



Fw: Thank You!

Nina Postupack to: Alice Lawlis, Laurie Hancock

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Very nice email about Ian.....I'm glad this worked out.

Nina

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From: Richard Persen <richpersen@gmail.com>
To: Nina Postupack <npos@co.ulster.ny.us>, Ian Keir <idkeir36@aol.com>
Date: 10/05/2015 07:20 AM
Subject: Thank You!

Dear Nina,

This note is to thank you so very much for allowing **Ian Keir** to be our docent yesterday for a tour of the MATTHEWIS PERSEN HOUSE. As I told Ian, my cousin Don and I were both very impressed not only by his knowledge, but also by his magnificent ability to connect with us as we experienced a place where our family trod during the American Revolution. I was overwhelmed by the picture of Matthewis Persen because of his family resemblance. I could actually see my dad and grandfather in his face--particularly in his eyes and the characteristic Persen nose. Amazing!

I told Ian that I am interested in helping Ulster County support the museum with any of my abilities as an information developer, creative director, technical writer, or proofreader. I would do this *pro bono* . You can click the link below to learn more about my skills.

Thanks, again for providing us with one of the best docents we have ever experienced.

Sincerely,

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May 18, 2016

Dear Ms. Postupack,

I am writing belatedly to thank you for your assistance in setting up a visit on April 21, 2016 to the Mathewis Persen house in Kingston. As you may remember, I emailed at the very last minute to arrange a visit to the Persen house for a group of students visiting Rutgers from Utrecht University in the Netherlands. The students were visiting Rutgers University as part of an exchange with our Honors Program celebrating the deep roots of Rutgers in Dutch culture. Taking advantage of the beautiful weather that week, we decided to take a trip up the Hudson Valley to show the Dutch students some of the sites of New Netherlands.

Visiting the Mathewis Persen house was truly the highlight of our trip. Laurie Hancock was a delightful interpreter of the history of the Persen house. The clarity of her presentation, and her enthusiasm for history, made the history of the 1650s and 1660s come alive for our students. We are truly indebted to you and the County Clerk's office for accommodating our impromptu visit to the Stockade District. Please extend our thanks for Laurie and her assistant!

In addition, the history faculty who accompanied the group (myself, Chris Rasmussen, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and James Kennedy, Dean of University College, Utrecht University), were deeply impressed by your engagement with Public History. The packet of materials you provided us – walking tours, the translated document by Peter Stuyvesant ordering the building of the stockade, the flyer on the Dutch records of Ulster county, etc. – is a treasure and a true model of how to engage the public. I look forward to returning to Kingston this summer to visit the newly installed exhibit at the Persen house on the inventory of Gysbert Van Imbroch. And, with my historian's hat on, I look forward to bringing other groups of students from Rutgers to visit your rich collection of historical sites (and perhaps even to do some research) in Kingston.

With sincere thanks for all that you do to keep history alive,

Jennifer M. Jones
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Persen House Guest Host

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Sun 7/23/2017 11:46 AM

To: Taylor Bruck <tbru@co.ulster.ny.us>;

Importance: High

Taylor,

I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to you and the 3 staff members at the Persen House for a permitting me the opportunity to act a guest host yesterday, Saturday, July 22nd. I could not have asked for a better experience. I truly appreciated the use of the table and canopy which was set up and ready for me upon my arrival.

I trust that I provided an educational as well as a good time for those who stopped by to visit the Persen House or for those who just inquired about my demonstration of colonial medicine and several of its unique techniques. I know that some of the younger visitors had a fun time helping me to make 'pills' in the 18th century style. I also took this occasion to promote the upcoming Burning of Kinston weekend this Fall.

Once more, Thank you to all those that helped to make this possible,
Don

Donald L. Terpening

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**"What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
but what is woven into the lives of others" – Pericles**

Taylor,

We wanted to thank you so much for the wonderful tour you and David gave us of the Persen House in the middle of May. It was very informative and gave us a great insight into what the life of our ancestors, Slecht/Sleight, might have been like. We so enjoyed meeting you and I'll definitely be in touch, hopefully in a few months, when I can get back to my family history research. Our trip was so much fun and we only wish we could have spent more time in Kingston. It's so wonderful that Christopher Tappen was able to save all those documents, therefore preserving the history for those of us to see centuries later!

Thanks again!

Beverly Slaght Peters, Faustina Peters, Gloria Slaght Anderson