

KILTS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

2008

Greetings Kilts Descendants:

Our Kilts Family Reunion will be held this year at a different site. The date will be Sunday, August 17, 2008 at 12 noon. We will meet at Glimmerglass State Park on Otsego Lake, near Cooperstown, NY. (Please note attached map and directions.) We have reserved a pavilion. Glimmerglass State Park has swimming, hiking, and fishing. There is a playground for the children. The cost of entry to the State Park is \$7 per car load. For more information on the park, you can check their website www.nysparks.state.ny.us. You can bring hot dogs or hamburgers to grill. We will have our usual "pot-luck" lunch.

We had a very nice reunion last year at the Salem Methodist Church picnic grounds with about 45 people attending. Ron Hillabrandt was the oldest male at 91 years young. Irene Nuss was the oldest female at 84 years young. The youngest was Charles R. who was 1 week old and Kierra V. was 3 weeks old. Phyllis and Donald Gray were longest married 55 years. The farthest traveled was the Irene Nuss family from Kansas. They brought photos of the Kansas Kilts Reunion. They hold a reunion every other year. The next will be 2009 on the 4th Sunday of June.

Our "pass the hat" donation collected \$252.85. We paid \$50 to the Salem Methodist Church for the use of the pavilion. Our Newsletter expenses for last year were \$205 which covered the postage expense. Fortunately a member of the family kindly donated the printing expense. Members had been asked to send a donation to help with the mailing expense or send their email address. I received many kind responses, donations, and encouragement to continue the Newsletters. We want to be able to continue the dedicated work of Herman, his Mom, and many others. We are only mailing the letter to those who have asked and sent at least \$1 to cover postage and paper. Others will receive it by email. Our Newsletters will also be on the website <http://nancyscorner.net>.

Our condolences go out to all family members who have lost a loved one.

Deaths noted were:

William Kilts, 74 died 1/9/06, son of Earl & Ella Kilts
And his wife Rosemary Kilts 66 died 2/7/07
Joan Wing, 59 died 4/21/06 daughter of Rudy & Clara Breakabeau
Ronald Hillabrandt, died on February 29, 2008. He was our chaplain for many years. He will be missed.

And on a happier note:

Marriages:

(Our secretary) Barbette and Jody Rothmeyer were married Dec 15, 2007.
Anglecia and Lonnie Rumble were married 6/24/07

Births: Kristina Armando(daughter of Joanne Kilts) & Andrew Hall had a boy 2/10/07
Erikka Coffin (daughter of Barbette Francisco) & Brad VanNorstarnd had a girl 7/27/07
Angelica (daughter of Ruby Kilts) & Lonnie Rumble had a boy 8/9/07

Last year we had a Chinese Auction which took in \$33. Members brought in a donated item for the fund-raiser. We will do this again this year. Please bring an item. We were invited to visit the homestead of Peter Kilts by Willis Barsheid. We are so very pleased with the work that he has done to preserve our ancestor's home, 18th century barn, family cemetery, and other buildings. The Fort Plain Chapter NSDAR will be presenting to Mr. Barshied, the National DAR Historic Preservation Medal for his life long work with historic preservation. This award will be presented on June 4, 2008. We extend a special "congratulations" and sincere "Thanks" for his work.

Please send us your updates – weddings, deaths, births, new email or regular mail addresses. Hope to see you on August 17.

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Related Family Reunions and Events

June 1 Annual Rhubarb Festival at Nellis Tavern – visit

www.palatinesettlementsociety.org

May 26 Memorial Day opening of Fort Klock with an encampment of Tryon County Militia and Colonial demonstrations

June 29, Sunday 11 am will be the Independence Day Service at Fort Herkimer Church. Afternoon activities will be held at Herkimer Home State Historic Site with pot luck picnic, auction, and musical entertainment.

www.littlefallsny.com/HerkimerHome

July 4 from 12 noon to 5 pm there will be the annual Strawberry Festival and Art Show at Fort Klock. The Tryon county Militia will be camping there also.

July 29, Nellis Reunion will be held at the Nellis Tavern

Aug 2 Klock Family Reunion at Fort Klock Sunday, August 3 will be the annual Snell-Zimmerman-Timmerman Family Reunion at the Snells Bush Church. Saturday evening August 2 will be their annual ice cream social.

August 6 is the annual memorial of the 1777 Battle of Oriskany at Oriskany Historic site.

August 10, Sunday from 1-4 pm at General Herkimer Home State Historic site will be a program commemorating the Life and Death of General Nicholas Herkimer. There will be other activities – wheat harvesting, bateau & fur trader's exhibit, traditional 18th century Palatine food, artifacts, and period music.

September 13 & 14 will be the annual craft fair at Fort Klock.

October 5 Herkimer Homestead Day: An 18th Century Autumn Celebration at Herkimer Home State Historic Site 12-5

December 7 will be St. Nicholas Day at Fort Klock. <http://fortklock.org>

Directions to Glimmerglass State Park:

From the west: Thruway (I-90) east to exit 30 at Herkimer. Route 28 south to Richfield Springs. Route 20 east to East Springfield. County Route 31 south to park entrance

From the east: Thruway (I-90) west to exit 25A to I-88. One exit on I-88 to Duanesburg-Cooperstown exit. Route 20 west to East Springfield, County Rte. 31 south to park entrance.

Johan Adam Kilts

Adam Kilts was born August 27, 1730 in Germany and immigrated to Stone Arabia

about 1735. He served in the militia during the French & Indian War. He was in the company of Soffrines Deychert 1757 to march to Fort William Henry. Another militia service by order of Sir William Johnson 24, July 1763 was to German Flats.

Adam Kilts was naturalized with Peter Kilts, Johannes Kilts, Johan Nekeel Kiltz and others 20 March 1762 (Colonial Laws of New York vol 4) He married Catharina Franck June 16, 1765. She was born 19 February 1743 in Palatine, Montgomery Co, NY.

During the Revolution, he served as an enlisted man under Col. Jacob Klock in the 2nd regiment of the Tryon County Militia. Adam was a private in the companies of Captain Klock and Captain Suts. He collected his pay for his service (New York State Archives).

Adam and Catharina were members of the Stone Arabia Reformed congregation and were sponsors for several baptisms. Adam was on a list for a call for a minister with other members of the Reformed congregation. In 1788, Adam was a Deacon in the Stone Arabia Reformed Church and on a list of seat owners for that church. His name was also on a list for work on the high roads and on a tax list in Palatine. The 1790 census list in Palatine, Montgomery County has Adam with 1 male over 16, 4 males under 16 and 5 females.

Adam and Catharina moved from Stone Arabia about 1800 to Sharon, Schoharie County. Roscoe's History of Schoharie County stated that "the old gentleman (Adam) brought the boards with him from Stone Arabia to build a house. The farm was located less than a mile north of Sharon Hill on the road to Argusville. The 1810 census lists at Sharon, Schoharie County: Adam Kelts with 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, 1 male 16-26 and 1 female 16-26. Adam died sometime after 1810. He and his wife were buried on their farm. Between 1895 & 1900, they and Maria Ball were disinterred. All 3 bodies were placed in one coffin and reinterred in Sharon's Slate Hill Cemetery with 1 stone – Maria Ball's name on it. Adam & Catharine's stones have disappeared.

Their children were born near Stone Arabia.

Maria Kilts, born 31 December 1767

Catharina Kilts born 8 March 1771

Susana Kilts born 10 May 1774

Eva Kilts born 22 April 1776

Conrath A. Kilts born 4 Sept 1778

Johannes Biggs Kilts born 25 June 1781
Adam Kilts, Jr. born 7 October 1783
Margretha Kilts born 17 Oct 1787
Peter A. Kilts born 8 December 1789
Sources: The 18th Century Kilts Family of the

Mohawk Valley by David Kendall Martin
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Kilts researched by Herman Witthoft, The
Book of Names compiled by Lou D. MacWethy

