

**HVVA Study Tour
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**Osterhoudt House, Lake Katrine, NY
Douglas Campbell and Cynthia Boscia, Hosts**

**I. Summary of Osterhoudt Ownership, 1669-1905
[citations to Bibliography at end]**

- 1. (1669?-1696?) Jan Jansen van Oosterhoudt (1630 Oosterhoudt, North Brabant, Netherlands-1696 Kingston).** Jan Jansen arrived in New Amsterdam around 1650. He married twice.
 - a. In 1653: Anneken Hendricks (1632 New Amsterdam-?). They had one son, Hendrick, who did not inherit.
 - b. In 1663: Annetje Jellis (1641- 1697) [JOB2 7]. The property was probably inherited by their son:
- 2. (1696?-1737?) Pieter Jan Oosterhoudt (1671-1751).** Pieter Jan married Heyltje Schut (1673-1752) [JOB2 7]. Property probably inherited by their son:
- 3. (1737-1780?) Willem Osterhoudt (1703-1772).** Willem married twice.
 - a. 1733: Jannetje Traphagen (? – prior to 1737). No known issue.
 - b. 1737: Sara Hasbrouck (1709-1780) [JOB2 26-27]. Property probably inherited by their only son:
- 4. (1780?-1796) Joseph F. Osterhoudt (1746-1790).** Joseph married Sarah van Gasbeek (?-?) in 1770 [JOB2 26]. In 1796 he conveyed the property to his first cousin:
- 5. (1796-1821) Peter Osterhoudt (1741-1821).** Peter married Marytjen Brink (1743-1836) in 1762 [JOB2 28] Property inherited by their son:
- 6. (1821-1836) Tunis Osterhoudt (1763-1836).** Tunis married Marytje Low (1763-1845) of Plattekill in 1781 [NS 874]. Property inherited by their son:
- 7. (1836-1863) Peter T. Osterhoudt (1784-1863).** Peter T. married Elizabeth Hendricks (1787-1863) in 1806 [NS 874, FG, JLG]. Property inherited by their son:
- 8. (1863-1900) Tunis P. Osterhoudt (1814-1900).** Tunis married Catharine Legg of Red Hook (1815-1885) in 1835 [NS 874, FG, JLG]. Property inherited by their only son:
- 9. (1900-1905) James Francis Osterhoudt (1849-1945).** James married Julia Wells James of Kingston (1851-1903) [NS 874, FG]. Property sold to William Trueman and his wife Frances “Fanny” Harris Trueman.

II. 1905-Present: Summary of Owners Since the Osterhoudts

- 1/10. (1905-1926).** On Nov. 20, 1905 [L. 399/103] property including the house and other acreage is sold by James Francis Osterhoudt to **William Trueman (1859-1926)** and his wife **Frances “Fanny” Harris Trueman (1851-1928)**.
- 2/11. (1926-1962).** On July 26, 1926, William Trueman’s will is probated. In it he wills the house and other property to his daughter **Anita Trueman Pickett (1888-1963)** and a 1/3 interest in property acquired from James F. Osterhout on March 27, 1905 [L. 387/20] to his daughter **Gertrude Harris Trueman (?-?)**.
- 3/12. (1929-1969).** On Jan. 5, 1929 [L. 536/386] Gertrude Harris Trueman conveys the 1/3 interest willed to her by her father in 1926 to her sister **Anita Trueman Pickett**.
- 4/13. (1962-1969).** On June 1, 1962 [L. 1124/491] the property is conveyed by Anita’s daughter Estelle P. Coggins, Administratrix of her estate, to the Unitarian **Universal Association** (Boston, Mass.).
- 5/14. (1969-1976).** On Nov. 5, 1969 [L. 1235/p. 1049] the property is sold to **Andrew D. and Barbara A. Fairchok**.
- 6/15. (1976-1979).** On Mar. 25, 1976 [L. 1352/p. 103] to **Stephen F. and Cheryl A. Parker**.
- 7/16. (1979-1984).** On Jan. 31, 1979 [L. 1405/ 335] to **Richard Swirat** (and, later, **Catherine Swirat**).
- 8/17. (1984-1986).** On June 7, 1984 [L. 1505/1043] to **William R. Gist and Bodil Anderson**.
- 9/18. (1986-1989).** On Jan. 23, 1986 [L. 1575/292] to **Eve Diaz and Jerry Weiner**.
- 10/19. (1989-2000).** On Feb. 17, 1989 [L. 1898/304] to **Lena Marchini**.
- 11/20. (2000-2004).** On April 13, 2000 [L. 3031/153] to **Vincent Verdi**.
- 12/21. (2004-2018).** On Nov. 18, 2004 [L. 3990/103] to **Glen Vining and Jane Birmingham**.
- 13/22. (2018-present).** On Jan. 12, 2018 [L. 6258/197] to **Douglas Campbell and Cynthia Boscia**.

III. Notes to the Ownership Chart

1. Jan Jansen van Oosterhoudt, aka Jan Brabanter. By 1664, Jan Jansen owned a house in the village of Esopus [MF 162]. “In 1669 he was granted 5 acres north of Kingston on the Esopus Creek...[around 1691] he built a one room stone house on the property and later expanded it... Another addition to the house was made in 1740 by his grandson William who married Sarah Hasbrouck” [JOB1 41-46 and HR 213]. Jan Jansen wrote his will in 1687; it was proved in 1696. For additional conveyances of land to him between 1670 and 1691 see sources cited by in JOB1 41-46].

3. Willem Osterhoudt. A datestone in the east gable of the House reads: “W.OH – S. HB 1740” . The date probably refers to the addition of rooms to the original one-room structure.

4. Joseph F. Osterhoudt. Available sources note that seven of Joseph and Sarah van Gasbeek’s eight children were girls. Their only son, William (b. 1788), presumably did not live to adulthood or, if he did, did not marry, as Joseph F. sold the house and property to his first cousin Peter (see entry 5) [JOB2 58 and 28]. Joseph was known to have been a widower when he sold the house to his cousin in 1796. By that time it seems he was living in Shawangunk [JOB2 27].

5. Peter Osterhoudt was the son of Joseph F. Osterhoudt’s paternal uncle Petrus P. Oosterhoudt (1710-1747), who married Elizabeth Burhans (1718-?) in 1739. Peter was the great-grandson of the original Jan Jansen van Oosterhoudt, and his son Tunis was the great-great-grandfather of the last Osterhoudt to own the House [JOB1 53]. He is reported to have moved back into the House in 1796 after an unknown period of time, bringing with him his elder son Tunis and his grandson Peter T. [NS 874]

9. James Francis Osterhoudt. In 1905, James is described as a widower, his wife Julia having died two years earlier [L. 399/103 and FG]. They had four daughters but no sons to inherit [JOB2 27], and there were apparently no other Osterhoudt candidates for ownership, whence the sale out of the family (which took place in 1905, not 1920 as stated by JOB2 27).

1/10. William Trueman met his wife Fanny Harris at a Plymouth Brethren Quaker meeting in Birmingham, England. A furniture maker and later employee of Eastman Kodak, he settled his family in Lake Katrine in 1905 and retired there not long after [LB 6-7]. The estate, which he called “Tremayne”, bordered on Neighborhood Road, the Esopus Creek, and Binnekil, “excepting and reserving from the above the grave yard about 31 feet by 45 feet as now fenced” [L. 391/275 and LB 12]. This graveyard is now on the property of the current owner’s neighbor.

William’s brother-in-law Ernest Harris, co-purchaser of the property, was to manage the farm while William was absent in Rochester, NY, but it didn’t work out. Fanny took over the farm, and Harris ceded full ownership to William.

The Truemans’ daughters, Gertrude and Anita, saw many changes in their relationship to the Osterhoudt House from 1926 to 1929. As noted above, their father died in 1926, leaving his property to the two of them while their mother Fanny lived on for two more years, at which point Gertrude conveyed to Anita her share of the 1926 inheritance. This could have been a means of simplifying things, as Gertrude may have stayed on to take over management of the farm while work took Anita and her family from one Massachusetts town to another until her definitive return to “Tremayne” after her husband’s death in 1950. The sisters lived there together from then on.

Anita was, as we might say, a piece of work. In her own words, she was “a Mental Scientist, a Theosophist, a Spiritualist, a Vedantist, a Buddhist, and a Roman Catholic, but not a slave to any cult”, who made a living as a Unitarian minister and peripatetic lecturer [LB 25]. Born in 1888 in Cleveland and raised in Brooklyn and New Haven, she earned a degree from the Yale Business College before marrying fellow-Unitarian Harold Pickett in 1908. The couple honeymooned for a month at “Tremayne” in a tent she dubbed “the River Birch Camp”, on the banks of the Esopus Creek [LB 74].

When, in March 1952, Anita sold a piece of the property that included the River Birch Camp, she reserved the right to personally remove the cabin that had been built there before 6 months had gone by. In 1960, she parceled off 0.342 acres to her daughter Estelle, who may have been resident in a newly-built house adjacent to the property in 1963-1964 [LB 164, PL]. Because at that time the nearest Unitarian meeting was in Poughkeepsie, Anita took it upon herself to found the first Unitarian fellowship in Ulster County, which became a reality in 1956 [164].

4/13. Unitarian Universalist Association. In the first year of their ownership of “Tremayne”, services were held in the house on weekends [LB 164]. Note that from this point on, the original property has been reduced in size to 0.650 acres.

11/20. Vincent Verdi, an antique dealer from NYC. During his brief tenancy he restored a number of original features to the house.

13/22. Douglas Campbell and Cynthia Boscia. Among other improvements, they have installed a new heating system, had the chimneys rebuilt and in one case relined, and prepared the cookhouse for further work. They are committed to restoring the house’s historical character, although they debunk the myth of a hiding place behind the enclosed chimney, to protect from Indian attack.

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