subscribed to the present with our own hand, this **August 8, 1684**.

Pieter Pietersen shall immediately receive all untitled land (alle bloote land).

The land shall be mortgaged till the full payment. (signed) Wm Fisher

**[the mark] + of Pieter Pietersen**

(signed) Jacobus Elmendorff.

**Arent Tuenessen.**

## Genealogy Department

By Jim Lyons  
OFA Family Genealogist

First I would like to say what a pleasure it was to have been able to meet with everyone at the reunion and especially those of you who brought updates and questions. I only wish we could have had more time together.

For those of you who did not attend, I want to reiterate the exciting announcement that I had made at the reunion concerning our data base. Once again OFA member Barbara Dahl [BB id 5898] has outdone herself and entered the entire Willem branch from the Big Book into our TMG data base, which was made available at the reunion. In addition, Barbara has added many updates and source references bringing that branch up to over 8,600 persons and 11,000 names. This presents an opportunity for all Willemites to check for updates on their lines by sending me your questions, and I will send any new information which we have. Furthermore of interest to those who still remain unconnected, a fair share should be found to belong to this branch and our ability to do filtered searches should bring some results. A special help here is that we are now provided with a searchable place name list. We are greatly indebted to Barbara for this very generous gift of her time and energy.

In the coming months, we anticipate completing the entering of our accumulated updates and organizing of our source references. While we will have accomplished a great deal, we shall have to think about where we will want to go from there. Let us know your thoughts and look forward to more about this in the next issue of the Journal.

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## 350 Years

# Ostranders in America

## Treasurer's Report

By Glenn Ostrander

### Overall financial performance

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011:

Income was \$3,646.

Expenses were \$4,127.

Net income was -\$481.

Year-end equity (assets less liabilities) was \$36,949.

Net income was down primarily due to one-time costs for reorganization and tax exemption.

### Reorganization and Tax Exemption

As approved at the July 26, 2008 membership meeting:

- A New York State (NYS) not-for-profit corporation was formed on December 3, 2009.
- Revised bylaws were adopted by unanimous vote of the Directors on August 31, 2010. The new bylaws meet requirements for tax-exempt not-for-profit organizations and support the OFA's current mission, plans and management system.
- An application for tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was sent to the IRS on October 4, 2010.
- The IRS approved the OFA's application on January 14, 2011.
- Subsequent applications to NYS resulted in approval of exempt status for income and sales tax from the Department of Taxation and Finance and registration with the Office of the Attorney General as a charitable organization able to solicit tax-deductible donations.
- The prior Washington State not-for-profit corporation was dissolved on March 1, 2011.

Contact Glenn Ostrander (see p. 2) with any questions or to obtain copies of the financial statements or government filings.

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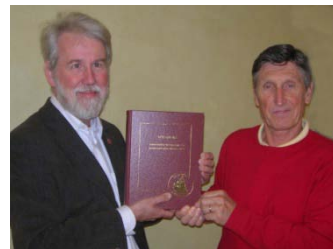
## Allerlei

*Allerlei is a Dutch word meaning "all sorts of things" and connotes that the things are interesting. So this column contains bits of interesting information about or relating to Ostrandors. Reader contributions are welcomed, and if relevant, include photo and Big Book reference; send to the Editor.*

*See Web Extras on the web site(www.ostrander.org) for larger photos and more details on many of these topics.*

Wes Ostrander reminds us to give kudos to **Peter J. Ostrander** (currently OFA President) for interfacing with Chris Brooks and bringing about OFA's acceptance of the more factual story of our first generation and Pieter Carstensen.

THANK YOU, PETER !!



**Kurt Brown** presented a Big Book to Bert Lever (left), Director of the Centraal Bureau voor Genealogie (CBG), The Hague,

The Netherlands in May. CBG is the Dutch information and documentation center for genealogy, family history and related sciences.

**RAOGK.com** is a website that you can use to find volunteers to help with researching family genealogy. For instance, a volunteer will go to a cemetery to check out gravestones. The letters stand for Random Acts Of Genealogical Kindness.



Past OFA President **Kurt Brown** was inducted into the Colgate University (Hamilton, NY) Athletic Hall of Honor in October. Kurt held the Colgate record for single season goals against average for 41 years and is ranked seventh in ECAC Hockey history. He still holds the career save percentage and single season save percentage records for Colgate with a .917 and .930 respectively. Eventually Kurt played for the Dutch National Team in The Hague, Holland for the 1964-1965 season.



Pieter Pietersen Ostrander (PP2) arrived in New Amsterdam on the *St. John Baptist* on August 6, 1661. 350 years later, **Peter J. Ostrander** visited the landing sight in

lower Manhattan (New York City) – now the site of the Staten Island Ferry terminal.

**Vanderhoof Project** – Vanderhoofs are descendants of Cornelis Gijsbertsen Van Der Hoeven of Beesd whose widow, Geertje Cornelis and six children came to America on *De Bever* May-July 1661. Recently they've been researching the voyage of *De Bever* [also known as *De Vergulde Bever*, the Gilded Beaver] and discovered that she and the *St. John Baptist* were both at Texel in early May 1661, setting off together on their voyage at noon on Thursday May 12 1661. Surprisingly, the ships seem to have chosen the 'Northern Route' across the Atlantic and the first leg of their journey involved a passage between the Orkney and Shetland Islands. On the way, they encountered bad weather near the coast of Scotland and the ships lost contact after the *St John Baptist* suffered the loss of a sail. Visit the project website [www.vanderhoofproject.com](http://www.vanderhoofproject.com). From Roseanne Jacobson.

**Ostrander-Elmendorf Stone House** in Hurley, NY – Check on the progress of the reconstruction/restoration of the Ostrander-Elmendorf stone house in Hurley, NY at [www.halfmoon.tavern.com](http://www.halfmoon.tavern.com). From Roseanne Jacobson.

**Arthur Frederick Ostrander** [BB id 12995], 1895-1978, was an assistant to the scientist and inventor George Poe in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur\\_Frederick\\_Ostrander](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur_Frederick_Ostrander) for more information. From Frank Ostrander.



**William Cornell Ostrander** [BB id 13678], 1868-1898, was a member of the Woodmen of the World in Portland, OR. Unfortunately he succumbed to meningitis on February

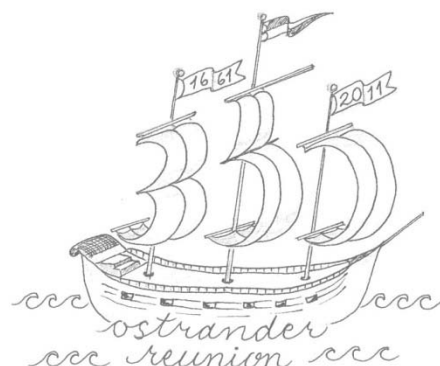
23, 1898 in Skagway, AK; his body was shipped back to Portland. This being the main reason that men signed up with these organizations back then. For more information, see <http://skagwayfolklore.blogspot.com/2011/02/william-cornell-ostrander.html>. From Irving Ostrander.

**OSTRANDER** is a dark comedy, written by Ian McWethy and directed by Tim Chaffee. Starring Josh Lacasse, “OSTRANDER is the #2 theatre critic at one of the most high-profile newspapers in the country.” For more information, see <http://ostrandermovie.com/>. From V. Pierce Ostrander



In the January 2008 newsletter, Peter H. Ostrander wanted more information about the house on this 1922

postcard, captioned “**The Old Ostrander House**”. The Ulster County Historian identifies it as the “Dr. James Elmendorf house” located at 77 Main Street in Kingston, NY and featured in *Kingston New York - The Architectural Guide* by William B Rhoads, Photographs by James Bleeker. The only mystery remaining is, why was it referred to as the “Old Ostrander house”? From Peter H. Ostrander.



## Editor Ramblings

- ❖ Peter J, Ostrander planned and executed a super 2011 Reunion and 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration. My thanks to Peter for the venue of relevant, interesting and educational activities. Peter had help from Mother Nature – the weather was perfect for strolling the Kingston Stockade neighborhood and historic Hurley
- ❖ Many photos were taken during the reunion. Norma Ackert took photos (with captions) of many of the attendees and activities. Thank you, Norma, for the use of your photos in this newsletter and future editions. Jim Lyons, OFA Genealogist, is particularly happy to add your photos to the master database. Other photo contributors are Peter J. Ostrander, Diana Meyers, Roseanne Jacobson, Lynn and Trudie Ostrander; their photos are in this issue and/or future issues.
- ❖ I invite everyone to submit photos (with captions, please), reunion or otherwise; digital format is preferred, send to the Editor (see page 2). Also, I invite reunion attendees to submit your comments about the event (pro, con, whatever) and they will be printed in future issues. This is a way to show your enthusiasm to the rest of OFA.
- ❖ ANNOUNCING – a new column to answer your genealogical queries. Well, I don't think answer is quite the right word because there is no guarantee that there is an answer, so we'll call it Query and Response (Q&R). Irving 'Skip' O'Strander will be the responder; read his bio in this issue and you will know that responses will be sound. We haven't worked out the details yet, but if you have a query, send it to the Editor; after we practice with it, we can tell you how this column will work.
- ❖ Check out the enclosed brochure about OFA gift items for your holiday giving. There are limited quantities of items with a 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary design: tee shirts for men/uni, women, and children. Two designs of ceramic tiles: sailing ship with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation names and a 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary design. Follow the instructions in the brochure to place your order.
- ❖ For the fans of Deb Cooper's *The Real Truth of Genealogical Research*, the story needs some fast forwarding. At its current rate, the story might finish in twenty years. But I promise that there is more to her story. Stay tuned.
- ❖ The 2011 membership meeting in Kingston, NY was brief due to reunion and 350<sup>th</sup> celebration activities. But Recording Secretary Becky Comer found time to write minutes, which are enclosed with this newsletter.
- ❖ My thanks to Peter J. Ostrander for proofreading this edition. Any remaining errors are mine.
- ❖ Your e-mail address is important and valuable to OFA; we count on your checking your e-mail regularly. Please do not include an e-mail address on your renewal form if you do not use e-mail.
- ❖ If you haven't renewed your membership for 2011-2012, a personalized renewal form is included with this newsletter. Please renew now, so you don't miss any of the excitement for 2012. Otherwise this will be your last issue of the *Journal*.
- ❖ STOP PRESS – This issued is delayed due to the October 29<sup>th</sup> Nor'easter that dumped up to 12" of heavy wet snow on trees still wearing green leaves. The printing press was without power for 6 days. I hope the content makes up for this delay.

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## New Members

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#761	Michael David Miller .....	6791 Vista Del Sol Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647
#762	Lois M Verner .....	8602 Ewing Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817-3846
#763	Marsha Louise Hansen .....	32612 Vishloff Street, Mission, BC Canada V2V 7E9
#764	Paul Mark Kinnaman .....	1353 Patricia Drive, Gardnerville, NV 89460
#765	Susanne Marie Reynolds .....	121 Ostrander Road, Willow, NY 12495
#766	Karin V Ostrander .....	31 Sandy Brook Road, Burlington, VA 01803-3929
#767	Judith F Spitzer .....	8 Champions Circle, Wimberley, TX 78676
#768	Clifford Paul Ostrander .....	1898 Dryden Road, Freeville NY 00000
#769	Harold S Ostrander .....	55 Cuthbert Road, Scotia NY 12302
#770	Charles Edward Ostrander .....	2250 Perrysburg-Holland Road, Maumee, OH 43537
#771	James Lynwood Cummings .....	637 Covered Wagon Trail, Crawford, TX 86638
#772	Ralph Milton Dense .....	1260 Wayneport Road, Macedon, NY 14502-9735
#773	John Edward Burns .....	65 Sherman Street, Bradford, PA 16701

Welcome to the Ostrander Family Association. The OFA thanks you for joining. We hope we can help you find answers to any family questions you may have. If you have interesting family stories to share, send them to the Editor.

Additional benefits to your new membership are:

- If you haven't already done so, you are invited to submit your family data. The guidelines for submitting can be found at the OFA website ([www.ostrander.org](http://www.ostrander.org)) under the Genealogy link.
- OFA is a corporate member of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society (NYG&BS); our membership gives you access to NYG&B eLibrary, the NYG&B *Researcher* (a quarterly magazine), early American newspapers and NewspaperArchives.com and more. You can find the details in the Members Section link of the OFA website. Contact the webmaster (follow directions on our website) to obtain the password for access to the Members Section.
- In 2008, OFA published *The 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Generations of the Pietersen-Ostrander Family*, a paper by Kent De Geer, correcting the story about our first and second generations. If you would like a copy, contact the Editor.

## Do You Recognize Anyone/Anything?

*Editor note: Refer to photos on page 16. Contact the Editor to claim the photos.*

Eric Ostrander (Pieter branch) of Waterloo, Ontario would like to pass these photos to a closer relative of the subject(s). The photos were on the walls of a cabin in McGregor Bay purchased by a friend of Eric's. The frame of "Jim Ostrander's" photo is inscribed "November 1927" and "Moni?tigue" (? is not decipherable). Other clues in a note to Eric: 1) Larry Malone, funeral director from Ohio; 2) [Larry's] partner Biehl; 3) [Larry and Biehl] had a number of funeral homes in Metamora, Lyons and environs; 4) [Larry and Biehl] built the McGregor Bay fishing camp together in the '50s.

## Omega

**Collin Edson Ostrander**, Editor of the Big Book, OFA #2, [BB id 5425], a World War II veteran and foreign service officer, died Dec. 28, 2010, in Durham, NC. He was 90 years old. Collin was born in Albert Lea, MN to Floris and Selma Ostrander. He graduated from high school in Albert Lea and from Macalester College in St. Paul. He attended naval officer training schools at Notre Dame and Northwestern. In 1946, he married his college girlfriend, Elizabeth (Betty) Murray Turner, from Duluth, MN; Betty died February 2, 2011. Survivors include a number of nieces and nephews, including Peter Berglund of Albert Lea and Georgia Stankey of Mankato.



**Julianna Marsh Taylor**, [BB id 5350], passed away March 30, 2011 in Westland, MI at the age of 82. She was born July 17, 1928 in Keego Harbor, MI, the daughter of Wilbur and Ruth (Ostrander) Marsh. She is survived by her son, Adam Sr. (Mary); grandchildren Adam Jr. (Adrienne), Ryan, and Megan; great grandchildren Caleb, Jacob, and Corban Snyder and Adam James Taylor III; two brothers Wilbur (Shirley) and Michael (Anne). She was predeceased by her parents and sister, Wilma Jean Masterson.



**Doris Lillian Fox**, OFA # 486, passed away August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in Nipawin, Saskatchewan at the age of 93. Doris was born in Amazon, Saskatchewan on October 12, 1916, the eldest daughter to Peter and Lillian King. In 1929 Doris and her sisters Violet and Muriel moved with their father to Torch River where she met her husband Almor Fox. They married in 1937 and raised three children on a farm in Torch River. She was predeceased by mother, father and brothers Clare at a young age and Russell in 2004 at 94 years of age. She is survived by her three children and their families: Marlene (John) Crohn, Merlin and Carter; Marie Green, Richard (Liane) and Ramon; Wayne (Rose) Fox, Michelle (Stan) and Lorraine (Rick) Penner. Great Grandchildren: Taylor and Gracie Crohn, Ryan and Brett Green, Shaelynn (Jordan) Newhouse, Stephanie and Samantha Green, Jessica Weber; Great Great Grandchild: Emily Newhouse. Brother Ray King and sisters, Violet Anderson and Muriel Brown.

**Margaret Ostrander**, passed away March 7, 2011 in Vancouver at the age of 90. Predeceased by her husband, John Ostrander, daughter Noni Beran, and sons-in-law, Hugh Macht and Frank Beran. She is survived by her sister Betty Kennedy, daughter Susan Macht, granddaughters Karen Pstross; Jenny, Sandy and Lee Beran, and grandson Brian Macht.

**Janet L. Dannecker**, OFA # 658, died November 21, 2008 in Providence, RI. Janet was born in Newport on April 29, 1952; she was a daughter of Eleanor Louise (Poppo) Gillen of Williamsburg, VA and the late Charles Edward Gillen, Jr. She was a graduate of Rhode Island College and was a former elementary school teacher. She is survived by her husband Russell Charles Dannecker, son Max Gillen Dannecker (Natalie Jane), sisters, Linda Jean (Gillen) Garvin and Karen Dorothy (Gillen) Red (Charles Carlton).

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Please print legibly and send to Melva L. Taylor, 8129 Deerwood Road, Clarkston, MI 48348.



The frame is inscribed "November 1927" and "Moni?tigue" (? is not decipherable). Photo is B&W matte, 10" x 6", mounted in a crumbling cardboard frame.



No clues for this photo.  
Photo is B&W glossy, 7 1/2" x 10"

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### **Change of Address**

Please notify OFA when your postal and/or e-mail address changes. Use the form on the other side to change your address and any other membership information. Be sure to include your membership number because many of us have the same or a similar name. Also, please print legibly. Thank you from OFA Membership.