



HURLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Prologue

"The past is prologue"

June 2021

Glenford

Old Hurley Founded 1662

West Hurley

Hurley Heritage Museum to Re-Open

After a long COVID closure, the HHS is pleased to announce that the Hurley Heritage Museum will reopen for visits and tours on Saturday, July 10, from 12–4 p.m. The museum will host a reception with refreshments and will be offering Walking Tours of Main Street (\$5 per person) at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. (Meet in front of museum for tours.) Exhibits at the museum include its permanent exhibits as well as the continuation, with new updates, of *Winslow Homer's Hurley: An Artist's View* exhibition. The gift shop will also be open and includes a variety of new items for the season. Due to changing COVID conditions, the number of visitors to the museum may be limited to ensure safety for all guests. An Arts and Antiques Sale will also take place in the museum's front garden. Museum hours subsequent to the opening day will be every Saturday from 1–4 p.m., open and free to the public through the end of October.



Dutch History Exhibit



Summer at the Hurley Heritage Museum

Greetings to all our friends and members. I am delighted to report that the Museum will be open for the season on Saturday, July 10, 2021, 12-4 p.m.. Of course, we will continue to monitor safety procedures and social distances. Our current exhibit, *Winslow Homer's Hurley: An Artist's View*, will feature new and exciting facts about our local area and where Homer sketched and painted while staying in Hurley.

In conjunction with the exhibit, we are featuring our annual Art and Antiques Sale. We have been gathering items from donations by residents that pertain to life in Hurley. It will be a wonderful opportunity to give these treasures a new home. If you have any items to donate for the sale, you can drop them off on the back porch of the museum the week before the sale. We are also going to offer guided walking tours of Main Street. Reserve your space by signing up on our website: www.hurleyheritagesociety.org.

I feel confident that Opening Day will be as successful as Dutch Clean Sweep Day. The Museum was cleaned and organized, and the front entrance was freshly painted. The grounds were weeded and edged; the herb garden is picture perfect. Thank you everyone who gave their time and energy. This is what Hurley does best!

As a follow up, I want to thank all the people who supported our Annual Plant Sale. The pre-orders exceeded previous years, and despite the fact that plants were not for sale on the lawn, we were able to make a \$2,000 profit. Thank you, Pat Findholt, Flo Brandt and Barb Zell for getting volunteers to help distribute the beautiful array of plants.

Be sure to follow our newly designed website for updates and happenings as events emerge and take shape. Mike Rice has excelled in making the site user friendly, informative, and pleasurable.

As always, Hurley Heritage Society welcomes your ideas and suggestions to make the Museum a memorable and interesting destination in the beautiful Hudson Valley.

Dale S. Bohan

President, Hurley Heritage Society

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Homer's Hurley Revisited

If you came to Hurley as an artist in the 1870s, what would have caught your eye? The rows of apple trees that climbed the hillsides above the Flats and were granted space in every backyard? The antique stone houses scattered along Hurley Mountain Road as well as the ones on Main Street? Out of curiosity, would you have trekked up Eagle's Nest Road to get a panoramic view of the fields and village and visited the diverse community there? These are some of the scenes, painted by Winslow Homer, that have been added to our exhibition for 2021.

Some of you visited the museum in 2019 and saw our newly-opened Homer exhibition of paintings and engravings by the renowned artist, all inspired by Hurley. Others may have recently visited our revamped website and toured the virtual exhibition from the comfort of home. Well, now we have more in store for you. Covid-19 may have closed the museum for 2020, but it didn't stop the Homer research. Over the past few years, Homer author Reilly Rhodes with the help of our Homer committee has identified several more of Homer's artworks associated with Hurley. Come to the museum on Opening Day, Saturday, July 10, between noon and 4 p.m. and learn about these discoveries. Curators will be on hand to answer questions. See you there!



The Busy Bee, Winslow Homer, watercolor, 1875, original 10-1/8 x 9-1/2 in., private collection.

A young African-American boy waves away a honey bee on a sunny summer day. One of a group of five paintings of the same model, all believed to be done in Hurley.

Calling all volunteers!

We need volunteers to help with various activities and events in and around the museum, so if you would like to get involved, please fill out the form on our website, www.hurleyheritagesociety.org. Thank you!

In the fall of 2019, our museum had out-of-state visitors with family ties to Hurley going back 400 years. Patricia and Jeffrey Burke had come to visit the town where Patricia's Roosa ancestors from the Netherlands had settled sometime around 1662. The Burkes were doing genealogical research on the Roosa family and promised to send us information on what they discovered. The following is the second installment of their research sent to us.*

Part II

Reaching across 400 years to Hurley's early Dutch settlers

By Patricia and Jeffrey Burke

Patricia Burke recently volunteered to be the chairperson of the Heraldry Committee of her local Chapter of Colonial Dames 17th Century. She soon learned heraldry is a significant aspect of the society's mission and having an approved coat of arms is an important part of their record keeping.

While looking at a list of the colonists with approved coats of arms, she discovered two of her ancestors were included, Aldert Hymans Roosa and

his wife Wyntje Ariens de Jongh. In addition to the Roosa shield, there is a separate one for Wyntje. Apparently a coat of arms allowed a person the right to bear arms!

What's notable about Patricia's lineage is that she is descended from Aldert and Wyntje on her father and mother's side. Aldert and Wyntje had a son, Arie Hymansz Roosa who married Maria Ecert Pels. They had several children, including Wyntje Roosa

(named after Arie's mother), wife of Nicholas DePuy and they are direct ancestors of Patricia's father, Alfred William O'Dea. Arie and Maria had another daughter, Ariaantje Roosa, wife of Teunis Oosterhout and they are direct ancestors of

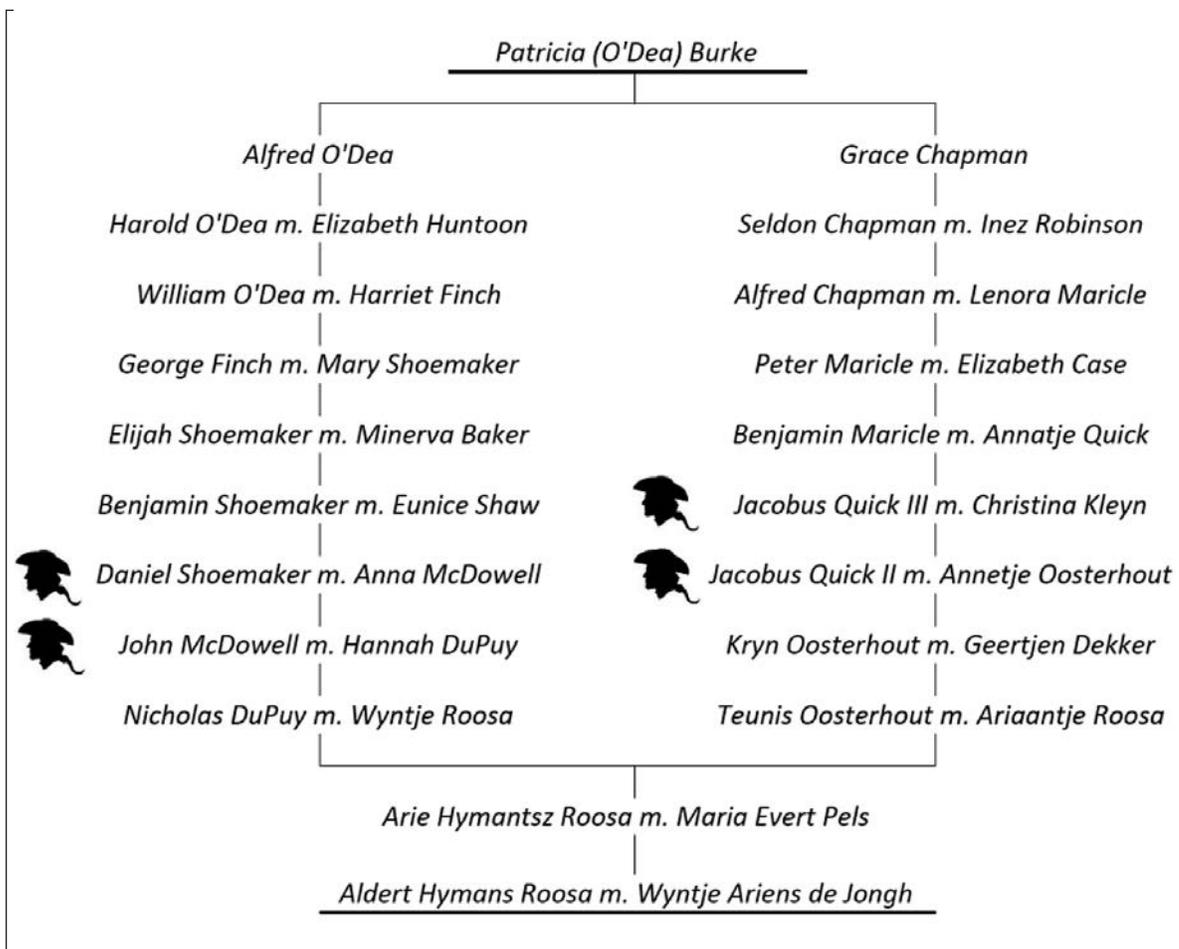


Image #1: This lineage spanning 12 generations can be seen in image #1. Note, there are four American Revolutionary War soldiers represented here.

Patricia's mother, Grace Marion Chapman.

The governing authority for approving a coat of arms in America is the Committee on Heraldry of the New England Historic Genealogical Society located in Boston, MA. After reaching out to the chairman, he responded by sending minutes of two meetings, 1939 and 1940, that resulted in the approvals for Aldert and Wyntje. (See * Image #1)

The confluence of separate lineages spanning 400 years and twelve generations is a genealogy treasure highlighted by separate coats of arms awarded to Patricia's 9th great grandparents of the 17th century early Dutch colonists of Hurley. (*Image #2)

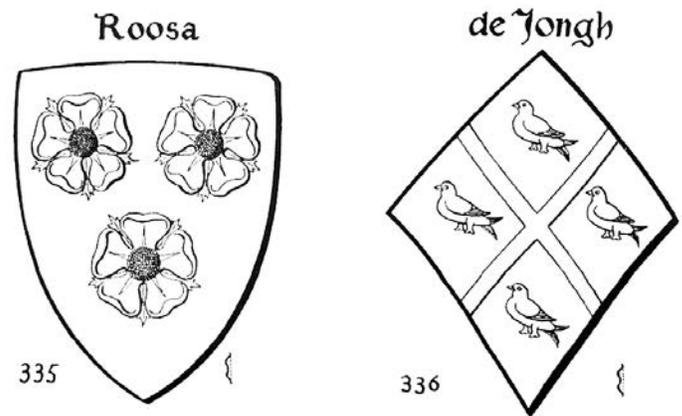


Image #2: Aldert and Wyntje's approved coat of arms.

IN MEMORIAM

Jonathan Oseas

"Jon" Oseas passed away this past April at the age of 91. He was a charter member of the Hurley Heritage Society and played a major role in its growth in our community. Jon worked as a manager for IBM and moved to Hurley with his family in 1969. He and his wife, Iris, bought and restored the historic VanDeusen house and opened an antique shop on the property. Jon's specialty was antique tools, and he really knew his subject!

Jon was very active in HHS as a board member, treasurer and "jack of all trades." When something needed to be done, Jon could be called on to do it. He was on the financial, membership, and building committees, and he took care of the security system. He could always be called on to open and close the museum and wind the grandfather clock. And, who can forget the part he played every year in the Ghost Walk, wearing a tri-corner hat, leaning out of the front door, telling the story of the ghost that haunted the VanDeusen house! The Oseas' also graciously opened their house every year for Stone House Day.

We at HHS remember Jon and thank him for all he did for our museum and community.

Your yearly membership
is very important to us!

Membership dues were mailed to all current members in January. If you misplaced your membership renewal, do not worry. You can pay online using PayPal. Or you can use the form found on the back of this *Prologue*.

Single membership	\$25.00
Family membership	\$30.00
Life membership	\$275.00
Corporate (Annual)	\$150.00

You can also make a tax deductible contribution to the Hurley Heritage Society.

Visit www.hurleyheritagesociety.org
for further information.

(See Membership Form on page 8.)

We need new addresses for members who have moved this last year, so please send any new addresses you may have to Barbara Zell, bunelvr50@aol.com. Thank you!

Museum Gift Shop News

We are excited to welcome our Hurley and Hudson Valley friends and neighbors back to the Hurley Heritage Society Gift Shop! Please join us for the Museum's long awaited reopening on Saturday, July 10, when there will also be an Art and Antiques Sale on the front lawn. We're excited to be getting back to our "new normal." On July 10, the shop will be open from 12–4 p.m.

New Gift Shop Items

Since you saw us last, we have a number of new items that we're sure you'll like:

- A new selection of Winslow Homer note cards
- A variety of beautiful (and fragrant) hand-made soaps from Sweet Sprig, including lavender, lemon poppy seed, rose, mountain blueberry, honeysuckle + comfrey, and patchouli orange
- Mugs featuring the Hurley rooster
- Delicious Pickwick Dutch tea, a delightful combination of black tea and orange peel. Pickwick has been making tea since 1753.
- An incredible collection of porcelain houses by famed artist Wendy Bowen. You'll find replicas of historical homes and sites from Philadelphia, PA; Charleston, SC; and Stony Brook, Long Island NY
- Locally hand-made cloth bread baskets and aprons
- Corn motif items, vintage and new
- Collectibles featuring many from Holland

And of course we have all your old favorites—Hurley porcelain houses (in limited quantities), books, tee-shirts, hats, tote bags, Dutch tiles, etc.

New Online Option

Some gift shop items can now be ordered online. Just go to www.hurleyheritagesociety.org and click on Shop.



New Days/Hours at the Museum Shop

On Saturday, July 10, the shop will be open from 12–4 p.m. On subsequent weekends, the shop will be open Saturday only from 1–4 p.m.

The shop will be following COVID protocols per State and County guidance.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, July 10!

— Shopkeepers Joan Castka and Kathy McMahon

For the latest updates to the HHS activities and events for 2021,
visit our newly redesigned website:
www.hurleyheritagesociety.org

HURLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

Preserve, Protect, Educate and Celebrate



- MUSEUM SHOP EVENTS SUPPORT HISTORY DONATE JOIN



The Hurley Heritage Society maintains and operates the Hurley Museum free to public, protects and preserves materials, documents and artifacts pertaining to the Hurley area, and raises awareness of the special heritage of the Town of Hurley through events including public lectures, seasonal walking tours of Old Hurley and Hurley Heritage Day.

Latest News & Information

Dutch Clean Sweep Day – May 1, 2020

Calling all members and friends! Help make the Hurley Heritage Museum’s building and grounds a centerpiece of Main Street Hurley. The museum and grounds need a good clean-up and some repairs. On Saturday, May 1, the Hurley Heritage Society will ... [Read More](#)

UPDATED: APRIL 13, 2021

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Despite the many challenges of 2020, the Hurley Heritage Society did its best to “make lemonade out of lemons!” While our landmark events like Hurley Heritage Day, Ghost Walk, our lecture series, and so much more couldn’t take place, we ... [Read More](#)

UPDATED: APRIL 13, 2021

2021 Plant Sale

Yes, Hurley Heritage Society’s ever popular annual spring plant sale is back! It’s a spring tradition as tried and true as the robins themselves. As we continue to limit our gatherings and promote social distancing in keeping with Covid precautions, ... [Read More](#)

UPDATED: APRIL 11, 2021

Hurley Museum Exhibits



Even though our museum remains closed until July, we are offering a virtual tour of our exhibition *Winslow Homer's Hurley: An Artist's View*, a collection of thirty-one Winslow Homer artworks, all inspired by the landscape, houses, and people of Hurley, NY. (Tulip photo credit: Bentley Potter)

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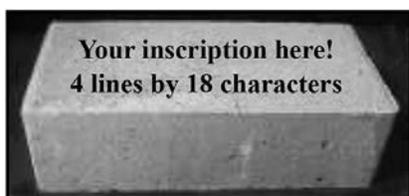
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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

HHS Heritage Walk

Make a donation of \$120 to the Society to show your support of the museum by creating a brick in your family's name — or to honor someone close to you. The proceeds will be used for capital repairs to the Museum and your brick will be added to the Heritage Walk.

The inscription may be composed with as many as four lines of eighteen characters. If you are interested, please contact Wally Cook at 845-338-2193 or email to wally.cook@gmail.com.



Hurley Heritage Society Membership Form

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single membership | \$25.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family membership | \$30.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life membership | \$275.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate (Annual) | \$150.00 |
| Additional donation | \$ _____ |

*Dues and donations are tax deductible.
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for IBM matching fund information.*

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