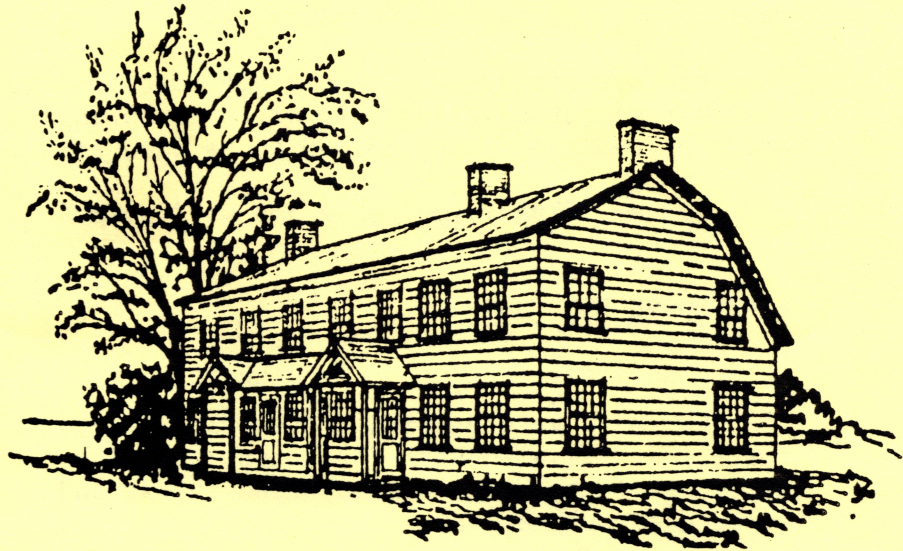


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WINTER 1986

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends:

I hope the year 1985 was a good year for all of you. May 1986 be even better.

Bad weather caught up with us, so the work on the south end of the building was delayed until early spring.

We had a very successful year with fund-raising. Hard work by the committees involved and your unending support made it all worthwhile. Reports on the status of the building and activities for the year follow in this newsletter. Read on and enjoy what all of you have made possible.

Thank you again for your help, support, and patience. Hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting in March.

*Harold Fell, Sr.
President
Friends of Elmendorph*

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BUILDING COMMITTEE

The winter, as expected, has been quiet as far as physical activity is concerned. However, the Committee and Board of Directors have been busy with the next phase of restoration on the Inn.

Plans and specifications for the south facade restoration were prepared and advertised for bids. The Board of Directors voted to award the contract to Craft Construction of Hyde Park. Because of the winter weather and scheduling, it was agreed to wait until spring to start work.

- Herman Gorgens

A JOB WELL DONE

It is with deepest regret that we accept the resignation of Elvira Nuccio as chairperson of the Shop Committee.

Without her help, we would not have been able to show the progress we have made on the restoration of the Elmendorph. During her six years of dedication as manager, the shop realized over \$45,000 to be used towards the restoration of the Inn.

We say, "Thank you for a job well done."

ELMENDORPH ETC. SHOP

A New Year--and we're looking forward to a better one at "the shop."

We had a late opening last spring due to the new plumbing and septic field being installed. We also shared frustrations with the other businesses in the village as a result of the State highway renovations and sidewalk installations. With all that, we came through anyway.

Six years ago, yours truly was asked to manage Elmendorph Etc. I said I'd do the best I could (having had no professional experience) since it was for a good cause--and that's what I've done. I extend my appreciation to all the people that have worked so hard to make the Shop a success, to the wonderful donors and, of course, to the customers. I enjoyed meeting and working with all of you.

It is now time for me to hand the reins over to someone who has more time and energy as I would like to devote more of my time to my family and other interests. I'll continue to help in the shop and with Friends of Elmendorph.

Thank you for a truly great experience.

- Elvira Nuccio



We are pleased to welcome the following new members and supporters:

Antique Accents (our first antique shop membership) and *Jeffrey C. Martin* (congratulations on purchasing the Martin Homestead print at our Auction). Both of these new members are from Red Hook; *Mrs. William H. McMaster, Jr.* (Rhinebeck), *Joyce & Bernard Rockefeller* (Germantown) - in memory of Doug Brown.

We are very proud of four very special contributions: *Hudson River Heritage* has donated \$900 and *Dutchess Bank & Trust Co.* has recently given us \$500. Dutchess Bank has a branch office in Red Hook. Our sister organization, the *Egbert Benson Historical Society* has given us another \$100 donation and *Riverboat Tours* has also donated \$100.

Thanks to all of you and also to our many friends who flooded our mailbox with memberships and donations as 1985 ended.

- Rosemary Coons

AUCTION '85

On September 29th, a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the Friends of Elmendorph held an Auction.

Members and friends donated a great variety of items which were assembled and listed during July and August.

When the big day arrived, the tent in the backyard of the Inn was packed with people having fun. Over 200 bidders vied for treasures, the committee members excelled at their tasks, and we realized a profit beyond our expectations.

We had hoped to net \$5,000. The final tally was over **\$6,300!!**

Helen Garlinghouse and Linda Keeling and their Refreshments Committee provided the sustenance for the hungry bidders--Helen's great chili being the big hit.

The Traudts (Blanche & Doug) and the Browns (Shirley, Dave & Mim) extend heartfelt thanks to the many "Friends" who contributed in so many ways to Auction '85.

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HUDSON RIVER CRUISES

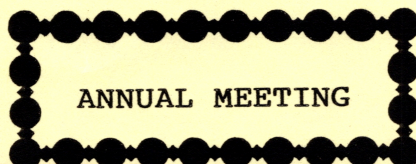
Friends planned two separate excursions aboard the River Queen on Sunday, August 18, 1985. The 149-passenger replica paddlewheeler left from the Rhinecliff public dock for a 4-hour morning cruise that included a stop at the Hudson River Maritime Center in Kingston. The passengers then toured the Center.

The afternoon excursion departed from the Germantown dock going north to the Roeliff Janssen Kill and then south past Clermont State Historic Site and back to Germantown--also covering approximately 4 hours.

The cruises were offered in conjunction with the Hudson River Steamboat Days program at Clermont State Historic Site. Both trips totalled 283 people with a profit towards restoration efforts of **\$905**.

Much thanks to Clermont State Historic Site and Apple Valley Realty for ticket distribution.

Another trip is being planned for next August. To allow for more time and see more of the area around Barrytown and Tivoli, only one cruise will be conducted and that will leave from the Germantown dock. Watch for further details.



The Annual Meeting of the Friends of Elmendorph will be held at the Masonic Hall in Red Hook on Monday, March 31st. There will be a 6:00 PM reception followed by a roast beef dinner.

The Meeting will convene at 8:00 PM after which there will be a presentation on Barns of New York State given by Ann Gabler-Gourlay.

A letter will be sent out to the membership covering details on the Annual Meeting and on reservations and charges for the dinner.

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