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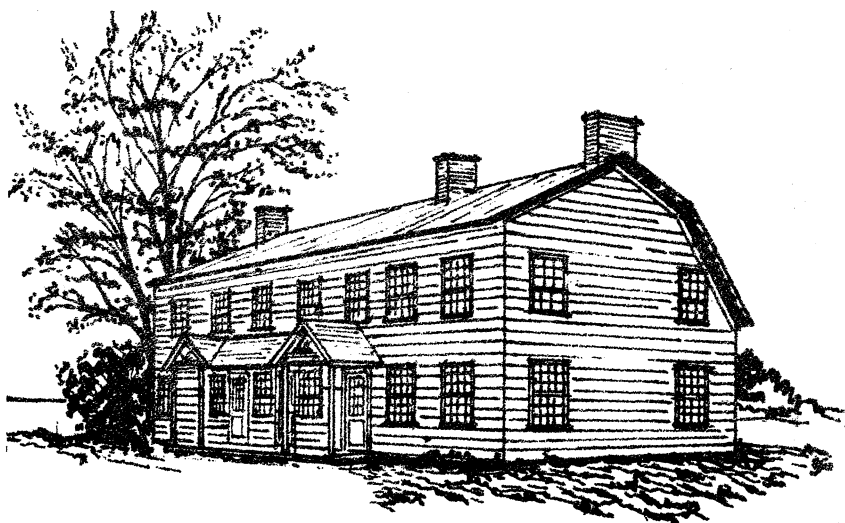
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Dear Friends,

We certainly have much to be thankful for at this time of the year. We own the building, we have new members joining each month and we have dedicated workers.

Our Board of Directors has found that when we are faced with a problem, monetary or technical, help appears. We feel that this is due in a great part to the faith so many of you have in us.

We promised you a complete list of our membership in this issue and it is included. If you are a Charter Member and did not renew your membership in 1977, this is your last chance! We have checked your name on the mailing label so that you will know if this applies to you.

The Elmendorph decided to write a letter to Santa, so don't miss it. It's been a long time since Santa could come to the house.

We certainly appreciate the story about us in the "Gazette Advertiser" recently. We are always pleased when some of our hard working members get recognition.

We have had another visit by our architect, Ray Ruge, and we appreciate the interest of Dick Jones and the talented Otto Bergh for taking time to go through the building with Ray.

A letter was received from Steve Young, former reporter for the "Register Star" who thanked us for Honorary Membership and said, "it's nice to see Red Hook getting behind something that really could mean a great deal to the village center". We have recently seen one of our early 19th century buildings being razed. How quickly it can happen and how often it did happen in the past. We have a very special building, and thanks again to all of you, we can say that we have saved a part of local, state and national history.

We are always happy to hear from you. Send us your ideas anytime, and we will be sure that they get to the proper committee person.

We wish all of you a very happy holiday season and thank you again for all of your support.

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members who have joined since the last newsletter: from the Town of Red Hook, Lloyd Loop, Sr.; Mrs. William A. Anderson; Dr. & Mrs. Frederick S. Zipser; Mrs. Marie Fletcher; Dr. Claire I. Weigt and Mrs. Katherine Roy Clark. Also joining were Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Loop, Jr. (Saugerties) and Dr. & Mrs. Jack Rublin (Elizaville)

### WELCOME NEIGHBOR

Our members, Jim & Cheryl Gold, have recently bought a house on Cherry St., We are most pleased that they have moved into Red Hook and are especially happy that they are living so close to our building.

### SPECIAL DONATIONS

The VFW Post #7765 has again given us a generous donation to help with our garage repairs.

A very special donation was received in remembrance of Mr. & Mrs. Beckvermit who who ran an antique shop at the Elmendorph in recent years.

We are now the owners of a 1783 coin which was donated by one of our members.

### SPOOKY SALE A SUCCESS

On October 29, we had a very successful sale of baked goods, jellies, household wares, books and hand crafted items. The success was due to all those who donated things for the sale and all those indefatigable friends who gave of their time and energy. The day, contrary to forecasts, was beautiful. We are looking forward to an even more exciting sale next Spring. \$427.93 was raised from the sale. I wish to thank all who helped to much.

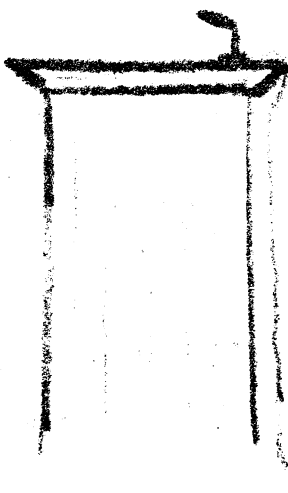
(Helen M. Garlinghouse)

THANK YOU, HELEN, FOR ALL YOUR WORK AS CHAIRMAN.

Let's not forget to thank Doug Traudt who mowed the lawn and cleaned the grounds. Doug and Blanche are valuable assets to our group.

### SPEAKERS AVAILABLE

If your club needs a speaker, we are happy to send someone to talk about the Elmendorph. The Lions Club used our "Speakers Bureau" recently. We find that we make new friends when we have these opportunities.



### THE NUMBERS GAME

We have FINALLY received our State Sales Tax number. It was assigned to us in April but apparently got lost in the mails. No purchases should be made without using this number.

### FINAL CLEAN-UP

October 1st, 8th and 15th were spent cleaning the building out. Our cellar was piled to the ceiling with plaster and wood. Our rooms upstairs were full of junk. It is hard to imagine the amount of material we had to cart out unless you saw our slides of the "before". There must have been a dozen truck loads that went out of there.

To all of these people who choked on the plaster dust, we give you our heartfelt thanks:

Dick Barrett, Billy Harrison, Joe O'Brien, Frank Nuccio, Helen Garlinghouse, Herman & Lillian Gorgens, Joe Zalenski, Jonathan Field (from Bard College), Joe, Ardith, Evan & Andrew St. John, Richard O'Brien, Robin Greenfield and Rosemary Coons.

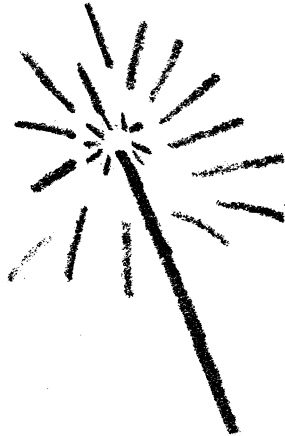
Also a special word of thanks to the Village employees who hauled so much of the junk away on the Village Cleanup Day. Our goal in cleaning out the building had been to meet the date of the Village Cleanup.

### BOCES STUDENTS REPAIR GARAGE

Thanks to several BOCES students, our garage roof has been repaired and re-shingled. David Fell, Wayne Coons, Eric Whipple and Dennis Skinner worked on the garage in their free time and are still putting some finishing touches to it. Our Mayor, Harold Fell, was on the garage roof as well, helping the boys. Herman Gorgens and Joe St. John have been painting the exterior.

### WE HAVE A FAIRY GODMOTHER

Thank you Mr. or Mrs. Wonderful, whoever you are, for paying our school taxes for us in the amount of \$351.50. This was a most pleasant surprise and we are most appreciative.



### THE POT OF GOLD

Lottie Kittner and Rosemary Coons recently attended a Grantsmanship Seminar sponsored by the Dutchess County Arts Council at Dutchess Community College. The seminar centered on planning and writing a proposal for a grant and where to look for the money. We have lots of information to give anyone who has the time to research some foundations for us.

### AWARD COMING UP

Don't forget to send us your nominations for a visual improvement or preservation award in the Town of Red Hook. The award will be made at our annual meeting in March.

### THE POLICE CAR THAT CAME IN FROM THE COLD

The Board of Directors has offered the Village of Red Hook our garage for storage of one of their police cars for the winter months. We are always happy for our facilities to be used.

### WE HAD LOTS OF COMPANY

On October 11, the Town Board met at the building. Blanche Traudt decorated the rooms with a warm touch for the meeting. We realized that night that it was time to get some heat into the building.

On November 2, more than 20 Girl Scouts from Troop #219 (age 10 to 12), their parents and leaders, took a tour of the building as part of a project. We thought you would enjoy quotes from some of the letters we received from them.

"I liked the attic because I thought that the writing was neat"

"I think the most exciting part was where the floor went"

"I would like to cook in that old fire place in the kitchen and also have Girl Scout meetings in the building"

"I wish we could have seen more, but still it was the best tour I could ever have"

"It was the most interesting historical building I ever saw"

"My favorite part was in the cellar"

"I hope that you will be able to get it restored very soon"

"I really liked the kitchen"

"I also liked the dark room by the attic with the Roman Numerals. That was neat"

### WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

The Egbert Benson Historical Society of Red Hook was born at the Elmendorph on October 17, 1977. We feel like happy godparents, and hope that the Society will always feel that the Elmendorph is its home. We look forward to a close association.

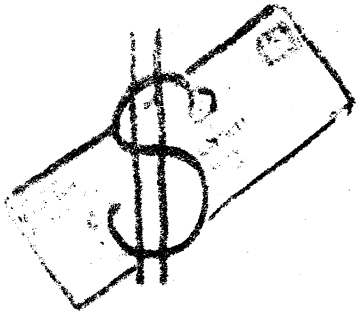
Immediately prior to the formation of the Historical Society, the LAST meeting of the Red Hook/Tivoli Bicentennial Committee was held. The Committee was the parent body from which the Friends of Elmendorph began, so it was appropriate that this last meeting of the Committee and the first meeting of the Historical Society were held at the Inn.

We recall that a Society for the Apprehension & Detention of Horse Thieves of the Lower Village was formed at the building early in the 19th century.

### A TIDBIT OF HISTORY

Joe Jozefowicz recalls that when he was a boy, Willie Pulver had the best baseball cards in town at the Elmendorph. The kids would watch for the candy truck to arrive, because it would bring with it the latest and most varied trading cards in town.

### FIRST MORTGAGE PAYMENT



Our first mortgage payment will be made on December 1st. As you recall, we are paying \$350. every three months to the Grand Union Company. Someday we will be writing that we are

making our LAST mortgage payment.

### IBM FUND FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

We have received a \$1500 grant from I.B.M. which was presented to us by Harold Fell, Sr., who applied for the funds. In giving the funds, IBM said that this program is "intended to recognize and supplement the efforts of IBM employees who are giving of their time and resources for worthy community projects and activities". Harold has certainly been dedicated and we were so pleased that he could be the person presenting this check to us.

This has been a great boost to us and will be used for exterminating costs and will supplement the cost of repairing the sills.

### PULVER STORE RECEIPTS FOUND

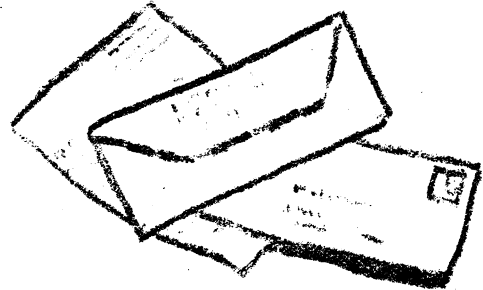
In cleaning the building, we went through each pile carefully, and found receipts from the 1950's when William Pulver had a store at the Elmendorph. The information on these receipts told us exactly the kind of merchandise he was selling.

### CALLING ALL RESEARCHERS

If you have the time to do research, please contact Rosemary Coons. There are still areas in the history of the building that need documentation. Does anyone know where the Martin family papers are filed? They would give us valuable information on our building.

### BIG MAILING COMING UP

Starting the beginning of January, we will have a large membership drive through a mass mailing. Lottie Kittner needs lots of help in December for typing labels, stuffing envelopes, etc. Please call her at 758-2491 if you can help.

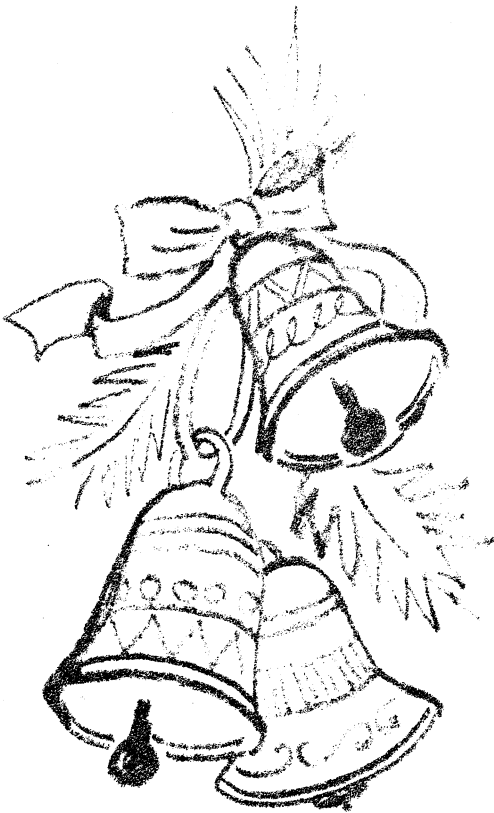


### HIDDEN CELLAR FOUND

Thanks to the late Sylvester Pulver, and more recently to Arnold and Raymond Pulver, we have just uncovered a cellar that had a new floor laid over it in 1933. We were fascinated to explore this dry storage area on the north side of the house. It will also be most helpful to us to have access to this end of the building for mechanical systems.



SPECIAL REPORT



On Monday, November 21st, Larry Gobrecht, Field Representative, and Michael Lynch, Technical Advisor, of the Historic Sites Division of New York Parks and Recreation, visited the Elmendorph for the purpose of determining whether we should submit an individual application for nomination on the National Register of Historic Places, or apply as part of a district, including other nearby buildings.

For two hours, Gobrecht and Lynch ignored the bone chilling cold of the unheated building and made an enthusiastic inspection of the tavern. They were particularly interested in the evidence of "improvements" and enlargements made to the structure prior to 1830. They pointed out a deepening of the masonry support of the central fireplace and speculated that the original building may have consisted of the central room and stair hall, with the rooms to the North, as well as to the South, having been added later. They expressed great interest in returning with flood lights to conduct a more thorough study of the attic for clues to the tavern's development.

They recommended that we proceed with the termite extermination, removing the deteriorated sheds and porches at the rear, if necessary, but disturbing the soil about the foundations as little as possible, for this area can be rich in archeological evidence. They urged that we postpone any major work until a more thorough study of the building can be completed, and to this end, they encouraged us to submit an individual application for nomination as an Historic Site.

Such a nomination would make us eligible to apply for matching grants to fund a feasibility study to determine how best to restore and preserve the Elmendorph.

Barbara W. Bielenberg

Dear Santa,

It has been a long time since you have made a visit to my house, but I wanted to let you know that there are some nice people who are taking care of me again, and I hope that you will visit me this Christmas. My friends have hung their stockings by the fire place and they wish for many of the things that I wish for.

I wish that my chimneys were repaired and cleaned because I am afraid that you might not be able to come down the chimney the way they are. Santa, would you send my friends a mason?

I wish that someone would fill in the pot holes that are in my driveway. I wouldn't want my friends to get stuck out there.

I know that my friends wish that you would bring them some folding chairs so that people can come to visit me more often. They really don't even mind if some other house has already used them.

Santa, it is very cold in here, and sometimes my friends come to clean me and study me and I am afraid that they will get colds if they pay me a long visit. Do you think you can find a way to bring some temporary heat to keep me warm? I could leave milk and cookies for you but they will freeze without heat.

I have a big slab of concrete in front of me from when I used to be a filling station. I know that my new friends don't want me to be a filling station again, so I hope that you can find someone who can remove the concrete divider so that my friends have more parking room.

Santa, when you used to visit me a long, long time ago, I had an old bar in my tavern room. Someone took my old bar out and I rather liked it. Could you send your reindeer far and wide to find my bar again?

I have a mantle that hurts me because someone once cut a piece out of it. I would like to surprise my friends and make myself feel much better if you know someone who could very gently and carefully put my mantle together again.

My friends are always looking for pictures of me. I know that they want to make me as charming as I used to be. Could you put some old pictures of me in their stockings?

Mr. Martin used to keep a diary and sometimes he wrote about me in his diary. Santa, could you find that book so that my friends will learn more about me?

My friends try to do things very carefully. They would like to restore the old chest that was in my attic. Can you find them a restorer of old chests? They would be so happy.

And now, Santa, it feels so good to have nice people who love me here again. I am so happy about it that I want to ask you for something very special. Would you tell other people far and wide about my friends and what a nice thing they are doing for me? If you do, they might be able to get more people to come to love me and make me pretty again.

Thank you for listening to me. Perhaps one of my new friends will find a wreath to hang on me for Christmas so that you can find me easier.

Love,

ELMENDORPH INN

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Karl Weyermann	(Red Hook)	
James Wood, President--Grand Union Co.	(Elmwood Park, N.J.)	Honorary Member
Stephen G. Young	(Spring House, Pa)	Honorary Member
Joespeh & Mary Zalenski	(Red Hook)	C
Dr. & Mrs. Frederick S. Zipser	" "	

Charter Members now Deceased:

Sylvester C. Pulver	(Danbury, New Hampshire)
Ruth (Mrs. Lloyd H.) Rockefeller	(Red Hook)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Individual	\$ 3	Membership \$	_____
Family	\$ 5	Donation \$	_____
Student (under 18)	\$ 1		
Organizations	\$10	Total Enclosed \$	_____
		(Tax Deductible)	

I am available as a volunteer: Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Typing \_\_\_\_\_  
Fund Raising \_\_\_\_\_ Research \_\_\_\_\_ Clean Up \_\_\_\_\_  
Restoration \_\_\_\_\_ Skill \_\_\_\_\_  
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