

350th Anniversary of Ostrandere in America – Celebration & Reunion

August 11-August 14th 2011 Kingston, Hurley and Rhinebeck New York

Registration is now open for the Ostrander Family Association (OFA) celebration of the 350th Anniversary of Pieter Pietersen Ostrander's arrival in America.

The Patriarch of all Ostrandere, Pieter Pietersen Ostrander Sr. (PP2, Pieter²), came to New Amsterdam (now New York City) on August 6, 1661 on the ship *St. Jan Baptist*. Pieter² was accompanied by his mother, sister and stepfather. After living on Coney Island in New Amsterdam for about 2 years, the family moved north to Wiltwyck (now Kingston NY) in the Hudson Valley.

Pieter was about 8 years old when he moved to Kingston where he spent his youth. He married Rebecca Traphagen in 1679 in the Old Dutch Church Kingston. Pieter and Rebecca moved to Hurley NY in the early 1680s and would spend the rest of their life in Hurley. Pieter's two oldest sons, Willem³ and Pieter³ would purchase land in 1714 in Rhinebeck and be among the first settlers of Rhinebeck NY. They were later joined by many of their brothers and sisters who also moved to Rhinebeck.

In celebrating the 350th Anniversary of Pieter's arrival in America, the OFA is going back to our historic roots. We will be visiting and touring the three historic villages where our earliest ancestors lived, married, raised families, worked and died. All who attend this reunion will get to experience these same historic villages, streets and houses with your present day extended 'family'. The OFA has put together a full agenda for the time you will be spending in celebration. We are breaking somewhat from past reunion formats to focus mainly on seeing firsthand the places and locations Pieter Ostrander lived his life and raised his 12 children from whom we all descend.

Thursday night, August 11th, those who will be traveling for early arrival at the Holiday Inn will be met and welcomed. The Reunion and celebration will start in earnest on Friday morning, August 12th. After breakfast, the OFA will host a brief general membership meeting, election of officers followed by an overview of the early historic generations of Ostrandere in America. Transportation arrangements for the day will be our use of the City of Kingston's Trolley. The Trolley will transport attendees to the uptown Kingston Historic Stockade area where the day's activities will begin.

There are numerous sites and tours for everyone to enjoy in Kingston. In the Stockade area, there is the historic Senate House that includes a tour and museum. Across the street is the Kingston Visitor's Center. Available is either a self-guided walking tour or guided tours given by the Friends of Historic Kingston which also includes admission to the Fred Johnson Museum. Having the trolley for the day, you can also enjoy a trolley ride around the historic City of Kingston and view the numerous stone houses still standing. You may also take a trolley ride down to the Rondout area of Kingston where you can visit and tour the maritime museum and trolley museum. If time permits, take an original WWII landing craft ride to the Rondout Lighthouse on the Hudson River.

The City of Kingston owns the 18th C. Persen stone house; in our honor, it will be 'Ostrander Day' at the Persen House with self-guided tours. There will also be copies of 17th and 18th Century documents signed by Ostrandere on view, generously provided in our honor by the Ulster County Archives. From the Persen House, you will note that there is an 18th Century

stone house on each corner. This is the only place in America where this once common occurrence still exists.

The OFA HQ for the day and site of our lunch break will be in the Old Dutch Church. It was here that Pieter Pietersen married Rebecca Traphagen in 1679 and continued together for over 60 years!! Friday's events will be capped off with our trolley ride back to the Holiday Inn. Here after a break to unwind and relax, there is planned a dinner and speaker at the Holiday Inn. Following dinner, you will have time to relax and talk with other family members. As of this writing, there are close to 100 pre-registered guests who will be attending. It will be a time to talk, exchange and share family and branch information.

Saturday morning August 13th, the plan is car pool to Hurley, only a short ride south of the hotel. Saturday's agenda is for a slower pace but hopefully a more family and historically meaningful one. It was in Hurley that Pieter Pietersen Ostrander lived for over 60 years with Rebecca Traphagen. Here they raised 12 children, from whom we all descend and track our lines. Hurley is a genealogical and historic gem of a village for the Ostrander family. Here there are today dozens of stone houses from the late 17th and 18th centuries still being used as originally intended, as homes. We are most fortunate to know of at least two stone houses that Pieter² Ostrander built for his sons and still stand. We are hoping that we will be able to gain entry to one of these and perhaps a few other stone houses while in Hurley. There is also the Bevier stone house where her daughters lived when they married. Unfortunately Pieter² Ostrander Sr.'s stone house no longer exists. It was taken down by an Ostrander descendant around 1880 and replaced by a brick Victorian. But thanks to the current owner, you will be able to walk around this home and property and get a sense of what it once was like. Across the street there is still an open field and apple orchard much as it was 300 years ago, just amazing. So with a little imagination you will be able to envision what Hurley looked like in the time of Pieter Pietersen Ostrander.

Lunch for Saturday will be served at the Hurley Reformed Dutch Church by the Women's Guild. Besides a good selection of hot and cold foods, we will have a real treat. We have arranged to serve in season locally grown corn-on-the-cob. Corn was and still is a staple crop, grown by Native Americans since before the Dutch settled Hurley back in 1662. If anything, the meal will be a definitive connection with our family's past.

The planned activities in Hurley will be a guided walking tour of the Village of Hurley that will include talks at the historic Hurley Burial Grounds, the final resting place of many of our early ancestors and likely Pieter and Rebecca as well. Those who may wish a longer walk, you can walk over the Esopus Creek and out to the farm corn fields, about a 15 minute walk from the center of the village. All attending will have access to the Hurley Heritage Society Museum which is situated in an original stone house across from the Ostrander-Elmendorf stone house.

Later in the afternoon, we will return to the Holiday Inn where we will board buses for the ride to Rhinebeck. Rhinebeck is across the Hudson River and almost directly across from Kingston. There will be a short tour over Hog's Bridge and through the farm area once owned by Pieter³ and Willem³ back in 1714. Amazingly, the area is still being farmed almost 300 years later. After this tour, everyone will have time to explore the Village of Rhinebeck on their own. Dinner will follow at 6pm at the historic Beekman Arms Inn and Tavern. It will be a memorable dinner to be able to eat in the oldest continuous inn in America, which was originally started by Rebecca Traphagen's brother, Willem. After our dinner, we will return to the Holiday Inn. This will be another great opportunity to share family information and make new family acquaintances.

For Sunday, we have made arrangements with the Holiday Inn for a late checkout of 2PM. This will allow those who plan to stay to join the OFA and attend the morning service at the Old Dutch Church (ODC) in Kingston. Our historic family ties with the ODC go back to 1679 when our Patriarch Pieter Pietersen Ostrander Sr. married Rebecca Traphagen. From research, it's assumed that all of the 12 children were baptized here as well. Many of these children and grandchildren too were married at the ODC Kingston. The ODC just recently celebrated its own 350th Anniversary as does Hurley next year. Therefore, the ODC holds a special and historic significance and continuity for all Ostranders. It's a fitting place to conclude our 350th Celebration and Reunion.

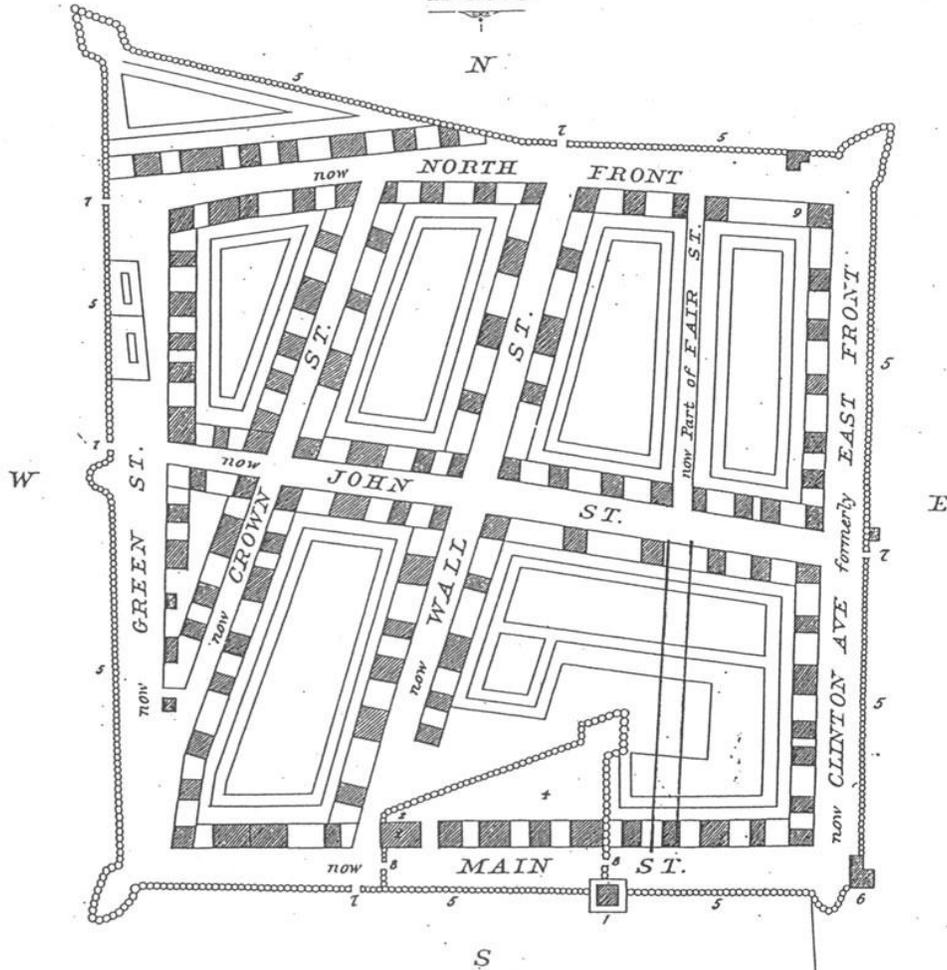
For those traveling and planning on coming early or staying past the Reunion there is much to do in the Hudson Valley. New York City is only 2 hours south, Albany about one hour north and the Adirondack Mountains an hour further north. Remember you will be in the heart of the Catskill Mountains region with the Berkshire Mountains nearby. We will be posting a list of possible side trips on the OFA website so please check it for updates on www.ostrander.org. Please make the most of your trip as it surely will be a memorable celebration and reunion for all who attend.

What's next? Please look over the agenda and complete your registration form and send your completed registration form along with your check for the events you wish to participate. The OFA has done much to help keep the costs reasonable and your time and attendance is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to make your own hotel reservations at the Kingston Holiday Inn. You can either contact the Holiday Inn directly KINGSTON Holiday Inn, 503 Washington Ave., Kingston NY 12401 or by calling the Hotel at 845-338-0400. Don't forget to mention that you are attending the Ostrander Family Reunion so you will receive for the special 350th Anniversary rate. Or better yet use the Holiday Inn link on www.ostrander.org. The link applies the OFA discounted price. Please reserve early as it is high peak season for tourism in the Catskill region.

The Ostrander Family Association looks forward to seeing you in August. It is surely to be a most memorable event and should finally make real the many villages and sites you have read and heard about all these years in the Big Book and OFA newsletters.

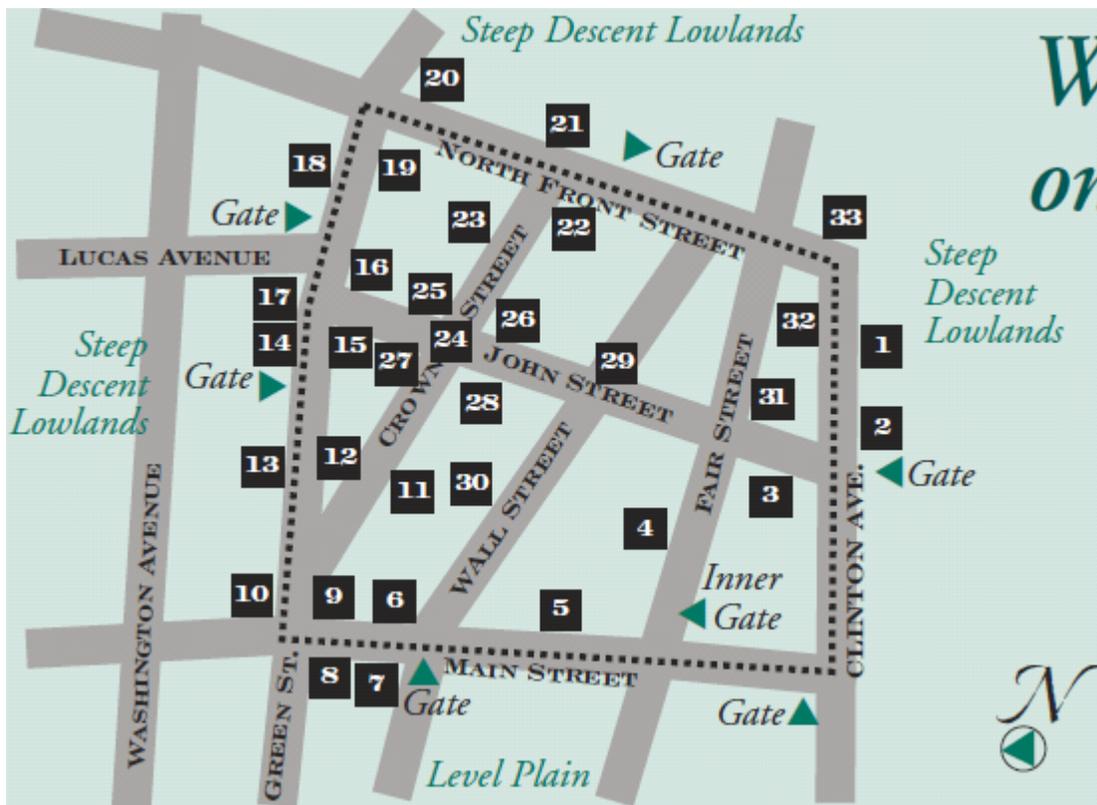
PLAN OF
KINGSTON
 IN 1695.



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| 1 The Blockhouse | 5 The Stockade |
| 2 The Church & burying place | 6 The House where the Governor is entertained. |
| 3 The Ministers House | 7.7 The Town Gates |
| 4 The part separated & fortified | 8.8 The Gates to the separate fortified part |
| 9 The House where the first Senate of the State of New York sat in 1777. | |

**MILLER MAP OF KINGSTON STOCKADE AREA IN 1695
 AS DESIGNATED BY GOVERNOR PETRUS STUYVESANT**

Documents Relative to the Colonial History of New York State,
 Insert between pages 84,85, Vol. XIII



Above is the present layout of the historic Stockade district. The numbers represent historic stone houses that you will be able to see on your visit. A walking tour map with history and identification will be available in your welcoming packet.