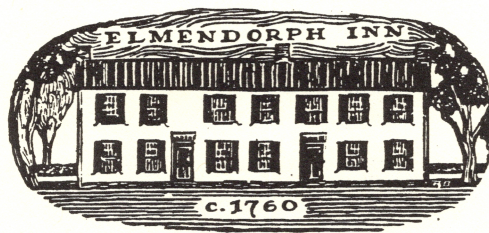


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

It's the middle of January and we are still experiencing mild weather with just patches of snow here and there. February and March may prove to be our coldest and snowiest months before winter is over and spring arrives.

However, it's never too early to think about the May reopening of the Elmendorph Etc. shop, especially when those spring cleaning urges hit. Lamps, glassware, dishes, pots and pans, tools, chairs, garden tools -- these are the kind of items we can always use in our "thrift" shop. Shop leaders Shirley Brown and Richard Coons can always use new volunteers to join the dedicated but small number of helpers they have. Please call 758-5887 or stop by the shop when it reopens.

Mary Cioffi has once again volunteered to coordinate our Annual Dinner Meeting, scheduled for March 25. More information is inside this newsletter. I hope to see you there.

Warm regards,
MARY KELLY, President



RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Now that the Elmendorph Inn is completely restored, the committee which watched over the project has reformed to study the grounds surrounding the Inn and present suggestions to the Board of Directors regarding the appropriate development of the site. Under the direction of Chairman Larry Thetford, the committee, consisting of Shirley and David Brown, Mary Kelly, Bill Hammond, Herman Gorgens and Bob and Barbara Bielenberg, has mapped the site, locating trees, poles and structures which might influence the development and use of the property.

Because the Elmendorph Inn is an important site, listed on the National Register, it is important to look at the past uses of the property. A 1783 advertisement in the New York Packet listing the building for sale describes the principal rooms and continues "...the said house has got three Fire Places, a good kitchen, a good stable and barrack, a well of very good water in the yard, with about two acres and a half of very good land joining the aid house, in exceeding good fence, with about seventy or eighty very good Apple trees, the half bearing this year, and some very good Plumb trees..." (Note: "a barrack" is a structure with a moveable roof supported by four poles used to protect a stack of hay from the weather.) Early maps show the Inn but customarily do not show barns or other outbuildings.



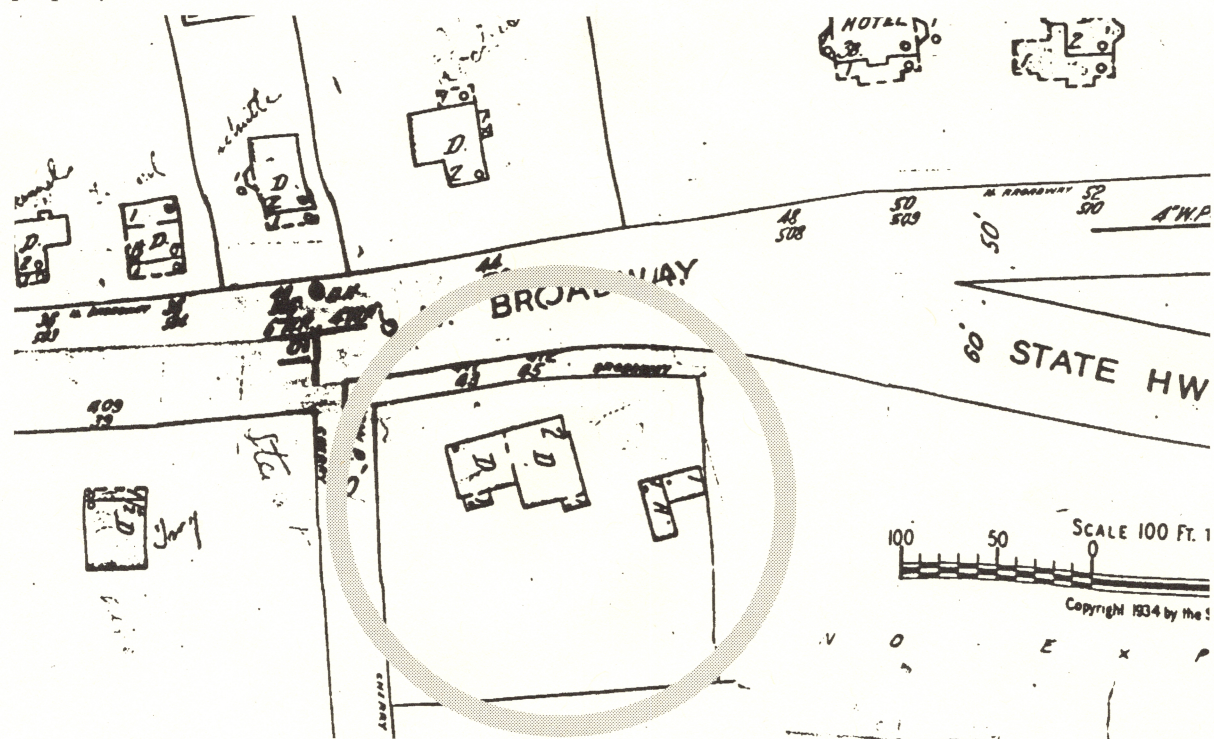
Turn -of-the century photograph showing grove of trees removed during the widening of Route 9. Friends of Elmendorph Archives.

In 1962, Edmund Bassett who was then 61 years old wrote his Reminiscences of Red Hook. In it he mentioned the "The old Inn, on the corner of Broadway and Cherry Sts., has been changed to dwelling apartments. In the early days of the Stagecoach line, this was one of the Inns and a regular stop to change horses. The barn stood north of the Inn and was used by Philip Van Steenburgh, the teamster." The January 15, 1894 issue of the Red Hook Journal reported that "The tearing down of the old barn on the Martin property at the corner of Main and Cherry Sts., removes an old landmark, but will improve the looks of the property." The late Sylvester Pulver who co-owned the Elmendorph building from 1933 to 1966, stated in a letter to his sister, "I do know that the house was the Stage coach Inn. ed Martin told me that just a little north from the house was a large barn where they stabled and exchanged the Stage Coach horses. The next stop going north was Blue Stores." In a 1975 interview William Pulver, father of Sylvester, said that the barn stood where the concrete garage (now the Elmendorph Etc. shop) is now and that a well for watering the horses was under the barn.

An L-shaped outbuilding adjacent to the north boundary line does appear on a 1934 Sanborn map of the Village of Red Hook. By this time the property had been reduced to its present size of approximately 1/2 acre. This may be the structure described in the 1982 Historic Structure Report as "The collapsed garage on the northeast lawn..." The concrete block building which houses the Elmendorph Etc. thrift shop does not appear on the map.

Archeological studies of the property have so far largely concentrated on the immediate area of the Elmendorph Inn. Test holes dug in the backyard have proved inconclusive. The intense use of the property by humans and animals over the years has greatly disturbed the soils, complicating analysis.

During the next few months the Site Master Plan Committee will consider and prioritize recommendations for future developments which address current needs and reflect, as far as possible, the historic uses of the property.



Section of 1934 Sanborn Map of Village of Red Hook. Egbert Benson Historical Society, Losee Collection.



FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER



The ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH, INC. will be held on Monday, March 25, 2002, at the Elmendorph Inn, North Broadway, Red Hook, NY. The meeting will be preceded by crackers, cheese and punch at 6:15 PM, followed by dinner at 6:45PM.

Please send your proxy or dinner reservations to: Mary Cioffi, 10 Old Post Road North, Red Hook, NY 12571, (845-758-6204). All reservation **MUST** be made by Thursday, March 21, 2002. You may choose to attend the program and the meeting without attending the dinner. Please let us know so that we can arrange seating for you.

Please make your check payable to RENNERS.

The speakers for the evening will be Anne Gourley Gabler and Mirko Gabler. They live in Upper Red Hook in a renovated barn that incorporated timbers from Dutch, English and Basement barns. They developed a traveling exhibition of the history of the architecture of New York State Barns for the Gallery Association of New York State.

Now is the time for you to renew your membership for 2002. Please note the date on your mailing label. Your membership is paid **through** that date. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

PROXY

(For 3/25/2002)

I will **NOT** attend the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ELMENDORPH. In my absence, I hereby appoint the President or his/her deputy or _____ to act as my proxy to vote on all matters that come before the membership on March 25th, 2002.

Signature _____ Date _____

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DINNER RESERVATIONS

\$15.00 Per Person
March 25, 2002

MENU

Rolls and Butter
Sliced Roast Turkey Breast
Roast Pork Loin

Roasted Red Potatoes
Glazed Winter Medley
Warm Eleanor's Tart with Whipped Cream
Coffee & Tea Service

Name _____ Amount enclosed _____

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Culinary Historians at the Elmendorph Inn prepare lunch for the Friends of New Netherland



The Culinary Historians at the Elmendorph Inn prepared lunch for the Friends of New Netherland (notice no "s" at the end of Netherland - they're very sensitive about that!). This group supports the efforts of the New Netherland Project, which was established under the sponsorship of the NYS Library and the Holland Society to transcribe, translate and publish Dutch documents in NY repositories relating to the 17th century colony of New Netherland. They have a website, www.nnp.org if you want to find out more. You can read more about the Friends group via the nnp website. The Friends publish a newsletter, "De Nieuw Nederlanse Marcurius" that you can read & print from their website also.

Lunch was prepared for 45 people. The menu consisted of some 17th century Dutch recipes, Brabant Hutspot (a ginger beef stew) and cabbage salad. We rounded out the menu with a carrots and parsnips side dish, beehive oven bread and apple-cranberry crisp.

The Culinary Historians who worked on this lunch were Mary Kelly, Leslie Coons, Suzan Stapleford, Alice Johns, Linda Commons and Ellen Phelan.



CHRISTMAS AT THE ELMENDORPH

*We'd like to thank the following people for
donating and helping at the Christmas Open House:*

Leslie Coons Levine, Alma Bowman, Mary Cioffi, Mary Bayer, Gussie Townsend, Beverly Riley, Bill Hammond, Barbara Bielenberg, Eileen Zinnanti, Diane Ferris, Janis Lawson, Janet Loop, Martha Hlavac, Richard Hlavac, and Mary Kelly. The Christmas tree was donated by Gary McDonald from Mac's Agway, the apple cider by John Hardeman from Hardeman's Orchards, the fruit for the two mantles by Tiberio's Red Hook IGA, the raisins for the mulled cider by Linda Greenblatt and Shirley Brown, the apples and oranges for the mulled cider by Val Borges, the popcorn for the Christmas by David Brown and the cranberries for the tree by Madeline Klein.

In Memoriam



Red Hook attorney William Walsh, a longtime friend of the Elmendorph Inn, passed away on Dec. 18, 2001.

The Friends of Elmendorph is indebted to Mr. Walsh for his years of dedication to the organization, including his assistance with our acquisition of the building and the creation of the Friends group.

Looking for some afternoon fun?

Interested in learning how to tell the difference between antiques and collectibles, bric-a-brac and just-plain-junk? Want to dine pleine air with a swell bunch of folks? Have a hankering to meet members of your community?

JOIN THE ELMENDORPH ETC. SHOP VOLUNTEERS! Whether you can commit to an hour a weekend every once in a while, or several days a week on a steady schedule, we need you to help. The thrift shop is the Friends' main fund-raiser! For more information, please leave a message at 758-5887.

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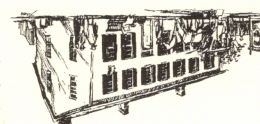
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