

We received a collection of letters, “copies” and “extracts” written in Dutch from the Griesmyer family! The letters were written by Francis Adrian Van der Kemp and family to the John Bernhard family in “Rotterdam” now Bernhards Bay! Both were early settlers in the area during the late 1700’s. Since the letters and documents were written in Dutch, they weren’t useful to us. They are; however, very valuable as documentation of the history of our area in the late 1700’s and 1800’s. The Board of Directors voted to donate them to the New York State Library and asked to receive a transcription for our files. They were hand delivered by our members on October 5, 2023 and have arranged to drop off the packet of letters in person at the Library.