



Egbert Benson HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF RED HOOK
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From the President's Desk

Early in October, our neighbors to the north in Germantown are hosting a major celebratory Seminar. It has been 300 years since a large number of impoverished farm families from south western Germany, weary of constant wars and taxes levied to support them, emigrated to London seeking passage to the "new world" across the sea. For want of a better name the English referred to their visitors as "poor Palatines"

Word had spread throughout the competing principalities east of the Rhine River that Queen Anne, seeking settlers for England's newly acquired lands had provided free passage to a group of French Protestants who were being persecuted by their Catholic neighbors. By the end of 1709, London, the largest city in Europe with a native population of 600,000, was coping with 13,000 hungry, impoverished, homeless men, women and children. Housing was provided in barns, warehouses and tent encampments. Images of the tent "cities" in Haiti come to mind in a much less hospitable climate. Disease, starvation and death were rampant. Attempts to settle the visitors in Ireland and elsewhere were not successful. The Palatines had enough of serfdom and dreamed of farms of their own in the new world.

Shortly after Christmas in 1709, 3,000 Palatines crowded onto nine ships in Plymouth harbor and there they stayed for four months while Robert Hunter, a Scottish military officer, newly appointed governor of New York, haggled with the British government over the terms of their resettlement. In the end the Germans' dream of farms of their own was bargained away in favor of a scheme to pay their mounting expenses by employing them to produce tar and pitch from the pine woods of Robert Livingston's manor, ending the English navy's reliance on Swedish "naval stores" In our archives we have photocopies of Mrs. Livingston's letter complaining of the difficulty of supplying the settler's bread.

Seven of the nine ships arrived in New York after a typical 18th-century two to three-month crossing marked by "delay, disease and death". Of the 3,000 who embarked in Plymouth nearly one quarter were dead. Among the living were Bender (Benner), Kuckenheim (Cookingham), Bitzer (Pitcher) and Kuhn (Coon), making Germantown's story Red Hook's as well. The Palatines' struggles to free themselves from obligations to manor lords and monarchs are the unique stories of the Hudson Valley. We are proud to join Germantown in celebrating their courage and persistence

Barbara W. Bielenberg

For more information: **Germantown Seminar: Aspects of Palatine History – The Palatines in Germantown**, Sat., October 2, Call **518-537-6718**

Reminder: Sunset Picnic at Montgomery Place, 6:00pm, Wed., September 15th
For more information call Barbara Bielenberg at 845-758-2923

Beers Maps

by Barbara Thompson

How many of the members have seen the Beers maps that we have in the Archival room? There is one from 1850, one from 1867 and one from 1876. They are invaluable tools for looking for your family antecedents or for researching the history of a house you have just purchased. These maps list the owners of houses in the village and the surrounding areas of the town.

In addition they show school houses, churches, businesses, sawmills, grist mills, railroad tracks, streams, houses with present owners names.

What do we know of the name of Beers. With reference to Geographicus Antique Maps I quote the following; "The Beers Family (Frederick, Silas James and Daniel) along with Charles and Augusta Warner, were prominent map publishers from the 1850's to the late 1880's. Often publishing under the Warner & Beers designation, the combined firms produced a series of important state and atlases and maps of much of the northeastern United States. Many of their original maps are among the most detailed and well laid out ever produced of their respective regions."

I presume these people and businesses had to pay a fee to have their names listed, but who were they. There are two attorneys, two bankers, two editors of papers, one for the *Red Hook Journal* and one for the *Red Hook Advertiser*. The proprietor of the Red Hook Hotel was E. Coon. There are seven merchants. Curtis for tin ware (now Williams Hardware store), Hendricks named as a merchant miller (he owned the tobacco factory and owned the Octagon house), and Massoneau Bros. (Building so named on the corner of Broadway and East Market Street. There are seven "Manufacturers & Mechanics". They are coopers, shoemakers, wagon makers and two carriage makers. The last are named "Miscellaneous" The first is H.E. Armstrong, Col. in War of 1812. There is a physician, the pastor of the Lutheran Church, a Prop. of a saloon and two "speculators". I wonder what those two did for a living

The 1867 map is the only one that lists people's names and their businesses. But both the other two have the houses with owners. The 1850 map is probably the most valuable because it is the earliest one. However we use them constantly in helping members and others to do their research.

SEE copy of 1867 Beers Map in this issue

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Come visit the EBHS Archives Room open **Tuesday 10A-4P** or **by appointment**
Please call or e-mail to let us know that you are coming 845-758-1920 (you may leave a message)

1867 BEERS MAP BUSINESS DIRECTORY for the Village of Red Hook

ATTORNEYS

Elseffer, J. W. Counselor at Law
 Martin, J. " "

BANKERS

Chamberlain, Wm. President 1st National Bank
 Crouse, J. S. Cashier

PAPERS

Piester, A. Editor, Red Hook Journal
 Reed, C.A. " " " Advertiser

HOTELS

Coon, E. Prop. Red Hook Hotel

MERCHANTS

Conklin & Allendorf Deal In Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Flour, Feed & Wool
 Coons, J.J. Merchant Tailor Res. Fraleigh Street
 Curtis, J. & W.S. Tin and Stoveware Res. East Street
 Gedney, E.F. Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Medicaines & etc.
 Hendricks, J. Merchant Miller
 Massoneau Bros. Merchants Cor. Of Broadway & East St.
 Near & Burnett Manufctr & Dealers in Cabinet furniture
 of every description, Coffins, shrouds of all kinds on hand. Hearse in attendance,
 coffins at short notice. A general assortment of lumber

MANUFACTURERS & MECHANICS

Barringer, H.A. Cooper East St
 Crandall, J.W. Carriage Maker Broadway & Cherry St
 Decker, J.H. " " Cherry St.
 Moore, H.E. Dealer in Harness, Trunks, Saddles, Whips East St.
 Proper, J. Shoemaker Cor. Of Fraleigh & Church Streets.
 Shafer, J.H. Manufctr. Of Boots & Shoes East St.
 Thompson, H.W. Wagon maker & repairer, cor of Thompson & East Streets

MISCELLANEOUS

Armstrong, H. E. Col. In War of 1812 Res. Broadway
 Bates, John Physician Broadway
 Barcklay, J.H. Pastor Lutheran Church
 Barenger, G.C. Speculator
 Daley, J. Prop. Of Saloon cor of Cherry & East Streets.
 Fisk, J.B. Res. Fisk Street.
 Hoffman, E.E. Speculator East Street
 Hevenor, P. Res. East Street
 Hutton, J.H. Res. cor of Fraleigh & East Streets.
 Kipp, D.W. Res. Builder Prince Street
 Massoneau R.L. Res. Broadway
 Moore, Rev. J.W. Pastor Epis. Church Broadway
 Paulmier, J. Justice of the Peace Broadway
 Pindor S. Res. Broadway
 Phillips, Wm Res. Builder cor. of Phillips & River Streets.
 Schultz, R.D. Res.
 Traver, J.R. Teamster Res cor. of Traverse & Phillips Streets.
 Thompson, Geo. Teamster East Street.
 Thompson, W.J. Farmer East Street



Pretty Marjorie Campbell, Red Hook, New York
 1955 National Cherry Pie Champion
 won over more than 50,000 contestants.

EVERY WOMAN'S A CHAMPION

WHEN SHE SERVES THIS CHERRY PIE

...and this Champion Cherry Pie lets you taste the tart-sweet goodness of the cherries. It has a distinctive old-fashioned fragrance and flavor that will charm you as it did the contest judges.



1955 Champion Cherry Pie Recipe

FILLING

4 cups drained frozen cherries*
 2/3 cup cherry juice
 3 tablespoons cornstarch
 3/4 cup sugar*
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 4 drops almond extract

CRUST

2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 2/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon lard
 1/3 cup water

FILLING: Mix cornstarch, sugar and salt. Add cherry juice; stir until smooth. Cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Add cherries; mix. Cool while preparing crust.

CRUST: Sift flour and salt together. Remove 1/3 cup flour mixture, add to water and stir to make a smooth paste. Cut 2/3 cup lard into dry flour mixture until mixture is crumbly. Add flour-water paste; blend in with fork. Shape dough

into ball; cut in half. Roll one-half of dough 1/4 inch thick. Spread surface with 1/2 tablespoon lard. Fold dough in half; roll to fit 9-inch pie pan. Line pan. Roll remaining dough in same way. Cut into strips one-half inch wide. Pour cherries into pan. Arrange pastry strips lattice fashion on cherry mixture. Flute edge. Place in hot oven (425°F.) for 20 minutes. Remove from oven, place pie tape around edge. Return pie to oven. Reduce heat to 300°F.; bake 20 minutes. Makes 1 9-inch pie. Serves 7 to 8.

*If canned red sour pitted cherries are used, increase sugar to 1 1/4 cups.

Send stamped self addressed envelope for brand new Recipes on Cherries to National Red Cherry Institute, Dept. A, 35 East Wacker Drive • Chicago 1, Illinois



In 1955, Marjorie Campbell a senior at Red Hook Central High School entered and won the national cherry pie contest. There were over 50,000 contestants nationwide. This ad features Marjorie and her famous cherry pie recipe. At that time, Red Hook was a small upstate farming community; Marjorie and her cherry pie put Red Hook on the map. Marjorie was the daughter of Ingebord and Richard Campbell. The family lived on Feather Farm, Willow Glen Road in the town of Milan where her father ran a pheasant farm. Fifty five years later, Marjorie Campbell's famous cherry pie recipe is still used by families in the Town of Red Hook.

This ad, courtesy of Maynard Ham, was in the October 1955 issue of Woman's Day magazine.



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Point presentation by Helene Tieger, Bard College's Archivist..

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