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President's Note

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Dear Members,

The Fall 2022 Journal is a little late this year. Historian Kim, treasurer Jan, and I have been meeting via Zoom to bring you a new website. A lot of it will be familiar as it is history—and **history** doesn't change. But since the original site was constructed, more family history has been reported. Working on this project has given me a greater appreciation for the work our late president Paul Truax and his daughter Wendy Baker have provided for us. There is so much information and trying to "tame" it so it is concise, interesting, and easy to absorb is a challenge.

Although we are still working with a web-designer and haven't come to any final format, we plan to bring you an easy-to-read chart of the first five generations, our family history, a selection of old Journals, a very enlightening time line of **world history and the du Trieux family**, new links to genealogy sites, our notable descendants, maps of New Netherland, and a list of books by Truax members and about the Truax family.

There will also be a place for you to tell us **your** family story, request information about others in regions, and ask questions. We will do our best to make this site user-friendly and interactive.

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Our historian, Kim Mabee, researched and produced a time line that spread across the room at our last reunion. For the forthcoming new website, she has condensed it into a word document. The time line was definitely a special treat for the attendees and now you can see it, too.

Here are just a few of the noteworthy times and events relating Philippe and family to the era they lived in:

Philippe du Trieux baptized – 1586
 Mary Queen of Scots executed – 1587
 Shakespeare writes "Hamlet" – 1603
 Cervantes writes "Don Quixote" – 1605
 Jamestown was founded – 1607
 King James Bible was written – 1611
 Dutch ships arrive in America with African Slaves -- 1619
 The Pilgrims arrived on the Mayflower – 1620
 Philippe & family arrive in America -- 1624
 The Taj Mahal was completed – 1643

Be sure to check the rest of the time line when the website is complete. We are still in the early stages of formatting. Meanwhile, our old website is still functioning, although many of the links are no longer active.

Although not the best picture, you can see the scope of the time line displayed at the reunion.



Kim Mabee's extraordinary du Trieux timeline



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From the Archives

Isaac Jacob Truax (1726-1808)

Isaac was one of the more colorful characters in the family. He owned a tavern on the Old King's Highway between Schenectady and Albany, in the heart of the Albany Pine Bush. The area was notorious as a lair for fur smugglers, brigands, and during the Revolution, Tory sympathizers. Isaac was no exception. His tavern was a popular meeting place for Loyalists, and his son (or possibly his brother) Jacob, also a tavern keeper on the road, managed to get himself arrested for his resistance to the Rebel cause.

Isaac's tavern had always had a less than savory reputation. Rumors flourished of imprudent guests being robbed and murdered in the night, their bodies never to be found. But skeletons have been found buried in nearby sand dunes. A more conventional graveyard still exists in the woods behind the tavern site, where Isaac, his wife, son and grandson are buried. The oldest stone belongs to Maria Wyngaard, wife of Isaac J. Truax, dated May 10, 1802. (*note: Isaac and The Old Truax Burial Ground was written about in the Summer 2013 Journal*)



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The new website will not be available until it is tested and retested. We hope to have it completed some time this fall. We will announce it when we are ready to release it. Our hopes are that you will use it, recommend it to other descendants, and that we will gain new members. Most of all, we hope that you will continue to enjoy your membership and be active in our Association.

After a very hot summer, I wish you cooler temperatures and a healthy fall.

Karen

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New Netherland Unique & Ahead of it's Time

Perhaps a lot of us only think of the Hudson Valley area as New Netherland, but the Dutch colony actually extended from Albany, New York, to Delaware. It included parts of what are now New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Connecticut.

The claim to these areas was due to Henry Hudson's exploration in 1609 when he and his crew sailed the "Half Moon" from Delaware up to the upstate New York area. Upon his return to the Netherlands, he described a land

with a magnificent harbor, wide navigable rivers, and a land rich in natural resources. This led to the Dutch Golden Age.



The colonists arrived from all over Europe. They were brought there by not only religious persecution, but the lure of fertile farmland, forests, and lucrative trade. The Dutch colony's economics broadened and diversified trading with New England, the Chesapeake area, and the Caribbean.

The cultural diversity was fostered by Dutch respect for freedom of conscience, as well as women able to enjoy legal, civil, and economic rights denied in Britain, New England, and Virginia. They were granted protections and privileges of self-government. New Amsterdam became the first European-style chartered city in the original thirteen colonies. Even though the British overtook the Dutch colony, it remained culturally Dutch beyond the American Revolution.

Barry Truax

Family member with an "ear"

(note from Journal Editor) I could somewhat play the piano when I was thirteen and frankly am unable to carry a tune (with the exception of Happy Birthday that I have mastered.)

But, I have a deep love of music in its ability to soothe your soul and invoke memories. I would not want to live without it.



Although I have no knowledge of electroacoustic music synthesis, I was part of a tour at the University of Miami School of Music many years ago. I was struck with the number of buttons, dials, and levers that was part of the operation of a synthesizer. It looks harder than flying a plane! I came to the conclusion that you have to have an extraordinary ear for music that escapes most of us.

We have one of those talented "ears" in our family tree.

Barry Truax (born 1947) is a Canadian composer who specializes in real-time implementations of granular synthesis, often of sampled sounds, and soundscapes. He developed the first ever implementation of real-time granular synthesis in 1986 -- the first to use a sample as the source of a granular composition in 1987.

Truax is now professor emeritus of Simon Fraser University, where he taught both electroacoustics music and acoustic communication . He was one of the original members of the **World Soundscape Project**.



To make any sense of this for a novice, you would have to listen to his one of his many compositions. This is how they describe the composition principles:

The composer and the listener's knowledge of the environmental and psychological context it invoked.

The work enhances our understanding of the world and its influence carries over into everyday perceptual habits.

Techniques in "cross-fading" and layering part and whole of the music.

This was the only part of the article I could begin to comprehend. If you are a musician, Google him. He has a long list of compositions and is obviously highly respected and is a genius in his field.

The Hell of the North

What is known as the **Hell of the North** is actually Roubaix, France, hometown of Philippe du Trieux The reason for the nickname is that the streets of Roubaix are mostly cobblestone. By the looks of them, they are very old. Just how old? I cannot find any article on the web that tells me. Roubaix is mentioned in many sites for one thing—the end of the Tour de France. Of course, one can only guess that the town is so old as to once it had been a walkway that Philippe traversed before leaving France.

Every article about Roubaix mentions the famous bicycle race. The cobblestones are treacherous and often repaired prior to the event for safety reasons, but as you can

imagine, it is not easy for a cyclist to be racing across those raised stones. Actually, many of you, like I have, carefully walked across cobblestones.



before and after repairs

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*A recipient of the
"paver trophy" for
making it through
Roubaix leg of the Tour*



The "cobbles" are so famous that riders are recognized with a trophy representing a cobblestone.

Roubaix is a city in northern France, located in the Lille metropolitan area on the Belgian border. It is a historically mono-industrial commune in the Nord, which grew rapidly in the 19th century from its textile industries (Philippe was trained as a dyer) with most of the same characteristic features as those of English and American boom towns.

This former new town has faced many challenges linked to deindustrialization, such as urban decay, with its related economic and social implications, since its major industries fell into decline by the middle of the 1970s. Roubaix is the third largest city in the French region of Hauts-de-France ranked by population with nearly 99,000 inhabitants.



*Some of the sites of modern
Roubaix --- now part of Lille,
France*

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