



300th

Anniversary of

Middleburgh, N Y

August 3, 4, 5th 2012

Some of our Palatine families that arrived in America in the early 18th century got their start in the Schoharie Valley. In 1712 they decided to get out from under British rule in the Hudson Valley. They made that arduous climb up over the Heldebergs to the land they believed they were given by Queen Elizabeth.

In August of this year descendants of these Palatines are planning a 3 day event to celebrate this occasion. They would like to invite all who are interested in seeing where those of you that are descendant to come back to visit your roots in this country and have a good time participating in the events that are being planned. Some of the events will take place before August. You can learn about when these

events take place by contacting Charlie Spickerman at cjspick@midtel.net or hunter947@midtel.net or check the village's web site at www.middleburghvillage.org for those that do not use the internet, contact the Middleburgh Historical Society at P O Box 2012, Middleburgh NY 12122-2012.

Some of the events to take place are:

Band Concert with Ice Cream Social

Art/Antique/Quilt Show

Hike a section of the Long Path

Hike up Vroman's Nose

Parade

Fireworks!

Youth Activities (old fashion games)

Middle Fort production (local actors)

Old Thyme Baseball Game

Ecumenical Church Services

"Bridging the Years" (this history was published in 1962 and will be updated to present)

Historical DVD is being made available in February

Memorabilia will be available early 2012

Maybe you can make arrangements to hold a reunion with your family's relatives, there is a community family picnic planned for Sunday the August 5th.

We unfortunately had a visit from both Tropical Storms Irene and Lee this past August. There was extensive damage to our beautiful valley and many homes and business were greatly affected. Communities along the Schoharie Creek had up to 9 feet of water running through them. But, by next August, there will still be some scars, but the valley should be back to near normal. We even lost one of our historic sites, the covered bridge in North Blenheim that had been over the Schoharie Creek since 1855. It was the longest single span covered bridge in the country.

So come and meet family, make new friends and see where your family had its first taste of freedom. Come and have a good old fashion time.

COME CLIMB THE NOSE

Vroman's Nose is a well known landmark in the Schoharie Valley, and yes Vroman is a Dutch name, and they were the first to own land in the valley. It has a lot of historic history all of its own, just Google *Vroman's Nose* and you will see some sites to visit. It is a part of the Long Path through the Appalachian Mountain range.

