mily tavern & birthplace of M. Van Buren.

aming Stuyvesant

town of Stuyvesant was formed in 1823, f Kinderhook Landing was changed to Landing and Glencadia became Falls. Postmaster Medad Butler, Father of Butler, procured the authority to have hanged in honor of Peter Stuyvesant.

Butler and Buren Families

marriage of Martin Van Buren and oes produced four sons. Benjamin ed Harriet Allen in 1818 and their luced nine children, seven of whom adulthood.

The Butlers ve to Washington

aughter, writing of the family move to n, wrote "It must have been a great g for Mother to make the journey with and one a baby" The baby referred to Vanderpoel Butler, born March 1833 Washington in January 1834.

The Homecoming

A historic re-enactment of the return of Martin Van Buren & Benjamin Franklin Butler to Stuyvesant and Kinderhook, 1841

Presented by the Town of Stuyvesant in cooperation with the Friends of Lindenwald

Schedule

1:00 Stuyvesant Landing

Ghent Band concert – period and patriotic songs, historical displays

1:30 Stuyvesant Landing

Martin Van Buren and Benjamin Franklin Butler arrive at the dock in Stuyvesant

Musical and Artillery welcome

2:30 – 4:00 Kinderhook Village Square

Events move to Kinderhook Town Square, music for welcoming speeches.

Food, games for children, historical interpretation

"Young B.F. Butler" courtesy of Col. Co. Historical Society

Other art courtesy of Town of Stuyvesant & private collections.

Design courtesy of Warm River Studio

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Return to Stuyvesant
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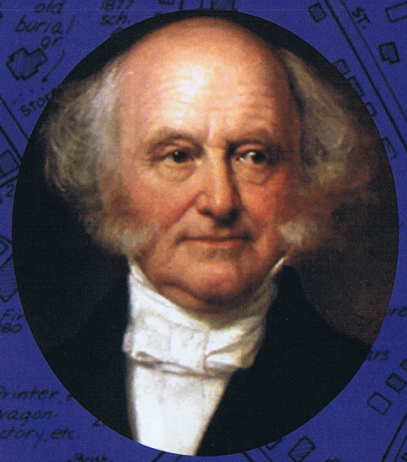
Historic Stuyvesant Day
August 13, 2016



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e Chief is the official U.S. Presidential
Andrew Jackson was the first living
to have the song used to honor his
1829. It was played at Martin
's inauguration in 1837.

ohn Van Buren

Buren, second son of M. Van Buren
at Yale college in 1828 and began
s in the office of Benjamin F. Butler,
law partner of his father.

iend and Adviser

837 letter written by Mrs. Samuel
Smith regarding the troubles of a
o was seeking a professional engagement
itol. "I think Mr. and Mrs. Butler
assisting friends, for they are most
t people. Most happy is Mr. Van B
having such a friend and adviser."

Kinderhook Square

Lives Intertwined

1782, December 5 Martin Van Buren is born Kinderhook, NY.

1795, December 14 Benjamin Franklin Butler is born Kinderhook Landing, NY.

1796 14 year-old Van Buren entered the office of Judge Francis Silvester to begin the 7-year course of study required for admission to bar.

1807 Van Buren wed Hannah(Harriet) Hoes. Van Buren is admitted to practice in the NYS Supreme Court.

1808 – 1813 Butler is a student in the Hudson Law Office of Columbia County Surrogate Judge Martin Van Buren. Butler lives with the Van Buren family in Hudson, NY.

1812 Van Buren elected NYS Senator.

1815 – 1820 Van Buren is NYS Attorney General.

1817 Butler is admitted to Bar. Becomes the Law Partner of Martin Van Buren.

1818 Both the Van Buren Family and the Butlers make their homes in Albany, NY.

1821 Van Buren is elected to the U.S. Senate. Becomes one of the founders & members of Albany Regency, perhaps the most powerful political machine in the history of the state.

1825 Butler is appointed by Legislature as one of three revisers of the Statute Laws of NYS.

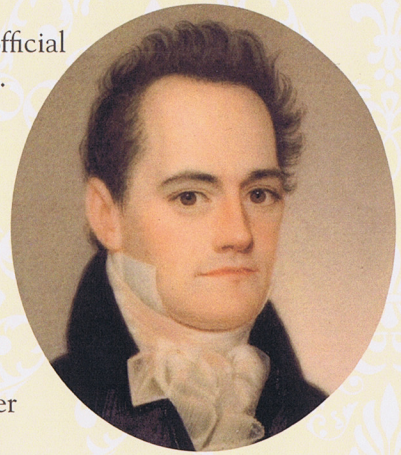
1828 NYS Governor Dewitt Clinton dies. Van Buren resigns to accept President Andrew Jackson's Invitation to become Secretary of State.

1833 – 1837 Van Buren is Jackson's Vice President.

1833 – 1837 Van Buren persuades Butler to accept appointment as Attorney General.

1835 Butler is Founder of NY University Law School, serving as head and chief lecturer.

1836 Van Buren is elected U.S. President. Daughter-In-Law, Angelica Singleton Van Buren becomes official White House Hostess.



1840 Van Buren voted out of office, losing to William Henry Harrison.

1841 April 4 After one month in office, President Harrison dies and VP John Tyler succeeds. Former President Van Buren is staying with the Butlers in their NYC home.

1841 Van Buren purchases a "fine old mansion built by Peter Van Ness" at Kinderhook. He asks Mrs. Benjamin Butler to help with furnishing his retirement home.

1841 THE HOMECOMING – Former President Van Buren, accompanied by friend and former Law Partner Benjamin Franklin Butler, travel from NYC on the Steamboat Albany to Stuyvesant and then proceed to Kinderhook.

Kinderhook Mayor Mordecai Myers addressed the former President: "Permit me, Sir, in behalf of your fellow citizens here assembled, to bid you thrice welcome home."